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ANNUAL HANUKKAH DINNER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2015

AT 5 PM



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December at HHJC

December 3, 10, 17

Lunch & Learn
with Rabbi Wise

December 6
Membership Hanukkah Dinner

December 7, 14, 21
Adult Education -
Beginnings of Judaism

December 9
Nursery Hanukkah Party

December 10, 16
Defensive Driving

December 12
Simcha Shabbat

December 12
Shabbat Mini Minyan

December 19
Break-out Shabbat



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and service times**

From the Desk of Rabbi David Wise

Rowing in Community



Maybe you've already heard the oldie but goodie about the yeshiva crew team that kept getting trounced by its opponents in every rowing competition. So it sent a scout to observe the other prep schools at practice. After several weeks, he returned and made the following observation: "They use the opposite strategy of the one we use. See, by them, one person shouts, and the other eight row."

This joke came to mind as I began to read *The Boys in the Boat*, which is this month's selection for *The Rabbi's Nightstand*. It's the bestseller by Daniel James Brown about the nine men from hardscrabble backgrounds in Washington who represented the US in the 1936 Berlin Olympics. I know very little about rowing, other than its popularity among the upper class in this country. But by the second page of *The Boys in the Boat*, I came to understand the power of the sport.

The author, knowing little about a dying man named Joe Rantz, came to interview him in exploring whether there was a

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Shabbat Schedule



Friday, December 4, 2015

Candle Lighting 4:09 PM
Mincha 4:10 PM

Saturday, December 5, 2015

Vayeshev 9:00 AM
Mincha 4:00 PM
Havdalah 5:12 PM

Friday, December 11, 2015
6th Night of Hanukkah

Candle Lighting 4:09 PM
Mincha 4:10 PM

Saturday, December 12, 2015
7th Night of Hanukkah

Miketz 9:00 AM
Mincha 4:00 PM
Havdalah 5:12 PM

Friday, December 18, 2015

Candle Lighting 4:11 PM
Mincha 4:10 PM

Saturday, December 19, 2015

Vayigash 9:00 AM
Mincha 4:00 PM
Havdalah 5:14 PM

Friday, December 25, 2015

Candle Lighting 4:15 PM
Mincha 4:15 PM

Saturday, December 26, 2015

Vayechi 9:00 AM
Mincha 4:05 PM
Havdalah 5:18 PM

Junior Congregation

December 12
10:30 AM - 12 PM

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

We now have a list in the office 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.

Handicap Access

We have an operating handicapped lift. This is available for all who may need access to any level of the building. Please contact the center office to arrange for one of our staff to assist you in its operation. There is also a handicapped restroom located past the Menchel Social Hall.

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Notices

Do you receive emails from HHJC including Rabbi Wise's weekly Shabbat notes? Contact the office to subscribe or subscribe on the homepage at www.hollishillsjc.org

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

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 and Marty Kevelson.



Cantor Sol Zim



Chanukah remembers the revolt and victory of the small army of Jews (the "Maccabees"), over the mighty reign of *Antiochus*, who occupied the Holy Land and seized the Temple. With the victory of our regaining control of the Temple, the rededication of the Temple took place. This itself was a miracle. But Chanukah is known and celebrated as *The Miracle of Lights*...At the time of the rededication of the Temple, the Jews found very little 'pure' oil remaining to light the Menorah in the Temple. There was only enough oil to burn for one day, but miraculously, it burned for eight days. Thus, an eight day festival was declared to commemorate this miracle. It has been noted that the holiday commemorates the miracle of the oil, not the military victory, since Jews do not glorify war. Therefore it is known as the festival of lights. To celebrate this holiday, we light the *Chanukiyah* for eight days and eat all sorts of delicacies cooked in oil (I especially love the *sufganiyot*, the delicious jelly donuts).

As we celebrate the Festival of Lights, I find myself praying very strongly for another miracle. I think about what just happened in Paris (the City of Lights) and what is going on all over the world and I am wondering if only

Our Cantor's Voice

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HAYA SHAM

(A Great Miracle Happened There)

a miracle will help us defeat the evil, ruthless and barbaric acts of the terrorists, who are only getting more brazen and brutal with time.

We as Jews have always experienced the brutality of hatred and terror besieged upon us. From the beginning of time there have been kings and armies and heads of state and terrorist groups that try to destroy us and put their wrath of evil and torture in our way. Israel has experienced suicide bombings and strikes of terror since day one and continues to be besieged today.

As a people and as a nation (the children and state of Israel), we are resolute. We never forget. We remember Pharaoh, Antiochus, Haman, the Spanish Inquisition, the Holocaust, Hitler, Himmler, Eichmann, the plight of the Persian Jews, Syrian Jews, Egyptian Jews, Iraqi Jews, Yemenite Jews, Libyan Jews, Soviet Jewry, Russian Jewry, Eastern and Western European Jews, Hamas, Hezbollah, Ahmadinejad, etc. etc, etc.

Let us pray for our beloved State of Israel, for her peace and security, and let us pray that the leaders of the rest of the civilized world come together and figure out a way to put an end to the wrath of terror that is facing the world today.

Chag Sameach...Happy Chanukah!!

See you in Shul.

Cantorially always,
Cantor Sol Zim



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book worth writing. Rantz told him stories about his difficult childhood, the Depression, and the Olympics. But when he spoke about “the boat,” he was overcome with emotion. Brown writes: “[W]atching Joe struggle for composure over and over, I realized that ‘the boat’ was something more than just the shell or its crew. To Joe, it encompassed but transcended both...It was a shared experience—a singular thing that had unfolded in a golden sliver of time long gone, when nine good-hearted young men strove together, pulled together as one, gave everything they had for one another, bound together forever by pride and respect and love.” When Brown told Joe that he wanted to come back to ask more questions so he could write about his rowing days, Joe agreed, but with his voice breaking once more, he said, “But not just about me. It has to be about the boat.”

The joke about the yeshiva’s rowing failures are a statement about some of our worst communal reputations. We’re more likely to speak than to listen, to give instructions than to take them. Every individual has an opinion that is placed above the needs of the group. Not surprisingly, the boat is pulled in competing directions, none of which is the intended finish line. Is this an accurate description of the Jewish communities you know? Maybe not entirely, but all humor contains

kernels of truth, so something accurate surely inspired the joke.

So what can Jewish communities learn from successful rowing teams? Ultimately, “it has to be about the boat.” Those who happen to be holding oars and sitting in the boat at the moment must remember their role as stewards of the ship, as it were. Long before they climbed in and long after they disappear, the boat that is Jewish community will endure. Their job is to keep it moving steadily forward. And they must recognize that without the synchronized support of the rest of the team, they will not make sufficient progress. Jewish communities are not the pet projects of any one person, or even of factions within the group. The bowman, who can see the race unfold clearly, and isn’t holding an oar, is the one and only one who shouts, and the rest of the crew must trust his or her calls. Sometimes, we need to rely on the perspective of others to know how to proceed. And finally, if one crew member gets frustrated with the team, jumping overboard is not helpful. It destroys the group rhythm, diminishes the experience, and threatens the team with disqualification.

George Yeoman Pocock, a leading designer of rowboat shells in the last century, said this about rowing: “In a sport like this—hard work, not much glory, but still popular in every century—well, there must be

some beauty which ordinary men can’t see, but extraordinary men do.” The men and women of our community are extraordinary, and I am confident that we can see the beauty of what we are. May we take guidance from *The Boys in the Boat* so that we can bring our community through the waves into something truly beautiful.

Bivrahkah—in blessing,

Rabbi David Wise

Temple Family

Irene and Michael Borman joyfully announce the engagement of their son Edward to Melissa Prusak.

Mazal Tov



Have you visited our website lately? The web address is www.hollishillsjc.org.

The site has been given a new look with more up-to-date information. There is a section where you can find Shabbat hours for the coming weekend. There is an events section to keep you informed on all of our exciting programs.

Please check out all the changes and let us know if you have any suggestions to further aid us in putting our best face on the web for current and potential members.



Ohr Chadash News

A Look at Kitot Dalet and Hey
with Morah Judy Stein

The Dalet-Hey class of Ohr Chadash Religious School is comprised of serious and interested students who meet to learn about their religion, heritage and history on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons.

The Jewish holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah were covered through discussion, text and follow up review games. We are using the book, "The Circle of Jewish Life" as starting point for many fruitful discussions about the important and significant milestones in our lives, including birth, Bar and Bat Mitzvah, marriage and death. Our history includes Holocaust studies. The class is presently reading "Twenty and Ten" by Claire Huchet Bishop. We discuss each chapter and will watch the accompanying movie. The book is a study of ten Jewish Children who are taken in and hidden in a Christian residential school that houses twenty gentile students. We plan to read additional, age appropriate Holocaust stories, together in class. We are also using the text, "Ten Thousand Children" to learn about the many children who were saved by the Kindertransport. For Hebrew reading and language, the children are divided by ability and are taught using the "Shalom Ivrit—Welcome to Modern Hebrew" series. Our bible curriculum is based on

the text, "The Prophets—Speaking Out for Justice". Moses, Samuel, Elijah and Amos are just a few of the prophets that we will be exposed to. Also, on Wednesday afternoons, the Rabbis of the three sponsoring synagogues lead all attendees in a Tefilah session. Following Tefilah, the guest Rabbi will either teach the class about the Parsha (weekly Torah portion) or conduct a lively and popular session of "Ask the Rabbi." Finally, the Dalet-Hey class is quite sophisticated and so we have philosophical discussions about God and Jewish people while reading "Why Be Different?" All in all, we spend our six hours a week together in a fulfilling and worthwhile manner!

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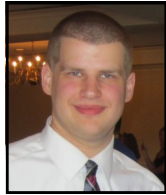
The Sisterhood wishes you all a happy Chanukah. We are in high gear with an enthusiastic group of Sisterhood members who have planned a year of exciting events.

The Torah Fund brunch honoring Audrey Shepherd was a great success with more than 70 people attending. We had two guest speakers, Anise Parnes and Benjamin Goldberg. Ms. Parnes spoke about the work of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, and how our contributions aid the Conservative movement around the world. Our second speaker, a rabbinical student at JTS, discussed how he came to study for the rabbinate and his experiences at JTS. Both speakers were entertaining and enlightening. It was a great opportunity to recognize Audrey's service to the Center.

On Sunday, January 10 at 2 P.M. we are going to hold our first winter event. As the weather turns colder, what better way to brighten our mood than with a chocolate-making party? We will be making and eating chocolate treats accompanied by a beverage of your choice. Please contact the co-presidents to let us know what beverage you would prefer.

One of the most spiritually fulfilling events on our calendar is the Sisterhood Shabbat, when our members lead the Shabbat service from beginning to end. This year it takes place on

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Youth Director
A Look Inside
Our Social
Actions Shul-In

Dan Bacharach

Inspired by recent events – from the #BlackLivesMatter movement to rising anti-Semitism around the world, and the legalization of same-sex marriage to comments of presidential candidates about various ethnic groups – the teen leaders of H2I Youth Group decided to focus their third annual Social Actions Shul-In on the topic of discrimination. In previous years, the teen leaders selected homelessness and disabilities as the theme of their evening of learning, but the choice to focus on discrimination this year seemed obvious. In the words of Raya Kazdan, a junior who helped plan the event, “As Jewish teens in the most diverse county in America, discrimination is a concept we are all familiar with. We chose to center our program around this particular issue because it is vital that all USYers are able to recognize discrimination, understand how to appropriately deal with it, and eventually put an end to it.”

After months of planning by the USYers, the Shul-In began on the evening of Saturday, October 24 with twenty eager high schoolers entering Hillcrest Jewish Center ready for a night of engaging with the challenging issue. They began by taking a quiz to assess their comfort level in various social situations dealing with race, gender, sexual orientation, weight, and age.

After tallying their answers to determine the areas in which they had the most opportunity for growth, the teens headed into their first formal program of the evening. Each USYer was given a colored star, representing one particular group of people, and as they traveled through history, points of the star were ripped off as they faced acts of discrimination. After their journey ended, and African American women (represented by a pink star) were revealed to have faced the most discrimination since the founding of America, the teens discussed which group represented the pink star in society today – settling on Muslim-Americans as the group facing some of the greatest discrimination in our world post-9/11.

After a Scavenger Hunt in which groups were split by hair color, with one group receiving a far easier list, the teens participated in a Privilege Walk exercise, in which they took steps forward and backward depending on their reaction to a number of statements designed to unearth the level of discrimination (or lack thereof) they have faced thus far in their lives. It came as no surprise when three of the four males in attendance emerged at the front of the gym, the most privileged area, at the end of the exercise. Once the activity was debriefed, participants headed into their next program – “The Game of Life.” In this activity, groups discussed how they would react to a particular scenario of discrimi-

nation, with each answer leading to a different strand of the story. After making a number of choices, teens were able to see how seemingly innocent decisions – such as who to sit next to on a bus – could evolve into more overt discrimination as each decision compounded the previous. Junior Danielle Kraes was particularly moved by this program, learning that “every decision you make can have a different impact on your life and the lives of others.”

In an effort to debunk common stereotypes, the teens then engaged in a program to unearth the most common stereotypes about particular groups. On the forehead of each teen, a post-it was placed identifying the individual as the member of a particular group. Teens had to help their peers guess their group without telling them outright, leading into a discussion about the dangers of stereotypes, even if some might not seem harmful (A USY labeled Canadian, for example, guessed his group after being told he was overly nice and loved hockey).

Later in the evening, the teens explored the use of the n-word in hip-hop lyrics, and discussed whether it was ever okay for the word to be used, including by President Obama in a podcast about overcoming prejudice. After an enlightening conversation, which was guided by clips from ABC’s *Blackish*, the USYers took part in a “What Would You Do?” activity based on clips from Teennick’s *De-*

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

It is that time of the year again when we have the joy of lighting our Menorahs for the Chanukah celebration. We hope that you and your families will have a good celebration when the candles are lit, and all the Juniors in the family will have fun with the presents.

It was so good to see members of the QVJC again at our recent meeting. Some of those present have been absent for a long time, and meeting them again was a real pleasure. We hope they will come back in the near future.

A very happy birthday to our President, Dr. Alvin Pitkow. We hope the coming year will be a good and healthy one for him, and he'll celebrate in style. To all those congregants who are celebrating birthdays and/or anniversaries, all the very best to you.

We hope that you will join us for our Chanukah celebration, your invitations should be on their way shortly.

Any upcoming news? Remember to send them to me, so we can continue our friendships.

PLEASE SEE PAGE 10 FOR A HOUSING REQUEST FOR THE UPCOMING SABABA USY 2016 DIVISIONAL KINNUS BEING HELD AT HHJC IN JANUARY.

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grassi: The Next Generation. After viewing clips featuring discrimination—based on sexual orientation, gender identity, race, and ethnicity—teens discussed how they would react if they witnessed the situation, before critiquing the actual response of the characters on the show. Finally, programming for the evening concluded at around 1:30 AM with a look at the "Racism Alphabet," where teens explored discrimination beginning with every letter of the alphabet—from Age to the theory of a Zionist Occupation Government.

After a night's sleep to let the programming sink in, the teens had a productive breakfast—discussing the actions they could take to help prevent discrimination from continuing to occur. All the teens left that morning with a deeper understanding of their world. As Brianna Manginelli, a junior, remarked, "Too much of our world is filled with unnecessary hatred towards innocent individuals and groups. This weekend we chose to show our fellow USYers how much prejudice they both receive and serve, subconsciously and knowingly, with the hope of reaching their hearts to show them that, in the words of Robert F. Kennedy, '...a tiny ripple of hope...[can] build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance'."

CHESED

The Chesed Committee is continuing its work on the Membership Resource Book. Please have patience, as it takes quite a bit of coordinating.

We have begun talking about a Health Initiative Fair, which we plan to roll out next Fall.

We have been active in lending a hand to those who have lost loved ones. Should you need any information or services, please email me at lau-jean1@aol.com.

Warm regards to all for a Happy Chanukah and a Healthy and Happy 2016.

Laura Brodsky

Cut Out and Save

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(Sisterhood Continued from page 5)

March 5. Please volunteer for something with which you are comfortable. We have a sign-up sheet at all our events, or you can call the office to be a part of the service from opening the ark, reading a poem in English, to chanting from the Torah in Hebrew. Rabbi Wise will provide instruction. Cantor Zim will assist those who want to participate in other parts of the service. As usual, a beautiful Kiddush luncheon will be provided after the service.

We will prepare for Purim on March 20 by putting together our "Shalach Manot" goodies. We always need volunteers to join our assembly line. Vicky Wolkofsky has designed a different style of basket this year. Maris Blechner continues as our chairperson for ordering. Come join us in helping make everybody's Purim a happy one.

On April 18, in the afternoon, we will be conducting our annual Women's Seder. Esther Beckoff, who has volunteered her time and musical talent, is our chairperson. We will use our Sisterhood-created Haggadah. This very special event is educational, inspirational, and fun.

Men's Club and Sisterhood are uniting on Sunday, May 15. We are looking forward to hearing Mindy Stern speak on "Communicating with Style – How to be a More Effective Communicator." Our 11 AM start will end with a sushi lunch.

Our Sisterhood gift shop is stocked with many beautiful items for Chanukah, as well as year round gifts. This year we are also selling Mah Jongg cards.

Thanks to all of you who have sent in your dues. If not, please send your Sisterhood dues to the office, c/o Sisterhood. The Hollis Hills Jewish Center Sisterhood sponsors events that bring us together for a variety of cultural, charitable, and fun happenings. We welcome your suggestions and participation.

Marilyn Teleky
Beth Sofer Diker
Co-Presidents

Ritual

The signs are posted-"Get it right this time". This is an opportunity to learn Haftorah. There are only a few notes to learn and if you already know the melody for the blessing before the Haftorah-you know almost half of the most commonly used notes. Our member Sheldon Flatow, who taught the "Hebrew Class" last year, has graciously offered to teach the Haftorah class. If you never had a bar or bat mitzvah, please take advantage of this opportunity, Sheldon will work with you.

If you have read Haftorah before, but need some brushing up, this is the program for you. With a few weeks of practice and personal coaching, if

needed-you will be able to recite a Haftorah during Shabbat services. Please call the Office at 718-776-3500 and leave your name and telephone number.

On December 19, Parsha VaYigash, we will have the next session of the very popular "break - out Shabbat". On Saturday morning during the Torah reading, those congregants who wish to discuss the parsha in English, will be able to meet in the White Chapel and have the opportunity to participate in the discussion. Please read the parsha before hand, and bring your thoughts and ideas to the discussion.

On May 14, Parsha Kedoshin, we will have a lay-led Shabbat, followed by a lay- led "lunch and learn". We need people to take part in the service as well as give a divar torah (talk) about your spin of the Parsha over lunch.

Please stay tuned for additional information on other programs we are planning.

Dr. Ben Solomowitz
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Henry Gerber

In memory of Frederick Hersh
Henry Gerber
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Jack Cohen
Wishing Refuah Shelemah to
George Axelrad
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Usher Farber
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In memory of Phyllis Finger
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Anita Goldowski

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on Simchat Torah
Nelly & Jerry Belopolsky

In memory of Lynne & Marty
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Barry M. Lasner

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Beate & George Axelrad

In memory of Captain Ed
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In memory of Jakob Bimblich

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Rita Plush

USY HOUSING REQUEST

Dear Congregants,

H2I Youth Group, the combined Youth Program of Hillcrest Jewish Center, Hollis Hills Jewish Center, and Israel Center of Conservative Judaism, is pleased to announce that we will be hosting the Sababa USY 2016 Divisional Kinnus, for 8 -12th graders from across the New York metropolitan area. The Kinnus will take place from January 29-31 at Hollis Hills Jewish Center. As the host chapter, we need your help to make this a success. Many of you have opened your homes to our USYers in past years, and we are sure that you found it to be a rewarding experience worth repeating.

To ensure the success of the weekend, we are in need of walking distance housing to Hollis Hills Jewish Center. If you live within approximately 1 mile of the shul (located on Union Turnpike at 210th Street), we would greatly appreciate your assistance. The USYers will spend the majority of the weekend at the synagogue, but they need a house to sleep in on Friday and Saturday night. The USYers will be bringing sleeping bags and actual beds are not necessary, just floor space. All food will be provided at the synagogue. We would also ask that you be able to drive the teenagers home from shul on Saturday night and to the synagogue on Sunday morning with their luggage, although we can make alternate arrangements if this is not possible.

If you are able to offer assistance with housing, please contact H2I Youth Director Daniel Bacharach at h2iyouth@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,
Daniel Bacharach



Below is a monthly calendar for posting on bulletin boards and refrigerators

~ December 2015 ~ Kislev-Tevet 5776 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Kislev 19 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	2 Kislev 20 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	3 Kislev 21 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Wise- 12 PM	4 Kislev 22 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 4:09 PM Mincha - 4:10 PM	5 Kislev 23 Vayeshev 9 AM Mincha 4:00 PM Havdalah 5:12 PM Erin Seidman Bat Mitzvah
6 Kislev 24 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM 1st Night of Hanukkah Membership Hanukkah Celebration – 5-8 PM	7 Kislev 25 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM 2nd Night of Hanukkah Adult Education- Beginnings of Judaism – 8 PM	8 Kislev 26 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM 3rd Night of Hanukkah	9 Kislev 27 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM 4th Night of Hanukkah Nursery School Hanukkah Party – 11:30 AM	10 Kislev 28 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM 5th night of Hanukkah Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Wise- 12 PM Defensive Driving -7-10 PM	11 Kislev 29 Morning Minyan 6:45 AM Candle Lighting 4:09 PM Mincha - 4:10 PM 6th Night of Hanukkah	12 Kislev 30 Miketz 9 AM Mincha 4:00 PM Havdalah 5:12 PM Rosh Chodesh Tevet 7th Night of Hanukkah Simcha Shabbat 9 AM Junior Congregation 10:30AM –12PM Shabbat Mini Minyan – 11:15 AM-12PM
13 Tevet 1 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Tevet 8th Night of Hanukkah	14 Tevet 2 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Adult Education- Beginnings of Judaism – 8 PM	15 Tevet 3 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	16 Tevet 4 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM Defensive Driving -7-10 PM	17 Tevet 5 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Wise- 12 PM	18 Tevet 6 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 4:11 PM Mincha - 4:10 PM	19 Tevet 7 Vayigash 9 AM Mincha 4:00 PM Havdalah 5:14 PM Break-out Shabbat - 9 AM
20 Tevet 8 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM	21 Tevet 9 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Adult Education- Beginnings of Judaism – 8 PM	22 Tevet 10 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	23 Tevet 11 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	24 Tevet 12 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	25 Tevet 13 Morning Minyan 8:30 AM Candle Lighting 4:15 PM Mincha - 4:15 PM	26 Tevet 14 Vayechi 9 AM Mincha 4:05 PM Havdalah 5:18 PM
27 Tevet 15 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM	28 Tevet 16 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	29 Tevet 17 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	30 Tevet 18 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	31 Tevet 19 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM		



Rabbi Dr. H. Joseph Simckes
Life After Retirement

"When Is Life
Not Worth Living?"

Challenging question, yes?

The Talmud actually has some illuminating answers. In tractate Pesachim (113b), the sages declare that three personality types, as a result of their own deficiencies, live lives not worth living:

- 1) an individual who is wildly, foolishly "merciful" when compassion is destructive to either the giver or receiver of such misguided "mercy" (or to both!);
- 2) an individual who is overly sensitive, and thus too often driven to extremes of emotionality (i.e. shame, guilt, anger, embarrassment, fear, etc.) with potential harm to self and/or others;
- 3) a person so excitable that living a rational, responsible life is impossible.

In a different Talmudic tractate, Beitzah (32b), the sages identify three other categories of significantly at-risk lives: a person overly dominated and dehumanized by his/her spouse; a person overwhelmed by intolerable pain resulting from sickness or trauma; a person so devastated by poverty that he/she "must look to the table of another for subsistence".

In this regard, I vividly recall a beloved friend of mine in Massachusetts, a truly fabulous father of three young boys whose business suddenly and totally collapsed. "You don't understand, Rabbi! No one can fully understand. When you lose the economic base of your life, your life is over!". Within months that

marvelous community leader was dead...from a heart attack.

In commenting on these three cases cited above in Pesachim, the Rashbam (1085-1174), Rashi's grandson, pointed out that "the calamitous and draining situations these individuals faced deprived them of the fundamental needs required –and deserved- by all human beings in order to survive, without which life is not a life, i.e. peace of mind, body and spirit... even though they themselves might have even contributed, wittingly or unwittingly, to their own catastrophic circumstances."

I am sure we can all cite similar soul-searing instances of intense human stress which we ourselves have seen - or endured.

Holocaust survivors come to mind. They carry, individually and collectively the inner and outer scars of mankind's most brutalizing era. I recall a dear neighbor and close friend, a Holocaust survivor of Auschwitz, who disclosed to me how often he had contemplated throwing himself against the electrified fences to just end it all. Trying to survive amidst such barbarity did not seem worth the effort.

The Talmud even states in a third tractate (Nedarim 64a & b) that there are "four who are accounted as dead (while yet alive): a poor man, a leper, a blind person and one who is childless" and then proceeds to give Biblical sources for such dire evaluations of these difficult and dreaded human conditions.

In light of this, it seems to me important- vital, in fact- to remind ourselves that ~~in~~ our own con-

temporary Jewish world today, a world that has experienced horrific "life-stressors and calamities", the Jewish People, reborn in our ancestral homeland after three millennia of wandering and oppression, has chosen as its national anthem, "Hatikvah", i.e. Hope! Without it the State of Israel never would have been seen the light of day!

Hope, perhaps, is the key to survival despite horror, to choosing life even when life does not seem worth living. As any professional psychotherapist working in a psychiatric hospital setting can tell us, indeed, hope is the indispensable "medication" that should never be denied a desperately ill patient. In World War II, the Jewish partisans who successfully defied the Nazi military machine selected "Zog nisht kein mohl az du geist dem letzten veg...Never say that you are going on your final journey, walking on your last path!" as their inspiring theme song! It led them to glorious survival.

This chanukah as we light our menorahs, let us boldly affirm, in keeping with the Maccabean and our eternal Jewish spirit of hope-fullness, our faith is in g-d and in ourselves to find meaning despite meanness, to discover love despite loneliness, to create joy even in the aftermath of sorrow. The chashmonaim taught us well: spiritual victory blesses the brave.

CHAG SAMEACH!

Rabbi Dr. Hirsch Joseph
Simckes.



BEASTLY BLESSINGS - OCTOBER 18, 2015



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Thank you to Alexis and Amanda for a very successful Family Movie Night!

If you missed it, you will have another chance in the next few months, and there will always be popcorn for you.

We are now established with "Terracycle", a recycling organization that makes new things out of old. Our team is the "HJR Memorial Environment Fund" and the charity we support is the Hollis Hills Jewish Center. Please send in your old cell phones as soon as possible and let's start collecting, recycling and earning money for the HHJC now!



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Neil Cohen	12/21
Renee Diamond	12/23
Lisa Daly	12/24
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Martin Waxgiser	12/27
Ronnie Krell	12/28
Neil Zitofsky	12/28
Natalie Glass	12/30
Rita Cohen	12/31

December Anniversaries

Marilyn & Steven Teleky	12/3
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Marilyn & Alan Geltman	12/14
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Joan & Jack Cohen	12/25

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**Erin Seidman - Bat Mitzvah
A Word From Her Parents**

On December 5th, our little girl Erin will be called to the Torah as a Bat-Mitzvah.

She has been studying very hard, and is excited to be able to share this special day with the congregation. Erin has always been a dedicated student, thriving at MS 74 where she is on the Honor Roll, enjoys chorus and the after-school rock band. Her favorite subject is math; She volunteers for her 6th grade math teacher and in the library before school starts and at lunch.

She balances out her studies with her love of sports, both as a participant and a spectator. She has been playing ice

hockey for two years, and cheers for TJ Oshie as long as he isn't playing against the Rangers. During the off-season, she rollerblades with her mom. She is a loyal Mets fan through good times and bad. She enjoys keeping score at the games, and talking about the season while having a catch with her dad.

She has always enjoyed helping out in the kitchen, experimenting with new recipes and decorating techniques. Her signature dishes are a big hit at family parties.

She is kind and compassionate, has a terrific sense of humor, and is a great daughter, cousin, niece and friend.

Erin, we love you so much, and are proud of everything you do. Your family and friends wish you all the best as you take these next steps in life.

Mom and Dad

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