



HOLLIS HILLS BAYSIDE JEWISH CENTER AND ICCJ PRESENT:

AN AFTERNOON LECTURE BY
MICHAEL SCHUDRICH - CHIEF RABBI OF POLAND
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017 AT 3:00 PM



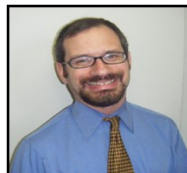
Rabbi Schudrich will discuss the past, present and future of Polish Jewry, and 21st Century Anusim: Poles discovering their true Jewish identity

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW - AMPLE STREET PARKING

Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center - 718-776-3500

From the Desk of Rabbi David Wise

Ehpat Li - I Care About Israel



I confess that, back in August, I shed many tears when our daughter, our only daughter, whom we love, Jordana, made *Aliyah* to Israel along with 230 other Americans. But I also had many reasons to smile. Yes, she was fulfilling her dream, and in many ways, ours. Seeing her among 70 future lone soldiers was a source of intense pride. Singing *Hatikvah* at JFK before saying goodbye was a validation of the values that fill our home, and I was overjoyed. I was so pleased when she sent me pictures of her with Rabbi Simckes and Chana at Ben-Gurion airport, as they were there to welcome their brother Seymour, who also made *Aliyah*.

There was one more *Aliyah*-connected moment that made me smile. As I watched the livestream of the welcome ceremony for new *Olim* at Ben-Gurion, I saw Rabbi David Lau, the chief Ashkenazi rabbi of Israel, sitting next to Rabbi Yehoshua Fass, the Orthodox founder of *Nefesh B'Nefesh*, the organization responsible for thousands of Jews making Is-

October at HHBJC

October 2
Sisterhood Planning Meeting

October 9
Sukkot Family Dinner

October 10
Nursery School Sukkah
Under the Stars

October 12
Simcha Torah Celebration
& Hot Dog Dinner

October 19, 26
Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Wise

October 21
Simcha Shabbat

October 22
Sisterhood Paid Up
Membership Brunch

October 29
Adult Education -
Chief Rabbi of Poland



**See Pages 11 for removable
monthly calendar of events
and service times**

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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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Shabbat Schedule



Friday, October 6, 2017
Second Day of Sukkot

Candle Lighting 6:09 PM
Mincha 6:10 PM

Saturday, October 7, 2017

Sukkot II 9:00 AM
Mincha 5:45 PM
Havdalah 7:11 PM

Friday, October 13, 2017
Simchat Torah

Candle Lighting 5:58 PM
Mincha 6:00 PM

Saturday, October 14, 2017

Bereshit 9:00 AM
Mincha at
Rabbi Wise's house 5:30 PM
Havdalah 7:00 PM

Friday, October 20, 2017

Candle Lighting 5:48 AM
Mincha 5:50 PM

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Noach 9:00 AM
Mincha 5:35 PM
Havdalah 6:49 PM

Friday, October 27, 2017

Candle Lighting 5:38 PM
Mincha 5:40 PM

Saturday, October 28, 2017

Lech-Lecha 9:00 AM
Mincha 5:25 PM
Havdalah 6:40 PM

Junior Congregation

September 21, 22-
Rosh Hashanah
Ages 3-5 10:30 AM - 11:15 PM
Ages 6 and up 10 AM - 12 PM

September 30 - Yom Kippur -
Ages 3-5 10:30 AM - 11:15 PM
Ages 6 and up 10 AM - 12 PM

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



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

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

Bereavement Support

The Bereavement Support Group meets the First and Third Monday night of the month at 7:30 PM with compassionate, caring, warm and concerned friendly people. Refreshments are always served and are complimentary. All faiths are welcome. Led by Rabbi Dr. H. Joseph Simckes and Marty Kevelson.



Cantor Sol Zim



I have been watching the news, like so many, and seeing all the images of how hurricanes *Harvey* and *Irma* have caused so much destruction & damage to the residents of Texas and Florida and how so many people are suffering terribly. What I have also been seeing is how so many have come together to help...neighbors helping neighbors...Regardless of background, ethnicity, religion or race, the people of Texas and Florida and the whole country have shown what humanity and Chesed truly are.

I am very moved by the Jewish community's reaction and ACTION in helping those in need and who are in distress. Although we have not seen much on the news, I have heard from many of my friends and family across the country and from reading the Jewish news that from Coast to Coast, Jewish communities and organizations have come together in an effort to help residents in Texas and Florida get through the devastation. Jewish communities and organizations across the country are holding food drives and fundraising drives. There are many volunteers across the country who have been loading trucks with supplies and food and heading to the areas af-

**Our Cantor's
Voice
The Jewish
Community
Comes
Together From
Coast to Coast**

fected. Many Jewish families have opened up their homes to those either who were evacuated or who cannot go back to their homes. I heard that kosher food companies have donated truckloads of food. Synagogues and other Jewish organizations helped Texas and Florida residents find food, shelter and religious services, as the storms battered their homes and neighborhoods.

Actually, as I was writing this article I received an email about one of my dear colleagues and friends who is a Cantor in Houston. I just learned that he was terribly impacted by Hurricane Harvey. He lost his home and everything in it and he is in need of almost everything, from clothing to rebuilding his house. He also lost his Cantorial book collection, which we are trying to help him replenish. The "Cantors" community is trying to help him in any way we can.

We can see how important *Chesed* is and I am so proud that we at HHBJC have such a wonderful *Chesed Committee* and *Congregational Nurse Program* who are ALWAYS THERE TO HELP!

May *Hashem* bless those who are suffering from the wrath of Harvey and Irma get back on their feet and the ability to feel safe and secure again and may *Hashem* bless all the Volunteers, Emergency & Rescue services, Organizations, and all those who are helping in any way; with the strength to continue their acts of *Chesed*,

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rael their new home. This smile, though, was bathed in irony. You see, Rabbi Fass somehow made it on the notorious blacklist of 160 or so rabbis whose affirmation of the Jewish identity of people who sought to marry through Rabbi Lau's chief rabbinate were rejected by that holy bureaucracy. And while Rabbi Fass received an almost immediate and public apology from Rabbi Lau, I'm still waiting for the same honor to be bestowed upon the other black-listed rabbis, like my friend Rabbi Michael Pont, of Marlboro, NJ, or Rabbi Irwin Groner, who has resided in the next world for nearly five years, or a certain Rabbi David Weiss, of no known relation.

The release of the blacklist came in the midst of a turbulent two weeks, when relations between Israel and Diaspora Jewry reached new, dangerous lows. There was Prime Minister Netanyahu's suspension of the carefully negotiated Kotel compromise, and a new conversion bill that would have further delegitimized non-Orthodox rabbis in Israeli law. The outcry was immediate and forceful, with Chicago's Jewish Federation announcing that any Knesset member who voted for the bill would be persona non grata in their town. AIPAC, who usually stays out of the Jewish Peoplehood conversation, sent a high-level delegation to express the concerns of American Jewry. Even staunch supporters of the Israel-Diaspora relationship, namely Daniel Gordis, called for

American Jews to flex their financial muscles to get the message across, even if it meant hurting El Al or Israeli hospitals. Needless to say, there wasn't much smiling happening.

In the midst of this crisis, my thoughts turned to Rosh Hashanah, when I knew I would in some way address the importance of Israel with my congregation of again-spurned Diaspora Jews. My thoughts then turned to this coming April, when I will be co-leading a trip to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Israel's independence on *Yom Ha'atzmaut* itself! And of course, my thoughts turned to Jordie in uniform at the end of November. I felt a bit like Avraham, whose ongoing devotion to God was met with yet another demand—it's not enough; now go sacrifice your child. With all these thoughts, what did I do? I smiled, feeling the joy of an unmistakable connection: *Ehpat li*. I care about Israel.

It seems to me that the challenge in bridging the gap between Diaspora Jews and Israel is precisely about the degree to which we who live outside of Israel can say these words truthfully: *Ehpat Lanu*—we really care. Can we say this and mean it? And by "we," I mean non-Orthodox American Jews. I raise this hard question based on two observations. The first is drawn from reading a new book by Sara Yael Hirschhorn, who teaches at Oxford, called *City on a Hilltop: American Jews*

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Temple Family

*We appreciate all the support and caring from the community during the Shiva of my dear mom, Bernice Bunny Schmais With Gratitude,
Naomi, Irwin, Benjamin & Fran Horowitz*

June & Cantor Sol Zim would like to thank all of those who sent food for Shabbat and dinners for the entire week and also those who came to minyan morning and evening during the Shiva for his brother Milton Zimelman

Laura and Marty Brodsky are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter Genna Blaine to Kiera Naomi Phoebe Chase

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Tzedaka, heroism, kindness, compassion & generosity.

Let us all pray for a year of good health, peace, safety & love. *Shana Tova!*

See you in Shul.

Cantorially always,

Cantor Sol Zim



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and the Israeli Settler Movement. It's a scholarly study of the disproportionate rate of Americans who made conscious decisions to live outside the Green Line—with particular emphasis on Yamit, the short-lived settlement in the Sinai, Efrat, and Tekoa. While not all American *Olim* featured in the book would identify as Orthodox, the driving forces behind the formation of these communities were—notably, Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, once of Lincoln Square Synagogue and for decades the chief rabbi of Efrat.

My second observation took place at JFK, where I mingled with families who were sending off their children as lone soldiers, or themselves making Aliyah. The *Jewish Week* ran a story about that Aliyah flight, including a demographic analysis by that same Rabbi Fass. Compared to the early years of *Nefesh b'Nefesh*, "today's Modern Orthodox families that make Aliyah tend to be smaller, with fewer children, and there's an increase in the number of non-Orthodox singles making Aliyah" on their own. The organization's statistics say that while 65-70 percent of families identify as Orthodox, 68-70 percent of young single *olim* define themselves as non-Orthodox. Surely a whole host of factors are at play here, but one can't help but notice that while Orthodox Americans move to Israel with their families, non-Orthodox ones do so without them.

Sisterhood

As a new year begins, we at Sisterhood want to extend our thanks to everyone who has participated in our Honey From The Heart project. If you didn't get to order honey this year, please plan on it for next year. Friends and relatives who get honey are grateful and surprised, and it is delivered to their homes with your name and message on the label.

Thank you also to everyone who has already sent in their Sisterhood dues. If you haven't done it yet, it is never too late. Our Sisterhood Paid Up Membership brunch is on Sunday October 22nd, and you can even join at the door. Our speaker is our own Melanie Katz, who is a New York City High School Principal, and who will have a lot to say about what's doing in NYC education this year. You don't want to miss it.

For this fall, we hope you will also join us at our Torah Fund Breakfast – on Sunday November 19th. It is our fundraiser for National Women's League, and each year honors a deserving

Sisterhood member. This year we are pleased to honor Linda Liederman, our hard-working Congregational Nurse and Torah-lifter extraordinaire (among her many special skills).

If you would like to be part of planning Sisterhood events and programs, please join us at our next Sisterhood Planning Meeting, Wednesday evening October 2nd. We are looking forward to an interesting and meaningful year.

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Be Involved

Join a committee

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For all your Judaica needs!

We need your help with our daily Minyan.

Please join us mornings or evenings!

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

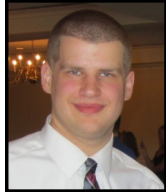
**Tuesday
7:00am & 7:30pm**

**Wednesday
8:00am & 7:30pm**

**Sunday & Legal Holidays
9:00am & 7:30pm**

Friday Morning 7:00am

Rosh Chodesh 6:30am



Youth Director News

Dan Bacharach

H2I got off to a great start in September, with programs like our Ice Cream Icebreakers, The Amazing Race, and a High Holiday Carnival. At these programs, our new and old members had a chance to get to know each other better through some teambuilding exercises, and learned about the fall holidays through some entertaining programs based on the themes of the High Holy Days

As we move into October, we have a number of exciting programs planned for all of our groups. On Sunday, October 1, our Nitzanim and Chalutzim groups (Grades 2-5) will be taking part in "As Easy as ABC," where they'll compete in a series of games involving the alphabet, and our Kadimaniks (Grades 6-8) will participate in "As Sweet as Candy," a night of candy-filled competitions. Our USYers (Grades 9-12) will be in Westchester for METNY Kickoff, getting to know teens from across the NY metropolitan area.

On October 8, all of our groups will have a sukkah dinner at Hollis Hills Bayside JC – Grades 2-8 from 5-6:15 PM and Grades 9-12 from 6:30-8 PM. The following week, on October 15, our Nitzanim and Chalutzim groups will channel their inner mad scientists with a series of fun experiments that will produce some cool inventions, our Kadimaniks will have their divisional kickoff program, meeting their peers from across NYC, and our USYers will participate in a Harry Potter themed Escape the Room.

October 22 is full of programs like "Are You Smarter than a 1st Grader" for Nitzanim and Chalutzim, a Sunday Night Tailgate for Kadima (in which they'll imagine they're tailgating an NFL game with all the usual games and snacks), and our USYers will use our Nerf blasters for an original take on some classic Arcade games like Pacman. Finally, on October 29, we have a night of learning at H2I – Judaism thru Disney for Nitzanim and Chalutzim, where they'll explore Judaic themes in Disney films, Do's and Do nuts for Kadima, in which they'll explore ethical dilemmas while enjoying some donuts, and Hot Topics and Hot Chocolate for USY, at which Rabbi Wise will be leading a discussion about hot topics for teenagers while they enjoy some hot chocolate.

Just around the corner is MENTY Regional Fall Kinnus, being hosted at our H2I synagogues. If you have not yet let us know if you can house teens for this program, please do so at your earliest convenience. This program won't be possible without your support and assistance!

If you haven't joined H2I yet, it's never too late – registration is ongoing every Sunday night. If you have any questions, let us know at h2iyouth@gmail.com!

Youth Group Housing Request

Dear Friends,

Our H2I Youth Group, the combined Youth Program of Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center, Hillcrest Jewish Center, and Israel Center of Conservative Judaism, is pleased to announce that we will be hosting METNY

USY's **Regional Fall Kinnus**, for 9-12th graders from across the New York metropolitan area, from November 3-5, 2017.

Each of our three synagogues will be hosting some part of the event, with upwards of **300 teens** in attendance. As the host chapter, we need your help to make this a success. Many of you have opened your homes to our USYers in past years, and we are sure that you found it to be a rewarding experience worth repeating.

To ensure the success of the weekend, we are in need of housing in our community—both **walking distance** to Hillcrest Jewish Center (approx. 1 mile) as well as homes within **driving distance**.

The USYers will spend the majority of the weekend at the synagogue, but they need a house to sleep in on Friday and Saturday night. The USYers will be bringing sleeping bags and actual beds are not necessary, just floor space.

In addition, while driving distance families would be asked to pick up and drop off the USYers on Friday night and Saturday morning, all host families would be asked to pick up and drop off these USYers on Saturday night and Sunday morning as we move from one of our synagogues to another.

If you are able to offer assistance with housing, please contact our H2I Youth Director, Daniel Bacharach, at h2ifallkinnus@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.



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

Comments on the meeting we attended today:

There was a shine & there was a glow,
On the face of our President,
Dr. Pitkow,
He was on vacation in Alaska
with his wife, June,
And this trip, with their girls,
was over the moon,
It's so great for a vacation to be
beyond expectation,
And wonderful that it was such
a sensation!

We wish a Happy Birthday to
Robert Perl & Howard
Schlesinger, as well as my
granddaughter, Allison Gray, &
my sister, Lisa Tobias in far-off
So. Africa. Happy Anniversary
to Socorro & Stefan Giesen.

It was great seeing everybody
at our meeting, we look forward
to our next one.

Hope your Holidays were cele-
brated in family-style, & the
New Year started well.

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

Chag Sameach!

We are currently in the process
of delivering holiday bags with
honey and other goodies to our
shut-in families. Thank you to
Flo Gropper, Maris Blechner
and Ronnie Gersten for making
this happen.

Like last year's cultural evening,
we are teaming up with the En-
gagement committee to look for
someone to speak later in the
year. We would be happy to
speak with you if you can offer
suggestions. Last year, we had
a lovely Japanese gentleman
presenting a story- telling hour
and a delicious meal was
served. Should you have any
ideas for us, please contact ei-
ther Maris Blechner or myself.

I came across an article which
I would like to share, regarding
a book about Medicare. If you
are approaching the age of 65,
you may want to pick up " Get
What's Yours For Medicare" by,
Phillip Moeller. You can read
about the nuances and the com-
prehensive guide to Medicare,
and what may seem to be the
confusing structure of it. For
example: PART A- HOSPITAL
INSURANCE, PART B- MEDI-
CAL INSURANCE, PART C-
MEDICARE ADVANTAGE,
AND PART D, DRUG COVER-
AGE. Don't forget to look into
supplemental insurance, as well.
Basically, it's about what you
are entitled to.

We have recently added two
food suppliers for your simchas,

or possibly a return home from
the hospital. Call Bagel Boss in
Lake Success and ask for Lee,
and Ben's Deli in Bay Terrace
and ask for Simon. Let them
know you are a HHBJC mem-
ber. They will be happy to
serve you!

Wishing you a healthy, and
spiritually-filled holiday with
love from our committee.

Sending good thoughts your
way.

Laura Brodsky

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Enter option "3"
Or: rabbewise@hollishillsjc.org

Chesed Committee Chair
Laura Brodsky:
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TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND SHUL FAMILY



**WE GREATLY APPRECIATE ALL YOUR GOOD
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ATTENDED OUR AUFRUF AND WEDDING ON**

AUGUST 19 & 20, 2017

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SPECTACULAR EVENT**

THANK YOU

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 THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED A
 LOSS IN THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES:

Steven Drasner, beloved
 brother of Marcia Tal

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

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In memory of Pearl Ehrenpreis
 Walter Ehrenpreis

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Anniversary

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In memory of Ida Spector
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In memory of Myra Morgan-
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Wishing Refuah Shelemah to
Audrey Shepard

The Ladies of the Book Club

Wishing Refuah Shelemah to
Jack Solasz

Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil

In memory of Jacob Met
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 Adele & Martin Goldman

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Victims of Hurricane Harvey
and Hurricane Irma
Laura & Martin Brodsky*

*In honor of the wedding of
Genna & Kiera Brodsky Chace
Laura & Martin Brodsky*

*Wishing Refuah Shelemah to
Esta Newman
Wishing Refuah Shelemah to
Stevie Cochran
Laura & Martin Brodsky*

*In memory of Lenny Spector
Laura & Martin Brodsky*

*In honor of Esther (Estee)
Malka Gropper's Bat Mitzvah
In honor of Jacob Yerushalmi
Jaye & Benjamin Solomowitz*

*In memory of Bernice Schmais
Jaye & Benjamin Solomowitz*

*In honor of Ilene & Gordon
Goldman's 50th Wedding
Anniversary
Jaye & Benjamin Solomowitz*

*In memory of Milton Zimelman
Jaye & Benjamin Solomowitz*

*In memory of Steven Drasner
Flo & Bob Gropper*

*In honor of the aufruf and
upcoming marriage of Michael
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Goldman's 50th Wedding
Anniversary
Harriet & Bernd Bildstein*

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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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Tishrei 11 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM	2 Tishrei 12 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Sisterhood Planning Meeting - 8 PM	3 Tishrei 13 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	4 Tishrei 14 Erev Sukkot Minyan Times 8 AM and 6:15 PM Candle Lighting 6:12 PM	5 Tishrei 15 Sukkot I Service Times 9 AM & 6:15 PM Candle Lighting 7:14 PM	6 Tishrei 16 Sukkot II Service Times 9 AM & 6:10 PM Candle Lighting 6:09 PM	7 Tishrei 17 Sukkot III Chol Hamoed 9 AM Mincha at Rabbi Wise's home 5:30 PM Havdalah 7:11 PM
8 Tishrei 18 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Sukkot IV Chol Hamoed	9 Tishrei 19 8 AM and 7:30 PM Sukkot V Chol Hamoed Sukkot Family Dinner	10 Tishrei 20 Minyan Times 6:30 AM and 7:30 PM Sukkot VI Chol Hamoed Nursery School Sukkah Under the Stars-6:30PM	11 Tishrei 21 Minyan Times 7:30 AM and 6:05 PM Sukkot VII Hoshana Rabbah	12 Tishrei 22 Shmini Atzeret Service Times 9:00 AM Mincha 1:10 PM Tot Hakafot 6:30 PM Late Yiskor 6:45 PM Ma'ariv & Hakafot 7 PM Simchat Torah Celebration & Hot Dog Dinner	13 Tishrei 23 Simchat Torah Service Times 9:00 AM & 6 PM Candle Lighting 5:58 PM	14 Tishrei 24 Bereshit 9 AM Mincha 5:45 PM Havdalah 7 PM
15 Tishrei 25 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM	16 Tishrei 26 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	17 Tishrei 27 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	18 Tishrei 28 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	19 Tishrei 29 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Wise- 12 PM	20 Tishrei 30 Morning Minyan 6:30 AM Candle Lighting 5:48 PM Mincha - 5:50 PM	21 Cheshvan 1 Noach 9 AM Mincha 5:35 PM Havdalah 6:49 PM Simcha Shabbat - 9 AM
22 Cheshvan 2 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Sisterhood Paid- Up Membership Brunch - 10 AM	23 Cheshvan 3 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	24 Cheshvan 4 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	25 Cheshvan 5 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	26 Cheshvan 6 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Wise- 12 PM	27 Cheshvan 7 Morning Minyan 7:00 AM Candle Lighting 5:38 PM Mincha - 5:40 PM	28 Cheshvan 8 Lech-Lecha 9 AM Mincha 5:25 PM Havdalah 6:40 PM
29 Cheshvan 9 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Adult Education – Rabbi Michael Schudrich – Chief Rabbi of Poland - 3 PM	30 Cheshvan 10 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	31 Cheshvan 11 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM				



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At the same time, it became clear after the Kotel agreement snafu that non-Orthodox American Jewry was not a population to be trifled with. The overwhelming majority of AIPAC leaders and members, after all, are non-Orthodox, as are the leaders and decision-makers at Jewish Federations of North America. And regardless of our feelings of being betrayed, the arms of Conservative Judaism were clear in our letter to the Prime Minister that we will continue to advocate strongly and clearly for support of the State of Israel. Because *ehpat lanu*—we care.

The late Charles Liebman, one of the greatest scholars of the American-Israeli dynamic, once said that Israelis like to talk about the assimilation of American Jews, because it makes them feel better about what they have. We, on the other hand, like talking about religious pluralism, because it makes us feel better about what we have. We have spent years lecturing each other about what the other needs to do to improve! The new challenge is that there are now more Jews in Israel than in America; they feel they've become the senior partner in the relationship. I believe, though, that Jewish Peoplehood is so crucial that neither party gets to dictate to the other what should be its top priority. Now is the time for engagement, not separation. In order to assert *Ehpat lanu*—we care—we Diaspora Jews need to act in ways that prove our

passion and sincerity. We need to do so with our resources, with our feet, and perhaps even with our life decisions. One of the themes of Rosh Hashanah is that we are challenged to work at mending relationships. So consider that the keys to achieving this in terms of the Israel-Diaspora relationship is a familiar triad, only in reverse order: *Tzedakah*, *tefillah*, and *teshuvah*—financial support, authentic prayer, and real return.

In light of this summer's tension, I believe that it is more important than ever to make Israel a major recipient of our *tzedakah*. That said, I am pledging that my gifts, both personal and from my Rabbinic Discretionary Fund, will specifically go to support those Israeli institutions that further the cause of religious pluralism. The Masorti Movement, Hiddush, and the Shalom Hartman Institute are the usual standard-bearers, and they continue to do great work on pluralism. But I'm particularly impressed this year by the work of the 929 Project, an initiative founded by an Orthodox rabbi, Benny Lau, a champion of a new form of Israeli Judaism. This Rabbi Lau, a relative of the chief rabbi I mentioned earlier, tells a story about a visit to a secular high school in Tel Aviv, where just before meeting with the students, he found an army-issue Tanakh. He asked the students if it belonged to any of them. The students erupted in laughter. One girl's four-word com-

ment struck him hard: "*Rabbi, zeh lo shelanu*—Rabbi, it's not ours." On behalf of her classmates, this young woman disavowed any potential ownership of a Hebrew Bible by secular Jewish Israelis. "But I found it, and the Torah commands me to return lost objects!" said Rabbi Lau. The students then began arguing among themselves about whose book it is. Maybe it belongs to the Haredim, maybe it's a settler's, but its owner won't be found in our community.

That's when the 929 Project was born. 929 is the number of chapters in the Hebrew Bible. Five days a week, 929's Hebrew web page hosts 20 commentators of all sectors of Jewish Israeli society engaging and wrestling with a chapter of our sacred text—men and women, religious and secular, Ashkenazi and Sephardi, Orthodox and non-Orthodox. For *Selihot* just a few nights ago, Rabbi Lau's Rambam synagogue, where I said *kaddish* for my father on Pesah, joined with Tziyon, a new Israeli non-Orthodox kehilah led by Rabbah Tamar Elad Applebaum. It's the kind of initiative that makes me hopeful about the future state of Judaism in the State of the Jews. *Tzedakah*—targeting causes that meet our values—is evidence that *ehpat lanu*, we care.

We also need to prove our devotion with our *tefillah*—our prayers. But that's not just prayer from a distance; it's praying with our feet. I like Schechter Institute President



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Rabbi David Golinkin's bold plan—that we should demonstrate the vitality of non-Orthodox prayer by bringing one million worshippers to Robinson's Arch, known as *Ezrat Yisrael*, every year. The Prime Minister cannot possibly ignore us when we have boots on the ground in such striking numbers. The Israeli Supreme Court may force his hand anyway, but that's not the way we want to win. We want the Kotel Compromise to be brought to fruition on the momentum of thousands and thousands of Jews praying just as we pray here—men and women together, using our traditional and modern liturgy, with the legitimacy we deserve. I can't wait to daven there with you this April 19, on our three-shul Israel trip with Hillcrest and ICCJ, as we celebrate the extraordinary milestone of Israel's 70th anniversary by praying at that very place! This is the trip of a lifetime, an experience not to be missed. What a great way to demonstrate that *ehpat lanu*—we care, and we want Israel to take note of our *tefillah*!

Finally, we need to embrace *Aliyah* as more than a fantasy that's only lived out by Orthodox families and a few hands-full of our craziest kids (mine included). At the same time that we assert the unassailable legitimacy of Jewish life outside of Israel, we need to make *Aliyah* a live option for Conservative Jewish families without fear or shame. This is what I mean

by *teshuvah*—a return, not in the usual Rosh Hashanah sense of repentance, but a return home.

I admit that I always feel a pang of envy when I hear the story of Rabbi Riskin's "*Garin Reishit Geula*"—the 1970s seed colony that eventually became Efrat. Lincoln Square congregant Edward Abramson explained it this way: "The State of Israel had played an active role throughout the synagogue's early years to an extent that was rare in those days." Rabbi Riskin reframed Zionism as relevant to the living history of his congregants. "This role was not only the more typical one of Israel as recipient of *tzedakah*, the focus of financial appeals, welfare, and stability. Nor was Israel's role in the synagogue relegated to 'Israel: the Museum'—a place to visit to see the footsteps of Jewish history. Rather, the role highlighted two aspects of Israel that were often downplayed in those years: Israel as a place for Jews to live, and Israel as the center of Torah, the locus from which redemption would sprout." How wonderful would it be to see a Conservative synagogue form a *Garin*, and transplant itself in *Eretz Yisrael*? Just sayin'!

When we gave Jordie an *Aliyah* to the Torah on her last Shabbat in Queens, I told the story of my parents' *Aliyah* dream, and I'll repeat it here. My parents met in *Hashomer Hatzair*, a secular, socialist Zionist youth movement, and both wanted to

move to Israel. Soon after they married in 1950, they went on *hakhsharah*—preparation for *Aliyah*—with their *garin*, their group of pioneers, to a farm in upstate New York. But I didn't hear this story until around their 50th anniversary, and I knew well that their first trip was mine as well, for my sister's wedding in 1978. So what happened? As my father told it, the other members of the *garin* were total misfits, and my parents couldn't stomach living with this motley crew anywhere, let alone Israel, so they abandoned their dream. But my sister's *Aliyah* nearly 40 years ago got the ball rolling, and with Jordie's summer move, six of my parents' eight grandchildren are now Israeli citizens, and 17 of their 18 great-grandchildren are, too. My parents may have been frozen in their lives in the Diaspora, but I smile knowing that at least one young woman decided that the best way to improve Israeli-Diaspora relations was to transform Israel with her own hands.

For all of the aggravation of this past summer, we need to step back and affirm that we are living in the greatest moment of the last two thousand plus years of Jewish history. We have before us options unimaginable to our parents and grandparents. We live in a vibrant Jewish Diaspora, more affluent, better connected, and more secure than at any time in history, including the Golden Age of Spain. At the same time, we are sovereign in the land of our ancestors, having developed in barely 70 years a



Rabbi Dr. H. Joseph Simckes
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China, The Sleeping
Giant Awakes!

Mrs. Paskowski, my 3rd grade elementary school teacher in Salem, Mass. taught us long ago, "Children, China is a sleeping giant and when it awakes, the entire earth will tremble!". How prescient of her! If you have any doubts, check The Economist, Foreign Affairs or any other reliable source of geo-global information.

This past May, Beijing welcomed 28 heads of state to confirm its latest \$150 billion yearly investment (*that's 'illion' with a 'b'!*) in rebuilding its ancient SILK ROAD through 68 modern countries, creating a vast 21st century version of its old trade *land route* (with an added up-to-date *sea route*, thrown in) that will now enable China to challenge America as the world's dominant economic super-power!*

Indeed, ever since China dropped its obsessive ideologically-driven need to create a supreme, centrally controlled economy in 1978 and replaced it with an open-market driven economy similar in logistics and functionality to modern capitalist economies! [shh!], China, the-sleeping giant, has finally risen from its economic slumber and roared! It's economic growth-rate now is approaching 10% a year... "thus establishing itself as *the fastest sustained expansion by a major economy in history!*". Compare this with America's yearly growth-rate in 2016 : 1.8%!**

Do the leaders of the New York Stock Exchange know this? Are our Wall Street financiers aware of this staggering differential? What

does Warren Buffet of Berkshire Hathaway industries have to say about this? Well, for one thing, Buffet, the Oracle from Omaha, has stated, "When you go to the Middle East looking for oil, you don't stop in Israel. But if you are looking for brains, for energy, it's the only stop you have to make."***

Chinese investors have taken Buffet's advice seriously. As of May 11th, 2017, Chinese investment in Israel has jumped tenfold in one year to a record \$16.7 billion dollars, flooding that small Mediterranean country with Asian funding. It now owns some of Israel's most successful and profitable companies, i.e. Teva. The Chinese giant, apparently, has decided to cash in on little Israel's ranking as the number one "start up-nation in the world". Economic missions between China and Israel are booming. Besides its multi-billion investments in Israel itself, China is the largest single foreign investor in the entire Middle East, surpassing all others with a whopping 31.2%. That's a lot of yen, eh?!****

China has not forgotten the still lucrative U.S. market, either. Though China is 7,252 miles away from our shores, it has now overtaken Canada, America's immediate northern neighbor, as America's largest foreign investor. According to Forbes, a huge chunk of Chinese disposable wealth is now being invested in American real estate: \$93 billion dollars in U.S. residential plus \$17.1 billion in U.S. commercial properties...from New York to Chicago, Miami to Los Angeles .*****

Add to that the staggering amount of U.S. debt that China has al-

ready purchased and ask yourself, who is capable of pulling critical behind-the-scene strings in U.S. politics and economic affairs? Russia or our new commercial competitor from the orient, China? Our Bible taught us long ago to take careful note of powerhouse neighbors, i.e. Egypt, Assyria, Babylonia, etc. Their lust for power, greed and hegemony, according to Moses, Isaiah and Jeremiah and a host of other politically astute Hebrew prophets, were absolutely determinative factors in Israel's future security if not survival!***** That warning needs to be heeded today and applied to our American existential reality.

Indeed, the Torah, our Scriptural survival-manual, suggests some pretty important questions we should be asking in Washington, D.C. What role will Chinese investments in Israel, the Middle East, Europe, South America & in our own country play in the new international scene now unfolding in 2017-8?

That question should be raised to the top of our political policy-agenda lest we soon find ourselves at the bottom of the international bucket.

Rabbi Dr. Hirsch Joseph Simckes

* Jerusalem Post, July 27, 2017, p.16

** Ibid

*** Buffet: "Israel has a disproportionate amount of brains", Google

**** Chinese Investments in Israel & the Middle East, Google

***** Ibid

***** Chinese Investments in America, Google

*****Check the multiple sources in Jewish Scriptures.

**October Birthdays**

Joel Lieber	10/2
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Michele Ehrlich	10/5
David Karsch	10/6
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Mitchell Rosenblatt	10/10
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Mira Clivner	10/30
Martin Kevelson	10/30
Arne Abramowitz	10/31
Leslie Skemer	10/31

October Anniversaries

Sherry & Victor Gabay	10/16
Janet Berlin & Jeffrey Rosenberg	10/17
Karen Ross & Marvin Feilhardt	10/18
Carol & Mitchell Rosenblatt	10/23
Greta & Martin Margolis	10/27
Rita & Lawrence Katz	10/29

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military, economic and cultural power. All we lack is a sufficiently strong bridge between these two miracles—but for every Knesset member who tries to take an axe to that bridge, there are 70 new lone soldiers who remind us how easy it can be to cross the divide. 70 is a fitting number indeed, for in 5778 we will celebrate 70 years of Atzmaut, of independence. Just because they're independent doesn't mean they can't also celebrate co-dependence. Israel and the Diaspora—we're lucky to have each other, because *lamrot hakol*, in spite of the occasional spat, *ehpat lanu*. We care deeply. In 5778, let's prove it as we never have before. I guarantee it'll make us smile!

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