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

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Join us for  
Shabbat Morning Services  
Saturday, June 24 at 9:00 a.m.  
When we will honor  
**Marjorie Goldstein**



For Her Five Years of Leadership,  
Dedication and Service as our  
Membership Vice President



We March On  
Sunday, June 4



Israel All Together  
Is Newsworthy

Assembling W. 55th Street  
(Between 5th & 6th Ave.)  
At 10:30 a.m.

You can still order your T Shirt  
and reserve a spot on the bus!  
Call the synagogue office today!

## From The Rabbi



On Sunday, May 21, I had the privilege to be part of a very special evening, the Spring Gala that was held in honor of Steve Aronowitz and Belle and Paul Stein. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you my address for that evening.

Bruchim HaBaim v'erev Tov lakulam, Welcome and good evening to everyone. I want to acknowledge and thank Lois and Stan Wirtheim, the co-chairs of this Spring Gala and all the members of the committee who selflessly gave of themselves to make this evening a success.

Tonight is a beautiful example of the reality that Conservative Judaism is alive and well in North East Queens and Western Nassau County. We are here tonight to celebrate the vibrancy of our synagogue, Congregation L'Dor V'Dor – Oakland Little Neck Jewish Center and to honor three special individuals whose leadership and personal commitment have helped us to become the unique and exemplary congregation that we are today. Tonight, with great pride we celebrate the opportunities that our synagogue provides its members to celebrate happy occasions of life and to confront difficult challenges that life presents...together, as members of an extended family.

On a regular basis Congregation L'Dor V'Dor provides our members with the opportunity to nourish their Jewish souls. On Shabbat, Festivals, Holidays and Sunday mornings our well attended services enable our members not only to communicate with God, but to connect with other members and to strengthen our sense of community. Through classes, sermons, Divrei Torah, articles, weekly emails and informal discussions, Cantor Shron and I have the honor to continuously help members of our congregation deepen their knowledge and understanding of Jewish tradition. Life cycle events at our synagogue are celebrated with warmth and great meaning. We provide opportunities for our members to fulfill the mitzvah of tzedakah and to help those in need. Our programs help to promote love for Israel and strengthen the connection that our members have to our homeland.

None of this can happen without strong lay leadership. It is our privilege tonight to honor Steve Aronowitz and Belle and Paul Stein, three very special people who tirelessly give of themselves for the good and welfare of our synagogue. For ten years, serving as president, sometimes with a partner and sometimes on his own, Steve Aronowitz has devoted his time, energy and expertise; passionately guiding our synagogue and tending to its every need. Day and night, Steve has made himself available for problem solving for members and synagogue staff including his rabbi for whom he always has time to listen and to offer sage advice. His warm and empathetic personality, as well as his ability to communicate effectively, have enabled him to maintain *shalom bayit*, peace within our synagogue our home away from home.

From the time that the Oakland and Little Neck Jewish Centers consolidated and became Congregation L'Dor V'Dor, Paul and Belle Stein have served on the Board of Trustees, attended Shabbat services on a regular basis, have participated in nearly all of our programs and have worked tirelessly on various projects. Paul and Belle are a great team dedicated to help meet the needs of the synagogue. And they do it with great energy, passion in their hearts and smiles on their faces.

We are currently engaged in the counting of the Omer which links our celebration of freedom from Egyptian slavery, to our celebration of the revelation of God at Mount Sinai. This link helps us to understand that the blessing of freedom that we enjoy is only a blessing when we use that freedom to bring goodness, peace and harmony into our world, as guided by God in the revelation of Torah. As we honor Steve, Belle and Paul and rejoice in the vibrancy and beauty of our congregation, let us give thanks that our synagogue, with the help of their exemplary leadership, is indeed an example of how the blessings of freedom can be used to bring blessings to our community and to our world.

## June Schedule of Services

Tues., May 30	<b>Erev Shavuot</b> Mincha/Maariv Shavuot Study	8:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.
Wed., May 31	<b>Shavuot Day I</b> Shacharit Service  Mincha/Maariv Yizkor Service	9:30 a.m.  8:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.
Thurs., June 1	<b>Shavuot Day II</b> Shacharit Service Yizkor Service	9:30 a.m. 11:45 a.m.
Fri., June 2	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:30 p.m.
Sat., June 3	Shabbat Morning Service <b>Graduate Shabbat</b>	9:00 a.m.
Sun., June 4	Morning Minyan <b>Celebrate Israel Parade</b>	8:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Fri., June 9	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:30 p.m.
Sat., June 10	Shabbat Morning Service <b>Honoring Rhoda and Sam Fleisher</b>	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Sun., June 11	Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.
Fri., June 16	Erev Shabbat Service <b>Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated</b>	7:30 p.m.
Sat., June 17	<b>Shabbat Morning Experience</b> Breakfast, Schmoozing & Learning Shacharit Torah Service Musaph Service Kiddush/Lunch  <b>Shabbat Afternoon Fun and Games</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 12:00 p.m.  1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sun., June 18	Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.
Fri., June 23	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:30 p.m.
Sat., June 24	Shabbat Morning Service <b>Honoring Marjorie Goldstein</b>	9:00 a.m.
Sun., June 25	Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.
Fri., June 30	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:30 p.m.

## Interfaith Memorial Day Service



**Monday, May 29th at 10am**  
**Little Neck Community Church**  
**46-16 Little Neck Parkway**



## Shabbat Candle Lighting

June 2	8:04 p.m.
June 9	8:08 p.m.
June 16	8:12 p.m.
June 23	8:13 p.m.
June 30	8:13 p.m.



## Presidential Matters

By Lysa Lopater



As we approach the summer, it is time for so many of us to make some changes in our routines. We exchange indoor activities for outdoor ones. We find the many pleasures of Long Island alive at the beaches and parks so close by. Mets or Yankees? Family vacations...kids at camp...weekend getaways.

As this issue of Temple Talk goes to print, we will be celebrating Shavuot. For me, it is a wonderful evening of learning from my fellow congregants. It's also a great evening for cheesecake lovers. I hope to see many of you there.

The Spring Gala was a wonderful event. I am so glad to have been able to celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of Stephen Aronowitz for all he has done for the synagogue as President for 10 years. I hope he is going to enjoy his 'retirement' from the job. Along with Steve, we honored Belle and Paul Stein for their many years of contributions at OJC and to the present. I am honored to count them all as friends.

In celebrating the contributions and accomplishments of these people, I want to remind everyone that Congregation L'Dor V'Dor is not just a place to come and pray, but a place to celebrate life events, learn from renowned scholars and fellow congregants, enjoy holiday meals, celebrate our connection to Israel and so much more. Remember to leave some time in your busy lives to be part of the kehila that makes us a warm, welcoming place to be. If you can, volunteer time to help with some of the events (Sisterhood July Rummage Sale) or even volunteer to be on the Board of Trustees.

I hope everyone has a great summer!

## Message from Marjorie Goldstein Vice President of Membership



As I sit down to write my last column as VP of Membership, I remember the day that Dawn Singer, then VP of Membership called me and asked me if I wanted to take over the role of VP of Membership. That was over 5 years ago. I was thrilled and so excited! Lenny and I had just come back to Little Neck Jewish Center after a 3 year hiatus and my plan was to get involved. I had volunteered to be on the Membership Committee and after several months of being on the committee, I so wanted to be on the Board and take on a leadership role. So sometimes your dreams come true! In this case, I didn't have to be careful for what I wished for. I loved this position.

Being the Membership VP helped sharpen my skills in public speaking, writing, party planning, coordinating and facilitating. The experience of making robo calls that were often threatening and harassing as I asked people to sign up for an event or else it would be cancelled, can be added to my skill set. I'm sure when people heard my voice again on a robo call they didn't know what to expect. Now with my experience and all of these skills I can go anywhere. And if needed I'm sure I can get a recommendation from Rabbi Yaffe.

Prior to this experience I was a High Holiday Jewish person who came to Synagogue a couple of times a year and to Hebrew School events with our children. Now I certainly attend services and events more often. What a great feeling to walk into any service or event and have friends to be with. That's what it's all about. I'm so fortunate to have had such a great group of people that I worked with assisting in planning and coordinating. What made this group great and so productive was the energy and comradery we had in getting things done.

There are many committees to get involved in, in the Synagogue, but I believe that the Membership Committee is the core group in the Synagogue, setting the tone for the feeling that you get when you are involved and setting the tone for inclusion. The atmosphere that we have created makes all the difference in the world in joining or not joining as a member.

My goal was to give back and I feel that I've done that and I'm now ready to move on. I'll still be involved in the Membership Committee and I'm proud to pass the VP of Membership torch to the next capable and willing people. Thank you for the opportunity that you have given me to make a difference in the growth and direction of our Synagogue.

## Honoring Marjorie Goldstein

by Nina Wolf

There are always times in the life of a synagogue when members are called upon to volunteer their time. Marjorie Goldstein is just one of those people who has answered that call.

As a leader, she is steadfast, dependable and reliable. However, Marjorie is more than that. She is a special human being. She is kind, generous and caring, and totally committed to the general well-being of our synagogue.

5 years ago, Marjorie made a conscious decision to support a cause and volunteered to become Membership Vice President. She was instrumental in organizing Membership events such as: Shabbat In Our Homes, Comedy Night, Winter Bash, Spring Fling, and events coordinated with Sisterhood. All of these were a success, both socially and financially.

Marjorie has also managed to sustain the Membership Committee to the point where Membership is one of the synagogue's significant committees. Encouraging Membership to reach out to the congregation and to the community, she is responsible for bringing in new members on a yearly basis. She has created an updated New Member Welcoming Kit, and has encouraged new member teas and get-togethers. She has also started a tradition of welcoming new members at Friday night Shabbat services. Let's also acknowledge her efforts in encouraging participation and involvement by all of us.

As of June 2017, and after 5 years of dedicated service, Marjorie has decided to step down as Membership Vice President. However, typical of Marjorie's spirit, she will remain on the committee in a supportive capacity.

I speak for all members of our committee both past and present, when we say "Thank You, Marjorie" for all you have done for the synagogue.

## Message from Cantor Shron



It's not easy to say goodbye.

On September 12, 2012, eleven synagogue teens joined me at Starbucks of Little Neck for the very first "Conversations with the Cantor". I'll admit that I didn't know what to expect for this first meeting. After all, these kids didn't exactly attend synagogue events with enthusiasm and vigor. Now that they've graduated Hebrew school, would they really come to an *optional* study program?

Well, since that first successful night, we've certainly had our ups and downs. Kids would come and kids would go. Some would sample our group for a session or two, never to return.

But six of them kept returning. For FIVE more years.

Throughout that time, we've talked about everything. Israel, holidays, Jewish history, Shabbat, prayer, charity, becoming a bar/bat mitzvah, God, anti-Semitism, Holocaust, Torah, kosher food, the Arab-Israeli conflict, environmental issues, intermarriage, Israeli music and so much more. Along the way, we've also discussed their lives in school, favorite teachers, difficult subjects, close friends, sports scores, school teams, college applications, their futures, and the odd people who sometimes walk into Starbucks. We've bowled together, attempted (and failed) to "escape the room", dined out at Grill Time in Great Neck, shared many pizza pies, starred in a couple of "viral" videos, and consumed exceptionally large amounts of caffeine.

And now they are getting ready to graduate high school.

This isn't the first time I've mentioned these exceptional young people in the pages of "Temple Talk". But this month, it's time to say goodbye. I will miss seeing them on a regular basis. I will miss our discussions and our laughter. I will miss their challenging questions. I will miss hearing about their lives. I will miss watching them grow up.

**Kyle Berlinsky:** I've happily observed your transformation from a crazy kid in Hebrew school to a real "mensch" today. You are polite, articulate, athletic and a good friend to all. I'm confident that you will remember what we've learned together, referring back to your Jewish education as you make decisions, raise a family and continue on the journey of life.

**Rebecca Bressler:** As frequently the only female in the group, you have – by far – been the most vocal. In many instances, you have single-handedly kept our discussions alive when your "shy" friends couldn't think of anything to say, and your astute input has always been right on the money. Thank you for your incredible contributions to our discussions, for keeping me on my toes, for keeping your male friends in line when I couldn't, and for sticking with us despite the disproportionate amount of testosterone in the group.

**Eric Fidler:** I am so proud to have been able to watch you grow over the years. As the wackiest kid by far in middle school, you've grown into a mature, responsible, thoughtful (yet still wacky) adult ready to take on the world. Your passion for Israel is contagious, and I truly appreciate the opinions, beliefs and fun you've brought to our discussions over the years.

**Ryan and Jared Hodes:** Forgive me for grouping you together, but even after all these years I still don't always know who's who. As two of the first to sign up for our group, I've often considered you two to be our "anchors". You've rarely missed a session, always adding humor and insight to our discussions. I love how, when I ask one of you a question, you look to the other before answering. It is amazing to see two identical twins who are truly lifelong best friends.

**Jacob Neiderman:** When I first met you, you were a short kid with long hair and a big smile. You also showed me a Jewish spark just waiting to be ignited. Today, your hair is shorter and you are much, much taller...but I can tell that the spark is still lit. You may have been on the quiet side during our sessions but your comments have been thoughtful and meaningful throughout.

To all of you...I am so humbled that you've been learning and laughing with me for FIVE years, when you could have chosen to do a million other things. While most of your friends were watching TV, Snapchatting, playing video games, doing homework or hanging out with friends, you came to Starbucks for an hour to learn a little more about your Jewish heritage. I'm incredibly proud of each of you! I can only hope that you've found our sessions as meaningful and enjoyable as I have. I'm also grateful that you've inspired your younger peers to begin attending as well, and I'm thrilled that "Conversations" will continue next year and into the future.

To the congregation...please join me in honoring these amazing young adults, as well as ALL of our synagogue's graduates, at a special service and Kiddush on Shabbat, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have a special graduate in your life, please let the office know - and bring them along that morning. As a community, we have a great deal to celebrate!



## HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2 Michele Bressler	14 Franklin Osman
2 Deidre Greben	14 Rabbi Gordon Yaffe
2 Malvina Leder	16 Alan Becker
3 Patricia Reinharz	16 Rachel Marks
5 Barbara Ditman	17 Arnold Honig
5 Julia Garber	17 Lucieana Lemkin
5 Emily Glaser	18 Donald Forman
8 Joshua Grossman	18 Diane Menchell
8 Sara Laor	19 Randy Slakter
9 Shari Garfinkel	20 Neil Berman
9 Joshua Glick	20 Daniel Rosenfeld
9 Gwenn Kudler	21 Rachel Cohen
11 Bobby Becker	21 David Orenstein
11 Neville Grusd	21 Saul Spindel
11 Jolie Kauffman	23 Nicole Grijnsztein
12 Ira Levine	23 Keith Lipsitz
12 Jordan Zelniker	23 Joshua Sacker
13 Marcia Cooper	24 Daniel Budne
13 Barbara Lefkowitz	27 Dori Rosinsky
13 Susan Munz	27 Nicole Rosinsky
13 Gail Wayne	27 Mitchell Stein
14 Marvin Anchin	28 Donna Kates
	29 Jennifer Junger



## HAPPY JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

1 Jerome and Joan Ettlinger
3 Laura Greenblatt and Alan Fein
3 Melissa Berkowitz and Robert Rafal
4 Susan and Theodore Munz
6 Esther and Peter Kind
6 Nadine and Eugene Rattien
7 Arlene and Franklin Osman
9 Barbara and Julian Raber
10 Stacey and Jason Gottlieb
10 Leslie and George Klein
12 Marcia and Richard Kops
14 Deborah and Adam Schneider
14 Ilene and Eugene Streim
15 Diana and Lawrence Roberts
16 Julie and Gavin Grusd
17 Ellen and Gordon Charlop
17 Joan and Paul Ross
18 Ellen and Kenneth Grossman
18 Lois and Stanley Wirtheim
19 Velma and Neville Grusd
19 Patti and Lawrence Unger
20 Jacqueline and Harold Lamka
21 Stacy and Steven Hoffman
21 Susan and Stephen Kanfer
21 Pamela and Paul Sacker
22 Nadine and Arthur Rose
23 Ilene and Paul Cohen
24 Cheryl and Jeffrey Feiner
24 Diane and Dennis Lidoshore
26 Delia and Philip Biton
27 Julie and Stephen Aronowitz
27 Julie and Melvyn Jacknowitz
27 June and Alan Sykoff
28 Irina and Leonid Garber
28 Louise and Perry Heidecker
28 Nancy and Charles Junger
28 Diane and Mitchell Stein
30 Fran and Ronald Kasman

# Farewell To Rhoda and Sam Fleisher

## Tracy Fleisher Memorial Fund

By Rhoda Fleisher

Dear Friends,

When our sweet little 8-year-old Tracy passed in 1999, after five years of battling brain and spinal cancer, I wanted to both honor her and give her a legacy. Larry Kaplan, then President of Little Neck Jewish Center, enabled me to start the Tracy Fleisher Memorial Fund under the auspices of the synagogue. Many of you donated to the fund out of the goodness of your hearts.

Over the years, we have helped 437 children and have made 480 disbursements (some children received more than once) to children with serious medical needs. The children we've worked with have cerebral palsy, cancer, muscular dystrophy, traumatic brain injury, and other debilitating illnesses and conditions. We have distributed durable medical goods, strollers, air conditioners, and contributions toward home renovations to make them accessible. Together, we have made concrete and meaningful improvements in the lives of the children. Here are several examples:

**A 10-year-old girl with spastic paraparesis (a progressive gait disorder) and numerous other medical diagnoses received a treadmill so that she could have her own physical therapy sessions on a daily basis in her own home;**

**A wheelchair-bound 11-year-old boy with Duchenne's Muscular Dystrophy was able to benefit from a bathroom remodel, which we financed along with two other children's charities;**

**A medically fragile two-year-old boy with hydrocephalus, cortical vision impairment, and respiratory issues was protected from neighborhood dogs in his backyard when we purchased fencing for his home;**

**A 12-year-old girl with Ewings Sarcoma, receiving chemotherapy over a 42-week time frame, was prescribed a medication that she would take intermittently. Her family could not afford the co-pay for this med, so Tracy's fund paid for it;**

**A nine-year-old girl with cerebral palsy, cortical blindness, and a history of surgeries including a liver transplant, received an air conditioner to help stabilize her body temperature as heat caused stress to her system.**

Now, Sam and I are moving into a new stage of life. We never ever thought we would leave our home, our garden dedicated to Tracy, or even New York. But our daughter Emily and her family live in San Antonio, and we will be moving there very soon. And I will not be continuing Tracy's Fund. There is some money left, and I have designated it to help several more children. It's taken some time for me to be able to relinquish Tracy's Fund, but life moves us in ways we've never thought possible. We have to be flexible and "go with the flow." I want to thank our supporters so much for your kindness and generosity. Not only have you helped the children, you have helped Sam and me get through Tracy's loss and our grief by lifting our spirits with the knowledge that even our 8-year-old has a legacy.

*Join Us At  
Shabbat Morning Services*

*Saturday, June 10th  
At 11:00 a.m.*

*When we will honor  
and say farewell to*

*Rhoda and Sam Fleisher*



*Long time,  
contributing members  
of our congregation.*

*Rhoda and Sam  
will be relocating  
to San Antonio Texas  
to live near their family.*

*Rhoda is a past president of our  
Sisterhood and for many years was the  
co-chair of the annual Rummage Sale.*

*For many years Sam led Junior  
Congregation and High Holiday  
discussions for our teens.*

*We will also take this opportunity  
to honor Rhoda and Sam for all  
that they have done in their private  
and professional lives to help  
individuals in need.*

# Shavuot

A Festival

To Celebrate God's Gift of the Torah

May 30 — June 1



## Erev Shavuot

Tuesday, May 30

### Mincha/Maariv

8:00 p.m.

### Shavuot Torah Study

8:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Come and learn with:

Marc Alheim

Cantor Josh Shron

Irina Starr

Robert Yaffe

Rabbi Gordon Yaffe



We will be noshing  
on cheesecake and  
other goodies.

## Shavuot — Day I

Wednesday, May 31

9:30 a.m.

Shacharit with a  
Re-enactment of the  
Giving of the Torah at  
Mount Sinai with a  
Dramatic Reading of the  
Ten Commandments

### Mincha/Maariv

8:00 p.m.

Yizkor Memorial Service  
at approximately

8:30 p.m.



## Shavuot — Day II

Thursday, June 1

9:30 a.m.

Shacharit with the  
Singing of Hallel,  
the Book of Ruth,  
Torah Reading from  
Two Scrolls, a Haftarah  
and Yizkor Memorial  
Service at approximately  
11:45 a.m.



## June Shabbat Highlights



### A Special Shabbat Morning At Congregation L'Dor V'Dor Honoring All Graduates

**Saturday, June 3**

Join us for Shabbat Services when we will honor all those graduating from Elementary School, Middle School, High School, College or Graduate School.

If you or someone in your family is a graduate please call the synagogue office and let us know that you will be joining us.

## Adult Education

### Wednesdays With The Rabbi



#### *Torah and Our Lives*

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



### Conversational Hebrew

With

#### Cantor Joshua Shron



**Wednesdays, June 7 & 14 at 8pm**

**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.



Celebrate Your June  
Birthday or Anniversary  
by receiving a special blessing  
at Shabbat Evening Services  
Friday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m.



*“If I am not for myself, who will be for me?”*

*“Say little and do much.”*

*“The world stands on three things:  
Torah, service and acts of lovingkindness”*

## פרקי אבות

### Ethics of the Fathers

a new weekly class  
with Cantor Shron

There is a long-standing custom to learn “Ethics of the Fathers” between Passover and Shavuot. Join Cantor Shron to discuss some of the greatest words of wisdom ever recorded, and unlock the Jewish prescription for an ethical, moral lifestyle.

**Mondays, 7- 8 pm  
June 5 & 12**

### Shabbat Morning Experience

**Saturday, June 17, 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

Following the Shabbat Morning Experience, There will be  
**A Shabbat Afternoon of Fun and Games!**

**Saturday, June 17th From 1pm to 4pm**

Bring your favorite game and bring your friends

And enjoy the special feeling of Shabbat.



## Spring Gala Review

On Sunday, May 21, we held a lovely Spring Gala, honoring three well deserving individuals, **Stephen Aronowitz** and **Belle and Paul Stein**. What a fine tribute to the lives and memories of Larry Kaplan and Maury Singer. Stephen, Belle and Paul all exemplify the leadership, dedication, compassion and strength in serving our synagogue and community. Elegance and ambience set the mood as we held the Spring Gala in our own synagogue ballroom with an open bar and fine dinner catered by **Cosmopolitan Caterers**, music by **Platinum NYC Events**, dancing, conversation and a beautiful **Virtual Journal** created by our Managing Director, **Audina Acevedo**.

### *A Hearty Yasher Koach To*

We graciously thank the **Spring Gala Committee**, **Heather Blatt**, **Elaine Fleischman**, **Elyse Goodman**, **Ann Hoffer**, **Karen Popowsky**, **Debbie Schneider**, **Chuck Wayne**, **Lois** and **Stanley Wirtheim** for their time, energy and dedication in the planning and making of the Spring Gala, which was deeply appreciated.

We thank **Stanley Wirtheim**, **Rabbi Abraham Eckstein**, **Cantor Joshua Shron**, **Rabbi Gordon Yaffe**, **Dawn Singer** and **Chuck Wayne** for their presentation, meaningful words and blessings throughout the evening.

We thank **David Wilk** and **Cosmopolitan Caterers** for creating a lovely evening. The mood was set with a fun and fabulous cocktail hour that led into an elegant dinner.

We thank our office staff, **Audina Acevedo**, **Lisa Pollack** and **Edith Schatz**, who together with our custodians **Fernando Ramos**, **Juan Carlos Agudelo** and **Edgard Salguero**, aptly handled all the tasks involved in making the Spring Gala run smoothly.

We thank all **contributors** for **supporting the Spring Gala Journal**, our **vendors**, our **honorees** and our **congregation**. All **those who contributed and donated raffle prizes and volunteered** their time to obtain donations of raffle prizes from local merchants and businesses. All **those who purchased raffle tickets** to make the Spring Gala a successful fundraiser for our synagogue.

We are especially grateful to **Allison Hoffer** for all her efforts, dedication and hard work in obtaining many of the raffle gifts and contributions.

The funds that have been raised from this event have been earmarked for renovations and upgrades of our synagogue's kitchen.

### *We acknowledge the following entities who donated ads:*

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Jerry Salem

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Joan and Rob Weibman

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#### **Stanley P. Wirtheim, CPA**

# Spring Gala 2017

Honoring Steve Aronowitz and Belle and Paul Stein



## Our Community Helps To Fulfill The Needs of Holocaust Survivors Living Below The Poverty Level

As part of this year's Yom HaShoah candle project, the Community Yom HaShoah Committee included an opportunity to contribute to the Blue Card, a non-profit organization that gives financial assistance to Holocaust survivors living in the United States below the poverty level. To date, we have collected \$3,368. As members of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor, we can be very proud that we contributed \$2,290 or 68% of these funds.

Yasher Koach to the following members of our congregation who participated in this year's Blue Card campaign:

**Judith & Martin Ackerman, Eileen Baker**  
**Ellen & Jeffrey Baskin, Carol Burnstein**  
**Ellen & Gordon Charlop, Elyse Clair & Ron Cohen,**  
**Susan Copell, Hilda Drapacz, Eileen & Michael Feiner**  
**Cheryl & Jeffrey Feiner, Florence Feldman**  
**Elaine Fleischman, Rhoda & Sam Fleisher**  
**Eileen & Bernard Gellman, Ronnie & David Goldstein**  
**Marjorie & Leonard Goldstein, Elyse & Ted Goodman**  
**Velma & Neville Grusd, Sonia & Harry Hochman**  
**Deborah & Ray Hockstein, Marcia Levine & Bruce Kauffman**  
**Esther & Peter Kind, Leslie & George Klein, Steve Levine**  
**Joan & Ira Levine, Vivienne & Philip Lipsitz, Geraldine Major**  
**Bea Nebel, Karen Popowsky, Barbara & Cantor Julian Raber**  
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## Mindy Rosenfeld Honored in the Community with the May W. Newburger Women's Roll of Honor

On March 29, 2017, our own **Mindy Rosenfeld** along with four other Great Neck women were honored by the Town of North Hempstead as part of Women's History Month and were added to the 2017 May W. Newburger Women's Roll of Honor for contributing to the quality of life in the community.

"I am proud to honor these outstanding women for their indispensable service to North Hempstead," said Town Clerk, Wayne Wink, event chairperson. "Each of these women reflects the best that our communities have to offer and we are proud to honor them for their work." Supervisor Judi Bosworth added, "North Hempstead has no shortage of inspirational women who give so much of themselves to our communities."



As a child, Mindy's parents taught her that every good deed counts and that even small acts of kindness can change the world. With their encouragement, she volunteered at a local hospital throughout high school and learned at a young age that life is precious and fleeting.

Mindy received her Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University and a Masters of Public Administration from New York University and worked as a hospital administrator and fundraiser.

She and her husband, Richard, moved to Great Neck 22 years ago for the excellent schools and beautiful parks, but fell in love with its warm, welcoming community where they raised three sons. She volunteered consistently as a class parent and at educational and fundraising events, and coordinated fundraisers for the Great Neck Breast Cancer Coalition and delivered food to newly diagnosed women. Rosenfeld also assisted new Americans with their English and with their résumés.

She believes the gift of time is precious and has tried to use it best by helping others through volunteerism and small, but frequent, acts of kindness. She is especially grateful to her elderly neighbors for sharing their life stories, inspiring her and enriching her life.

The letter nominating her began, "There is a generosity of spirit that is not taught, that comes easily, that is an endowment to the community at large by a woman with a limitless dedication to providing gifts of purpose and kindness." The accolades continued, "While most people count their days in minutes and appointments, Mindy's schedule is measured in the number of people she can help. She exemplifies the kind of community and social awareness that inspires others."

*Source: Great Neck Record, May 14, 2017*

# Israel On Our Minds

## Yom Hazikaron / Yom Ha'Atzmaut Review

On the first Monday in May, sixty of us gathered to pray for the souls of Israeli soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our homeland and Israeli citizens who have died in terror attacks. We were moved to tears by a music video by the Miami Boys Choir entitled **Daddy Come Home!** We lit a candle, the Cantor recited Eil Malei Rachamim and we all said Kaddish, as we felt the true emotions of Yom HaZikaron, Israeli Memorial Day. As the sun began to set, we davened Maariv as a transition from Yom HaZikaron to Yom Ha-Atzmaut, Israeli Independence Day. Our Yom HaAtmaut celebration began with a video produced by Nefesh b'Nefesh that highlighted the amazing realities of the modern miracle of the State of Israel. The video concluded with a resounding Am Yisrael Chai, the People of Israel Live and we broke into song. Before we went into the ballroom for an Israeli supper, Israeli dancing and a grand celebration, we stood to sing HaTikvah, Israel's national anthem. It was a transformative evening with a range of emotions.

### The Hope

As long as within our hearts,  
The Jewish soul sings.  
As long as forward to the East,  
To Zion, looks the eye  
Our hope is not yet lost,  
the hope that has lasted  
for two thousand years,  
To be a free people in our land,  
the land of Zion and Jerusalem.



### HaTikvah

Kol Od Balevav, P'nimah  
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Od Lo Avda Tikvateinu  
Hatikva Bat Shnot Alpayim  
Li-h'yot Am Chofshi B'Artzeinu  
Eretz Tzion Vi-rushalayim

## Israel Bonds

On Sunday, May 7th was our annual Israel Bond Breakfast. We were treated to a mesmerizing presentation by Stephen Flatow a lawyer from New Jersey who lost his 24 year old daughter Alisa when a terrorist bombed the bus she was on in Gaza 22 years ago.

We are very proud of the following people who have invested a total of \$130,000 in the State of Israel with the purchase of Israel Bonds as of May 23, 2017.



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**In Honor of the 3rd Annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day that is on June 2 we have reprinted the following article that originally appeared in the July 18, 2016 edition of the Forward**

## **Channeling The Power of Faith to End Gun Violence**

by Eileen Soffer and Rabbi Menachem Creditor

Rabbis are part of a growing group of American Faith Leaders who have witnessed with anguish our communities being devastated by suicides, homicides, unintentional shootings, and mass shootings. We have consoled families and buried their loved ones. We have seen how the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our society are disproportionately affected by gun killings. And we have watched in disbelief as our elected officials callously and cravenly fail to enact even the most basic legislative reforms to curb the ongoing gun violence epidemic.

We know that it's already too late for too many; but, as Jewish tradition teaches: If we are only for ourselves, who are we? And, if not now, when?"□

The great Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel once wrote, "When I see an act of evil, I'm not accommodated. I don't accommodate myself to the violence that goes on. We must learn how to be surprised. Not to adjust ourselves."

Our book, *Not By Might: Channeling The Power of Faith to End Gun Violence* gives voice to our "surprise" and our refusal to "accommodate" or "adjust."□ Each of the sixty-two contributing writers felt compelled to cry out—in poetry or prose, prayer or reflection—against the evil of gun violence. As Rabbis and Jewish activists, we are staking our claim in calling out the American gun fetish as a form of idolatry that values unfettered access to guns over the sanctity of human life. We believe every person is an image of the Divine and each death diminishes us all. Our history has taught us that the opposite of evil is indifference and that we are all responsible. We refuse to stand idly by the blood of our sisters and brothers. In the most heartbreaking of ways, their blood cries out to us from the ground.

We hear the cry of 18-year-old Teshawn Samuel, who was walking around his Brooklyn neighborhood, handing out invitations for his daughter's birthday party, when four gunman shot him a total of seventeen times. *Firearm homicide is the leading cause of death for black males ages 15-34.*

We hear the cry of Ebony Spann Parson shot and killed by her abusive boyfriend who, in spite of arrests and convictions for domestic violence, was legally able to own a firearm. *Every 16 hours in our country, a woman is shot to death by her intimate partner.*

We hear the cry of Angela who checked into a hotel alone, put a gun in her mouth and ended her life. Despite her hospitalizations and well-documented history of mental illness as well as the fact that her family knew she was a danger to herself, she was legally able to purchase a gun. Suicides account for about two-thirds of all gun death in the U.S. Each day, some fourteen veterans kill themselves using a gun.

We hear the cry of 2-year-old Sha'Quille Kornegay who, while napping in bed with her father, discovered his handgun under his pillow and shot herself in the head. *Somewhere between 62-100 kids are killed in unintentional shootings each year. More than two million American children live in homes with unsecured guns, and 1.7 million live in homes with guns that are both loaded and unlocked.*

We hear the cries from Orlando, Charleston, San Bernardino, Dallas, UC Santa Barbara, Newtown, Aurora, Tucson, Baton Rouge, Seattle, Virginia Tech, and Columbine...

The writings in *Not By Might* are born of great pain, but not defeat. Far from it! They are a clarion call to action. Indeed, Judaism demands that we work for the welfare of society, doing everything in our power to save lives. With 90 Americans killed every day by guns, with 7 of those being children or teens, we know we can we must do better. We are committed to educating and advocating for positive, achievable solutions that will save lives and make our communities safer. We are dedicated to combating the fear and misinformation spread by those who profit from gun sales without regard to the damage they are inflicting - the lives stolen and shattered. The outpouring of reflections from Jewish leaders collected in *Not By Might* demonstrates the profound sense that Jewish tradition demands we respond to gun violence and that the American Faith Community stands on the side of preserving life and enacting common sense gun reforms.

*Not by Might: Channeling the Power of Faith to End Gun Violence* (244p, \$16.95) is available on amazon.com.

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**&**

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	<b>May 29</b> Memorial Day  Interfaith Memorial Day Service 10 am The Community Church of Little Neck  <b>Office is Closed</b>	<b>May 30</b> <i>Erev Shavuot</i>  Mincha/Maariv 8:00 pm Shavuot Study 8:30 pm	<b>May 31</b> <i>Shavuot Day 1</i>  Shacharit Service 9:30 am Mincha/Maariv 8:00 pm Yizkor Service 8:30 pm  <b>Office is Closed</b>	<b>1</b> <i>Shavuot Day 2</i>  Shacharit Service 9:30 am Yizkor Service 11:45 am  <b>Office is Closed</b>	<b>2</b>  Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Candle Lighting 8:03 pm	<b>3</b> Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am  <b>Graduates Honored</b>
<b>4</b> Morning Minyan 8:45 am  <b>Celebrate Israel Parade</b> 10:30 am <i>Assembling on W. 55th Street between 5 &amp; 6 Ave.</i>	<b>5</b>  Ethics of the Fathers 7:00 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Wednesdays with the Rabbi 11:00 am  Yom HaShoah Committee Meeting At Marathon JCC 8:00 pm  Conversational Hebrew 8:00 pm	<b>8</b> Intermediate Hebrew 10:00 am  <b>Woman of Achievement Dinner Gala</b> 5:45 pm At Shelter Rock JC	<b>9</b>  Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Candle Lighting 8:07 pm	<b>10</b> Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am  <b>Honoring: Rhoda and Sam Fleisher</b>
<b>11</b> Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am	<b>12</b>  Ethics of the Fathers 7:00 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Wednesdays with the Rabbi 11:00 am  Conversational Hebrew 8:00 pm	<b>15</b> Intermediate Hebrew 10:00 am	<b>16</b>  Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 pm  Birthdays and Anniversaries Are Celebrated Candle Lighting 8:10 pm	<b>17</b> <b>Shabbat Morning Experience</b> 9:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Shacharit 10:30 am Torah Service 11:15 am Musaph Service 12:00 pm Kiddush/Lunch  <b>Shabbat Afternoon Games</b> 1pm to 4pm
<b>18</b> Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am  <b>Father's Day</b>	<b>19</b>  Board Meeting 8:00 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Wednesdays with the Rabbi 11:00 am  Membership Committee Meeting 8:00 pm	<b>22</b> Intermediate Hebrew 10:00 am	<b>23</b>  Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Candle Lighting 8:12 pm	<b>24</b> Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am  <b>Honoring: Marjorie Goldstein</b>  <b>Rosh Chodesh</b>
<b>25</b> Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am  <b>Rosh Chodesh</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Wednesdays with the Rabbi 11:00 am	<b>29</b> Intermediate Hebrew 10:00 am	<b>30</b>  Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Candle Lighting 8:12 pm	