Dateline

Nisan - Iyar 5778

April 2018

Pesach Service Schedule

Friday, March 30 Erev Pesach

Ta'anit Bechorot (Fast for FirstBorn) and Siyyum6:45 AMCandle Lighting7:00 PMMincha & Ma'ariv7:00 PM

Saturday, March 31 First Day of Pesach

Morning Services	9:30 AM
Mincha	6:50 PM
Candle Lighting	8:04 PM

Sunday, April 1

Second Day of Pesach			
Morning Services	9:30AM		
Mincha	7:05 PM		
Havdalah	8:05 PM		

Monday, April 2 Tuesday, April 3

Hol Hamoed

Services at 6:30 AM and 7:30 PM

April at HHBJC

April 11 Joint Yom Hashoah Commemoration at HHBJC

April 12 HHBCSA Meet the Farmer Night

> April 14 Chesed Shabbat

April 15 Men's Club Regional Federation Awards Dinner

> April 21 Simcha Shabbat

Wednesday, April 4 Hol Hamoed Services at 8:00 AM and 7:30 PM

Thursday, April 5 Hol Hamoed

Morning Services6:30 AMCandle Lighting7:06 PMMincha7:10 PM

Friday, April 6

7th Day of Pesach	
Morning Services	9:00 AM
Candle Lighting	7:07 PM
Mincha	7:10 PM

Saturday, April 7

8th Day of Pesach	
Morning Services	9:00 AM
Yizkor	10:30 AM
There is no late Yizk	or
Mincha	7:00 PM
Yom Tov Ends	8:11 PM



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From the Desk of Rabbi David Wise



This month, instead of a book review, I am publishing my remarks from Simhah 2018. It

was a magnificent evening, and I want to share my gratitude with the entire HHBJC community.

Shabbat Shalom, and thank you for joining me in celebration of my becoming a Bar Mitzvah...

When I work with actual Bnai- and B'not-Mitzvah on their speeches, we have a format. I ask them to begin with thanks, and to keep them brief, though I'm going to violate that expectation tonight. Second, I expect them to teach us something about their Torah portion, so we get to learn from them about what they've learned about Judaism. Finally, I ask them to publicize their mitzvah project commitments, so we can learn what's important to them, and even give them a chance to inspire others to participate in that mitzvah cause. So I'll use this format as well, and by the end, just as at a shul Bar -/Bat-Mitzvah I hope that you'll know more about the Torah, and more about the young man or woman, so too may you know more about the Torah and about me, so that we can work together in pursuit of mitzvot.

I am overwhelmed by the magnitude and scope of this evening's tribute. I know how much work went into the details of this event, because I kept getting kicked out of the bedroom, and I know how much time and

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Shabbat Schedule



Friday, April 6, 2018 7th Day of Pesach

Candle Lighting Mincha	7:07 PM 7:10 PM
Saturday, April 7, 201	8
Pesach 8 Mincha Havdalah	9:00 AM 7:00 PM 8:11 PM
Friday, April 13, 2018	
Candle Lighting Mincha	7:14 PM 7:00 PM
Saturday, April 14, 20	18
Shmini Mincha Havdalah Friday, April 20, 2018	9:00 AM 7:00 PM 8:18 PM

Candle Lighting	7:22 PM
Mincha	7:30 PM

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Tazria-Metzora	9:00 AM
Mincha	7:10 PM
Havdalah	8:26 PM

Friday, April 27, 2018

Candle Lighting	7:29 PM
Mincha	7:00 PM

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Achrei Mot-Kedoshim	9:00 AM
Mincha	7:15 PM
Havdalah	8:33 PM

MEANINGFUL GESTURES

D a t e l i n e p r i n t s "acknowledgements" for not only the recording of social and personal events, but also as a recording of acts of Tzedaka (Charity) and Chesed (Kindness). Please note your tribute will be made public in Dateline for a <u>minimum contribu-</u> tion of \$20. Also the cost of the Etz Hayim Chumash is \$65 and the Sim Shalom Siddur is \$36.

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Danny's Drive In Cleaners: 190-05 Union Turnpike

Fairway Supermarket: 242-02 61st Avenue, Douglaston



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If you are bringing pre packaged food into the Synagogue, please consult with Rabbi Wise.

Bereavement Support

The Bereavement Support Group meets the First and Third Monday night of the month at 7:30 PM with compassionate, caring, warm and concerned friendly people. Refreshments are always served and are complimentary. All faiths are welcome. Led by Rabbi Dr. H. Joseph Simckes, Marty Kevelson and Malka Lesnik Belgrod.



Firstly, I must share with you my reflections on what a beautiful evening we just experienced together as we honored our beloved Rabbi David Wise. The night was filled with love, appreciation, honor and respect. There was so much *ruach* (spirit) and happiness that surrounded us as we celebrated our Rabbi's 13th year as our spiritual leader and friend. The music was great, the food was delicious and the warmth filled our Sanctuary & Ballroom.

As I have expressed many times before, David Wise is not only my Co-Clergy Partner but he is also my good friend. He is our Rabbi, our Teacher and a true Mensch. He is a man of fine character who treats others with dignity & respect and always shows humility & compassion. Mazel Tov Rabbi Wise! I am honored and proud to share the pulpit with you here at HHBJC! We love you!

I would like to bring to everyone's attention...SAVE THE DATE... Wednesday, April 11th at 7:00 PM at HHBJC. Our Congregation is taking part in and we are the host synagogue of the communal Yom Hashoah Commemoration, with our friends from Hillcrest Jewish Center, Israel Center of Conservative Judaism, Flushing-Fresh Meadows Jewish Center, and Jewish Center of Kew Gardens Hills. This gathering will take place on Wednesday, April 11th, at our synagogue, the Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center.

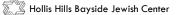
Our longtime and dear member, Sam Solsaz. whose book "ANGEL OF THE GHETTO" is now in high demand and available on AMAZON, will be interviewed at this Yom Hashoah Program and we will have the rare opportunity to ask him many questions about his incredible experiences; surviving a Ghetto, escaping from a cattle car on its way to Treblinka and how he managed to exist and survive in the forest. We will hear his firsthand account. This will be a very moving and eye-opening interview as we hear about Sam's bold escape, amazing survival and rebuilding of life and how he settled in Hollis Hills. Let us all support Sam as he opens up his heart to us and shares his memories and experiences.

Bring your friend, neighbor, family, child, grandchild...It is so IM-PORTANT that these stories be heard by everyone! This is a RARE opportunity to hear a FIRSTHAND EYEWITNESS AC-COUNT of a SURVIVOR and then we must pass these survival stories on to the next generation, so it is never forgotten. DON'T MISS THIS UNIQUE EXPERI-ENCE! Let us all take part together.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Passover, a *Zissen Pescah* !

See you in Shul.

Cantorially always, Cantor Sol Zim



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thought people have devoted to it. To Michael and Vicky Wolkofsky, to Arthur and Linda Liederman, to Cantor Zim, to Judy, and to the entire Simhah 2018 committee: Suzanne and Nathan, llene and Gordon, Maddy and Shachaf, Gila and Eddie, Karen and Ira, Marcia and Naftali, Vicki Blumenfeld, David Karsch, Jim Kaplan and Joan Waxgiser, I am so grateful for your time and your friendship. And to this extraordinary congregation, the Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center, let me say that while this event has been billed as a Bar-Mitzvah, it is really a special anniversary, in celebration of what is more like kiddushin, a sacred, loving relationship. Nearly 13 years ago, we said yes to one another, and on a night like tonight, it seems that the honeymoon is ongoing.

I have had the privilege of working with so many devoted lay leaders in my years here. Rebecca Reich was president when you and I began dating, and she appointed two great chaperones, Joel Blumenfeld and Michael Trager, to test me out. We pretty much fell in love at first sight, and even survived a harrowing date at Colbeh that might have scared away other suitors. Even though you weren't ready to let me move in with you for the first couple of years, once we were all sure it was the right fit, you made it possible with your generosity for us to buy a house, which you've helped us transform into a home, too.

The rabbi-president relationship is key to the health of any shul, but it's even more key to the health of the president and the rabbi. Dana Johnston, you transitioned from a great career in medicine to bring your healing powers to this Jewish community, and delivered some of the best, transformational adult learning, starting with our trip to JTS to dive into the Mitzvah Initiative. Without that learning, we would not have found the inspiration to intensify our Hesed work. Michael Wolkofsky, you came out of presidential retirement and had the vision to reimagine a number of things, including this annual event, which has most recently seen a format of multiple honorees, including cherished alumni who have received the Frank Strassfeld award. Paul Reich, you did so much of the heavy lifting to make the marriage of Hollis Hills to Bayside come to fruition, giving us a degree of financial stability that will enable us to plan for the future that we often would speak of and challenge each other to insure. Josh Sussman and Natalie Winter, you were the dowry I received in that marriage, and you bring not only the institutional memory of Bayside Jewish Center, but you carry enthusiasm and hope for the legacy of your shul to live on in our new one. Arthur Liederman, you were my first here, and somehow you decided you wanted to come back for more. That may not seem to be evidence of your mental stability, but I can say that we have a degree of synergy that defies the norm of lay-rabbinic relationships. We shepherded the strategic planning process together, we got the shul into a prestigious innovation cohort by writing an application in a hotel lobby in 90 minutes to beat a deadline, and we share a vision for magnifying our community's sphere of influence so that we are serving young Jews in more and more neighborhoods.

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With all our hearts we thank our synagogue community and friends for the love and devotion to our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, Doug Fairtile The Fairtile and Wasserman

Thank you for being with us during this difficult time. Your presence, kind words, and beautiful voice all helped to ease our pain. We will be forever grateful for all your support.

Anne & Andrew Rosenthal

Thank you to the Rabbi, Cantor, and the community for all of your support and condolences upon the loss of our beloved, Ann Alperin Marcia Levitt & Family

Marcia & Naftali Tal want to thank Rabbi Wise, Cantor Zim, Gordon Goldman and the entire Hollis Hills Bayside Community for your support and love during our recent losses of both Steven and Mildred Drasner (z'l). The community's commitment & compassion to the needs of grieving families is unwavered and we are extremely fortunate and eternally grateful.

Ohr Chadash News

The New Ohr Chadash Religious School Our Mission, Our Focus

The new Ohr Chadash Religious School has now successfully completed our first eight months. I cannot express how truly honored I am to be the Director of this most unique and special Jewish institution. In addition, I am so pleased with the outstanding progress we have made since this past Summer.

So just what is the focus, in a nutshell, of the New Ohr Chadash? Our main emphases is on Jewish Holiday Education, Torah/Bible Learning and Hebrew Reading and Language. These are the main components of our Sunday Mornings and of our new Thursday Supplementary Enrichment Sessions.

Our mission is that through extensive learning in these areas, our youngsters and teens will become better human beings fully utilizing our beautiful Torah Values. We aim to educate our students in a way that will enable them to take an active, productive and meaningful role in the Jewish Community and in our Synagogues, strongly versed in Jewish Tradition as they mature into our future Jewish Leaders.

At this point I wish to thank our three amazing Rabbis, Rabbi Fryer Botzin, Rabbi Kogan and Rabbi Wise for all they have contributed to Ohr Chadash, all year long. You have all been amazing inspirations to our students, teachers and School Board. Your dedication is unmatched...Todah Rabah & Yasherkoach.

Sisterhood

JUST A QUICK UPDATE FROM SISTERHOOD

We are happy to inform you that our Challah bake is coming back, by popular demand! Details to follow. Also by popular demand, we are working toward the return of our Maine Rebbetzen, this time with her husband, who is both a rabbi and a klezmer musician. We are also exploring a Sisterhoodsponsored themed Shabbat. Last, but far from least, we are co-sponsoring an evening of square dancing fun with Men's Club on Sunday, June 10th. Please mark your calendar.



Thank you to everyone who donated a coat for our coat drive this past December. We have been informed by New York Cares that the 29th Annual New York Cares Coat Drive provided 104,164 coats to needy New Yorkers. We were part of that huge amount. Good job!!

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So many people have worked with me as members of the executive board and as committee chairs, and I am grateful to you all. I want to note the current hard-working officers of our shul, Don Bieber, Maris Blechner, Ben Grunfeld, Eric Jacobowitz, Seth Seidman, Joel Simon, Ben Solomowitz, Marilyn Teleky and Joan Waxgiser. You are all not only great working partners, but you push me to think bigger about religious life, Jewish learning for all ages, teen engagement, and financial sustainability. Maris, you deserve an extra shoutout, because every rabbi needs a great social worker, and you really know how to listen and validate. Thank you!

Our committee chairs also drive activity in the areas of our shul that bring our vision to life. Arne Abramowitz has generated new interest in social justice projects. Bob Gropper is the beating heart of our ritual committee and keeps us in the communal Yom HaShoah consortium. Stu Blechner keeps our eyes on the environmental prize, Jenny Teplitskiy represents us on the youth committee of our award-winning H2I chapter, and Alexis Ludwig and Amanda Menzie represent us on the Ohr Chadash religious school board. Bob Fogel makes Men's Club gatherings fun, with food for thought and for extraordinary consumption on World Wide Wrap/Super Bowl Sunday. Our sisterhood is a team effort, and is served by a number of devoted women. And Laura Brodsky, who was a key part of our strategic planning, has taken our Hesed committee to a level that has made us the envy of other congregations. We know, because we won a Solo-



Youth Director <u>News</u>

Dan Bacharach

March was a busy month for us at H2I Youth Group! We kicked off the month with our annual Purim Carnival, held this year at Hillcrest JC. Everyone in attendance had a great time with the games, prizes, food, and raffles! As our month continued, we had special programming to celebrate our 5th graders moving up into Kadima and our 8th graders moving up into USY, in addition to having our second annual Paint Night and a new twist on the classic Chocolate Seder-an Interactive Seder, featuring ten plagues relay races and other exciting activities.

As we look ahead to April, we have a lot of fun programs planned, including Israel Iron Chef, Messy Game Night, Laser Tag and more! We're also planning an H2I Family Shabbat Dinner for Friday, April 13, so be on the lookout for registration information for that event! For more information about our upcoming programs, check out our website at www.h2iyouthgroup.org.





REMEMBRANCE DAY FOR JEWISH MARTYRDOM AND HEROISM 27th DAY OF NISAN

> Annual Memorial Observance For The Six Million Martyrs

Please join us on Wednesday evening, April 11, 2018 – 7:00 PM at Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center 210-10 Union Turnpike Flushing, NY 11364

> When we, as a community, commemorate **Yom HaShoah**

Guest Speaker: Sam Solasz Holocaust Survivor Author of Angel of the Ghetto

Sponsored by: Flushing-Fresh Meadows Jewish Center Hillcrest Jewish Center Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center Israel Center of Conservative Judaism Jewish Center of Kew Gardens Hills

Queens Village Chit Chat 'Bout This & That By Sue Heppenheimer

We were all sure we'd be rid of the winter weather, But Mother Nature decided to let us share more cold together.

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So we'll have more rain, sleet & snow,

And our summer feelings will blossom & grow,

Congratulations are in order for some of our members. Happy Birthday to Richard Martin, Ronnie Gersten. Marcia Kops & Joseph Rosenberg. May you all have a happy & healthy year.

We're glad that Jenna Pitkow returned home after a wonderful trip.We are sure her father, Dr. Alvin Pitkow, enjoyed the time he spent with his Mother in Florida.

We hope you all enjoyed the Pesach Holiday, & all the delicious food that was served.

Daily Service Schedule

Monday & Thursday 6:45am & 7:30pm

Tuesday 7:00am & 7:30pm

Wednesday 8:00am & 7:30pm

Sunday & Legal Holiday 9:00am & 7:30pm

Friday Morning 7:00am

Rosh Chodesh 6:30am

Shabbat Mornings 9:00am

Judith Lesnik Chesed Committee and Engagement Committee

THANK YOU FOR CARING!

Because of you and your generosity, the Jewish Community of the US Virgin Islands will have many more Kosher For Passover items during Pesach this year. HHBJC was an active part of the effort and everything was delivered in plenty of time.

This was due to the joint efforts of the Chesed and Engagement Committees. I thank Maris Blechner for making this project possible.

We hope your holiday was wonderful and meaningful.

Our own Linda Liederman, Congregational Nurse, received an overwhelming response to the CPR Health Class on March 18th. Due to the need to accommodate everyone, she will be arranging another class in the future. Watch for further details.

Lastly, I want to invite everyone to the April 14th Chesed Shabbat. We are all busy learning our parts and would be delighted for you to attend. Lunch and Learn will follow.

Warmly, Laura Brodsky

We now have a list of members who will help give rides to doctor's appointments during the week and to synagogue on Saturday morning. If anyone needs help please contact the synagogue office. If anyone else is interested in signing up to help, please contact the office.

Cut Out and Save Contact Information (in confidence): Leave or Send a Message to Our Support Lines

> To Reach the Congregational Nurse Linda Liederman, R.N. Phone: 718-776-3500

> > Ext. 201

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lliederman@hollishillsbaysidejc.org

For Rabbi Wise: Enter Extension 107 Or: rabbiwise@hollishillsbaysidejc.org

Chesed Committee Chair Laura Brodsky: Ibrodsky@hollishillsbaysidejc.org

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This is the Minyan Page from the Simcha 2018 Dinner Dance Journal. This page was inadvertently left out of the journal. Our apologies to all who contributed.

MAZAL TOV TO OUR HONOREE RABBI DAVID WISE

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Nichum Avelim

MAY G-D GRANT CONSOLATION TO THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED A LOSS IN THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES:

Mildred Drasner, beloved mother of Marcia Tal

Julian Hornstein, long time Bayside Congregant

Bernardo Goldowski, beloved husband of Dolores Goldowski

Isaac Bodner, beloved father of Steve Bodner

Frances Redlich, longtime Bayside JC member

MAY THEY BE COMFORTED AMONG THE OTHER MOURNERS OF ZION AND JERUSALEM

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Thank you to Cantor Zim for your kindness and support. What a mensch! The Fairtile Family

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In memory of Myra Levy Arthur Levy

In honor of the birth of our new granddaughter, Lily Harper, to Jaime and Ashley Marcy & Jeffrey Sackett

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Rabbi Dr. H. Joseph Simckes Life After Retirement

<u>"Atheists & Agnostics Beware"</u> <u>The Religious 'Fanatics' Who</u> <u>Take Passover Seriously Have</u> <u>Beaten Scientists to the Punch!</u>

This past January <u>National</u> <u>Geographic</u> published a brilliant article, "<u>The Science of</u> <u>Good and Evil</u>", an illustrated mini-essay that compellingly gives us fresh insight into some of the basic psychodynamics of *PASSOVER*, our joyous, glorious foundational Jewish celebration of Universal Freedom, Justice and Religious Faith.

Read it and see for yourself how the author, Yudhijit Bhattacharjee, wittingly or unwittingly, has translated the ecstasy and the agony of Moses as he chooses to lead his enslaved Israelite sisters and brothers from ignominious servitude, torture and death to liberty, personal dignity and shared mutual responsibility from a stunning Scriptural "story" into an inspiring event capable of being understood in scientifically reasonable terms based on logic, normal brain function & factual plausibility.

The *N.G.*'s glistening text does not disappoint. Based on the empirical evidence of contemporary scientific research, Bhattachariee reveals in clear lanquage how а critical "miraculous moment" of Biblical Scripture can be meaningfully explained to 21st century readers. He does not specifically reference Moses in this article or use The Book of Exodus as a case study but I do. Am I reading too much into his data? You decide.

In Sefer Shmot the pivotal moment of Moses' adult life takes place when prince Moses, motivated by a deep, inner feeling of compassion threw away his Egyptian crown to rescue a viciously beaten unknown Hebrew slave...a bleeding, disenfranchised, despised stranger, at the peril of his own royal life. For what? Why? Based on the jargon free explanations in the National Geographic study of modern psychological brain research, our Torah's story becomes apparent in contemporary terms.

The author pushes away the veil and demonstrates the anatomy of empathy as it surges through the neurological circuitry of our every day, ordinary (actually, spectacular!) human brain! He reports that recent scientific researchers have shown how "empathy is the kindling that fires compassion, impelling us to help others".

Moses. Abraham. Rachel. David, Solomon, Esther -- and by extension - You and Me since "our brain is plastic, even in adulthood, and we can be trained to be more kind and generous" are we scientifically capable of living the Torah's principle of no human being shall be master & no human being shall be a slave! Have we not all One Father & Mother and are we not all created in His/Her Sacred image, born to be precious, loved and free! It is our moral obligation to love our

neighbor and care for him or her as we love and care for ourselves. That, my friends, is what modern researchers consider normal, realizable human empathy. I accept it.

Just as *Ha-Shem's* name is absent from the *Scroll* of *Esther*, so *Moses* is not explicitly cited in the *N.G.* The data set forth there, however, shows how "reflexive kindness loses its extraordinariness and becomes a defining trait of humanity." What is true in the cases cited in the *N.G.* is true in the earlier case cited in the *Book of Exodus.* That is my understanding. Do you catch my sense of it?

Maybe that's why *Pesach* is for so many of us our favorite Jewish holiday. We all are taught through this festival that we are all potentializable rescuers, all heroic personalities-in-themaking. That power is latent in us all. We all have that capacity for true empathy, genuine caring for others. That is why, according to Halachah, i.e. official Jewish religious law, there is room for everyone at the Pesach table: the good, the bad, the foolish, the sleepy, the seemingly indifferent child - or guest.

Bahattcharji reported this latent human capacity for empathic response and growth as a scientific fact in the National Geographic, Yes? Well, Moses reported and exemplified it first. Check it out in the Bible and in the traditional Hagaddah!

Rabbi Dr. Hirsch Joseph Simckes

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mon Schechter award from United Synagogue for this sacred work. To all of our committee chairs, thank you!

The paid staff of our shul is enhanced by the devoted time and love of two volunteer positions that should really have fulltime salaries. They are our ritual director, Gordon Goldman, and our congregational nurse, Linda Liederman. They are my right and left hands, helping me in Torah, avodah, and gemilut hesed—learning, worship, and acts of caring kindness. I don't know how any rabbi could succeed without a Gordon and a Linda. I am so blessed to have your partnership and your friendship.

And speaking of our staff, we have wonderful support employees who make the day-to-day operations of the shul run smoothly. Nancy Morse, who loves dinner dance season, is both our office manager and my personal assistant. Lou Ann Boscarino, who likes when checks come in during dinner dance season, is both our bookkeeper and my personal assistant. Tony Crooks, Richie Martelli and Florencio Franco do the heavy lifting, literally and figuratively, to maintain a complex facility. I am so grateful to work with all of you, even when the front office is surrounded by bedlam, which is almost always.

Almost every Friday morning, I ask a group of small children, "Who loves Shabbat?" What they probably don't realize is that I really love Friday mornings too, because I've been lucky to build a partnership with our early childhood program director, Robyn Rosenberg, and her devoted teachers. Robyn, what's the ultimate greeting and blessing? Shayom! Every day I'm here, I follow in the footsteps of a great rabbi, Joe Simckes. I've been lucky to have a great emeritus for these 13 years. When you and Chana are in town, you support my every word and idea, even if you think I'm crazy. And now, you are fulfilling your dream of making permanent Aliyah. Please know that your legacy will live on not only in this congregation, but in the lives of the people you inspired, taught, challenged and comforted, for as long as they have breath.

My partner in clergy, Cantor Sol Zim, is one of the greatest gifts a rabbi can receive. He has given me kavod and support and the space to lead this community according to my vision. We occasionally push one another out of our comfort zones, and that's a great thing, because whether we've been here for 13 or 53 years, we're both still growing and learning. But more than that, Sol and June have been treasured friends. That was never more evident than when they picked up Pesah for me, both when my father was dying in 2011 and when we asked to go to Israel last year when both kids were there. Thank you for your friendship and partnership, and as always for your tireless work on this event.

Some rabbis live in isolation from other colleagues, even in the age of Facebook. Not this rabbi. I am lucky to have rabbinic friends in the Rabbinical Assembly of Nassau, Suffolk and Queens, lovingly known as RANSAQ. In greatest proximity and affection are my partners in the 'hood, Rabbis Robyn Fryer Bodzin and Manes Kogan. We travel as a pack to almost everything, especially Israel, and we work to make our communities as cooperative as we can be. I am so pleased and surprised to have Rabbis Eryn London, Rob Scheinberg and Naomi Kalish here representing my education team from my summers at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires. And nearly 22 years after leaving JTS, I am lucky to still have such great friends as my classmates, Rabbis Lisa Gelber, Charlie Savenor and Rob Scheinberg, who are here celebrating with us this evening. Cantor Bruce and Stacey Rockman, friends and colleagues from New Jersey, also mean so much to me.

While you are my congregational family, we don't have all that much family-family nearby. Judy and I miss our fathers, Sam Wise and Charlie Krinitz of blessed memory, and wish that our moms, Zena Wise and Doris Krinitz, were well enough to be here. We are blessed by the presence of our cousin, Marla Krinitz, and our siblings, Rabbi Vernon and Bryna Kurtz, and Dr. Dan and Debbie Lehman. You heard from our other siblings, Dr. Moshe and Leah Torem, and we send them love to Israel. What we love about our nieces and nephews is that they've given us 19...wait (checking phone) it's a boy! 20 great-nieces and nephews. Josh, Aviva and Rachel, please take your time in adding to that number.

In 2005, we came here as a couple with two young children. Jordana was entering 2nd grade at SSSQ, and Elijah was going to be in the 4year-old class at our preschool. So while they were born in New Jersey, our children were raised here, with your help and support. You allowed them to be mostly normal kids, gave them friends in the neighborhood with whom to share Shabbat, schoolmates, USY friends, and a large group of surrogate aunts, uncles, and grandpar-

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Thank you, as always, from the Green Team!!

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ents. When they read Torah or led services, you were even more proud than we were shocked. But Elie, and Jordie if the army lets you watch this, I am so proud of how you have grown up. You love Judaism of your own free will in spite of being the children of rabbis, and your passion for Israel is evident by your current and future service as Lone Soldiers in the IDF. Mommy and I are lucky that eBay wouldn't take you when we threatened, because you are keepers, and we love you so much.

And speaking of Mommy, a title she wears proudly, unlike rebbetzin, Judy Krinitz is the kind of clergy spouse who loves being Jewish in a voluntary way, just as she would if she were more fortunate to be married to someone who did something else for a living. But I'll tell you a secret, she loves being Jewish in this community, and we talk about that frequently. I know how hard she worked on this tribute, especially the video, which she painstakingly helped edit from 50-plus minutes down to something presentable. I promise that I'll watch the uncut version later. All that work happened while she works full-time, manages the house better than I do, and takes an online Masters' degree. She could have been honored alongside me, but she would rather put me in the spotlight than share it, because that's who she is. Judy, I love you, and thank you for being at this Bar-Mitzvah even though I didn't invite you to my first one.

Now that I have the introductory remarks out of the way ... seriously, I promise one short word of Torah. I interviewed for the JTS rabbinical school in 1991. and while I was in NY, I had to learn the Torah reading for the upcoming Shabbat, since I was getting home right before Shabbat. The parshah that week was Vayahkel-Pekudei, just as it was this morning. It's really long. It's also nearly verbatim repetitive of two recent parshivot, Terumah and Tetzaveh, only that those were prescriptive, as God instructed Moshe how to build the Mishkan, while this double portion is descriptive, in that Moshe and the Israelites did what they were told. In early March 1991, I kept confusing the tenses, and I made a lot of mistakes. My rabbi, Howard Markose, rescued me by announcing that it's understandable that I would be looking forward instead of backward, since I had just been accepted to JTS and had a lot to anticipate. Today, I am both retrospective and forward-looking. I am grateful for the gift of this community for nearly 13 years, and I know that we have so much more to do to serve the Jewish People, to bring love of Torah, Avodah, and Gemilut Hesed to the world.

So here's my Mitzvah project: for my Bar-Mitzvah, I have committed to study more, to inspire more, to increasingly disturb the comfortable and comfort the disturbed, to be even more passionate for Israel, for social justice, for Schechter and Ramah and USY and PJ Library and AIPAC and Hadar and AJWS and all of the other Jewish causes that stir my soul. I have one wish. All of the gifts you've given me are magnificent and I am so thankful. The best gift you can give me is to join me as I enter rabbinic adulthood here and to live passionate, committed, vibrant Jewish lives by my side.

One final thank you is to my Creator, my Rock and my Refuge. God, You have blessed me with health, vigor, spirit, mind, family, friends, and community. May my endeavors on Your behalf, on behalf of Your People and Your world continue to find favor in Your eyes. Thank You for keeping me alive, strengthening me, and enabling me to reach this day. And finally, Barukh shelo petarani! Thank you for NOT exempting me from serving the Jewish People, and especially these wonderful people. And now, let's call up Uncle Chaim to bless the hallah, and like a real Bar-Mitzvah, let's dance!

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Marc Halpern	4/3	Galit Kofman
Kara Keppel	4/3	Ross Goldfarb
Irene Grapel	4/5	Mindy Stern
Jeffrey Sackett	4/5	Jeanette Dauber
Jerry Sandell	4/5	Sheldon Flatow
Radim Teplitsky	4/7	Harvey Goldstein
Vicki Blumenfeld	4/10	Greta Margolis
Sorour Yerushalmi	4/10	Steven Teleky
Janice Costi	4/11	Joseph Rosenberg
Joel Barsky	4/12	Seth Seidman
Audrey Shepard	4/14	Bonnie Moskowitz
Irwin Horowitz	4/15	Maris Blechner
Ellana Sanders	4/16	

ALL THE BEST AND MANY MORE.... If you see a name missing, or if you are not sure that we have the dates of your Simchas, call the office to insure that we have that information in our database. Joseph Rosenberg4/26Seth Seidman4/28Bonnie Moskowitz4/29Maris Blechner4/30April AnniversariesLisa & Ira Daly4/2Ann & Jeffrey Wohl4/5Linda & Arthur Liederman4/12Marcia & Robert Sparrow4/14Robyn & Marc Rosenberg4/17Blanka & Leonard Kaplan4/19Dawn & Kenneth Michaels4/30

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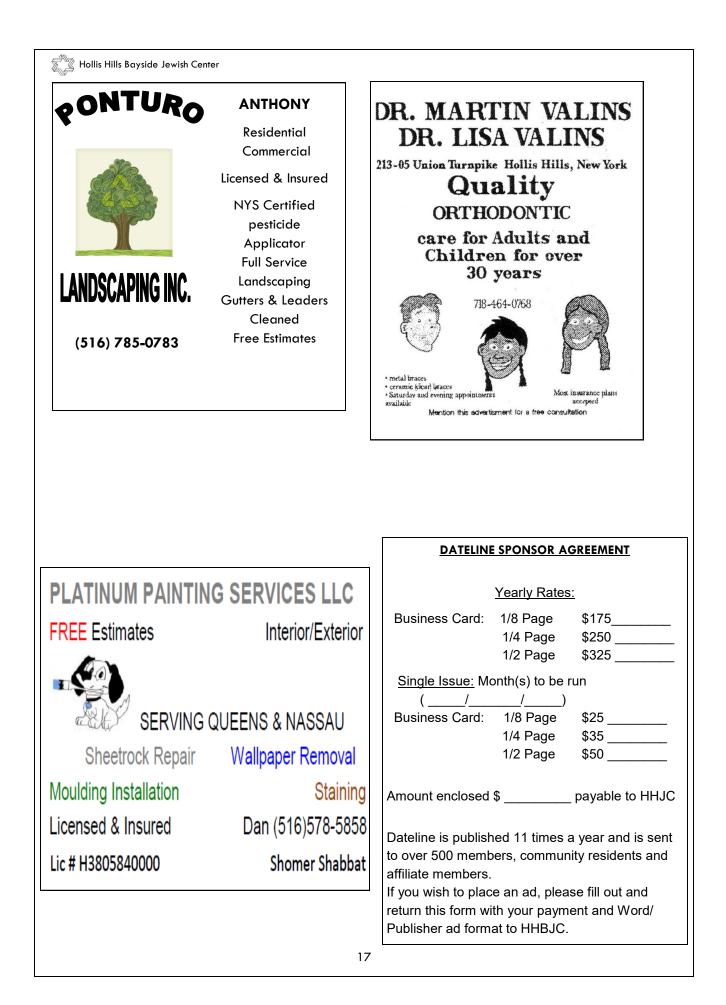
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