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Kabbalat Shabbat Services at 5:35 PM

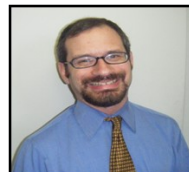
A Special Shabbat Dinner at 6:45 PM

Bring a friend of any age - Bring your own Kosher bottle

\$30 per person over age 13 - Age 13 and under free

RSVP to the HHBJC office

From the Desk of Rabbi David Wise What Price Unity



Not long ago, I participated in a rabbis' roundtable conversation

about religious pluralism and Israel-Diaspora relations, hosted by the American Jewish Committee. The presenter, Dr. Steven Bayme, is the director of AJC's Contemporary Jewish Life department, and one of the most astute observers of trends all over the world. Dr. Bayme provided a somewhat bleak picture of the unfortunate disconnect between Israeli and Diaspora Jewry. During the question period, a colleague asked him what it would take for the two Jewish communal epicenters—Israel and the US—to truly stand united. Dr. Bayme's answer was chilling: "I don't want to think about it." In other words, only a catastrophic event could bring us into unhesitant unity. He noted that even in 1991, during the first Gulf War, after SCUDS fell on Tel Aviv, the honeymoon between Israel and Diaspora Jewry lasted a mere 72 hours before differences began to surface.

I was reminded of this conversation when reading *The Glorious Cause*, Robert Mid-

March at HHJC

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Adult Ed - Between Cross and Crescent & Project Zug

March 2, 16, 23
Lunch & Learn
with Rabbi Wise

March 2
Sisterhood Planning Meeting

March 3
Shabbat Across America

March 4
Purim Lunch & Learn

March 5
Sisterhood Purim
Basket Assembly

March 6, 20
Bereavement Group

March 11
Megillah Reading & Purim
Basket Distribution

March 13
CSA Meet the Farmer Night

March 18
Simcha Shabbat

March 26
Hearing Men's
Voices Breakfast

March 26
Sisterhood Women's Seder

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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monthly calendar of events
and service times**



Shabbat Schedule



Friday, March 3, 2017

Candle Lighting 5:31 PM
Mincha 5:35 PM

Saturday, March 4, 2017

Terumah 9:00 AM
Mincha 5:15 PM
Havdalah 6:35 PM

Friday, March 10, 2017

Candle Lighting 5:39 PM
Mincha 5:40 PM

Saturday, March 11, 2017

Erev Purim
Tetzaveh 9:00 AM
Shabbat Zachor
Mincha 5:25 PM
Havdalah 6:43 PM
Megillah Reading 6:45 PM

Friday, March 17, 2017

Candle Lighting 6:46 PM
Mincha 6:50 PM

Saturday, March 18, 2017

Ki Tisa 9:00 AM
Shabbat Parah
Mincha 6:30 PM
Havdalah 7:50 PM

Friday, March 24, 2017

Candle Lighting 6:54 PM
Mincha 6:55 PM

Saturday, March 25, 2017

Vayakhel-Pekudei 9:00 AM
Shabbat HaChodesh
Mincha 6:40 PM
Havdalah 7:58 PM

Friday, March 31, 2017

Candle Lighting 7:01 PM
Mincha 7:00 PM

Junior Congregation

March 18
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. ★
★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

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

Great Happenings at HHBJC

What a fun and fabulous February we all shared at HHBJC. True, we had a mini snow storm on February 2nd but we pushed away the snow and enjoyed a spectacular weekend filled with much community fun, delicious food, tradition, customs & football.

The weekend started out with a beautiful Shabbat morning, all sharing our *TU B'SHVAT SEDER LUNCH & LEARN*. The turnout was double of what we had anticipated. It was fantabulous! Everyone had so much fun, sharing the delicious delicacies on our Tu B'shvat Seder tables, all bought & scouted by Henry Gerber & organized on platters by Dana Johnston. We enjoyed many different fruits and nuts, etc. and enjoyed a delicious lunch together. It was such a wonderful Shabbat experience as we indulged in the Traditions of Tu B'shvat and the warmth of friendship and community. Thank you to Tony for set up and helping.

The next morning, Sunday, we had the *WORLD WIDE WRAP*, hosted by our HHBJC Men's Club and the Men's Club from ICCJ. The Hebrew School's older grades were invited to attend. A Sunday Breakfast followed with all you could

eat...Bagels, lox, etc. It was wonderful to see everyone "wrapping" *T'fillin* & *davening* together. Thank you to our men's club and to *Bob Fogel* for arranging & preparing such an extravagant delicious breakfast.

That evening, was *MEN'S CLUB SUPERBOWL BBQ*. Wow! The food was great with hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken wings, salads, chips, dessert, etc. I personally do not usually get excited about a game but oh boy...what an exciting Super Bowl that was! Again, thank you to our men's club and to *Bob Fogel* for arranging & putting everything together so we could enjoy the game as a community, together.

During the recent Sisterhood Shabbat, I saw some wonderful talented women reading the Torah & leading portions of the service...I am giving a call out to those who would like to learn or brush up on "*Leading a Shabbat Service*". Take it from me, it is very gratifying to stand on the Bima, look out at the beautiful faces of our beloved congregants and know that you are leading them in prayer. All you need to know is to read the Hebrew & I'll teach you the rest. I would love to share this joy with you. Give me a call or let the office know if you would like to take part in our "Davening" class. I promise, it won't just be a learning experience... it will be loads of fun too – like our Yiddish class. After the davening is over, we will have a little nosh together.

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*(Rabbi Wise Continued from page 1)*

dlekauff's massive history of the period of the American Revolution from 1763-1789 for the Oxford History of the US series. In this month's edition of *The Rabbi's Nightstand*, I want to reflect on one small passage from this 687-page book that ought to chasten us as we consider the current divided state and States of America. Between the heady times that produced the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and the Constitutional Convention in 1789, young America was consumed mostly with war, with survival. Individual states had worked on their own constitutions during this period, but even those who were involved in writing those documents sensed that it would be harder to concretize emerging American values once the war ended.

These are the words of Thomas Jefferson in 1781: "It can never be too often repeated, that the time for fixing every essential right on a legal basis is while our rulers are honest, and ourselves united. From the conclusion of this war we shall be going downhill. They will be forgotten, but in the sole faculty of making money, and will never think of uniting to effect a due respect for their rights. The shackles, therefore, which shall not be knocked off at the conclusion of this war, will remain on us long, will be made heavier and heavier, till our rights shall revive or expire in a convulsion." The passions of the revolution created fertile ground on which to, in Mid-

dlekauff's words, "affect the arrangements of ordinary life—the way land was held, the punishment of crimes, the legal status of blacks, the education of the young, the maintenance of religion, and the freedom of expression" (p. 636). Of course, not all of this was achieved in that period, not even after the country went to war with itself in the next century. And some of these rights may even be under assault today.

Are crisis and catastrophe the only catalysts for unity? If so, who wants unity anyway! I'd prefer to find ways to create pathways for dialogue and understanding in the absence of unity than to have to suffer the horrors that might bring unity about. Sebastian Junger writes in *Tribe* that combat veterans suffer post-traumatic stress disorder when they return from war because they never find the camaraderie that comes with the shared foxhole, as it were. There must be some way to build healthy discourse that doesn't require absolute agreement without having to share in a crisis first. For the sake of American society, and for the sake of Israeli-Diaspora relations, I hope we choose conversation over crisis before catastrophe forces us together.

Wishing you a month of blessing,

Rabbi David Wise

(Cantor Zim Continued from page 3)

SAVE THE DATE...Maris Blechner and her wonderful committee are preparing a magnificent **SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA** at HHBJC which will take place **Friday Night, MARCH 3rd** and will start with the **KABALLAT SHABBAT SERVICE at 5:35 PM** with music & song, and a beautiful **SHABBAT DINNER to be served at 6:45 PM**. Come and join us. Rabbi Wise and I can't wait to see you there! Thank you *Maris Blechner & her Committee* for putting together this special event. Call the Synagogue office (718-776-3500 x 0) and reserve your seats. **You do not want to miss this! Come & join us.**

By the way, regards from "THE HOLLIS HILLERS SOUTH" who moved to Florida. June just recently enjoyed dinner with the Hollis Hills Florida Crew and had so much fun and laughs. Once a "Hollis Hiller", always a "Hollis Hiller".

See you in Shul.

Cantorially always,
Cantor Sol Zim

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Ohr Chadash News

On The Move with Ohr Chadash

After an exciting fall term at Hillcrest Jewish Center, Ohr Chadash packed its books and supplies and moved east along Union Turnpike to Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center. Many things have changed at HHBJC since the school was there over a year ago. The name may be a little different, but the warm welcome the school received, was the same as in the past. Once we settled in it was time to start learning once again.

February is a very short month, but on Sunday, February 12, we held our annual school wide Tu B'Shevat Seder. Gan-Katan and Shorashim enjoyed singing songs, an art project and a festive meal in their classroom. The older children met in the HHBJC ballroom and ate a festive Seder meal. Israeli biscuits, orange slices and grapes, representing two of the seven special foods of Israel, were served. Four cups of grape juice were drunk throughout the meal. The grape juice in four different colors, going from white to dark red, represented the changing seasons. We read a special Haggadah for Tu B'Shevat containing stories from numerous sources and discussed the importance of trees in the past, present and future.

Following the Presidents' Week break the children returned to Ohr Chadash ready to learn about Purim and Pesach and

prepare for their special end of year presentations.

Ruth Merrill /Education Director

Sisterhood

Shalom! Sisterhood had a very successful month in February. Our Sisterhood Shabbat was a moving experience, as we lead the service from beginning to end. The Kiddush that followed was delicious. Special thanks to Maris Blechner, Beth Diker, and Robyn Rosenberg for their hard work.

Our trip to the Nassau County Museum of Art was a lot of fun. Robyn Rosenberg arranged for the docent to ensure that everyone had an informative and fabulous visit. Many of us enjoyed dinner together afterwards,

As we approach the joyous holiday of Purim. Sisterhood prepares for Purim with our Purim Project, organized by Vicky Wolkofsky and the tireless Maris Blechner. Vicky has again designed an innovative package. We are looking for volunteers on Sunday, March 5th at 10AM to help put together

our Shalach Manot. The goodies will be distributed on Purim, March 11th after the Megillah reading. We have had lots of fun doing this in the past, as we also enjoy a light breakfast.

We will once again have our annual Women's Seder, which will take place on March 26th at 4pm. Sisterhood has created Haggadah for its own use, making the experience very personal. The Seder will again be led by Rabbi Ellie Shemtov. This is a very special event that is educational, spiritual, and fun.

We will end the year on Wednesday, June 14th with a challah bake, where we will learn to make our own challahs. Yum!

Please join us at our next planning meeting on March 2nd at 8pm.

Marilyn Teleky
Co - President

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105-02 Queens Blvd.

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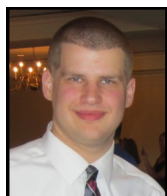
242-02 61st Avenue, Douglaston



HHBJC - Sisterhood Gift Shop



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**Youth Director
News**

Dan Bacharach

February is always one of the quietest months at H2I – because of the Super Bowl and President's Week, but we still had some great programs last month. Our younger groups participated in a Krav Maga Night, our middle schoolers went ice skating with their peers from across NYC at Bryant Park, and our USYers had a special program to welcome our eighth graders into our USY group for the remainder of the year. We also planned our first H2I Family Shabbat program of the year – havdalah and a parents vs. kids competition night. This program, along with all of our H2I Family Shabbat programs, was made possible through a Microgrant from The Jewish Education Project, an agency committed to sparking and spreading innovations that expand the reach and increase the impact of Jewish education.

Looking forward, March is going to be a busy and exciting month for us. It begins with our Chapter USY Shabbaton from March 3-4, in which our 8-12 graders will have a relaxing Shabbat experience at Hillcrest JC with lots of food, learning, and fun. That weekend, our 5-7 graders will be joining their peers from across the NY metropolitan area for a Kadima Kinnus at Merrick Jewish Centre, and all of our families will be invited to join us for an H2I

Family Shabbat program at morning services and lunch during our USY Chapter Shabbaton to get a taste of what our Shabbat programming is like.

While our Sunday night calendar is still under development at the time this article is being written (but will be on our website, www.h2iyouthgroup.org, by the time you read this), we're busy planning for our PURIM CARNIVAL on March 12 from 12:30-3 PM at ICCJ! All families are invited to join us for this event full of games, prizes, food, and fun! As always, we have some great raffle prizes available, including 4 Park Hopper passes to Walt Disney World, 4 tickets to AMC Fresh Meadows, vouchers for NY Water Taxi, a phone case from Otterbox, and items from local sports teams!

If you have any questions about our programming, the Purim Carnival, or our Carnival Raffle, please let me know!

**ALL THE BEST
AND MANY MORE....**

If you see a name missing, or if you are not sure that we have the dates of your Simchas, call the office to insure that we have that information in our database.

March Birthdays

Ira Goller	3/5
David Spiel	3/6
Lori Spiel	3/6
Dr. Daniel Grapel	3/7
James Kaplan	3/7
Edith Waxenberg	3/8
Debra Klein	3/9
Martin Goldman	3/12
Leon Kaplan	3/12
Bernardo Goldowski	3/13
Nadia Adar	3/14
Kristina Feingold	3/15
Judith Kamberg	3/15
Judith Rubin	3/15
William Diker	3/16
Marilyn Geltman	3/19
Gail Kusten	3/19
Daniel Shepard	3/19
Barry Lasner	3/20
Rosette Teitel	3/20
Bonnie Epstein	3/22
Paul Winter	3/22
Sherry Gabay	3/25
Ilene Goldman	3/25
Steven Kahan	3/25
Sheryl Rubin	3/25
Marlene Perl	3/28
Martin Brodsky	3/29
Joan Green	3/30
Beverly Meyer	3/30
Andrew Bagon	3/31

March Anniversaries

Lori & David Spiel	3/3
Diane & Arnold Landau	3/11
Marina & Alfred Weisz	3/11
Karen & Ira Chazan	3/13
Lynn & Avery Okin	3/13
Renee & Leon Kaplan	3/18
Tova & Sam Oko	3/23
Judith & Arnold Rubin	3/23
Jeannette & Ira Goller	3/27



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

The snow was here, and now it's gone,
 We just have to wait for the Spring to come!
 Hope all is well with you and your families,
 And life will continue just as you please.

Our heartiest birthday wishes are going to one of our past Board members. Jessica Kahlen. All the very best for a good year with all the trimmings. I am sharing the birthday month with her, as the saying goes, "Birds of a feather flock together".

We wish Dr. Pitkow a safe trip which he will make soon, and his daughter, Erin Pitkow, too, she is going to Venice. Congratulations to Robert Garay on his recent marriage.

A speedy recovery for Dr. Pitkow's sister, Marlene.

Wishing everyone a good Purim.

Any congregation news for QVJC would be greatly appreciated.

JUDITH LESNIK
CHESED COMMITTEE

Get Ready! Our First Health Care is coming to HHJBC on Sunday, May 21st. 11:00AM-1:00PM. In attendance will be lecturers, cardiovascular screening from 11:00AM-5PM, and many vendors from various health organizations. Be on the look-out for our flyer!

Additionally, from time to time I am asked about Home Health Care, certified, workers. I am slowly receiving names of people and businesses which I would like to share with you. Please, be advised that should you call any of the names listed here, you may want to get recommendations before you hire. These are recommended by our congregants.

If you have any recommendations, please pass them to me.

Caring Hands (Bruce)
 (347) 444-1553
 (631) 639-1708

7 Day Home Care, LTD.-
 1979 Marcus Avenue,
 Suite 210, Lake Success
 (516) 622-2330
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Thank you,

Laura Brodsky

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 A WEEK EVEN IF YOU DO
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 Message to Our Support Lines**

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 Phone: 646-598-2974**

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To reach the office:
 718-776-3500

To reach Rabbi Wise:
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MAY G-D GRANT CONSOLATION TO
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Manuel Herman, beloved
husband of Ruth Herman

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

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Sara Krell
In memory of Edward Munk
Ronnie Krell

In memory of Max Sklar
In memory of Ida Sklar
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In memory of Rosalie
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Vicky & Joel Blumenfeld

In memory of Alex Levy
Arthur Levy

In memory of David Schwartz
Ilysa & Robert Mann

Wishing Refuah Shelemah to
Jack Cohen
Ida & Daniel Weisser

In memory of Albert Wershaw
Felice & Ira Margulis

In memory of Max Hersch
Rena & Leon Schwartzman
Linda & Steven Silverman
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In loving memory of Esther
Ginensky

In loving memory of Joseph
Ginensky

In loving memory of Anna
Glass

In loving memory of David
Glass
Stewart M. Glass, Lynne Glass
Rubinger & Families

Wishing Eleanor Ulrich a
Happy Special Birthday and
Mazal Tov on her retirement
Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil

In memory of Gabriel Mendel
William H. Mendel

In memory of Lenora Silvers
Hadassah & Irving Miles

In memory of Leon Korngold
Marilyn & Stanley Seidenfeld

In memory of Shirley Silverman
Linda & Steven Silverman

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In memory of Alexander
Selinger
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In memory of Isaac Zipper
Rita & Scott Zipper

In honor of the engagement of
Marilyn & Stanley Seidenfeld's
son Michael, to Daniella
Schneider
Linda & Arthur Liederman

In memory of Max Blumenfeld
In memory of Ben Blumenfeld
Vicki & Joel Blumenfeld

In memory of Al Winter
Natalie Winter

In memory of Lillian Ulrich
Eleanor Ulrich

In memory of Sidney Gersten
Ronnie Gersten

In memory of Manuel Herman
Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil
Rona & Lawrence Padolsky
Jerry Sandell
Irene & Michael Borman
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In memory of Zelda Switkes
Susan & Alvin Deutch

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Beate Axelrad

Wishing Refuah Shelemah to
David Karsch
Linda & Arthur Liederman
Beate Axelrad

In memory of Shari Dash
Amanda & Steven Menzie

In memory of Morris Flatow
Sheldon Flatow



Rabbi's Fund

*In honor of the engagement of
Lisa & Keith Levinson's
daughter, Nicky
Charlotte & David Karsch*

*Wishing Refuah Shelemah to
Valentine Gibbings
Lynn & Marty Kevelson*

*In memory of Manuel Herman
Charlotte & David Karsch*

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*Thank you for being there for
us
Roberta & David Welz*

Judith Lesnik Chesed Fund

*In honor of Gordon Goldman's
birthday
Flo & Bob Gropper*

*In memory of Manuel Herman
Mira Clivner
Flo & Bob Gropper*

*Wishing Refuah Shelemah to
David Karsch
Harriet & Bernd Bildstein*

*Wishing Refuah Shelemah to
Lynn Gonen
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a Happy Anniversary to Irene &
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*In memory of Max Hersch
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**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**



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

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

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

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



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

**"HOW DOES MOSES LIKE
HIS TEA?...HEBREWS IT!"**

Now that I have your attention (as well, I hope, as your forgiveness for the *silly/charming* superscription above), let's proceed to a more sobering concern: the challenge of *informed patriotism*. Ok? Pres. Reagan, I believe, cited that concept decades ago. Clearly it has continuing relevance. In today's swirling times when *globalization-mania* pre-occupies so much of our political conversation, *responsible local citizenship* demands re-examination.

Brexit should have tipped us off. Compassionate concern for the welfare of the wide, wide world...beyond the immediate needs of our own families, friends and neighbors... requires moral boundaries & practical restraints. Such restraints do not reflect or in any way constitute isolationism. Jews such as myself, the child of immigrants in desperate flight from tyranny overseas, understand that distinction only too well. As does Chana.

Indifference to the needs of strangers is anathema to our Jewish moral/religious code.

Our patriarchal father Abraham, our Midrash tells us, had four entrances to his tent so that a thirsty stranger from the east or west, north or south, could reach him – or *he* could reach out as swiftly and helpfully as possible *to them*.

On the other hand, a father who feeds the hungry children living next door *before* he feeds his

own three kids living under his own leaking roof would probably *not* win "The Father of the Year" award...would he? Our Talmud taught us long ago, "ANIYEI IRCHA KODMIM!" i.e. "The Poor of Your Own City Should Be Fed First!" Agreed.

At this point, we need some careful, sophisticated analysis. Let's try. Our Torah has given us this magnificent commandment: "V'AHAVTA L'REIACHA KAMUCHA" i.e. "Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbor As Thyself". Right? Everyone is familiar with this mitzvah. Christian theology, borrowing from our scriptural sources makes this Jewish concept central to its faith. Secular western culture similarly has made this Jewish ethical principle a pillar of modern society. However, what if an individual's "amour propre", i.e. self-love, is low, weak, wobbly? Worse, what if he/she secretly despises him/herself? Or, what if a person is a humble type who doesn't give himself/herself enough credit for his/her own worth?

That implies that individuals with low self-esteem may never give others sufficient credit for *their* actual worth! Unconsciously, some hollow-souled folks may even go around *over-evaluating* others just to make up for their own *self-underestimation*! What's the solution? Simple: *In order to love others appropriately, you first have to love yourself appropriately! Self respect comes first!*

Our ancient Rabbinic sage, Hillel put it this way: "*IM EIN ANI*

LI, MI LI !" i.e. "*If I Am Not For Myself, Who Will Be For Me! But if I am for myself alone, what am I?*" Applying that Rabbinic concept to our new administration in Washington and its commitment to "*Make America Great Again!*", we can rightly infer that it is perfectly moral - and indeed wise - for our government to prioritize our own economic, social, cultural, military and political strength. Such a strategy would empower us to reach out to other nations and individuals in need with greater efficacy and authority...not based on initial selfishness or arrogance but on common sense and traditional ethical/spiritual insight.

Esther and Mordechai made the same plea: Save the Jews first from Haman's tyrannical ambitions and then the entire Persian empire with its huge global reach will be similarly redeemed from destruction. Purim has many lessons for us. Appropriate self prioritization is one of them! The airlines admonish us similarly: *Put on your oxygen mask first and then put on your child's mask in cases of emergency!*

G-d bless a strong, great again America! Nations in need all over our shared globe-including our beloved Israel- will be much better off with an economically, educationally and militarily enriched America more adequately prepared to reach out with traditional generosity and effective strength.

Happy Purim!

Rabbi Dr. Hirsch Joseph Simckes and Family

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

~ March 2017 ~ Adar - Nissan 5777 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Adar 3 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM Adult Ed – Project Zug – Between Cross and Crescent - 8 PM	2 Adar 4 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Wise- 12 PM Sisterhood Planning Meeting- 8 PM	3 Adar 5 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 5:31 PM Mincha - 5:35 PM Shabbat Across America - Kabbalat Shabbat Services 5:35 PM Dinner 6:45 PM	4 Adar 6 Terumah 9 AM Mincha 5:15 PM Havdalah 6:35 PM Purim Lunch and Learn – After Services
5 Adar 7 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Sisterhood Purim Basket Assembly - 10 AM	6 Adar 8 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Bereavement Group – 7:30 PM	7 Adar 9 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	8 Adar 10 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM Adult Ed – Project Zug – Between Cross and Crescent - 8 PM	9 Adar 11 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Ta'anit Esther	10 Adar 12 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 5:39 PM Mincha - 5:40 PM	11 Adar 13 Tetzaveh 9 AM Shabbat Zachor Mincha 5:25 PM Havdalah 6:43 PM Erev Purim – Megillah Reading & Purim Basket Distribution – 6:45 PM
12 Adar 14 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Purim	13 Adar 15 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM CSA Meet the Farmer Night - 7:30 PM	14 Adar 16 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	15 Adar 17 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM Adult Ed – Project Zug – Between Cross and Crescent - 8 PM	16 Adar 18 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Wise- 12 PM	17 Adar 19 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 6:46 PM Mincha - 6:50 PM	18 Adar 20 Ki Tisa 9 AM Shabbat Parah Mincha 6:30 PM Havdalah 7:50 PM Simcha Shabbat - 9 AM Junior Congregation - 10:30 AM-12 PM
19 Adar 21 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM NY Metro Region Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Awards Dinner – 12:30 PM	20 Adar 22 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	21 Adar 23 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	22 Adar 24 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM Adult Ed – Project Zug – Between Cross and Crescent - 8 PM	23 Adar 25 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Wise- 12 PM	24 Adar 26 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 6:54 PM Mincha - 6:55 PM	25 Adar 27 Vayakhel-Pekudei – 9 AM Shabbat HaChodesh Mincha 6:40 PM Havdalah 7:58 PM
26 Adar 28 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Men's Club Hearing Men's Voices Breakfast – 10AM Sisterhood Women's Seder - 4:00 PM	27 Adar 29 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	28 Nissan 1 Minyan Times 6:30 AM and 7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Nissan	29 Nissan 2 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM Adult Ed – Project Zug – Between Cross and Crescent - 8 PM	30 Nissan 3 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	31 Nissan 4 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 7:01 PM Mincha - 7:00 PM	

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