

December at HHBJC

December 2
Coffee, Bagels, and Book Talk
with Amy Blumenfeld

December 4, 11
Adult Ed - Rabbi Kessler
Caravan of Jewish Learning

December 6, 13, 20
Lunch & Learn
with Rabbi Wise

December 8
Chanukah Lunch & Learn

December 9
Family/Community
Chanukah Dinner

December 12
Sisterhood Planning Meeting

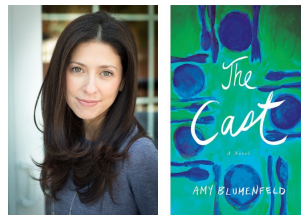
December 12
Adult Ed - Cantor Zim
Learn to Lead Services

December 13
Engagement Committee
Meeting

December 15
Simcha Shabbat

December 16
Mah Jongg Club

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AMY BLUMENFELD



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From the Desk of Rabbi David Wise

Catch-67



In 1967, Israel won its greatest victory in a mere six days. Ever since, it

has been challenged by the consequences of that victory. UN resolutions, negotiation summits, and many well-intentioned diplomats and heads of state have sought to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. No one has yet succeeded. Perhaps equally troubling is the tone of discourse in Israel about the conflict. It is the source of a sometimes bitter national debate.

In 2017, Micah Goodman wrote a book in Hebrew that was not about the conflict per se, but about that internal discourse. It was one of the most widely read books in the country, sparking conversations and plenty of disagreement. Its English translation was just published this fall. For this month's edition of *The Rabbi's Nightstand*, I want to introduce you to Micah's book *Catch-67: The Left, the Right, and the Legacy of the Six-Day War*.

The author is a fellow at the Hartman Institute, the founder of Ein Prat, Israel's most prestigious army preparatory pro-

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of events and service times.**



Shabbat Schedule



Saturday, December 1, 2018

Vayeshev 9:00 AM
Mincha 4:00 PM
Havdalah 5:13 PM

Friday, December 7, 2018

6th Night of Chanukah

Candle Lighting 4:09 PM
Mincha 4:10 PM

Saturday, December 8, 2018

7th Night of Chanukah

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

Friday, December 14, 2018

Candle Lighting 4:10 PM
Mincha 4:10 PM

Saturday, December 15, 2018

Vayigash 9:00 AM
Mincha 4:00 PM
Havdalah 5:13 PM

Friday, December 21, 2018

Candle Lighting 4:12 PM
Mincha 4:15 PM

Saturday, December 22, 2018

Vayechi 9:00 AM
Mincha 4:00 PM
Havdalah 5:16 PM

Friday, December 28, 2018

Candle Lighting 4:17 PM
Mincha 4:20 PM

Saturday, December 29, 2018

Shemot 9:00 AM
Mincha 4:05 PM
Havdalah 5:21 PM

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★ The next few months are a ★
★ time for many joyful occa- ★
★ sions: weddings, engage- ★
★ ments, B'nai Mitzvah, etc. ★
★ It's just the right time to ★
★ sponsor a *Kiddush* after ★
★ Saturday services and ★
★ share your *simcha* with the ★
★ Temple family! Call the of- ★
★ fice and confirm your date. ★
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Friday Morning 7:00am

Rosh Chodesh 6:30am

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Notices

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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 Marty Kevelson and Malka Lesnik Belgrod.



Cantor Sol Zim



This past Sunday, our dear member **JOANN LUQUIS** received our ***Sisterhood Torah Fund Honor***. This honor is representing the Women's League of the Jewish Theological Seminary. I was thrilled to be a part of this event. JoAnn is a very special person and member of our community. She has been on a journey ever since she joined our Congregation. She first came to me wanting to learn how to read from the *Sid-dur*, she then learned how to read a *Haftorah*, then the *Parsha*, then learning how to *Daven*. Of course, JoAnn comes to our Yiddish Class/ Yiddish Club and our Learn to Lead Services classes regularly. JoAnn is an integral part of our Congregation on so many levels. She is very involved in Sisterhood, she has been coming to shul almost every morning & night, every Shabbat and always with a smile on her face. She learned to chant a Haftorah and *Iain* (read) from the Torah. She leads Mincha & Maariv and is now learning to lead the Shabbat service. Not only does she participate in all of our services but JoAnn also picks up and takes back home other members so that they too can be a part of our *Minyan* who might otherwise not be able to get to

Our Cantor's Voice

Our Torah Fund Honoree JoAnn Luquis

shul. She is gracious and compassionate, caring and considerate and she embraces tradition and community with her whole heart. She truly leads her life by doing Mitzvot.

For those who were not able to attend, I would just like to share with you how wonderful this celebration was. IT WAS FANTASTIC! Linda Liederman was a superb Chairperson and opened with her beautiful greetings & introductions; as the Program continued...Natalie Winter (co-President) did the *Hamotzi*, Our Rebbetzin Judy Krinitz spoke and gave a beautiful *D'var Torah*, Maris Blechner and Robyn Rosenberg introduced our Honoree & Tributes, our dear Rabbi Wise shared his beautiful words with us, Arthur Liederman (our co-President) greeted us with warm words, Barbara Kaplan (V.P. of the Torah Fund in our area and surrounding areas) also shared her words with us, Stephanie Gedan (1st year Rabbinical Student at JTS), was our guest speaker, Diane Landau graciously presented the Pins and Dr. Beth Diker closed with her beautiful thank yous. I was thrilled to participate with some words and to sing my special tribute to JoAnn, who was so deserving of our Sisterhood Torah Fund Honor. By the way, it comes as no surprise that Maris Blechner did her usual fantastic job of coordinating the Brunch. The Honoring/Brunch was truly beautiful. The food was delicious and everyone

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gram, and a religious Jew. His scholarly focus is Jewish philosophy, and he approaches the subject from an intellectual angle. He compares the evolution of Jewish religious thought to Israeli political thought. Just as the ultra-Orthodox view of religion left no room for gray areas, "Israeli political thought has become binary over the past fifty years: Israel is either an occupying power or a moral society; it is either in conflict or at peace; it is either settling the land or betraying its identity and values. This is the right moment to ask: What will happen if Israelis adjust the way they think about politics? What will happen if they stop seeing politics through ultra-Orthodox eyes and start seeing it through non-dichotomous eyes instead?" (p. 13)

Goodman notes how both the Israeli right and left had to adapt their priorities in recent years (the left from striving for peace to simply ending the occupation; the right from holding the entire land to emphasizing security). Those evolutions in priorities are a function of an ongoing desire to solve a conflict. But Goodman notes that both left and right are correct in their own ways. "If the State of Israel wants to defend itself from the Muslim majority surrounding it, it must not pull back from Judea and Samaria; but if it wants to defend itself from the prospect of a Muslim majority within it, it must do so. The paradox exists because everyone is correct. The right is

correct that a withdrawal from Judea and Samaria would endanger Israel; the left is correct that a continued presence in the territories would endanger Israel. The problem is that since everyone is correct, everyone is also incorrect—and the State of Israel is trapped in an impossible double bind" (p. 92)

For this reason, Goodman argues that Israelis need to stop seeing the current political reality as a conflict that must be resolved, but as a "catch"—like Joseph Heller's *Catch-22*. Hence the title *Catch-67*. How does one disentangle from a "catch?" Goodman lays out two practical suggestions, which do not purport to solve the problem but simply to restructure it, and make it more manageable. I urge you to read the book to learn about these suggestions, but mostly, read the book to understand why it is so crucial that we follow Goodman's lead. That is, to consider the words of Rabbi Avraham Yitzhal Kook, the first Ashkenzai chief rabbi of Palestine in the decades before the State was born: "And if we persevere in fighting for what is close to our hearts, we must avoid becoming fixated on our feelings and know that the world is wide enough to contain feelings contrary to our own."

May books like *Catch-67* bring light to our world, even brighter than the lights of Hanukkah!

In blessing,

Rabbi David Wise

Temple Family

"I would like to thank everyone for their warm wishes and generosity in the time of my Torah Fund Honor."

JoAnn LuQuis

Thank you to Jaye & Ben Solomowitz, Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil, Harriet & Bernd Bildstein and Flo & Bob Gropper for their good wishes on my being named Hattan Bereshit on Simchat Torah
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Rosh Chodesh 6:30am

Shabbat Mornings 9:00am



Rabbi's Reflections

Associate Rabbi

Gary D. Kessler

"Beauty is Good But Goodness is Beautiful"



It is conventional wisdom that beautiful people have a better chance at success in life than ordinary looking people, and they certainly do better than homely people. Perhaps this partly explains Joseph's great success. In Genesis 39:6, we read that **"Joseph was well built and handsome,"** he had movie star looks. Pharaoh dresses him in fine clothes, gives him expensive jewelry, lets him ride on a beautiful chariot, and makes him the second most powerful man in Egypt. Of course he could interpret dreams, but did his George Clooney looks contribute to his success? It seems likely.

The Bible mentions other extremely good-looking people. Rachel and Esther were both described as being particularly beautiful. The Bible describes King David as red haired with beautiful eyes and a handsome countenance. The good-looking people achieve success. The Talmud sometimes goes even further. Rabbi Johanan used to sit by entrance of the *mikvah* (ritual bath) in the evening. He explained that when the women came out from their immersions and returned to their husbands, they

would have children as beautiful as him. On the other hand, Rabbi Joshua was known to be particularly homely. The daughter of the emperor said, your Torah is stored in such an ugly vessel. Rabbi Joshua responded how wine in an ugly clay jug does not spoil as quickly as wine in beautiful gold and silver vessels.

How important is beauty and ugliness in Jewish tradition? The book of Proverbs when describing a woman of valor, says **"Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain"** (Proverbs 31:30). For a fuller answer, let us turn to Hanukkah. Hanukkah really began as a civil war between Jews who supported Hellenistic values and Jews who opposed such values. One of the most important Greek values was the worship of beauty. The Greeks and their Jewish supporters wanted to build a gymnasium in Jerusalem where Olympic style athletic contests could take place. Athletes (all male) would compete in the nude, showing the beauty of their bodies. Jewish men, whose bodies had been disfigured by circumcision, could not compete.

Perhaps the best way to describe the disagreement between Hellenistic and Jewish values is with the saying, **"To the Greeks beauty is good, to the Jews goodness is beautiful."** It is more important to be a good person than a beautiful person. I rarely read the popular magazines dealing with ce-

lebrities and their lives. But I remember once reading an article in one such magazine about the beautiful people. It listed which movie stars have the best reputation for being kind people, people who practiced goodness in their day-to-day lives. Who really treated the ordinary workers on the movie sets, the people who did hair and make-up or brought them coffee, with the most compassion? Who was not simply beautiful but good?

We live in a world which emphasizes beauty. We all want to look like the movie stars, the athletes, the models, the people on magazine covers. And we spend a fortune on plastic surgery, diets, gym memberships, and other products to make us look young and beautiful. Often this quest for beauty is the cause of great depression, particularly among teens. Sadly, it sometimes leads to suicide. The truth is that even the people on magazine covers do not look like that in real life. Pictures are touched up.

Judaism as opposed to Hellenism teaches that goodness, not beauty, is the goal. In fact, if we are to seek beauty at all, it is the beauty of the *mitzvot*. The Bible says **"Behold you are beautiful my love"** (Song of Songs 4:1). The *Midrash* based on this verse teaches, **"You are beautiful in mitzvot, you are beautiful in deeds of loving kindness"** (Song of Songs Rabbah 4:1). Perhaps part of the message of Hanuk-



Sisterhood

Cold days or warm, sunshine or rain, our Sisterhood is always busy and full of plans.

We have had a really good beginning to our year. Thank you to everyone who was part of our Paid-Up Membership Brunch, Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah, Oak Hills Sisters' Welcome Lunch, Breast Cancer Walk and Fundraiser, Pre-Holiday Bazaar, first meeting of our Mah Jongg Club, and Torah Fund Brunch honoring our own JoAnn Luquis. If you weren't part of these, you missed some good food, lots of laughs, and a real sense of community and purpose.

Coming up we have a Kosher Chef cooking for us, tallit-making, our annual Purim Project, and hopefully the return of the wonderful Maine Rebbetzin (maybe even with her husband this time). We will also be sending out information about joining our region of National Women's League at their Women's Seder, with carpooling. If you haven't joined us officially yet, it is not too late. Just send your \$54 check to the office, made out to Sisterhood.

Last but not least, as announced at the Welcome Lunch, our Sisterhood is providing financial donations in support of the Pittsburgh families and their tragedy, which is our tragedy too. We are making donations to the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, which is helping families di-

rectly; the Anti-Defamation League; the Southern Poverty Law Center; HIAS; and the Squirrel Hill shul, Tree of Life, where a GoFundMe page has been set up. Everyone is encouraged to think about doing some of the same.

Looking forward to seeing YOU soon.

See photos from our Oak Hills Welcome Lunch on page 15.

Green Committee

YES, OUR ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

For the past few years, our shul has successfully taken part in the New York Cares winter coat drive, which has given out two million coats to New Yorkers in need. This year we are going to do it again.

From November 26th, the Monday after Thanksgiving, through Monday, December 10th, the last day of Chanukah, we will happily accept your gently used adult or children's coats. Please put them in a big plastic bag, and bring them to the shul. If you can't, we will come to you. Just call 917-941-8640 if you need a pick up.

What does this mean? (1) Please ask the people with whom you are having Thanksgiving dinner to bring a coat

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Ohr Chadash News

A Peek Into the Jewish Holiday Class

By Morah Judy Stein

Each Sunday morning the students of Ohr Chadash Religious School spend 45 minutes in age appropriate classes to learn Hebrew, Chumash, History and Holidays. While in the holiday section, each group has learned about the many fall festivals through text, discussion, journaling and hands on activities such as eating and singing in the sukkah and participating in the shul Hoshana Rabah service. Presently, all grades are focusing on Shabbat, discussing various aspects of this special day on their individual level. Chanukah will be the next theme and the yeladim are anxiously awaiting learning about the significance and importance of the week-long celebration.

Ohr Chadash Toy Drive

As we are getting closer to the joyous holiday of Chanukah, we should use this time as an opportunity to think about Tikun Olam and helping others. At Ohr Chadash, our goal is to teach the children the value and importance of doing Chesed especially during this time of the year. We will therefore be participating in the Chai Lifeline Toy Drive. These toys will bring joy to children during a turbulent time in their lives. Please select a gift in any price range for a sick boy or girl,

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

We want to send our sincere condolences to the families who lost dear ones during the terrible shooting that occurred in Pittsburgh, PA recently. For something to occur on a Shabbat when one goes to

services to pray is beyond comprehension. We pray along with their congregations as they go through this terrible period of mourning, & wish them a long life.

As this was being written we heard the news of the young people who lost their lives in California. Our thoughts & condolences go out to them, too, as their families go through these tragic times. We will include them in prayers, too.

We also want to wish a Happy Birthday to our President, Alvin Pitkow, who celebrates another year. We hope he enjoys the celebrations that his family plans. And additionally, Happy Birthday to his beloved Mother, who also celebrates another year. Mazal Tov to both.

Hope you had a Happy Chanukah, & the candles left their soft glow over everybody's heart.

JUDITH LESNIK
CHESED COMMITTEE

Hi everybody,

I am writing to let you know that Linda Liederman has put together an event for Sunday, January 6, 2019 from 10am-12pm in Menchel Hall.

Michael Upston, LCSW Assistant VP of Mental Health Services at the Samuel Field YM-YWHA, will be joining us to talk about Mental Health and Wellness with an emphasis on depression and anxiety. Areas he will address will be problems as we age, what we can do to help ourselves and what services are available...more information and a reminder will follow.

I've received the name of another Health Care Agency, nearby.

Name: Caring Professionals, INC- Licensed Home Care Agency
 Where: 70-20 Austin Street - Suite 135 , Forest Hills, NY 11375
 Phone: 718-673-8386
 Home Health Aides are available. Call for more pertinent information.

Linda and I are working on other workshops with regard to Health Care and Mental Health.

Thank you to Linda Silverman for this high recommendation for a home health aide. This woman cared for Linda's dad. Her name is Effi and she can be reached at 718-807-6933.

Stay tuned and Have a Happy Chanukah

Laura Brodsky

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(in confidence): Leave or Send a Message to Our Support Lines

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H2I Youth Group News



Dear Synagogue Members,

Hello! My name is Jen Gold and I am the new H2I Youth Director replacing Daniel Bacharach. I admire, respect and love Judaism and the bridge it creates between children and teens. I am very excited to be taking on this new role and working with each of the three synagogues, your children and the Jewish community.

A little background about me: I am a second grade teacher and have taught Hebrew school for many years. I too was a part of a youth group when I was younger where I served in multiple positions and met some of my life-long friends being a part of it. I was also a graduate assistant at Hofstra University where I created and executed programs that connected the students to the community around them.

I hope to create a family atmosphere for the H2I children and teens. Together, we will create a place where they feel safe and at home. I will work towards instilling Jewish morals and values that will help shape our members. I also plan to bring more community service opportunities to H2I as it is ex-

tremely important that our children and teens not only understand Tikkun Olam (making the world a better place), but also have the opportunity to become an intricate and intimate part of it.

As the new H2I Youth Director, my goals will be to:

- 1) commit to creating and executing meaningful and exciting programs throughout the year,
- 2) create a space for children and teens to come and feel connected to not only each other, but also to the Jewish religion,
- 3) create a sense of community amongst everyone associated with the H2I youth groups from 2nd grade through high school,
- 4) create a connection between our children and the importance of community service, and
- 5) increasing membership and retention.

I look forward to being a part of this wonderful community and to meeting each of you as the year goes on. I am optimistic and confident that this is

going to be the best year that H2I has seen yet!

Please feel free to reach out at any time! You can contact me at h2iyouth@h2iyouthgroup.org. For more information, visit <https://www.h2iyouthgroup.org>.

I hope to see your children at a future H2I meeting. We meet every Sunday through November 18th at Hillcrest Jewish Center. (We'll pick up again in December after the Thanksgiving weekend.) The 2nd through 5th graders meet from 5-6:15pm, the Middle Schoolers meet from 6:15-7:30pm and the High Schoolers meet from 7:30-9pm.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Gold

H2I Youth Director

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Details:

- Place: Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center, 210-10 Union Turnpike (Menchel Hall)
- Dates: Sundays – 11/11/18, 12/16/18, 1/13/19, 2/10/19, 3/3/19, 4/7/19
- Time: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- Cost: \$5 per person, per month (cash/checks collected at the door)

Light refreshments available

Please let us know if you are interested in playing. Indicate if you are a beginner, intermediate, or advanced player and if you have a Mah Jongg set you can bring.

For more information contact:

Naomi Horowitz 718 344-6006 or nhorowitzq@gmail.com or Ida Weisser 718 464-4379 IDAN61@aol.com



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In honor of the birth of Mary &
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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.

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 Bayside Jewish Center. Please send in your old cell phones as soon as possible and let's start collecting, recycling and earning money for the HHBJC now!



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

~ December 2018 ~ Kislev - Tevet 5779 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Kislev 23 Vayeshev 9 AM Mincha 4:00 PM Havdalah 5:13 PM
2 Kislev 24 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Chanukah – 1 candle 5:12 PM Coffee, Bagels & Book Talk with Amy Blumenfeld - 10 AM	3 Kislev 25 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Chanukah – 2 candles 5:12 PM	4 Kislev 26 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Chanukah – 3 candles 5:12 PM Rabbi Kessler - Caravan of Jewish Learning - 8 PM	5 Kislev 27 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM Chanukah – 4 candles 5:12 PM	6 Kislev 28 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Chanukah – 5 candles 5:12 PM Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Wise - 12 PM	7 Kislev 29 Morning Minyan 6:45 AM Candle Lighting 4:09 PM Mincha 4:10 PM Chanukah – 6 candles 4:09 PM	8 Kislev 30 Miketz 9 AM Mincha 4:00 PM Chanukah – 7 candles 5:12 PM Rosh Chodesh Tevet Chanukah Lunch & Learn – After Services
9 Tevet 1 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Chanukah – 8 candles 5:12 PM Rosh Chodesh Tevet Community/Family Chanukah Dinner – 5 PM	10 Tevet 2 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	11 Tevet 3 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM Rabbi Kessler - Caravan of Jewish Learning - 8 PM	12 Tevet 4 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM Sisterhood Planning Meeting - 8 PM Cantor Zim - Learn to Lead Services - 8 PM	13 Tevet 5 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Wise - 12 PM Engagement Committee Meeting -8 PM	14 Tevet 6 Morning Minyan 7 AM Candle Lighting 4:10 PM Mincha 4:10 PM	15 Tevet 7 Vayigash 9 AM Mincha 4:00 PM Havdalah 5:13 PM Simcha Shabbat - 9 AM
16 Tevet 8 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Mah Jongg Club - 1 PM	17 Tevet 9 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	18 Tevet 10 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	19 Tevet 11 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	20 Tevet 12 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Wise - 12 PM	21 Tevet 13 Morning Minyan 7 AM Candle Lighting 4:12 PM Mincha 4:15 PM	22 Tevet 14 Vayechi 9 AM Mincha 4:00 PM Havdalah 5:16PM
23 Tevet 15 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM	24 Tevet 16 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	25 Tevet 17 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM	26 Tevet 18 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	27 Tevet 19 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	28 Tevet 20 Morning Minyan 7 AM Candle Lighting 4:17 PM Mincha 4:20 PM	29 Tevet 21 Shemot 9 AM Mincha 4:05 PM Havdalah 5:21 PM
30 Tevet 22 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM	31 Tevet 23 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7 PM New Year's Eve					



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kah is that we should try to be beautiful not with our looks but by our deeds.

**Happy Chanukah to you all!
From my family to yours!**



Chag Urim Sameach!

**GARY D. KESSLER –
ASSOCIATE RABBI**

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along when they come to eat. (2) Bring a coat to the Chanukah dinner, and even to week-day minyan. (3) People have asked if they can donate scarves or gloves too. The answer is “Absolutely.”

Thank you in advance for the generous heart that you always have.

The HHBJC Green Team

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ages infant through teens. New, unwrapped toys and games only. We will be sending flyer home in a couple of weeks as a reminder and the due date will be December 2nd, just in time for making their Chanukah special.





**YES, THIS YEAR WE ARE ACTUALLY HAVING OUR HHBJC ANNUAL
FUN-FILLED FAMILY/COMMUNITY CHANUKAH DINNER
DURING CHANUKAH**

**Please bring your family and friends and join us on Sunday, December 9 at 5 PM,
as we celebrate the 5779/2018 Festival of Lights together.**

**Music...singing...face painting (and not just for the kids)...jelly-bean counting...menorah light-
ing...a delicious Chinese buffet (with kid food too)...parve ice cream sundaes...
special entertainment....and lots of laughing.**

**We are also going to have a 50/50 raffle (so bring some \$5 bills) and a Chanukah grab bag for
kids, plus one for adults. Everyone who brings a wrapped gift for one of the grab bags, costing a
maximum of \$10, gets to reach in and pick out your own grab bag gift.**

As always, it is BYOB. We will provide soda, and seltzer, and juice.

Please mark your calendar now. It won't be the same without you!!

**Please make your check payable to the Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center
and mail the check and the form below to:**

Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center, 210-10 Union Turnpike, Hollis Hills, NY 11364 (718) 776-3500

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(Children under 6 are our guests, as are grandparents who are coming as family guests,
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Rabbi Dr. H. Joseph Simckes
Life After Retirement
Is Patriotism a Lost Art?

Dear friends,

We were warned! Back in 2007, *Daniel Pipes* * alerted us:

"Western Europe has sprung a fatal leak in its own reservoir of self-esteem. The EU is sinking into a spiral of political self-loathing. Patriotism is dead!"

Europe evidently, according to *Pipes*, has lost faith in its own history, in its own robust flowering of culture, religion and rich spiritual values. Europe has blotted from its memory-bank its own amazing record of high achievement in philosophy, science, medicine, music, art & most important, its acknowledgement of the legitimacy of religious tolerance and its demonstrated capacity to honor the inalienable right of all men to be free.

Really? Re-read the glorious history of Judaism's *Golden Age in Spain* (10th-12th centuries) where and when Jews served in top capacities including Commander-In-Chief of a Spanish/Moslem army!

Despite Europe's more recent mindless brutality and its long stretches of ghastly medieval pogroms setting the stage for the Nazi state-managed program of 20th century genocide, *Europe has a distinguished record of daring discovery, incredible moments of intellectual enlightenment & brilliant insights into solid Biblically rooted faith*, the kind that ap-

preciates the sanctity of life and the dignity of all men.

Europe actually created the backdrop for the thrusting on the screen of history the great AMERICAN DREAM of universal liberation which we all revere.

HERE, MY FRIENDS, IS WHERE **CHANUKAH** COMES IN.

Chanukah, inter alia, teaches us that there is a time and a place for patriotism, righteous pride and fidelity. Without these actualized values, freedom has no future. Had the aged *Mattathias* and his sons surrendered their faith and confidence in their own counter-establishment standard of ethical principles and not fought to the death for the supremacy of their own national moral vision, there would be **NO JUDAISM, NO CHRISTIANITY, NO ISLAM** today.

Religious freedom and true governmental respect for personal liberty most likely never would have emerged from the strangle-hold of contemporary evil authority had it not been for the patriotic men and women who challenged the destructive exclusivity then in power. They fought, shed blood and triumphed so their own dream could become reality, a blessing for all humanity as promised in our Torah, i.e. *if you want a blessing, be one!!!*

The relatively sane, safe and just society we are privileged to live here in *America* today

would still be but an unrealized dream, an unreachable star had it not been for Hasmonean zealotry and heroism. Freedom does indeed have a price:

Eternal vigilance, education, commitment, sacrifice, hard work and true patriotism.

HAPPY CHANUKAH -2018-5779!

----RABBI DR. HIRSCH
 JOSEPH SIMCKES

* Jerusalem Post 10/24/07



Have you visited our website lately? The web address is www.hollishillsbaysidejc.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. There is a section for Loss and Shiva information.

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.

**December Birthdays**

Martin Moskowitz	12/4
Norman Nachbar	12/6
Donald Bieber	12/7
Rosalind Sackoff	12/10
Marvin Golomb	12/10
Sandra Apfel	12/11
Eric Zim	12/13
Susan Mintz	12/14
Marina Weisz	12/16
Karen Chazan	12/18
Lewis Strongin	12/19
Neil Cohen	12/21
Gerson Madfes	12/21
Renee Diamond	12/23
Lisa Daly	12/24
Ida Weisser	12/25
Martin Waxgiser	12/27
Ronnie Krell	12/28
Neil Zitofsky	12/28
Rita Cohen	12/31

December Anniversaries

Marilyn & Steven Teleky	12/3
Rita & Martin Krumerman	12/9
Marilyn & Alan Geltman	12/14
Rebecca & Paul Reich	12/14
Charlene & Jeffrey Ingber	12/18
Peggy & Seth Seidman	12/16
Laura & Martin Brodsky	12/19
Audrey & Daniel Shepard	12/22
Rita & Max Cohen	12/23
Mindy & Zigmund Stern	12/23
Cara & Michael Trager	12/23
Ida & Daniel Weisser	12/24
Joan & Jack Cohen	12/25

**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.

(Cantor Zim Continued from page 3)

had a great time socializing & seeing friends. So many people attended to support and honor JoAnn. It was so heartwarming.

DATES TO REMEMBER...Our next **"YIDDISH CLUB CLASS"** will take place on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28th at 8:00 PM. **ALL ARE WELCOME – COME JOIN US – BRING A FRIEND!** We will continue in the Spring. Look out for dates in our Bulletins.

Also, I have added an ****EXTRA** "LEARN TO LEAD SERVICES (DAVEN)"** class which will be taking place on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12th at 8:00 PM. **ALL ARE WELCOME, COME JOIN US – BRING A FRIEND!** We will continue in the Spring. Look out for dates in our Bulletins.

Don't miss our **"HBJC ANNUAL FAMILY/ COMMUNITY CHANUKAH DINNER"** being held on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th at 5:00 PM. Being organized by our fantastic and dear **MARIS BLECHNER** with those who so lovingly volunteer to help. Let us celebrate *The Festival of Lights* together. It will be lots of FUN for CHILDREN & ADULTS alike. There will be an artist doing FACE PAINTING (by the way; not just for kids)! There will also be a JELLY BEAN COUNTING and there will be DELICIOUS FOOD (CHINESE BUFFET)! Yours truly will of course be singing some Chanukah songs and I

look forward to lighting the Chanukah candles and singing the blessings together with you. There will be something for EVERYONE...PARENTS, CHILDREN, GRADPARENTS, GRANDCHILDREN, SINGLES, COUPLES, FRIENDS...COME AND LET'S ENJOY TOGETHER!

Let us all pray to Hashem for the family and friends of our brethren who were killed at the Tree of Life – Or L'Simcha Congregations in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood in Pittsburgh. We must never forget! Let us also pray for all those killed at the Borderline Bar & Grill in Southern California simply enjoying some country music, a popular spot for college students. And let us also pray to God for all those in California, suffering the fierce and deadly fires and for all the emergency responders who are risking their own lives to save others.

I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving.

Wishing you a Happy Chanukah!!

See you in Shul.

Cantorially always,
Cantor Sol Zim



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