



HOLLIS HILLS JEWISH CENTER

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to the Community



**SUNDAY,
MAY 17, 2015
AT 5 PM**

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Reservations
Contact the office
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May at HHJC

May 2
Observant Life

May 2
Men's Club Arbor Day Walk

May 3
Nassau Museum of Art Trip

May 3
Men's Club Lag B'Omer
Field Day

May 4
Ritual Meeting

May 6
Green Team Meeting

May 17
Queens Adult Ed Academy -
Shavuot

May 17
Dinner Dance - Simcha 2015
Honoring Cantor Sol Zim

May 21
General Membership Meeting

May 23
Tikkun Leil Shavuot

May 30
Simcha Shabbat

May 31
Book Club

May 31
Men's Club Bike Ride

May 31
Israel Day Parade

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

From the Desk of Rabbi David Wise

How To Win For Your Cause



What's the cause you care about most deeply? What are you willing to do in support of that cause?

These questions emerge for me as I reflect on my recent reading in this issue of *The Rabbi's Nightstand*. As part of my Global Justice fellowship with American Jewish World Service, I was assigned to read *Winning Marriage* by Marc Solomon, one of the leading organizers in support of equal marriage nationwide. As you read this, our New York cohort of fellows have just met to discuss the book with AJWS president Ruth Messinger. Admittedly, this is not a book I would have read had it not been assigned to me. But I found it to be an exciting study of the power of possibility of change.

Solomon, the national campaign director for the advocacy group Freedom to Marry, has spent 13 years working for marriage equality, after graduating from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He walks the reader through the recent efforts to legalize gay marriage in the Massachusetts and New York

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Shabbat Schedule



Friday, May 1, 2015

Candle Lighting 7:33 PM
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 2, 2015

Achrei Mot-Kedoshim 9:00 AM
Mincha 7:20 PM
Havdalah 8:37 PM

Friday, May 8, 2015

Candle Lighting 7:40 PM
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 9, 2015

Emor 9:00 AM
Mincha 7:25 PM
Havdalah 8:44 PM

Friday, May 15, 2015

Candle Lighting 7:47 PM
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 16, 2015

Behar-Bechukotai 9:00 AM
Mincha 7:35 PM
Havdalah 8:51 PM

Friday, May 22, 2015

Candle Lighting 7:54 PM
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 23, 2015

Bamidbar 9:00 AM
Mincha 7:40 PM

Friday, May 29, 2015

Candle Lighting 7:59 PM
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 30, 2015

Nasso 9:00 AM
Mincha 7:45 PM
Havdalah 9:03 PM

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★ The next few months are a ★
★ time for many joyful occa- ★
★ sions: weddings, engage- ★
★ ments, B'nai Mitzvah, etc. ★
★ It's just the right time to ★
★ sponsor a *Kiddush* after ★
★ Saturday services and ★
★ share your *simcha* with the ★
★ Temple family! Call the of- ★
★ fice and confirm your date. ★
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We now have a list in the office of members who will help give rides to doctor's appointments during the week and to synagogue on Saturday morning. If anyone needs help please contact the synagogue office. If anyone else is interested in signing up to help, please contact the office.

Handicap Access

We have an operating handicapped 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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Notices

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

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.



Cantor Sol Zim



Spring is now here and HHJC has its' calendar filled with something for everyone...Yoga, Adult Education lectures, *Simcha Shabbatot*, Lunch & Learn *Shabbatot*, Sisterhood events, Men's Club events, Museum trip, Book Club, etc., etc.

Of course, we also have our *SIMCHA 2015 DINNER DANCE* around the corner, to take place on *SUNDAY, MAY 17th at 5:00 PM*. We will share a very special evening together with a ton of laughs, great nostalgia, lots of dancing, great music, delicious food and pure and simple fun. Fifty years may seem like a lot but quite honestly, I feel just as much warmth, love, spirituality & togetherness today as I did 50 years ago. In fact, I feel even more.

As I look forward to our *SIMCHA 2015 CELEBRATION*, I want to take a moment to reflect a bit and express my sincere appreciation and admiration to my pulpit partners...I am honored to share the pulpit with Rabbi David Wise, a dear friend and colleague. He and I have developed a true friendship that is based on our love for HHJC, love of community, honor for our Jewish heritage, our passion for Jewish liturgy & prayer and our great mutual respect.

Our Cantor's Voice

Our Happenings & Simchot

We are both dedicated to the furtherance of Jewish Tradition & Culture and are determined to keep HHJC a leading force of Spirituality, Community & the root of Jewish Culture in the borough of Queens & beyond. I am also blessed to have shared the pulpit with Rabbi Joseph Simckes. He and I created a special bond many, many years ago that only gets stronger with time. He is a cherished friend whom I also love and respect tremendously.

I also must express my great respect, praise & appreciation to our exceptional & unique HHJC Leadership. Over the years we have been extremely fortunate to have had/and have an incredible leadership team (current & past), on every level. They lead with steadfast support & dedication. They understand and respect the importance of "*Shalom Bayit*" and "*Tikkun Olam*" and always conduct their roles with that in mind. They always work in collaboration with the clergy and the congregants, hand in hand, and through mutual teamwork, HHJC has become one of the eminent leading Synagogues in the New York Metropolitan area for Spirituality, Community Life, Culture & Tradition. I am proud to say that our congregation's leadership is truly a role model for other Synagogues & communities. We also have an incredible office staff. They are the best! They are immensely capable & extremely reliable & dependable. They not only get

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state legislative bodies, to secure winning votes on several state ballots, of the evolution of President Obama's thoughts leading up to his support of equal marriage, and of the Supreme Court's striking down of DOMA—the Defense of Marriage Act. And while the subject matter is on a specific ethical/political/moral issue, it becomes clear to the reader that **three key components are essential to bringing about significant change: passion, personal stories, and money.**

On every page of *Winning Marriage*, we meet a veritable army of supporters for the cause. In many cases, advocates are motivated by a personal stake in the cause, as they themselves are gay. But many others hear a calling to fight for justice. Amy Mello, whom Solomon calls the greatest organizer he's ever met, is a straight woman whose education from childhood through college was in Catholic schools. She expressed her passionate belief that "Jesus is about inclusion, not leaving anyone out." And Solomon emphasizes the support of Governors Deval Patrick of Massachusetts and Andrew Cuomo of New York, who were deeply dedicated to achieving legislative change. Cuomo in particular took on the cause with passion, because to him, New York had to be in the lead on matters of civil rights. "I will be personally involved," he pledged to a group of advocates, and he was true to his word.

Solomon also tells of the power of personal stories in changing people's hearts. In the campaign to pass equal marriage in Massachusetts, one of the targeted legislators was Paul Kujawski, state representative for rural Worcester County, a pro-life, pro-gun Democrat with a Polish Catholic background and constituency. As supporters spoke about legal equality, Kujawski seemed receptive but cold. After nearly two hours, he asked to hear from a lesbian couple who had been sitting quietly. Sharon and Deb told the story of their 27-year committed relationship, and that "all we want is what everyone else has. We don't want anything more. But we don't want anything less, either." Kujawski had never met anyone like this couple. "Wow. Why didn't you say that sooner?" he asked. Ultimately, Kujawski voted in support of equal marriage, and told Deb and Sharon, "You made the difference for me." It was their story, a story of real people, that won his vote.

Last, and by no means least, is the importance of money in the road to change. Simply put, in order to win the ballot in many states, the Freedom to Marry campaign needed to be able to outspend its opponents. And it had to be prepared to ask for money with some degree of *hutzpah*. Solomon himself solicited Andrew and Corey Morris-Singer, the son and son-in-law of billionaire hedge-fund investor (and major Republican donor) Paul Singer. He asked

them for a million dollars, "stuttering just a bit because it was the largest request I'd ever made. They didn't blink." One staffer in Washington State who had been one of the first employees at Amazon wrote a seven-page email to its billionaire founder, Jeff Bezos. She asked him to consider a donation of \$100,000-200,000. He wrote back a few days later. "Jen, this is right for so many reasons. We're in for \$2.5 million." As Solomon writes, "Here was a thirteen-word reply to her nearly three-thousand-word email, but it couldn't have been any better."

Whatever the cause, these three elements—passionate advocates, personal stories, and strong financial support—are indispensable to seeing it bear fruit. So think again about what is important to you. Do you express your dedication to this cause with passion? Are you prepared to share your story about why it's important to you? And are you willing to fund it, or to ask others to help you do so? Maybe the key to the book is the first word of its title, "Winning." If you believe that the opposite of winning is losing, and you wouldn't merely shrug your shoulders if you lost, then the cause is worthy of your passion. So what's your cause? And what are you going to do about it?

I welcome your thoughts via email at lastcup67@aol.com, or phone, or in person!

Bivrahkah—in blessing,
Rabbi David Wise



Ohr Chadash News

Ohr Chadash Overview By Morah Ruth Merrill & Morah Shari Zuber

Mother Nature was quite relentless this winter and it was with great anticipation spring was welcomed. Unfortunately, she had one last Arctic blast up her sleeve which forced the cancellation of our Friday evening Shabbat service and dinner for the Aleph through Dalet classes on March 20th.

Despite our disappointment, we were still basking in the glow of our Purim mitzvah. In the fall, our students and their families had donated their gently used Halloween costumes so that needy families in Israel could make use of them to celebrate Purim. We received a letter of appreciation from Rabbi Kogan's brother-in-law, Rabbi Gustavo Surazski of Ashkelon's Kehillat Netzach Israel Synagogue, whose families were the beneficiaries of our mitzvah. Thank you to all the Ohr Chadash families who participated in this project. Any excess costumes which could not find their way to Eretz Yisrael this year will be the starters for next year's mitzvah program.

It has been said that if one can't go to the mountain, perhaps the mountain can be brought to you. This year the mountain was brought to Ohr Chadash on Sunday morning, March 15th, in the form of a monumental mobile Model Matzo Bakery event, sponsored by Jewish Children 18 (Tzivos Hashem). All our classes were

treated to a thoroughly enjoyable and educational journey into the world of Passover matzo preparation, learning of the 18-minute process from grain grinding to ingredient combining to product shaping to finished baked good.

The impact of the hands-on process was reflected in the smiling faces of students, teachers, and parents. A re-enactment of Moses' plight to win freedom from Pharaoh was regarded with awe, inspiration, and a bit of amusement as Rabbi Kogan went against character by portraying the obstinate, chain-carrying, staff-wielding, and tzitzit-wearing Egyptian despot. It was definitely one of the highlights of a thoroughly delightful morning.

As part of Hillcrest Jewish Center's 75th Anniversary Celebration, Ohr Chadash's Musical

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Norma Brooks and family thank the Hollis Hills Jewish Center community for its support and comfort during Morty's illness and since his passing. It is during such times that we are even more aware and appreciative of those who are part of our lives.

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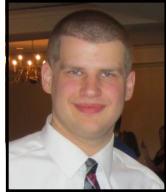
Sisterhood

I started the April Dateline Sisterhood entry with "Spring is finally here". This month I am starting my entry with "Spring is finally here" and this time I really mean it!!!! Although the birds and the buds are later than usual, they have arrived. We enjoyed our outing to the Deer Park Tanger Outlets and most of us are now prepared, clothing-wise, for the summer.

We are all looking forward to our excursion to the Nassau County Museum of Art on May 3rd. There is something for everyone at this site. There are beautiful trails for hikers, art work and architecture for those who are more visual, bird songs for those who are more auditory and even scented gardens. Please RSVP to the main office for this trip. We will be meeting at the synagogue at 1:30 PM and carpooling from there. We hope to see you there.

Please watch for emails regarding "Flower Power" which is one of our new fundraisers. We will be ordering bulbs which usually are planted in the fall. The beautiful results will magically appear next spring and every spring thereafter. Our other new fundraiser, "Honey for the New Year" will be introduced during the summer so that we can all order fresh honey for Rosh Hashanah. Please watch your emails for more information.

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Youth Director

Youth Group News

Dan Bacharach

It's hard to believe that we've already entered the last month of the H2I year! We had a great April, celebrating Yom Ha'Atzmaut with a program that introduced us to different aspects of Israeli culture, and our younger groups also took part in an "Anything Goes" Olympics. Our seventh-twelfth graders just wrapped up METNY 7th Grade Experience and Regional Convention, which brought together hundreds of teens from the NY Metropolitan area at the Hudson Valley Resort & Spa.

We can't wait to finish the year strong with our May programming! On May 3, we'll be celebrating Lag B'Omer with a trip to Queens Archery to work on our bow-and-arrow skills. Then, after a week off for Mother's Day, we'll wrap up the year on May 17 with our annual end-of-year picnic at Hillcrest JC. We'll also be hosting our Chapter Elections this month to elect next year's H2I leaders!

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



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News From The Green Team

We are happy to inform everyone that the first program of the 2015 HHJC Green Team was a great success. Rachel Landau, environmental science specialist, taught an interested group about why micro beads need to be removed from personal care products, and how to properly dispose of medications. Fact sheets were distributed, and are being made available to the entire congregation. This is just the beginning of environmental education and activism. The Green Team will be inviting everyone interested to a meeting in the upcoming weeks.

Maris and Stu Blechner,
Green Team Co-Chairs

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

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the job done but they do it beautifully!

Many of my family & friends will be attending this year's Dinner Dance. They will be coming from cities across the country and perhaps across the world. I can't wait to introduce my HHJC family to the rest of my *Mishpacha*. I think we will have a lot of stories to share.

Get ready to laugh till you cry... eat till you explode...& dance till you *platz!*

By the way, I am in touch with Shalom TV and I will let you all know when our most recent concert (the one with the Cantors Assembly, when I was roasted to a crisp) will be aired on TV.

See you in Shul.

Cantorially always,
Cantor Sol Zim

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Adult Education

Facilities

Life Long Learning

Chesed Committee

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Muse, Morah Janet, and her ever-faithful canine companion, Jack, helped prepare our students for their Sunday, March 29th Commemorative Breakfast performance. Their vocal repertoire consisted of *The Star-Spangled Banner*, *Hatikvah*, *Torah-Torah*, and *Etz Chaim He*, which was warmly received by the assemblage. Cantor Fuchs helped to maintain the syncopation by bolstering the youthful chorus with his beautiful baritone voice.

Following a well-deserved Passover break, our students returned refreshed to a hectic schedule.

Because this year marks the 70th Anniversary of the liberation of the death camps and the end of World War II, there was a two-day commemoration of Yom Hashoah, on Wednesday, April 15th, and on Sunday, April 19th. On Wednesday afternoon, the students were able to view a Yom Hashoah exhibit which was being showcased at Hillcrest Jewish Center. At Sunday's program, ICCJ member and Holocaust survivor Claire Heymann related her traumatic wartime experiences in Auschwitz to our Bet through Hey students. All in attendance sat mesmerized as Claire spoke of the transformation of her happy childhood into an ordeal of horror and the eventual liberation which enabled her to come to the United States to begin a life of triumph over her oppressors.

One of the highlights of each

school year is the presentation of their first siddurim to the Aleph students. This year, Morah Zehavah led her pupils in the ceremony, in which the youngsters exhibited their proficiency in prayers and songs. Proud parents, morot, and schoolmates sat attentively to listen to the Aleph class' accomplishments. A lovely collation followed the assembly.

Since Ohr Chadash began this academic year at Israel Center of Conservative Judaism, it was only fitting that the school should celebrate its final Shabbat there, on Saturday, April 18th. A morning of learning and prayer was capped by a delicious kiddush prepared by the ICCJ Sisterhood. Todah Rabah Ladies.

With the Omer well underway, we look forward to our Lag B'Omer outing in the park, slated for Sunday morning, May 3rd. If last year's program was any indication, we should have a wonderful morning of sunshine and fun.

Before we know it, Shavuoth will be here and the school year will be winding down. Although the weather periodically presented obstacles, by-and-large, we overcame them and provided an uninterrupted program of continuous learning and growth. The year has been a fruitful one for both our students and our staff.

All of us at Ohr Chadash wish you a meaningful Shavuoth.

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Gaby Weilmann continues to teach yoga on Wednesday nights at 7 PM in the ballroom. Gaby is a certified yoga instructor and physical therapist. She makes the yoga sessions fun, safe and physically appropriate for each level. Even I can now flow from downward facing dog to plank to cobra without grunting.

Our end of the season event will take place on Wednesday, June 10th at 8 PM. This will be a totally social event where we can enjoy the company of other woman. Feel free to bring non-members with you so that we can get to know others in our community. We hope to smooze away the blues and maybe even drink a little booze. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to the office. We hope to see you all there for fun and conversation.

If there is anyone who would like to become more involved in Sisterhood, please contact me at 718-740-4708. We are always looking for new ideas and energy.

Finally, I would like to thank all the women who helped conceptualize our programs and make them work. Without team work, we would still be floundering. Thanks again to all of you.

Beth Diker,
Co-President of Sisterhood



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THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED A
LOSS IN THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES:

Selma Cowit, long time
member

Ada Goldstein, beloved sister
of Jack Tanzman and beloved
Aunt of Melanie Katz

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

In the last Dateline there was a
incorrect listing posted In
memory of Daniel Siegel from
Barbara and Steven Siegel.
This listing was incorrect.

GENERAL FUND

*In honor of Gordon Goldman's
70th Birthday*

Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil

In memory of Aliza Lugassy
Rachel & Armand Lugassy

In memory of Ralph Danzig
In memory of Ben Pollak
In memory of Jacob Pollak
In memory of Anna Danzig
Rosalie Pollak

In memory of Harry Kunitz
Charlotte & David Karsch

In memory of Pearl Belitzky
Adele Shoulson & Martin
Goldman

In memory of Sidney Tantleff
In memory of Sarah Tantleff
Rhoda & Ivan Tantleff

In memory of Selma Cowit
Susan Nettis
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David, Jaime, Zachary & Ethan
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In memory of Susan Ruth
Fastow
Melvin Fastow

In memory of Murray Jacob
Solomowitz
Jaye & Benjamin Solomowitz

In memory of Samuel Stumer
In memory of Samuel Glick
Susan & Frank Stumer

In memory of Morty Brooks
In memory of Herb Plush
Jeannette, Ira, Melissa & Ariel
Goller

In honor of my grandson
Jayson Mintz receiving the
Youth of the Year Award from
the NY Federation of Men's
Clubs representing Dix Hills
Jewish Center
Susan Mintz

In memory of Herb Plush
Renee & Cary Diamond
Benjamin Graham
Nelly & Jerry Belopolsky

Wishing Refuah Shelemah to
Karen Skoler
Linda & Arthur Liederman

In honor of Gordon Goldman
reaching the age of maturity
Linda & Arthur Liederman

In memory of Mildred Naftol
In memory of Ethel Suwal
Janet & Jerome Naftol

In memory of Diana Plush-
Schefren
Rita Plush

In memory of Ben Borko
Nancy Borko & Steven Fusfeld

In memory of Morty Brooks
Bertha & Usher Farber

In memory of Ada Goldstein
Linda & Arthur Liederman

In memory of Sylvia F. Selinger
Cara & Michael Trager

In memory of Nancy Graham
In memory of Louis Graham
Benjamin Graham

In memory of Sarah Insler
In memory of Jacob Schnitzer
Irving Schnitzer

In memory of Ira April
Barbara & Robert Saltzman

In memory of Larry Schwartz
Marilyn & Stan Seidenfeld

In memory of Gussie
Belopolsky
Nelly & Jerry Belopolsky

In memory of Rose Feinberg
Harold Feinberg & Family

In memory of Stuart Garbowitz
Lillian & Murray Garbowitz

In memory of Anna Goldstein
Rosalie & Stephen Roseman

In memory of Mary Lasnerz
Barry M. Lasner



*In memory of Sidney Esikoff
Marion & Marc Sternberg*

*In memory of Simon Krell
Ronnie & Imar Krell*

Rabbi's Fund

*In honor of the birth of Norma
Brooks' new great-
granddaughter
Charlotte & David Karsch*

*In honor of Gordon Goldman's
70th Birthday
Charlotte & David Karsch*

*In memory of Herb Plush
Hannah Garson*

*In memory of Rita Hertz
In memory of Selma Cowit
In memory of Morty Brooks
In memory of Herb Plush
Roberta & Martin Valins*

Cantor's Fund

*Thanks a million Cantor for the
concert!
Nelly & Jerry Belopolsky*

*Thank you for giving us a
wonderful concert
Charlotte & David Karsch
Bernard Osofsky*

*Many thanks to Cantor Zim for
your wonderful service, and
may memories of our mother
The Hertz Family*

*Thank you for graciously invit-
ing me to your concert. It was a
wonderful evening and a
marvelous experience
Natalie Winter*

*In memory of Charles Feilhardt
Jamie & Dave Kivo*

Samuel Schneider Building Fund

*In memory of my son and
brother Howard Irving
Schneider
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Judith Lesnik Chesed Fund

*In honor of wedding of Philip
Fogel & Sophia Ariel Merkin
Audrey & Daniel Shepard*

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June & Cantor Sol Zim*

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Roberta Schrier*

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*In memory of Herb Plush
Joanne Misher & Family*



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.

MEANINGFUL GESTURES

Dateline prints "acknowledgements" for not only the recording of social and personal events, but also as a recording of acts of Tzedaka (Charity) and Chesed (Kindness). Please note your tribute will be made public in Dateline for a minimum contribution of \$20. Also the cost of the Etz Hayim Chumash is \$65 and the Sim Shalom Siddur is \$36.



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

We hope you all had a good Passover, and enjoyed all the good food that was prepared by you or members of your family. Seders are always special, and such a pleasant get-together for everyone present.

I want to wish my daughter, Margo Gray, a Happy Birthday and a Happy Anniversary. Any other members of QVJC who celebrate birthdays in May - all the best to you, too.

Our condolences to the Pitkow family on the loss of their cousin, Stephen Reinhold, who passed away recently. - We also hope their trip to Florida was pleasant.

We want to wish all the Mothers in our congregation a Happy Mother's Day. It is always nice to celebrate this day, and this should be no exception. Also, have an enjoyable Memorial Day week-end, after all the snow we had these past months, it feels good to be warm again.

Remember to send me news items that we can share with our group.



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Fairway Supermarket:

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HHJC at the NY Federation of Jewish Men's Club Dinner on Sunday, March 29 honoring Robert Fogel as Man of the Year





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

A POST-PASSOVER MEMO:

**"Free At Last:
April 12th, 1955 -
A Pesach To Remember!"**

Sixty years ago on *April 12th, 1955*, a breathtaking announcement was made by the University of Michigan that a brilliant young Jewish researcher named Jonas Salk had discovered the cure for polio, the most feared disease of the century. Only ten years before that historic announcement, our country was profoundly stricken with great sorrow at the news that our wartime President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, who had suffered so deeply from that vicious, paralyzing illness, had died.

Following Salk's discovery and development of an effective vaccine, millions of mothers and fathers could now go to sleep at night, unplagued by the nightmarish questions, *"Did we do the right thing ...allowing little Jimmie to play in the neighborhood swimming pool today? Will Mary Jane, our 10 year old daughter, really be safe attending our local public school? Maybe we should hire tutors and school her at home?"*.

Throughout America that year Jewish families celebrated Passover with a heightened sense of joy and blessing: *"Free at last! No longer will our hearts be frozen with fear that poliomyelitis must be added to the list of modern plagues that we have to worry about when we recite the traditional*

'asseret ha-makot', i.e. the Ten Plagues, at the Passover Seder!". I remember that year, 1955, well. All of Bostonian Jewry breathed a deep sigh of relief. Indeed, the entire city rejoiced - as did cities and towns throughout the country.

Salk was followed by Bialystok-born/New York-trained Dr. Albert Sabin, another brilliant Jewish researcher, who developed the oral polio vaccine which finally put the lid on the vile lamp from which the evil polio genie emerged to plague the world. At present, poliomyelitis has been reduced 99% world-wide.

Dr. Sabin later served as President of the Weizman Institute in Rehovot, Israel. Both he and Dr. Salk received various awards including U.S. National Medals of Honor. In essence and in actual practice, they followed the long line of distinguished Jewish physicians, scientists, physicists, economists, writers, etc. who have won *Nobel Prizes** and other major international awards for significant contributions to society and human welfare.

On Passover nights when we ask, *"Why is this night different from all other nights...?"*, we can answer, *"Because nice Jewish boys and girls (who did their homework, studied hard and worked long hours in serious pursuit of truth) - like Drs. Salk and Sabin - made a big difference in the world. They helped free us all from horrendous pain and suffering. May*

Ha-Shem bless their memory and all who follow in their footsteps!".

Rabbi Dr. Hirsch Joseph Simckes.

**P.S. Nobel Prizes* have been awarded since 1901 to those individuals throughout the world who have made the greatest contributions to the advancement of human knowledge and societal well-being. Though Jews constitute less than 0.20% of the world's population, they have won 41% of all Nobel Prizes in Economics, 28% of all Nobel Prizes in Medicine, 26% in Physics, 19% in Chemistry, 13% in Literature...at least, those were the statistics when last I checked.

Conclusion: As we commemorate this year the 60th anniversary of Dr. Salk's life-changing discovery of the world's first successful anti-polio vaccine, we trust that we shall soon see the discovery of other new vaccines and advanced betterments of our shared existence on this earth ---and beyond! May our Jewish brothers and sisters continue to contribute mightily to this noble global endeavor!

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David Glasel	5/7
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Adrienne Glaubiger	5/8
Robert Gropper	5/8
Phyllis Kitzes	5/8
Sandy Bidon	5/9
Melanie Katz	5/9
Victor Gabay	5/10
Steven Siegel	5/11
Leonard Sunshine	5/13
Linda Liederman	5/14
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Laura Brodsky	5/19
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