



**FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, LIVE...IN LOWER MANHATTAN!
IN YIDDISH! What could be better than that?**



The Sisterhood has acquired 40 tickets to the Yiddish Theatre presentation of this much-loved play at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in Battery Park, for

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12TH AT 1 PM

Because there are only 40 tickets, we must have reservations now. Payment can wait for billing.

Reservations are truly "first come, first served!"

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO FIND OUT HOW TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS SEE FLYER ON PAGE 6

**From the Desk of
Rabbi David Wise**



Harel was the only survivor from his platoon, and only because on

the day of the horrific 1997 helicopter crash that killed 73 Israeli soldiers and led to the IDF's withdrawal from Lebanon three years later, he was at an officer's training course. Now, Matti Friedman was in Harel's platoon, and he followed him with a quiet reverence back to The Pumpkin, a small outpost in southern Lebanon that Friedman and other Israelis used as high ground to detect Hezbollah fighters.

I spent this 70th *Yom HaZikaron*, Israel's memorial day, in Israel, accompanied by thirty-some fellow human travelers and one book—*Pumpkin Flowers*, Matti Friedman's 2016 war memoir. In this installment of *The Rabbi's Nightstand*, I wish to draw your thoughts to the one day on the Jewish calendar to which most Diaspora Jews cannot fully relate. Yes, we share in the joys of peoplehood on the following day, *Yom Ha'atzmaut*, when we celebrate Israel's independence and sovereignty. But unless we knew someone personally, someone who was killed in defense of the State of Israel, or was killed

May at HHBJC

- May 2, 9
Adult Education - iEngage
- May 5
Farewell Shabbat for Chana & Rabbi H. Joseph Simckes
- May 6
Adult Education - CJLS
- May 12
Simcha Shabbat
- May 16
HHBCSA Kick Off
- May 19
Tikkun Leil Shavuot
- May 20
Nursery School on Bima

Please see page 11 for an article from our Rabbi Emeritus, Rabbi Dr. H. Joseph Simckes about his and Chana's upcoming full-time aliyah to Israel. Contact information in Israel provided!



See Pages 10 for removable monthly calendar of events and service times



Shabbat Schedule



Friday, May 4, 2018

Candle Lighting 7:36 PM
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 5, 2018

Emor 9:00 AM
Mincha 7:20 PM
Havdalah 8:40 PM

Friday, May 11, 2018

Candle Lighting 7:43 PM
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 12, 2018

Behar-Bechukotai 9:00 AM
Mincha 7:30 PM
Havdalah 8:47 PM

Friday, May 18, 2018

Candle Lighting 7:50 PM
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 19, 2018

Erev Shavuot
Bamidbar 9:00 AM
Mincha 7:30 PM
Candle Lighting 8:54 PM

Friday, May 25, 2018

Candle Lighting 7:56 PM
Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 26, 2018

Nasso 9:00 AM
Mincha 7:40 PM
Candle Lighting 9:00 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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Shoprite

All Locations

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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



Handicap Access

We have an operating handi-capped lift. This is available for all who may need access to any level of the building. Please contact the center office to arrange for one of our staff to assist you in its operation. There is also a handicapped restroom located past the Menchel Social Hall.

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Cantor Sol Zim



**Our Cantor's
Voice**

**Celebrating
Israel's 70th
Anniversary -
Shabbat Service
& Kiddush on
May 5th In Honor
of Rabbi Joe &
Chana Simckes**

The deadline for article and advertising submission is the 10th day of the preceding month. Dateline Editor: Nancy Morse; Please submit articles and letters to the editor via email to: office@hollishillsjc.org. (Word or Publisher format is appreciated)

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, Marty Kevelson and Malka Lesnik Belgrad.

Seventy years since the establishment of our beloved State of Israel. What an incredible milestone!

Celebrations have been taking place across the entire Jewish world. Israel has been singing, dancing & beaming with pride. Jews of all ages & backgrounds are in a "state of Simcha". Our Jewish Homeland is strong & vibrant!

I was touched and so honored to hear that my *Avinu Shebashamayim* was sung at a huge celebration in Israel at the *Kotel* last week. I was told there were thousands of people (a Sea of people), wall to wall, all singing the Avinu at the top of their lungs. It was streamed on EARTHCAM.COM I can imagine what an emotional experience that must have been.

All of the Jewish Leaders, Haganah, Zionists, Holocaust survivors & all who fought to create the establishment of the State of Israel, are now watching from above with tremendous pride, love & gratitude that we have all taken part in keeping our State of Israel alive & thriving. With all the threats Israel faces from her surrounding neighbors, with such a tiny piece of land and small popula-

tion, with all the ridicule and dissent she faces from countries & societies across the world, she stands strong and in just 70 years, the State of Israel has become a leader in the world of technology, science, economics, and so much more. Our amazing State of Israel is one of the most advanced countries in Research & Development, Start-Up companies as well as growth and advancement in Agricultural and Industrial areas. I know we are all proud!

Let us celebrate the State of Israel's 70th Birthday with love, pride and joy and let us pray for her safety & security.

Speaking of Israel...you may know that our dear and beloved **Rabbi Emeritus H. Joseph Simckes** and his wonderful wife **Chana** will be making full *Aliyah*. **SAVE THE DATE..... Saturday, Shabbat, MAY 5th**, we will have a Kiddush Celebration in honor of Rabbi Joe & Chana at HHBJC as we wish him a safe journey to Aliyah. Everyone is invited! Let us shower him with our warmth & love as he showered us with his warmth, love and leadership as our Rabbi. We are so fortunate to now have Rabbi David Wise as our spiritual leader, a man of such fine character, respect for others & inspiration.

Come join us at this very special Shabbat Service & Kiddush to say Thank you to Rabbi Simckes for all the warm & loving memories he has given us as a congregation. I cannot thank

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in a terror attack, *Yom HaZikaron* is not truly ours. Even as our tour group stood at the spot in Tel Aviv where Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated by another Jew and heard the 8 pm siren that ushered in *Yom HaZikaron*, or with small children at the Masorti synagogue in Ashkelon for the 11 am siren the next morning, we were spectators more than we were mourners.

Matti Friedman was born in Toronto, made *Aliyah* with his family after high school, and later served in the IDF in Lebanon before embarking on a career as a journalist, serving as an AP correspondent in the Middle East. *Pumpkin Flowers* is a three-part story: the first follows Avi, one of the 73 soldiers killed in the helicopter collision; the second is about the author's time on the Pumpkin as a soldier; and the third is about his return to Lebanon (on his Canadian passport). In section two, Friedman recalls how he and his platoon-mates would talk about one day having coffee in the very places on which they trained their gun sights. When he does indeed step foot in southern Lebanon as a "tourist," he writes: "If I may try to explain what this felt like, imagine growing up with a painting of a forest on the wall of your room, a picture that you see every day and that is intimately familiar, and waking up one morning under the trees" (p. 209)

Pumpkin Flowers is a gripping and moving war memoir, and especially so for Jews who can only imagine what it means to serve in the army of the Jewish State. So what of Harel, that sole survivor of his platoon?

"Once, in a television interview, Harel was asked how he did it—how he went back to the army after it happened... Here was a chance for an expression of ideology or faith, a love of country, all of those generations of Jews looking at him, depending on him not to give up...How did Harel go back? There might have been a flicker of disdain in his eyes, but otherwise he betrayed no emotion. 'On the bus,' he said" (p. 112).

My hope for you this month is that whatever you read moves you a fraction of the degree to which that passage moved me.

Rabbi David Wise

Temple Family

The outpouring of notes of sympathy and the comforting meals after the passing of my mother, Charlotte Bernstein, followed soon after by the many expressions of Mazel Tov on the birth of our first granddaughter, Clara Jude, are so touching and overwhelming.

*Thank you to the Hollis Hills Bayside Community for all the support to our family
Deborah and Arne Abramowitz & Family*

Mazel Tov to Chana & Rabbi H. Joseph Simckes on the marriage of their granddaughter, Maayan Shira Simckes, daughter of Dr. Elan Simckes

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**

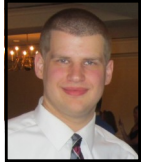
Friday Morning 7:00am

Rosh Chodesh 6:30am

Please visit our Facebook Page at

<https://www.facebook.com/hollishillsbaysidejc/>





**Youth Director
News**

Dan Bacharach

April was an exciting month at H2I Youth Group, with three weeks of great Sunday night programming for all of our groups – from Israel Iron Chef to Messy Game Night, and everywhere in between. Our 8-12 graders also joined hundreds of their peers from across the NY metropolitan area at Regional Convention at Honors Haven Resort in the Catskills, where they enjoyed Shabbat together, elected next year’s Regional Board, and made so many great memories.

Our year is rapidly coming to a close, with May 6 being our final week of regular programming. We’ll have a Lag B’Omer Picnic Dinner from 5-6:15 PM for all of members in Grades 2-7, and our Chapter Elections and Final Dinner from 6:30-9 PM for those in Grades 8-12. That evening, we’ll discharge our graduating seniors and outgoing chapter board, and install the newly elected board and eighth graders into H2I USY.

May 6 does not represent the end of our programming this year, however, as alongside ICCJ, we’ll be hosting our first Tikkun Leyl Shavuot for our USYers, focused on the topic of #MeToo – a look at stories from the Torah and Jewish tradition that reflect today’s #MeToo movement, which fights against sexual assault and harassment. The evening will certainly be one of meaningful study and a great way to cap off our year at H2I!

Sisterhood

As Spring has finally sprung, we are getting ready to hold one final end of season event. The Sisterhood of the Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center will hold an authentic “hoedown” in conjunction with Men’s Club on Sunday June 10th. Savannah Sky will begin the night with line dancing lessons at 5:30PM. followed by an authentic barbecue dinner. After dinner the hoedown will resume until 9:30PM. More information to follow.

We are already planning a host of new events for next year. Please join with us at our planning meetings to be announced.

HHBJC - Sisterhood Gift Shop



For all your Judaica needs!

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 HHBJC now!

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him enough for giving this congregation such love, respect & honor. I personally had so many beautiful years sharing the pulpit with Rabbi Simckes and witnessing his innovative ideas and his ability to heal & rebuild community. I look forward to seeing all of you on **Saturday, May 5th at our Shabbat Service to be followed by a beautiful Kiddush in honor of Rabbi Joe & Chana Simckes.**

See you in Shul.

Cantorially always,

Cantor Sol Zim

Be Active in HHBJC

Be Involved

Join a committee

Membership - Engagement

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What could be better than that?



The Sisterhood has acquired forty tickets to the Yiddish Theatre presentation of this much-loved play, for **Sunday afternoon August 12th, at 1 pm.**

We are even considering going by bus, to make life easier.
We believe that tickets will be approximately \$65 each, depending on bus costs.
Because there are only forty tickets, we must have reservations now.
Payment can wait for billing.

To reserve tickets, please email or call Linda,
(917) 656-2764, lindadliederman@gmail.com,
or Maris, (917) 941-8640, maris@blechner.net.

Reservations are truly "first come, first served."
It you want to go, don't wait to reserve your tickets.
When these are gone, they are gone!!

In Yiddish with English and Russian supertitles.

Experience Fiddler on the Roof in a new way- in Yiddish, the language of Tevye and his family!
Directed by Oscar and Tony Award-winner Joel Grey, the rich Yiddish translation by Shraga Friedman, z"l, adds new depth and dimension to the most well-known Jewish musical in the world.
Don't miss the beloved story of a community and its struggle to balance traditions and desires in a changing world. The little town of Anatevka will bustle with the sounds of *mame-loshn* in the U.S. premiere of Fiddler in Yiddish at the Museum of Jewish Heritage.



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

Our Holidays of note are over for a while, Summer is coming, let's be happy & smile, We wish you all a pleasant time for activities & vacations, Wherever you go, enjoy the sights of our great nation!

We want to congratulate David Reiss, son of Carol & Mark Reiss, our Board Members. He wrote his first book, a Science Fiction theme called "Fid's Crusade", which is available through Amazon. Of course, the Reiss family is full of joy & pride! To add to this achievement, we want to wish Mark Reiss a very Happy Birthday. Best wishes, too, to my daughter, Margo Gray, who also celebrates her birthday.

I hope your meeting went well, sorry I could not be present this time. Hopefully we'll see each other soon again. Please keep us informed of any news we can mention in this column. Thank you.

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

**JUDITH LESNIK CHESED
COMMITTEE AND
ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

In this issue of Dateline, I would like to re-send some excellent recommendations for Home Care and therapists.

1. Home Health Care Aides: Call Bruce at Caring Hands: (347) 444-1553 or (631) 639-1708
2. Home Health Care in Fresh Meadows: Phillipino Home Care: Call Brian at (917) 244-1721
3. Metropolitan Jewish Home Care Services: Aides and Medicare Services- Medicare will cover costs for 3 weeks: (212) 356-5500
4. My most recent "stellar" recommendation from Marcia Levitt: Private Home Health Care Aide: Lindy Jaya (347)

605-4861- You can call Marcia for information.

Keep these numbers handy for further use.

Take walks outside, and enjoy

the Springtime. 

Stay Healthy,

Laura Brodsky

We now have a list 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.

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: 718-776-3500

Ext. 201

Email:

lliederman@hollishillsbaysidejc.org

For Rabbi Wise:

Enter Extension 107

Or: rabbiwise@hollishillsbaysidejc.org

Chesed Committee Chair

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THE OTHER MOURNERS OF ZION
AND JERUSALEM

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In honor of the birth of Marcy &

Jeffrey Sackett's new grand-

daughter, Lily Harper, to Jaime

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Wishing Refuah Shelemah to

Avery Okin

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Goldowski

Jerry Sandell

Irene & Daniel Grapel

Wishing Refuah Shelemah to

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Ronnie Krell

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Wishing Refuah Shelemah to

Jeanette Dauber

Linda & Arthur Liederman



*In memory of Isaac Bodner
Linda & Arthur Liederman*

*In memory of Howard Irving
Schneider
Irene Schneider*

*In honor of Sam Solasz for
being Guest Speaker at the
Yom Hashoah Memorial
Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil*

*In memory of Clara (Claire)
Stroom
Marilyn & Steven Teleky*

*In memory of Harry Ader
Harriet & Bernd Bildstein*

*In memory of Herman F. Galler
Marcia & Robert Sparrow*

*In honor of Arthur Ajzenman
receiving the Man of the Year
Award from the NY Federal of
Jewish Men's Clubs
Michelle & Neil Zitofsky*

*Wishing Refuah Shelemah to
cousin Shelley Rifkin
Ida & Daniel Weisser*

*In celebration of Rabbi Wise's
13th year at the synagogue
Irene & Daniel Grapel*

*In memory of Emanuel Kuflik
In memory of Lucille Kuflik
Benjamin Graham*

*In memory of Steven Sandell
In memory of Paula Naphtalie
Jerry Sandell*

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*In memory of Saul Wolf
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Martin Sinkoff*

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Bertha & Usher Farber*

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Sandie Altman-Baker*

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Meryl Sommer*

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*Thank you for the inspiring ser-
vice you gave at my Mom's
funeral. Your friendship and
support are greatly appreciated
George Heymann*

*In memory of Cecile Tiger
Gayle Wolf & Mitch Klicka*

*In memory of Bernardo
Goldowski*

Nelly & Jerry Belopolsky

*In honor of the birth of Viviane
& Steven Verstandig's new twin
grandson and granddaughter,
to Deborah & Adam
Charlotte & David Karsch*

*In memory of Isaac Bodner
Michelle & Neil Zitofsky*

*Thank you to Rabbi Wise for
conducting my father, Julian
Hornstein's funeral. We are all
grateful for the wonderful job
you did
Alicia Hornstein Lawlor*

*In celebration of Rabbi Wise's
13th year at the synagogue|
The Margulis Family
Tova & Stuart Markowitz
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Cantor's Fund

*Thank you for your participation
at Mom's funeral. Your friend-
ship and support are greatly
appreciated
George Heymann*

*Thank you to Cantor Zim for
always being there for our
family
Cora & Mark Solasz*

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*In honor of Rabbi Wise's Bar
Mitzvah year at HBJC
Deborah & Arne Abramowitz*

*In memory of Doris Krinitz
Rona & Lawrence Padolsky
Rachel & Armand Lugassy*

*In memory of Irving Alperin
Marcia & Charles Levitt &
Family*

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

~ May 2018 ~ Iyar - Sivan 5778 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Iyar 16 31 st day of the Omer Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	2 Iyar 17 32 nd day of the Omer Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM Adult Ed - iEngage Israel – 8 PM	3 Iyar 18 33 rd day of the Omer Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7 PM Lag BaOmer	4 Iyar 19 34 th day of the Omer Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 7:36 PM Mincha - 7:00 PM	5 Iyar 20 35 th day of the Omer Emor 9 AM Mincha 7:20 PM Havdalah 8:40 PM Farewell Shabbat for Chana & Rabbi H. Joseph Simckes – 9 AM
6 Iyar 21 36 th day of the Omer Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Adult Ed – CJLS - Time to be Determined	7 Iyar 22 37 th day of the Omer Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	8 Iyar 23 38 th day of the Omer Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	9 Iyar 24 39 th day of the Omer Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM Adult Ed - iEngage Israel – 8 PM	10 Iyar 25 40 th day of the Omer Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7 PM	11 Iyar 26 41 st day of the Omer Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 7:43 PM Mincha - 7:00 PM	12 Iyar 27 42 nd day of the Omer Behar-Bechukotai 9 AM Mincha 7:30 PM Havdalah 8:47 PM Simcha Shabbat -9 AM
13 Iyar 28 43 rd day of the Omer Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Yom Yerushalayim Mother's Day	14 Iyar 29 44 th day of the Omer Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	15 Sivan 1 45 th day of the Omer Minyan Times 6:30 AM and 7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Sivan	16 Sivan 2 46 th day of the Omer Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM CSA Kick-Off - 8 PM	17 Sivan 3 47 th day of the Omer Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7 PM	18 Sivan 4 48 th day of the Omer Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 7:50 PM Mincha - 7:00 PM	19 Sivan 5 49 th day of the Omer Bamidbar 9 AM Mincha 7:30 PM Candle Lighting 8:54 PM Erev Shavuot Tikkun Leil Shavuot – 7:30 PM
20 Sivan 6 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:55 PM Shavuot I Nursery School on Bima	21 Sivan 7 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:55 PM Shavuot II	22 Sivan 8 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	23 Sivan 9 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	24 Sivan 10 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7 PM	25 Sivan 11 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 7:56 PM Mincha - 7:00 PM	26 Sivan 12 Nasso 9 AM Mincha 7:40 PM Havdalah 9:00 PM
27 Sivan 13 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM	28 Sivan 14 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Memorial Day	29 Sivan 15 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	30 Sivan 16 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	31 Sivan 17 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7 PM		



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

“Shalom...What a Wondrous
Affirmation!”

Indeed, the four letter Hebrew word, **“Shalom!”**, which appears countless times in our Holy Scriptures, is wondrous. Fundamentally, it boldly declares, *“Peace unto you, my friend, I mean you no harm...only genuine safety, security, freedom from fear! With me and mine you will find protection and nourishment,*

hopefully, even laughter and joy. In the shadow of my humble abode you will be treated like family. You will be a most welcome guest, worthy of honor, dignity and empathic, personalized attention speedily given to your specific needs and desires.”

Shalom connotes mutual trust, togetherness, respect for differences, and actualized endearment. Tucked in the texture of its core meaning is commitment to inter-personal healing, the setting aside of any jagged edges of past encounters and replacing them with a new reality of mutual acceptance, one that encourages the blossoming of shared growth & new insights and optimizes wholeness of body, mind and spirit. It suggests that past debts have been paid and one’s current ledger is clear, clean and open to an honorable future.

With regard to the precious variable of time, in a very magical and Hebraically unique way, **“Shalom!”** means **“Goodby!”**

with a sweet little **“Hello!”** in it! Approximately four decades ago when Chana and I and our three young sons came to Hollis Hills to live as the Rabbinic family in our Synagogue Center Parish House on 212th street, we exchanged this wondrous word of greeting cited above, Israeli style, i.e. in duplicative form, **“Shalom, shalom!”** with the entire community. It was our way of expressing a doubled-sharing of all the treasured values and visions encased in those four ancient Hebrew letters, *Shin-Lamed-Vov-Mem Sophit*.

The rest, as they say, is history. Together we accepted the challenge of building a robust synagogue-center. Deep and enduring friendships followed, exciting programs, trips, spiritual happiness-on-steroids for young and old, teens and tweens; together with international super-star, Cantor Sol Zim and the unforgettable embracer and multi-talented Shammus, Rev. Frank Strassfeld, z”l, gifted educators, youth leaders, administrators, office staff, building superintendants and, the key to all of our shared achievements, an extraordinarily responsive, creative, loving synagogue family, leadership and laity, we were blessed with the emergence of a bustling, evolving egalitarian-Conservative Synagogue Center- a religious institution that, I believe, my old JTS mentors, Rabbis Avraham Yehoshua Heschel and Mordechai Kaplan, would be proud of!

The time has now come for Chana and myself to make full-time *aliyah* to the Holy Land to join our family there in fulfilling the *mitzvah* of building, nourishing, protecting and helping to ensure the future of the re-born sovereign State of Medinat Yisrael reconstituted on its ancestral soil. For us, the privilege of living full-time in Israel could no longer be put off until “sha-nah haba-ah”. For us “Next year!” was “now”.

With deep gratitude to **HaShem** and eternal *thank-you* to our entire beloved congregational family here in Queens, New York, we say **“Shalom, shalom!”**. May the Holy One continue to bless us all with health, happiness, justice and peace... in a world illuminated by Gd’s love and sanctifying commandments, our Torah’s gift to humanity.

To all, our abiding affection and respect!

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