



Yes, It's That Time Again!

**Time for us to share a special dinner
together and have some fun -
adults and children - members and guests**

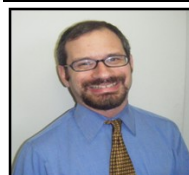
**It's the HHBJC
Winter Family Community Dinner**



**Sunday, December 18th
At 5pm
(not quite Chanukah yet)**

**Please mark your calendar now,
and plan to join us.**

**From the Desk of
Rabbi David Wise**
Use Your Brain



The slogan "a mind is a terrible thing to waste" has been the staple catchphrase of the United

Negro College Fund for more than three decades. As a Jew and a sports fan, I've come to think that a slight amendment is in order. We are learning that a *brain* is the thing we are increasingly at risk of wasting.

Ever since the gladiators packed the Coliseum in ancient Rome with their promise of bloody spectacle, people have paid good money to watch human beings collide violently in enclosed spaces. But it's only in recent years that we have come to recognize that it's not the limbs and joints we most endanger through contact sports; it's the head trauma. Football is the sport most under scrutiny, especially after the 2013 publication of *League of Denial* by Mark Fainura-Wada and Steve Fainaru. In this installment of *The Rabbi's Nightstand*, I'll reflect on what I learned about the brain, that most precious of body parts.

League of Denial investigates the (still-) ongoing battle between a corporation, the National Football League, and the

December at HHJC

December 1, 8, 15, 22
Lunch & Learn
with Rabbi Wise

December 1
Sisterhood Planning Meeting

December 4
Gala Concert Celebration

December 7, 14, 21
Adult Education - Introduction to
the Jewish Bookshelf

December 10
Simcha Shabbat

December 11
Sisterhood Chanukah Bazaar

December 18
Winter Family
Community Dinner

December 21
Nursery Chanukah Party



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monthly calendar of events
and service times**



Shabbat Schedule



Friday, December 2, 2016

Candle Lighting 4:09 PM
Mincha 4:10 PM

Saturday, December 3, 2016

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

Friday, December 9, 2016

Candle Lighting 4:09 PM
Mincha 4:10 PM

Saturday, December 10, 2016

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

Friday, December 16, 2016

Candle Lighting 4:10 PM
Mincha 4:10 PM

Saturday, December 17, 2016

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

Friday, December 23, 2016

Candle Lighting 4:14 PM
Mincha 4:15 PM

Saturday, December 24, 2016
First Night of Chanukah

Vayeshev 9:00 AM
Mincha 4:00 PM
Havdalah 5:17 PM

Friday, December 30, 2016
Seventh Night of Chanukah

Candle Lighting 4:19 PM
Mincha 4:20 PM

Saturday, December 31, 2016
Eighth Night of Chanukah

Miketz 9:00 AM
Mincha 4:05 PM
Havdalah 5:23 PM

Junior Congregation

December 17
10:30 - 12 PM

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.

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.

The House Committee

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The deadline for article and advertising submission is the 10th day of the preceding month. Dateline Editor: Nancy Morse; Please submit articles and letters to the editor via email to: office@hollishillsjc.org. (Word or Publisher format is appreciated)

Notices

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

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 and Marty Kevelson.



Cantor Sol Zim



Our Cantor's Voice

Yiddish Is Alive and Kicking at HHBJC!

The Yiddish language is going through a kind of "rebirth", it's making a "comeback". Many universities across the country are offering Yiddish classes, like; Berkeley, Binghamton, Columbia, Gratz, NYU & Rutgers, just to name a few. In fact, some of the programs offer various levels of their Yiddish classes (elementary, intermediate & advanced). The idiomatic expressions of our Yiddish language are so expressive & colorful and will always remain part of our Jewish legacy.

Our two Yiddish classes were tons of fun! It was a journey down memory lane, full of nostalgia, belly laughs and yes, even a few tears of joy. We learned some Yiddish phrases & jokes we might not have heard before and laughed at the innuendoes & underlying meaning behind some of the words. Our Yiddish language is powerful! Just a couple of words can mean so much. Actually, just one word, a simple kvetch like "**oy**" can sum it all up! When you hear someone say "this place is really **farkakte**" you can envision what this place looks like, a r e a l m e s s .

I hope that we can all keep the Yiddish expressions alive. Use it in your conversations... Instead of "oh no"...say "**Oy vey zmir**". When your children or grandchildren go off to college, tell them to register for a Yiddish class.

It was a pleasure for me to lead these classes. It was a fantastic turn-out and we had so much fun !! We all shared Belly Laughs and lots of memories! It was a great experience.

REMINDER...Our GALA CELEBRATION CONCERT... Sunday, December 4th at 3pm...Here at our Synagogue.

If you have not yet reserved your tickets, **CALL THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE NOW at 718-776-3500 x 0 and reserve your seats. COME & ENJOY an evening of BEAUTIFUL VOICES, JOY & LAUGHTER!**

DELICIOUS REFRESHMENTS & TREATS to FOLLOW THE CONCERT...In the Ballroom.

Have a wonderful Chanukah ! Enjoy some *Sufganiyot*...

See you in Shul.

Cantorially always,
Cantor Sol Zim



(Rabbi Wise Continued from page 1)

scientists who sought to draw attention to a health risk it magnifies. The conflict is not unlike Big Tobacco and scientific study of lung cancer. The NFL markets a product that increases the likelihood of brain injury (a term that carries more weight than "concussion"), but for years the league shielded its players from knowing this rather than shielding their brains from damage.

In the few years since *League of Denial* was published, a number of budding NFL stars announced their early retirement, either because of concussions or fear of getting them. In March of this year, NFL official Jeff Miller admitted that there's a link between football and brain damage. These unfolding events bring to mind the words of Dr. Joe Maroon, one of the early testers of football concussions and a consultant to the pathologists who first discovered the link of football to brain injury: "If only 10 percent of mothers in America begin to conceive of football as a dangerous game, that is the end of football" (p. 206)

Two Jewish-related issues arise when considering this emerging information. Does *halakhah* forbid behaviors that could lead to debilitating injury or death? If smoking is the natural analogy, does Jewish law have a ruling forbidding it? In 1986, the Law Committee published a paper called *Smoking: A Jewish Perspective* by Rabbi Seymour Siegel. The categories he addressed in the

paper, such as "The Preservation of Health is a Mitzvah," "Danger to Life is Stricter than a Prohibition," "Do Not Rely on Miracles," and "Avoid Risk," certainly underscore the direction Rabbi Siegel would have liked to take. But the paper was never voted on by the CJLS. In his conclusion, Rabbi Siegel writes these two sentences consecutively: "It would...follow that Jewish ethics and Jewish law would prohibit the use of cigarettes. Smoking should, at least, be discouraged in synagogues, Jewish schools, and Jewish gathering places."

What happened between the first sentence, that suggests a prohibition, and the second which urges mere "discouragement?" There's a serious rabbinic principle in play here: *Ein Gozrin davar she-ein hatzibbur yakhol la'amod bah*—we don't enact decrees that the community-at-large cannot abide. There are two implications here: one, we cannot set so many people up to fail; two, rabbinic authority will be diminished by the mass ignoring of the ruling. It's better to discourage and make inroads than to outlaw and be rendered powerless. That's why the CJLS never voted on Rabbi Siegel's paper as a *teshuvah*; it merely printed it as a "statement."

The parallel application to football was stated by one of the leading experts on CTE

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NEW MEMBERS



Rosette Teitel

Temple Family

It is with great love and pride that we announce our daughter Rachel's graduation from Fordham University as a Doctor of Psychology, as well as her engagement to be married.

Adrienne & Julio Larrain

Sincerest thanks to everyone who planned, attended and sent donations to HHBJC for the Torah Fund Brunch on November 13th. It was an amazing and unforgettable day for both of us!

Carol and Joel Lieber

Thank you to Rabbi Wise, Cantor Zim, and Rabbi Emeritus Simckes for their inspiring participation at the bris of our grandson Benjamin Avery

Susan & Steven Kahan

Mazal Tov



Ohr Chadash News

Ohr Chadash Tishrei Recap

By Morah Ruth Merrill

The Jewish month of Tishrei is a very special month in the Jewish calendar. No other month has as many "holy days" one following the other. The students of Ohr Chadash had an opportunity this year to both learn and experience the holidays of Tishrei. Students and Rabbis brought in their shofars and blew then for all the students. Each shofar blower tried to coax the strongest, clearest and longest sounds from their shofar. The longest Tekiyah Gedolah-final solid sound-in school history lasted an amazing 45 seconds.

For slightly over three weeks, from Rosh Hashanah-the Jewish New Year-until Simchat Torah-the joyous celebration of the completion of the Torah reading cycle-the children had many opportunities to experience and put into practice what they learned in school. Beginning with attending services and praying along with their families and hearing the shofar, symbolically ridding themselves of their "sins" at Tashlich, fasting all or part of the day on Yom Kippur for the first time, shaking the lulav and etrog at services and in the Sukkah and eating some meals in the Sukkah and finally dancing with the Torah at hakafot, our students experienced some of these mitzvot and many of the children experienced all of them.

On the Wednesday of Hol haMoed-intermediate day-of

Sukkot, Rabbis Kogan and Romano conducted the "Wednesdays with the Rabbis" in the HJC Sukkah. Enjoying the unusually warm day, Rabbi Kogan asked the children to think about the difference between a house and a home and what it means to them. Rabbi Romano taught the children the names and characteristics of the 4 parts of the lulav and etrog.

On Sunday, which coincided with Hoshana Rabba- the final day of Sukkot, the children bundled up in winter clothes shook the lulav and etrog for the final time and enjoyed cupcakes, potato chips and juices in the Sukkah. The children learned first-hand the extremes that we endure while sitting in the Sukkah.

It was a wonderful month and despite the many days off, the children learned about Tishrei and the many holidays we have the opportunity to celebrate.

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HHBJC - Sisterhood Gift Shop



For all your Judaica needs!

Sisterhood

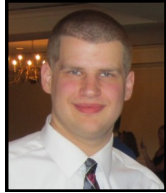
Shalom. The Sisterhood wishes you all a happy Chanukah. We are in high gear with an enthusiastic group of Sisterhood members who are planning a year of exciting events.

The Torah Fund Brunch honoring Carol Lieber was a great success with more than 60 people attending. Our guest speaker, Anise Parnes our regional Torah Fund president, spoke about the work of the Woman's League for Conservative Judaism, and how our contributions aid the Conservative movement around the world. Thank you to everybody who made a contribution to the Torah Fund. It was a great opportunity to recognize Carol's service to the center.

On Sunday, December 11, from 11 to 2, we will have our Chanukah Bazaar and party. "Chanukah Shopping at Your Doorstep" will feature a variety of vendors selling a selection of goods for adults and children, making shopping easy. Pocket-books, jewelry, children's toys, books, a Judaica selection, scarves and even Zumba attire are among the items that will be available. See you there with a jelly donut in hand for a touch of joyous Chanukah.

Our Sisterhood Shabbat will be held on January 14th. This is one of our most spiritually fulfilling events. Our Sisterhood members lead the Shabbat service from beginning to end. If you have not yet signed up

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**Youth Director
News**

Dan Bacharach

After a quiet October because of all of the holidays, November was a great month at H2I Youth Group! We started off our month with a tie-dye night, at which our members had the chance to create their own custom tie-dye clothes! Later in the month, our younger groups explored the life of soldiers in the IDF through a program entitled "Israel Basic Training." We watched and discussed a series of clips about IDF soldiers and the lessons we could learn from their service. Our USYers took a journey around the world to learn about Jewish culture in all different areas, through food, music, and more. Right before Thanksgiving, our younger groups took part in "Supermarket Sweep," a supermarket scavenger hunt in which they sought out items to be purchased and donated to charity, while our USYers had their annual Social Actions Shul-In on the topic of Environmentalism, which you can read more about in the next issue of this bulletin.

December begins the second trimester of our year, and we will be moving to Hillcrest JC for the winter months! Our first program for Grades 2-8 will be a Paint Night at Hillcrest JC, where everyone will have the chance to create their own artistic masterpiece through the guidance of an expert artist! We'll have plenty more pro-

grams in December as well, so check www.h2iyouthgroup.org for our most up-to-date calendar!

Grocery Gelt

Shoprite

All Locations

Stop & Shop:

All Locations

Dan's Keyfood:

73rd Ave./ Bell Blvd.

105-02 Queens Blvd.

Danny's Drive In Cleaners:

190-05 Union Turnpike

Fairway Supermarket:

242-02 61st Avenue, Douglaston



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for a part, please contact Lisa Azo or Marilyn Teleky. We always look forward to a beautiful service. As usual, a Kiddush luncheon will follow.

We are working on a special event to warm us in the month of February. Stay tuned.

We will prepare for Purim by putting together our "Shalach Manot" goodies. We need volunteers to join us at 10 AM. Come join us in making everybody's Purim a happy and festive holiday.

In April we will be conducting our annual Women's Seder. We will use our Sisterhood-created Haggadah. This special event is educational, inspirational, and fun.

May will bring a special event being worked on now. A trip to the Nassau Museum of Art to view an exhibition of Halston's designs should be a lot of fun.

The Men's and Women's Club are planning a joint dance that will make you want to kick up your heels.

On June 14th we will end the year with Challah bake. We will learn step by step how to make a challah that we will be able to share with our families on Shabbat.

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

Marilyn Teleky and Lisa Azo
Co-Presidents

**OUR DAILY MINYAN
NEEDS YOU!
PLEASE DO A MITZVAH AND
SUPPORT OUR DAILY
MINYAN A COUPLE OF DAYS
A WEEK EVEN IF YOU DO
NOT HAVE A YAHRZEIT.**



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

Another year has come &
 gone,
 Battles were lost, battles were
 won,
 We hope that your year was
 healthy & wise,
 And in the next year you will
 succeed with all your tries,
 Take care of yourself & your
 family,
 And join us for our functions
 with joy & glee!

We want to wish a very happy
 birthday to Dr. Alvin Pitkow, our
 President, who has been our
 backbone for so many years.
 Keep it up!

We also hope that Anna Mar-
 golis is feeling better, and we
 will see her again soon.

We wish everybody a Happy
 Hanukah, with the candles
 lighting up our lives as well as
 the Menorah.

Be Active in HHBJC
 Be Involved
 Join a committee
 Membership - Engagement
 Fund Raising
 Adult Education
 Facilities
 Life Long Learning
 Chesed Committee
 Green Team
 Call the Office Now

JUDITH LESNIK
CHESED COMMITTEE

The Chesed committee is hard
 at work organizing the Spring
 Health Fair. This event will be
 on Sunday, May 21, 2017 from
 11:00-1:00PM.

We are reaching out to vendors
 who will bring their expertise on
 a host of health related topics.
 Each representative will have a
 table to display his/her informa-
 tion. If you know of anyone or
 any organization that may be
 interested, please let us know.
 We have a lot to prepare in the
 next several months, and would
 love to hear from anyone in our
 membership.

We are hoping to work with the
 Hollis Hills Civic Association,
 churches and other syna-
 gogues in our community. We
 want this to be a full-on com-
 munity event!!

I would love to hear your ideas.
 Have a lovely Chanukah.

Laura Brodsky
 laujean1@aol.com

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

*Thank you to the congregation
 for their outpouring of love and
 compassion during this difficult
 time.*

Ronnie Krell & Family

We are now established with
 "Terracycle", a recycling or-
 ganization that makes new
 things out of old. Our team is
 the "HJR Memorial Environ-
 ment Fund" and the charity we
 support is the Hollis Hills Bay-
 side Jewish Center. Please
 send in your old cell phones as
 soon as possible and let's start
 collecting, recycling and earn-
 ing money for the HHBJC now!

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.
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nurse@hollishillsjc.org

To reach the office:
 718-776-3500

To reach Rabbi Wise:
 Enter option "3"
 Or: rabbiiwise@hollishillsjc.org

Chesed Committee Chair
 Laura Brodsky:
 lbrodsky@hollishillsjc.org



Looking Back and Looking Forward

The Engagement Committee and The Green Committee

During this particularly busy time, many thanks go to everyone who has helped both the Engagement Committee and the Green Committee get things done. If you were part of our Friday night dinner in the sukkah, we hope that you enjoyed that special ambiance - and thank you for all of your help that night

Looking forward, we have lots going on. Our annual Winter Family Community Dinner (some years also known as our Chanukah Dinner) will be held on Sunday, December 18th, at 5 pm, so that the little ones and grandparents can attend too. We are going to have lots of fun and good food - so please mark your calendar now.

In terms of service, especially connected to Martin Luther King Day, and the need NOT to throw things away, the Green Committee is exploring a local program that collects used shoes so that they can still be of help to someone in the United States. Don't bring your used shoes to the office yet - but you may want to look in your closet now, shopping bag in hand, and see which of the shoes you don't wear might be good for someone else.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE NEWS - AND THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR FAMILY!!!

Two Important Updates From Your Green Team

By Maris Blechner

(1) Thank you so much to everyone who contributed new toys and books, as requested for the children in shelters. We have dropped off twenty-two large boxes and bags filled with toys and games and books - and you can be pleased to know that you are making a difference in the lives of needy children. They are being distributed to the children on December 3rd.

(2) We are delighted to inform you that we have finally begun our "recycling experiment" for Kiddush's and other food-related synagogue events. You should notice a blue can marked "plastic plates, forks and cups" and another marked "foil and glass." There will also be a garbage container marked "food trash." The idea is to dump any food off your plastic plate, and any liquids in your paper cup - and let those items be recycled, as they should be. Thank you all for your cooperation!!

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<https://www.facebook.com/hollishillsbaysidejc/>



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(chronic traumatic encephalopathy), or football brain injury, Dr. Ann McKee (a lifelong Green Bay Packers fan, by the way): "How come I don't just say, "let's ban football immediately? I think I would lose my audience." (p. 8) So should the rabbis forbid Jews to play tackle football? Of course not. But the surgeon general's warning on cigarette packs may need a football equivalent, something like "use your brain while you still can." The very same issues Rabbi Siegel raised about preserving health, not relying on miracles, and avoiding risk are in play here. We should all proceed with eyes wide open.

We need your help with our daily Minyan.

Please join us mornings
or evenings!

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

Tuesday
7:00am & 7:30pm

Wednesday
8:00am & 7:30pm

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

Friday Morning 7:00am
Rosh Chodesh 6:30am



Remember Our Synagogue

Operating Funds

HHBJC General Fund
 Etta Strassfeld Life Long Learning &
 Continuing Education Fund
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 Lena Schwartz Youth Fund
 Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
 Cantor's Choir Fund
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 Harold J. Ross Memorial
 Environmental Fund

Nichum Avelim

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

Imar Krell, beloved husband of
 Ronnie Krell

Gerda Schoen, beloved wife of
 Emil Schoen

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

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Edna Rosenberg
 Robyn & Marc Rosenberg

In memory of Irving Weissner
 Ida & Daniel Weissner

In memory of Blanche Langer
 Ida & Daniel Weissner

In memory of Ilene Lieber
 Kersh

In memory of Ben Lieber

In memory of Rose Met
 Carol & Joel Lieber

In honor of Rita Plush in
gratitude for her ongoing assis-
tance in changing Torah and
Table covers for the holidays
 Ilene & Gordon Goldman

In honor of our office and
custodial staff, Lou Ann, Nancy,
Tony, Richie and Franco, with-
out whose hard work, diligence
and support, this High Holidays
and Sukkot would not have
been as smooth-running and
joyous as they were

Ilene & Gordon Goldman

In memory of Ann Lee Ader
 Harriet & Bernd Bildstein

In memory of Roha Golshani
In memory of Chai Yerushalmi
 Sorour Yerushalmi

In memory of Belle Michaels
 Norma Brooks

In memory of Sylvia Sternberg
In memory of William Esikoff
 Marion & Marc Sternberg

In memory of Molly Wahrsager
 Arlene & Abraham Shulman

In memory of Gabriel Yaskolka
 Zena & Joel Barsky

In memory of Arthur Klein
In memory of Celia Klein
 Debra Klein

In memory of Jerry Frankel
 Lynne & Marty Kevelson

In honor of Jo Ann Luquis
being named Kallat Bereshit at
Simchat Torah

Mira Clivner
 Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil
 Jerry Sandell
 Harriet & Bernd Bildstein

Wishing Refuah Shelemah to
Arthur Liederman

Wishing Refuah Shelemah to
Sam Solasz
 Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil

In memory of David Perl's
mother
 Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil

In memory of Carl Litwer
In memory of Anne Kamberg
 Judith Kamberg

In memory of Miriam Mendel
In memory of Rose Schwartz
In memory of Rose Mendel
 William Mendel

In memory of Allan Schwarz
 Mindy & Zigmund Stern

In memory of Rachel Lasner
 Barry M. Lasner

In memory of Laurie Well's
mother Ethel
 Susan & Alvin Deutch

In honor of Josh Sussman
being named Hattan Torah at
Simchat Torah

Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil
 Jerry Sandell
 Harriet & Bernd Bildstein

In honor of Mira Clivner's
birthday
 Vicky & Michael Wolkofsky
 Ida & Daniel Weissner
 Gail & Mark Englander
 Dolores & Bernardo Goldowski

In memory of Imar Krell
 Vicky & Michael Wolkofsky
 Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil
 Sue & Bob Gelfand
 Mira Clivner
 Rosalie & Stephen Roseman
 Arlene Schwartz
 The Padolsky Family
 Ida & Daniel Weissner

In honor of the birth of Linda &
Arthur Liederman's new
grandson, Alexander Cole, to
Joshua & Leah
 Arlene Schwartz
 Sally & Harvey Goldstein
 Janet Hiller & Eric Jacobowitz
 Harriet & Bernd Bildstein
 Sheldon Flatow
 Beth & Willy Diker



In memory of Marlene Kevy
In memory of Seymour Trager
 Cara & Michael Trager

In memory of Adele Weinstein
 Susan & Alvin Deutch

In memory of Stanley Levy
 Nelly & Jerry Belopolsky

Wishing Refuah Shelemah to
Ahron Ebert
 Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil

In memory of Harry Kahen
 Jessica Kahen

In memory of Irving Breslaw
 Irene & Daniel Grapel

In memory of Alfred Jacob Fait
 Susan & Robert Meyers

In memory of Jakob Bimblich
 Dolores & Bernardo Goldowski

In memory of Idel Grunfeld
 Amy & Ben Grunfeld

In honor of the birth of Ilene &
Lewis Strongin's new
granddaughter, Maya Natalie,
to Meredith & Jonathan
 Vicki & Joel Blumenfeld

In honor of the birth of Robin &
Mark Mandell's new grandson,
Daniel Benjamin Peres, to
Rebecca & Asaf
 Vicki & Joel Blumenfeld

Wishing Refuah Shelemah to
Jason Klein
 Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil

In memory of Nathan Tantleff
 Rhoda & Ivan Tantleff

In memory of Zellg Oko
 Tova & Sam Oko

In memory of Simon Rimsky
 Anita Goldowski

In memory of Moshe Lugassy
 Rachel & Armand Lugassy

In memory of Harris Griss
 Ida & Daniel Weisser

In honor of the marriage of Mira
Clivner's grandson in Israel
 Sandi & Artie Lukin
 Arlene Schwartz

In memory of Gerda Schoen
 Mira Clivner
 Vicki & Joel Blumenfeld

In honor of Stephanie
Hochman's 40th Anniversary of
her Bat Mitzvah
 Stephanie Hochman & Bruce
 Metzendorf

Rabbi's Fund

In honor of the birth of Linda &
Arthur Liederman's new
grandson, to Joshua & Leah
 Charlotte & David Karsch

In honor of Mira Clivner's
Birthday

In honor of Michael Wolkofsky's
Special Birthday
 Charlotte & David Karsch

In memory of Imar Krell
 Sandie Baker

Cantor's Fund

In memory of Harold Feinberg
 Sherry & Victor Gabay & Family

In honor of the birth of Ilene &
Lewis Strongin's new
granddaughter, Maya Natalie,
to Meredith & Jonathan
 Sharon & Martin Goldstein

In memory of Imar Krell
 Sharon & Martin Goldstein

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

~ December 2016 ~ Kislev - Tevet 5777 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Kislev 1 Rosh Chodesh Kislev Minyan Times 6:30 AM and 7:30 PM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Wise- 12 PM Sisterhood Planning Meeting - 8 PM	2 Kislev 2 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 4:09 PM Mincha - 4:10 PM	3 Kislev 3 Toldot 9 AM Mincha 4:00 PM Havdalah 5:12 PM
4 Kislev 4 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Gala Concert Celebration - 3 PM	5 Kislev 5 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	6 Kislev 6 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	7 Kislev 7 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM Adult Ed – Introduction to the Jewish Bookshelf - 8 PM	8 Kislev 8 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Wise- 12 PM	9 Kislev 9 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 4:09 PM Mincha - 4:10 PM	10 Kislev 10 Vayetzai 9 AM Mincha 4:00 PM Havdalah 5:12 PM Simcha Shabbat 9 AM
11 Kislev 11 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Sisterhood Chanukah Bazaar - 11 AM – 2 PM	12 Kislev 12 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	13 Kislev 13 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	14 Kislev 14 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM Adult Ed – Introduction to the Jewish Bookshelf - 8 PM	15 Kislev 15 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Wise- 12 PM	16 Kislev 16 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 4:10 PM Mincha - 4:10 PM	17 Kislev 17 Vayishlach 9 AM Mincha 4:00 PM Havdalah 5:14 PM Junior Congregation 10:30 AM – 12 PM
18 Kislev 18 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Winter Community Family Dinner – 5 PM	19 Kislev 19 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	20 Kislev 20 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	21 Kislev 21 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM Nursery School Chanukah Party – 11 AM Adult Ed – Introduction to the Jewish Bookshelf - 8 PM	22 Kislev 22 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Wise- 12 PM	23 Kislev 23 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 4:14 PM Mincha - 4:15 PM	24 Kislev 24 Vayeshev 9 AM Mincha 4:00 PM Chanukah – 1 candle 5:17 PM
25 Kislev 25 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Chanukah – 2 candles 5:18 PM	26 Kislev 26 Minyan Times 8:30 AM and 7:30 PM Chanukah – 3 candles 5:19 PM	27 Kislev 27 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Chanukah – 4 candles 5:19 PM	28 Kislev 28 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM Chanukah – 5 candles 5:20 PM	29 Kislev 29 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Chanukah – 6 candles 5:21 PM	30 Tevet 1 Rosh Chodesh Tevet Morning Minyan 6:30 AM Candle Lighting 4:19 PM Mincha - 4:20 PM Chanukah – 7 candles 4:19 PM	31 Tevet 2 Miketz 9 AM Mincha 4:05 PM Chanukah – 8 candles 5:23 PM



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Life After Retirement

**"WHAT A DIFFERENCE
A DAY MAKES!"***

Long ago our Rabbinic sages cautioned us, *"Be careful in your relations with the government for they befriend a person only for their own needs. They agree to be friends when it is beneficial to them but they will betray you when you no longer serve their purpose."***

Contemporary writers put it this way: *Politics is a dirty business!*

For a more refined analysis with richly sourced and carefully balanced socio-political references, check out Harvard University's fairly recent publication, *"Why People Don't Trust Government"* (1997), by Nye, Zelikow and King. Those academic fellows don't mince words.

Faith in the entrenched political elites is highly problematic. Our bloody American Revolution is powerfully emblematic of that truth.

The elections, now a matter of public record, echo it. Prior to November 8th, the overwhelming number of political pundits, media mavins, editorialists, professors, sociologists, statesmen, government analysts, pollsters, etc. all agreed:

"The Clinton political machine, their ground game and traditional democrat activists have it all sewn up. Hillary – despite any revealed and as yet unrevealed personal flaws - will be the clear winner. Her history of service and extremely high level elite government involvement as

First Lady, Senator and as Sec'y of State will be determinative."

They were...but not in the expected way. Mrs. Clinton, whose credentials as the perfect, polished Washington insider were impeccable, turned out to be less worthy of trust, less attractive, less likely to deliver the kinds of change that millions of our middle and lower economic class citizens were yearning for...because of her trailing identification with established power.

The die was cast. On November 8th our country voted: *Hillary lost.*

A new commander in chief was chosen. Vox Poluli - the voice of our traditional American political system- made its decision heard. Countless women who had looked forward to a woman finally breaking "the glass ceiling" to the presidency were profoundly disappointed...but then, there is always our next election, yes?

Peggy Noonan of the Wall Street Journal got it right. At 2:32 am on 11/9/16 she wrote, *"We have witnessed something epochal and grave. It is the beginning of a new era whose shape and form are not clear, whose personnel and exact direction are unknown...The next president needs you. This is our country. Help him."* ***

Where do we go from here?

The weepers and wailers, whiners and whipped fault-finders now must bind up their wounds, tighten their belts, stand up tall

and straight and march proudly with their neighbors, unite with their fellow citizens towards a common goal: the building of a prosperous, free, secure and even more beautiful star span-gled, glorious America.

How could it be otherwise? For we are, indeed, the fabled land of authentic freedom, the "Goldeneh Medunah"! The one place on G-d's earth where opportunity blossoms like fresh roses, where men and women of diverse origin, color, creed and often conflicting religious faith abound yet live in creative communities bonded forever in mutual respect and dignity. We are the envy of the world. Our capacity to peacefully transfer political power every four years is precisely why so many want so much to enter our imperfect yet awesomely blessed country...to join us on our rare *march towards life, liberty and the shared pursuit of human happiness.*

The electoral votes have been counted. Right? Now let us put our political labels aside, place our natural divisions of political opinion behind us and together move forward as one nation, resolved to confront with wisdom and courage the complex issues of shared governance which challenge us all.

We truly have much to be thankful for! Happy thanksgiving to all!

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* Wall Street Journal, November 9, 2016

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*** WSJ, Nov. 12-13, p. A13.



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Marina Weisz	12/16
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Neil Cohen	12/21
Renee Diamond	12/23
Lisa Daly	12/24
Ida Weissner	12/25
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Ronnie Krell	12/28
Neil Zitofsky	12/28
Natalie Glass	12/30
Rita Cohen	12/31

December Anniversaries

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Natalie & Jerry Glass	12/7
Rita & Martin Krumerman	12/9
Marilyn & Alan Geltman	12/14
Rebecca & Paul Reich	12/14
Peggy & Seth Seidman	12/16
Audrey & Daniel Shepard	12/22
Rita & Max Cohen	12/23
Mindy & Zigmund Stern	12/23
Cara & Michael Trager	12/23
Ida & Daniel Weissner	12/24
Joan & Jack Cohen	12/25

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