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Flyer: Home Chanukah Guide

Meet Our Members!

Saturday, December 9
Following Services
During Kiddush



Ann Lesser

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Congregation L'Dor V'Dor

Oakland Little Neck Jewish Center

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Little Neck, NY 11362

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Two Great Chanukah Celebrations!



You are Invited
to a special
Shabbat evening with a
**Chinese Shabbat
Chanukah Dinner**



Friday, December 15
at 7:30 p.m.

Following our
Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Adults \$25.00/pp
Children Ages 7-12 \$15.00/pp
Children 6 years
and under are free

RSVP by Friday, December 8

Join us as we host
**Individuals With
Developmental
Disabilities and
Their Families**



To Celebrate
**The Last Night
of Chanukah**

Tuesday, December 19
at 5:30 pm

Candle Lighting
A Light Supper With Latkes
Live Music:
Shirat HaLev Musical Duo
Games, Laughter and Friendship

In partnership with the
Samuel Field Y, As One Community,
we will celebrate together.

Co-sponsored by Sisterhood
and Men's Club

RSVP by Tuesday, December 12

From The Rabbi



This month, we will be celebrating the eight day festival of Chanukah beginning on Tuesday night, December 12. On the first night, we recite three blessings and on each of the subsequent nights we recite two blessings when we light the candles. The blessings help us to articulate the following ideas:

We are grateful to God for

- **Having opportunities in our lives, by fulfilling God's commandments, to make our lives holy. To be holy is to be unique as partners with God to bring goodness into the world.**
- **The occurrence of miraculous events throughout Jewish history and in our own time as well.**
- **The gifts of life, strength and the opportunity to experience the present.**

It is a requirement that the candles be placed in a window that faces the street so that those who pass by will see the candles burning. This is because the purpose of lighting the candles is to publicize to the world that God's presence in the life of the Jewish people has enabled and continues to enable miraculous things to happen. A miracle is something that happens against all odds.

For the vast majority of people who celebrate Chanukah it is a holiday of :

Latkes, Presents, Candles, Spinning the Dreidel, Getting Together With Friends and Family

As is the case with every holiday, whether it is a Jewish holiday or an American holiday, it is possible that the reason for the holiday being on the calendar can be forgotten. Holidays are created so that significant events or significant people will not only be remembered but will continue to have an impact upon the identity of all future generations.

The purpose of celebrating Chanukah this year and every year is to remind us, and all around us, of the victory of the Maccabees against the Syrian Greeks as well as those members of the Jewish community who sympathized with the Syrian Greeks. The Syrian Greeks had taken over the land of the Jewish people and decreed that if the Jews were to remain in the land they had to abandon their unique identity and adopt the Syrian Greek identity. That meant that observing Shabbat and the laws of Kashrut were prohibited as was the speaking of Hebrew, the study of Torah and the circumcision of boys on the eighth day of life. Participating in these Jewish activities was punishable by death. The victory of the Maccabees was a victory for the right to be different. It was a victory that represented the pride, strength and conviction that enabled our ancestors to stand up and fight for that in which they believed. It was a victory for the idea that there is something that is greater than humanity that can guide us to promote peace, harmony, love and compassion. It was a victory for the right to live life in such a way that we "do not do unto others what we do not want them to do to us."

As we anticipate the Festival of Chanukah this year and we plan our special celebrations, let us remember why this holiday was put on the calendar and may it be a holiday when we celebrate our freedom to be Jewish that has been secured for us by those who have gone before us and a holiday on which we embrace our Jewish identity and take pride in our Jewish way of life that is meant to bring goodness to our world.

Rabbi Gordon Yaffe

December Schedule of Services



Fri., Dec. 1	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 2	Shabbat Morning Service Honoring Rabbi Abraham Eckstein	9:00 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 3	Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.
Fri., Dec. 8	Shabbat Evening Service Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated	8:00 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 9	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.
	Meet Our Members: Ann Lesser during Kiddush	12:30 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 10	Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.
Fri., Dec. 15	Kabbalat Shabbat Service Chinese Shabbat Chanukah Dinner	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 16	Shabbat Morning Service Shabbat Chatan: Judy Samuels and Avi Gazit	9:00 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 17	Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.
Fri., Dec. 22	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 23	Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 24	Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.
Fri., Dec. 29	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 30	Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 31	Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.

Shabbat Candle Lighting

December 1	4:11 p.m.
December 8	4:10 p.m.
December 15	4:11 p.m.
December 22	4:14 p.m.
December 29	4:19 p.m.





From Your President

By Steve Aronowitz

It's only a once-a-year event but, for me, it's certainly worth the wait and if you were fortunate enough to be in attendance at the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service, I am pretty sure you left the synagogue feeling good about where we live.

The well-attended event, which moves from one House of Worship to another each year, highlights the beauty of our community. Interspersed with music, readings and addresses by local spiritual leaders, the theme of the program was "joining together."

"There is great value in understanding that religion and religious differences don't divide us from very basic and human spiritual imperatives we have, one of which is Thanksgiving," explained Pastor Forrest Parkinson of the Community Church of Little Neck.

Pastor Forrest was joined by his wife, Pastor Moira Parkinson, who confirmed, "We are part of a greater community, an expression of God's will and province." The Pastor continued, "It's the highlight of my year...it means so much to see the diversity in people coming together for the common good of our community. I can't think of a higher purpose...to care for our neighbors."

Thanksgiving is a food-centered holiday for many; taking a few minutes to celebrate what we have together brings meaning to the day.

Our own Cantor Josh Shron, led the audience in a Hebrew song of Thanksgiving and Rabbi Gary Greene of Marathon Jewish Community Center, offered a Jewish interpretation of scripture, which concluded the evening.

"Each of us typically lives in our own bubble, often oblivious to various aspects of the world around us," commented Cantor Shron. "But when you open your eyes, you discover that we all share so much in common. For me personally, this service is always eye-opening, inspiring, interesting and educational," he continued. "Everyone who attends always feels thankful that they came."

I encourage you to arrange your schedule to attend next year. It is a moving experience.



From Your Co-Vice President of Membership

By Karen Popowsky

On Saturday, November 11, 2017, Congregation L'Dor V'Dor celebrated MEMBERSHIP! The congregation welcomed 9 new families to its roll, recognized member veterans of the military of the United States of America and warmly celebrated ALL members of this synagogue.

This was the second time that our synagogue has selected a Shabbat as a time to celebrate our membership and welcome our new members. Our sanctuary was filled with congregants and one could feel the "hum" of their prayers, vibrancy of conversation and joy of the day. We recognized our new members with honors and gifts from our Sisterhood Gift Shop.

Our military veterans, Bernie Cohen, Lenny Goldstein, Harry Junger, Ron Kasman, Merrill Rosen, Paul Stein and Irwin Wolf were proudly thanked for their service to the USA on Veterans Day and our loyal members joined in the celebratory atmosphere in the sanctuary. Services were followed by a splendid kiddush that was co-sponsored by Hayim and Yone Biton.

Congregation L'Dor V'Dor welcomes Michael and Renee Feld and their family, Elaine and Alvin Fried, Barry Gold, Felice Katz, Susan and Charles Mandelbaum, Myra Sutin, Ron Ullmann, Lillian Weiss and Wendy Yasgur!

The Membership Committee: Eileen Baker, Hayim Biton, Elaine Fleischman, Lenny Goldstein, Marjorie Goldstein, Joan Kase, Karen Popowsky, Mindy Rosenfeld, Harriet Spilkevitz, Debbie Stoll, Robert Stoll, Nina Wolf, Carrie Yaffe and Rabbi Gordon Yaffe would like to thank the following people for contributing to this special Shabbat: Nathan Tamari, Ann Hoffer, Mark Hoffer, Cantor Josh Shron, Audi Acevedo, Juan Carlos Agudelo, Fernando Ramos and Jason Robinson.

Let's celebrate our members everyday. It's personal!



Message From The Cantor



You all know the Chanukah story of Judah Maccabee...but do you know the tale of Yehudit (Judith)? Here is her (abridged) story, from aish.com:

A Greek commander led his army to put down a revolt that was beginning in Jerusalem. The Greek forces encamped around the walls of the city and began a protracted siege. Though Jerusalem was a well-fortified city, the relentless siege by a superior army began to exact a great toll on the citizens of the city. A widow named Yehudit left the city and requested an audience with the commander. Her plan was to seduce him and then to kill him.

Her plan succeeded. The commander gave a feast in honor of Yehudit and he became quite drunk. That night the commander and Yehudit retired to his private tent where he soon fell into a deep sleep. While he was asleep Yehudit took his sword and decapitated him.

Yehudit then brought the commander's head back to Jerusalem where it was hung on the city walls for everyone to see. The Jews were inspired by the daring heroism of Yehudit, and the Greek forces retreated. It was a key turning point in the Jewish revolt against the Greeks.

The moral of the story? **Behind every successful man is a great woman.**

Regular readers of my *Temple Talk* column know how much I like sharing personal stories. Heck, with five children and lots of drama at home, I certainly have plenty of material!

But rarely do I use these pages to express my gratitude and admiration for my partner in crime, parenting, housekeeping, bookkeeping, education, celebration, and plain old common sense...my beautiful wife, Mairov.

And since I have a soapbox, and it's our 20th anniversary this month...indulge me in the following self-serving, brownie-points-scoring message.

It was 20 years ago, on the third night of Chanukah (which coincided with Christmas day that year), that Mairov and I stood beneath the chuppah and began our life together as husband and wife. Since then, it's certainly been a wild ride. Like most couples, we've certainly had our ups and downs but throughout it all, our religious practice has been a constant in our home and in our lives.

Mairov has always ensured that Shabbat and holidays are special times in our home. From the hours spent in the kitchen on Thursday nights to the delicious matza ball soup that awaits us nearly every Friday night to the incredible challot she bakes almost every week...her culinary talents enhance our Shabbat meals in the most wonderful ways. Her devotion to Judaism and to our family goes much deeper...from lovingly blessing our kids every Friday evening to walking with them to the synagogue on Shabbat morning and so much more.

Over the past several years, she often performs these rituals as a "single parent" on weekends that I am working in Little Neck. Spending Shabbat alone with five crazy kids over 25 hours with no cars, TV or internet is not an easy task; yet Mairov capably and confidently performs it week after week with grace, love and patience, ensuring that our children embrace Shabbat and its rituals with joy and appreciation – and ensuring that, God willing, our children will happily pass these traditions on to their own children someday.

For many, many reasons, Mairov is – and always will be – my "woman of valor" but I am especially impressed and enamored by her sincere commitment to Jewish tradition and ritual in our home.

(Uh, oh, you may be thinking, what did the cantor do wrong to inspire him to write such a loving dedication to his wife in such a public forum? As of press time, absolutely nothing – as far as I'm aware. No, she's not standing over my shoulder as I'm writing this, but on the occasion of our 20th anniversary, I look at my bride with love, admiration and appreciation...and during this upcoming holiday of miracles, I still consider it a miracle that I ended up with such a remarkable woman.)

Happy Anniversary, Mairov. Happy Chanukah to one and all.



HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Gillian Berkowitz | 15 Samantha Biton |
| 1 Caryn Poll | 15 Alix Gelfand |
| 1 Eric Poll | 15 Andrew Gelfand |
| 1 Diane Stein | 15 Harold Lamkay |
| 2 Bruce Adams | 15 Robert Weibman |
| 4 Martin Marks | 16 Geraldine Major |
| 5 Dale Herman | 17 Steven Faber |
| 5 Judy Samuels | 17 Julie Grusd |
| 6 Beth Heitner | 17 Noah Levine |
| 7 Alexandra Ross | 18 Judith Belfor |
| 8 Wendy Yasgur | 18 Saul Brokowsky |
| 9 Seth Berkowitz | 18 Patti Unger |
| 9 Esta Heitner | 19 Warren Shapiro |
| 9 Karen Hodes | 20 Jason Fried |
| 9 Stacy Hoffman | 20 Louis Litvin |
| 9 Dawn Singer | 20 Paul Stein |
| 10 Mark Berlinsky | 21 Tracy Berlinsky |
| 10 Leonard Katz | 23 Ann Baum |
| 11 Jeffrey Fein | 23 David Goldstein |
| 12 Daniel Glaser | 23 Mark Rosinsky |
| 13 Lee Charles | 24 Marisa Roberts |
| 13 Gladys Kefkowitz | 26 Paul Jason |
| 13 Robert Stern | 26 Michelle Neiderman |
| 14 Tina Anchin | 27 Phyllis Budne |
| 14 Alyce Drabkin | 28 Marian Hirschler |
| 14 Amy Kahaner | 31 Samantha Greben |
| 14 Laura Lamkay | 31 Liza Kind |
| 14 Shirley Meyer | 31 Terry Makover |
| 14 Lawrence Weibman | |



HAPPY DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Laura and Amos Weinberg
- 12 Mickey and Charles Feldberg
- 13 Annie and Ira Sanders
- 13 Lisa and Shahar B. Tamari
- 17 Dorothy and Arnold Honig
- 18 Nancy and Bob Cohen
- 19 Amy and Kenneth Kahaner
- 19 Alana and Ronald Lemkin
- 22 Eileen and Bernard Gellman
- 22 Gail and Charles Wayne
- 23 Helene and David Berkowitz
- 23 Esther and Donald Forman
- 23 Sheila and Carl Mittler
- 23 Suanne and Jeffrey Yeres
- 25 Mairov and Joshua Shron
- 26 Laura and Harry Junger
- 30 Linda and Isaac Schlosser



Celebrate Your December
Birthday or Anniversary

by receiving a special blessing
at Shabbat Evening Services

Friday, December 8 at 8:00 p.m.



December Highlights

Shabbat Morning Experience Saturday, December 9, 2017

- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast & Learning
- 10:00 a.m. Shacharit
w/Heicha Kedushah
- 10:30 a.m. Torah Service
- 11:15 a.m. Musaph
- 12:00 p.m. Kiddush & Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Meet Our Members

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Shabbat Morning Services Saturday, December 16 at 9:00 a.m.



We Celebrate Together With
The Samuels and
Gazit Families

The Shabbat Chatan of Judy Samuels & Avi Gazit

Following Services,
we gather together
in the ballroom for a
special kiddush/lunch sponsored
by Judy Samuels and Avi Gazit.

קול ששון, וקול שמחה,
קול חתן וקול בלה,
קול מצהלות חתנים מקפצתם,

Sisterhood Invites You! Saturday, January 6, 2018 3:30 p.m.



The Women of the
Congregation L'Dor V'Dor
Sisterhood

Will lead us in prayer, read from the
Torah and enlighten us with a D'var Torah.

Following Mincha, we will enjoy a third Shabbat meal and
then conclude with Maariv and Havdalah.

Both men and women are encouraged to attend!



Rabbi Gordon Yaffe
will deliver the sermon

Interfaith Fellowship Service

Bringing Black and Jewish
Communities Together

Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

St. John's Baptist Church
1025 Prospect Avenue, Westbury, NY

Please R.S.V.P.

Call the synagogue office to let us know that you will be attending this service and supporting Rabbi Yaffe in this effort to build bridges, encourage hope and embrace the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Review on Remembering Kristallnacht By Ellen Charlop and George Klein

On Sunday, November 5, our third annual Kristallnacht community gathering was held at Temple Torah. Members of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor, Marathon Jewish Center and Temple Torah joined together and listened intently as Mr. Herb Cooper, an eyewitness of Kristallnacht, proceeded to tell his story. He eloquently described his life as a young boy growing up in Vienna in 1939, and how quickly things began to change. He spoke of suddenly being prohibited from attending his school, being expelled from the soccer team, and recalled how friends who he had known suddenly treated him like a stranger. Herb also spoke about how his father was arrested and his Shul was burning, but no one did anything to put the fire out. Once the Germans marched into Vienna things were never the same. It was only by acquiring a visa early and being sponsored by an uncle who lived in the US, that he and his family were able to escape. If they had they been detained any longer, they would not have been able to leave. Mr. Cooper became a space engineer and was instrumental in putting the LEM on the moon. It is still there to this day.



Mr. Kenneth Jacobson of the Anti Defamation League spoke about current anti-Semitic issues, the reasons leading up to them and ways to respond. We then proceeded to plant 360 daffodils in front of Temple Torah as part of the Daffodil Project whose goal is to commemorate the 1.5 million children lost in the Holocaust. When the flowers bloom in the spring they will bring color, light and hope.



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Effects of the Proposed Changes In the Tax Laws on Charities

By Stanley Wirthheim

I want to preface this article by saying that the opinions represented herein are strictly my own.

We are possibly about to see the greatest change in our tax laws since 1986. Regardless of anyone's political thought process, the passage of either the Congress's or Senate's version of the tax bill or even some compromised version, will have a tremendous impact on residents of states that are predominately blue.

If passed, the value of your deductions will be greatly diminished if not completely eliminated. There will be a reduction in or complete elimination of the deduction for state and local income taxes and/or a limit on the amount of real estate taxes and mortgage interest that you can deduct. For those people with second homes there will be no deduction for either mortgage interest or real estate taxes.

This will also lower the value of your charitable deductions as you may not be able to itemize them. In general, this will probably affect the overall amount that people donate to charities. That alone could have severe implications for not only charities such as United Way and The Red Cross, but social service agencies such as UJA.

As important, our religious institutions may be seriously hurt. Therefore, I am encouraging you to consider paying the balance of your 2017-18 dues and pledges before year end. If you have any intent of making any sort of charitable donation to the synagogue it will probably have more value in 2017 than 2018.

Please mark your calendar for
Yom HaShoah which will take place on
Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 10:30 am at Temple Torah

Yasher Koach

The Community Holocaust Remembrance Committee: **Abe Dyzenhaus, Ted Goodman, Rabbi Gary Greene, Sandy Lorber, Peter Reinharz, Gerry Rubin, Elsie Schneiderman, Edith Schwarz, Rabbi Eli Shifrin, Shirley Silberstein, Charles Wayne and Rabbi Gordon Yaffe.**

Co-Chairs: **Ellen Charlop, Abe Dyzenhaus and George Klein. Sydney Feld** for videotaping; **Lisa Pollack** for photographing and publishing of the program pamphlet, **Temple Torah, their office staff and custodians.**



Congratulations Eye Glass Donors!

Congregation L'Dor V'Dor has made its first delivery to Walmart Vision in Valley Stream. They collect the used glasses for the Lion's Club, who in turn refurbishes the glasses to send overseas for those people in desperate need of your unwanted eye glasses. Our work is not done, please keep looking through those closets, pockets and drawers. Please keep asking friends, relatives and co-workers if they want to and should discard those unwanted glasses. It's an easy way to make a difference in someone's life.

Thank You,
Elaine Fleischman

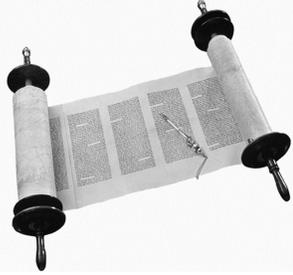
P.S. Don't forget to discard those old cell phones, tablets and iPads and deposit them in their proper receptacle at Congregation L'Dor V'Dor.

Refer to page 8 for the information on all the organizations.

Adult Education

פרשת השבוע

Weekly Torah Portion



a new
interactive class
with Cantor Shron

Ready to study the weekly *parsha* like never before?

Ready to make Torah come alive?

Join us each week for engaging videos, fascinating insights, lively discussions and good company. You'll come away with a new appreciation for the words and the nuances of our most sacred texts!

Mondays 7-8 pm

December 4, 11 & 18

Contact: cantor@olnjc.org

Torah and Our Lives

With

Rabbi Gordon Yaffe



On Wednesdays

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

Conversational Hebrew

With

Cantor Joshua Shron



On Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.

December 6, 13 & 20

Conversations
WITH THE CANTOR 

KOSHER Conversations For High Schoolers

Our flagship teen program,
now at various Kosher establishments
throughout the area!

Monday, December 4 at 8:15 p.m.

At Grill Time

90 Middle Neck Rd, Great Neck, NY

Conversations (& Current Events) For Adults

Grab a cup of coffee,
schmooze with friends and
discuss news in Israel & the Jewish world.

Monday, December 18 at 8:15 p.m.

Place TBD

Contact: cantor@olnjc.org
for further details!

Sisterhood Book Club



**Thursday, January 11, 2018
at Elane Berk's Home at 7:30 p.m.**

The next book club meeting will be on January 11th, Thursday evening at 7:30 PM at the home of our esteemed hostess, Elane Berk. We will be discussing "The Stars Are Fire" by the New York Times best-selling author, Anita Shreve.

This is a suspenseful new novel about an extraordinary young woman tested by a catastrophic event and its devastating aftermath. It is based on a true story in October 1947 after a summer long drought. A huge fire was out of control going along the coast of Maine. Grace was left alone to protect her two toddlers when her husband Gene joined the volunteer firefighters. After watching her house burn down to the ground during the night, the next morning she finds her life forever changed: homeless, penniless, unaware of her husband's fate and left to face an uncertain future of a town that no longer exists. Then the unthinkable happens.....join us for this exciting evening.

Please contact Harriet at hspilk818@aol.com if you have any questions.

Mitzvot Opportunities!



**We are
Collecting**



Used Eyeglasses, Cell Phones and Tablets

Synagogue member, Elaine Fleischman has volunteered to help us to help others by collecting used eyeglasses and cell phones. Please bring in your cell phones, tablets and recyclable eyeglasses to the synagogue. There will be receptacles in the lobby for your items. We will be delivering these items to the following organizations:

Secure The Call Recycling Phones For A Safer Community

Secure the Call is a charity with a single mission; to collect and convert as many old cell phones as possible into 911 emergency access phones. This is done on a national basis, with collections and distributions going on in most states.

Mission of the Cell Phones For Soldiers Providing Cost Free Communication Services

A national non-profit organization dedicated to providing cost-free communication services, devices and emergency funding to active-duty military members and veterans. Founded in 2004 by two middle school students, siblings Robbie & Brittany Bergquist, Cell Phones for Soldiers has provided more than 300 million minutes of free air time to veterans and military men and women serving around the globe. Cell Phones For Soldiers' charitable mission is fueled through generous monetary contributions and the recycling of mobile devices. Donations of newer or gently-used cell phones and tablets from all wireless carriers and brands are accepted.

Mission of the Lions Clubs International Lions Recycle for Sight LCI Eyeglass Collection

Throughout the year, Lions, Leos and other volunteers collect used eyeglasses and deliver them to regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers (LERCs). LERC volunteers clean, sort by prescription strength and package the glasses. Recycled glasses are distributed to people in need in low and middle income communities where they will have the greatest impact. Donate glasses and change someone's life. Imagine if you could help a child read. An adult succeed in his job. A senior maintain her independence. And provide a community with more opportunities to grow and thrive.

Mission of the Pull-Tab Program Ronald McDonald House of Long Island



Synagogue members Nadine and Gene Rattien have been involved in this fundraising effort with Ronald McDonald House for several years. We encourage the synagogue community to get involved in this opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of so many families. Please bring your pull-tabs from your beverage and food cans into the synagogue office for collection. You will find an orange receptacle in the lobby for your pull-tabs.

What is a Pull-Tab? A pull-tab is the piece of metal that opens aluminum cans. Like the can, the pull tab is able to be recycled. It is a small piece, yet a valuable piece.

Why Collect Pull-Tabs? Collecting Pull-tabs is an easy way to recycle and is a task that people of all ages can do. The money raised from the scrap metal, determined by the weight of the tabs and the current price per pound, is used for the direct operations of the Ronald McDonald House. This helps the seriously ill children and their families who stay there as a home-away-from home during necessary medical treatments. Saving the tab is a simple and clean way of recycling and helping an important cause.

We Are Collecting

Whole Foods



Trader Joe's

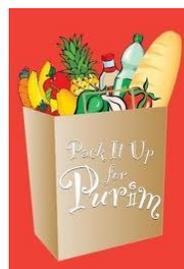
Paper Shopping Bags

As part of our Annual Pack it Up For Purim Project.

As part of our celebration of Purim, we will be sharing our blessings with 40 Jewish families in need who live in our neighborhood by giving them bags full of goodies and essentials.

Here is how you can be part of this project that will bring you and members of our community greater joy as we celebrate Purim this year.

- Help with the Pack It Up For Purim mailing on Monday, January 8 at 10 a.m.
- Join the Hamantaschen Baking Crew on Sunday, January 21 at 10:30 a.m. to create the Hamantaschen for the bags and for our community celebration of Purim.
- Be a part of the team to pack the bags with all of the goodies and essentials on Sunday, February 11 at 10:30 a.m.
- Volunteer to visit two or three of the families and personally deliver the Purim bags on a mutually convenient day and time.
- Celebrate Purim by dressing in costume and coming to synagogue to hear the reading of the Megillah on Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m.



Please call Joan Kase at 718-224-8759 or Stacey Gottlieb at 917-771-0562 to let us know that we can count on you to help make this year's Pack It Up For Purim successful.

Reflections On A Three Week Journey To Israel As A Volunteer

by Elaine Fleischman

This fall, I traveled to Israel for three weeks as a volunteer. It was the best volunteer experience since I began doing this kind of trip.

Skilled Volunteers, the program in which I participated, was efficient, caring and very supportive. I was assigned to Melabev, a memory center for English speaking Dementia and Alzheimer's patients. It was there that I taught Tai Chi in an abbreviated form that required altering the moves to fit the abilities of the students. It was a tremendous challenge, but worth all the energy that was required. Every class was unique and the clients were quite responsive in his or her own way. The staff was delighted, very pleased with each class and when they could they joined the class as participants. It was enormously gratifying to observe the clients' reaction while following me during the class. Although most did not remember anything the following day, for the 40 minutes, they were totally engaged and very happy.

The second center was a Hebrew speaking Senior Center, Moadon Avivim where I taught Tai Chi and engaged the seniors in a knitting project to create Twiddle Muffs. Google "Twiddle Muffs" to learn all about this unique project that greatly benefits those with Alzheimer's and Dementia. Fifteen women were involved and they were able to produce 4 muffs which we then took to Melabev where they were presented to several clients. It was a huge success. The knitters felt they had made a difference for the clients, the recipients loved the muffs. It was a win-win situation for everyone.

I stayed at an Air B&B in Abu Tor, a successful neighborhood that included Israelis and Arabs. It was within walking distance of both work sites and the Old City. Although I could use the buses, I chose to walk each day. I did take a bus to the Old City because it was all uphill, both going and coming (joking).

The couple that I stayed with were excellent hosts. They hosted a Friday Night Shabbat dinner every week with friends and some paying guests that wanted to experience a Shabbat dinner with an Israeli family.

I walked through the German Colony. I took leisurely walks through the Old City and on a beautifully groomed trail 4 blocks from my residence, where I was able to practice my Tai Chi overlooking the Dome of the Rock and the Old City.

I went to a concert honoring Shlomo Carlbach on the anniversary of his death. It was so moving to listen to his music and to watch the observant men dance to honor Hashem. Many of the people attending were very familiar with his teaching and music.

I went to services at a local community center where I had the pleasure of being invited to a Shabbat luncheon, at which I met Peter, who had been at another Saturday luncheon at a friend's house. Whether it was a learning session or a Friday night service, it seemed as if I met people wherever I went in Jerusalem.

It was truly a memorable 3 weeks and I felt as if I were at home, with people who were inclusive, caring and very hospitable. I did miss my family and friends, but considering the circumstances I could not have asked for a better way to spend 3 weeks.

Now it's back to my routine with plans to go back again, sooner than later!

ISRAEL

IS CALLING YOU TO COME AND VISIT!

At the end of this month, we will be celebrating the new year, 2018. It is in this year, that the modern state of Israel will be celebrating her 70 year of independence. 70 years is a significant milestone and Congregation L'Dor V'Dor has planned a very special trip in honor of this occasion.

WE NEED YOU TO HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN!

PLEASE JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 AT 7:30 P.M.

FOR THE FINAL PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ABOUT OUR CONGREGATIONAL TRIP TO ISRAEL FROM MAY 30 TO JUNE 12

PLEASE R.S.V.P.
TO THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE
718.224.0404
TO LET US KNOW THAT YOU
WILL BE COMING.

General Donations

In appreciation for the honor of the second Aliyah at the new membership Shabbat celebration

by Myra Sutin

In Memory of:

Merrie Kasoff, beloved daughter of Natalie and Andrew Levin
by Harriet Spilkevitz

In Honor of:

Rabbi Gordon Yaffe, Cantor Joshua Shron

The Synagogue Office Staff and Custodians

by Judith and Jan Tomasik

Nina Wolf's mother, Helen F. Stein's celebration of her 104th Birthday

by Nadine and Gene Rattien

The birth of Harriet and Richard Spivack's granddaughter,

Eleanor Beth Gottesman

by Nadine and Gene Rattien

The birth of Tina and Marvin Anchin's granddaughter,

Adeline Ruby Selove Anchin

by Nadine and Gene Rattien

Judy Samuels engagement to Avi Gazit

by Nadine and Gene Rattien

by Elaine Fleischman

Rabbi Abraham Eckstein's 60 years in the Rabbinat serving the

American Jewish Community

by Phyllis Alperstein

by Rhoda and Sam Fleisher

Get Well Wishes:

To Peter Ross for a full and speedy recovery

by Nadine and Gene Rattien

To Cantor Julian Raber for a full and speedy recovery

by Nadine and Gene Rattien

To Esther Forman for a full and speedy recovery

by Nadine and Gene Rattien

Sanctuary Card

Get Well Wishes to:

Esther Forman for a full and speedy recovery

by Ann Baum and Family

by Ilse Holz

In Memory of:

Marilyn Mines, beloved mother of Judy Mines

by Ann Baum and Family

Carole Mirkin, beloved wife and mother of Gary and Joshua Mirkin

by Phyllis Alperstein

by the Synagogue Staff

by Gale Kaplan

by Esther and Donald Forman

In Honor of:

Judy Samuels engagement to Avi Gazit

by Esther and Donald Forman

by Barbara Flamm

Torah Fund

In Honor of:

The birth of Harriet and Richard Spivack's granddaughter,

Eleanor Beth Gottesman

by Laura Greenblatt and Alan Fein

The birth of Tina and Marvin Anchin's granddaughter,

Adeline Ruby Selove Anchin

by Laura Greenblatt and Alan Fein

The birth of Jeri and Bernard Cohen's granddaughter,

Elliott Molly Cohen

by Laura Greenblatt and Alan Fein

Chumash

A Refuah Shleimah for a full and speedy recovery to Cantor Julian Raber

by Laura Greenblatt and Alan Fein

Mazel Tov and best wishes to Cantor Josh and Mairov Shron on the occasion of

their daughter Sela becoming a Bat Mitzvah

by Laura Greenblatt and Alan Fein

Heartfelt condolences to Gary Mirkin in memory of his beloved wife,

Carole Mirkin

by Laura Greenblatt and Alan Fein

Lillian Gitter by Ilene Cohen

Ann S. Rodin by Susan Rodin Rosenfeld

Rose Leder by Elyse Clair and Malvina Leder

Rose Leder by Malvina Leder and Family

Frieda Simon by Rhonda Simon and Family

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Harry Finkler by Geraldine Ostrov

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Louis Rabinowitz by Arlene and Franklin Osman



Baruch Dayan Emet



We mourn the loss of our member

Carole London Mirkin

and

We extend our condolences to

Gary Mirkin and his son, Joshua

On the loss of their beloved wife and mother

We extend our condolences to

Natalie and Andy Levin

On the loss of their beloved daughter

Merrie Kasoff

You Are Invited To The Next Meeting
Of The Little Neck/Douglaston
Community Interfaith
Action Committee

Tuesday, December 5th
at 7:00 p.m.

Hosted at
Congregation I'Dor V'Dor
49-10 Little Neck Pkwy, Little Neck, NY 11362

Meeting Agenda:

Follow-up to November 14th
anti-Gun Violence Workshop

Reports from our Sub Committees On:
Hate Crimes and
Pollution of our Environment

Discussion of recommendation to restructure
the meetings of our committee.

Join us as we continue to take action and respond
to the responsibility mandated by our
different religious traditions to bring
goodness, peace and harmony
into the world in which we live.

R.S.V.P.
Text or Call: 516-725-1906

Dear Rabbi,

My name is Debbie Junger Acosta, and I am the daughter of Harry Junger, and sister to Charles, and Robert. I met you at the unveiling of the stone of our dear friend, Alan Checín.

After the Holocaust and his time in the army, he came to America to follow his dreams. He had a wonderful marriage to his wife, Esther, he fulfilled the American dream and had his own business in Manhattan. He never had children of his own.

We thank and bless the people of Oakland Little Neck Jewish Center for being there for us during our time of need.

Many Many Thanks For Your Prayers,
Debbie Junger Acosta

We are looking for visual artists

from our synagogue community
to discuss their works or process
and exhibit some of their works.



An event called
"Our Artists"
will take place on
Sunday, October 21, 2018



If you are interested in being one of our artists,
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Dear Audi and Staff,

Many thanks for thinking of me and your donation to
the Sanctuary Fund. Hope to see you soon.

Fondly,
Esther Forman

The family of
Harriet Kasden

Wishes to express deep appreciation
and sincere thanks for your kind
expression of sympathy.

December 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 4:11 pm	2 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am Honoring Rabbi Abraham Eckstein
3 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am	4 Parshat HaShavua 7:00 pm Conversations with the Cantor for High Schoolers At Grill Time 8:15 pm	5 Interfaith Action Committee Meeting At Congregation L'Dor V'Dor 7:00 pm	6 Torah and Our Lives With Rabbi Yaffe 11:00 am Conversational Hebrew 8:00 pm	7 Intermediate Hebrew 10:00 am	8 Shabbat Evening Service 8:00 pm Birthdays and Anniversaries Are Celebrated Candle Lighting 4:10 pm	9 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 12:30 pm Meet the Members: Ann Lesser
10 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am	11 Parshat HaShavua 7:00 pm	12 Erev Chanukah <i>Light 1st Candle</i>	13 Torah and Our Lives With Rabbi Yaffe 11:00 am Conversational Hebrew 8:00 pm Chanukah Light 2nd Candle	14 Intermediate Hebrew 10:00 am Chanukah Light 3rd Candle	15 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Chinese Shabbat Chanukah Dinner 7:30 pm Candle Lighting 4:11 pm Chanukah Light 4th Candle	16 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am Shabbat Chatan: Judy Samuels and Avi Gazit Chanukah Light 5th Candle
17 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am Chanukah Light 6th Candle	18 Parshat HaShavua 7:00 pm Conversations with the Cantor for Adults 8:15 pm Board Meeting 8:00 pm Chanukah Light 7th Candle	19 Celebrating the Last Night of Chanukah with Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and their Families 5:30 pm Chanukah Light 8th Candle	20 Torah and Our Lives With Rabbi Yaffe 11:00 am Conversational Hebrew 8:00 pm	21	22 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 4:14 pm	23 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am
24 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am	25 Christmas Office Closed	26	27 Torah and Our Lives With Rabbi Yaffe 11:00 am	28 Intermediate Hebrew 10:00 am	29 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 4:19 pm	30 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am
31 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am New Year's Eve	January 1 New Year's Day Office Closed					

A Home Chanukah Guide

The first night of Chanukah is on Tuesday, December 12th. Here are some guidelines to help you with the lighting of the menorah.

1. Place the menorah on a window sill or near a window. The mitzvah associated with the lighting of the menorah is to publicly announce that a great miracle (the victory of the few against the many and the weak against the mighty) occurred in ancient days at this time of year.
2. Put the candles in the menorah from right to left and light them from left to right, always lighting the newest candle first.
3. The shamash candle, the one that is used to light the others, should be placed apart from the other candles.
4. On the first night one candle is lit with the shamash. On the second night, two candles are lit with the shamash. On the third night, three candles are lit with the shamash. This pattern is continued on each of the subsequent nights until on the eighth night, eight candles are lit with the shamash.
5. Recite the blessings first and then light the candles.
6. The sole function of the Chanukah candles is to advertise the miracle of the triumph of the few against the many. They may not be used for illumination or any other purpose.
7. On Erev Shabbat, the Chanukah candles should be lit before the Shabbat candles, but should burn for at least 1/2 hour after it gets dark. Therefore, longer burning Chanukah candles should be used on Erev Shabbat.

The following two blessings are recited each night of Chanukah:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.
Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam; asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Praised are you, Lord our God, King of the universe who gives us opportunities to bring holiness to our lives through the commandments and has given us the commandment to light the Chanukah candles.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם וּבְזִמַּן הַזֶּה.
Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, she-asah nissim lavoteinu ba-yamim ha-heim u-vazman ha-zeh.

Praised are you, Lord our God, King of the universe who accomplished miracles for our ancestors in ancient days and continues to do so in our time.

On the first night we also recite a third blessing:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֶחְיֵנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמַּן הַזֶּה.
Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, she-he-che-yanu, v'ki-y'manu, v'higi-anu, lazman ha-zeh.

Praised are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, for granting us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this day.

After lighting the candles we say:

These lights we kindle to recall the wondrous triumphs and the miraculous victories wrought through your holy *kohanim* for our ancestors in ancient days at this season. These lights are sacred through the eight days of Chanukah. We may not put them to ordinary use, but are to look upon them and thus be reminded to thank and praise You for the wondrous miracle of our deliverance.

Happy Chanukah! חַג אוֹרִים שִׂמְחָה!