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Happy Passover
from our families to yours



"Pesach is not only about "freedom from."
It is about our having the freedom to make the world a more
sacred place by expanding God's presence in it." – Rabbi David A. Teutsch



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for Passover details*

Shabbat Discussion
After Kiddush



Saturday, April 1
at 12:30 p.m.

Topic of Discussion:

*The American
Israel Relationship:
A Report on the 2017
AIPAC Policy Conference.*

Please join us!
Not to missed!

Shabbat Candle Lighting

April 7 7:09 p.m.
April 14 7:17 p.m.
April 21 7:24 p.m.
April 28 7:31 p.m.



From The Rabbi



This time of year we experience within a one month period, the celebrations of Purim and Pesach. On both holidays we celebrate, with great joy, the redemption of the Jewish people from pain and suffering. However, the celebrations are significantly different. Purim is just one day, and Pesach is celebrated for eight days. On Purim we eat, drink and be merry. On Pesach, we gather together for a highly orchestrated telling of the story of our redemption from Egyptian Slavery which includes the recitation of Hallel, psalms of praise. On Purim we dress in costume and act a little bit silly. On Pesach, we are highly disciplined in our diet and have an entire week that includes the daily reading of Torah, singing of psalms, and reflection upon those who are no longer with us. In many ways, Purim is indeed a minor festival and Pesach is a major one.

The greatest difference between Purim and Pesach is the type of redemption that we celebrate. On Purim, the redemption we celebrate is at best temporary. The Purim story ends with the Jewish people living in a country not our own under the rule of an impetuous king. Yes, the evil decree was averted, but at the end of the day, the same king who signed that decree was still in power and we, as Jews, remained in a precarious position. At any time the king could change his mind and the temporary celebration of joy could turn into a situation of disaster. The Purim story ends with others in control of our destiny.

On the other hand, Pesach is a celebration of true and complete redemption that begins with the creation of the Israelite nation that later became the Jewish nation guided by its covenant with God that was made at Mount Sinai. We became a sovereign nation in charge of our own destiny.

In my mind, this is what the celebration of Pesach is all about. It is a celebration not simply of our redemption from slavery, but a celebration of the freedom that comes with that redemption to be in control of our own destiny as individuals and as a nation.

Pesach is known as a holiday of questions, because only free people can ask questions. Yes, there are the 4 questions that we all know and love, but there are many more. This Pesach, I would encourage each and every one of us to ask the following questions:

- **How are we using our freedom to determine our destinies?**
- **What are the choices that we are making in our lives?**
- **Do these choices represent the priorities that we have set for ourselves?**
- **As Jews, what are we doing to help determine the destiny of the Jewish People?**
- **How are we demonstrating our gratitude for the blessings of freedom that we enjoy?**

I hope that Pesach, that will begin on Monday night, April 10, will be a joyous and meaningful festival for all of us and a true celebration of freedom that will include lots of questions and maybe even some good answers.

Chag Sameach v'Kasher!

Rabbi Gordon Yaffe

April Schedule of Services

Sat., April 1	Shabbat Morning Service Shabbat Discussion After Kiddush	9:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
Sun., April 2	Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.
Fri., April 7	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 p.m.
Sat., April 8	Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah: Jeremy Kotlyar Mincha/Maariv/Havdalah	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Sun., April 9	Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.
Mon., April 10	Erev Pesach Siyyum Bechorim	6:30 a.m.
Tues., April 11	Pesach Day 1 Shacharit	9:30 a.m.
Wed., April 12	Pesach Day 2 Shacharit	9:30 a.m.
Fri., April 14	Erev Shabbat Service Birthdays & Anniversaries Celebrated	8:00 p.m.
Sat., April 15	Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Sun., April 16	Morning Minyan Erev Pesach Day 7 Maariv	8:45 a.m. 7:30 p.m.
Mon., April 17	Pesach Day 7 Shacharit Erev Pesach Day 8 Yizkor	9:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Tues., April 18	Pesach Day 8 Shacharit Yizkor	9:30 a.m. 11:45 a.m.
Fri., April 21	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 p.m.
Sat., April 22	Shabbat Morning Experience Breakfast, Schmoozing & Learning Shacharit Torah Service Musaph Service Kiddush/Lunch	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
	57th Anniversary of Howard Herman being called up to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah	
	30th Anniversary of Cantor Shron being called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah	
Sun., April 23	Morning Minyan Yom HaShoah Community Observance At Marathon JCC	8:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Fri., April 28	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 p.m.
Sat., April 29	Shabbat Morning Service Aufruf: Arielle Kahaner & Ryan Hoffman	9:00 a.m.
Sun., April 30	Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.

Saturday, April 8 at 7pm

***Mincha, Seudah Shelishit
Maariv and Havdalah***



Join us as we savor the final hour of Shabbat.

Presidential Matters

By Steve Aronowitz



As I conclude my 10th and final year as president, I am optimistic about the future of our synagogue. Sometimes, the rhetoric at a temple meeting or a Kiddush luncheon appears to the observer not to echo that sentiment; however, it is that give-and-take that is the best of what we offer!

It's easy to recognize the caution signs that are in front of us – deficits and demographics. Every temple faces the same issues. I'd rather focus on the amazing things that take place at our shul day in, day out. Consider these recent highlights:

- Our annual Pack It Up For Purim activity that helped ensure that gift bags filled with food and other necessities were distributed to families in need in cooperation with the Samuel Field Y.
- A Celebrate Purim Program, that featured the great Latke-Hamantaschen debate, two options for the Megillah reading, great costumes and piña coladas for everyone!
- Congregation teamwork, including adults and children to assemble 600 Yom HaShoah candle bags for the upcoming Holocaust Memorial Observance.
- A wonderful Shabbat morning service honoring long-time member, Ken Guttenplan, at his 60th anniversary of his being called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah.
- A special Shabbat afternoon at which we hosted individuals with disabilities and their families, sponsored by the Men's Club, Sisterhood, and the Membership Committee. Thanks to generous donations from several families we were able to conduct a full Tu B'shevat Seder and enjoy a delicious Israeli supper.

We are a vibrant community, proud of the open, welcoming environment we have created. Our religious services are warm and inclusive. No doubt we are a synagogue in need, in need of your support, financially and through your participation. We need you to join us – on a Friday night or a Saturday morning. Don't leave it to someone else. Call a friend and make sure that we have a minyan so that those honoring the memory of a loved one are able to say Kaddish.

Most of all, take advantage of the stimulating and diverse spiritual, educational, social and leadership opportunities that nurture our love of and commitment to Jewish life, our synagogue, and the State of Israel.

With best wishes for a happy Passover,

Steve Aronowitz

Spring Gala

Sunday, May 21 5:00 p.m.

Join us as we honor

Stephen Aronowitz

&

Belle & Paul Stein

with the

Maury Singer Award

This year, we will have a Virtual Journal.

The funds from this event will be earmarked for renovations to our kitchen.

The Spring Gala is the major fundraising event for our synagogue. This is a great opportunity to say thank you to these hard working, dedicated honorees who spend countless hours in the service of our synagogue. We have enclosed an ad blank for your convenience.

We are also having a raffle and are requesting whatever assistance you can provide to get items that the synagogue can raffle off, such as theatre and baseball tickets, services and products from local merchants.

Please mark your calendar and join us on May 21!

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City, State & Zip _____

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Message from Cantor Shron



Our synagogue is blessed to have members who take their Judaism very seriously. Lately, there's been a beautiful trend in which our Shabbat "regulars" will celebrate the anniversary of their becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, 50, 60, even 70 years later, together with family, friends and members of our community. These experiences have been emotional and inspiring, to say the least.

It was not too long ago that it dawned on me that 2017 marks 30 years since the day I became a bar mitzvah – not quite as big a milestone as the ones we've been celebrating lately, but an exciting occasion nonetheless. Having shared in so many Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrations over the years, I thought I'd share some of my own memories from that special day in my life, 30 years ago.

As the son of a cantor, I was beyond thrilled when my father began studying with me. I was going to read the entire Parsha, Parshat Shmini (not the triennial version), chant the Haftarah (a long one!), and lead the congregation in Mussaf. My initial excitement soon wore off as I realized what a huge task I was taking on. What was I thinking? How did my parents expect a seventh grader to learn all this?

And do you think it's easy to live with your Bar Mitzvah teacher? For more than a year, every time my father would find me watching television, he'd turn off the TV in a huff and banish me to my room to practice. More than once, he "resigned" as my teacher because I wasn't putting in the effort he expected. We butted heads more often than I care to admit...though now, having taught two of my own children and currently working with a third, I can completely understand his frustration.

Passover ended on a Wednesday that year, three days before my big day. On Thursday morning, something didn't feel right. A quick trip to the pediatrician revealed a "crushing" diagnosis: strep throat. Really, God? Here I am...eldest son of a cantor...with all eyes and ears on me in less than 48 hours...about to take on the awesome, lifelong responsibility of religious devotion to YOU...and THIS is what you bring me?

A little faith and some strong anti-biotics later, and I was good as new by Saturday. It was finally here: the big day at Congregation Beth Aaron of Teaneck, New Jersey, a synagogue that had just re-opened after a massive renovation project. Everything in the sanctuary was shiny and new. Nervous as anything, I ascended the steps of the bima and began my big day.

And then...

While this story would be a lot funnier if I could tell you about some major mishap or disaster, it really did go off without a hitch. It's a bit of a blur, but from what people tell me, I did a fantastic job. Although some of the details are sketchy, it's a day that I will remember fondly for the rest of my life. Who knew that day would lead to bigger and better "gigs" in the years that followed?

It's also a day that comes to mind whenever I have a final meeting with an upcoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah student. I always remind them that the day passes by way too fast...and so, I advise, at some point during the service, take just a moment to make time stand still. Stop. Take a look at the congregation. Look at the friends and family who came from near and far, smiling at you. Rooting for you. Take a mental picture, and think to yourself, "you know, this is pretty cool."

Yes, a Bar or Bat Mitzvah celebration is a magical, once-in-a-lifetime experience. But when you remain devoted to a Jewish lifestyle in the years that follow, it's an experience that CAN be recreated. I hope to recapture just a little bit of the magic on Saturday, April 22nd, and I hope you will join me. Our member and friend Howard Herman has been working very hard to chant the first half of that morning's haftarah, and I will read the second.

For me, it's just another Shabbat where I will read from the Torah and lead services. Fortunately, I have the opportunity to do that quite often. However, I encourage you to do the same. Whether it's been 10, 20, 80 or even 2 or 3 years since your special day, or any number in between...it's an anniversary to be cherished and celebrated. Take the opportunity to recreate the magic. Stand up in front of friends, family and community, think back to that special day in your life, take a deep breath and reaffirm your commitment to Jewish life.

Today, I am a man (or a woman). Tomorrow, back to spending time with the children and grandchildren.



HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 2 David Berkowitz | 15 Nina Wolf |
| 2 Jacob Grijnsztein | 16 Ilene Cohen |
| 3 Lindsay Charlop | 16 Lauren Slakter |
| 3 Michael Feinsilver | 17 Marissa Grijnsztein |
| 3 Steven Glaser | 17 Marisa Lusthaus |
| 3 Lawrence Roberts | 18 Susan Charlop |
| 4 Isaac Schlosser | 18 Alyssa Hockstein |
| 5 Jenny Tanenbaum | 18 Andrew Schneider |
| 6 Laurie Nelson | 18 Joshua Shron |
| 6 Nadine Rattien | 20 Donald Tanenbaum |
| 6 Joan Weibman | 20 Irwin Tropp |
| 7 Samuel Fleisher | 21 Julie Aronowitz |
| 7 Jonathan Kestenbaum | 22 Joseph Maytal |
| 7 Erica Sosman | 22 Jacob Neiderman |
| 7 Irwin Wolf | 22 Susan Tobias |
| 8 Alan Laufer | 23 Andrew Grossman |
| 8 Joan Levine | 24 Danielle Blatt |
| 8 Lawrence Schwartz | 24 Ethan Blatt |
| 10 Howard Herman | 24 Sally Coons |
| 10 Rochelle Hoffman | 24 Bruce Kauffman |
| 10 Sanders Kurtz | 25 Brad Herman |
| 10 Natalie Levin | 25 David Jason |
| 11 Leah Auster | 26 Lillian Resnick |
| 11 Selma Goldberger | 27 Joshua Lopater |
| 11 Ruth Orenstein | 28 Laura Greenblatt |
| 12 Jerelyn Cohen | 28 Jennifer Heitner |
| 12 Marcia Kops | 28 Robin Sherman |
| 14 Robin Figelman | 29 Kyle Berlinsky |
| 14 Rebecca Shaller | 29 Gavin Grusd |



HAPPY APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Roni and Steven Glaser
- 6 Belle and Paul Stein
- 19 Terry and Michael Makover

Celebrate Your April
 Birthday or Anniversary
 by receiving a special blessing
 at Shabbat Evening Services
 Friday, April 14 at 8:00 p.m.



Conversations with the Cantor
April 3 at 9pm (9th & 10th Graders)
April 24 at 8pm (11th & 12 Graders)

April Shabbat Highlights

Meet The Bar Mitzvah Jeremy Kotlyar April 8, 2017



My name is Jeremy Kotlyar.

In just a few Shabbatot, on April 8, I will become a Bar Mitzvah in our synagogue. I have been attending Shabbat services for the past half-year, and you may have seen me participating in parts of the Torah service. I was born in Flushing, NY. I currently live in Great Neck and I attend Great Neck South Middle School. I like Math and Science, and I play soccer for Great Neck Soccer Club. In school, I participate in the math and robotics teams. I used to attend Chabad Hebrew School, before my family decided to become members of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor. My family is from the former Soviet Union and I am bilingual, speaking Russian. I am very involved in my Jewish Studies and I look forward to being at this synagogue for my Bar Mitzvah.

Shabbat Discussion After Kiddush Saturday, April 1, 2017



at 12:30 p.m.



Topic of Discussion:

The American Israel Relationship:
A Report on the 2017 AIPAC Policy
Conference.

Have your voice heard at our
Saturday Discussions after Kiddush,
as we explore, question and debate Israel
on a moral, historical and theological basis.

Shabbat Morning Experience Saturday, April 22, 2017

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



Join Us For
Shabbat Morning Services
Saturday, April 22 at 9:00 a.m.



Howard Herman
will chant the Haftarah in honor
of his 70th birthday

Howard Jan Herman was born on April 10, 1947, to Anna Pearl and Nathan Herman. He was raised in Glen Cove, where he often helped out in the family business, Glen Cove Fabrics, established by his maternal grandparents. After graduating from high school, Howard started college at Brandeis, then transferred to Wisconsin University, where he remained until he graduated with a major in political science. After college, he returned to Glen Cove, where he worked and expanded the family business to include decorating services and window treatments. He married his wife, Dale, in 1973 and moved to Queens, where he has lived since. He has two grown children: a son, Brad, and a daughter, Rikki. He has a total of five beautiful and loving grandchildren, three of whom live in Queens, two of whom live in the Hudson Valley. He has been very active in both Oakland Jewish Center and in our new merged congregation, Oakland Little Neck Jewish Center. He enjoys the religious observances of the holidays year round, and especially loves bringing his grandchildren to the Purim celebration. He also enjoys attending the Sunday morning Minyans. Howard has always centered his life around his Jewish heritage, hence his desire to repeat his Bar Mitzvah in the year of his seventieth birthday.

Shabbat Morning Services Saturday, April 29 at 9:00 a.m.

We celebrate together with the
Kahaner and Hoffman families
the Aufruf of

Arielle Kahaner
&
Ryan Hoffman



קול ששון, וקול שמחה,
קול חתן וקול בלה,
קול מצהלות חתנים מחפצתם.

Happy Passover



Sale of Chametz

During the week of Pesach, it is forbidden for any Jew to own chametz. To avoid the unnecessary financial hardship that could result from requiring Jews to dispose of all items that are chametz, it has become customary to sell items of chametz to non-Jews for the week of Pesach. If you would like to sell your chametz to insure that you abide by the Jewish law of not owning any chametz during the week of Pesach, please fill out the form below and return it to the synagogue office on or before Sunday, April 9.

I/we _____ (name) would like to appoint Rabbi Gordon Yaffe as my/our agent to sell all items of chametz that will be in my/our possession at _____ (address) on Sunday, April 9. This sale will be effective at 10:00 a.m. on Monday April 10.

Signed _____

Moses said to Pharaoh:

“Let my people go so that we may serve our G-d.”

Today we don't need to ask Pharaoh. All we need to do is come to the synagogue! On this Festival of Freedom, let us exercise our freedom to be Jewish and join together for services on Passover.

Calling All First Born (Men and Women)

Siyyum Bechorim

Monday, April 10 at 6:30 a.m.

According to Jewish law, all Jews who are the first born children of either their father or mother should fast on the day before Passover in commemoration of the deliverance of the first born children of the ancient Israelites from the angel of death. However, individuals who are obligated to fast are exempted from fasting if they have the opportunity to participate in a **seudat mitzvah**, a festive meal that follows the performance of certain mitzvot. Therefore, it has become customary for synagogues, on the day before Passover, to make a **siyyum**, a public completion of portion of the Talmud, which is followed by a **seudat mitzvah**, thus exempting the first born participants from their obligation to fast.

The First Day of Passover Tuesday, April 11 at 9:30 a.m.

The morning after the first seder is a great time to come to synagogue to celebrate our freedom. A special prayer for dew, the Hallel Psalms, reading from two Torah scrolls and chanting the prayers to the festival melodies all add up to a true expression of joy in the freedom to be Jewish.

The Second Day of Passover Wednesday, April 12 at 9:30 a.m.

How fortunate we are to have a second chance to celebrate our Freedom by gathering to pray, study Torah and eat macaroons at the beginning of the festival.

Erev Seventh Day of Passover Sunday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m.

The Seventh Day of Passover Monday, April 17 at 9:30 a.m.

On this day, with a special reading from the Torah, we relive the experience of the parting of the Sea of Reeds. With this day we begin the crescendo with which we end the week of Passover.

Erev Eighth Day of Passover (Yizkor) Monday, April 17 at 8:00 p.m.

We begin the concluding day of the Festival of Pesach at night with a Maativ and Yizkor memorial service.

The Eighth Day of Passover Tuesday, April 18 at 9:30 a.m. Yizkor Service at 11:45 a.m.

We conclude the Festival of Pesach with songs and prayer! On this day, we take time to recall our loved ones who are no longer with us.



**Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.
Holocaust Memorial Observance
By George Klein and Ellen Charlop**

Helping the survivors of the Holocaust

We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.

The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference.

There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest.

— Elie Wiesel

This year we honor the memories of 3 survivors of the Holocaust who have recently passed away – Philip Bialowitz, Gary Holz and Elie Wiesel. Philip Bialowitz, a member of Temple Torah, was one of less than 50 survivors of the Sobibor death camp where somewhere between 300,000 and 500,000 Jews were systematically murdered. Gary Holz, a member of Oakland Little Neck Jewish Center, was a survivor of Kristallnacht and was one of the founding members of the synagogue. Elie Wiesel was a Romanian Jew who survived Auschwitz. He went on to write over 50 books and became a noted human rights activist and Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Elie Wiesel wrote – the opposite of love is not hate but indifference. It is important to remember the Holocaust, its victims and its survivors, not to incite hate but to stamp out indifference when acts of genocide or injustice appear before us again. When describing what he had witnessed at the concentration camps, General Eisenhower was credited with saying something to the effect that “Get it all on record now – get the films – get the witnesses – because somewhere down the track of history some bastard will get up and say that this never happened.” Sure enough, beyond most people’s comprehension, there are indeed numerous people and web sites that deny the Holocaust and their numbers continue to increase. Because the Holocaust deniers are increasing and increasingly vocal, it is more important than ever that the next generations not become indifferent but that we all remember the Holocaust and continue to carry the word forward. As much as we would like to believe that the memory of such an event can never be forgotten, without our active resolve that “THIS MUST NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN”, it could.

Every year, the Yom Hashoah Committee prepares and distributes hundreds of memorial bags with a photo and brief biography of an individual that was lost in the Holocaust. Since it is not possible to comprehend the enormity of the murder of so many people, it is the committee’s hope that the story of an individual victim brings the Holocaust into a human perspective. In addition to the bio, there is a candle that we ask the recipient to light in memory of that individual as well as to perform an act of loving kindness in their name. We also ask for a donation, if possible, in memory of the individual. Among the 100,000 survivors of the Holocaust in the USA, approximately 30,000 live below the poverty line and often have to decide between food and medicine. This year, all donations from the memorial project will go to help these survivors of the Holocaust. We must not be indifferent to their need.

The three local synagogues-Marathon Jewish Center, Temple Torah of Little Neck and Congregation L’Dor V’Dor will join together once again for their annual memorial service. This year we will hear the testimony of Seymour Kaplan, a member of the U.S. Army who helped liberate Dachau. It will take place at the Marathon Jewish Center on Sunday, April 23 at 10:30 a.m. Please join us to participate in this moving and meaningful event. On this important day, all Jews-Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist and unaffiliated, together, must let all people know that we mourn the 6 million innocent victims who lost their lives. We must not let indifference envelop us because it is easy, but rather, we must increase our resolve to ensure that their memory will not be forgotten. Mark your calendar today and plan to attend. Bring your friends, neighbors, and most important, your children. Every year, there are fewer survivors to bear witness to these events.

**If YOU Don’t Remember
ME, Who Will?**

This year, the Yom Hashoah candles will be delivered prior to Pesach with a suggested reading to be included at the Passover Seder.

As we celebrate our freedom to embrace our Jewish identity let us think of the victims of the Holocaust who lost their lives simply because of their Jewish Identity.

Why is this night different from all other nights?

On this night, with all of its symbolism and with the memory of _____, as just one representative of the 6 million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, we can be inspired to strengthen our resolve to do our part to insure that the chain of Jewish tradition will continue into the next generation and beyond.



**Over 30,000 of the 100,000
Holocaust survivors living in
the United States are living at
or below the poverty level.**

You Can Make A Difference!

You can help to insure that these men and women do not have to choose between paying for food or paying for medicine.

Send your contribution to Congregation L’Dor V’Dor PAYABLE to BLUE CARD, a non profit organization that provides financial assistance to Holocaust Survivors in need.

The Yom HaShoah will be honored to receive your tax deductible donation and forward it as part of a single donation from our community.

Many survivors came to this country after World War II and worked in menial jobs. Tiny pensions from those jobs, social security, and Medicaid simply cannot keep up with the financial needs of this most vulnerable population. They are frequently desperate for uncovered expenses such as dental care, hearing aids, and transportation to doctors. After all they have suffered, these men and women should not have to choose between paying for food or paying for medicine. Dignity was forcibly taken from them during the Holocaust, and The Blue Card ensures that its clients don't lose their dignity again, in their last years.

Yom Hazikaron & Yom Ha'atzmaut

In Honor & Observance of **Yom Hazikaron** Israel Memorial Day



Monday, May 1, 2017
Service Beginning
At 7:00 p.m.

We gather together as a community
in memorial observance for
the Fallen Israeli Soldiers
and Israeli civilian victims of terrorism.

At the conclusion of Yom HaZikaron,
we immediately begin our Celebration of
Yom Ha'atzmaut
Israel Independence Day
with great joy!

See Adjacent Column



**Call the synagogue office today
to make your reservation for our
Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration!**

You are Invited!!
Israel Bonds Breakfast
Sunday, May 7 at 10:00 a.m.



As We Celebrate the
50th Anniversary of the
Reunification of Jerusalem

A Milestone in the
History of the Jewish People

Please plan to attend and/or purchase a
bond in support of the State of Israel,
especially in light of this Anniversary.
Also bear in mind that there is no
comparable financial investment than in
the State of Israel. Our synagogue has
been holding this event for over 50 consecutive years!!



Yom Ha'atzmaut **Israel Independence Day** **Monday, May 1, 2017**

We gather together in the ballroom
following the Yom Hazikaron
observance
in Celebration for the
Independence of the Israel State

with



Israeli Supper
&
Israeli Dancing



There is no charge
but reservations are required
718-224-0404

Adult Education



Wednesdays
with the
Rabbi



Torah and Our Lives

At 11:00 a.m.

New Students Are Welcome!



Conversational Hebrew

With

Cantor Joshua Shron

Wednesday, April 5 & 26

8:00 p.m.



Tachles—A Unique Approach to the Study of Hebrew:

Tachles is an informal Hebrew learning program that offers participants a “taste of Hebrew” in a refreshing and interactive style, with learning sessions spanning four distinct learning modules: *Sicha* (Conversation), *Tarbut* (Culture), *Mifgashim* (Connections), and *Chagim* (Traditions). It includes educational games and over 25 unique learning sessions.



Sisterhood Book Club

Thursday, May 25

At Elane Berk's Home

7:30 p.m.

The next book club meeting will be Thursday evening, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of our esteemed hostess, Elane Berk. We will be reading *Dead Wake* by Erik Larson.

On May 1, 1915, with WWI entering its 10th month, a luxury ocean liner sailed out of New York, bound for Liverpool, carrying a record number of children. At this time, Germany had declared the seas around Britain to be a war zone. For months, the German U-boats had brought terror to the North Atlantic, but the captain of this ship, the *Lusitania*, was certain he could keep this civilian ship safe from any attack.

This is a gripping drama of a disaster whose details and true meaning have long been obscured by history. Join us for an evening as we discuss a story full of suspense and evocative characters.

You will love this book. Please join us for an enlightening and fun evening with yummy cookies and fruit.

Any questions contact Harriet at hspilk818@aol.com



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Thursday, June 8 2017

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Purim Extravaganza Review



My Favorite Jewish Holiday, Purim by Marjorie Goldstein, VP Membership



On the eve of Saturday, March 11, congregants from Congregation L'Dor V'Dor gathered for our annual Purim festivities. We expected to see some adults and many children dressed in costumes, have an Italian dinner, participate in the Whole Megillah (almost) with the **Rabbi, Carrie** and the **Cantor** and the simultaneous Whole Megillah reading in the Simcha Room, led by **Mark Hoffer** as well as drinking classic Piña Colodas, made by **Gordon Charlop** and having a wonderful dessert of ice cream and cookies at the end of the evening.



But, we never expected to laugh, cry, clap, sing, and have so much fun listening to the Great Latke Hamantaschen Debate. **Cantor Shron** brilliantly orchestrated the debate as the MC. The **Latke team** consisted of debaters, **Richie Spivack, Judy Samuels, Rob Stoll, Joan Kase** and her **16 month old grandson, Sam**. The **Hamantaschen team** consisted of **Carrie Yaffe, Elane Berk** and **Karen Popowsky**.

The debaters extensively prepared their arguments prior to the event with research, analysis, comparison, wit, and humor. The Hamantaschen team created visuals in addition to their arguments and Karen Popowsky's rebuttal was presented with a song. We saw much potential within this group for a future President of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor and a future Cantor.

The Judges consisted of a small group of young adults from Congregation L'Dor V'Dor. They had a daunting task to determine who would win this challenge, the Latke or Hamantaschen. It appeared that 16 month old grandson Sam held by Joan Kase stole the show with his reply that was silent but deadly in pursuing the truth about Latke Vs. Hamantaschen. The judges voted for Latkes as the winner. Both teams did an exceptional job and it was an evening of pure fun!



Of course what added to the merriment of the evening was the costume parade and Lenny and I receiving the prize for the best costume. What fun it is to be creative in dressing up in a costume, coming to Synagogue on Purim to spend a memorable evening with your friends and synagogue family. We thank **Rabbi Yaffe, Cantor Shron, Carrie Yaffe, Stanley and Lois Wirtheim, Stacey Gottlieb** for being our photographer, the office staff: **Audina Acevedo, Edith Schatz** and **Lisa Pollack**, the custodians: **Fernando Ramos, Juan Carlos Agudelo** and **Edgard Salguero** and everyone else who made this evening so special.

A special thanks goes out to **Karen Popowsky, Leslie and George Klein, Lois and Stanley Wirtheim** and the **Adjmi Family** for generously sponsoring our Purim evening.

If you missed Purim this year, come next year, it promises to be a wonderful evening!



Bar Mitzvah Speech

by Ken Guttenplan's father, Milton Guttenplan

Delivered on May 19, 1928 at Temple Gates of Prayer
and on May 20, 1928 at residence, 177 Forest Avenue

MY BAR MITZVAH SPEECH

- MILTON GUTTENPLAN

Dear Parents, Relatives, Friends and Worthy Congregation:

It seems to me that Jewish Parents, here in Flushing as well as in any other Jewish Community want their children to grow to be good Jews. They would like to see their children forge on the four thousand year old gold chain of Jewish tradition. But how many of these well meaning and well wishing fathers and mothers ask themselves the following question, or know the answer to it. "What kind of Jewish training must I give my son or daughter in order that they may become real Jews, not merely in name but Jews in thought and feeling?"

May parents think that by sending their children to Sunday School once a week and when they reach the age of 13 take them to a synagogue and have them confirmed with pomp and ceremony, that they have achieved their purpose. Oh, what a fatal mistake these Parents are making. The boys or girls are confirmed in a Faith of which they know practically nothing, or to put it mildly, very little. They vow to uphold and cling to a religion to which they but loosely attached.

There are other Parents who go a step further and do send their children to Hebrew School, but only for a year or two. All sorts of excuses are made but the one most commonly used is that the child isn't making any progress in his studies. These Parents either do not know or do not care to know that the child acquires something in the Hebrew School which cannot be measured, weighed or counted. Yet it is of infinitely greater importance than information although that too is important. And this, my friends, cannot be gotten in a year or two, nay, not even five. The process is a long and slow one. Every lesson in this story, ethics, Hebrew, prayers, and songs are a thread which binds the child to the Jewish People, its culture, and tradition. Long after he shall have forgotten the facts and melodies the sweet memory of all these will linger in his mind and will grow stronger as time goes on instead of weakening.

I am happy indeed to tell you my dear friends, that my Father and Mother understood this idea. Since I was six years old they have been sending me to Hebrew School, and I saw to it that I attended regularly and did my work well. I am sure that their work and the work of my teachers has not be in vain. I feel that I am indissolubly bound to my Faith.

Using my imagination I see before me a great book. It is indeed a huge volume, the book of my life. It lies there opened before me. As I glance at it I see that only a small fraction of this book has been used. Upon closer examination I notice to my deep regret that the pages at the beginning are covered with unsightly stains. The rest of the book, however, are spotlessly clean. These stains, as you can readily imagine, signify the sins and follies of my childhood. The clean pages represent my future. And on this Holy Platform before this Worthy Congregation I pledge to try my utmost to keep the remaining pages of the book as spotlessly clean as they are now.

Dear Parents:

From the moment of my birth and till this day you have watched over me tenderly and lovingly. In spite of your moderate means you have not denied me anything. You have tried very hard to bring me up as a true - God - fearing Jew. And also as an honest and upright future American citizen. I shall not even attempt to thank you for all you have done for me in the past and are ready to do in the future. For no words can express my boundless gratitude. I think that the best way I can repay is to be what you and my teachers taught me to be.

O God, Bless my kind and loving Parents, and my dear Brothers with long life, prosperity, and happiness. Bless also this Worthy Congregation and all Israel.

AMEN

News from Rananna, Israel

By Janet and Irwin Tobin

Janet and I have been in Israel about 6 weeks—the first two weeks were at meetings here in Israel and one day in Cypress.

The rise in anti-Semitic acts taking place across the United States and Europe and especially on the college campuses and Jewish Community Centers was the major concern at the many meetings we attended. The other issue was President Trump and the U.S. administration relationship with the State of Israel.

This past week, all of Israel was excited about the WBC when they went 4&0, then they lost 2 games and were out of the tournament. The Israeli's talk about the same things that you do (but not about the snow...etc.) How does President Trump really feel about Israel and what are his thoughts on the Peace Talks. They are concerned about Iran and the role they play in Syria and what role does Russia want in Syria. I believe the coalition news is more important to the Israeli's than anything else. No one knows in the government or outside the government what the Prime Minister will do regarding new elections.

The shopping malls are crowded with people. The people here live a very normal life style as you do. So far, I have no problem being understood. This past Shabbat, Janet and I went to the Conservative Shul where they had about 60-70 people at the service. Janet met a woman who she knew from the Women's League Study day that she started here in Israel.

Have a Good, Sweet and Healthy Passover,
Janet and Irwin

The Celebrate Israel Parade Is Newsworthy

By Karen Popowsky



If I tell people in December that the Celebrate Israel Parade committee is beginning to plan for the parade that is held in June, they say "Already? So soon?" I explain that planning for this parade begins as soon as the last parade ended.

The behind the scenes preparation has been going on monthly since December and I've been updating YOU each month in Temple Talk.

I've been doing my job and now it's YOUR job!

YOU are what makes a parade a parade. Marchers are required to walk along New York City's 5th Avenue on Sunday, June 4, 2017. I want YOU to tell me that YOU will be marching this year. And bring friends and family! If YOU marched last year, GREAT! — Come and march again. If you haven't marched EVER, this is YOUR year. If you marched a while ago, come back and join the parade again. This year let everyone know that we:

**CELEBRATE ISRAEL ALL TOGETHER:
ISRAEL IS NEWSWORTHY**

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday, June 4, 2017.
No rain, just shine!

Other Good News From Israel March 2017

Helping special needs kids celebrate. 600 youth volunteers for Israel's Magen David Adom emergency service entertained 70 special needs children on Tu Bishvat – the Jewish New Year for trees. The program takes place annually in cooperation with the Jewish National Fund.

Israelis in Ghana. A delegation of African American journalists saw how Israeli development aid is helping Ghana. In Winneba post-army Israelis teach children literacy and life skills; in Kumasi its early childhood learning by playing; in Accra they see the cutting-edge Israeli-built 675-bed Ghana University Medical Center.

More good news for Parkinson's treatment. Israel's NeuroDerm has released positive preliminary results for the final Phase II trial of its ND0612H treatment on 38 patients with advanced Parkinson's disease. NeuroDerm will now proceed with Phase III trials on 240 patients prior to requesting CE (European) Certification.

Best-ever February for Incoming Tourism to Israel. Latest statistics show this is the best ever start to the tourism year in Israel. Between January and February 2017, 467,000 tourist entries were recorded, representing a 25% increase on the same period in 2016.

Human airbags protect elderly from falls. (TY Hazel) Every year nearly 3 million seniors suffer life-changing hip fractures from falls. Israel's Hip-Hope is a smart waist-belt that senses an impending collision with a ground surface and deploys two large airbags instantly from each side of the belt to cushion the hips.

Canadian special needs trip to Israel. A group of 10 Canadian adults with special needs went on a 10-day "Inclusion Journey to Israel" trip. It featured not just the usual tourist sites, but also Access Israel's Motek Shel Teatron inclusion theater group, the Knesset Disability Rights Caucus and even an archaeological dig.

Source: Good News From Israel
<http://verygoodnewsisrael.blogspot.com/>

April 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am After Kiddush Discussion 12:30 pm
2 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am Yom HaShoah Candle Delivery 10:00 am	3 Conversations with the Cantor 9 & 10th Graders 9:00 pm	4	5 Wednesdays with the Rabbi 11:00 am Conversational Hebrew 8:00 pm	6 Intermediate Hebrew 10:00 am	7 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 7:09 pm	8 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am Bar Mitzvah: Jeremy Kotlyar Havdalah 7:00 pm
9 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am Palm Sunday	10 Erev Pesach Siyyum Bechorim 6:30 am	11 Office Closed Pesach Day 1 Shacharit 9:30 am	12 Office Closed Pesach Day 2 Shacharit 9:30 am	13	14 Erev Shabbat Service 8:00 pm Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated Candle Lighting 7:17 pm	15 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am
16 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am Erev Pesach Day 7 Maariv 7:30 pm Easter	17 Office Closed Pesach Day 7 Shacharit 9:30 am Erev Pesach Day 8 8:00 pm	18 Office Closed Pesach Day 8 Shacharit 9:30 am Yizkor 11:45 am	19 Wednesdays with the Rabbi 11:00 am Membership Committee 8:00 pm	20 Intermediate Hebrew 10:00 am	21 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 7:24 pm	22 Shabbat Morning Experience 9:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Shacharit 10:30 am Torah Service 11:15 am Musaph Service 12:00 pm Kiddush/Lunch 57th Anniversary of Howard Herman being called up to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah 30th Anniversary of Cantor Shron being called up to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah
23 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am Yom HaShoah Community Observance at Marathon JCC 10:30 am	24 Conversations with the Cantor 11 & 12th Graders 8:00 pm	25	26 Wednesdays with the Rabbi 11:00 am Conversational Hebrew 8:00 pm Board Meeting 8:00 pm	27 Intermediate Hebrew 10:00 am	28 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 7:31 pm	29 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am Aufruf: Arielle Kahaner & Ryan Hoffman
30 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am						

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Thank You!

Dear Rabbi Yaffe and L'Dor V'Dor,

Thank you again for all you did for us, our family and friends. Phoebe's Hebrew naming was a milestone celebration for us and we were so happy to be able to have it at your synagogue. As a token of our appreciation, please accept this donation.

We look forward to visiting again soon!

*Sincerely,
Ben, Sophie & Phoebe Baumgold*

Thank You

Dear Friends,

Thank you for honoring me as the Men's Club "Man of the Year". The honor was very much appreciated. It is a pleasure being involved with the Men's Club and with the staff, clergy and members of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor. I look forward to participating in many future activities of the Men's club and shul.

Thank you again for this wonderful honor.

Chuck Wayne

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