



October at HHBJC

October 4
CSA Talk

October 13
Simcha Shabbat

October 14
Sisterhood Paid Up
Membership Brunch

October 15, 22, 29
Adult Ed - Rabbi Wise
Israeli Book Club

October 21
Sisterhood Breast Cancer Walk
at Jones Beach

October 23
Adult Ed - Rabbi Kessler
Caravan of Jewish Learning

October 24
Adult Ed - Cantor Zim
Yiddish Class

October 28
Adult Education Speaker -
Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin

October 31
Adult Ed - Cantor Zim Learn
to Lead Services



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removable monthly calendar
of events and service times.**

As we begin the New Year, here are some DATES TO REMEMBER & DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR...

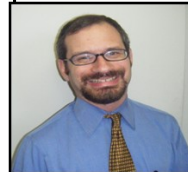
- Come join our unique **"YIDDISH CLUB"**. We will *learn a bisel, laugh a bisel* and *nosh a bisel*. All are welcome! (Wednesday evenings at 8:00 PM) DATES: OCTOBER 24th & NOVEMBER 28th

- **LEARN TO LEAD SERVICES (DAVEN)" Program.** Last year we had a great time and many of you asked for us to resume. I know how much many of you love to sing along during the services so you will have the opportunity to learn how to lead a service. This will be a special time we can share together! Come join us! All are welcome! (Wednesday evenings at 8:00 PM) DATES: OCTOBER 31st, NOVEMBER 7th, NOVEMBER 14th

- **CHARLES BERNHAUT**, a well-known Jewish Radio personality, a lover of Jewish Music, an outspoken advocate for the State of Israel, and a man that is dedicated and devoted to the furtherance of Jewish Music & Culture. You probably saw him at some of our Gala concertsHe will be talking with us about the *HISTORY & BEST OF JEWISH COMEDY*. DATE...TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

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From the Desk of Rabbi David Wise No Hard Feelings



**This is the text
of Rabbi
Wise's Kol
Nidre Sermon**

To paraphrase Robert Fulghum, all I needed to know to write this year's Kol Nidre sermon, I learned from The Avett Brothers and Mr. Rogers.

My guess is that you've heard of Mr. Rogers. If you've never heard of the Avett Brothers, they're a band started by siblings Seth and Scott out of North Carolina. You can classify their genre as "Americana," and their sound is simple. But it's their lyrics that make them sermon-worthy, particularly on this day when we prepare for the end. And that's what this achingly beautiful song is about.

Wait! Why am I, a blessedly healthy, if slightly overweight 50-year-old, risk-averse non-smoker, source of boredom for the actuaries, thinking of today as a preparation for the end? Because that's precisely what Yom Kippur is about. It's a dress rehearsal for death, just in case the Book of Life is not in the cards for me this year. So, I wear this shroud, and like Paul McCartney crossing Abbey Road, I'm not wearing leather shoes, and I'm not eat-

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Shabbat Schedule



Friday, October 5, 2018

Candle Lighting 6:11 PM
Mincha 6:15 PM

Saturday, October 6, 2018

Bereshit 9:00 AM
Mincha 5:55 PM
Havdalah 7:13 PM

Friday, October 12, 2018

Candle Lighting 6:00 PM
Mincha 6:00 PM

Saturday, October 13, 2018

Noach 9:00 AM
Mincha 5:45 PM
Havdalah 7:02 PM

Friday, October 19, 2018

Candle Lighting 5:50 PM
Mincha 5:50 PM

Saturday, October 20, 2018

Lech-Lecha 9:00 AM
Mincha 5:35 PM
Havdalah 6:51 PM

Friday, October 26, 2018

Candle Lighting 5:40 PM
Mincha 5:40 PM

Saturday, October 27, 2018

Vayera 9:00 AM
Mincha 5:25 PM
Havdalah 6:41 PM

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★ The next few months are a ★
★ time for many joyful occa- ★
★ sions: weddings, engage- ★
★ ments, B'nai Mitzvah, etc. ★
★ It's just the right time to ★
★ sponsor a *Kiddush* after ★
★ Saturday services and ★
★ share your *simcha* with the ★
★ Temple family! Call the of- ★
★ fice and confirm your date. ★
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**We 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

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We have an operating handi-
capped lift. This is available for
all who may need access to any
level of the building. Please con-
tact 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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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 Belgrod.



Cantor Sol Zim



My intention was to write an article reflecting on our beautiful *Rosh Hashanah* services but due to life's unexpected turn of events, it is with tremendous sadness and shock that I tell you that my very dear friend and esteemed Colleague, **Dr./Cantor Mordechai Sobol**, suddenly passed away on September 15th of a massive brain aneurysm. He was only 67. You all know him...he Conducted the Symphony Orchestra and Directed our beautiful Concerts at the Lefrak Concert hall a few years ago together with his wonderful son Ofir (also a very dear friend of mine).

Mordechai arrived in New York on Sept. 6th and June and I had dinner with him and his lovely wife Yona that night. I was so excited to see him! Mordechai comes every year from Israel to lead the Alternate High Holiday Services in Temple Israel of Great Neck (he has been doing this for more than 25 years) and I always have dinner with him as soon as he arrives in NY. I usually see him again before he leaves right after Yom Kippur. My heart is very heavy and my emotions are running very deep so please, bear with me as I share my thoughts and memories of Mordechai with all of you.

Our Cantor's Voice

Remembering My Dear Friend Mordechai Sobol

I met Mordechai Sobol approximately 30 years ago through Max Shapiro, past President of Hillcrest Jewish Center, who used to come visit our shul regularly on *Shabbat M'vorchim*. Max was a lover of Cantorial music and he connected me with Mordechai since he wanted us to do a concert together in the *Palm Beach Auditorium*. Mordechai and I met and we soon became friends. Our friendship blossomed into an extremely special and unbreakable bond that only got stronger throughout the years. Mordechai was a world renowned & brilliant (and I mean brilliant) Conductor, Composer, Orchestrator, Cantor and above all, he was a man of tremendous character, passion & love. He dedicated his life to the furtherance of Cantorial music, the music of our people, bringing it to the highest level of perfection. He had a unique way of keeping the traditional sounds of Chazzanut yet adding a unique element of beautiful symphonic sounds and bringing this to concert halls throughout the world. His mission was to keep Cantorial music "the sacred art form that it is meant to be" and to spread the love of this music throughout the world. With his magnificent orchestrations, unique creativity & love of Chazzanut, he elevated the Cantorate and traditional Jewish prayer to ensure that it will live on for generations to come. Mordechai was one of the conductors of the *Israeli Philharmonic*. He was the founder,

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ing or drinking, or bathing or trying to procreate, because dead people don't. For 25 or so hours, I take on the non-behaviors that will one day be my fate, and the rituals that others will perform to prepare me for burial. So yes, I am mindful on Yom Kippur that life is fleeting—maybe more so this year, now that I've reached another magic number, and I'm probably more than halfway to the end. So, I'm asking the same questions as the Avett Brothers:

"When my body won't hold me anymore/And it finally lets me free/Will I be ready?/When my feet won't walk another mile/And my lips give their last kiss goodbye/Will my hands be s t e a d y ? "

"When I lay down my fears/My hopes and my doubts/The rings on my fingers/And the keys to my house/With no...hard... f e e l i n g s ? "

"Lord knows they haven't done/much good for anyone/kept me afraid and cold/with so much to have and hold..."

Seth wrote a number of the tracks on this 2016 album, *True Sadness*, after going through a painful divorce. He sings here imagining the end of his life, hoping that he'll have the capacity to say it: "No hard feelings." He acknowledges that holding on to those feelings kept him "afraid and cold," frozen by fear, distant from his many loved ones. The song is a gentle but firm challenge to himself, and to the listener.

Can we say these three words: "No hard feelings?"

Hard feelings—Lord knows they haven't done much good for anyone. But somehow, we have managed to hold on to them as if they're a lifeline.

Maybe as individuals, we need the help of a community to help us let go of our resentments. Jack Kornfield, the Jew-turned-Buddhist meditation specialist and author, writes about a Southern African tribe called the Babemba. When someone in the tribe behaves irresponsibly or unjustly, the tribe is called together, the person is put in the middle, and everyone in the circle takes a turn telling all the good things that person has done and been over his or her lifetime. When the recounting is complete, a feast is held to welcome the person back into the tribe.

So what do you think our community's ritual might look like? Putting the person in the middle of the circle with a bullseye on her back and everyone throws darts? Actually, we had a window into our ritual just a few minutes ago, at the beginning of Kol Nidre:

"In the academies on high and down below, by the authority of God and by the authority of the community, we grant permission to worship with sinners." Lest you think that this would be automatic, there's ample precedent in Jewish tradition for shutting the doors on "bad Jews." In his laws of the rab-

binic judicial system known as *Hilkhot Sanhedrin*, the Rambam writes: "When a judge knows that a colleague is a robber or a wicked person, it is forbidden for him to sit in judgment with him, as it is stated: 'Keep distant from words of falsehood.' This is the practice that would be followed by Jerusalem's men of refined character: They would not sit to participate in a judgment unless they knew who would sit with

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NEW MEMBERS



**Leona Mizrachi &
David Mizrachi**

Temple Family

Belated best wishes to all for a healthy New Year
Natalie Winter

In honor of the birth of our new grandson, Sidney Hersh Katz, born August 7th to, Jordan and Alana Katz
Rita & Lawrence Katz

Mazal Tov



Rabbi's Reflections

Associate Rabbi

Gary D. Kessler

"ONE DAY AT A TIME.... CHESHVAN"



"It's easy to be a good Jew on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur." After weeks of preparation and

anticipation, the High Holidays are generally perceived as the pinnacle of the Jewish calendar. Our synagogue is filled to capacity, our noblest Jewish sensibilities are aroused, and we seek to be united with our dear ones and the entire House of Israel. We offer sincere resolutions for better living; we renew our commitments to our congregation, and we express our support for the State of Israel, and for the myriad of other worthy Jewish causes that appeal to our **'best Jewish selves'** at the onset of the New Year.

Now we enter the Hebrew month of **Mar-Cheshvan** (October), and the 'high life' of our days just past has receded into fond recollection. Gone are the pageantry of Rosh Hashanah, the solemnity and release of Yom Kippur, the natural beauty and abundance of Sukkot, the tender tears of Yizkor and the dancing and pandemonium of Simchat Torah. We have just returned to the **'real world'** of mundane, everyday living. No festival rejoicing awaits us until Hanukkah, still months away. Will it be possible for us to fulfill the lofty re-

solves and the noble Jewish aspirations we have just undertaken? Can we transcend the sameness of our secular selves and hold on to those special, spiritual moments we have just savored?

To be meaningful and effective, Judaism must be understood and lived as a process, not as an event or series of events. There are only a limited number of highlights in our lives, and Judaism is intended to help us find meaning and inspiration in those lengthy periods between them. A Jewish person is born and inducted into the Covenant only once. We celebrate only one Consecration, one Bar/Bat Mitzvah, one Confirmation, (hopefully) one marriage. And then it begins all over again, with our own children and grandchildren. There will be moments of elation, of spiritual enlightenment, of connection to G-d and His People, of illumination and appreciation of Jewish wisdom. There will also be moments of heartbreak, of sadness and loss, of loneliness and estrangement from G-d and from humankind.

Judaism lived on a daily basis brings balance and perspective into our lives. Too many of us are preoccupied with the pursuit of excitement and stimulation. We feel that we must bombard and overwhelm our senses and our minds with erstwhile pleasures, hoping that somehow these **'moments'** will multiply and add up to a life of happiness. Judaism teaches us

to seek our fulfillment without pushing to the limit every day of our lives. The genius of our spiritual ancestors lay in their unique ability to sanctify the mundane, to imbue the ordinary with extraordinary significance, to transcend the trivial and to make each day special. Through daily study of the Torah they kept their minds keen and informed their lives with essential Jewish values. Through daily prayer and contemplation they nurtured their spiritual selves and called G-d into their awareness, just as they believed that they called themselves to His attention.

So, dear friends, it seems to me that it is a bit easier to be a good Jew on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur than on a plain Tuesday morning or Wednesday afternoon. But **Mar-Cheshvan** (October) can be an excellent time for Jewish living, too. As Hillel would ask, **"If not now, then when?"** A happy and Jewish October to you from my family to yours!

**GARY D. KESSLER -
ASSOCIATE RABBI**

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Sisterhood

SISTERHOOD UPDATE

5779 --- a new year, and a new chance to make a difference in the lives of our sisters-of-the-heart, our community, and the world at large.

For this new year, we will be seeing new faces, too - as our sisters from the Jewish Center of Oak Hills join us. We hope everyone will be with us as we get together to welcome them:

* Friday evening, September 28th, at the Sisterhood-sponsored Congregation Family Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah.

* Sunday morning, October 14th, at our Paid Up Membership Brunch (and yes, you can bring your check and application form with you).

* Sunday morning, October 21st, at Jones Beach, at our annual Pink Ladies Breast Cancer Walk.

* Sunday, November 4th, at our always-welcomed Holiday Bazaar.

* Sunday morning, November 18th, as we honor Jo Ann Luquis at our Annual Torah Fund Brunch.

.....and that is just to start the year off. We have lots more planned, so stay tuned.

Green Committee

IN THIS NEW YEAR, THE GREEN TEAM ASKS YOU TO PLEASE REMEMBER THAT LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT!

(1) We send old eye-glasses to the Lion's Club to be reused where needed. There is a plastic set of drawers near the office where you can leave them.

(2) We collect aluminum soda and beer can pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please leave them in another one of that set of plastic drawers.

(3) When you travel, please bring back the little soaps, shampoos, etc, for us to give to the needy in several food banks and battered women's shelters. People are so grateful to get them. Just put them in the marked drawer in that set of drawers outside the shul office.

Thank you for caring. If you have items to donate and need us to pick them up from you, please just call 917-225-8097.

HHBJC - Sisterhood Gift Shop



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H2I YOUTH GROUP

Three terrific synagogues have come together to create one outstanding youth program! Where do you fit in?

Nitzanim-Students in grades 2 & 3
-Meeting Sunday, 5:00-6:15 PM
Thursday Recreation Hour, 6:30-7:00 PM

Chalutzim-Students in Grades 4 & 5
-Meeting Sunday, 5:00-6:15 PM
Thursday Recreation Hour, 6:30-7:30 PM

Kadima-Students in grades 6, 7 & 8
-Meeting Sunday, 6:15-7:00 PM
Thursday Recreation Hour, 6:30-7:30 PM

USY-Students in grades 9-12
-Meeting Sunday, 7:30-9:00 PM
Thursday Recreation Hour, 7:30-9:00 PM

For more information email us at h2iyouth@gmail.com or check out our website <http://www.h2iyouthgroup.org/>

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All Locations

Stop & Shop:

All Locations

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105-02 Queens Blvd.

Danny's Drive In Cleaners:

190-05 Union Turnpike

Fairway Supermarket:

242-02 61st Avenue, Douglaston





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

We hope you have entered the New Year in style,
 And all the joys you wished for will last a long while,
 May the blessings that were bestowed upon you by the Rabbi & Cantor,
 Become good friends as well as your Mentor.

We want to wish Happy Birthdays to Robert Perl & Howard Schlesinger, both of whom have been long-time members of the congregation. I also want to wish Happy Birthday to my sister, Lisa Tobias, in far-off South Africa, & my dear granddaughter, Allison Gray, both celebrating their birthdays this month.

Congratulations to everyone else who is celebrating.

A Happy Sukkot to all.

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.

JUDITH LESNIK
CHESED COMMITTEE

Shanah Tova to all!!

Our wonderful committee has been busy with a few things to start the year, 5779, off right.

Firstly, we organized bags to be delivered to shut-ins for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Speaking with those who, generally, do not get out often was much appreciated. Thank you to Linda Liederman, Linda Silverman and Sandi Altman-Baker for setting up the bags.

Next, along with the membership committee, we made **phone calls to every congregant** in wishing them Shanah Tova and to have a sweet new year.

Finally, we are working on attending workshops by skilled

mental health practitioners to educate us on how to help members who may be hospitalized, are sitting shiva or may be in a health care facility. We will send out information in the future to apprise you of this new venture.

One again, if you would like to work with us and be a part of this amazing group, please contact me.

Until then, I look forward to hearing from you.

Warmly,

Laura Brodsky

Cut Out and Save

Contact Information

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

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H2I Youth Group News

H2I Youth Group is the award-winning youth program of three Conservative synagogues in Northeast Queens – Hillcrest JC, Hollis Hills Bayside JC, and ICCJ. Through this collaboration, we are able to bring together youth from all over the Northeast Queens Jewish Community, allowing for a vibrant Judaic environment in which our youth can socialize and learn. Our weekly Sunday night programs provide the opportunity for our members to have a meaningful social experience with their peers, through activities that range from athletic to artistic and from competing against friends to engaging in social justice.

Registration and our Opening Program will take place on Sunday, October 7, 2018 at Hillcrest Jewish Center. More details, as well as a full calendar for the first part of the year, are now available on our website at www.h2iyouthgroup.org.

If you have any questions about H2I Youth Group, please don't hesitate to contact us. We can be reached at h2iyouth@h2iyouthgroup.org. (Please note the new e-mail address!)

We look forward to seeing many of you on October 7 as we kick off another great year of H2I!

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conductor and musical director of the *Yuval Ensemble*, which is a very professional all-male choir in Israel that very often joined Mordechai on stage together with the top Cantors of our time performing with the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra. In fact, the Yuval Choir came here to our shul several times throughout the years. Mordechai was not only a world renowned Conductor of symphonies, but he was also a brilliant Cantor & Composer. His musical orchestrations are simply breathtaking.

Mordechai brought me into Israel to do concerts dozens of times, to the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv, to Jerusalem, Petach Tikvah, Haifa and many other concert stages and synagogues in Israel. The concerts were riveting and stirred so much emotion from the audiences. In fact, when I started doing my AVINU SHEBASHAMAYIM at my own concerts here in North America, Mordechai heard it and said, "I want you to do it at my next concert in Israel". He created a magnificent orchestration for it and we eventually recorded it in Tel Aviv, together with his son Ofir. After that, Cantors around the world started singing it in their own synagogues and at concerts and even recording it themselves. Eventually, Mordechai and his son Ofir produced a beautiful video where Shai Abramson, Cantor of the

IDF, performed a beautiful rendition of my Avinu, which took the internet by storm. And that is how my Avinu Shebasamayim got started in Synagogues and on Stages throughout the world.

I am so proud of my friend Mordechai Sobol. Not only did he light up the world with breathtaking melody and orchestral Cantorial arrangements but he also spread the love and joy of Cantorial music to the Jewish world ensuring its place in our lives. He was such a *Mensch*, a *gutta neshama*, and someone who brought warmth, love and happiness to so many people.

I will miss Mordechai terribly and when I think of him, I will shed tears, sing a Jewish tune, smile, and know that I am better for having shared a special friendship with this magnificent human being who called me "Solly".

May he rest in Peace!

G'mar Chatimah Tovah.

Cantorially & Musically always,

Sol Zim



Tashlikh at Fort Totten Park **-5779**

On the beautiful Sunday of September 16th, at Fort Totten Park, 15 young Jewish families gathered to share the beginnings of new relationships. This was made possible when Rabbi Wise met Tara Herman Zak.

They decided that, with the help of a partnership with PJ Library, our synagogue could help foster young Jewish families in Queens to get to meet one another, and build new friendships.

With the help of Alexis Ludwig, Arthur and Linda Liederman, and Laura Brodsky the first gathering occurred.

There were games, street chalk play, slam dunk basketball, lunch and snacks. In addition, PJ Library donated materials for all.

Rabbi Wise welcomed everyone and explained how to do Tashlikh, where everyone threw their bread in the LI Sound while saying good-bye to their sins of the past year.

It was a wonderful start for HBJC to help build new relationships among families with young Jewish children.





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Dr. George Moriber, beloved
father of Sharon Apfelbaum

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of Frank Stumer

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THE OTHER MOURNERS OF ZION
AND JERUSALEM

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In memory of Bella Isman
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Horowitz's mother
Irene & Michael Borman &
Family
Ruth Heller

In honor of Janet & Eric
Jacobowitz's first wedding
anniversary
Harriet & Bernd Bildstein
Jerry Sandell

In memory of Dr. George
Moriber
Linda & Arthur Liederman
Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil
Sheldon Flatow

Mazel Tov to Mary & Dana
Johnston on the birth of their
new granddaughter, Mirabel
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In memory of Abraham
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Nussenfeld
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In memory of Harry Goldberg
Norma Brooks

In memory of Chaya Chlivner
In memory of Helena Tarsy
Mira Clivner

In memory of Sidney Sklar
Renee Sklar & Family

In memory of Alexander
Schoen
Emil Schoen

In memory of Sandel Potasinski
In memory of Salomon Zimet
Erika Potaskinski

In memory of Morris Landau
Diane & Arnold Landau

In memory of Jake Goldenberg
Inge & Paul Goldenberg

In memory of Julia Krauss
Ida & Daniel Weisser

In memory of Joseph Belitzky
Adele & Martin Goldman

In memory of Irving Wilson
Roberta Wilson Andreoli

In memory of Charles Goldstein
In memory of Norma Cohen
In memory of Anna Goldstein
Harvey Goldstein

In memory of Priscilla Domroe
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In memory of Eli Suwalsky
Janet Naftol

In memory of Tobia Stein
In memory of Herman Lipper
In memory of Gussie Sunshine
Cevia Lipper

In memory of Phillip Miles
Hadassah Miles

In memory of Sam Goltz
Millie Bernstein

In memory of Max Menachem
Mendel ben Ari
Deborah & Arne Abramowitz

In memory of Aaron Bimblich
In memory of Jakob Bimblich
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*In memory of Beatrice Teleky
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Arlene Schwartz*

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Arthur Levy*

*In memory of Julius Glick
Susan & Frank Stumer*

*In memory of Selma Levy
Helene & Jack Levy*

*In memory of Shimon
Gershkovich
Nadia & David Adar*

*In honor of our office and cus-
todial staff, Lou Ann, Nancy,
Tony, Richie and Franco, with-
out whose hard work, diligence
and support, the High Holidays
and Sukkot would not have
been as smooth-running and
joyous as they were
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Tishrei 22 Shmini Atzeret Service Times 9:00 AM Mincha 1:15 PM Tot Hakafot 6:45 PM Late Yiskor 7:00 PM Ma'ariv & Hakafot 7:15 PM	2 Tishrei 23 Simchat Torah Service Times 9:00 AM & 6:20 PM Havdalah 7:19 PM	3 Tishrei 24 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	4 Tishrei 25 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM CSA Talk – Diet, Exercise and Mental Health - 7:30 PM	5 Tishrei 26 Morning Minyan 7 AM Candle Lighting 6:11 PM Mincha 6:15 PM	6 Tishrei 27 Bereshit 9 AM Mincha 5:55 PM Havdalah 7:13 PM Sam Menzie Bar Mitzvah
7 Tishrei 28 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM	8 Tishrei 29 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	9 Tishrei 30 Minyan Times 6:30 AM and 7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	10 Cheshvan 1 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	11 Cheshvan 2 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	12 Cheshvan 3 Morning Minyan 7 AM Candle Lighting 6 PM Mincha 6 PM	13 Cheshvan 4 Noach 9 AM Mincha 5:45 PM Havdalah 7:02 PM Simcha Shabbat - 9 AM
14 Cheshvan 5 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Sisterhood Paid Up Member Brunch - 10 AM	15 Cheshvan 6 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Rabbi Wise - Israeli Book Club - Letters to My Palestinian Neighbors - 8 PM	16 Cheshvan 7 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	17 Cheshvan 8 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	18 Cheshvan 9 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	19 Cheshvan 10 Morning Minyan 7 AM Candle Lighting 5:50 PM Mincha 5:50 PM	20 Cheshvan 11 Lech-Lecha 9 AM Mincha 5:35 PM Havdalah 6:51 PM
21 Cheshvan 12 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Sisterhood Breast Cancer Walk Jone Beach - 8 AM	22 Cheshvan 13 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Rabbi Wise - Israeli Book Club - Letters to My Palestinian Neighbors - 8 PM	23 Cheshvan 14 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM Rabbi Kessler - Caravan of Jewish Learning - 8 PM	24 Cheshvan 15 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM Cantor Zim - Yiddish Club - 8 PM	25 Cheshvan 16 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	26 Cheshvan 17 Morning Minyan 7 AM Candle Lighting 5:40 PM Mincha 5:40 PM	27 Cheshvan 18 Vayera 9 AM Mincha 5:25 PM Havdalah 6:41 PM
28 Cheshvan 19 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Adult Education Speaker – The Book of David, Larry, That Is - Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin - 8 PM	29 Cheshvan 20 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Rabbi Wise - Israeli Book Club - Letters to My Palestinian Neighbors - 8 PM	30 Cheshvan 21 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	31 Cheshvan 22 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM Cantor Zim - Learn to Lead Services - 8 PM			



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them. They would not sign a legal document unless they knew who would sign with them. And they would not enter a feast until they knew who would be joining them.”

But thankfully, the standards to which “Jerusalemites of refined character” held themselves are not extended to prayer communities. We don’t say that sinners don’t belong in our midst, or that their prayers will weigh ours down. In fact, the sages say that a devotional experience as intense as Yom Kippur cannot be legitimate UNLESS there are sinners among us! The proof text for this is Exodus 30, when God instructs Moshe to make incense—an air freshener for the sanctuary, perhaps? Or an olfactory stimulant for God? God says to Moshe:

“Take the herbs stacte, onycha, and galbanum—these herbs together with pure frankincense; let there be an equal part of each.” I’m no expert in herbs, but the rabbis read significance into the recipe. As it says in Tractate Keritot:

“Rabbi Chana bar Bizna said in the name of Rabbi Shimon Chasida: any fast that doesn’t include the sinners of Israel is not a true fast. For galbanum has a foul smell, and still Scripture counts it among the ingredients of incense.” In other words, we don’t evict sinners because they stink; we include them in spite of their offensiveness.

Rashi takes it one step further, in his commentary on the verse in Exodus:

“Scripture enumerates it among the spices of the incense to teach us that we should not regard as a light thing the duty of associating with ourselves when we band together for fasts and prayers Israelites who are transgressors — that they should be counted as ourselves.”

What’s more, who are we to be so certain that these *Avaryanim*, these “bad Jews,” are entirely guilty? This story, from the Talmud of the Land of Israel, *Yerushalmi Ta’anit*, reminds us that even those who incriminate themselves as sinners are probably far more righteous than they, and by extension we, are able to appreciate:

“It appeared to R. Abbahu [in a dream] that Pantokakos [=Mr. Completely Evil] should pray so that rain would come down. R. Abbahu sent and had him brought before him. He said, “What is your profession?” He said, “I commit five sins every day. I sweep the theater. I hire out prostitutes. I carry their [the prostitutes’] garments to the baths. I clap and dance before them. And I clash the cymbals before them. He said to him, “What good deed have you done?” He said to him, “One day when I was sweeping the theater, a certain woman entered. She stood behind a column [posing as a prostitute] and wept. I said to her, ‘What

is the matter?’ She said, ‘My husband is incarcerated and I want to see what I can do to free him.’ I sold my bed and bedding and gave her its cost, and I said to her, ‘This is for you. Free your husband and do not sin.’” He [R. Abbahu] said to him, “You are worthy to pray and to be answered.”

And still, despite the urgings of the communal ritual, whether it’s the Babamba ceremony or our Kol Nidre liturgy, we struggle to let go of our pain, our thoughts of those who hurt us. It is excruciatingly difficult to say “no hard feelings.” Rabbi Joshua Davidson of Congregation Emanuel in New York gets it. He writes: “Forgiving is not easy. Sometimes the hurt feels too great, the wounds too raw. And forgiving is especially difficult when we yearn for an apology that never comes. But repairing relationships cannot depend on having every offense explained. There are certain aspects of the people we love we will never understand. How often are we unaware even of our own mistakes, unable to fathom even our own motivations! Why should we necessarily expect more of others? Yom Kippur entreats us to forgive them.” I am not exempting any of us from seeking forgiveness from the people we’ve wronged. That’s the essence of teshuvah. But I am asking all of us to go beyond the call and forgive, if not for their sake, then for our own.

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David Gregory, the former host of *Meet the Press*, had a tortured young adulthood because of his mother's drinking problem. But he has spent years working on forgiving her, and even learned an expression she picked up in her 12-step program. In AA, they call forgiveness "dropping the rocks"—letting go of the things that weigh you down. Or, as Rabbi Rachel Cowan, the beloved spiritual mentor who died right before Rosh Hashanah, would teach, "holding on to resentment is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die."

So on Yom Kippur, we need to imagine that it's the very end, and like the Avett Brothers, can we find the capacity to ditch all the baggage, to let go of every ounce of resentment, and to say three difficult words: no... hard...feelings? The song winds to its conclusion with a *vidui*, a sort of final confession. Seth sings the lead, as Scott's harmony slowly fades out:

"Under the curving sky/I'm finally learning why/It matters for me and you/To say it and mean it too/For life and its loveliness/ And all of its ugliness/Good as it's been to me/I have no enemies/I have no enemies/I'll have no enemies/I have no enemies."

I haven't forgotten that when I began, I promised you Mr. Rogers. I saved him for the end because we need three more words to get us to the point of

readiness for come what may. Who here saw *Won't You Be My Neighbor*, the heart-warming documentary about the life and work of Fred Rogers? Did you cry? Wasn't it beautiful? I saw it twice! I regret not breaking the law and recording the entire movie on my phone and just reading back the transcript, because it would have made a great sermon and would have been worth the arrest for plagiarism. But just one piece of the film will have to suffice. For nearly the entirety of Fred Rogers' life, he managed to maintain his body weight at a steady 143 pounds. And do you know what midrash he gave to that phenomenon? He saw that three-digit number as a symbol of one three-word phrase. The first word has one letter, the second has four, and the third has three. That phrase is "I love you." It was the core of Mr. Rogers' message to all of the children he encountered. You are special, no matter what, and I love you.

In October, I'm lucky to be seeing The Avett Brothers in concert, thanks to the Groppers. I know that in their signature song, from nearly a decade ago, Scott admits: "When at first I learned to speak/I used all my words to fight/With him and her and you and me/But it's such a waste of time/Yeah it's such a waste of time." And as the song closes, the concert ritual is that the entire audience raises their hands, holding up

three fingers. "Three words that became hard to say/I and Love and You." Yes, they can sometimes be hard to say, but saying I love you has to be easier than maintaining a body weight of 143 pounds day in and day out!

Think about the ceremony at the end of Yom Kippur. We say Shema Yisrael once, Barukh Shem Kevod three times, and Adonai Hu HaElohim seven times. Do you know what that is? It's the *vidui*, the Jewish deathbed confession. Yom Kippur is over. We anticipate that life is over, this is the end. And then what happens? Tekiah gedolah—we are jolted awake, and are we ever overjoyed that we are still alive! Do we remember what we pledged during these 25 hours of anticipating death? Was it that we promise that tomorrow we'll be better, we'll change, if only we get another tomorrow? Or did we prepare for the end by closing our accounts with zero balance, by saying "No hard feelings; I have no enemies. I love you?" Either way, when the clock strikes 7:48 pm tomorrow or whatever, before you run out the door, or up to the front for *ma'ariv*, please, stop. Take a breath. Notice that you're still alive. Then think of those words. And go forward like you mean them. Because that's what it means to be inscribed in the Book of Life. May we all merit to live that way, every day we have.



**Sam Menzie -
Bar Mitzvah October 6
A Word From His Parents**



Please join us on Saturday, October 6th as our son Samuel becomes a Bar Mitzvah. We are so proud of Sam for many reasons. He's a very caring and considerate young man. He is glutton for punishment as he loves the Mets and the Islanders. He is a whiz with baseball trivia, loves animals and loves to play video games. Sam was a very picky eater as a child but now will eat and try most everything. His favorite foods are hamburgers, pizza, cheese tortellini, burritos

and pickles from Ben's which is always his choice for eating out. Sam has studied very hard for his Bar Mitzvah and is excited to welcome family and friends to HHBJC in a couple weeks. For his mitzvah project, Sam is working with Israel Guide Dogs for the Blind to raise money with hopes of sponsoring a puppy for a blind Israeli. We look forward to seeing you on October 6th.

*(Upcoming dates from Cantor Zim
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● **OUR MEMORABLE TRIP TO POLAND....**As you may know, I went to Poland this summer together with several of our members, organized by Sam Solasz and we want to share our experiences, thoughts & reflections with you. It was an emotional journey that must be expressed and told. PLEASE COME JOIN US! DATE...TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

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Shalom, friends!

Is real peace in Israel on the immediate horizon? What say you? Are Jihadi stabbings, random shootings, bombings of busses and kindergartens, Gaza rocketing, incendiary ballooning, hostile droning from Syria, crazed suicide-vested "Allah Akbar!" screaming killers running amok in the streets now all a thing of the past? Has incitement, demonizing, criminalizing, defaming, vilifying by major media outlets & ivy college campus BDS groups calling for the elimination of the JEWISH STATE OF ISRAEL from the face of Planet Earth been silenced? Can we now expect genuine Peace negotiations to begin, after Sukkot, perhaps?

Has *Prime Minister Netanyahu's* office been contacted by *Abbas* or by any of his henchmen that at long last Israel's legitimacy will be recognized by both *Fatah* and *Hamas* this coming year, that Israel will finally be fully welcomed not only as America's most trustworthy, loyal friend, a nation with which America shares deep ethical and political values but Israel will be accepted as an independent sovereign country worthy of sincere respect, a good neighbor rather than as an evil *occupying Zionist entity*?"

And if not now, when"

Israelis are skeptical. The chilling facts of ongoing Middle East negativity do not bode well. Informed Israeli security agencies & reliable sources in neighboring Arab lands report that behind-the-scenes sweetening of relations between Israel and certain specific Moslem oligarchies is limited, and problematic, not to be relied upon for long term policy making.

Reagan's political mantra, "**RESPECT BUT SUSPECT!**" i.e. "*kabdei hu v'chashdei hu!*"- (Hebrew) echoes loudly and clearly in the hallways of power in Tel Aviv & in Jerusalem. In fact, the most recent poll by the Israeli Democracy Institute & Tel Aviv University revealed that 89% of Jews in Israel believe that the chances of peace breaking out between Israelis and Palestinians any time soon is low indeed.

Not surprising, actually. The Israel Near East Research Institute has documented proof that UNRWA has brainwashed nearly 2,000,000 Arab children to believe with all their hearts, minds and souls to despise unto death all Jews and Israelis as agents of the Devil ever since that foul U.N. agency was founded after Israel's surprise victory in 1948 to "teach and prepare Arab kids" for a better future. UNRWA taught them alright- with the help of millions of U.S and EU dollars to commit themselves to the Jewish People's ultimate destruction: Hitler's goal reconstituted in

Jihadi formulation. Check out the book stalls in Cairo, Beirut and Damascus. *Mein Kampf* is a best seller!

Conclusion. In all our synagogues of all denominations throughout the world -and especially in America -we should not only pray for the welfare of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land on the High Holy-days and thereafter. We should *plan carefully* and *prepare specifically* for engaging practical, continuing support for Israel's military, economic and spiritual strength to be forthcoming this year and next year from Israel's sister democracies in the West. It is in freedom and liberty's best interest.

Kein yehi ratzon!

Shana tova shel shalom,

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Michele Ehrlich	10/5	Neal Nachman	10/23
David Karsch	10/6	Robert Perl	10/24
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Henry Burke	10/8	Alan Satran	10/28
Arthur Lukin	10/9	Jack Levy	10/29
Mitchell Rosenblatt	10/10	Michele Miller	10/29
Vicky Wolkofsky	10/12	Michael Wolkofsky	10/29
Idit Zim	10/13	Mira Clivner	10/30
Lynne Sklamberg	10/13	Martin Kevelson	10/30
Mildred Berkey	10/14	Arne Abramowitz	10/31
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October Anniversaries

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Janet Berlin & Jeffrey		Rosenblatt	10/23
Rosenberg	10/17	Greta & Martin Margolis	10/27
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