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TEMPLE TALK



Congregation L'Dor V'Dor
Oakland Little Neck Jewish Center

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Yom Hazikaron & Yom Ha'Atzmaut Observance



Wednesday, May 11
7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.	Memorial Observance for Fallen IDF Soldiers
7:30 p.m.	Israeli Supper
8:00 p.m.	Documentary Film: Above and Beyond
9:30 p.m.	Coffee and Cake

See page 10 for further details!

Israel Bonds Breakfast to honor Cantor Joshua Shron



Sunday, May 22
at 10:00 a.m.

See page 6 for further details!

Cantor Shron

Presents in honor of Yom Yerushalayim

Jerusalem: The Making of a Holy City



Wednesdays, May 18 & May 25 & June 1
8pm - 9pm

See page 7 for further details!

From The Rabbi



This time of year we are counting! We are counting down the days until the next holiday on the Jewish Calendar, Shavuot which begins on the evening of June 11. On the second night of Pesach we began to count the Omer. We will continue to count each night until we reach 49 days of the Omer. Then on the 50th day will be Shavuot, the holiday on which we celebrate the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.

The rabbinic name for Shavuot is Atzeret which is based on a Hebrew root that means to stop. Therefore, in the minds of the Rabbis, Shavuot is actually the conclusion of Pesach. (And you thought Pesach was a long holiday because it is celebrated for 8 days. According to the rabbis, Pesach doesn't really conclude until 7 weeks after the second seder.) This concept is strengthened by counting each of the days between Pesach and Shavuot. The usual explanation given for the connection between Pesach and Shavuot is that on Pesach we celebrate our freedom from slavery. However, this celebration is not complete because there is no true freedom without the guidance and discipline of Torah and the covenantal relationship with God that was sealed at Mount Sinai. The exodus from Egypt was not simply **from** slavery, it was also a liberation that **lead to** a life guided by Torah.

I would like to add to this explanation by suggesting that the 8 days of Pesach and the 7 weeks of counting the Omer are there to remind us that a meaningful spiritual life cannot be sustained by periodic high moments of feeling God's presence, from event to event, from holiday to holiday or even from Shabbat to Shabbat. A spiritual life is sustained and nurtured by having a daily encounter with God that enables the Human – Divine relationship to grow each day.

My guess is that most of the people in our community are not counting the Omer and are not anxiously anticipating the celebration of Shavuot and building on the recent experience of Pesach. I would like to invite you to start counting! It is quite an easy thing to do and you might find that by the end of the counting this will have been a transforming experience and you will be moved to come to shul on Saturday night, June 11 from 8:00 pm to midnight for an opportunity to study Torah and on Sunday, June 12 to experience a reenactment of the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. Wouldn't it be amazing if our celebration of freedom on Pesach could turn into a deepening of our relationship with God. Here is a link to a good website that can help with your fulfilling the mitzvah of counting the Omer: <http://www.chabad.org/holidays/sefirah/omer-count.htm>

Speaking of spiritual experiences, here are two opportunities that are coming up. On the first Shabbat in May, on Friday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m., we will be singing and dancing as we welcome Shabbat into our lives at our monthly A Capella Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service. If you have not yet experienced this, now is the time! On Shabbat Morning, May 7, we will be conducting our alternative service that includes guided meditation, contemporary poetry, singing, dancing and a Torah discussion in an informal atmosphere. All I can say is: Try it, you may like it!

We ended Pesach here at Congregation L'Dor V'Dor on a spiritual high with nearly 100 people at shul on Saturday, April 30th. Let's keep it up and remember this: When Moses said: "Let my people go..." the rest of his request was: "so that we may worship our God" Pharaoh let us go and we have celebrated our freedom. Now, let's worship our God together as a community and express our gratitude for our blessings in life. Hope to see you soon!

Rabbi Gordon Yaffe

May Schedule of Services

Wed., May 4	Yom HaShoah Memorial Community Observance	7:00 p.m.
Fri., May 6	A Capella Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:30 p.m.
Sat., May 7	Shabbat Morning Service Alternative Service	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.
Sun., May 8	Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.
Wed., May 11	Yom Hazikaron/Yom Ha'Atzmaut	7:00 p.m.
Fri., May 13	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:30 p.m.
Sat., May 14	Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Sun., May 15	Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.
Fri., May 20	Shabbat Evening Service Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated	7:30 p.m.
Sat., May 21	Shabbat Morning Experience	
	Breakfast	9:00 a.m.
	Shacharit	10:00 a.m.
	Torah Service	10:30 a.m.
	Musaph	11:15 a.m.
	Kiddush/Lunch	12:00 p.m.
Sun. May 22	Morning Minyan Israel Bonds Breakfast Honoring Cantor Joshua Shron	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Fri., May 27	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 p.m.
Sat., May 28	Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah: Zev Vladimir Mincha/Seudah Shelisht/Maariv	9:00 a.m. 7:45 p.m.
Sun., May 29	Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.

Shabbat Candle Lighting

May 6	7:39 p.m.
May 13	7:46 p.m.
May 20	7:53 p.m.
May 27	7:59 p.m.



Yasher Koach!

**The Passover Seder begins with the words:
"Let all who are hungry come and eat"**

**We can all take great pride in those who
made a donation in connection to the
selling of Chametz which resulted in our
congregation contributing \$500 to
Yad Eliezer, an organization that
provides food for the hungry in Israel.**

Presidential Matters By Steve Aronowitz



One of the key players in the successful consolidation of Oakland and Little Neck Jewish Centers has decided that it is time to turn over the leadership responsibilities to other members of our congregation. Bob Stern, who was not only instrumental in the temple merger, but was the unquestionable leader of Oakland Jewish Center from 2007, will retire from his co-president position, effective June 30th. I will remain as co-president until June 30, 2017. A new co-president will be selected by the membership to serve with me as the synagogue holds its upcoming elections. Information will follow in a separate mailing.

Bob will be honored at a special *Oneg Shabbat* on June 17th. This will be our opportunity to say ‘thank you’ to one of our most impressive members. There is no question that this consolidation would never have happened without Bob’s perseverance. As a negotiator, representing his congregation, Bob knew what he wanted as we worked toward an agreement. Every point he debated was based on making sure Oakland members who were to travel to Little Neck were greeted as equal partners in the merger. Ask anyone and I am certain that he or she will agree Bob gets an “A” for his work.

Bob was elected president in 2007 after serving many years on Oakland’s board of trustees. Our friendship is, of course, highlighted by our co-presidency of what ranks as one of the area’s most successful consolidations. It’s more than that! I recognized Bob’s strengths quickly; he came to each meeting prepared. He articulated his points convincingly and I benefitted from his organizational skills. Believe me – even though Bob spends winter months in Florida, we talk often and his passion for the synagogue is well-documented.

Bob and I often laughed at some of our thoughts expressed through our individual presidential terms and then as we worked together. He told his board that while he agreed to accept the presidency after Marty Leventhal passed away in late 2006, “there should be no expectation of my increasing my attendance at services!” We didn’t know each other at the time, but we expressed the same point of view and it didn’t quite work out that way at either shul. You know where to find us when we are in town.

Our consolidation recognizes Bob’s vision. He was successful, with the able assistance of the board, to finalize the sale of the OJC building while signing a 15-year rent free agreement, allowing the synagogue to remain on site. When the buyer, ANIBIC, had difficulty securing a mortgage, Bob rescued it by mutually agreeing to a satisfactory mortgage package.

Bob’s business sense enabled Oakland to negotiate from a strong position due to its contract with ANIBIC. Perhaps his greatest accomplishment was looking for a consolidation before the synagogue was on *its last legs*. “I assembled a consolidation team and we met with several temples to seek out our best fit. After several first dates, and a few second dates, we opted to “go steady” with LNJC.”

History reveals that the consolidation discussions were overwhelmingly positive; in fact, it seemed that, for the most part, the respective negotiating members were “on the same team.”

Serving as president since 2007 defies logic; after all, how does someone have the energy and enthusiasm to lead such an important entity for so long? Bob and I agree that our responsibility is to work with the board and find new leaders – no easy task! Neither of us has any desire to bow out; the temple is too important, we’re both proud of our accomplishments, and it’s evident that a new consolidation effort is essential – something we are both interested in being part of.

What’s next for Bob? That’s easy – “I’m looking forward to spending some of my new “free time” babysitting Sam. And spoiling him and his new baby sister expected later this spring.

I know you will want to join your friends and temple members to say, “thank you,” to Bob Stern, on June 17th.

Spring Fling Review

Yasher Koach!

All it takes is our **synagogue family** to make a dance party fun and fabulous. On Saturday night, April 2, the ballroom was filled with joy, smiles and laughter, as we all raised the roof for a Spring Fling. The dance floor was packed all night long as **That Duo Show** returned to perform popular music from the 1950’s to the 1990’s.

The evening could not have been possible without all those who gave of their time, energy, commitment and efforts. We graciously thank **Marjorie Goldstein** and her remarkable **Membership Committee** for doing an outstanding job of planning, organizing and decorating for this social event.

We are grateful to our office staff, **Audi Acevedo**, **Edith Schatz** and **Lisa Pollack** for handling all those tasks that helped make the evening joyous. With the help of custodians, **Juan Carlos Agudelo** and **Justin Ramos**, the **Membership Committee** beautifully decorated the ballroom from floor to ceiling with festive spring color. Thank you to our custodians, **Fernando Ramos** and **Edgard Salguero** for all their hard work in making the evening run smoothly and beautifully. We also want to thank **Jonathan Rose** for creating the wonderful promotional video.

Our sincerest apologies for anyone we inadvertently omitted. We owe the evening’s success to all those who volunteered their time and to everyone who came out on a Saturday night to celebrate in Little Neck. It’s social events like these that keep the good times flowing in our community throughout the year. Yasher Koach to everyone!





Message From Cantor Joshua Shron

I am always impressed by the quality and quantity of events taking place at our synagogue. A glance at the many colorful flyers in our lobby, paints a beautiful picture of a thriving organization, truly offering something for everyone, nearly every day of the week.

Over the past few weeks, however, I've found myself cringing a bit when walking through the lobby of the synagogue.

Why? Because upon one of our many flyers is a head shot of yours truly, encouraging everyone to attend our annual Israel Bonds Breakfast on Sunday, May 22nd. Apparently, the powers that be have selected me as this year's honoree, and are urging all congregational members to invest in the state of Israel in my honor.

Wow. I am extremely humbled by this wonderful honor, and thrilled for the opportunity to help the State of Israel in such a tangible, meaningful way. I've always done my best to show support for Israel, but this honor affords me the chance to show support in a manner unlike any other. I've got to admit, however, I'm not very comfortable being honored. I feel a bit squeamish hearing people singing my praises, and I feel funny suggesting that people spend their hard-earned money in my honor. I'm certainly not crazy about seeing my face on promotional flyers.

But you know what? I've come to terms with that. To paraphrase the prophet Isaiah, "For the sake of Zion," feel free to use my photo anywhere you see fit.

Our annual Israel Bonds Breakfast is very important to me. It's a critical way for our community to show our solidarity with the State of Israel, which desperately needs our help. Surrounded by enemies on all sides, under constant threat of terrorism or military attack, with Iranian nuclear missiles pointed directly at the heart of its population centers, Israel needs us more than ever. Israel maintains one of the toughest militaries in the world and protects its citizens with nearly-miraculous (yet increasingly expensive) technologies that are the envy of the modern world. All this while maintaining a high quality of life for its citizens in one of the toughest neighborhoods in the world.

If a close member of your family asked you for a loan, could you look him or her in the eye and say no? Israel - the heart and soul of world Jewry - is asking for our help (and offering to repay us with interest!). How can we refuse?

My strong connection to Israel came primarily through Israeli music. For the past 21 years, I have volunteered as host of a weekly radio program devoted to the music of Israel (you can hear it Sundays at 11am at www.wrsu.org), and my connection to Israeli culture has significantly deepened my dedication to the land itself. How fitting it is that we will hear a presentation by an Israeli musical troupe featuring Yonatan Gutfeld, a talented singer/songwriter who has written songs for some of Israel's most popular artists. They couldn't have picked a better special guest.

So in this particular case, I'm extremely proud to accept the honor being bestowed upon me, and I unabashedly encourage everyone to purchase an interest-bearing Israel bond at our event of May 22nd. If I have touched your life in any way over the past seven years...if I have helped prepare your child in becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah...if you've been inspired by a particular melody or service...if you simply think I'm a nice guy...or if you care about the safety and security of our beloved Land of Israel...I'm proud to invite and encourage you to join us at our annual Israel Bonds Breakfast on Sunday, May 22nd.

As we prepare to celebrate 68 years since the miraculous birth of the modern State of Israel, let's join together as a community in a strong showing of support for God's greatest gift to the Jewish people. We say it all the time...but let's take this incredible opportunity to show the world: *Am Yisrael Chai!*

Cantor Josh Shron



HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Beth Blank | 17 Suzanne Cohen |
| 2 Danielle Becker | 17 Benjamin Kind |
| 2 Mitchell Drucker | 17 Philip Lipsitz |
| 2 Merrill Janover | 17 Rhoda Shapiro |
| 2 Gail Laufer | 17 Mairov Shron |
| 4 Barbara Raber | 17 Cindy Tanenbaum |
| 4 Adam Schneider | 17 Ali Weinberg |
| 4 Robert Yaffe | 18 David Alwadish |
| 5 Debbie Sosman | 19 Jeffrey Feinsilver |
| 6 Eleanor Salzinger | 20 Esther Forman |
| 7 Daniel Grijnsztein | 20 Ann Lesser |
| 8 Charles Feldberg | 21 Justin Clair |
| 8 Arielle Kahaner | 21 Jessica Drucker |
| 10 Pamela Charles | 22 David Coons |
| 10 Kenneth Kahaner | 22 Brett Figelman |
| 11 Gloria Steinberg | 23 Janis Jason |
| 13 Yekaterina
Sitnitskaya-Kanevsky | 25 Joan Ross |
| 13 Laura Weinberg | 27 Susan Poll |
| 14 Steve Blank | 28 Zev Vladimir |
| 14 Stephen Heitner | 28 Benjamin Weisberg |
| 14 Israela Metzger | 29 Jonathan Grenard |
| 15 Jacob Goldstein | 29 Lauren Kahaner |
| 16 Mark Jason | 30 Craig Weibman |



HAPPY MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Nina and Irwin Wolf
- 4 Tracy and Mark Berlinsky
- 15 Lisa and Steven Levy
- 16 Janis and Paul Jason
- 16 Carole and Gary Mirkin
- 18 Deanne and David Raffel
- 18 Mindy and Richard Rosenfeld
- 25 Helene and Donald Schoenholt
- 26 Judy and Peter Vladimir

Celebrate Your
May Birthday or Anniversary
by receiving a special blessing at Erev Shabbat Services
May 20 at 7:30 p.m.

A Special Oneg for the
May Birthday and Anniversary Celebration
Is being sponsored by Joan & Dr. Paul Ross

In Honor of
Joan Ross and their grandson Jonathan Grenard
Celebrating their Birthdays!

Teen Conversations with The Cantor at L'Dor V'Dor



**Tuesdays, May 10 & 24
At 8:00 p.m.**



May Shabbat Highlights



A Capella Musical
Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m.

We Welcome Shabbat With Singing, Dancing,
And Lots Of Joy!!!



Meet the Bar Mitzvah

Zev Vladimir

May 28, 2016

My name is Ze'ev Vladimir and I am a 7th grade student at South Middle School. Some things that I like to do during my free time are play sports and games, or be with friends and family. Some sports that I participate in are soccer, track, volleyball, and archery.

I enjoy learning new things particularly new languages such as Latin because it is challenging and interesting. I also am proud of my Bar Mitzvah project which was designing and making buttons to sell for anti-genocide and bullying prevention organizations. These are important causes and I am glad to say that with your help, I have exceeded my fundraising goal and all the proceeds will be donated to HMTTC and Stand.org. I am very thankful to my friends, family and members of the congregation who have supported this project.

Alternative Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday, May 7
9:30 am -11:30 am



Connecting spiritually through...

Guided Meditation
Contemporary Poetry
Informal, Engaging & Interactive Environment
Torah Study with Discussion
Spirited Singing and Dancing

These services will be conducted simultaneously with our regular Shabbat Morning Service.

A View from the Pew

This column is reserved for reflections on the question, "Why do you go to shul?" from a member of the congregation who attends Shabbat services each week. If you would like to submit an article for this column, please contact Lisa Pollack in the synagogue office.



Monthly Shabbat Morning Experience!



The Schedule for Saturday, May 21

9:00 a.m.	Breakfast & Learning
10:00 a.m.	Shacharit w/Heicha Kedushah
10:30 a.m.	Torah Service/Musaph
12:00 p.m.	Kiddush & Lunch

Why do I go to Shul?

By Lysa Lopater

It's a typical Shabbat morning. I get out of bed, wondering if I might benefit more from some extra sleep, but get up anyway. I arrive to shul around 9 AM, at the start of Shabbat services. When I walk in, I go to "my place" and immediately feel the stress of the week slide away. This is my Shabbat space. Not just where I physically am, but my psychological space. For about 4 hours each week, this is the place and time that resets my balance.

I daven, read the weekly bulletin, hear the Rabbi (sometimes the Cantor) speak about the parsha...and how I can relate it to my life, and what is happening in the world. I socialize with friends...people who are an extended family.

I participate. Participation, for me, is not something that happens when I am on the bima. Participation is giving myself to the spirit of Shabbat for a few hours each week. I can close my eyes and feel the history of our people in the familiar and age-old prayers and tunes as easily as I can enjoy the more modern versions of those same prayers. I feel the connection and flow of the ancient to the modern, and marvel at how relevant I can make it to my life.

For me, my place in the pews...no matter where I sit...brings me to a place of peace, family and home every week.



Shabbat Afternoon

Saturday, May 28 7:45 p.m.



Join us as we savor the final hour of Shabbat and say farewell to our cherished guest with Havdalah.

A short service, a light meal, and discussion!



Israel Bonds Breakfast

to honor

Cantor Joshua Shron

Sunday, May 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Special Remarks by:

Rabbi Gordon Yaffe

It is with great pleasure that our Synagogue and Israel Bonds will honor Cantor Joshua Shron. This will be a wonderful opportunity for all of us to show our esteem and affection for Cantor Shron and to show our support for the State of Israel by investing in Israel Bonds. What better way to say “thank you” for all his past and ongoing efforts on behalf of our Synagogue and its membership than with the purchase of an Israel Bond in his honor. Even if you are unable to attend, please consider purchasing a bond in honor of Cantor Shron and in support of Israel.



Special Musical Presentation by The America-Israel Cultural Foundation Featuring Yonatan Gutfeld & Nadav Lev



The America-Israel Cultural Foundation is to support and develop artistic life in Israel by awarding grants. By encouraging Israeli artists and supporting institutions and programs. AICF makes a vital contribution to the cultural foundation of Israel and strengthens her relationship with the United States.

Yonatan Gutfeld was born in Jerusalem. He served as a pianist and vocalist in the IDF Air Force band. Studied music composition at the Jerusalem Music Academy and Rimon School Of Jazz, and literature at the Tel Aviv University. Collaborated as a song writer and music arranger with many artists, among them Aya Korem, Eric Berman, Miri Mesika and Dana Berger. Released his debut album, "Hamatos Shel Ha'atid" with the Eighth Note record label at 2011. Yonatan Gutfeld has been writing, performing and teaching music in NYC since 2012.

Nadav Lev has been performing throughout the US, Israel and Europe, in venues such as Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall and Merkin Hall, with an extraordinary variety of styles and forms – from classical to rock to jazz and improvised music. Lev is the only guitarist in recent years who have won AICF's prestigious Abroad Studies award, as well as numerous prizes such as Rodrigo Award (Jerusalem Guitar Competition) and Artists International, to name a few.

In addition to political action, Israel would greatly benefit from economic action at this time. One of the best ways to show your solidarity with Israel in her hour of need is to buy Israel bonds. The single role of Israel Bonds is to strengthen Israel's economy. If you have not yet made a purchase of an Israel bond in 2016 please make it NOW! Rates are as high as 3.33% for a limited time only.

Please contact our Israel Bonds representative, Robert Lunzer at 212-446-5835 or robert.lunzer@israelbonds.com

For current rates and prospectuses visit, <http://www.israelbonds.com>

Adult Education

Parashat HaShavuah

Wednesdays
at 11:00 a.m.



Finding relevance and meaning in the weekly portion of the Torah with Rabbi Gordon Yaffe

An in depth study of the weekly Torah portion.

The Cantor's Club

Wednesdays
at 5:00 p.m.



Cantor Joshua Shron

You too can be a Shaliach Tzibur, the one to lead the congregation in prayer.

Israeli Dancing

7:30 p.m.



Monday, May 2, 9 & 23

At Congregation L'Dor V'Dor
With

Dance Instructor, Randy Barenholtz
(of Temple Israel)

New Series of Classes!
You Are Welcome to Join!

'Through our beginners' class of Israeli dance and song, we engage in the vibrant life of Jewish culture'

Questions—contact Joan Kase
at joankase1@gmail.com

Cantor Shron

Presents in honor of Yom Yerushalayim :

Jerusalem: The Making of a Holy City



A fascinating three-part BBC documentary on the complicated history of Jerusalem narrated by historian Simon Sebag Montefiore

Wednesdays, May 18 & May 25
& June 1

8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Program Schedule:

Wednesday, May 18 - Episode 1
Wellspring of Holiness: 3200 BCE - 7th Century CE

Wednesday, May 25 - Episode 2
Invasion, Invasion, Invasion:
7th Century - 13th Century CE

Wednesday, June 1 - Episode 3
Judgement Day: 13th Century - Present Day

Any questions, please contact the synagogue office at 718-224-0404 or Cantor Joshua Shron at cantor@olnjc.org





**Holocaust Memorial Observance
by George Klein and Ellen Charlop
Yom HaShoah Committee**

“Only guard yourself, and guard your soul carefully, lest you forget the things your eyes saw, and lest these things depart your heart all the days of your life; and you shall make them known to your children and to your children's children” Deuteronomy 4:9

This quote is found on the wall of the Hall of Remembrance in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. The idea of remembrance and passing memory from generation to generation is one of the most common concepts in Judaism. Almost every major Jewish holiday takes its roots in remembrance, most notably, Passover, the holiday immediately preceding Yom HaShoah.

But, is it important to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive? Whether Jews believe it is important or not is debatable. What is clear is there are a growing number of Holocaust deniers and rewriters of history that are determined to eliminate or minimize the importance of the Holocaust. Add to this, the horrifying increase in the number of attacks on Jews and Jewish synagogues in Europe. Clearly, there is a growing vocal and violent group that finds the concept of Jews and Judaism as well as Yom HaShoah important enough to try and eliminate them. If Jews quietly sit by, the Holocaust deniers will succeed. The point of remembering those who perished is not to rise up in anger or even counter just the Holocaust deniers, but the main point should be to raise resolve to ensure that the words “Never Again” do not become a slogan from the past but a principal that all Jews live by today and tomorrow.

If you have not already done so, take a moment to light the Memorial Candle that you received, place it in a window and recite the accompanying prayer. We pray that the memory of each individual we remember will serve as a blessing and motivation for us to do what we can to fix that which is broken in our world. We want to thank all who helped to prepare and deliver the Memorial Bags.

THE DAFFODIL PROJECT

Yasher Koach!

As part of a world wide effort to plant 1.5 million daffodils, 30 synagogue families participated by planting a Daffodil Memorial Garden in their yard, as part of a living memorial to the 1.5 million children who were senselessly murdered in Nazi occupied Europe. Everyone who planted a Memorial Garden sent in beautiful pictures of their blooming daffodils, which were displayed in a slide show presentation on the evening of the Yom HaShoah Community Observance.

Also as part of this world wide effort, members of our synagogue community joined in and helped plant a bed of 670 daffodil bulbs on the front lawn outside of the synagogue.

Proceeds from the donations made were given to the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County.



**Documenting Violence
Against Women,
Even if It's Hard to Look**



On March 10, 2016, Judy Vladimir, L'Dor V'Dor member and director at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center, was interviewed by the NY Times on Documenting Violence Against Women.

The doors to a small but powerful new exhibition at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County in Glen Cove are usually kept closed.

The barrier is meant to prevent children visiting the rest of the museum from wandering by accident into the gallery, said Beth Lilach, the center's senior director of education and community affairs who is the chief curator of **Women, Not Victims: Moving Beyond Sexualized Atrocities During Genocide.**

The exhibition, which covers several countries and eras, includes images of a severed head and girls nailed to crosses.

According to Ms. Lilach: “This is a topic that has generally been overlooked and trivialized, even by genocide scholars and historians. A few academic conferences have addressed the subject in recent years, but it's still cutting edge. Survivors have often felt stigmatized or shamed, and women have rarely been in positions to bring public attention to the acts that mostly plague women and girls. A female perspective is needed.”

In one section on the Holocaust, she has taken on the *myth of “brothels”*, a term that has been perpetuated by some male survivors and male historians. The word brothels was used, she wrote in a text display, even though the women involved were not prostitutes but slaves “in a rape barrack.” According to accounts by survivors they faced execution if they resisted their attackers.

The exhibition consists of videos of survivors' testimonies available on a computer and 30 panels of texts, artifacts and photographs that document rapes, sexual slavery, humiliation, sexualized medical experiments and other atrocities perpetuated against women in Bosnia, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Armenia, Syria, Yugoslavia, Germany, Poland and other countries.

There is also information about organizations that help survivors and ways to contact United States officials who could take action. “Email addresses and postcards will be provided. This is where the ‘Moving Beyond’ part of the title comes in,” said Judy Vladimir, the center's director of development, who, along with three volunteers, helped Ms. Lilach create the exhibition.

Source: *Excerpt from The NY Times, March 10, 2016*

**AN INVITATION TO THE
YOUNG AT HEART L' DOR V'DOR MEMBERS
TO BECOME PART OF A NEW CHAVURAH GROUP**

On Monday, April 11, 2016, 13 men and women of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor met at the synagogue to discuss establishing a Hazak program, part of United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism. Following the discussion everyone filled out a questionnaire. The majority of those in attendance indicated they wanted to form a Chavurah, rather than embark on creating a chapter of Hazak. A Chavurah is a small group of members (approximately 20 including singles and couples) who share similar desires for social, educational and religious involvement that meets informally once a month.

There is still room for some more members to join this Chavurah. We are looking for inquisitive, adventuresome, active men and women, couples and singles to become part of this new group that will be holding its first gathering on Sunday, June 26 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Judy Samuels. RSVP is a must. Please contact Elaine at 516-233-0190.

Elaine

Sisterhood

L'Dor V'Dor Sisterhood

Presents

From Despair To Happiness

Book Review and Discussion



Thursday, May 26th

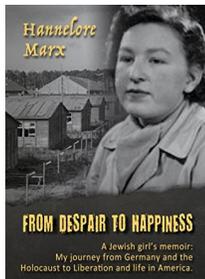
7:30 p.m.

49-10 Little Neck Pkwy, Little Neck, NY

Guest Speaker:

Rabbi Gordon Yaffe

We will be discussing the book, "From Despair to Happiness" by author and Holocaust survivor, Hannelore Marx. We, as Jews, face challenging times because of terrorism, anti-Semitism, health issues, discrimination and the aftereffect of abuses in a community. We need role models who can help us to overcome these issues. Throughout her life, Hannelore has been a remarkable role model for all women and an exemplar of her Jewish faith.



Most libraries and book stores do not have this book, but it can be purchased through Amazon for your Kindle for \$9.99 or from the publisher, HLM Publishing, Inc. in Woodmere, New York. Some members from Sisterhood have ordered the book and will be more than happy to share their editions. In addition, you may purchase the book that evening for \$14.99 which includes a donation to the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

We are honored to have Larry Marx, son of Hannelore Marx spend the evening with us. Refreshments will be served at no charge, however reservations are required. Please RSVP by May 19th. Any questions, please contact Harriet Spilkevitz at hspilk818@aol.com or 516-708-9404.



Sisterhood Book Club Presents:
"From Despair To Happiness"
Thursday, May 26th at 7:30 p.m.
RSVP by May 19th



Name _____

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Donation for the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC.

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Congregation L'Dor V'Dor
Sisterhood Honors:

Carrie Yaffe

*For her remarkable work and dedication
on behalf of our congregation*



Wednesday, June 8 at 5:45 p.m.

Registration begins at 5:15 p.m.

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Couvert \$72.00/per person. RSVP by May 18 with check made payable to: Congregation L'Dor V'Dor/Woman of Achievement Dinner and mail to the synagogue office at 49-10 Little Neck Pkwy, Little Neck, NY 11362

In honor of **Carrie Yaffe**, become a **Torah Fund benefactor** for \$180.00 for the year and receive the beautiful Torah Fund pin. **Make separate check payable to Torah Fund** and bring into the synagogue office.

For those who are Torah Fund benefactors, you may wish to make a donation to the "**She Plants a Seed for the Future**", Special Project of the **Torah Fund Campaign** of WLCJ in **Carrie Yaffe's** honor. **Make these checks payable to Congregation L'Dor V'Dor.**

For further details, contact Dinner Co-Chair Toby Kase at toby.kase@gmail.com or the synagogue office at 718-224-0404

BQLI Woman of Achievement Dinner June 8



Name _____

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In honor of
Yom Hazikaron & Yom Ha'Atzmaut
Israel Advocacy
Presents
Above and Beyond
Wednesday, May 11, 2016



- 7:00 p.m. Memorial Observance
for Fallen IDF Soldiers
- 7:30 p.m. Israeli Supper
- 8:00 p.m. Documentary Film: Above and Beyond
- 9:30 p.m. Coffee and Cake

Would you risk everything - your future, your citizenship, even your life - to help a brother in need? In 1948, just three years after the liberation of Nazi death camps, a group of Jewish American pilots answered a call for help. In secret and at great personal risk, they smuggled planes out of the U.S., trained behind the Iron Curtain in Czechoslovakia and flew for Israel in its War of Independence. As members of Machal – “volunteers from abroad” – this ragtag band of brothers not only turned the tide of the war; they also embarked on personal journeys of discovery and renewed Jewish pride. ABOVE AND BEYOND is their story.



There is no charge for the program
but reservations are required

We kindly ask for a suggested
donation of \$18.00 to be donated to
the Friends of the IDF

*Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF)
is committed to providing these soldiers with
wellbeing and educational services in an
effort to ease the burden they carry on
behalf of the Jewish community worldwide*

Any questions, please contact the
synagogue office at 718-224-0404.

Good News Archive: Week of April 10, 2016



Good News Israel Archive from the week of April 10, 2016: Israel's Eximo has successfully completed a multicenter clinical trial of its laser system and unique catheters for treating peripheral artery disease; young Muslim girls are joining the Israel Defense Forces, and much more.

ISRAEL'S MEDICAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Detecting diseases at cell level

Researchers at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem have developed a disease diagnostic method called methylation which identifies the source of fragmented DNA caused by cell death. In tests on 320 patients it has identified pancreatic cancer, pancreatitis, diabetes, and MS.

ISRAEL IS INCLUSIVE AND GLOBAL

Riding therapy for special kids

The Red Mountain Therapeutic Riding School, in Israel's Arava desert, each week takes 200 special needs children and adults into another dimension. The therapists, volunteers and 22 beautiful horses give the riders increased control of muscles and helps their emotional development.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Breakthrough production of hydrogen from water

Professor Lilac Amirav of Israel's Technion, has developed nanotechnology and solar energy to split water into hydrogen and oxygen with 100% efficiency.

CULTURE, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORT

40,000 run the Tel Aviv marathon

40,000 runners from around the globe took part in the 2016 Tel Aviv Marathon and fell in love with one of the world's most attractive coastal cities, with its scenery, its lively streets and boundless energy.

THE JEWISH STATE

2nd Temple tools discovered

A 2000-year-old incense shovel and jug have been discovered at Magdala, a 2nd Temple Jewish town in the Galilee region. The Israel Antiquities Authority has been leading extensive excavations at the site and has uncovered Jewish ritual baths and a synagogue with a mosaic floor.

Source: *United With Israel / Good News Israel*
<http://unitedwithisrael.org/good-news-israel-archive-week-of-april-10-2016/>

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Embrace The Spirit Of Israel

March with
Congregation L'Dor V'Dor
Sunday, June 5, 2016



Bring your spirit and march with us!
An \$18 dollar donation gets you a
t-shirt, snacks, water, a seat on the bus
and a day you will remember always!

Contact the synagogue office at 718-224-0404

RSVP by Friday, May 20!

No Refunds!

Return tear off to: Congregation L'Dor V'Dor 49-10 Little Neck Pkwy
Little Neck, NY 11362

Celebrate Israel Parade
with Congregation L'Dor V'Dor
Sunday, June 5, 2016



Name: _____

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of Adult Marchers ___ #of Children Marchers ___ #of Spectators ___

T-Shirt Size(s): _____ Check Enclosed \$ _____

I will NOT be marching, but I wish to be a sponsor
and make a donation of \$ _____ Reserve #of seats on the bus _____

March with Congregation L'Dor V'Dor By Karen Popowsky

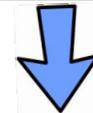


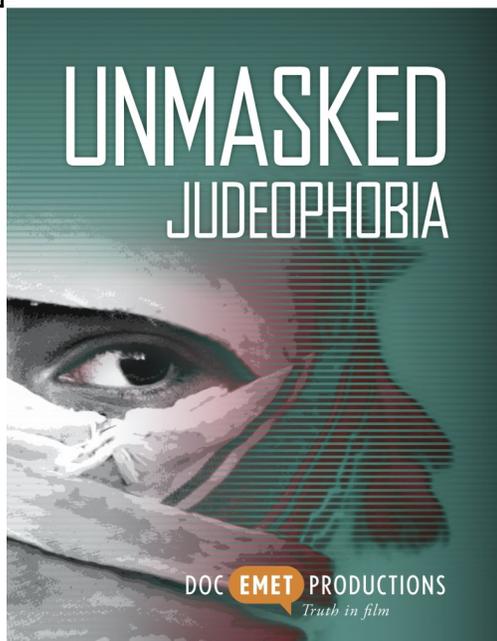
The Celebrate Israel Parade is quickly approaching! **Sunday, June 5** is the day that we "embrace the spirit of Israel" as we march along Fifth Avenue in NYC. Join Congregation L'Dor V'Dor and 11 neighboring synagogues, when we march as the Northeast Queens Jewish Community Council. We have proudly supported Israel in the parade for over 12 years, each year being better than the last. This year we are buoyed by Israel's spirit of humanity, democracy, innovation, family and tikkun olam. In the face of adversity, Israel shows strength and resiliency. Who wouldn't want to embrace that spirit?

For an \$18 donation, we will reserve a seat on the parade bus for you, a t-shirt, water and snacks. Wear your best walking shoes and a great big smile as you wave to spectators along the march route. For those who cannot march, a seat in the reviewing stands might be just right for you! Don't let this year pass you by.

EMBRACE THE SPIRIT OF ISRAEL this year and march in the Celebrate Israel Parade. RSVP ASAP! Contact the synagogue office at 718-224-0404 NOW!

Purchase this year's t-shirt
and march with L'Dor V'Dor!





Israel Advocacy

Presents

Judeophobia

Documentary Film

Wednesday, June 15

7:30 p.m.

Hosted by:

Congregation L'Dor V'Dor 49-10 Little Neck Pkwy, Little Neck

Judeophobia: A Documentary Film

A meticulous examination of rising anti-Jewish ideology

Filmmaker Gloria Greenfield travels from Israel to Europe to North America, covering this phenomenon from all angles. The documentary explores Historical Christian and contemporary Islamic polemics against Jews, the proliferation of anti-Israeli bias in academia and cultural institutions, misinformation campaigns and state-sanctioned denials of Israel's right to exist.

Running Time: 1 hour, 22 minutes

Join us for what promises to be an enlightening experience followed by discussion!

There is no cost but reservations are required.

Please RSVP with the synagogue office at 718-224-0404 by Wednesday, June 8.

Refreshments will be served.

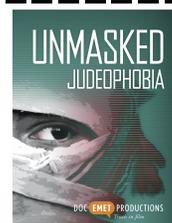
Mark your calendars! Bring your family and friends! Stay tuned for further details!

Israel Advocacy presents documentary film: Judeophobia
Wednesday, June 15 at 7:30 p.m. RSVP by June 8

Name _____

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Congregation L'Dor V'Dor 49-10 Little Neck Pkwy, Little Neck, NY 11362



May 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
1 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am Yom HaShoah Candle Delivery 10:00 am	2 Israeli Dancing 7:30 p.m.	3	4 Parashat HaShavuah 11:00 am Yom HaShoah Community Observance 7:00 pm	5 Intermediate Hebrew 10:00 am	6 A Capella Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Candle Lighting 7:39 pm	7 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am Alternative Service 9:30 am	
8 Mother's Day Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am	9 Israeli Dancing (At Temple Israel) 7:30 p.m.	10 Conversations with the Cantor 8:00 pm	11 Parashat HaShavuah 11:00 am The Cantor's Club 5:00 pm Yom Hazikaron/ Yom Ha'Atzmaut Film: Above & Beyond 7:00 pm	12 Intermediate Hebrew 10:00 am	13 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Candle Lighting 7:46 pm	14 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am	
15 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am	16 Board Meeting 7:00 pm General Membership Meeting 8:00 pm	17	18 No Parashat HaShavuah Class—Rabbi is away! The Cantor's Club 5:00 pm Jerusalem: The Making of a Holy City 8:00 pm Membership Committee Meeting 8:00 pm	19 Intermediate Hebrew 10:00 am	20 Shabbat Evening Service 7:30 pm Birthdays & Anniversaries Celebrated Candle Lighting 7:53 pm	21 Shabbat Morning Experience Breakfast 9am Shacharit 10 am Torah Service 10:30 am Musaph 11:15 am Kiddush 12 pm	
22 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am Israel Bonds Breakfast Honoring: Cantor Joshua Shron 10:00 am	23 Israeli Dancing 7:30 p.m.	24 Conversations with the Cantor 8:00 pm	25 Parashat HaShavuah 11:00 am The Cantor's Club 5:00 pm Jerusalem: The Making of a Holy City 8:00 pm	26 Intermediate Hebrew 10:00 am	27 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 7:59 pm	28 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am Bar Mitzvah: Zev Vladimir Mincha/Seudah Shelisht/ Maariv Service 7:45 pm	
29 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am	30 Memorial Day Office is Closed! Memorial Day Interfaith Community Service at the Zion Episcopal Church 10:00 am	31	BQLI Woman of Achievement Awards & Dinner Gala Congregation I'Dor V'Dor Sisterhood Honors: Carrie Yaffe June 8 at 5:45 p.m. Temple Israel, Great Neck, NY				

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by Mildred Siwek
by Matty Greenspan

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Shirley Wurzak, beloved mother of Cheryl Klein
by Cheryl Klein and Family
The beloved family of David Burger
by David Burger
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In Honor of:

Richard Spivack's Award as Men's Club "Man of the Year"
by Marilyn and Burton Aronson
by Nadine and Eugene Rattien
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Carrie Yaffe's award as Sisterhood's Woman of Achievement
by Joan and Paul Ross and Family
The marriage of Harriet and Richard's son Michael
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The birth of Graham Davis Litvack, grandson of Linda and Howard Litvack
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Lysa Lopater's celebration of the 40th Anniversary of her becoming a Bat Mitzvah
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Stanley Nash, beloved father of Jonathan Nash
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Janet Tobin for her 5 years as President of Mercaz
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Richard Spivack's Award as Men's Club "Man of the Year"
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Carrie Yaffe's Award as Sisterhood's "Woman of Achievement"
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Estelle Weiss' recognition at her place of employment
by Elyse Clair and Ron Cohen

Special Gifts

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Stanley Nash, beloved father of Jonathan Nash
by Carolyn and Neil Berman

Les Alperstein Fund

In Honor of:

The birthday of Mary Flax
by Phyllis Alperstein

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A Refuah Shleimah and a speedy recovery to Mrs. Issa Werb
by Phyllis Alperstein

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Generous donation to defray the costs of the Yom HaShoah program
by Mindy and Richard Rosenfeld

**We gratefully acknowledge the following
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Baruch Dayan Emet

*We mourn the loss of
Stanley Nash
Beloved member of
Congregation L'Dor V'Dor*

We extend our condolences to:

*Laura Greenblatt
On the loss of her beloved father
Benjamin Greenblatt*

*Fran Peterson
On the loss of her father
Charles Bederman*

*May their memory forever be a source of
strength and inspiration*

Yahrzeit Donations Continued

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Leonard Cohen by Neal Cohen and Family
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The Spivack Family

Wishes to acknowledge and thank our temple family for their many kind words and support for Richard's honor as "Man of the Year"

Thank You

To the congregation for their thoughtfulness and support during this difficult time.

It was much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Laura Greenblatt

Thank You



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On behalf of everyone here at the Cradle of Aviation Museum, I would like to thank you for your generous donation.

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Saturday, June 4

at 9:00 a.m.

Sisterhood

&

Men's Club

Shabbat Morning Service



Parashat Bechukotai



**Memorial Day
Interfaith Community
Service**

**Monday, May 30
10:00 a.m.**



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*We gather as a community
to honor America's heroes*