



Hollis Hills Jewish Center

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GALE CONCERT CELEBRATION

The Hollis Hills Jewish Center
Proudly Presents

Cantor Sol Zim

with 20 of His Esteemed Colleagues & Friends from THE CANTORS ASSEMBLY

Sunday, March 15, 2015 at 3:00 PM

JOIN HIM IN COMMEMORATING HIS 50th JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY YEAR AS CANTOR OF HHJC

Featuring:
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THE CANTILENA CHAMBER CHOIR

Conductor:
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Orchestra Conducted by:
ROLF BARNES

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For Tickets and Information call:
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A Portion of the Proceeds Will Support
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The Hollis Hills Jewish Center • 210-10 Union Tpke., Flushing, NY



Shabbat Schedule



Friday, March 6, 2015

Candle Lighting 5:34 PM
Mincha 5:35 PM

Saturday, March 7, 2015

Ki Tisa 9:00 AM
Mincha 5:20 PM
Havdalah 6:38 PM

Friday, March 13, 2015

Candle Lighting 6:41 PM
Mincha 6:40 PM

Saturday, March 14, 2015

Vayakhel-Pekudei 9:00 AM
Shabbat Parah
Mincha 6:25 PM
Havdalah 7:45 PM

Friday, March 20, 2015

Candle Lighting 6:49 PM
Mincha 6:50 PM

Saturday, March 21, 2015

Vayikra 9:00 AM
Mincha 6:35 PM
Havdalah 7:53 PM

Friday, March 27, 2015

Candle Lighting 6:56 PM
Mincha 6:55 PM

Saturday, March 28, 2015

Tzav 9:00 AM
Shabbat HaGadol
Mincha 6:40 PM
Havdalah 8:00 PM

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

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.

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A WEEK EVEN IF YOU DO
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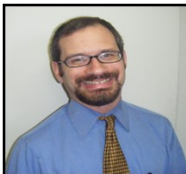
Do you receive emails from HHJC including Rabbi Wise's weekly Shabbat notes? Contact the office to subscribe or subscribe on the homepage at www.hollishillsjc.org

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

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.

**From the Desk of
Rabbi David Wise
My Son the Parody Singer**



I'm not very good at it, but it's a once-a-year dream that Purim

enables me to actualize. My inspiration in this hobby is the late Allan Sherman, whose biography, *Overweight Sensation*, is the subject of this month's installment of The Rabbi's Nightstand.

My parents force-fed me *My Son the Folk Singer* at an early age, and I was under the assumption that these songs were Jewish. "My Zelda/She took de money and ran with the tailor/(members of Hadasah)." Little did I know that the island that birthed this song wasn't City Island. Didn't all brave knights have names like Sir Greenbaum? Hymns of garment workers and seltzer delivery boys were universal, no? Nu? You can imagine the shock—the feelings of dismay—when I learned that "God Bless You Jerry Mandelbaum" was set to Christmas music. Or that Harry Lewis' brave sacrifice in service of the drapes of Roth wasn't the original subject of *Battle Hymn of the Republic*.

And so my love of parody music was born. What I didn't appreciate until much later was Sherman's brilliant appropriation of American cultural motifs and injecting them with Jewish

content. In *Overweight Sensation*, author Mark Cohen gets behind the music (VH1, are you reading this?) and credits Sherman with bringing the American Jewish experience to the mainstream. Cohen posits that Sherman's turbulent childhood was caused by a mother who sought to forget her Jewishness, and anchored by grandparents who wore theirs proudly. So Sherman chose to honor his roots, not bury them.

"Sherman's parodies were a cultural breakthrough as well as comic masterpieces. He jostled American culture off its high horse and made it mingle with those who had recently arrived in steerage, giving a voice to Americans that had been too embarrassed to call attention to themselves. They spoke off-kilter English, worked low-class jobs, had large, unruly families and were crazy for bargain merchandise. This, too, was part of Sherman's appeal to the many non-Jewish buyers who made the album a national sensation. Their parents also spoke nonstandard English and struggled to make a buck. Sherman's acceptance by a broad array of Americans was unexpected, but it is a hallmark of the Jewish experience in America to be the exemplar of national trends." (pp. 140-141)

The heroine of the Purim story, Esther, is probably named for the ancient Near East goddess Ishtar. But when you Hebraize her name to Esther, her name implies hiddenness. At first, Esther allows her Jewishness



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to fly under the radar. But when Uncle Mordechai challenges her to save her doomed people, she steps forward. "If your Majesty will do me the favor, and if it pleases your Majesty, let my life be granted me as my wish, and my people as my request. For we have been sold, my people and I, to be destroyed, massacred, and exterminated..." (Esther 7:3-4a).

What are the landmark holidays when we identify publicly as Jews and bring our uniqueness into the full view of America? When we take days off for the High Holy Days, or when we put candles in our windows for Hanukkah, or when we show up at work with matzah. Purim begs us to make like Esther, or Allan Sherman, and sing (and dress in costume) just as proudly. If Jews are disproportionately represented in the American comedy scene, maybe that's the Purim spirit on display. Be an exemplar of a national trend! I, for one, will be inspired to write a parody song in celebration.

Wishing you *Simhat Purim*—
happy Purim!
Rabbi David Wise



Cantor Sol Zim



January 2015 marked the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz/Birkenau. It seems so far back, yet, in reality it is very recent. Around 300 survivors of the Nazi concentration/death camp returned to the horrific site in Poland to mark this special anniversary of their liberation. Many of them came wearing some form of the notorious stripes of their death camp uniforms. They made them into scarves or sashes with some putting their prisoner numbers on the cloth. Several world leaders attended the ceremonies as did prominent activists, such as the director Steven Spielberg. Many representatives from the World Jewish Congress attended, headed by Ronald S. Lauder.

I watched the ceremonies on JLTv (Jewish Life TV) and was so incredibly touched by the extraordinary strength & courage of the survivors to not only be there but to speak about their experiences and their very serious concerns about the current anti-Semitism and terrorist activities going on throughout the world. They are adamant when they say **NEVER AGAIN** and **NEVER FORGET**. After all, they are worried that when they are no longer here and able to

Our Cantor's Voice

Never Again

testify and bear witness, the world will forget. NEVER FORGET is their request to all of us. We must continue teaching our children and our grandchildren, we must continue the dialogue with our neighbors, community members and friends and we must make sure that schools always include Holocaust studies in their curriculum. This is how we can honor those who perished in the *Shoah* as well as those who survived and this is how we can ensure it does not happen again!

We must also do whatever we can to make sure that Jewish Culture, Jewish Life, Jewish Tradition, Jewish communities, Synagogues, Organizations & Schools flourish and remain strong and vibrant for generations to come. **AM YISRAEL CHAI - NEVER FORGET - NEVER AGAIN!**

I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone...**OUR GALA CONCERT WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015 at 3:00 PM. CONTACT THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE to RESERVE YOUR TICKETS NOW !!**

CANTOR SOL ZIM AND FRIENDS IN CONCERT Join me and my esteemed colleagues and friends of the Cantors Assembly on a MUSICAL JOURNEY.

A RECEPTION TO FOLLOW... RESERVE YOUR TICKETS NOW.

See you in Shul.

Cantorially always,
Cantor Sol Zim



Ohr Chadash News

By Morah Shari Zuber

As the winter drifts have been blowing, so too has Ohr Chadash been a-flurry with activity these past few weeks. Just before the Winter Break, Hollis Hills Jewish Center hosted the first Ohr Chadash Shabbat of the school year on Saturday, December 20, 2014, with Rabbi Wise leading a very special *Ask The Rabbi* for the students and parents. Young leaders of the synagogue conducted an informative Junior Congregation, after which the youngsters moved to the Main Sanctuary for the conclusion of the services. The congregation provided a lovely sit down kiddush for the Ohr Chadash families, which beautifully complemented a quite enjoyable morning.

In mid-January we regretfully bid farewell to Israel Center of Conservative Judaism, which had so warmly welcomed our school for the fall semester. Thank you to ICCJ and its tenant, the Birch School, for accommodating us so graciously. We would be remiss if we did not express our appreciation to Mark Barsz, Meryl Gorocho, Howard Laufer and Gil Yellinek, the parents who enabled our relocation to our new semester venue on that ice-laden January 18th morning. This difficult transition would not have been possible without their assistance.

Hillcrest Jewish Center became our next academic home for the

spring and we readily settled in. Rabbi Kogan officially greeted us at the opening assembly on Sunday, January 25th, which was conducted by education director Ruth Merrill. Synagogue president Dr. Richard Meyer also expressed the shul's delight at having Ohr Chadash back at HJC. Ohr Chadash Board Chair Phyllis Laine expressed confidence that the upcoming months will hold great promise for our students.

On Sunday, February 1st, Gan Katan, Shorashim, and Mechina, the younger classes, held celebrations in honor of Tu B'Shevat, the Jewish New Year for Trees. Morah Emily and Morah Sara combined their efforts and taught their students about the environmental importance of trees and the holiday. Under teacher supervision, the young chefs combined the various produce they had brought in to make a delicious fruit salad.

In Mechina, the students participated in a Tu B'Shevat Seder, learning about the groupings of different fruits by edibility and mixing grape juices of varying colors, representative

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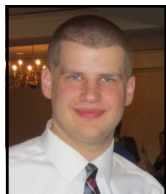
Sisterhood

The ice and gloom of winter are almost gone and the warmth and cheer of spring are just around the corner. Sisterhood began the month of March by creating beautiful Purim baskets filled with goodies. We helped spread the spirit of Purim and the coming of spring by distributing those baskets after the Megillah reading on Purim night. We hope everyone had a joyous holiday. We give special thanks to Maris Blechner for running the Purim Project beautifully and efficiently, as usual.

Sisterhood will be celebrating Passover through a women's perspective at our annual Women's Seder on Sunday, March 29th. The women of Sisterhood have created a Hagadah of our own to make the experience especially meaningful to us. 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 entertaining. We hope you will come and celebrate with us. Please watch for more information related to the Seder.

We will be off to the outlets on April 26th to shop and socialize. Everyone comes home happy and with wallets a little thinner! Aside from the shopping, we get to know one another better and really have fun. See you then.

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

Dan Bacharach

February was a great month at H2I! We started off our month with METNY Palooza at ICCJ, an event that brought together almost 200 high schoolers from all over the metropolitan NY area for a Battle of the Grades and a scavenger hunt through Grand Central Station. Immediately preceding that event was METNY's annual Freshman Shabbaton, at which 70 ninth graders celebrated Shabbat together.

Our month continued on Friday, February 6 with our second of three H2I Shabbat programs. After Shabbat Mincha, Seudah Shlishit, and Ma'ariv and Havdalah in November at Hollis Hills, it was ICCJ's turn to host—this session included Kabbalat Shabbat services and Friday night dinner. A great time was had by all who attended! Later that weekend, our groups took part in our second annual Tu B'Shvat Ice Cream Seder, in which we celebrated the holiday with a fun twist on the traditional Tu B'Shvat seder.

After Mid-Winter break, our month concluded on February 27-28 as Hillcrest hosted our annual Chapter USY Shabbaton. Like our Chapter Kadima Shabbaton, this program was made possible through a micro-grant from The Jewish Education Project, an agency committed to sparking and spreading

innovations that expand the reach and increase the impact of Jewish education. We are very grateful to The Jewish Education Project for providing this grant for the second year in a row to enable this excellent programming.

In March, our Sunday programming moves to Hillcrest for the remainder of our year. Details on the calendar should now be available online at www.h2iyouthgroup.org, but the highlight of the month is our Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 8 from 12-3 PM at Hillcrest. We hope to see everyone there for an afternoon of fun, food, and prizes! Later in the month, Hillcrest will be hosting the first ever Sababa Spring Kinnus, in which teens from all over NYC and the greater metropolitan area will come together for an amazing Shabbat experience.

As always, please feel free to be in touch if you have any questions about our programming!

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of the four seasons. They then listened to English songs which delineated all the service trees provide for both humanity and nature and to special Hebrew tunes that celebrated the holiday.

Aleph through Gesher classes held their own Tu B'Shevat Seder on Wednesday, February 4th, which coincided with the actual date of the holiday. In addition to the tasting of fruits and juices, the morot and the students got to experience the flavor of bokser, or carob, in its natural form and as a rice cake coating which turned the mundane into the delectable.

Purim looms on the horizon and we look forward to the Megillat Esther reading, the carnival being held at Hillcrest this year, and all those hamantaschen. Don't forget to check the Ohr Chadash website for glimpses of past programs and for information on upcoming events.

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

We hope you have all kept warm and safe during this very cold period, and took the blowing snow and winds in stride. The best advice is "watch your steps".

We want to wish Jenna and Erin Pitkow belated Happy Birthdays, and a great time in Florida when they visit their family there. Also, a good recovery to June Pitkow's nephew, Steve. We hear that Ronnie Gersten's husband, Rod, will undergo surgery, and hope that he, too, will be up and about soon after the procedure.

We are glad to hear that Ben Schimer is doing well after his recent mishap!

For all of us who are celebrating birthdays, all the best for the next year. This time I have to include myself to the "occasion".

As requested before, please send me any information regarding our congregation that I can use in future Newsletters. Use the forms I sent you recently if you are able to do so.

Thanks.



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190-05 Union Turnpike

Fairway Supermarket:

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March at HHJC

March 1
 Sisterhood Purim
 Basket Assembly

March 1
 Queens Adult Ed Academy -
 Purim - ICCJ

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
 Adult Ed -
 Beginnings of Judaism

March 4
 Megillah Reading -
 Purim Basket Delivery

March 7
 Observant Life Lunch & Learn

March 8
 Wine Tasting

March 8
 Purim Carnival at HJC

March 11, 18, 25
 Hatha Yoga

March 11, 18, 25
 Hebrew Reading Class

March 12
 HHCSA Meet the Farmer

March 15
 Cantor's Concert

March 21
 Simcha Shabbat

March 22
 Queens Adult Ed Academy -
 Pesach - HJC

March 29
 Book Club

March 29
 Sisterhood Women's Seder



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We are very excited about our May 3rd outing to the Nassau County Museum of Art, which is located in Roslyn Harbor, Long Island on the former Frick Estate. It is situated on a spectacular property in the heart of Long Island's fabled Gold Coast. Aside from the displayed art work and beautiful architecture, there are walking trails and gardens. We will pray for good weather so that we can enjoy the whole package. Robyn Rosenberg is the chairperson for this event. She has been in touch with our docent who promises a fabulous visit. Stay tuned for further details.

We are happy to announce two upcoming fundraisers which will help you beautify your homes and your holiday tables. Please watch for information regarding Honey for the New Year and Flower Power, which will enhance your gardens and homes.

Our ongoing events continue. Our Sisterhood gift shop has been doing well so that older merchandise has been sold and new items are filling the spaces. Please check out our new goods before Passover. Our weekly yoga classes which are held in the ballroom on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM are continuing. It is taught by our own Gaby Weilmann, who is a certified yoga instructor and physical therapist. Please come and join us for some fun and healthy movement.

For those who want to become more involved or those who want to remain involved, please feel free to come to our planning meetings. We will be meeting in Menchel Hall on April 26th and June 3rd at 10 AM.

Our end of the season event will take place on June 10th. Hold the date for a great surprise.

Have a great month and a warm and sunny spring!

Beth Diker
Sisterhood Co-President

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H2I YOUTH GROUP

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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 or check out our website <http://www.h2iyouthgroup.org/>



Have you visited our website lately? The web address is 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.

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ON HIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY
WITH OUR SYNAGOGUE
SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015**

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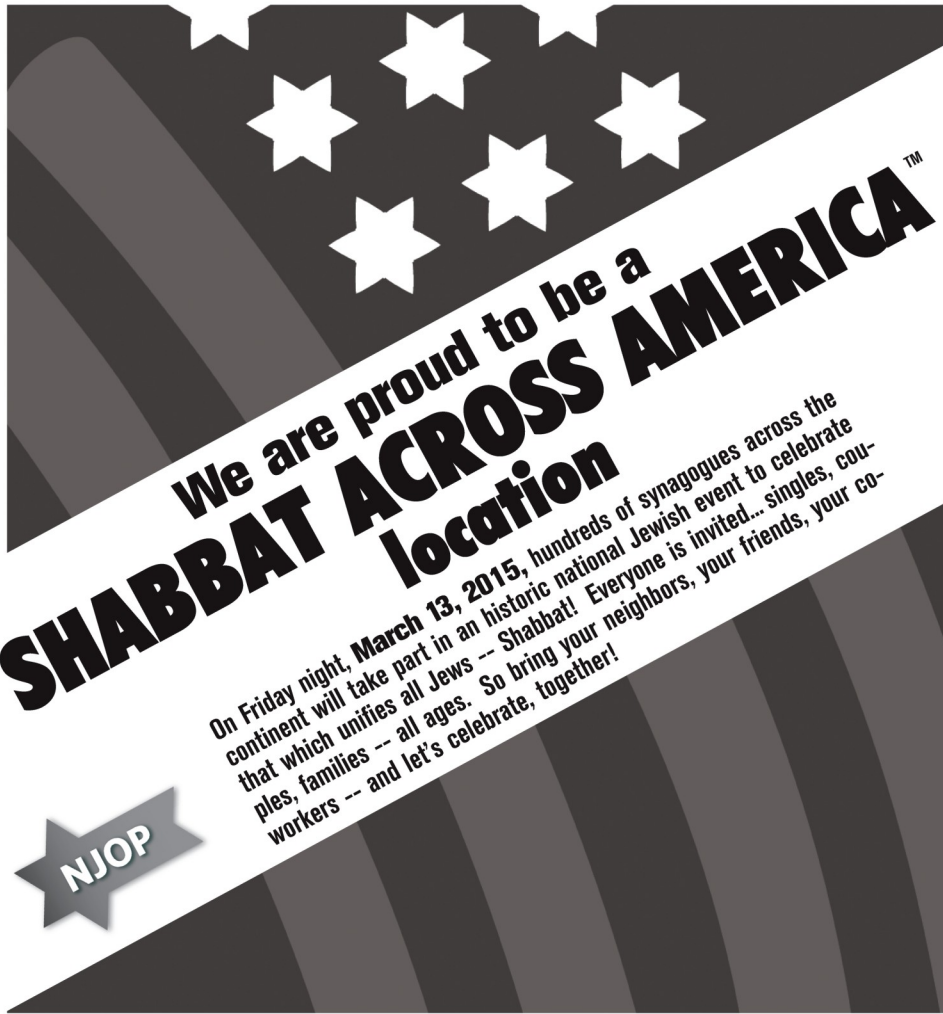
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Rabbi Dr. H. Joseph Simckes
Life After Retirement
"Sharansky and Us"

This month, February 2015, we commemorate the 29th anniversary of the day when Anatoly Sharansky, the heroic Jewish Russian "refusenik" and human rights activist, was finally released from near lethal imprisonment in the Soviet Siberian Gulag on February 11th, 1986.

Thanks to the intensive international campaign to rescue him launched by his beloved wife, Avital, and the compassionate support of U.S. President Ronald Reagan, Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev caved in to their pleas. Under the fig-leaf of an arranged American-Soviet "prisoner-exchange", Sharansky was freed and led across the infamous Glienicke Bridge separating East and West Berlin to freedom...and soon thereafter to a bold new life in the land of his dreams, the Holy Land, the State of Israel!

Many Americans (including a substantial number of our own congregation in Hollis Hills as well as New York Congressman, Benjamin Gilman and hundreds of similarly aroused fellow-citizens) fought long and hard for the right of Soviet Jews to practice their religion openly and freely in their native country or to be allowed to leave for the United States, Canada or Israel where they could live according to their conscience and spiritual heritage.

I am proud to affirm that the youth of the Hollis Hills Jewish Center were also passionately involved in this human rights issue. Michelle Goldstein, Kenny Wexler and Daniel Simckes, for example- among others- were willing to face being thrown into a New York City jail for their zealous idealism in support of Russian Jewry and the morally justified public exposure of Soviet perfidy. I remember well pounding the streets of Manhattan at 3:00 AM with Harvey Goldstein in search of our imprisoned college-age children only to discover that the NYPD had somehow "forgotten" in which precinct they were being held. Apparently, our city government was covertly beholden to the Soviet government via pressure from U.N. officials in Manhattan!

Michelle, Kenny and Dani went forward to freedom (like Sharansky!), their cases were officially "forgiven", and they moved on into lives of achievement and fulfillment in Israel, baruch ha-Shem. They rejoiced as the gates of religious liberty were opened at last...and hundreds of thousands of our co-religionists streamed out of the Soviet Union to new opportunities in America and Israel, bringing with them fresh skills and energies, hopes and dreams.

Sharansky brought with him skills galore. He entered politics, wrote books, changed the lives of thousands. In 1986 the

U.S. Congress awarded him the Congressional Gold Medal. Seven years later, Pres. George W. Bush presented him with the Presidential medal of Freedom. In 2009 – only seven years ago - the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation awarded Sharansky with the Reagan freedom Award!

Amazing, yes? What is it about this irrepressible, Jewish-identity enthralled Jew from Donetsk, Russia, born four months before the birth of the State of Israel, that has captured such a deep admiration and adulation throughout the world? Read his books, "*Fear No Evil*" (his autobiographical memoir of his imprisonment in the Soviet Union); "*The Case For Democracy: The Power of Freedom to Overcome Tyranny and Terror*"; and "*Defending Identity: Its Indispensable Role in Protecting Democracy*". They will give you a clue.

Our congregation has every right to take pride in our shared efforts to make this month's joyous commemoration celebrating religious freedom a reality.

I have met Natan Sharansky on several occasions in Israel. He is a gregarious, humble yet bubbly guy, bursting with ideas, proud of his heritage, and like a stocky, olive tree, blossoming with energy, inner strength, endurance and mesmerizing creativity, he is a remarkable symbol of what the human heart, driven by hope, can achieve.

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1. The unity of the Jewish people, its bond to its historic homeland Eretz Yisrael, and the centrality of the State of Israel and Jerusalem, its capital, in the life of the nation.
2. Aliyah to Israel from all countries and the effective integration of all immigrants into Israeli Society.
3. Strengthening Israel as a Jewish, Zionist and democratic state

and shaping it as an exemplary society with a unique moral and spiritual character, marked by mutual respect for the multi-faceted Jewish people, rooted in the vision of the prophets, striving for peace and contributing to the betterment of the world.

4. Ensuring the future and the distinctiveness of the Jewish people by furthering Jewish, Hebrew and Zionist education, fostering spiritual and cultural values and teaching Hebrew as the national language.
5. Nurturing mutual Jewish responsibility, defending the rights of Jews as individuals and as a nation, representing the national Zionist interests of the Jewish people, and struggling against all manifestations of anti-Semitism.
6. Settling the country as an expression of practical Zionism.



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Lori Spiel	3/6
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Judith Rubin	3/15
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Sherry Gabay	3/25
Ilene Goldman	3/25
Steven Kahan	3/25
Sheryl Rubin	3/25
Marlene Perl	3/28
Martin Brodsky	3/29

March Anniversaries

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Marina & Alfred Weisz	3/11
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Rabbi Dr. Hirsch Joseph Simckes

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