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for the 19th Annual



World Wide Wrap

**Sunday Morning,
February 3 at 9 AM
in the White Chapel**

**Participate in 19
years of success**

**Eat a bagel at the
Breakfast celebration**



February at HHBJC

February 3
World Wide Wrap

February 3
Men's Club Super Bowl BBQ

February 4, 11, 18, 25
Adult Ed - Rabbi Wise
Israeli Book Club

February 5, 12
Adult Ed - Rabbi Kessler
Caravan of Jewish Learning

February 10
Mah Jongg Club

February 14, 21, 28
Lunch & Learn
with Rabbi Wise

February 21
Sisterhood Planning Meeting

February 23
Simcha Shabbat

February 27
Adult Ed - Cantor Zim
Learn to Lead Services

HHBJC Men's Club
Seventh Annual
Super Bowl LIII (53)
Tailgate Party



Sunday, February 3
Menchel Hall

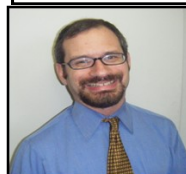
5 PM BBQ
6 PM Game Coverage Begins
6:30 PM Kickoff

Kosher BBQ! Beer & Soda!
Chips & Dip!
Big Screen HD TV!

\$20 per person HHBJC
Men's Club Members
and Family
\$30 per person
HHBJC Members
\$36 all others

Call the office
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From the Desk of Rabbi David Wise The Torah of Music



In my reading
for leisure, I
enjoy books
about music
and its impact

on society. Selections include
biographies of musicians I ad-
mire (Joni Mitchell was my
most recent read), or the neu-
rological effects of music
(Daniel Levitan's *This is Your
Brain on Music*). Awaiting my
attention are biographies of
Leonard Bernstein and Red
Hot Chili Peppers, and a book
about the composition of every
Beatles song called *A Hard
Day's Write* (yes, I can't keep
up with my ambitious book-
buying habit). But this month,
my love for music was nurtured
by a Jewish book, Joey
Weisenberg's *The Torah of
Music*, which I feature in this
month's installment of *The
Rabbi's Nightstand*.

Weisenberg is a musician, edu-
cator, and innovator, as foun-
der of Hadar's Rising Song In-
stitute. In *The Torah of Music*,
he has provided Jewish lovers
of music with a treasure of
teachings about the power of
music from the Bible through
the modern era, and he has
arranged these gifts in two
ways. The second half of the
book is what he calls "Open



**See Page 12 for
removable monthly calendar
of events and service times.**



Shabbat Schedule



Friday, February 1, 2019

Candle Lighting 4:54 PM
Mincha 4:55 PM

Saturday, February 2, 2019

Mishpatim 9:00 AM
Mincha 4:40 PM
Havdalah 5:59 PM

Friday, February 8, 2019

Candle Lighting 5:03 PM
Mincha 5:05 PM

Saturday, February 9, 2019

Terumah 9:00 AM
Mincha 4:50 PM
Havdalah 6:07 PM

Friday, February 15, 2019

Candle Lighting 5:12 PM
Mincha 5:15 PM

Saturday, February 16, 2019

Tetzaveh 9:00 AM
Mincha 5:00 PM
Havdalah 6:16 PM

Friday, February 22, 2019

Candle Lighting 5:20 PM
Mincha 5:20 PM

Saturday, February 23, 2019

Ki Tisa 9:00 AM
Mincha 5:05 PM
Havdalah 6:24 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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**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

Handicap Access

We have an operating handi-
capped lift. This is available for
all who may need access to any
level of the building. Please con-
tact 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 Marty Kevelson and Malka Lesnik Belgrod.



Cantor Sol Zim



Winter is upon us. The air is frigid, days are short, snow is always lurking in the background...yet I am comforted and my heart is warm when I enter the doors of our Synagogue and feel the love & warmth. I hear..."Sol, come talk to me, I want to show you something"...Cantor, my granddaughter just had a baby"...Sol, have a piece of chocolate cake"...Sol, how's June"? The warmth, love & friendship that I feel when I walk through the front (or side) door of HHBJC, or at our wonderful *Kiddush* after Shabbat services (thank you Tony), is so special. Why am I telling you this? As I said when I started this article, winter is upon us, we tend to stay home more during winter, we keep an eye on the weather forecasts. Well, I have a cure for the winter blues...COME TO SHUL! Come join us for Shabbat morning services, enjoy a delicious *Kiddush* after we *Daven* together, come to a class, come visit the shul, stop by the office, just say hello. Remember, our shul is our second home.

Want to give you the heads up. Last week, I was interviewed by Rabbi Mark Golub (President & CEO of JBS, Jewish Broadcast-

Our Cantor's Voice

A Cure For Our Winter Blues

ing Service, formerly "Shalom TV"). He is an exceptional human being. He is incredibly warm, compassionate, intelligent, devoted to our Jewish heritage and to Jewish culture. He brings so many wonderful programs to our homes on his JBS network. We sat together for hours. He actually airs our Gala Concert (from Lefrak Concert Hall, with full symphony) on JBS quite often. I hope that you enjoyed the show that was aired.

SAVE THE DATES...

Our "**LEARN TO LEAD SERVICES (DAVEN)**" classes are continuing...Wednesday evenings at 8:00 PM, FEB. 27th, MARCH 6th, MARCH 13th. All are welcome!

Come join our fun filled "**YIDDISH CLUB**". We will have a blast *learning a bisel, laughing a bisel* and *noshing a bisel*. All are welcome! Wednesday evening at 8:00 PM, APRIL 3rd.

June and I want to share with all of you the happiness we carry in our hearts as we tell you that our oldest grandson, Jonathan Zim (Craig & Erica's son), is about to be married. We will be going to Florida in mid-February where the Ufruf and wedding will take place. We are thrilled that our grandson Jonathan has found such a lovely & warm young woman, Hillary. They adore each other and respect each other tremendously. They are both loving, warm, kind & respectful. Jonathan is an attorney in Miami

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Library”—it’s a collection of 179 texts from our historic tradition, all related in some way to music, arranged chronologically and by discipline (Talmudic, Midrashic, Mystical, Hasidic, and so on). Each text is presented in both the original and in translation; it’s a gift to students and educators alike. In the first half of the book, Weisenberg weaves many of these texts and stories from his career as a musician/educator and from his own religious journey.

The Torah of Music is full of inspirational musings, so I’ll share just one example from a section called “Imperfect singing.” Weisenberg tells a story about leading dukhening, the priestly blessing, on High Holy Day services. The job of the *shaliach tzibbur* (leader) is to quietly prompt the *Kohanim* word for word, using a melody. “As I prompted their prayer by singing the word *Y’varekh’kha* (may God bless you), I was jarred when their response came back...in at least twelve different keys at once, completely out of tune, like some kind of primitive sound-painting. By the time I could sing the next word, I was already off to the races, thinking, ‘Ah, so this is why it was the Levites who sang in the Temple, and not the priests! But in the years after that, I began to look forward to that moment... when we’d get to experience a moment of pure unscripted atonality. Who could plan such a terrifying sound? Not even the

best composers! Who knew what sort of dissonant chord they might conjure this year?” (pp. 66-67).

Weisenberg then uses this anecdote—I’m sure many of us have witnessed similar experiences with our own ears—to incorporate traditional teachings that champion passion and intentionality over musical gifts. He tells stories of the Hasidic master Rabbi Levi Yitzhak of Berdichev, including the famous tale of the ignorant child who, unable to recite any of the words of *Unetaneh Tokef* on Yom Kippur, took out his flute and began to play. The congregation went apoplectic, but the Rebbe calmed them, saying, saying, “This boy’s pure musical prayer has opened the gates of heaven for all of our prayers.”

“In these stories and others,” writes Weisenberg, “deep knowledge of mysticism or Torah scholarship, or fantastic musical training, or any of the other trappings of elitist systems fall away when confronted with the simple outpouring of the spirit of humanity” (p 69).

The Torah of Music is a short book (the essays cover only 120 pages), but is replete with wisdom and inspiration about the power of music and Jewish communities when they unite around sound. It won a 2017 National Jewish Book Award, and with good reason. I encourage you to read it, and to allow it to open your soul to song.

In blessing,

Rabbi David Wise

Temple Family

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the HHBJC community for the outpouring of kindness and sympathy that you have shown following the loss of our beloved Kenny Rudolf z”l. The visits, meals, contributions and minyanim were all greatly appreciated. Thank you. The Rudolf Family

Our deepest thanks and gratitude to the/our Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center family. Enza & Joel Simon & Family Howard Simon Barbara & David Zwerman

Birth Announcement

Stephanie & Julius Schaffer happily welcome their second child, Margo, January 5, 2019, and so do her grandparents, Robin & Mark Mandell

Mazal Tov



Rabbi's Reflections

Associate Rabbi

Gary D. Kessler

Did You Notice... Two Adars This Year?



In the solar calendar there is a concept of a leap year – February will have twenty-nine days instead of the usual twenty-eight. This comes once every four years. The Jewish calendar has a concept of a leap year too, but it is radically different than the common calendar leap year – we add another month as we do this year!

To understand how the Jewish leap year works, we must first define a year. Simply speaking, a year passes by when the sun's position in the sky returns to the exact position that it was in relation to the season. Each day when we go outdoors, the sun is constantly shifting in the sky, moving up and down in the heavens, shifting its position from where it rises in the east and where it sets in the west, and how high it rises in the south. This solar cycle takes 365 days and a little under six hours.

But the Torah has fixed the Jewish month based on the moon – not on the sun. The moon begins at the beginning of each Jewish month as a thin crescent and gradually grows fuller each night until it is perfectly full and round. This marks the middle of the Jewish month. Then the moon begins

it gradual reduction until it disappears only to reappear again at the beginning of the new month. When the moon first appears as a narrow crescent it is called the **New Moon** or the beginning of a new month, in Hebrew: **Rosh Chodesh**.

It takes the moon a little over 29½ days for the moon to complete its monthly cycle. Since we cannot have part of a day belonging to one month and part of the day belonging to another, the calendar is arranged so that some months are 29 days long and some months are 30 days long. A month is never more than 30 days nor less than 29 days.

This explains why we sometimes have two days **Rosh Chodesh** (the beginning of the month) and some times only one day **Rosh Chodesh**. When we have one day **Rosh Chodesh** it means that the outgoing month had 29 days; when there are two days **Rosh Chodesh** it means that the first day of **Rosh Chodesh** is the last day of the outgoing month and the second day is the first day of the incoming month. The only exception to this rule is the month of **Tishre** when the **Rosh Chodesh** is **Rosh Hashanah**; then the first two days of **Rosh Chodesh** are **Rosh Hashanah** which are the first and second days of the **New Year**.

Now although the months go according to the moon's cycle, the year must be reckoned in consideration to the sun's cycle.

The reason is that Torah was particular that the holiday of **Passover** should fall in the spring. The Torah tells us in **Deuteronomy 16:1** – “Guard the month of spring, and you shall make Passover for Hashem, your G-D.” The moon's cycle has no relation to the seasons, but the sun's cycle is related. In the summer the sun is high in the noonday sky, in the winter it is low. During spring and fall the sun's height as measured by the noon day position is in an intermediate position.

Since the holiday of **Passover** must be observed in the spring, we must reckon the counting of the months in a manner that the month of **Nisan** (in which **Passover** comes) is always in the spring. Now the four seasons take up 365¼ days, yet the moon's cycle is only 29½ days. If we multiply 29½ days by twelve months we get 354 days which leaves us some 11 days short of a solar year. That means that every year the months move back about one third of a month and in nine years the Jewish holidays would fall behind the solar year and seasons by about three months. If we allowed this to happen, **Passover** would be in the summer and then in a few more years in the winter! Yet the Torah explicitly stated that **Passover** should be celebrated in the spring.

Therefore to keep the festivals on track an extra month is added once in about every

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Ohr Chadash News

Presenting the Past: History Comes to Life at Ohr Chadash by Morah Shari

The problematic lives of the Patriarchs and the Matriarchs, the derivation of the modern court system from the time of Moses, the expulsions and pogroms which resulted in migrations that made the Jewish people a global presence, the rise of Zionism, and of course, the Holocaust. These topics are just part of the history curriculum being discussed and dissected at Ohr Chadash.

Our first and second graders, Kochavim (Stars in English), have been studying the lives of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs, and their roles as Prophets in the Torah, what was their special and unique relationship with God which classified them as such, and their humanity, because of and despite this classification. As the term progresses, Kochavim will learn of the birth of the ancient land of Israel and how the unified kingdom was won and subsequently divided and lost.

The Chalutzim (Pioneers), the children in the third and fourth grades, have been examining the development of the court system which was created in the time of Moses, by suggestion of his father-in-law, Yitro, to expedite legal conflicts which may have arisen during the trek in the Wilderness. Following this review, it was only natural to progress to the study of the Sanhedrin, the Great Assembly, led by the *Zugot*, the pairs

of leaders, which guided the 71-member court which debated and resolved legal matters for centuries. The second half of the school year will transport the students forward, past the destruction of the First and Second Temples to the early dispersion of the Jewish people through medieval times.

The students of Giborim (Heroes), our fifth and sixth graders, began their studies in the fifteenth century, with the Spanish Inquisition, which resulted in migrations to Portugal, the Netherlands, South America, and subsequently, the New World of Colonial America. Besides the necessity of self-preservation, the children examine the driving necessity of the immigrants to maintain their Judaism despite the upheavals of forced migrations and the impact of the cultures into which they have relocated. Always examined and discussed is the positive influence and the contributions our people have made to each community in which they have settled.

Our oldest students, Chaverim (Friends), the seventh and eighth graders, began their course of study with the pogroms of the nineteenth century, which resulted in massive migration to the United States in the last two decades of that century and the birth of the Zionist movement, which sought the reestablishment of a Jewish homeland on the sight of the

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Sisterhood

As the days get colder, Sisterhood has planned a series of upcoming events that will brighten your mood.

On March 10th, we will have our eagerly awaited challah bake and breakfast. It was so much fun last year. We will provide bagels, coffee and supplies, and you will bring home your own challah, ready to bake – for a charge of \$5 to offset costs. Please rsvp to 917-941-8640 by March 3rd.

In March we will celebrate the joyous holiday of Purim. On Sunday March 17th at 10am volunteers are welcome to help assemble new and creative Purim baskets. A little breakfast will be provided to energize us. Purim baskets will be distributed following the Megillah reading on March 20th.

Also, in the Spring, we are working on a special event with the Men's Club, the return of the wonderful comedienne The Maine Rebbetzin. She will be accompanied by her husband and his klezmer band.

Watch for a "Getting to Know You" event in late March

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HHBJC - Sisterhood Gift Shop



For all your Judaica needs!



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

It's been a while before our weather became cold, Now it's time to get our nightly covers an extra warm fold, We hope your New Year's celebrations were full of fun, And you will enjoy the year that has just begun.

We want to send Happy Birthday wishes to Ida Roseman, who is our longest member of our congregation! She is very special to all of us! Birthday congratulations, too, to Dorothy Perl & Murray Hoechler.

Congratulations to the Pitkow family on the birth of a new niece.

Keep warm & contact me on any news that you have for us.

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.

Please visit our Facebook Page at
<https://www.facebook.com/hollishillsbaysidejc/>



JUDITH LESNIK
CHESED COMMITTEE

Dear friends,

If you missed the event on Sunday, January 6th, read to learn what Jordana Davidson, LCSW from the Samuel Field Y had to offer.

Jordana is the Director of **CAPE: Community Advisory Program for the Elderly:** A Geriatric Mental Health Clinic.- 59-28 Little Neck Parkway-718-224-0566- email: cape@sfy.org

It is a an outpatient mental health clinic whose services include individual or group counseling, psychiatric evaluations, medication monitoring, family support and training for adults over 50. Symptoms may include depression, grief, feeling overwhelmed or loneliness

which can interfere with aspects of independence.

CAPE focuses on providing the needed support services to ensure safe transition or adjustment in a home community setting.

Three YM & YWHA sites will be merging this year to pool their resources to better serve an ever expanding population in Queens. This new opportunity will include, Samuel Field Y, Bay Terrace Y, and the Central Queens Y. Its new name will be COMMONPOINT QUEENS.

Come and pick up a flyer in the HHBJC office **upon availability**. You can also call the number above for further information. Insurance is accepted and transportation can be arranged for a nominal fee.

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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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Ext. 201

Email:

lliederman@hollishillsbaysidejc.org

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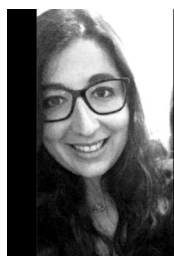
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Or: rabbiwise@hollishillsbaysidejc.org

Chesed Committee Chair

Laura Brodsky:

lbrodsky@hollishillsbaysidejc.org



H2I Youth
Director
News

Jennifer Gold

Dear Congregants,

Happy New Year!

I'm extremely excited for a new year with H2I. We also have many meaningful programs lined up. One of the programs that our members will participate in will be the Midnight Run. The Midnight Run is an organization that guides institutions (temples, churches, schools, etc) into the city where they personally hand out collected donations to the homeless of NYC. Our members will focus on the collection of clothing and toiletries to participate in the Midnight Run. This program will take place in April!

February is a quick month, but we have our Kadima Shabbaton along with Sababa Kinnus to look forward to! Look out for more programs in the March bulletin issue.

Please see our February events for each group below!

Chalutzim-Grades 2-5- (5-6:15)- HHBJC

Sun., February 3: NO MEETING - Superbowl
Sun., February 10: Laser Tag – Details TBD.
Sun., February 17: NO MEETING - February Break
Sun., February 24: NO MEETING - February Break

Kadima-Grades 6-8- (6:15-7:30)- HHBJC

Friday, February 1-Saturday, February 2: Kadima Shabbaton - Hillcrest JC- Details to Follow
Sun., February 3: NO MEETING - Superbowl
Sun., February 10: Laser Tag – Details TBD
Sun., February 17: NO MEETING - February Break
Sun., February 24: NO MEETING - February Break

USY-Grades 9-12- (7:30-9)- HHBJC

Sun., February 3: NO MEETING - Superbowl
Fri. February 8 – Sun. February 10 – Sababa Kinnus – Details to Follow
Sun., February 10: Candle Making - 7:30-9:00 PM - HHBJC
Have you ever thought about how our candles are made? Now you can! Come join us in making our very own selection of candles.
Sun., February 17: NO MEETING -February Break
Sun., February 24: NO MEETING - February Break

If any questions arise, please feel free to reach out at any time at my email H2IYOUTH@H2Iyouthgroup.org

Thank you,
Jen Gold

Green Committee

GOOD NEWS ABOUT ALUMINUM CAN TABS AND MORE!

Your Green Team is happy to report that our local Ronald McDonald House, in New Hyde Park, will be happy to accept aluminum can tabs (from soda, beer, and now even from soup cans). We are collecting them in one of the drawers in the small white plastic 3-drawer cabinet as you go toward the White Chapel. (It is where we also collect old eyeglasses for the Lion's Club.)

We were also told at the Ronald McDonald House that they will gladly accept those little shampoo and conditioner bottles and other soaps and toiletries that we collect periodically. So when you travel please bring back those items. They can be used locally. Just drop them at the office and we will bring them over (hopefully in large quantity).

Thank you for caring and participating. Little things absolutely do mean a lot!

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

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three years when the 11 day difference grows into a month. This extra month is added after the month of **Sh'vat** and before the month of **Adar** that has in it **Purim**. We call this month **Adar I** and the **Adar** that has in it **Purim**, we call **Adar II**. In this manner **Nissan**, the month that has **Passover**, is pushed back into its rightful place in the sequence of the seasons. Once **Nissan** is in its proper place, then all the subsequent months and their festivals, **Shavuot** and **Succot**, fall into their proper places.

During the time of the Temples, the months were declared according to visual testimony in the Jewish Supreme court, the **Sanhedrin**. Since the destruction of the Temple, and the demise of the **Sanhedrin**, we rely on the fixed calendar for all of our months and festivals. The sages who worked out this calendar were wise in astronomy and mathematics and fixed it for all generations. The following is their method of calculation:

A leap year cycle is a nineteen year cycle. During this period of time there are seven leap years: the 3rd, 6th, 8th, 11th, 14th, 17th, and 19th years in the cycle are the leap years. Our next leap year will be in 2022 or 5782.

If a person was born in **Adar**, in which **Adar** does he celebrate his birthday? The usual custom is to celebrate the birthday in the same **Adar** in which **Purim** falls, meaning **Adar II**. However

if he was born in **Adar I** in a leap year, then he would celebrate his birthday in **Adar I**. Conversely, if someone was born in **Adar II**, he celebrates his birthday in regular years in the only **Adar** that comes, regular **Adar**. This can present a small problem, if one person was born in the twentieth of **Adar I** and his friend was born in the next month on the third of **Adar II**, if their **Bar Mitzvah** is in a plain year (with only one **Adar**), the younger boy (born in **Adar II**) will celebrate his bar mitzvah on the third of **Adar** before his older friend (born in **Adar I**) on the third of **Adar**. Ah, such is the irony of the Jewish calendar!

During a leap year, the date in **Adar I** of **Purim** is not celebrated as **Purim**, however it has become a festive day in that certain prayers are not said, and the custom is to eat in a more festive manner. It is called **Purim Katan**, meaning the small **Purim**.

The rule is that we increase joy, never decrease, therefore a year such as 5779 with two **Adars** in it is considered a happy year.

My wife Ruth and I wish you much happiness in these joyful months of **Adar I** and **Adar II**.

**GARY D. KESSLER –
ASSOCIATE RABBI**

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Thank you, Linda Liederman, for arranging this informative morning.

Additionally, please watch for the March issue of Dateline which will include information on a Shabbat with a Scholar In Residence, Rabbi Steven Glazer from Washington, DC. Mark your calendars for May 31 & June 1. His knowledge pinpoints two difficult subjects: Caregiving and Alzheimers.

Till next time...

Be Safe in the winter months.

Laura Brodsky

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o r e a r l y A p r i l .
On May 19th come and learn from the world-famous Kosher Chef Paula Shoya. We are working on the dates for a two-part "Make Your Own Tallit" event. Further information to follow. Please join us at our next planning meeting on Thursday, Feb 21 at 8:00PM. Teamwork is the best approach to a successful, fun, and educational sisterhood. We are looking forward to seeing all of you soon.



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Nichum Avelim

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LOSS IN THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES:

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of Victor Gabay

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brother of Alan Beckoff

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Douglas z'l & Jean Fairtile

Joan Malin, former congregant

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

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~ February 2019 ~ Shevat - Adar I 5779 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Sh'vat 26 Morning Minyan 7 AM Candle Lighting 4:54 PM Mincha 4:55 PM	2 Sh'vat 27 Mishpatim 9 AM Mincha 4:40 PM Havdalah 5:59 PM
3 Sh'vat 28 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Men's Club World Wide Wrap - 9 AM Men's Club Super Bowl BBQ - 5 PM	4 Sh'vat 29 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Rabbi Wise - Israeli Book Club - The Zionist Ideas by Gil Troy - 8PM	5 Sh'vat 30 Minyan Times 6:30 AM and 7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Adar I Rabbi Kessler - Caravan of Jewish Learning - 8 PM	6 Adar I 1 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Adar I	7 Adar I 2 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM CSA Talk - 7:30 PM	8 Adar I 3 Morning Minyan 7 AM Candle Lighting 5:03 PM Mincha 5:05 PM	9 Adar I 4 Terumah 9 AM Mincha 4:50 PM Havdalah 6:07 PM
10 Adar I 5 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Mah Jongg Club - 1 PM	11 Adar I 6 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Rabbi Wise - Israeli Book Club - The Zionist Ideas by Gil Troy - 8PM	12 Adar I 7 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM Rabbi Kessler - Caravan of Jewish Learning - 8 PM	13 Adar I 8 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	14 Adar I 9 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Wise - 12 PM	15 Adar I 10 Morning Minyan 7 AM Candle Lighting 5:12 PM Mincha 5:15 PM	16 Adar I 11 Tetzaveh 9 AM Mincha 5:00 PM Havdalah 6:16 PM
17 Adar I 12 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM	18 Adar I 13 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM President's Day Rabbi Wise - Israeli Book Club - The Zionist Ideas by Gil Troy - 8PM	19 Adar I 14 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	20 Adar I 15 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	21 Adar I 16 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Wise - 12 PM Sisterhood Planning Meeting - 8 PM	22 Adar I 17 Morning Minyan 7 AM Candle Lighting 5:20 PM Mincha 5:20 PM	23 Adar I 18 Ki Tisa 9 AM Mincha 5:05 PM Havdalah 6:24 PM Simcha Shabbat - 9 AM
24 Adar I 19 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM	25 Adar I 20 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Rabbi Wise - Israeli Book Club - The Zionist Ideas by Gil Troy - 8PM	26 Adar I 21 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	27 Adar I 22 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM Cantor Zim - Learn to Lead Services - 8 PM	28 Adar I 23 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Wise - 12 PM		



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ancient nation. The efforts of Theodor Herzl and Chaim Weizmann, the promises of the Balfour Declaration, and the sacrifices made by the early twentieth-century pioneers in their tireless attempt to reestablish the modern state of Israel are all part of the back story which will culminate in their learning of the rebirth of Eretz Yisroel in 1948.

In addition to the curricula, there are enrichment classes necessitated by historic commemorations, such as the 80th observance of Kristallnacht this past November and, of course, the study of the Holocaust.

By better understanding the course of our past, our students are better equipped to comprehend the path we are on and the future direction of the Jewish people as it relates to global events and our continued existence as the Light Among Nations.



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Please save the date on SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST FROM 10AM – 12 PM the Judith Lesnik Chesed Committee presents MENTAL HEALTH FOR ALL (not JUST Attorneys) Presented by Eileen Travis, LCSW, Director Lawyer Assistance Program New York City Bar Association.

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Ritual Life

On Wednesday evening, March 20, we will be celebrating the holiday of Purim. For those of you who have never heard Rabbi Wise act out the “gansah megillah” with different voices for each character, including the horse, you are really missing one of the highlights of the ritual year. It is a joyous holiday that you can let your hair down, and come in costume, as a hippy if you so desire. Children of all ages welcome.

I am looking to put on a “Purim schpil” that night- a funny play reenacting the Purim story- with singing. If you have the performing “bug” in you, or have a good play we can use, please contact me.

Can’t make Wednesday evening? No problem, we read the megillah again Thursday morning at minyan.

A few times a year we have a “lay led Shabbat” on Saturday morning. The congregation leads Shabbat services, including the Torah reading. This is a wonderful opportunity for those of you who want to improve your skills and to take that next step. Our clergy will coach you through. If it is reading a passage in English, introducing the Torah reading, laying one Aliyah (they are short-we checked), leading part of the service or giving a short Torah insight, we have a roll for you.

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The ancient Romans had a cool saying, “CARPE DIEM!-Seize the day!”. Our Jewish Sages put it this way. “EIS L’CHOL DAVAR V’ZMAN L’CHOL CHEIFETZ TACHAS HA-SHAMAYIM!-THERE IS A PROPER MOMENT FOR EVERY EVENT AND A PROPER TIME FOR EVERY DESIRE UNDER THE SUN!” Check the Book of Ecclesiastes, chapter and verse, for the correct wording and spelling. Our Jewish Scriptures have some really neat philosophical insights that help folks get healthy, wealthy and wise.

Rule #5: Don’t be afraid. Sometimes we learn more from our mistakes than from our correct answers. I distinctly recall how depressed I was one

spring semester at Harvard when the hypothesis I had used to construct a major thesis upon which I had spent so much time and effort proved to be incorrect. “Have no regrets!”, my professor said. “You have accomplished something of significance, namely, that the hypothesis you selected is wrong. The next researcher will build on that foundation! Bravo, Simckes! Your perceived failure’ is in actuality a scientific success!”.

Rule #6: Study JEWISH RELIGIOUS TRADITIONAL WISDOM i.e. our sacred Torah, Talmud, Hebrew language, customs ceremonies. They really have redemptive power! So do the authentic wisdom in the arts and sciences, cultures and religious faiths of other ethnicities and groups. They also deserve your time and respect.

Rule #7: Have fun! Life without joy is not worth living. Share your joy with others; your sharing will not only deepen and multiply your own and their delight but will hasten the messianic redemption of the world!

Rule #8: Don’t hurt anyone along the way. The pain you cause to others along the way is locked in the treasure box of your heart and will sour your conscience ever after, leaving wounds within your soul that will haunt you, destroy your good name and shame you in the eyes of your friends and progeny. It’s definitely worth your time to protect others as well as yourself. It’s a practical

as well as an ethical rule, n’est ce pas? Falling and staying in love with another human being, forgiving their weaknesses, protect-their vulnerabilities, accepting their natural human limitations is an excellent beginning to personal and shared fulfillment.

Rule #9: Enjoy yourself. Smell the roses, notice the clouds, the trees, the varying colored leaves and the weird little insects clinging to their undersides! You have to stop and bend over for a peek. Don’t disturb them either. They have as much right to be where they are as you do. This rule, of course, is actually a corollary of the preceding Rule #7. But then, you realize that without my mentioning it, I know.

Rule #10: Take your work, your righteous goals and values, other people’s worth and individual tastes and views, the world’s inherent wonder, the ineffable blessing and glorious, sacred reality of cosmic existence and ha-shem’s eternal compassion seriously...not yourself.

Of course, appropriate self love, hope, forgiveness and joy de vivre are the necessary energizing, empowering foundational qualities within yourself that you must nourish & exercise faithfully and with daring as well as with discipline if all the other good things are to come usefully true! Have faith, keep busy, taking time to rest, sleep & replenish your g-d given potential and you will

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February Birthdays

Frank Stumer	2/2
Shirley Zetony	2/3
Marion Sternberg	2/8
Robyn Rosenberg	2/10
Maurice Goller	2/15
Gordon Goldman	2/16
Dr. Martin Valins	2/17
Jerome Glass	2/22
Michelle Zitofsky	2/22
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February Anniversaries

Adrienne & Jan Glaubiger 2/28

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thank yourself and all those who have enabled you to be fully yourself as you accept the mysterious challenges of human existence. Am Yisrael Chai v'Kayam!

Bonus rule #11: Don't fret or put yourself down if you do not succeed all at once. Don't waste too much time or energy on self-criticism & regret. Remember: even G-d did not create the world in a day. Right? It's ok to make mistakes, become confused or downhearted. Such self-imposed stress is what kills people! Shrug your shoulders, say to yourself, as the founder of the Harvard mind-body (spirit) institute, Dr. Herbert Benson, once taught me and other eager students, "oh, well!" And just keep plowing forward. Life is good and *you can make it even better!*

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Lastly, membership on the Ritual Committee is open to all members of the synagogue. Please contact Bob Gropper or me for information.

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and Hilary is studying to be a Speech Therapist. We pray they share a happy & healthy life together as they spread their love & compassion to others.

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