



## **"Simcha 2017"**

**Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 5 PM**

**We will be honoring**

**Harriet & Bernd Bildstein**

**Couple of the Year**

**The Legacy Transition Committee of the  
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**From the Desk of  
Rabbi David Wise**

**Israel 2018 In the Flesh**



As you read these words, we will have just recently celebrated the

50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the unification of Jerusalem. *Yom Yerushalayim* is a day set aside for gratitude every year, but especially so on this special milestone. I wish I could have been there to join in the festivities.

Now, try to imagine what it would be like to be in Israel for *Yom Ha-atzmaut*, Israel's Independence Day, in 2018, for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel. That will surely be an extraordinary event, right? So I have some great news to share: you don't have to imagine what that will be like; you can actualize the experience. I am thrilled to announce formally a three-synagogue visit to Israel for that great celebration, April 15-25, 2018. Along with Rabbis Robyn Fryer Bodzin of ICCJ and Manes Kogan of Hillcrest JC, I am thrilled to be leading HHBJC on a once-in-a-lifetime kind of trip.

The trip is tailored for a diverse population, with peak experiences for both *halutzim*—first-time Israel visitors—and *vati-*

### **June at HHJC**

June 4

Celebrate Israel Parade

June 8, 15, 22

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Wise

June 11

Hearing Men's Voices

Breakfast

June 11

Beastly Blessings

June 11

Simcha 2017 Dinner Dance

June 14

Nursery School Graduation

June 14

Sisterhood End-of-Year Event

June 17

Simcha Shabbat

June 21

3 Shul Israel Trip Info Session



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monthly calendar of events  
and service times**

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



### Shabbat Schedule



Friday, June 2, 2017

Candle Lighting 8:03 PM  
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, June 3, 2017

Nasso 9:00 AM  
Mincha 7:50 PM  
Havdalah 9:06 PM

Friday, June 9, 2017

Candle Lighting 8:07 PM  
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, June 10, 2017

Beha'alotcha 9:00 AM  
Mincha 7:55 PM  
Havdalah 9:11 PM

Friday, June 16, 2017

Candle Lighting 8:10 PM  
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, June 17, 2017

Sh'lach 9:00 AM  
Mincha 7:55 PM  
Havdalah 9:13 PM

Friday, June 23, 2017

Candle Lighting 8:12 PM  
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, June 24, 2017

Korach 9:00 AM  
Mincha 8:00 PM  
Havdalah 9:15 PM

Friday, June 30, 2017

Candle Lighting 8:12 PM  
Mincha 7:00 PM

### Junior Congregation

June 10  
10:30 AM - 12 PM

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★  
★ 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 of mem-  
bers 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 of-  
fice to arrange for one of our  
staff to assist you in its opera-  
tion. There is also a handi-  
capped restroom located past  
the Menchel Social Hall.

*The House Committee*

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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 Rabbi Dr. H. Joseph Simckes and Marty Kevelson.**



Cantor Sol Zim



**Our Cantor's Voice**

**Cantors Assembly Convention 2017**

This past week I was part of the Cantors Assembly's (CA) 2017 Convention. This year the CA celebrates its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary and its members are steadfastly committed to keeping the Art of the Cantorate alive and even stronger than ever. We had hundreds of Cantors in attendance.

I was so pleased to see so many newly ordained Cantors from across the U.S. and Canada who are new members of the CA, as well as many Cantors-To-Be who are still in school...all committed to preserving the art and legacy of the Cantorate by leading services in their congregations with the traditional Cantorial sounds and motifs. These young Cantors gave me the peace of mind and confidence that through their leadership and roles as Cantors, they will ensure the survival of not only the Cantorate but our Jewish tradition.

I was also impressed and so proud by so many of the newer Cantors who expressed to me that they have been concentrating on bringing participatory music to their synagogues and are receiving so much positive feedback from their congregants about how much they love and appreciate singing-

along. They thanked me for sharing my music with them, which really all started here in Hollis Hills with all of you as the first to hear and sing my compositions. In fact, my music books are part of the Cantorial text/curriculum at schools today and have become a part of many Cantors' repertoires. One of the highlights of this convention was a beautiful **YOM YERUSHALAYIM CONCERT** as *Yom Yerushalayim* was celebrated the week of the convention.

By the way, last week I was home relaxing after some dental work and I had the opportunity to watch a very moving film on one of the Jewish networks. It is called "**Left Luggage**". It stars many well-known actors; Chaim Topol, Maximilian Schell, Isabella Rossellini, Jeroen Krabbe and others. It is about a Jewish man in Antwerp, Belgium who buried 2 suitcases in the ground filled with family possessions and memorabilia, while escaping the Nazis. He survives the Holocaust, as did his wife, and the movie is about his struggles with his memories and trying to find the "left luggage" as well as his daughter's story. I must warn you that there is a tragic side to this movie but one of the things I learned from the film was how different people deal with their memories and experiences of the holocaust in different ways and no way is the 'right' way, it is up to each human being to deal with tragedy,

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*kim*, those who've been before. For example, while newcomers to Israel visit *Yad Vashem*, Israel's memorial to the Holocaust, returnees will visit *Ketef Hinom*, an archaeological site on the grounds of the Begin Center, where the oldest Biblical text ever found was discovered! There will be unending somethings for everyone on this trip.

What's more, we will have the dual emotional experiences of *Yom Hazikaron*, when the nation grieves its fallen soldiers and victims of terror, and *Yom Ha-atzmaut*, when sadness turns to joy and gratitude. We will join Israelis in their communities to take in the range of emotions, seeing both the costs and benefits of the War of Independence. Then we'll have Shabbat in Jerusalem, which is an incomparable, Jewish-life-changing day!

Since we participants come from three Conservative synagogues, we'll also see vibrant portraits of *Masorti* Judaism in Israel in communities such as Ashkelon and Kibbutz Hanaton. And on *Yom Ha-atzmaut*, we will pray and sing together at *HaKotel HaMesorati*, the space designated for egalitarian worship in Jerusalem's Old City. It promises to be a powerful service of thanksgiving!

**We at HHBJC will be hosting an information session with the three rabbis and ITC Tours, our trip operators, on Wednesday, June 21 at 8 pm.** We'll be there to encourage

you to join us and to answer your questions. You can see details about itinerary and pricing on flyers at shul and on our website.

You've likely noticed that in my excitement to promote the trip, I haven't said anything about books. Since I usually use this space for reflections on my recent reading, allow me to strongly urge you to read about Israel this summer to gear up for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. As I've said many times, my personal favorite is *Like Dreamers* by Yossi Klein Halevi, which tells the story of the paratroopers' unit that conquered Jerusalem in the Six Day War and then represented the complex diversity of Israeli political thought in the aftermath of the war. It's a crucial look into what Israel struggles with and strives for, and is required reading for anyone interested in Israel, as all Jews should be. Every individual/family that signs up for the trip will get a complimentary copy of *Like Dreamers* as an expression of my gratitude. But I hope that you're enticed by more than a free book. I hope that you'll see how *Yom Ha-atzmaut* 5778/2018 will be extraordinary when celebrated by you, in the flesh, in the land, touching Jerusalem's stones with your own hands.

*Bivrahkah*—in blessing,

Rabbi David Wise

### Temple Family

*Thank you to the Clergy and the Community for your compassion during the recent loss of my beloved wife, Sally Harvey Goldstein*

*Thank you to Gordon Goldman in appreciation for his Chesed for our family in memory of Sharon Goldstein*  
Martin Goldstein & Family

*Our entire family extends a thank you to all our friends and members of the Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center for all their generous donations of food, and many visits during the Shiva period*  
Martin Goldstein & Family

*Thank you to the community for the support you have given us in our time of need*  
Charlotte & David Karsch

### 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



## **Ohr Chadash News**

### **Farewell to Ohr Chadash By Ruth Merrill**

It is almost impossible to believe how quickly the school year passed. I know, we all think that every year, whether we are students, parents, teachers or the Education Director. It was less than ten months ago that staff positions were finalized, books were ordered and the arduous registration process was underway. Now as I look back and remember all that was accomplished this year, I realize that once again, the school year truly flew by.

Our Pre-Pesach Seder was a huge success. The children and their guests had a wonderful time recalling and retelling the story the exodus of the fledgling Jewish nation from Egypt. Each class was assigned a portion of the Hagaddah and presented it. Kitah Gimel had everyone smiling and singing along as they sang "Let My People Go." The children analyzed and explained the Four Sons and everyone, both young and old, joined our youngest classes as they sang the Ma Nishtanah-- the Four Questions. For Karpas, we all dipped our celery into salt water and ate Hillel sandwiches of Matzah, Maror and Charoset. Nut free charoset, with dates instead of nuts, was served to our children with nut allergies. The children of Mechina followed the Seder using their individual personalized Hagaddot. The class made them as their yearlong project. Thank you to Morah Shari for catering the meal, Morah Zehava for leading

the Seder and our dedicated teachers for coming in early or staying late to make sure the event ran smoothly and efficiently.

The children of Kitah Dalet, as part of their yearlong Holocaust studies project under the guidance of Morah Judy, presented a program for the school on Yom haShoah. The children read poems and essays to the school and parents. Claire Heymann, a member of ICCJ and a 92 year old Holocaust survivor spoke to the children about her experiences in Auschwitz and other camps. The children and adults sat and listened in awe as she reminded all those present to never forget. Later that day, many of these children attended the community wide Yom haShoah commemoration. It was very moving to hear these young people read poems written over seventy years ago that are still relevant today. A special thank you to Morot Shari and Judy for being there for the children all day.

Sunday, May 7, was one of the happiest days of the year. The students of Kitah Aleph received their first Siddurim. After singing select prayers and expressing their feelings about this special

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### **HBJC - Sisterhood Gift Shop**



**For all your Judaica needs!**

## ***Sisterhood***

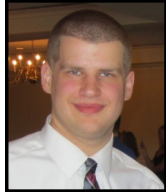
Shalom! Hooray, a late spring has finally arrived. 2016-2017 has been a wonderful year for Sisterhood. We all had a good time at our membership brunch with an exciting talk by our very own Maris Blechner. This was followed by our Torah Fund brunch, where we honored Carol Lieber. Our first annual Chanukah Gift Shop and bazaar was a tremendous success. Vendors have approached us to do it again. The trip to the Nassau County Museum of Art was beautiful and our docent made it more interesting. The Purim Project came off without a hitch. Many Sisterhood members helped make it so successful. Our annual Woman's Seder was fun, inspirational, and educational as always. Sisterhood gathered together to share this unique Seder.

We are looking forward to our end of year event. On June 14<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 pm we will have a challah bake. We will learn step by step how to make a challah. We will also learn the significance of challah. Yum! Please join us.

Thank you to all the women who have helped conceptualize and implement our programs. Have a wonderful summer. We look forward to a strong Sisterhood with exciting programs next year.

Marilyn Teleky  
Co-president of Sisterhood





## Youth Director News

Dan Bacharach

Although it is hard to believe, yet another year of H2I Youth Group has come to a close! We've had a great year with some exciting programs – from our Social Actions Shul-In focused on the environment, to awesome Chapter Shabbatons, and from Paint Night to Nerf Night!

Our incredible year would not have been possible without the efforts of so many individuals. First and foremost, I want to thank our USY Chapter Board members, who planned and executed almost all of our USY programs as well as a number of our programs for Nitzanim, Chalutzim, and Kadima. Yasher Koach to Brianna Manginelli (President), Raya Kazdan (Executive VP), Sam Katzap (Israel Affairs VP), Ilan Kogan (Religion/Education VP), Melissa Rothstein (Social Actions/Tikun Olam VP), David Landau (Membership/Kadima VP), and Melissa Amster (Communications VP). I also owe my sincerest gratitude to our professional staff—Seth Berkowitz and Ricki Zimmerman—for all of their work to make H2I the best it can be!

Last but not least, a huge thank you to Nancy and Lou Ann for all of their help this past year, and to Tony and Richie for always making sure our programs were set up perfectly! In addition, special thanks to

Rabbi Wise and Youth Committee member Jenny Teplitskiy for their support and guidance!

We would like to wish a hearty Mazal Tov to the H2I members elected to Sababa Divisional Board for the 2017-2018 year, on which they will plan programs for teens across New York City: David Glickman, Elie Wise, and Eliana Schulman! By the time you're reading this, there's a good chance one or two of our USYers have also been elected to METNY Regional Board, planning programs for teens across NYC, Westchester, Rockland, and Long Island, so if that's the case, Yasher Koach to them as well!

Finally, Mazal Tov our seniors who are graduating and heading off to bigger and better things—Melissa Amster, Raya Kazdan, Ilan Kogan, Danielle Kraes, Nuriel Leve, Brianna Manginelli, Melissa Rothstein, and Julia Schwartz! We look forward to seeing the rest of you when we start up again on September 10!

Wishing all of you a fun-filled and safe summer,

Daniel Bacharach

## Youth Group Housing Request

Dear Friends,

Our H2I Youth Group, the combined Youth Program of Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center, Hillcrest Jewish Center, and Israel Center of Conservative Judaism, is pleased to announce that we

will be hosting METNY USY's **Regional Fall Kinnus**, for 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders from across the New York metropolitan area, from November 3-5, 2017.

Each of our three synagogues will be hosting some part of the event, with upwards of **300 teens** in attendance. As the host chapter, we need your help to make this a success. Many of you have opened your homes to our USYers in past years, and we are sure that you found it to be a rewarding experience worth repeating.

To ensure the success of the weekend, we are in need of housing in our community—both **walking distance** to Hillcrest Jewish Center (approx. 1 mile) as well as homes within **driving distance**.

The USYers will spend the majority of the weekend at the synagogue, but they need a house to sleep in on Friday and Saturday night. The USYers will be bringing sleeping bags and actual beds are not necessary, just floor space.

In addition, while driving distance families would be asked to pick up and drop off the USYers on Friday night and Saturday morning, all host families would be asked to pick up and drop off these USYers on Saturday night and Sunday morning as we move from one of our synagogues to another.

If you are able to offer assistance with housing, please contact our H2I Youth Director, Daniel Bacharach, at [h2ifallkinnus@gmail.com](mailto:h2ifallkinnus@gmail.com) at your earliest convenience.



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

It was great seeing you all at our recent meeting,  
 To shake hands with a smile as a special greeting,  
 We hope we will see each other again at our next get-together,  
 And compare all our news with great joy & pleasure.

We want to wish a very happy birthday to June Pitkow. May the year ahead be a good & healthy one for her. We also want to wish a Happy Anniversary to Dr. Richard Kops and his wife, Marcia. Many more precious years to both of you. We also want to send greetings to all other family members who are celebrating special days. Please let me know any news that we can share with each other.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming luncheon, which will take place soon.

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 Be Involved  
 Join a committee  
 Membership - Engagement  
 Fund Raising  
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 Green Team  
 Call the Office Now

**JUDITH LESNIK**  
**CHESSED COMMITTEE**

At this writing we are one week away from the May 21st Health Fair.

That said, it's important for you, the HHBJC community, to know who made it all possible. You may have heard this quote from an African proverb:" It takes a village"- My village of people were the wonderful volunteers who may sit near you on Shabbat, Rosh Hashonah, or Minyan.

By name they are, Linda Silverman, Janet Hiller, Flo Gropper, Jo Beth Greenbaum, Ronnie Krell, Ellana Sanders, Rosalinda Lazarus, Linda Liederman, Sandie Baker, Nancy Morse, Lou Ann Boscarino, Vicki Blumenfeld, Joel Blumenfeld, Marty Kevelson, Henry Gerber, Lynn Gonen, Joyce Fogel, Jerry Sandell, Irene Grappel, Steven Silverman, Esther Beckoffl, Mickey Belgrod, Tony, and Richie. I can't thank you enough.

I hope you were able to attend, and walked away with some new and valuable information.

Stay healthy,  
 Laura Brodsky



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

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once in a life time day, the four honorees and their excited guests were treated to a cake made just for them. Thank you to Morah Ruthie A, and the students of Kitah Bet for making the day a great one,

The final week of school was a busy one. On Sunday, May 21 the Closing Ceremony was held at Hillcrest Jewish Center. The Rabbis greeted the children and parents. Representatives from the three synagogues, PA and School Board all spoke. The assembly moved to the Moreida to view the yearlong projects that the classes worked on. Shorashim, under the guidance of Morah Miriam, displayed their Aleph-Bet and Brachot (Blessing) books. Kitah Gimel studied the land of Israel and made a book highlighting different cities and areas of interest in Israel. Thank you to Morah Zehava for helping them prepare their project. Kitah Hey participated in a Midor le Dor—From Generation to Generation history project. Morah Simcah, had the children chose from one of three topics, or all three, to research and write about. They could trace their family history through the life of a family member. Some children chose to explain the importance of a family heirloom or artifact or describe a family food and the celebrations and traditions associated with it. Some members of the class were so enthusiastic about the project, they covered all three topics in their presentations.

We then moved to the lower Moreida for a delicious brunch of

bagels, lox and assorted spreads. The meal was topped off with a “Make your own Sundae on Sunday” for dessert.

On Wednesday, May 24, which this year coincided with Yom Yerushalyim and the 50th Anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem, the children were treated to a special “Wednesday with the Rabbis” program with all of our Rabbis. Blue and White cookies were provided to everyone in honor of the occasion. It was a wonderful and fitting end of year celebration.

As my term as Education Director is coming to its end, I wish to thank the Rabbis, teachers, synagogue officers, school board members and numerous support staff, for their assistance and guidance these past four years. As my 16 year association with the Religious School is ending, I cannot find the proper words to adequately express my gratitude to all of you. My love for the children was reflected in everything I tried to teach and instill into the minds and hearts of the students. The many children I interacted with and taught will always have an important and special place in my memories. Finally and very importantly, I wish to thank the parents for your support and for giving me the opportunity to teach and guide your precious children. I wish all of you a safe and healthy summer and good luck and success to the new Director and Ohr Chadash.

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loss and fear in whatever way they can manage. I do recommend you try to see this film, maybe on one of the Jewish networks or some movie rental option.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all *Chag Sameach* and I look forward to seeing you in shul to celebrate *Shavuot* together. Please join us on the first night, Tuesday night, May 30<sup>th</sup> for *Tikkun Shavuot* when we will all learn together.

See you in shul.

Cantorially always,  
Cantor Sol Zim

**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**

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

Helen Benson, beloved sister  
of Charlotte Karsch

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

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Jo Ann Luquis  
Rita & Scott Zipper

*Thank you to Harvey Goldstein  
for the lovely kiddush to mark  
the conclusion of Sheloshim for  
his beloved wife Sally, and in  
honor of his meeting his great  
grandson, Yanai Zvi, for the  
first time*

Harriet & Bernd Bildstein

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*In memory of Sally Goldstein*  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Sivan 7 Minyan Times 9 AM and 8 PM Late Yizkor 7:45 PM Havdalah 9:05 PM  <b>Shavuot II</b>	<b>2</b> Sivan 8 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 8:03 PM Mincha - 7:00 PM	<b>3</b> Sivan 9 Nasso 9 AM Mincha 7:50 PM Havdalah 9:06 PM
<b>4</b> Sivan 10 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM  <b>Celebrate Israel Parade</b>	<b>5</b> Sivan 11 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>6</b> Sivan 12 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>7</b> Sivan 13 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>8</b> Sivan 14 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM  <b>Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Wise- 12 PM</b>	<b>9</b> Sivan 15 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 8:07 PM Mincha - 7:00 PM	<b>10</b> Sivan 16 Beha'alotcha 9AM Mincha 7:55 PM Havdalah 9:11 PM  <b>Junior Congregation 10:30AM - 12PM</b>
<b>11</b> Sivan 17 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM  <b>Men's Club Hearing Men's Voices Breakfast - 10AM</b> <b>Beastly Blessings - 2 PM</b> <b>Simcha 2017 Dinner Dance - 5 PM</b>	<b>12</b> Sivan 18 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>13</b> Sivan 19 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>14</b> Sivan 20 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM  <b>Nursery School Graduation</b>  <b>Sisterhood End-of-Year Event - 8 PM</b>	<b>15</b> Sivan 21 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM  <b>Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Wise- 12 PM</b>	<b>16</b> Sivan 22 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 8:10 PM Mincha - 7:00 PM	<b>17</b> Sivan 23 Sh'lach 9 AM Mincha 7:55 PM Havdalah 9:13 PM  <b>Simcha Shabbat - 9 AM</b>
<b>18</b> Sivan 24 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>19</b> Sivan 25 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>20</b> Sivan 26 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>21</b> Sivan 27 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM  <b>Info Session for 3 Synagogue Israel Trip - 8 PM</b>	<b>22</b> Sivan 28 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM  <b>Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Wise- 12 PM</b>	<b>23</b> Sivan 29 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 8:12 PM Mincha - 7:00 PM	<b>24</b> Sivan 30 Korach 9 AM Mincha 8:00 PM Havdalah 9:15 PM <b>Rosh Chodesh Tamuz</b>
<b>25</b> Tamuz 1 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM <b>Rosh Chodesh Tamuz</b>	<b>26</b> Tamuz 2 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>27</b> Tamuz 3 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>28</b> Tamuz 4 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>29</b> Tamuz 5 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	<b>30</b> Tamuz 6 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 8:12 PM Mincha - 7:00 PM	



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

**"The Man Who Mistook His Wife  
For a Hat" vs "The Continent  
That Mistook the Entire Jewish  
People for the Devil"**

In 1985, Dr. Oliver Sacks, renowned neurologist, wrote his charming book, *"The Man Who Mistook His Wife For A Hat"*, a brilliant collection of challenging case histories, highlighted by the uproarious story of a husband who suffered from the not-so-funny cognitive dysfunction, *"visual agnosia"* a very discomfiting medical malfunction *"not due to a loss of visual acuity, memory, language or low intellect"*. Due to this neurological affliction he mistook his accurately perceived image of his marital partner for a hat!

Fifty odd years earlier, physicians, politicians, political pundits, historians, academics, jurists, social scientists, ethicists and other members of the world's elite class of *"Intelligencia"* were hard put to precisely identify the specific malady that had begun to plague the entire continent of old-world Europe, from Berlin to Brussels, Munich to Milan, Nuremberg to Nice, Wurzburg to Warsaw, Arnhem to Amsterdam: namely, the vicious, ruthless, mindless malady of anti-Semitism.

In certain overly simplified ways, that nasty European malady resembles Dr. Sacks' later case history of *visual agnosia*. How? *Neither were the result of "loss of visual acuity, language, memory or low intellect"*. The facts are incontrovertible. The super-sophisticated, highly educated Germans and their Austrian, Lithuanian, French, Polish, Norwegian, Ukrainian, Dutch and

other assorted European partners committed mass murder, vile torture, theft, pillage and rape on a scale & intensity never seen before or since. Their illegal, monumental immoral behavior defies classification.

*"Visual agnosia"* is relatively easy to classify. Just ask Dr. Sacks. Why do you suppose so many of the few Jewish survivors of the Shoah were unable-and some are still unable-to even talk, speak or put into words what happened in the death camps, gas chambers and barbarous death puts of Eastern Europe? Why? Because there are no word capable of describing the indescribable. Our human vocabulary has no adequate lexicon for actualized hell on earth. Photographs may multiply visual data-on a thousand to one basis!-but what camera yet invented can record the anguish of the soul? What memoir can fully encapsulate that which words cannot fully explain?

In 1933 the *National Socialist Party* ("Nazis, for short!) were voted into power in central Europe and soon thereafter its doctrines of *racial superiority/inferiority & the insidious notion of "German Master Race" destined to rule the world & cleanse it from all forms of ethnic filth and disgrace* (i.e. Jews, Gypsies, homosexuals) came into vogue.

As a professor at a respected, local Catholic University (St. John's), I can accurately cite 2000 years of Christian theological propaganda, scandalously identifying Jews as deicides, parasites, deniers of authentic spiritual truth, engaging in monetary fraud, ethical misconduct, a people worthy

of isolation, humiliation and disgrace for rejecting the teachings and practices of the glorious human/divine Christian Savior. Clearly, that 2000 year old Christian message was a powerful, potentially contributing variable to WWII and even to the slaughter of 6,000,000 Jews and millions of other innocents. But does that explain it?

The medical abnormality, *"apperceptive or associative visual agnosia"*, however, is caused by very specific malfunctions in the posterior occipital lobes of the brain. Trained medical researchers have given us definitive proof of this clear, unambiguous clarification. However, how do we explain anti-Semitism? What parts of the brain are responsible for the despicable, multi-tentacled moral madness i.e. Judeophobia, that gripped and, in not so subtle ways, still infects the entire continent of Europe...and beyond into the Middle East, Africa, South America and parts of Asia?

On an immediate level, how can we explain the ongoing current wave of this same deadly malady, i.e. Jew-hatred, masked nowadays as BDS, i.e. *Boycott, Delegitimization, and Sanctions* of the national Jewish state of the Jewish people, Israel, by so many government officials, college professors, students, movie stars, rock singers, etc who run to the press and TV cameras to make their fallacious claims?

How would any rational observer (from another objective planet, let's say Mars) define the vesuvial volumes of lave-density defamation flowing daily from the Security Council of the world's so-called



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*civilized nations*, headquartered in the pious, hypocritical halls of the U.N. for these past 69 years?

As the warmer days roll in, may I recommend for your summer reading Raul Hillberg's *"The Destruction of the European Jews"*, Daniel Goldhagen's *"Hitler's Willing Executioners"*, Antony Beevor's *"The Second World War"*. There are thousands of other similarly fine texts on this subject available also. Choose one. You may even decide to re-read Erich Fromm's classic, *The Art of Loving*. Why? Because Fromm, the master psychologist from Frankfurt, wrote this small masterpiece based on his experience of the Holocaust. Why did he pick love as his theme? Because, apparently, that was one of the keys to understanding the dynamics of the Shoah, the missing ingredient that enabled hate to flourish.

Our rabbinic sages understood this truth. That is why they selected *The Shmah as our most fundamental Jewish Prayer*. Because it's first opening statement affirms *"V'ahavta...Thou Shalt Love!"*

Friends, I began this article with the odd invitation to view the vast question of European anti-Semitism through the tiny prism of *"visual agnosia"*. Why? To tickle your intellectual curiosity. I hoped to intrigue you into taking on the far more substantial challenge of seriously investigating this subject, one of the most demanding, bewildering issues confronting mankind. Why do people hate? Why does injustice, misery and pain enter our lives in so

many ways and for so many days, decades, centuries of senseless suffering?

Why did our Bible begin the Torah by splattering its open pages with blood? Why did the first human family have its serenity shattered by the first human child ever born on earth choose to murder his brother? Are violence and blood-lust actually built into our human DNA, making us all potential infectious disease-carriers of mutual hate? Tough questions, eh? It's easier to begin with the problem of "visual agnosia" and European anti-Semitism, eh?

In any event, stay healthy, relax when possible and explore new possibilities for personal growth.

Take pride in the fact that on May 4, 2017, Pres. Donald Trump issued an executive order promoting free speech and religious liberty! No longer would rabbi's, ministers and priests-or imams for that matter-have to worry about the IRS or any other agency of government pursuing them for bringing truth to power, for expressing what to some government officials might seem politically incorrect. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. suffered such U.S. government harassment 50 years ago, never again. The Johnson ruling restricting rabbis and all other spiritual leaders from challenging government policies was now a thing of the past.

By the way, some members of our congregation may recall when in 1989 Chana and I and a small group of friends from HHJC went to the Soviet Union...to smuggle into Russia contraband

Jewish prayer books, Chumashim, Shofar, etc. to help our Jewish brothers and sisters to practice their faith in an evil empire where religious liberty did not exist. Weeks after our mission the Berlin Wall fell. Such missions, Baruch Ha-Shem, are not required in America!

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