



**Hiram & Berdie Kleinstein
Memorial Lecture
SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017 AT 8 PM
THE TRUMP PRESIDENCY**



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May at HHJC

May 3
Adult Ed - Between Cross and
Crescent & Project Zug

May 7
Hiram & Berdie Kleinstein
Memorial Lecture

May 10
Know Your Neighbors Project

May 13
Simcha Shabbat

May 15
Sisterhood Planning Meeting

May 21
Community Health Fair

May 30
Tikkun Leil Shavuot

May 31
Nursery School on Bima

HHBJC Welcomes you to our

HEALTH FAIR



**MAY 21, 2017
11 AM - 1 PM**

**Cardiovascular Diagnosis
from 11 AM - 5 PM**

Health Care Speakers

**Many Health Related
Services Available**

**Get a variety of information
on how to keep
yourself healthy**

Healthy Refreshments

**From the Desk of
Rabbi David Wise
Plato and Aristotle**



How well do
you remember
studying Plato
and Aristotle?
I, frankly, don't

think I ever did, even though I took political theory in college. For me, the exercise of reading is a way to fill in the gaps in my education or to make up for all the times I didn't pay attention in my years of schooling. So one of the most useful books I've read in a long time is what I'll feature in this month's issue of *The Rabbi's Nightstand*. It's called *The Cave and the Light: Plato Versus Aristotle and the Struggle for the Soul of Western Civilization*. The author, history professor Arthur Herman, begins by introducing the reader to Socrates, his student Plato, and Plato's student and later rival Aristotle. He then takes the reader on a tour of almost every major political, scientific, religious and artistic twist and turn of the last 2,400 years. Shifts in intellectual trends are seen as the swinging of the pendulum from Platonic to Aristotelian thought and back. Paul of Tarsus, Michelangelo, Martin Luther, Isaac Newton, Rousseau, and Charles Darwin all feature in this story of Western thought, among scores of others. But as



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monthly calendar of events
and service times**

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PLEASE DO A MITZVAH AND
SUPPORT OUR DAILY
MINYAN A COUPLE OF DAYS
A WEEK EVEN IF YOU DO
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Shabbat Schedule



Friday, May 5, 2017

Candle Lighting 7:38 PM
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 6, 2017

Achrei Mot-Kedoshim 9:00 AM
Mincha 7:25 PM
Havdalah 8:42 PM

Friday, May 12, 2017

Candle Lighting 7:45 PM
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 13, 2017

Emor 9:00 AM
Mincha 7:30 PM
Havdalah 8:49 PM

Friday, May 19, 2017

Candle Lighting 7:51 PM
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 20, 2017

Behar-Bechukotai 9:00 AM
Mincha 7:35 PM
Havdalah 8:55 PM

Friday, May 26, 2017

Candle Lighting 7:57 PM
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 27, 2017

Bamidbar 9:00 AM
Mincha 7:45 PM
Havdalah 9:01 PM

Junior Congregation

May 20
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.

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Notices

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

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 Congregation has grown in so many ways and I would like to share with you why we are very unique and special! There is a very famous & special saying: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself". Yes...we here at HHBJC believe in taking care and helping our fellow congregants, neighbors and friends!

Our "*CHESED COMMITTEE*", headed by Laura Brodsky, is responsive to the many needs of our congregation who experience a death in the family. Yes...they reach out and arrange meals for the week of Shiva. Our "*DAILY MINYAN*" is also very helpful. They come over to the Shiva house if there happens to be a shortage of a Minyan. They come through for our community. We have a *BEREAVEMENT GROUP*, which, by the way, I believe is the only one in the entire borough of Queens, started by Rabbi Joseph Simckes during his tenure as our Rabbi, and is continuously being run by Marty Kevelson. It has helped so many who have had a loss of a loved one. By sharing, listening & comforting, they try to ease the pain one may have.

A very unique health based program at our shul is the "*CONGREGATIONAL NURS-*

Our Cantor's Voice

HHBJC - We Are a Unique Congregation

ING PROGRAM". It offers information and compassion to our members who are sick and/or in need of helpful tips and advice. We, at the HHBJC, are the pioneers of this program introduced to us by Linda Liederma who is *our congregational nurse*. So, if you are in need and have any questions, give the office a call & they will have Linda get in touch with you.

By the way; there is Unique happening being brought to our Temple by the *Chesed Committee*...The "*HEALTH FAIR*". It will be held on *SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2017 at 11:00 AM*. There will be many booths of different Health Providers that will share healthful & helpful tips and information of wellness programs. Don't miss it! You will learn so much!

ANOTHER DATE...MARK YOUR CALENDARS...Our "*SIMCHA DINNER DANCE*" will be held on *SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017*. This year we are honoring and paying tribute to our "*Couple of The Year*" – *BERND & HARRIET BILDSTEIN*. They are a beautiful team and have always been part of our Congregational Life. Harriet was part of my Choir for many years and Bernd has always been an active member of our Board of Directors. They both attend our services every Shabbat morning & we are lucky to have them as part of our congregation and our HHBJC family.

We are also honoring the "*BAYSIDE JEWISH CENTER*".

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Herman has said, we should see conflict through history not as science versus religion, or reason versus emotion, but simply as Plato versus Aristotle. Every conflict comes back to this first philosophical debate. So the history of Western culture is the seeking of a balance between these two early philosophers, and all progress is the result of that search. Charles Murray of the American Enterprise Institute, who hosted Herman soon after he wrote the book in 2013, praised the author for providing an antidote to the “nonjudgmentalism” common on college campuses. “It portrays throughout history the ways in which all progress has depended on people making judgments” about ethics, aesthetics, science, and so on. In other words, while we should learn about competing perspectives, we should ultimately take a stand and pick one! Murray is correct that we tend to educate from a nonjudgmental perspective so as not to offend anyone. But the other, opposite trend is what I call the Facebook Echo Chamber, in which we read the postings of our like-minded friends and feel self-validation without needing to be open to other points of view. Having “taken a stand and chosen,” as I said above, we then dig in our heels and, worse, cover our ears when someone is about to say something with which we don’t agree. Maybe that explains our current political culture, in which foiling the opponent

seems more important than actually accomplishing anything through cooperation. Just as I was writing this column, *Forward* published an essay by Yossi Klein Halevi on the upcoming 50th anniversary of the Six Day War called *A Jubilee For Our Political Certainties*. In it, he noted that when it comes to the results of that victory, Israelis have their version of Plato and Aristotle: the poet Natan Alterman, who advocated for annexing the “liberated territories,” and novelist Amos Oz, who insisted that only people could be “liberated,” but that land and the other People who lived on it could only be “occupied.” The debate hasn’t changed much from that formulation in 50 years, and it’s insoluble because, as Halevi writes, “each side is speaking an essential truth.” And Halevi, along with a majority of Israelis, have assimilated both truths, leaving them in the center. The problem with the center, in light of both Arthur Herman’s book and Israeli politics, is that it can lead to “nonjudgmentalism” or paralysis. He’s right, she’s right, everyone’s right, and no decisions are made. Halevi, though, gives us another approach: “My point is not to advocate for the center as a political position... but as a sensibility. Whatever one’s politics, a centrist sensibility requires profound grappling with the commitments and fears of the other camp. The goal of this process isn’t to nec-

essarily change one’s politics, but to soften them. The challenge of a centrist sensibility isn’t ultimately political but spiritual: an invitation to humility.” Life without disagreement is boring. Life without *polite* disagreement is intolerable. Are you with Aristotle or Plato? With Alterman or Oz? Choose a side, but embrace your opponent.

Bivrahah—with blessing,
Rabbi David Wise

Temple Family

Thank you dear friends in joining us to celebrate the life of wonderful and loving Manny Herman
Ruth Herman & Family

Thank you to everybody who attended the Federated Jewish Men's Club Journal Dinner Dance in March, Your presence, the supportive ads that were put into the journal and your donations to HHBJC made for a very special day.
Jan Katz

In honor of our grandson, Marcus Aiden Mann's Bar Mitzvah, son of Ilysa and Rob Mann
Sandi & Artie Lukin



Ohr Chadash News

A Sweet Fundraiser for Ohr Chadash by Ruth Merrill

As of this writing, our Pre-Passover Seder has yet to occur, our school Yom Hashoah program is still on the horizon, and our school-wide May special activities are still a month away.

What I would like to talk about is our Annual Passover Candy Fundraiser. Each year, prior to this one, Lauren Ackerman, one of our parents, has conducted the Miss Chocolate holiday event. This year, however, she was not able to do so because of the impending Bar Mitzvah of her son, Alex.

Fortunately, Morah Shari was able to fill-in for her. Students, parents, and teachers all participated in the fundraiser. Miss Chocolate was very cooperative and accommodating because of our varied schedule due to the holidays and the inclement weather, and allowed us a later submission date. However, delivery was prompt and the orders were correctly filled.

I am happy to say that candy sales exceeded \$1500.00 and the Ohr Chadash PA realized more than \$700.00 for the school, the proceeds of which help to fund enrichment programs for our children.

Once again, thank you to all who participated in the program. You performed a true mitzvah.

Grocery Gelt

Shoprite

All Locations

Stop & Shop:

All Locations

Dan's Keyfood:

73rd Ave./ Bell Blvd.

105-02 Queens Blvd.

Danny's Drive In Cleaners:

190-05 Union Turnpike

Fairway Supermarket:

242-02 61st Avenue, Douglaston



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

Sisterhood

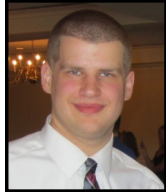
Shalom! Passover has passed over and spring has finally arrived. It is time to reflect on the wonderful past year our Sisterhood has had. We had fun at our membership brunch, with an exciting talk by our very own Maris Blechner. This was followed by our Torah Fund brunch where we honored Carol Lieber. Our first annual Chanukah Gift Shop and bazaar was a tremendous success. The trip to the Nassau County Museum of Art was beautiful and interesting. The Purim Project came off without a hitch. And our annual Woman's Seder was fun, inspirational, and educational *a s a l w a y s*. We are looking forward to our end of year event. On June 14th, at 8:00 PM, we will have a challah bake. We will learn step by step how to make a *c h a l l a h*. *Y u m*! Please join us on Thursday, May 15th for our next planning meeting. At this important meeting, we will be planning a new direction for next year. We always look forward to new ideas and energy. Thank you to all the women who have helped conceptualize and implement our programs.

Marilyn Teleky
Co-President of Sisterhood

HHBJC - Sisterhood Gift Shop



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Youth Director
News

Dan Bacharach

Even though it feels like the year only just started, we're already entering into our last month of H2I for the school year. April was a great month for our programming, with an ice cream seder preparing us for Passover, an exciting Yom Ha'Atzmaut program celebrating Israel's independence, and a Friday Night H2I Family Shabbat dinner to end the month, 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.

In May, we have a few final opportunities for fun together before taking our summer break! On May 7, all of our groups will be participating in Nerf Night—playing a number of games and athletic competition making use of Nerf launchers. The next weekend, though we are off for Mother's Day on Sunday night, our 7-12 graders will be joining with their peers from across NY at METNY Regional Convention at Hudson Valley Resort. Our year will come to a close on Sunday, May 21 with our annual picnic and pizza party for our younger groups, and our Chapter Board elections and final dinner for our high schoolers.

We're looking forward to a strong finish to what has been a great year for us at H2I!

It is with great pleasure that we invite the congregation to join us at the Aufruf of our son Edward Louis Borman on Shabbos, May 20, 2017 to celebrate his upcoming marriage to Melissa Eve Prusak. All are invited to a Kiddush in the Ballroom following the services.

Irene & Michael Borman

Beastly Blessings

Sunday, June 11, 2017 @ 2 pm

Hollis Hills Jewish Center
210th Street side by the Youth Annex



Please have your dogs on a leash and cats, small animals and birds in a carrier.

No rain date scheduled at this time.



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

Spring has arrived & we're all smiles.
 Now we can once again travel for miles & miles,
 If you have plans for traveling afar,
 Make sure you have all you need packed in your car,
 Have a wonderful time wherever you go,
 And return home with faces all aglow!

We want to wish a very Happy Birthday to Mark Reiss. Have a super day with all the trimmings. Happy Birthday, too, to my daughter, Margo Gray, and a Happy Anniversary to her & her husband. Best wishes to any other members of QVJC who are celebrating a special occasion.

Happy Mother's Day to all who celebrate this special day. Enjoy the Memorial Day week-end as well.

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JUDITH LESNIK
CHESED COMMITTEE

So, here we are, in the beautiful month of May. We are thinking about our gardens, our fresh Spring flowers and our steps toward better health. Walking, biking, hiking and eating well can improve our overall well-being.

So, why not enjoy a few hours at our very own HEALTH FAIR?

We will have 3 lectures: Breast Health, Chronic Pain and Wills and Trusts.

We have nearly 30 health vendors attending, in addition to a team of nurses and technicians using diagnostic machines to help with CARDIOVASCULAR DIAGNOSIS. **You must have your Health Insurance Card with you for testing.**

Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Mark your calendars: MAY 21

11:00 AM- 1:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE: THE CARDIOVASCULAR TEAM WILL BE HERE UNTIL 5:00 PM.

Our committee looks forward to seeing you.

Think Good Health!

Laura Brodsky



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.

Cut Out and Save

Contact Information
(in confidence): Leave or Send a Message to Our Support Lines

To Reach the Congregational Nurse
Linda Liederman, R.N.
Phone: 646-598-2974

Email:
nurse@hollishillsjc.org

To reach the office:
 718-776-3500

To reach Rabbi Wise:
 Enter option "3"
 Or: rabbewise@hollishillsjc.org

Chesed Committee Chair
 Laura Brodsky:
lbrodsky@hollishillsjc.org



Hiram and Berdie Kleinstein Memorial Lecture

Sunday, May 7, 2017, 8:00 pm
Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center

The Trump Presidency



Michael Grunwald

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Mr. Grunwald has spent 25 years in journalism--at the Boston Globe, the Washington Post and TIME Magazine before joining POLITICO in 2014. He's a policy expert who tends to focus on economic and environmental issues, as well as national politics. In addition to public speaking events, Mr. Grunwald has appeared on every major television network.

In 2006, Simon & Schuster published Mike's first book, *The Swamp: The Everglades, Florida, and the Politics of Paradise*. In August 2012, Simon & Schuster published his second book, *The New New Deal: The Hidden History of Change in the Obama Era*. The Economist and The Guardian both declared it the best book about the Obama administration—and it made the New York Times best-seller list.

For information, contact the center office: 718-776-3500.

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Nichum Avelim

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

Sharon Goldstein, beloved wife
of Martin Goldstein

Max Feinstein, beloved
husband of Marilyn Feinstein

Sally Goldstein, beloved wife
of Harvey Goldstein

Charles Ernest Johnston,
beloved father of
Dana Johnston

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

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Charles Feilhardt
Karen Ross & Marvin Feilhardt

*In honor of the birth of Viviane
& Steven Verstandig's new
grandson, James William
Verstandig*

Linda & Arthur Liederman

*In memory of Ed Lehman's
mother*

Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil

In memory of Dennis Streem
Marilyn & Steven Teleky

*In memory of Benjamin
Weingarten*
Martin Goldstein

In memory of William Beer
Jeffrey Beer

In memory of Esther Landau
Marcy & Jeffrey Sackett

*In memory of Rebecca
Nathanson*

*In memory of Murray Jacob
Solomowitz*
Jaye & Benjamin Solomowitz

Wishing Refuah Shelemah to
Vicki Blumenfeld
Ronnie Gersten

In memory of David Schwartz
Arlene Schwartz

*In memory of Gussie
Belopolsky*
Nelly & Jerry Belopolsky

Wishing Refuah Shelemah to
Gloria Bell
Nelly & Jerry Belopolsky

In memory of Sharon Goldstein
Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil
Irene & Michael Borman
Rosalie Pollak
Mira Clivner
Vicki & Joel Blumenfeld
Robin & Mark Mandell
Irene & Lewis Strongin
Sandie Altman-Baker

In memory of Sally Goldstein
Vicki & Joel Blumenfeld
Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil
Arlene Schwartz
Robin & Mark Mandell
Mira Clivner
Irene & Michael Borman
Phyllis & Arthur Flug
Joyce & Robert Fogel
Beate Axelrad

In memory of Charles Met
Carol & Joel Lieber

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

In memory of Irving Perl
Marlene Perl

In memory of Anna Goldstein
Rosalie & Stephen Roseman

In memory of Emanuel Kuflik
In memory of Lucille Kuflik
Benjamin Graham & Family

In memory of Sabina Schiff
Arlene & Abraham Shulman

In memory of Morris Glaser
Rita & Sheldon Glaser

In memory of Mary Lasner
Barry M. Lasner

In memory of Saul Wolf
Karen Skoler

In memory of Herman Padolsky
Rona & Lawrence Padolsky

In memory of Harry Ader
Harriet & Bernd Bildstein

In memory of Sylvia Kleiman
Laura & Martin Brodsky

In memory of Matilde Goldwitz
In memory of Samuel
Goldowski

In memory of Bertha Presser
Dolores & Bernardo Goldowski

In memory of Sara Goldberg
Sandie Altman-Baker

In memory of Charles Ernest
Johnston

Jaye & Ben Solomowitz
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Mira Clivner
Beate Axelrad



*In memory of Martin Ellis
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*Wishing Refuah Shelemah to
Jack Cohen
Joyce & Robert Fogel*

Rabbi's Fund

*In honor of Jan Katz being
honored as Man of the Year by
the NY Federation of Jewish
Men's Clubs
In honor of Jordana Chazan
being honored as Youth of the
Year by the NY Federation of
Jewish Men's Clubs
In honor of David Landau being
honored as Youth of the Year
by the NY Federation of Jewish
Men's Clubs
In honor of Zachary Zabib
being honored as Youth of the
Year by the NY Federation of
Jewish Men's Clubs
Ilene & Gordon Goldman*

*Wishing Refuah Shelemah to
Irene Schneider
Lynne & Marty Kevelson*

*In memory of Bernard Borko
Nancy Borko & Steven Fufeld*

*In memory of Annette Morse
Nelly & Jerry Belopolsky*

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Vicki Blumenfeld
Charlotte & David Karsch*

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Charlotte & David Karsch
Harriet & Bernd Bildstein*

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Johnston
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Ida & Daniel Weissner*

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*In memory of Esther Landau
Robyn & Marc Rosenberg*

*In memory of Sharon Goldstein
Flo & Bob Gropper*

*In honor of the birth of Deborah
Goldenberg's new granddaugh-
ter
Flo & Bob Gropper*

*In memory of Sally Goldstein
Carol & Joel Lieber
Flo & Bob Gropper*

*In memory of Charles Ernest
Johnston
Flo & Bob Gropper*

*In honor of the participation of
Sam Menzie in the Yom
Hashoah Program
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Rachel & Armand Lugassy &
Family*

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*In memory of Sharon Goldstein
Joanne Misher*

**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**

We are now established with
"Terracycle", a recycling or-
ganization that makes new
things out of old. Our team is
the "HJR Memorial Environ-
ment Fund" and the charity we
support is the Hollis Hills Bay-
side Jewish Center. Please
send in your old cell phones as
soon as possible and let's start
collecting, recycling and earn-
ing money for the HHBJC now!

MEANINGFUL GESTURES

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(Kindness). Please note your
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\$36.

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~ May 2017 ~ Iyar - Sivan 5777 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7 Iyar 11 26 th day of the Omer Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Hiram & Berdie Kleinstein Memorial Lecture - 8 PM	8 Iyar 12 27 th day of the Omer Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	9 Iyar 13 28 th day of the Omer Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	10 Iyar 14 29 th day of the Omer Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM Adult Ed – Know Your Neighbors Project - 8 PM	11 Iyar 15 30 th day of the Omer Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	12 Iyar 16 31 st day of the Omer Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 7:45 PM Mincha - 7:00 PM	13 Iyar 17 32 nd day of the Omer Emor 9 AM Mincha 7:30 PM Havdalah 8:49 PM Simcha Shabbat - 9 AM
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Rabbi Dr. H. Joseph Simckes
Life After Retirement

Why Remember Tzorres?
(An Oldie But Still a Goodie!)

Tucked away in our Hebrew calendar is a bitter memory which pops up every year on the tenth day of the Hebrew month of *Tevet* in the late fall. At that time we Jews officially commemorate a thorny moment of our history which tears through the protective membrane of our communal memory, prodding us to an uncomfortable acknowledgement of our collective vulnerability.

Oy vey, kinderlach...it's here again! The tenth of Tevet! A day of fasting! A day of terror! A time signaling pending death and disaster!*

Who wants to remember "*Asarah b'Tevet*", i.e. *the tenth of Tevet*, the day the Babylonians began their fatal siege (fatal for us not for them!) of Jerusalem? That was a time of unspeakable terror, heralding inglorious defeat, hideous death and national disaster. Besides, that particular slice of infamy took place almost 3000 years ago! Who cares! What purpose does it serve to carve that event into the template of normative Jewish memory?

Asking Jews to remember the calamitous sorrows associated with the *tenth of Tevet*, 586 B.C.E. is like asking a former prisoner who was once condemned to death by hanging to recall the day the noose was slipped around his neck. Isn't it somewhat masochistic to require him to recollect the rough hemp fiber coiling round his throat in an ugly embrace of near death?

The Babylonian siege of Jerusalem was, in effect, the placing of a deadly military noose

around the capital of Judea. It signaled the slow but sure strangulation of Jewish national life. It prefaced the destruction of the Holy Temple on the 9th of Av and rehearsed the ultimate exile of the Jewish People from their ancestral homeland. It was the first act of a savage drama encompassing 2000 years of Jewish homelessness. Historically, it is fair to say that the tenth of Tevet *was the preamble to Jewish corporate existence as political orphans*.

And yet, had the Rabbi's of old not embedded that dreadful day, *the tenth of Tevet* (when the Babylonian siege of Judea's capital began) in our Hebrew calendar as an official day of commemoration, it is possible that our future as a viable religious civilization would have been jeopardized. Over the centuries it has functioned as a galvanizing warning of potential national or spiritual peril.

The Rabbi's of old who established our Hebrew calendar wanted their progeny to be geopolitically savvy, globally alert, pro-actively sensitive to potential predators before they pounced. Long before "*simper paratus*" became the official motto of the U.S. Coast Guard, the ancient sages of Israel were busy devising ways of creating a culture whose adherents were trained to see the world with "*a third eye*", anticipating future dangers by remembering past tragedies.

The leaders of our country, *America*, have tried to do no less. *December 7th* has been burned into our national memory as a "*Day of Infamy*" not to demonize the Japanese people but to concretize our systems

of military preparedness to the degree that such attacks upon our citizens and values are nipped in the bud. Similarly, following the tragic sinking of the Titanic, it would be more than mere folly or arrogance to build a ship without an adequate number of lifeboats. It would be criminal!

Theoretically, the horrors of 911 might have been prevented had we had in place a sufficiently sophisticated "*alerting system*" to pending danger. Such systems, regrettably do not exist. However, the mindset that strives for such national preparedness, while it runs grave risks of negative excesses, is still necessary for our survival. Hence our Rabbinic sages wisely added the 10th of Tevet to our Hebrew calendar as a day of preparedness through remembrance.

Why? Simple answer. Jews are expected to learn from tragedy. To mourn yes, but also to grow in wisdom, strength, courage, hope and preparedness. Our experience as a people has taught us to remember catastrophes – wisely and creatively – in order to protect ourselves from preventable disasters in the future. ** To forget disasters is to die thrice: *once in the flames of the original conflagration; twice in the embers of that historical event; thrice when that forgotten disaster repeats itself though future ignorance, lassitude and lack of preparedness*.

Our Jewish calendar is one of our most precious tools for rising from the ashes. Only by remembering the flames – from whence they came and how or if - they were extinguished, can we protect ourselves from future devastation. The tenth of Tevet is, therefore, well worth



B'nai Mitzvot - A Word from Their Parents Jonathan & Jeremy Meyers - June 3



Twins, who have their own language, complete each other's sentences and sometimes argue "like an old married couple", Jonathan and Jeremy share many things (having grown up in the same house, having the same two older brothers to live up to, etc.) and are also, of course, two distinct young men with individual talents, achievements and aspirations.

The Hollis Hills Jewish Center has been a central part of Jonathan and Jeremy's lives. They both attended HHJC's nursery school, Hebrew School and were members of the JEM choir since practically before being able to walk (joining their two older brothers on the Bima whether they or Cantor Zim liked it or not). Jonathan and Jeremy became members of METNY's Kadima program in the 2nd grade, have been attending Encampment at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires for the past three summers and during the school year, participate in Shabbatons and Kinnussim. They both enjoy participating at their family's Friday night Shabbat dinners and Torah study and continue their Jewish education by attending weekly Shabbat services.

For their B'nai Mitzvah, Jonathan and Jeremy have chosen the theme "Gemilut Chassadim" - Giving of Loving Kindness and have designed a unique Mitzvah project that speaks to their

talents and to their commitment to helping the Earth. They both love filmmaking (Jeremy research and writing, Jonathan design and editing, both directing) and came up with the idea of creating a short documentary about the importance of recycling focusing in particular on the "hot button" issue of plastic bag recycling and the recent failed legislation designed to curb the use of plastic bags in our city. They are currently in production -- interviewing their science teachers, local elected officials, administrators with NYPIRG, at the Department of Sanitation and Danny Shepard. They hope that their film will serve as an advocacy tool to encourage everyone to stop, or at least significantly curb, their use of plastic bags which are having such a devastating effect on our environment. Stay tuned for information about screenings and social media links to the film and look out for Jonathan and Jeremy and their cameras at check-out stands throughout the neighborhood.

Jonathan and Jeremy are 8th grade Honor Roll students at MS 74. Next year, Jonathan will be attending Cardozo High School and Jeremy will be going to Brooklyn Tech. They both love science and social studies and have both been active in their school community albeit in different ways. Since 6th grade, Jonathan has been a leader on the MS 74 Anti-Bullying/Peer Counseling Team and has served as a traffic captain each morning helping his fellow students safely navigate the sometimes crazy morning traffic patterns in front of the school. Jeremy has been elected Student

Organization class representative during 6th, 7th and 8th grade and has been part of MS 74's chapter of Rachel's Challenge as well as the RFA - Respect for All school-wide initiative. Both played key parts in school musical productions in 6th and 7th grade and this year, Jeremy is the male lead while Jonathan has chosen to move behind the scenes by volunteering to be on the tech crew. Both were members of the school wrestling team but have hung up their shoes for now planning to move on to track (Jonathan) and fencing (Jeremy) next year.

Outside of school, Jonathan is an avid runner who likes to watch movies, listen to music and ride his bicycle. Jeremy loves to read, make silly "Do It Yourself" (DIY) videos, collect all manner of things and ride his bicycle. They both love their summers at Camp JORI in Rhode Island, hanging out with their friends, cooking and hiking with their Dad, going to all types of performances and museums with their Mom and playing baseball or football with their brothers when the sun is shining and playing video games when it's not.

Jonathan and Jeremy's parents, grandparents and brothers, David and Daniel, are all very proud of them. It is with great joy that we look forward to celebrating their B'nai Mitzvah and all that this Simcha means with family and friends and the entire HHBJC congregation.

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remembering. Only by preserving all the pieces of the puzzle – especially the jagged edges – of our tumultuous history can we guarantee that our destiny as “*a light unto the nations!*” will be fulfilled. Our existence as the bearers of that light is crucial.

The historian Barbara Tuchman once wrote “...of all the peoples of the Western world from 3000 years ago, it is only the Jews who live in the same place, speak the same language, and practice the same religion.” By taking seriously all the vital data of our glorious and inglorious past we have learned how to survive, how to protect our faith and empower ourselves in order to share our insights and sanctifying truths with all our fellow human beings. We do so in humility, vigor and love. In that process, the tenth of Tevet plays a respected and significant role. The question is not so much why we should remember our *Tzortes* but how!

Rabbi Dr. Hirsch Joseph Simckes

* Check out the historical circumstances of this date in Google friends!

** “Those who choose to forget history are doomed to repeat it!” – Santayana.

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