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**SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 17, 2015**

**Preview: 7:30 PM and Auction: 8:00 PM**

**\$10 per person with advance reservation**

**\$15 per person at the door**

**Call the center office for reservations**

**From the Desk of  
Rabbi David Wise**

**Six Day War Euphoria**



In this month's installment of The Rabbi's Nightstand, let's think back

to 1967, if you're old enough to remember it (I wouldn't arrive on the scene for another year, so I don't have that recall). It's fair to say that 1967 was a watershed year in Jewish history, perhaps even more so than 1948. The Six Day War established Israel as a regional superpower, vastly expanded its territory, and created a new Jewish psyche, one of pride and, one dare say, invincibility.

For all the books I've read about the Six Day War, I was surprised to have even been interested in the latest offering, *The Lion's Gate* by Steven Pressfield. I would not have ordinarily bought this book, but in curiosity, took a look at the author's credentials. He has written several war-related books, both fiction and non-fiction, though I recognized his *The Legend of Bagger Vance*, which later became a motion picture success. I did wonder, though, what another book could contribute to our knowledge of the Six Day War. In reading the preface, I saw that Pressfield asked the

### **January at HHJC**

January 3  
Observant Life

January 5  
Adult Ed - iEngage 2.0

January 7, 14, 21, 28  
Hebrew Reading Class

January 10  
Mini Minyan

January 11  
Men's Club Jewish National  
Fund Breakfast

January 11  
Sisterhood Meeting and  
Sisterhood Shabbat Rehearsal

January 17  
Sisterhood Shabbat

January 17  
Art Auction

### **January at HHJC cont.**

January 18  
Book Club -  
This Is Where I Leave You

January 31  
Simcha Shabbat

### **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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## **Shabbat Schedule**



Friday, January 2, 2015

Candle Lighting 4:21 PM  
Mincha 4:20 PM

Saturday, January 3, 2015

Vayechi 9:00 PM  
Mincha 4:05 PM  
Havdalah 5:25 PM

Friday, January 9, 2015

Candle Lighting 4:28 PM  
Mincha 4:30 PM

Saturday, January 10, 2015

Shemot 9:00 AM  
Mincha 4:15 PM  
Havdalah 5:32 PM

Friday, January 16, 2015

Candle Lighting 4:35 PM  
Mincha 4:35 PM

Saturday, January 17, 2015

Vaera 9:00 AM  
Mincha 4:20 PM  
Havdalah 5:39 PM

Friday, January 23, 2015

Candle Lighting 4:43 PM  
Mincha 4:45 PM

Saturday, January 24, 2015

Bo 9:00 AM  
Mincha 4:30 PM  
Havdalah 5:48 PM

Friday, January 30, 2015

Candle Lighting 4:52 PM  
Mincha 4:50 PM

Saturday, January 31, 2015

Beshalach 9:00 AM  
Mincha 4:40 PM  
Havdalah 5:56 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 now have a list in the office of members who will help give rides to doctor's appointments during the week and to synagogue on Saturday morning. If anyone needs help please contact the synagogue office. If anyone else is interested in signing up to help, please contact the office.

### **Handicap Access**

We have an operating handi-capped 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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MINYAN A COUPLE OF DAYS  
A WEEK EVEN IF YOU DO  
NOT HAVE A YAHRZEIT.**

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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](mailto:office@hollishillsjc.org). (Word or Publisher format is appreciated)

**Notices**

**Do you receive emails from HHJC including Rabbi Wise's weekly Shabbat notes? Contact the office to subscribe or subscribe on the homepage at [www.hollishillsjc.org](http://www.hollishillsjc.org)**

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

***If anyone has a paper shredder that shreds to small size that they can donate to the office it would be greatly appreciated.***

**The Bereavement Support Group meets every Monday night 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



Perhaps some of you watched the tribute to the TOP 10 CNN HEROES as June and I did recently. There were 3 "heroes" in particular that caught my attention.

Firstly, I was so proud of the 2 Jewish heroes that were honored. *Rabbi Elimelech Goldberg* tragically lost his 2 year old daughter to leukemia in 1981 and witnessed the terrible pain many children endure while undergoing medical procedures and treatments. He founded the nonprofit organization, *Kids Kicking Cancer*. Rabbi Goldberg is a black belt in Choi Kwang-Do himself and his mission is to help children by teaching them how to use martial arts to help manage and ease their pain and fears during treatments.

His group has provided free lessons and support to 5,000 children and their families. *Kol Hakavod* and may *Hashem* give him the health to continue doing *Gemilut Chassadim*.

*Dr. Wendy Ross* is a Pediatrician specializing in Developmental Behavior Pediatrics. She is the founder of the nonprofit, *Autism Inclusion Resources*, and has helped hundreds of families deal with challenging social and environ-

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mental situations, such as airport travel, sports events and simply being in public. As Autism can cause a heightened sensitivity to environmental stimulation, lights, music, the noise of a crowd and traffic can cause a meltdown that is unpredictable. Her organization helps provide training to employees at stadiums, airlines, airports, etc., about autism and how to interact with individuals who have the disorder. May G-d bless Dr. Ross as she continues her remarkable work.

Another wonderful individual is *Arthur Bloom*. He uses the healing power of music to help hundreds of injured soldiers gain back some happiness in their lives. His program, *MusiCorps*, pairs together professional musicians with soldiers recovering at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, helping them play instruments and even write and record music. Some of the soldiers who have lost limbs sometimes require specialized instruments, which Bloom provides. Arthur Bloom's mission is to help those injured by war, reclaim some happiness, through the joy of music. By the way, I thought that Arthur Bloom might be Jewish. After all, his name seems like it might be. But after searching the web I could not verify this. If anyone can find this information, please let me know. Then that would make it THREE OF THE TEN CNN heroes that are Jewish.



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same question, given that he has more than 100 books about the war on his own shelves. "The answer is I wanted to tell the subjective story, the on-the-ground and in-the-air saga, in a way that I have not seen it told before, even if it meant taking liberties with academic and journalistic conventions."

Pressfield had me shortly after, with these words: "I am a Jew. I wanted to tell the story of this Jewish war, fought by Jews for the preservation of the Jewish nation and the Jewish people. I don't pretend to be impartial. At the same time, I have tried, despite license taken, to tell the story straight" (xi).

Pressfield writes in the first-person voice of the many veterans he interviewed for the book. As the participants become the storytellers, the reader is taken into their cockpits, half-tracks and tanks in vivid and sometimes graphic terms. We learn about the strategic genius of some of Israel's greatest military heroes—especially Ariel Sharon, who orchestrated the ground operation in Sinai to follow up the destruction of the Egypt's air force in the war's opening act. Danny Matt (who, along with Sharon, died last year), was a brigade commander under Sharon, and described his superior officer's brilliance this way: "I have studied the campaigns of Caesar and Alexander, Hannibal and Napoleon. Believe me, when Sharon one

day joins them, they will save a place for him at the sand table. And they will all listen when he speaks" (p. 231).

It's hard not to read *The Lion's Gate* without considering the aftermath of the Six Day War. It may be that victory came to Israel too easily, and led to the near-fatal debacle of 1973. It left Israel with the complication of occupation which continues to vex us. Yossi Klein Halevi's *Like Dreamers* tells that story of Israel's divided soul beautifully.

So here's where Steven Pressfield has captured this reader: knowing all that I do about what will happen after 1967, when I read this book, I am frozen in time. I don't need to worry about what the future will bring; I need only worry for the safety of the soldiers whose stories I read. They are Jews; the author is a Jew. For six short days, we were one. Even if we weren't born yet.

*Bivrahkah*—in blessing,

Rabbi David Wise

Thank you to Rabbi Wise,  
Cantor Zim and the Community  
for being there in our time of  
mourning  
Bonnie & Stan Epstein

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REMEMBER...SAVE THE DATES...

### **MARCH 15, 2015 (Sunday)**

#### **CANTOR SOL ZIM AND FRIENDS IN CONCERT**

My friends and colleagues from the *Cantor's Assembly* will come to HHJC, from all over the country, to treat us to a very special *Evening of Eclectic Music*, as they join us in celebrating my special anniversary at HHJC. Reception to follow.

### **MAY 17, 2015 (Sunday, Late Afternoon-Evening)**

#### **HHJC SIMCHA DINNER DANCE-ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to enjoy some good food, reminisce and share many memories and laughs together.

**JUNE 14, 2015 (Sunday)** A very special **REUNION of ALL MY CHOIR MEMBERS** from all the years past. This will be a **BLAST!!** GREAT NOSTALGIA and SHARING MEMORIES. It will be a time of MUSIC, SONG, LAUGHTER, FUN and FOOD! All are welcome!

I will be on vacation for a few weeks and will be back after the secular New Year. I look forward to seeing you all in shul when I return and can't wait to share many celebrations & *Simcha's* together with you.

See you in Shul.

Cantorially always,  
Cantor Sol Zim



## **Ohr Chadash News**

**By Shari Zuber**

### The Write Stuff

The Torah is our light and the length of our days. But how exactly is a Torah created? How long does it take to write one? What if you make a mistake? What makes a Torah kosher or pasul?

All these and other fascinating questions were answered for our students by Rabbi Gustavo Surazski of Ashkelon's Kehillat Netzach Israel Synagogue on Sunday morning, November 23, 2014, at a special Sofer Program held at Israel Center of Conservative Judaism.

Rabbi Surazski is the brother of Silvia Kogan, who made the day's event possible, and the brother-in-law of Rabbi Manes Kogan of Hillcrest Jewish Center. He was gracious enough to share his expertise as a sofer, or scribe, with the students, staff, and parents of our school and enlighten us as to what is involved in producing a Torah. The parchment upon which a Torah is written is made from kosher animal skin, ranging from sheep, to deer, to goat. The ink which is utilized must also be kosher and the writing implement used is a quill from a kosher bird, often a turkey. A Torah consists of sixty-three panels, which are sewn together with animal sinew. If a mistake is made in a word or a letter is drawn wrong, there is a means by which the ink can be lifted off the parchment and redone correctly. However, if

there is a mistake in the writing of God's name, the panel must be removed and buried since it is forbidden to erase God's name.

It takes Rabbi Surazski approximately twelve months to pen an entire Torah. With modern technology, a computer is used to scan the document to make certain there are no errors. This gives the sofer an extra assurance that the Torah is perfect. Although a Torah is spiritually priceless, physically it has a price and the monetary value can vary by thousands of dollars. It must be remembered that a sofer dedicates at least a year of his or her life to creating a work of perfection, which makes it so costly.

At the program, every child was given a piece of specially lined paper and shown how to write letters as they are inscribed in the Torah. At the conclusion of the program, everyone thanked Rabbi Surazski for teaching us about this unique form of religious calligraphy. We were also able to thank the rabbi in another way, for it is the children of Rabbi Surazski's synagogue in Ashkelon who are the recipients of our "Turn Halloween

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### **HHJC - Sisterhood Gift Shop**



**For all your Judaica needs!**

## ***Sisterhood***

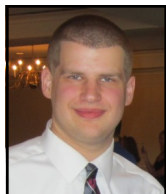
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!** Sisterhood ended 2014 on a positive note and we are beginning 2015 with great optimism. In December, we had a successful Hanukkah sale and heard that both the gift givers and recipients were thrilled. We also started out weekly yoga classes which are held in the ballroom on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. It is taught by Gaby Weilmann, who is a certified yoga instructor. These classes will continue in January and beyond so please come and join us for some fun and healthy movement.

As we welcome in 2015, we are feverishly preparing for our next **Sisterhood** event, "Sisterhood Shabbat". This year it will take place on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Sisterhood members will lead the entire service from the early morning service through musaf and beyond. If you have not already signed up for a part, please contact me at [bsdiker@yahoo.com](mailto:bsdiker@yahoo.com) or Audrey Shepard. After the services, a delicious Kiddush lunch will be served.

In March, we celebrate the joyous holiday of Purim. Sisterhood prepares for Purim with our Purim Project, capably and tirelessly organized by Maris Blechner. Information about the Project will be distributed under separate cover. Sisterhood volunteers will meet on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM to assemble Shalach Manot (purim goodies) and

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**Youth Director****Youth Group  
News**

Dan Bacharach

H2I closed out the 2014 year with some excellent December programs. We started the month with a Jewish Edition of Iron Chef, in which our youth competed to see who could whip up the most delicious creations. The next week, all of our groups participated in a Mitzvah Stations program—working on some projects that were donated to organizations across the U.S. These activities included making Rainbow Loom bracelets, creating “no-sew” winter hats, building pet toys for animal shelters, writing letters to hospitalized children, and more. After giving back during the holiday season, we celebrated Chanukah the next week with a fun party!

Despite missing a few weeks in January because of holiday weekends, we still have some great programs planned. We'll kick off 2015 on January 11 with “Double Dare 2015,” a recreation of the classic Nickelodeon game show. Teams will face off in a trivia competition, but if they don't know the answer, they can opt for a physical challenge instead! Towards the end of the month, on January 25, we'll be holding an Escape the Room program, based on the wildly popular phone apps and real-world experiences popping up all over NYC. Teams will compete to crack the clues and “escape” from the room within an hour.

We'll see if any of our teams work together to beat the game!

Finally, from January 30-31, Hollis Hills will be hosting a portion of METNY-Palooza! METNY-Palooza is a regional event that will be taking place across New York City on this weekend. Hollis Hills will be hosting one of the four Grade Shabbatons over Shabbat before the teens meet up for a combined Saturday night and Sunday program. For this program to be a success, we need congregants to volunteer to open up their homes to the teens for Friday night, January 30. If you can house, please email me at [h2iyouth@gmail.com](mailto:h2iyouth@gmail.com)...we would greatly appreciate it!

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<http://www.facebook.com/hollishillsjc>

Find us on:  
**facebook®****Youth Group Housing Request**

Dear Congregants,

H2I Youth Group is pleased to announce that we will be hosting METNY-Palooza 2015! This Shabbaton will take place from January 30-31 at Hollis Hills JC. As the hosting chapter, we need your help to make this a success. Many of you have opened your homes to our USYers in past years and we are sure that you found it to be a rewarding experience worth repeating.

To ensure the success of the weekend, we are in need of walking distance housing to Hollis Hills JC. If you live within approximately 1 mile of the shul (the shul is located on Union Tpke and 210 St), we would greatly appreciate your assistance. The USYers will spend the majority of the weekend at the synagogue, but they need a house to sleep in on Friday night. The USYers will be bringing sleeping bags and actual beds are not necessary, just floor space. All food will be provided at the synagogue.

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

Thank you,  
Daniel Bacharach



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

We have come to the end of another year, and hope that the year 2015 will be a healthy and happy one for you. We have all had our ups and downs during the past year, and look forward to having more of the former than the latter!

I want to wish a Happy Birthday to Laura Riegel, who has been one of our members for ever so many years.

Dr. Alvin & June Pitkow are planning a great vacation with their family. We hope they will have a super time with plenty of good weather and all the fun they can fit into the time they are spending in Cancun.

The Chanukah get-together was lots of fun, it is good to celebrate the holiday in a festive manner.

**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**



**PARENTS: PLEASE SIGN UP YOUR CHILDREN FOR OUR PJ LIBRARY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AGES 6 MONTHS TO 8 YEARS OLD:**

**GO TO:**

**<http://www.pjlibrary.org/communities/queens-hollis-hills/318>**

**For more information contact the office at 718-776-3500.**

**Temple Family**

Marilyn Menchel would like to announce the birth of her great grandson, Jonathan Daniel Lipshutz, named for her husband Jan Menchel z'l.

Mazal Tov to Marilyn & Stanley Seidenfeld on the marriage of their son, Steven to Jocelyn Levenberg

Mazal Tov to Bertha and Usher Farber on the birth of their new great-grandson

Mazal Tov to Flo & Bob Gropper on the birth of their new granddaughter, to Shevy and Aaron

**Mazal Tov**

**PJ Library News**

And the winners are: all of us! First our Sukkot Contest winners –

Our First Place winners are the Pinto family who won four movie passes, next is the Bail-Rosenfeld family who will get three movie passes and our third place winners are the Roseman-Lubarsky's who will get two movie passes. Our runners up are the Dahan's, Berenholz's, Cgema's and Kerper's who will be given a chance to pick something from our PJ loot box at our next event. Movie passes can either be picked up from Nancy at our Center office or will be handed out at our next PJ event on February 8th.

Speaking of our next event, I hope to see everyone at our Second Annual Tu B'Shevat Birthday Party on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Look for more info on that event coming in email and on our HHJC Facebook page.

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



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Into Purim" costumes.

### Hanukkah Happening Hilarity

This year, Ohr Chadash's Hanukkah Program shone extra bright with merriment. Len Levitt, whose "Levity Puppets" production company was responsible for the hilarious Purim Program we enjoyed at Hollis Hills Jewish Center in the spring, presented a delightful Hanukkah celebration for teachers, students, and their families at ICCJ on Sunday morning, December 14, 2014.

Following the show, our children got the audience in a Festival of Lights mood by rousing everyone in song with numerous standards of the season. Tasty refreshments rounded out an extremely enjoyable morning. Additionally, holiday shopping was available in the Smorg Room thanks to the Ohr Chadash PTA and the Sisterhood of ICCJ.

### **MEN'S CLUB JEWISH NATIONAL FUND BREAKFAST**

**SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 11, 2015**



## **PJ LIBRARY TU B'SHEVAT EVENT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2015 WATCH FOR DETAILS**



### Grocery Gelt

#### Waldbaums and A & P:

All locations

#### Stop & Shop:

All Locations

#### Pathmark:

All locations

#### Dan's Keyfood:

73rd Ave./ Bell Blvd.

105-02 Queens Blvd.

#### Mauzone:

72-30 Main St.

#### Danny's Drive In Cleaners:

190-05 Union Turnpike

#### Fairway Supermarket:

242-02 61st Avenue, Douglaston



### **HOLLIS HILLS JC / HILLCREST JC ICCJ**

### **H2I YOUTH GROUP**

Three terrific synagogues have come together to create one outstanding youth program! Where do you fit in?

Nitzanim-Students in grades 2 & 3-Meeting Sunday, 5:00-6:15 PM

Thursday Recreation Hour, 6:30-7:00 PM

Chalutzim-Students in Grades 4 & 5-Meeting Sunday, 5:00-6:15 PM

Thursday Recreation Hour, 6:30-7:30 PM

Kadima-Students in grades 6, 7 & 8-Meeting Sunday, 6:15-7:00 PM

Thursday Recreation Hour, 6:30-7:30 PM

USY-Students in grades 9-12-Meeting Sunday, 7:30-9:00 PM  
Thursday Recreation Hour, 7:30-8:30 PM

For more information email us at [h2iyouth@gmail.com](mailto:h2iyouth@gmail.com) or check out our website <http://www.h2iyouthgroup.org/>





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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund  
Cantor's Choir Fund  
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Environmental Fund

**Nichum Avelim**

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

Judy Hersch, beloved mother  
of Vicky Wolkofsky

Gerald Epstein, beloved father  
of Stanley Epstein

Toby Schwartz, beloved  
mother of Marilyn Seidenfeld

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

**GENERAL FUND**

*In memory of Dorothy Sparrow*  
*In memory of Laurie Sparrow*  
*Palumbo*

*In memory of Rose Galler Levy*  
*Marcia & Robert Sparrow*

*In memory of Roselyn Miller*  
*In memory of Max Miller*  
*Esther & Alan Beckoff*

*In memory of Ann Klose*  
*Zena & Joel Barsky*

*In memory of Isidore I. Dorman*  
*Renee & Leon Kaplan*

*In honor of Nathan Heilweil*  
*being a National Tennis Finalist*  
*Flo & Bob Gropper*

*In memory of Simon Rimsky*  
*In memory of Rosa Rimsky*  
*Anita Goldowski*

*In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of*  
*Rachel Elana Pragman,*  
*granddaughter of Maris &*  
*Stewart Blechner*  
*Ida & Daniel Weisser*

*Thank you to Men's Club for*  
*such a lovely program and*  
*Kiddush honoring our Veterans*  
*Ida & Daniel Weisser*

*In memory of Judy Hersch*  
*Irene & Michael Borman*  
*Ida & Daniel Weisser*  
*Harriet & Bernd Bildstein*  
*Rosalie & Stephen Roseman*  
*Laura & Marty Brodsky*  
*Flo & Bob Gropper*  
*Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil*  
*Hollis Hills Historical Society*  
*Lynn & Avery Okin*  
*Sally & Harvey Goldstein*  
*Susan & Allan Wolkofsky*  
*Bertha & Usher Farber*  
*Hollis Park Manor Nursing*  
*Home*

*Ronda & Robert Acker*  
*Sandy & Steven Passer*  
*Carol & Joel Lieber*  
*Beate & George Axelrad*  
*Jaye, Ben, Rebecca & Sarah*  
*Solomowitz*  
*Ellen & Arnie Schweitzer*  
*Marilyn & Stanley Seidenfeld*  
*Karen & Lewis Wolkofsky*  
*Abby & David Cohen*  
*Lynda & Ed Rogoff*  
*Debra & Gary Jakalow*  
*Robyn & Marc Rosenberg*

*In memory of Sy Trager*  
*Irene & Michael Borman*  
*Ida & Daniel Weisser*  
*Harriet & Bernd Bildstein*  
*The Kahan Family*

*Norma & Ozzie Goldman*  
*Florence Feldman*  
*Rosalie & Stephen Roseman*  
*Jaye, Ben, Rebecca & Sarah*  
*Solomowitz*  
*Arthur Barsky*  
*Beate & George Axelrad*  
*Carol & Joel Lieber*  
*Jerry Sandell*  
*Robyn & Marc Rosenberg*

*In memory of Dr. Morris*  
*Goldberg*  
*Blanche Baker*

*In memory of Rosemarie*  
*Singer*

*In memory of Franklyn Geltman*  
*Marilyn Singer & Alan Geltman*

*In memory of William Goldman*  
*Diane Gottlieb*

*In memory of Robert*  
*Liederman*

*In memory of Dora Lou Kin*  
*Linda, Arthur, Joshua, Leah &*  
*Ethan Liederman*

*In memory of Sadie Schoenfeld*  
*Arlene & David Schwartz*

*In honor of the birth of Vicky &*  
*Michael Wolkofsky's first grand-*  
*daughter, to Adeena & Seth*  
*Nelly & Jerry Belopolsky*  
*Carol & Joel Lieber*

*In memory of Moshe Twersky*  
*In memory of Aryeh Kupinsky*  
*In memory of Avraham Shmuel*  
*Goldberg*

*In memory of Kalman Zeev*  
*Levine*

*In memory of Zidan Nahad Seif*  
*Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil*

*In memory of Frieda Rosenfeld*  
*Greta & Marty Margolis*

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*Bergman*  
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Harriet & Bernd Bildstein

*In honor of the birth of Viviane & Steven Verstandig's first grandson, Caleb Aidan Verstandig*

Carol & Joel Lieber

*In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Mandel*

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Beate & George Axelrad  
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## CSA News



Dear HHJC Members,

Our CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) is starting its 4<sup>th</sup> year? You are invited to join!

Members of the CSA, purchase organic produce from the Golden Earthworm Organic Farm. We receive our delivery at the HHJC Annex every Thursday, from June 4 through November 19.

The program is run by volunteers who are asked to work 4 to 5 hours during the season. Most fulfill this requirement working at shifts on delivery days.

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### Judith Lesnik Chesed Fund

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Dawn & Kenneth Michaels*

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Jessica Mandel  
Vicki & Joel Blumenfeld*

*In honor of the aufruf and  
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Look forward to welcoming you to our CSA.

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Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil  
Marcia & Naftali Tal  
Nancy Borko & Steven Fusfeld  
Audrey & Danny Shepard*



Have you visited our website lately? The web address is [www.hollishillsjc.org](http://www.hollishillsjc.org).

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

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

### Lena Schwartz Youth Fund

*In memory of Judy Hersch  
Jeannette & Ira Goller*

*In honor of the birth of Vicky &  
Michael Wolkofsky's first  
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### MEANINGFUL GESTURES

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**Rabbi Dr. H. Joseph Simckes**  
**Life After Retirement**

**Time is a Four-Letter Word**  
**(Part One)**

Time is a crazy if not crazy-making subject. Ask any admitting officer in a New York psychiatric facility: What is the first question put to any walk-in "client" (after the usual, "What is your name?")?

Answer: "*What is today's date?*"

Nu? Do you think half the drunks, drug addicts, neurotics, schizophrenics, etc. who daily grace the admitting offices will give you a straight answer? When I was working in the Massachusetts Mental Health Center in Boston years ago, one of the more frequent responses was "*I am the Messiah! I am beyond time!*".

Where do you go from there? To put the question of time into a more personal context, consider this: Does anyone really know the exact date of his/her own birthday? Are you sure? Were you there as a cognizant witness of your own birth? Or, like most of us, are you not actually dependent upon some often impossible-to-locate hospital (now closed!) whose records are sealed, lost or untrustworthy?

My own mother, of blessed memory, told me in her 90<sup>th</sup> year that her birthday was not on November 29<sup>th</sup> as our entire family had always believed but on November 9<sup>th</sup>! As a new immigrant from Czarist Russia in the early 1900's, she- like many of her Jewish, Yiddish-speaking peers in Brooklyn believed that "number 9" was an evil number, a "siman ra!", i.e. bad luck". Every student of Jewish numerology

knew that! After all, it was on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av that our Holy Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed - twice in fact!!

Her father, an internationally revered Rabbi, Talmud scholar and Kabbalist, agreed. Therefore, she told her public school teachers that she was born 20 days later. So was it written and so was it legally inscribed in New York City official records: she was born on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November. But the reality was otherwise!

The examples of mistaken or scrambled record-keeping about time and personal identity are legion.

On a deeper, more philosophical level, who has not asked himself/herself (as a child or as a self-seeking young adolescent) , "Who am I ? Where do I come from? Where do we all come from? Is our planet the only source of living creatures? How do we measure time and space anyway?" Do you really think that Albert Einstein was the first and only person to wonder about such things? Not so.

In ancient Mesopotamia- over 2000 years ago!- the locals conceived of time as an everlastingly turning wheel. In the middle of March- around the vernal equinox - they celebrated what they considered the beginning of the latest cycle of the Eternal wheel of Time, i.e. in that particular "year". They marked that occasion with formal ceremonies including songs, ritual chants and chilling blood ceremonies, i.e. sacrifices!

The ancient Mayans had their own ideas. Their methods of con-

fronting and appeasing the mysterious forces which they believed governed time and space - as well as man's role within those universal dimensions - were, to us moderns, similarly shocking. Check the internet for the gory details.

The Chinese, thanks to *Shun*, their mythological emperor, who lived over 4000 years ago, follow a 12 month lunar calendar. They celebrate their New Year on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of their last lunar month, an amazing holiday which lasted for 23 days "ending on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of their first lunar month the following year". They know how to celebrate! With fireworks, drums, gongs, "good luck" money gifts to kids, dragon and lion dances in the streets...Kids, aren't you sorry you were not born in Beijing!

The almost two billion or so Moslems alive today are definitely not sorry they were not born in Beijing. They are proudly committed to follow a very different method of measuring time. They use a calendar, also lunar, but much "younger" than the one used by the Chinese, extending back in time only 1393 years- to 622 C.E., the year when Muhammed fled from Mecca to Medina. Their celebrations are dedicated to their own sense of time, place and religious identity.

How do we Jews and our Christian neighbors welcome the New Year? Check out the details - and differences!- in next month's Dateline, ok?

Happy secular New Year!

Rabbi Dr. Hirsch Joseph and Chana Simckes



**January 10 - Bar Mitzvah  
Alex Zabib  
A Word From His Parents**

It is with great love and pride that we announce the Bar Mitzvah of Alexander ("Alex") Zabib. Alex is in eighth grade and attends Solomon Schechter School of Queens. Alex is a high achieving student, where he is consistently on the Gold Honor roll and attends honors classes such as E2K and SET3. He is passionate about Math, Science and Computers - Alex never met a computer he didn't like. Alex is extremely social and always greets everyone with a smile. He has a great sense of humor and loves to spend time with his family and friends, especially his younger cousins. He has a very curious mind and a thirst for knowledge especially when it comes to computers.

We are all thrilled that Alex will become a Bar Mitzvah. He is looking forward to this rite of passage as he seeks to establish his way and come into his own. He does this with the help of his School, our clergy and of course his family. We love him very much! Mazal Tov!

**Mazal Tov**

*(Sisterhood Continued from page 5)*

will distribute them on Purim night, March 4<sup>th</sup>, after the Megillah reading. Come join us in helping make everybody's Purim a happy one.

Also in March, we will celebrate the coming of Passover with our annual Women's Seder. This event is a learning experience as well as a social one. It includes eating, drinking, reciting, dancing, singing and fun. It has been described as inspirational, educational and fun. Watch for more information related to this event and join us.

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, we will be traveling to an Outlet Mall for our yearly bargain hunting trip. We are usually successful and come home with bags full. Aside from the shopping, we get to know one another better and really have fun. See you then.

We plan a surprise event on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and our end of the year event will take place on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Hold these dates.

For those who want to become more involved and want to be sure that programming exciting, please feel free to come to our planning meetings. We will be meeting in on January 11<sup>th</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, April 26<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup>. For those dates that fall on Sundays, the meetings are at 10 AM and on Wednesdays; the meetings will begin at 8 PM.

Thanks to all who have sent in their dues. If you have not already done so, please send your Sisterhood dues to the office c/o Sisterhood. The Sisterhood of HHJC is a vibrant organization within the synagogue that sponsors a variety of activities that combine social, cultural, charitable and educational aspects of Jewish life. Our members make us strong, our events are fun and your participation makes us run.

Beth Diker,  
Sisterhood Co-President

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SATURDAY,  
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**January Birthdays**

Linda Burke	1/1
Rita Krumerman	1/5
Leonard Kaplan	1/6
Naftali Tal	1/6
Joan Waxgiser	1/6
Jan Katz	1/9
Irving Schnitzer	1/9
Linda Silverman	1/9
Sandie Baker	1/10
Norma Brooks	1/10
Hon. Joel Blumenfeld	1/11
Ivan Tantleff	1/12
Alexis Ludwig	1/14
Lawrence Katz	1/15
Tova Oko	1/15
Pearl Wasserman	1/15
Imar Krell	1/16
Paul Reich	1/16
Alan Geltman	1/17
Steven Menzie	1/17
Alfred Weisz	1/17
Hon. George Heymann	1/18
Roberta Andreoli	1/19
Eleanor Ulrich	1/19
Lisa Ajzenman	1/21
Faye Mandel	1/22
Leora Sanandaji	1/24
Bernd Bildstein	1/27
Beth Cohen	1/27
Susan Deutch	1/27
Dr. Marc Sternberg	1/27
George Rubin	1/28
Ruth Saken	1/30
Viviane Verstandig	1/30

**January Anniversaries**

Norma & Mortimer Brooks	1/5
Yevgeniya & Radim Teplitskiy	1/10
Sheryl & George Rubin	1/17
Beth & Neil Cohen	1/18
Viviane & Steven Verstandig	1/18
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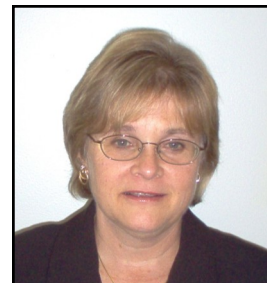


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