

Dateline: Hollis Hills

Elul - Tishrei 5775

September 2015

High Holiday Schedule

Saturday, September 5

Slichot

9:15 PM

Sunday, September 13 **Erev Rosh Hashanah**

6:50 PM

Monday, September 14 First Day of Rosh Hashanah

Morning Services

8:30 AM

Mincha

6:50 PM

Tashlikh - Meet at Alley Pond at 5:30 PM

Friday, September 15 Second Day of Rosh Hashanah

Morning Services

8:30 AM

Mincha 6:50 PM

Tuesday, September 22 **Erev Yom Kippur**

Kol Nidre 6:30 PM

Saturday, September 23 Yom Kippur

Morning Services

8:30 AM 4:45 PM

Mincha

September at HHJC

September 5 Slichot

September 9, 21 Bereavement Group

September 12 Simcha Shabbat

September 20 Sukkah Shuk

Upcoming in October

October 1 Nursery School Sukkah Under the Stars

October 3 Simcha Shabbat in the Sukkah

October 18 Sisterhood Paid Up Member Brunch

> October 18 **Beastly Blessings**

From the Desk of Rabbi David Wise

The Long Trail of Teshuvah



A couple of summers ago while at camp. I noticed a visitor in the dining

hall. He was in exceptional shape, had long been in need of a shave, and he seemed strangely satisfied by camp food. I soon learned that this young man, who was raised in the Conservative shul in Riverdale, was in the process of hiking the Appalachian Trail. He had come off the grueling path knowing that camp was nearby, and sought the amenities of civilization-hot showers, lukewarm French Toast—that aren't usually associated with camp. Greeted by his rabbi, he introduced himself. I was immediately in awe.

Ever since, I've been fascinated by the thought of hiking the Appalachian Trail. So while at camp this summer, I read A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson, for this issue's installment of The Rabbi's Nightstand. I'd read several of Bryson's other books, but had heard that this was his enduring classic. I was not at all disappointed.

Written in 1998, A Walk in the Woods is the memoir of a mid-40s, moderately experienced hiker who takes on the chal-

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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



Shabbat Schedule



Friday, September 4, 2015

Candle Lighting 7:04 PM Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, September 5, 2015 Slichot

9:00 AM Ki Tavo Mincha 6:50 PM Havdalah 8:05 PM

Friday, September 11, 2015

Candle Lighting 6:52 PM Mincha 6:55 PM

Saturday, September 12, 2015

Nitzavim 9:00 AM Mincha 6:40 PM Havdalah 7:53 PM

Friday, September 18, 2015

Candle Lighting 6:40 PM Mincha 6:40 PM

Saturday, September 19, 2015

Vayeilech 9:00 AM Mincha 6:25 PM Havdalah 7:41 PM

Friday, September 25, 2015

Candle Lighting 6:28 PM 6:30 PM Mincha

Saturday, September 26, 2015

Ha'Azinu 9:00 AM Mincha 6:15 PM Havdalah 7:30 PM

Junior Congregation

September 14 & 15 -Rosh Hashanah -Ages 3-5 10:30 AM - 11:15 PM Ages 6 and up 10 AM - 12 PM

September 23 - Yom Kippur -Ages 3-5 10:30 AM - 11:15 PM Ages 6 and up 10 AM - 12 PM

****** The next few months are a time for many joyful occasions: weddings, engagements, 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 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.

Handicap Access

We have an operating handicapped 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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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.



Cantor Sol Zim

Our Cantor's Voice

A New Year Ahead

I hope everyone had a nice summer. On the very hot days, I must admit that I did indulge in a bit of Rocky Road ice cream...low fat of course. I also spent many hours sitting at the piano composing a lot of new music for my 18th book of Jewish/Synagogue Music. I hope you all know that my HHJC family is my R&D (research & development) Lab for the testing of my new compositions. I will teach them to you and we will enjoy together. These compositions & participatory synagogue melodies will start to be sung at synagogues across the country soon...but only after HHJC puts them into motion.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a very warm welcome to our new President, ARTHUR LIEDERMAN, a man and friend that I respect tremendously. We are so fortunate to have Arthur joining our leadership for a second time. He helped lead our congregation into the 21st century. He truly enhanced our Temple website into a fantastic site with his tremendous creativity and innovative ideas. Arthur is extremely bright and capable and is steadfastly devoted to our congregation and making sure HHJC remains one of the most vibrant Synagogues in the NYC

area, filled with spirituality, learning, Jewish music, culture, tradition & love. He believes in the strength of community and the importance of 'togetherness'. I am excited to have Arthur joining our team and wish him and his family good health!

Let us also remember all of our incredible past Presidents. most recent being PAUL REICH. I would like to say thank you and Yasher Koach to Paul. He took upon the leadership role of our shul with his full heart and soul. He always has our synagogue's best interests in mind and his unwavering support, devotion & collaborative way is unique. He and his wife Rebecca are wonderful people and dear friends and will continue to be a vital part of our Synagogue!

We are extremely fortunate at HHJC to always have great leadership. Thank you to all!

I am now planning programs for the coming year. I will be putting together a CONCERT featuring many of my current and former cantorial students. They all encompass the love of Jewish Music and culture and are extremely talented. They can't wait to come to HHJC and share beautiful music with us. I am also bringing us a real treat. My friend, colleague and one of the world's most well-known Cantor's...CANTOR JACOB (JACKIE) MENDELSON, will treat us to his ONE MAN SHOW...called THE CAN-TOR'S COUCH (book by Mark



(Rabbi Wise Continued from page 1)

lenge of more than 2,100 miles of rugged terrain, inconsistent weather, and the potential company of large, hungry wildlife. He shares the journey with Katz, a childhood friend who is overweight and a recovering alcoholic with a propensity for throwing needed supplies over deep gorges because his pack is too heavy. They endure extreme hardships together, and sometimes apart. But the goal was to hike the trail, from Springer Mountain in Georgia to Mount Katahdin in Maine. And it doesn't take long—not nearly halfway through the book—for the reader and writer to come to an awful conclusion. Looking at a map of the trail in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, after several weeks of hiking, Bryson notices that of the four feet of map, they had come a mere two inches.

"All that we had experienced and done—all the effort and toil, the aches, the damp, the mountains, the horrible stodgy noodles, the blizzards, the dreary evenings with Mary Ellen, the endless, wearying, doggedly accumulated miles—all that came to two inches. My hair had grown more than that.

"One thing was obvious. We were never going to walk to Maine." (p. 150)

As I consider this passage in the context of the book, I begin to think of the long trail we hike intensively from Rosh Hodesh Elul until the end of Yom Kippur (and beyond, even, through Hoshana Rabbah). We embark on the rugged terrain of teshuvah, of return to our best selves, a path that is littered with obstacles such as regret, disappointment, and shame. And as we explore classical teachings about teshuvah, we find peaks that appear impossible to summit. "Eizo hee teshuvah gemurah-what is complete repentance—"asks Maimonides. He sets the bar very high, and as we look at a map of teshuvah drawn to scale, it can appear that all our devoted work at introspection and improvement has taken us but two inches on a four-foot map.

I don't want to spoil the book for you-and if you've never read A Walk in the Woods or anything by Bill Bryson, I urge you to do so-but his final message about hiking the Appalachian Trail is fittingly applicable to the journey of teshuvah. Chances are good that as hard as we work at it, our teshuvah will fall incomplete. When we stand together at Ne'ilah at the end of Yom Kippur, we will feel woefully unprepared. But at the same time, when Cantor Zim leads us in the rousing closing liturgy and Jack Cohen gives us one last teki'ah gedolah, we will feel the joy that comes with a deep sense of accomplishment. The trail is never complete, but maybe it isn't meant to be completed. As Rabbi Tarfon teaches in Pirke Avot (2:21): "You are not obligated to finish the task; neither are you free to neglect it."

Wishing you and yours a meaningful journey on the trail of *teshuvah* and a 5776 of blessings,

Rabbi David Wise

Thank you to all those who paid a Shiva call to honor & commemorate Moshe Lesnik and to those who provided comfort and support to our family

The Lesnik Family

Thank you to those who made contributions in memory of Moshe Lesnik

The Lesnik Family

Thank you so much for all the cards and calls wishing me a speedy recovery
Harriet Bildstein

Thank you Chesed Committee for your kind and thoughtful gesture after my recent surgery. It was much enjoyed. Harriet Bildstein

Thank you to Rabbi Wise, Cantor Zim, and the community for the extraordinary support, kindness, and generosity extended to us during this difficult time.

The Shepard Family

Thank you to the many members who contributed toward the Yerushalmi shiva meals



Ohr Chadash News

Welcome Back to Ohr Chadash 2015-16

The summer break was long, hot and humid, but preparations for the coming year moved forward. After a successful spring term at Hillcrest Jewish Center, supplies and books were packed up and moved to Hollis Hills JC, our host synagogue for the fall term. Ohr Chadash thanks our past and future hosts for their generous hospitality.

Returning families and new parents took advantage of the 5% discount offered to "Early Bird" registrants. On Sunday August 23rd, the annual Ohr Chadash Open House was held at Hollis Hills JC. Many families came in and registered their children to make the opening day an easier one. Thank you to school Board and staff members for their assistance with registration.

Gesher, our continuing Jewish education program for post Bar and Bat Mitzvah students, will meet on Sunday mornings from 9-12. Created and lead, for the past five years, by our three Rabbis on Wednesday afternoons, the class is undergoing some changes. For the coming year, the focus of the class will shift to maintaining and improving davening (Jewish prayer) and reading skills, incorporating modern Hebrew into the students lives and building an active useful vocabulary and animated discussions of issues the students face on a daily

basis both in school and outside the classroom setting.

After the conclusion of the fall holidays, Rabbis Fryer Bodzin, Kogan and Wise are implementing a new program. Each week they will visit two classes. One class will have an age appropriate enhanced Parsha (Torah portion) class and the second class will have an "Ask the Rabbis" session. "Ask the Rabbis" was always informative and popular with students, teachers and the Rabbis.

In the coming year, our Hebrew reading program will utilize a new series of readers that will strengthen the students reading skills and also teach grammar and vocabulary through stories and activities. Responding to requests by parents and students we will be incorporating more Hebrew language into the curriculum.

The first Ohr Chadash Shabbat will be held on September 26th. A special school wide Sukkot program is scheduled for Sunday, October 4th and the first Kabbalat Shabbat dinner, for our youngest students and their families is scheduled for Friday night, October 16th.

Shana Tova and best wishes for a healthy and blessed new year.

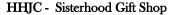
Ruth Merrill Director

Sisterhood

Shalom and welcome back after the revitalizing summer. I hope we are all ready to work and socialize together as "Sisters in the Hood". Please join our energetic, intelligent, group of women who support our local, national and international Jewish community and the community at large. Your membership makes a difference, even if your support is only financial, but there are many opportunities for greater involvement. Please feel free to contact any of our sisterhood board members for information.

I am very pleased to announce that Marilyn Teleky will be serving as my co-president. Diane Landau is our treasurer and Maris Blechner is our secretary. Robyn Rosenberg is our membership chairperson and our new member, Lisa Azo, has volunteered to be program chairperson. Marilyn Seidenfeld has again volunteered to be our Gift Shop "go to" person. Thank you all for stepping up and congratulations on your positions. Although we have an outstanding board, we believe that team work is the best approach to success and invite all

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Youth Director Youth Group

Dan Bacharach

Even though it feels like summer only just begun, it's already time for another exciting year of H2I Youth Group. We have some great programming and special events planned for the year, so if you have children in grades 2-12, we encourage you to sign them up for H2I Youth Group!

H2I Youth Group is the award-winning youth program of three Conservative synagogues in Northeast Queens: Hollis Hills Jewish Center, Hillcrest Jewish Center, and Israel Center of Conservative Judaism (ICCJ). Through this collaboration, H2I Youth Group is 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.

We are affiliated with the United Synagogue Youth, the youth movement of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. H2I is therefore a member of USY's METNY Region (NY Metropolitan Area) and Sababa Division (New York City), which provide our members in grades 6-12 with opportunities to network with other youth from across the greater New York metropolitan area.

Our activities range from social to educational and athletic to artsy. In addition to our regular Sunday night meetings at one of our three partner synagogues and Thursday night Recreation Hour at Hillcrest Jewish Center, H2I offers various special trips and events throughout the year.

Registration will take place on Sunday, September 20 at Hill-crest Jewish Center. Registration and our opening program for Nitzanim (Grades 2-3) and Chalutzim (Grades 4-5) will take place from 5-6:15 PM, for Kadima (Grades 6-8) from 6:15 -7:30 PM, and for USY (Grades 9-12) from 7:30-9:00 PM. More details on our opening program, 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 me. I can be reached via e-mail at h2iyouth@gmail.com.

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News From The Green Team

The Hollis Hills Jewish Center Green Team with soon be participating in a critically important initiative — and we want you to know about it now — because we will be asking you to help.

The initiative is called: **Medicine Bottles For Malawi.**

The reality is that medicine bottles don't belong in landfills. While we are throwing away perfectly good medicine bottles, there are medical pharmacies and hospital facilities in Malawi that often find themselves with nothing except torn pieces of paper in which to wrap medicine for their patients. This is often seen in rural hospitals and villages where the poorest of the nation try to live and survive...and you can help to change this situation.

It is really easy. Save empty medicine containers that you don't need any more, and place them in boiling water until you can easily remove the label and the glue. Once they are dry and clean, please hold on to them until we can make arrangements to send them as a large group to the Malawi Project for shipment to Malawi.

You will not only be helping our environment, but will also be helping families in a third world country keep their medicines clean, out of reach of small children, and safe while they are being used.

Thank you for caring.



Our Plan For Our Future –

A Sacred Community

of Relationships

by Arthur Liederman

With the assistance of United Synagogue and joining 9 other synagogues from throughout the United States, we embarked on a strategic planning project to map our future. For over two years a planning committee has engaged in meetings to evaluate our synagogue community and identify our problems and opportunities with the goal of creating a vision for our congregation and a series of initiatives and quidelines to assist our leadership in working towards our vision.

Our committee has reviewed our demographic composition, our past programming, our existing skills and assets, and identified the threats facing our congregation. The tools we have employed have included a SWOT (Strength - Weakness - Opportunities and Threats) exercise with a cross section of our leadership and the circulation of a survey to the entire congregational community. Task forces were created in the areas of Chesed, Welcoming-Engagement, Spirituality and Financial Sustainability to focus on these crucial areas of congregational life and well-being.

Our plan is a road map for our future. How can we describe who we are, what we have accomplished and how we relate to our greater communities – both Jewish and secular? But most importantly where do we want to go? How do we best employ our resources? What is our vision for the future? What strategic initiatives should be pursued so we can move from where we are to where we dream of becoming?

Over this year beginning with the High Holidays, you will hear more about our efforts and some of our initial changes in our vocabulary and new programs.

The Core Value of Relational Judaism

Underlying the focus of our committee and in structuring a theme for our future we have found meaning in the core value of relational Judaism. There has been a wealth of material written focusing on the relationship of the synagogue and congregant. What lies at the heart of a person's need to be part of a synagogue and how a synagogue can continue to be relevant? Historically the synagogue in America was a central institution for the Jewish community providing not only religious but also social support. The synagogue became a Jewish and Community Center. Membership was as much about the gym or pool as it was about reinforcing and affirming one's Jewish religious life. In the golden age of Conservative Judaism in Queens, congregation were so large that no matter how effectively or ineffectively the synagogue may have engaged with its individual members, lack of engagement was overshadowed by the fact that any program had acceptable participation rates.

But what also happened was that people became members for specific purposes and would leave when that end was served. An example was what was often described as the B'nai mitzvah mill, where families would leave after they had their party.

People can come for programs but they stay and connect through relationships. As Dr.

Ron Wolfson, a leading commentator in this field, has noted there is nothing wrong with programs, but if program designers have given no thought to how the experience will offer participants a deeper connection with each other, with the community and with their Judaism then it has no lasting impact. Relationships are the fiber that connects and sustains our existence and defines us as a congregation. Without building relationships and elevating the connection between us we are merely a building with services but not a Jewish congregation.

What do we do to deepen our congregants' relationship to the community, to HHJC and to each other? As Ron Wolfson has further noted, it is time to shift the shape of Jewish engagement ... What's the goal? The goal of Jewish institutions is not self-preservation, it is to engage Jews with Judaism. It about people, not programs. It's about deep relationships, not fee for service transactions. We begin with engaging our congregants in a personal relationship with their fellow Jews and their Judaism and then program events for them.

Our future viability depends on how effective we become in elevating the personal relationship between the congregation and each congregant and between congregant and congregant. Our goal is to create a truly engaged and sacred community – engaged in our common Jewish values.

Arthur Liederman was chair of the Strategic Planning Committee and has now assumed a term as President of the congregation.



Engaging HHJC Through Technology

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We have created a full menu of options to engage with HHJC. Please take the time to acquaint yourself with the tools now available.

Our Website

Our website is continuing to evolve. At the site, you can find out about Yahrzeit dates with our online calculator; download forms; make payments to HHJC or make donations to funds; see photos; get details on a simcha and find out about the shiva periods for members who have sustained a loss; visit links for learning; catch up on Rabbi Wise's comments in his study corner; find the weekly Shabbat message or look back in the archive on a past message; connect with our Sisterhood and Men's Club. Please visit and explore and let us know what should be added.

Making payments and donations via the internet - securely

From our website you can make donations to funds and you can make payments for various fees and obligations to the synagogue. At our website you can use the navigation menu to go to Congregant Center and choose the pull down – Make Payment; or you can go to Giving and Chesed and choose Make a Donation. You will be requested to enter the necessary information to inform the office of you dona-

tion details or reason for your payment. Prior to clicking pay, you will be asked whether you would agree to add the small percentage that represents the administrative charge of using a credit card - this is voluntary and we offer this option to insure that 100% of your payment or donation goes to our accounts and funds. On clicking submit payment you will be transferred to the PayPal web site. If you have an account with PayPal you can enter your log in information and pay through the choices you may have previously made. BUT YOU DON'T need to have a login or be part of paypal and you can pay with your credit card in a secure area.

Shopping on the Internet and Helping HHJC

Through our online affiliations you can shop online and a percentage of your purchases will be donated to HHJC. There is no increased cost to you - you still get the same online prices - and sale prices as always. What you need to do is to go to our website and then go to Giving & Chesed and choose Shop at HHJC. The number of various websites is incredible and covers the scope of online shopping opportunities starting with Amazon. You must click through these websites to insure that HHJC gets a donation. Once you click to a given website, if you have a login for that site because you have used it previously, you will be

able to enter it and still preserve the donation for HHJC.

Lists by Email

Congregants and friends can receive a weekly mini newsletter of happenings and events sent out by email. We also provide a small newsletter with announcements of news from the community. Rabbi Wise has a weekly Shabbat message that can hit your inbox every Thursday.

CHESED

The Chesed Committee will be rolling out a new Resource Book for our HHJC members. We will be including many kinds of services such as home care needs for shut-ins, caregiver help and tutoring for children, to name a few. If you have any ideas to offer, please email me at your earliest convenience.

Additionally, watch out for information pertaining to elder care and health related services.

Chag Sameach to you and your families.

Laura Brodsky, Chesed Committee Laujean1@aol.com



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of you to join us at planning meetings and general events.

Our kick-off event and paid up membership brunch is scheduled for Sunday, October 18th at 10 AM. We are delighted that Lois Brafman, Nurse Practitioner, will be addressing us on matters of women's health. Lois is very knowledgeable as well as a wonderful speaker. If you have any particular areas of concern that you would like her to address, please email me at: bsdiker@yahoo.com.

Our Torah Fund Brunch will take place on Sunday, November 8th at 10 AM. I am very pleased to inform you that our Torah Fund Honoree for this coming year will be our past president, Audrey Shepard. As we all know, she served as Sisterhood Co-President for at least 2 terms consecutively 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.

Plans for the winter and spring are diverse and hopefully there is something for everyone. Sisterhood Shabbat will take place in January, 2016. 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. On Sunday, March 20, 2016 we are looking for volunteers to help put together our Shalach Manot (Purim Project Assembly) for distribution to our congregation on Purim. Maris Blechner continues to be our chair for this event. Thanks, Maris. We will continue our annual tradition of the Women's Seder on Sunday, April 18, 2016. We are working on other events including a Chocolate party on a Wednesday night in May and a final event on Wednesday, June 15, 2016, but their details have not yet been confirmed. I hope you will make every effort to join us this year. We are hoping to see you at all our events.

Have a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year!

Beth Sofer Diker, Co-President of Sisterhood

Marilyn Teleky, Co-President of Sisterhood

Be Active in HHJC

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Chesed Committee

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Bieler). It is a journey through his real life stories growing up in the 1950's in Brooklyn. The son of a loving deli owner and an overbearing mother, Cantor Mendelson paints the picture of his experiences and encounters. He recounts the story of a childhood riddled with anxiety and doubt, mixed with joyous memories of music and celebration — all told with the expertise and comic timing of a master storyteller. Get ready for some hilarious fun and maybe a few tears of nostalgia.

As I do this time of year, I look forward to speaking with many of you, and while asking for your support of our Temple, I am so happy to have the chance to catch-up with you and to hear about your families and to chat about life in general.

June and I would like to wish each and every one of you, and your families, A HAPPY, HEALTHY & SWEET NEW YEAR, filled with GOOD HEALTH & PEACE and as June always says...we wish for you what you wish for yourselves.

SHANA TOVA, GMAR CHATIMA TOVA.

See you in Shul.

Cantorially always, Cantor Sol Zim

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> Ben Schimer, Queens Village Member

Morty Pearlman, long time member and past president

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Rose Chazan, beloved mother of Ira Chazan

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In memory of Ben Schimer
Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil
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In honor of my mother being such a great inspiration to me throughout my life Sandy Bidon

Wishing Refuah Shelemah, complete healing and love to David Flusberg Lynne & Marty Kevelson

In memory of Flora Dorman Renee & Leon Kaplan

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Wishing Refuah Shelemah to Martin Goldman Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil In honor Sam, Mark & Scott Solasz' Master Purveyor winning the gold medal in the Great Steak Debate

Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil

In memory of Francine Blazer Lisa & Kenneth Rudolf

In memory of Eva Donenhirsh Irving Schnitzer

In memory of Nathan R. Strongin llene & Lewis Strongin

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In memory of Moshe Lesnik Nelly & Jerry Belopolsky

In honor of the engagement of Lauren Verstandig to Ian Cutler Ruth & Manny Herman

Thank you to the Minyan Group for helping me fulfill my obligation to say Kaddish for my husband, Victor for the past year Faye Rutcofsky

In honor of Bertha Farber's 80th Birthday

Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil

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To Cantor Zim in appreciation for his assistance during Shiva Lillian Garbowitz and Sharon Kosokoff

Thank you to Cantor Zim for leading the services for my father's unveiling. It was handled in the way that my father would have wanted

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Thank you to Cantor Zim for visiting Joel in rehab Carol & Joel Lieber

Thank you to Cantor Zim for his support upon the passing of my husband Sorour Yerushalmi

Thank you to June & Cantor Zim for all the joy you bring to the Shul Nelly & Jerry Belopolsky



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

We hope that you had a great summer, and for those of you who travelled far and wide, we hope your trip(s) met all your expectations.

We want to wish Rayna and Richard Martin a very happy anniversary. May your celebration be happy & as festive as can be. For those who celebrate birthdays, we wish you all the best for the occasion, and many more in good health.

It is with great sorrow that we have to let you know that we lost three of our members recently. Ruben Salant, who moved with his wife, Leah, many years ago to Hawaii, passed away. We also lost Wini Schwartzback, who as a long-time member of QVJC, moved to California to be near her son. Also, we recently lost Ben Schimer, who was also an important member of the Hollis Hills congregation. Besides participating at the services at Hollis Hills, he was an integral part of activities at Parker Center (LIJ) for many years. Our condolences go the families of these persons. May they RIP.

It is now the time of the year to wish you all a happy Rosh Hashanah, a New Year with good health and all the best to you and your families. Also, get well over the Fast, and feel blessed for all we have and for our future lives. These wishes are also for the congregants of HHJC, with whom we share religious events.

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Rabbi Dr. H. Joseph Simckes Life After Retirement

<u>"PUT G-D FIRST!"...</u> <u>DENZEL WASHINGTON</u>

He said it right and he said it straight. In his recent College Guest Speaker Commencement address, Denzel Washington took his audience by storm. His bold words electrified the academic community, inspired the graduates, thrilled the parents and simply stunned the guests. The reporters and television journalists rushed to their desks. Denzel's message was unequivocally awesome.

In essence, he affirmed: Degrees are not what counts. What counts is the degree that each one of us puts the divine into our hearts and into our musings and into our life's work. Unless we put g-d first, we will all end up last.

Right? You bet.

But let's get real. Denzel Washington was right... but Moses was first! Long ago at the foot of a humble mountain in a dry, blistering desert, a Hebrew-Egyptian prince/turned redeeming law-giver declared, "The Lord our G-d is One...thou shalt have no other g-ds before Me!".

Truth be told, that awesome message was already old! A Mesopotamian wanderer centuries before him named Avram had heard a Voice - the voice - that charged him with a soulstirring mission, namely, to inspire many nations - ultimately all nations - with a sanctifying new vision and

faith: the entire cosmos was holy and every molecule and every creature in it - including all humans -was divinely blessed with eternal grace and ineffable holiness.

Ever since, all informed individuals, especially the children of Abraham and Moses, are expected to put G-d first and His message first - as a source of values and moral decision-making.

But is that the way the world functions today? Is that the force...seen as governing our hopes, dreams and daily choices? Is that the factor guiding the selections we make when we watch TV, buy a car, choose a career, marry our mates, send our children to school?

Do we even believe that G-d exists?

In that regard, I bring to your critical attention a powerful new, recently published book. It tells the factual story of a renowned scientist, Dr. Eben Alexander, by name, a brilliant neurosurgeon, by trade, whose specialties have gained him entry to the staff of Harvard Medical School, Brigham & Women's and famed Children's Hospital in Boston. There he has thrived. Until a deadly virus struck him down...down to... near mortal annihilation.

And then he, too, had a vision. He heard a Voice. This honored scientist, like all his well-trained peers, was among the first to dismiss all reports of near-

death experiences of glorious celestial messages as fantasies, as cognitive nonsense brought on by neurological disturbances. Rationally explainable. Pure self-induced imagination. Well, now he, the avowed man of science, now affirms, in clear, direct testimony: "There is a G-d! I have heard His Voice! I have even seen, with my open, scientifically sharpened eyes, His heavenly abode!" You don't believe it! A famous neurosurgeon? A convert to religious faith?!

Smirk now, snicker as only a typical non-bridge-buying New Yorker can snicker. Do so, yes; but only after reading Dr. Eban Alexander's brief but compelling autobiographical text, "Proof of Heaven- a Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife" (Simon & Schuster). Read it before you go to Shul this Rosh Hashanah and/or Yom Kippur. You will thank me. The words in our High Holiday prayer book and the Rabbi's sermons will sound different, They will grip you with even more illuminating power.

Don't challenge me. Challenge yourself. A happy and healthy and inspired new year!

Rabbi Dr. Hirsch Joseph and Hannah Simckes and Family



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

September 2015 ~ Elul 5775-Tishrei 5776								
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
		1 Elul 17 Minyan Times 7 AM and 7:30 PM	2 Elul 18 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM	3 Elul 19 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	4 Elul 20 Morning Minyan7AM Candle Lighting 7:04 PM Mincha - 7 PM	5 Elul 21 Ki Tavo 9 AM Mincha 6:50 PM Havdalah 8:05 PM Selichot-9:15 PM		
6 Elul 22 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM	7 Elul 23 Labor Day Minyan Times 8:45 AM and 7:30 PM	8 Elul 24 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	9 Elul 25 Minyan Times 7:45 AM and 7:30 PM Bereavement Group-7:30 PM	10 Elul 26 Minyan Times 6:30 AM and 7:30 PM	11 Elul 27 Morning Minyan 6:45 AM Candle Lighting 6:52 PM Mincha - 6:55 PM	12 Elul 28 Nitzavim 9 AM Mincha 6:40 PM Havdalah 7:53 PM Simcha Shabbat 9 AM		
13 Elul 29 Morning Minyan 8:45 AM Erev Rosh Hashanah 6:50PM	and 6:50 PM	15 Tishrei 2 2 nd day Rosh Hashanah Services 8:30 AM and 6:50 PM Havdalah 7:48PM Junior Congregation – See page 2 for times	16 Tishrei 3 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM First Day of Ohr Chadash Religious School 3:45PM-6:15PM	17 Tishrei 4 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	18 Tishrei 5 Morning Minyan7AM Candle Lighting 6:40 PM Mincha - 6:40 PM	19 Tishrei 6 Vayeilech 9 AM Shabbat Shuva Mincha 6:25 PM Havdalah-7:41 PM		
20 Tishrei 7 Minyan Times 9 AM and 7:30 PM Ohr Chadash Opening Ceremony 9 AM Sukkah Shuk 8 -11 AM	21 Tishrei 8 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM Bereavement Group-7:30 PM	22 Tishrei 9 Morning Minyan 7 AM Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre 6:30 PM	and 4:45 PM	24 Tishrei 11 Minyan Times 6:45 AM and 7:30 PM	25 Tishrei 12 Morning Minyan7AM Candle Lighting 6:28 PM Mincha 6:30 PM	26 Tishrei 13 Ha'Azinu 9AM Mincha 6:15 PM Havdalah 7:30 PM		
27 Tishrei 14 Morning Minyan 9 AM Erev Sukkot Candle Lighting 6:25 PM Services 6:35 PM	28 Tishrei 15 1 st day of Sukkot Services 9 AM and 6:25 PM	Sukkot Services 9 AM and 6:25 PM Havdalah 7:25PM	30 Tishrei 17 Minyan Times 8 AM and 7:30 PM Ohr Chadash in the Sukkah 4PM					

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Sukkot Service Schedule

Sunday, September 27

Erev Sukkot 6:35 PM

Monday, September 28 First Day of Sukkot

Morning Services 9:00 AM Mincha 6:25 PM

Tuesday, September 29 Second Day of Sukkot

Morning Services 9:00 AM Mincha 6:25 PM

Wednesday, September 30

Morning Services 8:00 AM Mincha 7:30 PM

Thursday, October 1

Morning Services 6:30 AM Mincha 7:30 PM

Friday, October 2

Morning Services 6:30 AM
Candle Lighting 6:17 PM
Mincha 6:20 PM

Saturday, October 3

Morning Services 9:00 AM

Mincha at

Rabbi Wise's House 5:45 PM

Sunday, October 4 Hoshana Rabbah

Morning Serices 8:00 AM
Candle Lighting 6:13 PM
Mincha 6:15 PM

Monday, October 5
Shmini Atzeret

Morning Services 9:00 AM
Mincha 1:10 PM
Tot Hakafot 6:00 PM
Late Yiskor White Chapel 6:15PM
Ma'ariv & Hakafot 6:30 PM

Tuesday, October 6 Simchat Torah

Morning Services 9:00 AM Mincha 6:30 PM Havdalah 7:13 PM

September Birthdays

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Gerald Hanzel	9/1
Jeffrey Jackson	9/3
Dr. Marc Rosenberg	9/4
Larry Michaels	9/5
Scott Zipper	9/5
Diane Landau	9/7
Marilyn Seidenfeld	9/7
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Kenneth Michaels	9/12
Dr. Beth Diker	9/13
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Steve Bodner	9/18
Rosalie Roseman	9/21
Saul Spiel	9/21
Dr. Andre C. Stein	9/21
Robert Fogel	9/22
Rita Plush	9/22
David Schwartz	9/23
Shirley Rosenthal	9/27
Arnold Rubin	9/29

September Anniversaries

Bonnie & Martin Moskowitz 9/2					
Harriet & Bernd Bildstein	9/7				
Lisa & Ross Goldfarb	9/8				
Amy & Ben Grunfeld	9/9				
Nadia & David Adar	9/15				
Vicky & Michael					
Wolkofsky	9/16				
Deborah & Arne					
Abramowitz	9/21				
Jean & Doug Fairtile	9/21				

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Temple Family

Mazal Tov to June and Cantor Zim's grandson Jonathan, upon making law review at the University of Miami School of Law

Mazal Tov to Esta & Gary Newman upon the birth of their new grandson

Mazal Tov to Judge George M. Heymann on the marriage of his daughter, Briana to Michael Vanunu

Mazal Toy

On Sunday, July 12, 2015 Men's Club sponsored a Neighborhood Bike Ride. Men and men-in-training riding were Michael Borman, Jeff Sackett, Richard and Reed Ludwig, Neil Cohen, who led the ride, and Ben Solomowitz. A bagel was the reward at the end of the 10 mile ride!





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