



Hollis Hills Jewish Center

Dateline : Hollis Hills

Cheshvan - Kislev 5776

November 2015

The Hollis Hills Jewish Center Proudly Presents

THE CANTOR'S COUCH
A One Man Show

Sunday, November 22, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Starring Cantor Jack Mendelson
Music: Jonathan Comisar • Book: Mark Bieler

- Hundreds of Laughs
- Beautiful Music
- Reknown Cantor
- Nostalgic Moments of Joy
- A Master Story-Teller
- A Great Comic
- Spectacular Voice
- Real Life Family Stories

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General Admission: \$50 / \$36 / \$25
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And our very own Cantor Sol Zim
America's Superstar of Jewish Music
Will Join Cantor Mendelson for a Musical Presentation

The Hollis Hills Jewish Center
210-10 Union Tpke., Flushing, NY



Shabbat Schedule



Friday, November 6, 2015

Candle Lighting 4:27 PM
Mincha 4:30 PM

Saturday, November 7, 2015

Chayei Sara 9:00 AM
Mincha 4:15 PM
Havdalah 5:29 PM

Friday, November 13, 2015

Candle Lighting 4:20 PM
Mincha 4:20 PM

Saturday, November 14, 2015

Toldot 9:00 AM
Mincha 4:05 PM
Havdalah 5:22 PM

Friday, November 20, 2015

Candle Lighting 4:15 PM
Mincha 4:15 PM

Saturday, November 21, 2015

Vayetzei 9:00 AM
Mincha 4:00 PM
Havdalah 5:17 PM

Friday, November 27, 2015

Candle Lighting 4:11 PM
Mincha 4:10 PM

Saturday, November 28, 2015

Vayishlach 9:00 AM
Mincha 4:00 PM
Havdalah 5:14 PM

Junior Congregation

November 7
10:30 AM - 12 PM

Daily Service Schedule

Monday & Thursday
6:45am & 7:30pm

Tuesday
7:00am & 7:30pm

Wednesday
8:00am & 7:30pm

Sunday & Legal Holiday
9:00am & 7:30pm

Friday Morning 7:00am

Rosh Chodesh 6:30am

Shabbat Mornings 9:00am



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monthly calendar of events
and service times**

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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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

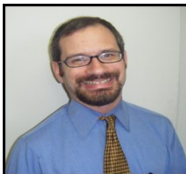
If you are bringing pre packaged food into the Synagogue, please consult with Rabbi Wise.

The Bereavement Support Group meets 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.

**From the Desk of
Rabbi David Wise**

**The Courage to Announce
Independence**



One of my favorite cinematic scenes is from the HBO miniseries *John Adams*. The Continental Congress has just voted to declare independence. John Hancock's secretary announces the tally of the vote, and declares, somewhat incredulously, that the resolution has carried. Then the camera pans the room, and the looks on the faces of the congressmen convey the enormity of the decision they've just made. Individually and collectively, they've committed an act of treason against the King. What's more, they've guaranteed that the military campaign against England will become even bloodier than before. The actors capture this realization in a silent combination of wonder and terror, as the magnitude of their decision sinks in.

As a Jew and a Zionist, I try to compare the portrayal of the announcement of America's independence with the events of May 14, 1948. At 4 pm on a Friday, as the members of the Yishuv's provisional council, other dignitaries, and the press gathered in the Tel Aviv Museum on Rothschild Boulevard, David Ben-Gurion read the Declaration of Israel's Independence. Having visited what

is now called *Heikhal Ha-atzmaut*, Independence Hall, and heard the recording of the spontaneous singing of *Hatikvah*, Ben-Gurion's voice, and the *Sheheheyanu* blessing, I can attest to the power of the event even though I'm only hearing a recording.

For this month's edition of *The Rabbi's Nightstand*, I reflect on what I learned about the other parts of the story when reading *Ben-Gurion: Father of Modern Israel*, by noted Israeli historian Anita Shapira. (Translated from the Hebrew, it's published by Yale University Press as part of its excellent *Jewish Lives* series). This biography of Israel's first Prime Minister is honest about his strengths and weaknesses, his diplomatic successes and his conflicts with other Zionist leaders and global statesmen. But I was most intrigued by the reports on the ceremony that made him most famous.

Consider this short passage about the day and the man who gave it its public face: "A wave of joy erupted inside the hall and among the crowd outside. Everyone was crying and laughing, kissing, dancing and singing. Golda Meyerson and two members of the Mapai Central Committee bought a bouquet and brought it to Ben-Gurion's home, where he was sitting on the second floor with the general staff, checking the final plans to combat the imminent invasion...On that jubilant night he again felt, as he had



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on 29 November [the date of the UN vote on partition], like 'a mourner among the joyful.'" (p. 162)

We often think of the benefits of courageous decisions by brave leaders. We don't always take note of the enormous costs that accompany that bounty. Ben-Gurion was faced with these monumental decisions and felt something akin to what the actors and cinematographers captured in *John Adams*. In the concluding pages of the biography, Shapira put words, Jewish words, to the idea of the magnitude of leadership: "His recognition that the establishment of the Jewish state would require a bloody war and his readiness to bear the brunt of responsibility for it—which in retrospect seem almost self-evident—were, at the time, stunning intuitions leading to decisive actions, unprecedented in Jewish history. Sending young people into battle knowing that they might not return was a type of decision Jews had not made since the Bar-Kochva revolt in the second century" (pp. 242-243).

Very rarely will any of us have to make life-and-death decisions for other people. The few men and women in the world whose calculations have ramifications for the lives of others are easy targets for us to judge. Let's affirm that leadership on the level of a Continental Congress or a Ben-Gurion isn't for everyone. In the mean-



Cantor Sol Zim



Like so many, I feel deep distress for what is going on in Israel. I have many friends and family living in Israel and they are all afraid to go on to the streets. They go to work, shop for food, go to shul on Shabbat and do what they have to do... BUT beyond that, they are mostly trying to stay close to home. They are truly afraid that at anytime, anywhere (on the street, on a bus, at a store) THEY COULD BE ATTACKED.

I have conveyed the message to my many friends and family in Israel that our HHJC community stands with them and is praying that this latest rage of terror comes to an end. So, let us all pray for the safety of our beloved Jewish State, for her citizens, leaders, soldiers and visitors, as they work together to secure, protect and defend themselves against terror.

Am Yisrael Chai! Israel; we are with you!

On a different note... REMINDER...The Exciting One-Man-Show "The Cantor's Couch" starring Cantor Jack Mendelson, will be at HHJC very soon.

Date: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2015 @ 7:00PM. It will be a SPECTACULAR EVENING

Our Cantor's Voice

Let Us Pray for Our Beloved State of Israel

filled with HILARIOUS LAUGHTER, MUSIC, WARMTH and MEMORIES.

I will join Cantor Mendelson in a special musical presentation and then we will top off the evening with a delicious DESSERT RECEPTION.

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS NOW...Don't miss out on this show. Let's enjoy together. Please call the Synagogue office at 718-776-3500 x 0 to reserve your seats. Our Chairperson is our very own, and my dear friend, JOAN WAXGISER.

Come enjoy the show.

See you in Shul.

Cantorially always,
Cantor Sol Zim



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.



Ohr Chadash News

**A New Year Begins
By Morah Shari Zuber**

By the time this article appears in certain bulletins of our school's sponsoring synagogues, the school year will be well under way. Although the close alignment of Labor Day and the High Holidays proved calendarically challenging, Ohr Chadash began classes for the Aleph through Hey classes on Wednesday, September 16, 2015, at its Fall 2015 home, Hollis Hills Jewish Center. The HHJC custodial staff was quite hospitable in arranging ample accommodations for both study material and students. The children and the teachers rapidly acclimated themselves to their environment and things ran smoothly.

On Sunday, September 20th, the entire school convened, from Gan Katan through Geshar. A delightful opening assembly was held in the Main Sanctuary, with Education Director Ruth Merrill graciously welcoming both returning and new families. Following the singing of *Hatikvah* and the *Star Spangled Banner*, Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin of Israel Center of Conservative Judaism, Rabbi Manes Kogan of Hillcrest Jewish Center, and Rabbi David Wise of Hollis Hills Jewish Center provided an informative and entertaining greeting, highlighting the importance of forgiveness at this special time of year. Ariella Bodzin, 7-month old daughter of Rabbi Fryer Bodzin and Aaron Bodzin, had an up-close and personal view of the three rabbis and is

now weighing her career choices carefully.

David Hasson, President of ICCJ, on behalf of the chief executive officers of all three congregations, expressed his words of welcome and hopefulness that this will be a truly dynamic year at our school. Robert Zuckerman of the School Board captured the morning's activities in photos for posterity, carrying on where his son, Michael, left off as the Ohr Chadash unofficial official photographer.

On Saturday morning, September 26, 2015, the first Ohr Chadash Shabbat of the 2015-2016 season was held at Hillcrest Jewish Center. Rabbi Kogan engaged students, parents, and

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November at HHJC

November 2, 9, 16, 30
Adult Education -
Beginnings of Judaism

November 7
Men's Club Veterans Shabbat

November 8
Sisterhood Torah Fund Brunch
honoring Audrey Shepard

November 14
Simcha Shabbat

November 14
Mini Minyan

November 15
Family Movie Night

November 22
The Cantor's Couch

November 23
Interfaith Gathering with
American Martyrs Church

Sisterhood

Shalom. Sisterhood has planned many educational, social and even spiritual events for this year. We have had regular planning meetings through the summer and fall to ensure quality programs. I am pleased to inform you that we have a core of about 20 women who attend our monthly planning meetings. With enthusiasm and team work, our Sisterhood will be able to provide excellent programming and opportunities to socialize and to support our community, as a whole. Stay tuned for the dates of planning meetings via the constant contact emails.

Sisterhood has had a late start in programming this year due to the earlier than usual Jewish holidays. We finally had our kickoff, event which was our paid up membership brunch, on October 18th. We were very lucky to be addressed by Lois Brafman who spoke about women's health issues. Her talk was both educational and entertaining. The food was plentiful and delicious.

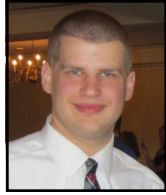
We are looking forward to our Torah Fund Brunch on November 8th at 10 AM. Our Torah

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HHJC - Sisterhood Gift Shop



For all your Judaica needs!

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

Dan Bacharach

October was a great month at H2I! We started our month on Thursday, October 1 with Sukkah Dinners for each of our group at Hillcrest JC, taking advantage of a weeknight in light of the many Sundays we lost because of Jewish and secular holidays at the start of our year. Our month continued on Sunday, October 11, when our USYers joined high schoolers from across the NY Metropolitan area for a Kickoff Boat Ride around Manhattan—reuniting with old friends and meeting new ones as well. The next weekend marked our first regular Sunday meetings of the month, with our younger groups taking part in “Escape the Room,” where they worked together to solve puzzles and put all the clues together in order to be the first team to escape, while our USYers worked to solve a murder mystery. Later in the month, our younger groups also participated in an Israeli Sports Night, in which they learned more about Israel through some fun athletic events.

On October 24-25, we hosted my favorite program of the year, our USY Social Actions Shul-In. After focusing on homelessness and disabilities in previous years, this year, we focused on the topic of discrimination. Our Chapter Board

**Reflections From
Gordon Goldman
Our Ritual Director**

So, now that the High Holiday and Sukkot season are over, we can all take a deep sigh of relief. Or can we? Sure, we have, hopefully, been forgiven for another year and our Sukkot have been disassembled and put away for another year. I suggest, however, that the job has just begun. During the holiday season we have obtained what I will call conditional forgiveness. Our T’shuvah (return to God and Torah) includes a promise (or New Year’s resolution, if you will) to get it better in the coming year or at least to try, sincerely and seriously to do so. In order to improve, in my humble opinion, one needs to know what he or she has gotten wrong, where the wrong turns were and how to navigate the return trip.

You can’t navigate without a good map. The roadmap available to us is education. We have any number of opportunities to increase our knowledge base here at the Hollis Hills Jewish Center. In our daily Minyan, morning and evening there is four to five minutes of teaching, frequently centered on the weekly Torah reading or the meaning of some element of the prayer service, so that one comes into the Shabbat morning services or the Torah service with an enhanced understanding of what the text is trying to tell us. There are a variety of more formal adult

education programs. These include lectures, discussions based on texts or videotape presentations, the Thursday lunch and learn, and the Shabbat lunch and learn based on the book “The Observant Life”. As you know, I have, over the years, stressed the importance of personal growth in the acquisition and improvement of general Jewish knowledge and of synagogue skills. I have put quite a bit of effort into practicing what I preach and am much happier and feel more fulfilled for it.

There is another, extremely important, benefit from participating in these and other congregational programs. The people who learn, study and celebrate together get to know each other better and new bonds are formed within the congregational community. We get support from one-another, we make new friends we get to feel as though we are an integral part of something and not just consumers. In his talk on Kol Nidre evening Arthur stressed the importance of promoting a sense of belonging as opposed to simply programming for its own sake. I agree with his basic premise that community is important. I also believe that the sense of belonging, of being part of something is enhanced by participation in educational and growth programs as long as these programs are designed to foster and enhance a feeling of chavruta, that is, partnership,



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

Now that the High Holy Days are over, and we also celebrated Sukkot and Simchat Torah, we can look forward to Thanksgiving followed Chanukah.

We want to wish Eleanor and Joseph Rosenberg a Happy Anniversary, may they enjoy many more in good health & happiness. I also want to wish my son, Robert Heppenheimer, a happy birthday and everything of the best for the next year. If anyone is celebrating an occasion, we wish you all the best.

Hopefully, we'll see each other again in a few days, and we'll exchange all the news that's fit to print.

Thank you Rabbi Wise, Cantor Zim, and the Chesed Committee for reaching out to Harold Feinberg during this difficult time.

The Feinberg and Gabay Families

Thank you to the entire community for your compassion, responsiveness and companionship following the death of Frederick Hersh.

The Shepard Family

Congregational Nurse Program

HHJC has introduced a Congregational Nurse program for our congregational community. This has been created in conjunction with our Chesed Committee and a Special Health Initiative Group comprising of those congregants with health related expertise. It is a Caring Network that gives life to the concept Hollis Hills Cares.

The work is rooted in the Judeo-Christian tradition of caring for our community and our own health, the obligation to care for the gift of life. It is an idea born out of the understanding of the healing values within our faith and the need to promote health care that focuses on the whole person emphasizing wellness, disease prevention, and health promotion.

Congregations have been promoting health and wholeness for centuries through worship, music, sharing, and caring. One new dimension is the addition of a registered nurse to the pastoral and Chesed team. The nurse promotes the relationship between faith and health, and serves as a liaison between the healthcare system and our congregation.

The Congregational nurses, along with those on the team who will provide guidance and the support, will have many responsibilities:

- To Listen
- To help Assess where needed

- To be another member of the care network ready to make home, hospital, and nursing home visits as appropriate

- To refer congregants to specific health/social service agencies

- To identify where we need volunteers

- To attend meetings to network with other health care professionals and congregational nurses.

- To offer educational programs to address specific congregational needs

The program objectives are to support our congregants in facing personal health related challenges and those they face in caring for their immediate family; to enhance the health status of our community

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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: rabbiwise@hollishillsjc.org

Chesed Committee Chair
 Laura Brodsky:
 lbrodsky@hollishillsjc.org



CHESSED

If you were at Yizkor service on Yom Kippur then , most probably, you heard me speak. I want to now add a few more bits of information on the role of the Chessed Committee.

1. We are working alongside, our Congregational Nurse, Linda Liederman, to work with shut-ins or any member who may need information with at-home services.

2. We are, currently, combing through literature to find outside services such as but not excluding; care- giving agencies, Information for home-bound adults, children's services, tutoring, food delivery services, and many more. When we have compiled everything, we will have a Resource Book available.

3. We will have an Elder Care attorney speak about Medicaid, and Trusts. This will be scheduled in the Spring.

4. Our committee is looking into having a Health Care Fair. Discussions are in progress.

Once again, if you want to share any ideas, or be a part of our committee, please email me at laujean1@aol.com , or call the office for my phone number.

Be safe, and well.

Laura Brodsky

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based on mutual goals and mutual respect which I hope ultimately leads to bond of friendship.

In one more note, I would like to thank Rabbi Wise and Cantor Zim for adding meaning, beauty and inspiration to the year's holidays. I also want to thank our office and custodial staff for their hard work which was accomplished with an atmosphere of cooperation and teamwork that made life a whole lot more pleasant and a whole lot easier for the Clergy and the Ritual Committee. Finally, I want to thank Rita Plush, Eric Jacobowitz, Henry Gerber, Joann LuQuis, Ilene Goldman, Dana Johnston, and Bob Gropper for their much appreciated assistance in changing the table, Torah and Ark covers and in rolling Sifrei Torah to the correct place for the various holiday readings.

I wish everyone in the congregational family a happy and healthy 5776.

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.

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through outreach; to empathize the values of disease prevention; and to facilitate an active partnership with agencies and the community at large to promote wellness, chronic disease management and healthier lifestyles.

Our congregational nurse will NOT practice direct or hands-on healthcare in the synagogue community; will not dispense or administer medications, do wound care, draw blood, or any nursing function that would be paid by a third party payer such as Medicare, Medicaid or an Insurance company. Our nurse is supportive and does not take the place of, or compete with, existing community or congregational resources.

Our congregational nurse is Linda Liederman who is a registered nurse with more than 35 years of nursing experience and over 15 years of home health care expertise. She will be aided by other nursing and health professionals in our congregational community to answer your questions and help our congregants navigate the health system to address their own health challenges as well as those of close family members that our congregants care for, such as aging parents.

You can reach Linda by phone or email.. Phone calls will be routed to a voice mailbox where you can leave your name and phone number and times you can be contacted. Emails go directly to a special email address at nurse@hollishillsjc.org.



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THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED A
LOSS IN THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES:

Priscilla Domroe, beloved
mother of Adrienne Glaubiger

Frederick Hersh, beloved
father of Audrey Shepard

Jakob Bimblich, beloved
brother of Delores Goldowski

Harold Feinberg, long time
congregant and beloved father
of Sherry Gabay

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

GENERAL FUND

*In memory of Serena
Gershkovitch
Nadia & David Adar*

*In memory of Johanna Schoen
Emil Schoen & Daughters*

*In memory of Chai Yerushalmi
In memory of Roha Golshani
Sorour Yerushalmi*

*In honor of David Karsch's
birthday
Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil*

*In memory of Lois Horowitz
Michelle & Neil Zitofsky*

*In honor of our office and cus-
todial staff, Lou Ann, Nancy,
Tony, Richie and Mark, without
whose hard work, diligence and
support, this High Holidays and
Sukkot would not have been as
smooth-running and joyous as
they were
Ilene & Gordon Goldman*

*In memory of Beatrice Teleky
Rosalie & Stephen Roseman
Jaye, Ben, Rebecca & Sarah
Solomowitz
Sorour Yerushalmi
Vicky & Michael Wolkofsky*

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Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil
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Susan Stumer, Daniela Handel-
man, Judi Fluss, Sandi Lukin &
Lee Pollak
Vicky & Michael Wolkofsky
Harriet & Bernd Bildstein
Nelly & Jerry Belopolsky
Linda & Arthur Liederman
Ronnie Gersten*

*In memory of Lawrence Peter
"Yogi" Berra
Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil*

*In honor of the birth of Marcy &
Jeff Sackett's grandson, Judah
Leo Marks, to Jaime & Ashley
Joyce & Bob Fogel*

*Wishing Refuah Shelemah to
Usher Farber
Gerda & Emil Schoen
Lynn & Marty Kevelson
Ruth & Manny Herman*

*In memory of Priscilla Domroe
Michelle & Neil Zitofsky
Lynn & Marty Kevelson
Jaye, Ben, Rebecca & Sarah
Solomowitz*

*In memory of Jeanette
Schnitzer
Irving Schnitzer*

*In memory of Ann Lee Ader
Harriet & Bernd Bildstein*

*In memory of Carl Litwer
In memory of Anne Kamberg
Judy Kamberg*

*In memory of Anna Levy
Arthur Levy*

*In memory of Molly Wahrsager
Arlene & Abraham Shulman*

*In honor of Jaye Solomowitz
being designated Kallat
Hatorah on Simchat Torah
In honor of Jerry Belopolsky
being designated Hattan
Bereshit on Simchat Torah
Harriet & Bernd Bildstein*

*In honor of the birth of Bertha &
Usher Farber's new great
granddaughter
Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil*

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George Axelrad
Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil
Ronnie Gersten*

*In memory of Miriam Mendel
In memory of Rose Mendel
In memory of Rose Schwartz
William Mendel*

*In memory of Rachel Lasner
Barry M. Lasner*

*In memory of Marlene Kevy
In memory of Seymour Trager
Cara & Michael Trager*

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*In memory of Irving Weisser
In memory of Blanche Langer
Ida & Daniel Weisser*

*In memory of Irving Breslaw
Irene & Daniel Grapel*



*In memory of Esther Balter
In memory of Abraham Balter
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*In memory of Fran Dryer's Dad
Irene & Michael Borman*

*In memory of Rose Chazan
Nelly & Jerry Belopolsky*

*Wishing Refuah Shelemah to
Sarah Leah Kaye's Dad
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Anita Goldowski
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Norma Brooks*

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Greta & Martin Margolis*

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Rachel & Armand Lugassy*

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*In honor of the B'not Mitzvah of
Sofie & Mayah Teplitskiy
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Harriet & Bernd Bildstein
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*Wishing Refuah Shelemah to
Jack Cohen
Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil*

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*Thank you to Rabbi Wise for
the wonderful funeral
Audrey Shepard & Family*

*Thank you to Rabbi Wise
Sorour Yerushalmi*

*In memory of Beatrice Teleky
The Teleky Family*

*In honor of Nelly & Jerry
Belopolsky
Linda & Steven Silverman*

Cantor's Fund

*Thank you Cantor Zim for tak-
ing care of everything for my
parents
Dr. Mark Hertz*

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wonderful funeral
Audrey Shepard & Family*

Judith Lesnik Chesed Fund

*Thank you to the Chesed
Committee for the High Holiday
package sent to Joel
Carol & Joel Lieber*

*In honor of Jerry Belopolsky
being designated Hattan
Bereshit at Simchat Torah
In honor of Jaye Solomowitz
being designated Kallat
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Flo & Bob Gropper*

*Wishing Refuah Shelemah to
George Axelrad
Harriet & Bernd Bildstein*

*In memory of Jakob Bimblach
Vicki & Joel Blumenfeld*

*Thank you to the Chesed
Committee for all your caring,
concern, and nutritional support
following the death of Frederick
Hersh
The Shepard Family*

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~ November 2015 ~ Cheshvan-Kislev 5776						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Cheshvan 19 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Daylight Savings Time Ends – Turn Clocks back 1 hour	2 Cheshvan 20 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Adult Education- Beginnings of Judaism – 8 PM	3 Cheshvan 21 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM Election Day	4 Cheshvan 22 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	5 Cheshvan 23 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Wise- 12 PM	6 Cheshvan 24 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 4:27 PM Mincha - 4:30 PM	7 Cheshvan 25 Chayei Sara 9 AM Mincha 4:15 PM Havdalah 5:29 PM Men's Club Veteran's Shabbat – 9 AM Junior Congregation 10:30AM – 12PM Movie Night – Above and Beyond – 8 PM
8 Cheshvan 26 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Sisterhood Torah Fund Brunch – 10 AM	9 Cheshvan 27 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Adult Education- Beginnings of Judaism – 8 PM	10 Cheshvan 28 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	11 Cheshvan 29 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM Veterans Day	12 Cheshvan 30 Minyan Times 6:30 AM and 7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Kislev Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Wise- 12 PM	13 Kislev 1 Morning Minyan 6:30 AM Candle Lighting 4:20 PM Mincha - 4:20 PM Rosh Chodesh Kislev	14 Kislev 2 Toldot 9 AM Mincha 4:05 PM Havdalah 5:22 PM Simcha Shabbat 9 AM Shabbat Mini Minyan – 11:15 AM
15 Kislev 3 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Family Movie Night – 4-9 PM	16 Kislev 4 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Adult Education- Beginnings of Judaism – 8 PM	17 Kislev 5 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	18 Kislev 6 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	19 Kislev 7 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Wise- 12 PM	20 Kislev 8 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 4:15 PM Mincha - 4:15 PM	21 Kislev 9 Vayetzei 9 AM Mincha 4:00 PM Havdalah 5:17 PM
22 Kislev 10 Minyan Times 9 AM and 6:30 PM The Cantor's Couch – 7 PM	23 Kislev 11 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:00 PM Interfaith Gathering – 7:30 PM	24 Kislev 12 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	25 Kislev 13 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	26 Kislev 14 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Thanksgiving Day	27 Kislev 15 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 4:11 PM Mincha - 4:10 PM	28 Kislev 16 Vayishlach 9 AM Mincha 4:00 PM Havdalah 5:14 PM
29 Kislev 17 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM	30 Kislev 18 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Adult Education- Beginnings of Judaism – 8 PM					



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Fund Honoree for this year will be our past president, Audrey Sheperd. As we all know, she served as Sisterhood Co-President for 2 consecutive terms and worked tirelessly. The Torah Fund which is an integral part of sisterhood and National Women's league of Conservative Judaism allows us a direct avenue to support Conservative Judaism and The Jewish Theological Seminary. This year we have been promised an upbeat, JTS student speaker who will entertain and educate us to life at JTS. Please come and honor Audrey while supporting JTS and Torah Fund. If you have any questions, please contact Maris Blechner, the Chairperson of this event or Marilyn Teleky, Co-President. Our newly stocked and enhanced gift shop will be open after this event as well as many others. Please spend some time looking at our new items and shopping eagerly. Thank you, Marilyn Seidenfeld, for using your artistic eye to help beautify our gift shop.

Our first winter event, which will be a chocolate making party in our own Menchel Hall, will take place on Sunday, January 10th at 2PM. We will be making and eating chocolate goodies and washing them down with the beverage of your choice. Please contact the co-presidents to inform them what kind of drinks you prefer. We are hoping this event will help brighten up our moods as the weather gets colder.

Sisterhood Shabbat will take place on March 5th. Each year our members lead the service in any way they can. It has been very fulfilling watching our members increase or change their roles each year. Please volunteer for something with which you are comfortable or volunteer for something that is uncomfortable for you and we will help you become comfortable. Signup sheets will be available at all events. Rabbi Wise will provide instruction and support in Torah and Haftorah readings, while Cantor Zim will assist those who want to participate in another part of the service. We also need volunteers to introduce the Torah portion, the Haftorah and to provide a brief D'var Torah. As usual, a beautiful Kiddush luncheon will be provided after services.

On Sunday, March 20th, we are looking for volunteers to help put together our Shalach Manot (Purim Project Assembly) for distribution to our congregation on Purim. We work assembly line style (a la Lucy), and have had lots of fun doing this in the past. We will have a different style goody basket this year, due to the innovative work of Vicky Wolkofsky. Maris Blechner continues to be our chairperson for ordering the Shalach Manot. Thanks, Vicky and Maris.

We will be continuing with our annual Women's Seder which will take place on April 18th in the afternoon. Our chairperson

for this event is Esther Beckoff who has volunteered her time and musical talent. Sisterhood has created a Haggaddah for its own use which makes the experience very personal. Please join us at this very special event.

On Sunday, May 15th, Men's Club and Sisterhood are uniting for a program on "Communicating with Style-How to be a More Effective Communicator". Mindy Stern will be our speaker. We will start at 11AM so that we can conclude with a sushi lunch.

Our year end event will take place on Wednesday, June 15th at 8 PM. We hope to have a "feel good" event like we ended with last year. There will be lots of sharing and laughter.

We are looking forward to seeing you at all of our events.

Beth Sofer Diker, Co-President
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morot with an informative and enjoyable *Ask the Rabbi*. At its conclusion, those in attendance went to age-appropriate Junior Congregations. In timely fashion, the youngsters reassembled in the Main Sanctuary to help Cantor Fuchs conduct Ein Keilohinu, Aleinu, and Adon Olam. Afterwards, the children and the congregation retired to the Moreida, where everyone celebrated Shabbat with a fun food kiddush.

Plans for a special Sukkot/Hoshana Rabbah commemoration ran into an unfortunate meteorological confluence, namely a northeaster intensified by Hurricane Joachim, which precluded our children's sukkah experience coming to fruition this year. But the seasonal joy was not denied and the older students experienced the Shacharit service with the Hollis Hills Jewish Center minyan and joined in the Hoshanot processions. The joy-filled morning concluded with an indoor gastronomical celebration in the Menchel.

This school year definitely holds much academic promise, with many new families joining us, citing positive reports about Ohr Chadash from established families as their reason for becoming affiliated with our school. We thank all those who have encouraged others to become members of the Ohr Chadash community and we will continue to provide the same level of academic excellence that you have learned to expect from our staff.

Green Team Report: Little Things Really Do Mean A Lot!

Starting shortly, the Green Team will have plastic boxes in the downstairs area near the office, to collect some things that mean little to us, but will mean a lot to someone else. So please look around your home and join the collection activities. If you can't get to the office, just call the Green Team (917-941-8640) and we will come to you and pick up your items.

One box will be for used eyeglasses, which the Lions Clubs collect, clean, sort by prescription, and donate to needy people around the world.

Another box will be for the aluminum tabs that are on the top of soda and cans. Without that tab, a can will still be recyclable. Shriners Hospitals collect those tabs and recycle them for equipment for their eighteen hospitals.

The third box will be for the clean, empty, dry medicine bottles and caps that have been mentioned previously. Soak a bottle in hot water overnight and the label will come off. The bottles will be sent to a program that gets them to third world doctors in areas so poor that there are no medicine bottles

If you have ideas for small items for a fourth collection box, please just let the Green Team know, and thank you for helping!

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**Netanyahu's Recent Warning
to the United Nations
& "The White Storm"**

Poisonous clouds are now darkening the geo-political horizon, not only of Israel but also of the surrounding Sunni Arab states, Europe and ultimately our own shores here in America. They emanate from the ancient land of Cyrus the Great, i.e. today's Shiite Iran! Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu referred to these threatening dangers to international peace in his recent 45 minute address to the U.N. here in New York. (10/1/15)

King Cyrus (6th century B.C.E.), who munificently granted Judean exiles languishing in Persia the right to return to their ancestral home-land (Ezra 1:1-7) would turn over in his royal Persian grave if he could witness the modern nuclear plants, both overt and covert, churning night and day throughout Iran today, all geared to bring radio-active devastation and death: 1) first and foremost, to all the descendants of Ezrah and Nechemiah (the Persian-Jewish leaders who, with the blessing of King Cyrus, rebuilt the ancient walls of their ransacked capital city, Jerusalem, as well as their holy Jewish Temple) now currently living in the modern State of Israel; 2) then, to their Sunni enemies in Saudi Arabia, the Emirates, Jordan, Egypt, etc.; 3) thereafter, to all the cursed "Kofrim" (i.e. infidels, deniers of the ultimate supremacy of Moslem Shia law) living in the West.

In marked contrast to this massive potential Iranian nuclear-cataclysm, I want to bring to your attention an actual relatively minuscule-yet-deadly "white storm" which recently plagued the entire

State of Israel: a blinding country-wide dust storm, the most devastating in 75 years, which recently blanketed the entire country in a grey-white choking mist of Biblical proportions. (9/8/15)

Magen David Edom (the Israeli Red Cross) reported hundreds hospitalized. Where the dust was thickest, the haze was orange and particularly dangerous to asthma, allergy, heart and lung disease sufferers. Visibility was minimal, closing airports, traffic and municipal thorough-fares. The Israeli Environmental Protection Ministry identified this vast polluting storm as originating not in Iran but in neighboring Syria. This vicious September storm was destructive-not on the level of Sandy Hook, of course- but nasty. It brutalized the Golan Heights, the Galil, Gush Etzyon, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and the Israeli coastal plain extending to the Negev desert! Indeed, it was a very unsettling natural "disaster", metaphorically mirroring the infectious nature of the violent human warfare now roiling in neighboring Syria and spilling beyond Syrian borders into Europe and beyond.

This "White Storm" was a warning from nature - or heaven - as to what human storms can become if they are not somehow averted in time : a cascade of escalating destruction. Imagine if these clouds had been radio-active, chas v'chali-lah!

When Prime Minister Netanyahu publicly chastised the members of the United Nations for sitting on their hands instead of raising them in condemnation of the disastrous Iranian Nuclear Deal, what was the response? Absolute silence! Not a pinfall of remorse or regret! Netanyahu's honest criticism of the U.N. General Assembly was followed by a grim silence. This si-

lence was similar to the silence and apathy of the world powers in the 1930's to the rise of Nazi Germany. The shedding of innocent blood, the looting, pillage and incarceration of their Jewish neighbors meant nothing to these World Powers then. They too "sat on their hands". They did not even weep crocodile tears... until the serpentine coils of National Socialism attacked them as well. Consequently, their own liberty and lives were lost as a rearmed German extended its evil hegemony from the shores of the Atlantic to the banks of the Volga!

In our own blessed country today, when faced with the rise of new tyrannies and fresh dangers, i.e. a nuclear armed Iran sworn to destroy "the Big and Little Satans", i.e. America and Israel, how is it that so many of us, including our elected political leaders, are so muffled, so insufficiently alarmed? Is appeasement the best strategic response to such far-reaching current peril?

When the forthright Christian former Governor of Arkansas, Mike Huckabee, recently presaged Netanyahu's outrage by publicly warning our fellow countrymen that the current Nuclear Deal with Iran is, in effect, an out-right sellout of American values and an awarding of a free ticket to Iran to "march Jews unto the ovens once again", where was the outcry? Where the effective, constructive communal concern? Huckabee's anguished alarm was followed by...silence, apathy, media poo-pooing! (Check out the vicious attack on Huckabee by Debbie Wasserman, DNC chair, on 6/7/15!)

Prof. Gil Troy summed up Bibi's address succinctly: "At best we get the silence Binyamin Netanyahu

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members designed excellent programs to help their peers understand the different forms of discrimination faced today—from race to gender, religion to sexual orientation, and age to height. After an evening packed with programming, our teens went home Sunday morning with a better understanding of the unfair treatment faced by many in our society today, and of the steps they can take to help reduce discrimination across the world.

November looks to be just as exciting. On November 1, our younger groups will be taking part in a "Make Your Own

Shabbat" program, in which they'll create their own havdalah candles, Kiddush cups, and other items they'll need to celebrate Shabbat at home, while our USYers have a Krav Maga and Yoga Night after taking part in METNY's Day of Service and volunteering across the NY area. On November 8, our younger groups will look at Jewish themes through Disney and other animated television shows and movies, while our USYers will have their own Make Your Own Shabbat program. We're working on planning an awesome trip for all of our groups on November 15, and our month concludes on November 22 with the return of our Mitzvah Sta-

tions program, at which all of our groups will take part in a variety of mitzvah projects that will give back to others as the holiday season approaches.

If you haven't registered yet for H2I, it's never too late. Just stop by one of our programs and we'll get you all signed up! Unless noted otherwise above, Grades 2-5 meet from 5-6:15 PM, Grades 6-8 from 6:15-7:30 PM, and Grades 9-12 from 7:30 -9 PM. All of our November meetings are at Hillcrest Jewish Center.



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Alvin Deutch	11/12
Carol Zuses-Chu	11/15
Janice Halpern	11/17
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Lisa Schwartz	11/24
Solomon Lesch	11/25
Ira Chazan	11/26
Murray Garbowitz	11/30

November Anniversaries

Janice & Marc Halpern	11/5
Zena & Joel Barsky	11/11
Fran & Steve Bodner	11/14
Michelle & Neil Zitofsky	11/14
Jeanette & Dr. Stanley Dauber	11/18
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Janice & Jack Costi	11/20
Michele & Saul Spiel	11/21
Felice & Hon. Ira Margulis	11/23
Carol & Joel Lieber	11/27

ALL THE BEST AND MANY MORE....

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

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time, we hope that those in positions of power will act with wisdom and morality.

Until next month's book,
Rabbi David Wise

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mocked in his recent U.N. speech, when he glared quietly from the General Assembly's podium, mimicking and defying the self-righteous hypocrites of the overwhelmingly undemocratic, outrageously inconsistent Third World Dictators Debating Society....Unfortunately, increasingly even worse than silence, we get blame...These one-sided condemnations are anti-Semitic, echoing centuries of always blaming the Jews for all that goes wrong." (Jerusalem Post, feature article, 10/8/15)

Morton Klein, president of the Z.O.A., similarly praised Bibi on his U.N. speech, pointing out that Palestinian leader Abbas, has come to the table for peace talks with Israel only once in seven years, has refused offers of Palestinian statehood from the Israeli government under Barak and shockingly, as of this writing, still has not offered one word of sympathy or comfort to the grieving families of recent Israeli stabbing victims of Palestinian terrorists. Instead, "he has promoted the murder of Jews by naming streets and schools after Jew killers and giving pensions to the Jew killers' families". (Jewish Week, 10/7/15)

Fellow New Yorkers, let us remember: fateful warnings un-heeded lead only to unmitigated disaster. When Jeremiah spoke of the coming destruction of Judea (Jer. 3: 3-5) who listened then? Who is listening now?

As Pete Singer soulfully wrote and sang to us not so long ago, "When will they ever learn...!" *

Rabbi Dr. Hirsch Joseph Simckes.

*Considered among the top 20 political songs of all time (New Statesman, 2010)



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