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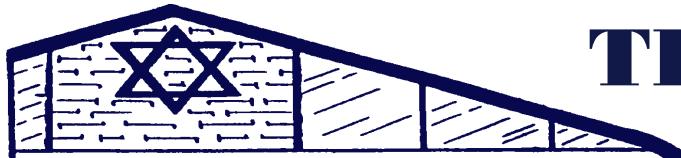


Feel the pain of historical suffering and emerge with courage and hope for the future that comes with understanding of the past.



Shabbabecue
Friday, July 27th
Enjoy a summer Shabbat

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Congregation L'Dor V'Dor
Oakland Little Neck Jewish Center
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To Our Newly Elected Officers & Trustees

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Guest Lecturer: Rabbi Shalom Hammer
Monday, July 16 @7:30 pm
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From The Rabbi



Tisha B'Av, the 9th day of the Hebrew month of Av, is the day on the Jewish calendar on which we mourn for all of the calamities that have afflicted the Jewish People throughout history. According to the Talmud in Tractate Taanit, the scouts, who were sent by Moses to determine a plan for the conquest of Canaan, gave their report on the 9th of Av. It was an ominous report and the response by our ancestors to this report demonstrated a complete lack of faith in God and God's promises to his people. Our ancestors had been freed from slavery in Egypt, had entered into a covenant with God at Mt. Sinai, and were poised to inherit the land of Canaan that had been promised to our forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They should have been fortified by the presence of God in their lives. They should have had courage and strength fortified by their faith in God, but they had no faith and demonstrated that they were not ready for the next phase of their lives as members of a nation with a destiny to become a light unto the nations of the world. This tragic response to the report of the scouts led to the decree that those who had been freed from slavery in Egypt would have to die in the wilderness and the next generation, under new leadership, would be the ones to inherit the land. From this point on, the 9th day of the month of Av became a day of tragedy for the Jewish people. Each year as we observe Tisha B'Av it is important to remember that tragedy comes from being led astray by misperceptions and the inability to have courage and strength that comes from gratitude in God's blessings and faith in God's promises.

On the 9th day of Av in 586 BCE and in 70 CE the Temples in Jerusalem were destroyed. These were days on which the Jewish people suffered great humiliation, the loss of national independence and exile from our homeland. On the 9th day of Av in the year 135 CE, the Roman emperor, Hadrian, established a heathen temple on the site of the Temple ruins and re-established Jerusalem as a pagan city, into which the Jews were forbidden to enter. The expulsion of the Jews from England in 1290 and from Spain in 1492 are also said to have occurred on this day. During the Holocaust, the deportations from the Warsaw Ghetto to the Treblinka Concentration Camp began on Tisha B'Av.

Why must we remember all of these tragic events? Wouldn't it be better to push them out of our minds and simply rejoice in our blessings? I believe the answer to these and similar questions is:

We must feel the pain of historical suffering so that we can emerge with courage and hope for the future that comes with understanding of the past.

Tisha B'Av is a fast day on which we refrain from the luxury of wearing leather, the comfort of bathing and the joy of marital relations. By observing these prohibitions, we have the opportunity to personally feel the pain and the loss that is an integral part of the history that makes us who we are as Jews. Throughout the year, the rituals of our tradition help us to bring the joys as well as the sorrows of Jewish history into our own contemporary experience of life.

In the Book of Ecclesiastes it is written: "There is a time and purpose for everything. A time to be born, a time to die, a time to dance and a time to mourn. Tisha B'Av is a time to mourn and we will continue to mourn until we, as a people, are living in peace with our fellow Jews and in peace with our neighbors.

See page 6 for our Tisha B'Av observances.

Rabbi Gordon Yaffe

July/August Schedule of Services

Sunday Minyan 8:45 a.m.

Fri., July 6	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:30 p.m.
Sat., July 7	Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Fri., July 13	Shabbat Evening Service Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated	7:30 p.m.
Sat., July 14	Shabbat Morning Service Kabbalah Circle	9:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
Fri., July 20	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:30 p.m.
Sat., July 21	Erev Tisha B'Av Shabbat Morning Experience Breakfast Shacharit Torah Service Musaph Kiddush/Lunch Mincha Seuda Shelishit/Mafseket Maariv & Reading of Lamentations	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 8:45 p.m.
Sun., July 22	Tisha B'Av Shacharit Service Movie: God on Trial Mincha/Maariv	8:45 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 8:00 p.m.
Fri., July 27	Shabbabecue Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Sat., July 28	Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah Anniversary: Irina Starr	9:00 a.m.
Fri., August 3	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:30 p.m.
Sat., August 4	Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Fri., August 10	Shabbat Evening Service Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated	7:30 p.m.
Sat., August 11	Shabbat Morning Service Kabbala Circle	9:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
Fri., August 17	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:30 p.m.
Sat., August 18	Shabbat Morning Experience Breakfast Shacharit Torah Service Musaph Kiddush/Lunch	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
Fri., August 24	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:30 p.m.
Sat., August 25	Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Fri., August 31	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:30 p.m.

Shabbat Candle Lighting

July 6	8:12 pm	August 3	7:51 pm
July 13	8:09 pm	August 10	7:42 pm
July 20	8:07 pm	August 17	7:33 pm
July 27	8: 01 pm	August 24	7:22 pm
		August 31	7:11 pm





From Your Co-President

Summer School Begins

July 2018

I was a part-time Adjunct College Professor for 24 years. I taught three semesters a year – fall, spring and summer. I taught what I think are the most exciting and most important Business Department courses – Accounting, Economics and Finance. It is hard for me to reach this time of year and not say.....okay class, let's begin.

With that thought in mind, I will begin my Summer Semester Accounting I class now. Today's lesson will concentrate on the Profit & Loss Statement. A Profit & Loss Statement is a financial statement that reports an entity's revenues and expenses for a given period of time. In other words, this statement shows the profitability for an entity over a period of time. When expenses are greater than revenues, the entity is not profitable, and is actually losing money.

When I review the projected Profit & Loss Statement for the full fiscal year for Congregation L'Dor V'Dor I see a net loss of approximately \$200,000. This is a great concern of mine and of nearly every member of our congregational family. The primary reason for this financial situation is driven by the fact that the NYC Department of Education no longer leases our school facilities from us. Although we brought in a new school to replace the DOE, the rent that the Montessori School pays us is approximately \$150,000 less than what the DOE paid us.

In extremely simplistic terms we can take three actions to help reduce our loss and hopefully turn us into a profitable entity again. We must either: increase the revenues we bring into the temple, reduce our operating expenses or a combination of both increasing revenues and decreasing our expenses. Over the past year I have met with and worked with several very intelligent financial members of our congregation. Despite this meeting of the financial minds, we have not yet solved these problems.

The revenues brought into our shul primarily come from membership dues, donations and rental income from the third party school. Our expenses are primarily the result of basic operating expenses – salaries, utilities, and insurance. Since I have not been able to solve this problem yet, I turn to you for your thoughts and ideas. How do you think we can generate more revenue? What suggestions do you have to reduce some of our costs?

Right now, I see two options for us. Option 1 involves a team effort to bring more money into the temple and find ways to reduce or eliminate costs. This is our preferred option as this would make us profitable and projects a much better financial picture for the long term. Option 2 is to do nothing. By doing nothing, every time we have a loss, we have to reduce our savings and investment accounts balances. At some point, there will be no savings left and we will not be able to turn on the lights, pay our staff and keep Congregation L'Dor V'Dor operating. This is NOT an acceptable option.

Now that summer school has begun, your homework assignment is to help us to turn this bad financial situation into a good financial situation. Please contact me, Marjorie, Steve, our Finance Committee Chairs – Judy and Irwin or anybody else and share your ideas. Time is ticking away, please get your homework assignment completed as quickly as possible.

Thank you and have a great semester.



From Your Co-Vice President of Membership by Karen Popowsky

It takes a committee to make things happen and our Membership Committee is the BEST around. Here are at least 13 reasons why this is true: Eileen Baker, Hayim Biton, Elaine Fleischman, Lenny Goldstein (of blessed memory) Marjorie Goldstein, Joan Kase, Mindy Rosenfeld, Harriet Spilkevitz, Debbie Stoll, Robert Stoll, Nina Wolf, Carrie Yaffe, Rabbi Yaffe and yours truly, Karen Popowsky. Our committee meets once a month to plan events that support members of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor. In November 2017 our committee welcomed new members, saluted members who are veterans and served in the Armed Forces and embraced ALL members of our synagogue during our annual Membership Shabbat. On March 24, 2018, the Membership Committee sponsored the American Bandstand Dance Party, when more than 100 guests danced the night away at our synagogue to music from the 50s, 60s, 70s and more. We have an ongoing "Shabbat Bag" project that is dedicated to THANKING Congregation L'Dor V'Dor members for their continued support and membership. If you haven't received your Shabbat Bag yet, you could be next!

Our committee is currently brainstorming ideas for this coming 2018-2019 year. Some projects discussed, include a weekend retreat at a campground, a fashion show, museum trips, vacation travelogues, theater-going, an evening of entertainment (karaoke, dance, comedy, talent?) and of course, our Membership Shabbat. What do YOU want to do? What sparks your interest? You talk, we listen!

I want to thank Joan Kase for joining me as CO-VP of Membership this year. Joan has stepped down from this position and Elaine Fleischman will join me in this capacity this year. I look forward to working with this amazing committee again in 2018-2019. Working with everyone has been rewarding and satisfying as I feel I have made good friends in the process. I hope some of you reading this will decide that you want to join us and become a member of Membership. There's always room for YOU! Wishing you and your families a restful and enjoyable summer.



Message From The Cantor



I write to you this month from the land of Israel. It is a surprisingly cool evening, and as I sit on the *mripeset* (terrace) of my parents' apartment, overlooking the beautiful city of Modiin, I can't help but smile. I have been blessed to visit Israel thirteen times, and it is truly my favorite place in the world. Each trip shapes into an exciting, unique experience, with its own special sights, sounds, soundtrack and memories.

This time, we're in the neighborhood in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of my eldest nephew, Akiva Sprung. Akiva is small, yet mighty – a fiery redhead who excels at everything, from academics to athletics. On this Thursday evening, we are helping my sister make final preparations for the big event...running errands at the mall, the supermarket, the bakery and of course, for the females in the family, the hairdresser. Earlier today, I was privileged to a sneak preview of the Bar Mitzvah boy's Torah reading, and WOW! We couldn't be more excited for this upcoming Shabbat in the synagogue with family and friends.

Whenever I'm here, I always like to share my observations with the community. Here are a few of my thoughts from this past week:

There's no better place to be Jewish. There is nothing like Shabbat in Israel. Last week, we began our Shabbat experience here in Modiin with singing, dancing and tremendous spirit. It was an uplifting experience that, hard as we try, simply can't be replicated anywhere else. Here in Israel, you don't just observe Shabbat; you *feel* Shabbat. You experience Shabbat with all five senses, beginning as early as Thursday morning. On Friday, the walkways of the mall were filled with "pop-up" food establishments offering a wide variety of prepared takeout options to enhance your Shabbat table. On Friday evening and Saturday, the sounds of Shabbat are everywhere, with the typical motor vehicle noises replaced by the sounds of singing, laughter, play and togetherness. The moment Shabbat is over, the "rush" begins anew. Simply nothing like it.

My love for Israeli culture is no secret to this audience. And so, the moment Shabbat was over, Mairov and I hurried over to the coastal city of Caesarea to enjoy a concert at the spectacular ancient amphitheater. What an experience! We enjoyed a show under the stars by popular Israeli singer "Rita", accompanied by an amazing multi-piece orchestra. The experience of enjoying a concert of contemporary Israeli music complete with state-of-the-art lighting, special effects, giant video screens and more – under the backdrop of this ancient amphitheater – is simply breathtaking. The incredible fusion of old and new is found *everywhere* in Israel, and a large part of what makes the land so special to me.

Day-to-day life in Israel is amazing, from shopping in the *shuk* (outdoor market), to riding the train, to, believe it or not, sitting in traffic on a congested highway while listening to Israeli tunes on the radio. But we are often reminded that the constant threat of violence is very much a reality in Israel. The other day, my family was enjoying a day at *Palmachim* beach in Rishon L'tzion. At some point in the afternoon, dozens of police suddenly appeared, ordering us to evacuate. As it turned out, someone left a random backpack on the beach, and no one claimed it despite numerous announcements. In Israel, they take suspicious packages very seriously (for obvious reasons), and so, having cleared the area, the police proceeded to blow up the package. Of course, the bag most likely belonged to a poor beach-goer who now had to go home barefoot in a wet swimsuit - but in Israel, little is left to chance. Throughout our week in Israel thus far, there was not a single moment in which we felt unsafe, due in large part to the incredible efforts of the Israeli army and police force.

I could go on and on...but if you want to know more, come and visit! I promise you will instantly fall in love with this exceptional, magical country. I look forward to sharing more upon my return!

Cantor Josh Shron

SING!

Our High Holiday Choir is seeking new members!



Rehearsals
Mondays at 8:00 pm
July 23,30
August 6,13,20, and 27
Contact cantor@olnjc.org



Sisterhood Book Club

Thursday, July 19

At Elane Berk's Home
At 7:30 p.m.

This month we will be reading The Sixth Station by Linda Stasi.

Some say, Demiel ben Yusef is the world's most dangerous terrorist, personally responsible for bombings and riots that have claimed the lives of thousands. Others insist he is a man of peace, a miracle worker, and possibly even the Son of God. His trial in New York City for crimes against humanity attracts scores of protestors, as well as media and religious leaders from around the world.

Cynical reporter Alessandra Russo heads to the UN hoping for a piece of the action, but soon becomes entangled in controversy and suspicion when ben Yusef singles her out for attention among all other reporters. As Alessandra begins digging into ben Yusef's past, she is already in more danger than she knows—and when she is falsely accused of murder during her investigation, she is forced to flee New York.

On the run from unknown enemies, Alessandra finds herself on the trail of a global conspiracy and a story that could shake the world to its foundations. Is Demiel ben Yusef the Second Coming or the Antichrist? The truth may lie in the secret history of the Holy Family, a group of Templars who defied the Church, and a mysterious relic stained with the sacred blood of Christ Himself.

Join us for this enlightening discussion. Looking forward to seeing you.

Please bring at least 2 book suggestions for future readings on this day.

Any questions? Contact Harriet Spilkevitz at 516-708-9404



HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Jason Lusthaus | 16 Diana Charlop |
| 2 Rachel Schneider | 16 Ann Hoffer |
| 3 Lisa Reiss | 17 Valerie Clain |
| 3 Simcha Shron | 17 Alexandra Rosinsky |
| 3 Jason Slakter | 17 Natalie Tanenbaum |
| 5 Zachary Auster | 18 Isabel Schwartz |
| 5 Howard Wirtheim | 20 Lysa Lopater |
| 6 Jay Auster | 21 Lindsay Charles |
| 6 Ina Koota | 21 Mona Toback |
| 7 Pamela Kaye | 22 David Lipsitz |
| 7 Pamela Sacker | 22 Robert Mayer |
| 10 Jacqueline Ettinger | 22 Maryann Shaller |
| 11 Susan Marcus | 22 Jennifer Verola |
| 11 Karen Popowsky | 23 Joan Kase-Riger |
| 11 Alexander Samuels | 23 Robert Stoll |
| 12 Fred Gordon | 24 Velma Grusd |
| 12 Marla Litvin | 24 Robert Shaller |
| 13 Dawn Rafal | 28 Rhoda Brauner |
| 13 Henry Riger | 29 Nancy Adams |
| 13 Chuck Wayne | 29 Ellen Charlop |
| 14 Samantha Marcus | 29 Cherie Litvin |
| 15 Edward Goodman | |
| 15 Joshua Sosman | |



HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Gwen Grenard | 16 Jeffrey Yeres |
| 1 Hilary Wolecki | 17 Stephen Aronowitz |
| 2 Brian Rosenfeld | 18 Michael Feiner |
| 2 Joshua Rosenfeld | 18 Zack Goldstein |
| 2 Neal Yaffe | 18 Harriet Spilkevitz |
| 3 Burton Aronson | 19 Suanne Yeres |
| 3 Samantha Drucker | 20 Ellen Auster |
| 4 Marion Silton | 20 Eileen Feiner |
| 5 Cantor Julian Raber | 21 Paul Sacker |
| 7 Scott Zelniker | 21 Martin Tobias |
| 8 Bernard Levine | 22 Bernard Gellman |
| 8 Meryl Levine | 22 Ronald Kasman |
| 9 Ronald Cooper | 23 Nancy Junger |
| 11 Janice Cole | 23 Judith Tomasik |
| 11 Jeremy Lesser | 24 Eileen Baker |
| 12 Irwin Tobin | 24 Bernard Cohen |
| 13 David Janover | 25 Elyse Goodman |
| 13 Susan Rosenfeld | 26 Robert Rafal |
| 15 Sheryll Poll | 27 Stacey Levine |
| 15 Jeffrey Rosenfeld | 27 Dennis Lidoshore |
| 16 Jason Grijnsztein | 28 Ann Chernys |
| 16 Nora Mayer | 29 Amanda Altheim |
| | 30 Heather Blatt |



HAPPY JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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| 3 Isabel and Lawrence Schwartz |
| 4 Marcia and Bruce Kauffman |
| 4 Phyllis and Marc Ross |
| 4 Desiree and Sonny Shar |
| 5 Heather and Steven Blatt |
| 7 Nancy and Bruce Adams |
| 12 Robin and Marc Figelman |
| 12 Alvin and Elaine Fried |



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| 5 Phyllis and Daniel Budne | 16 Gail and Alan Laufer |
| 7 Ellen and Jay Auster | 16 Susan and Martin Tobias |
| 7 Nora and Robert Mayer | 19 Phyllis and Jeffrey Bass |
| 7 Lisa and David Reiss | 21 Pamela and Lee Charles |
| 8 Ellen and Jeffrey Baskin | 23 Joan Kase-Riger and Henry Riger |
| 8 Carol and Martin Jahre | 24 Randi and David Alwadish |
| 9 Debbie and Richard Sosman | 26 Orna and Jeffrey Feinsilver |
| 9 Corinne and Mark Weisberg | 26 Joan and Robert Weibman |
| 10 Harriet and Richard Spivack | 29 Esta and Stephen Heitner |
| 11 Dale and Howard Herman | 30 Marilyn and Burton Aronson |
| 12 Yanna Kvurt and Stanley Kotlyar | 30 Ahuva and Joseph Maytal |
| 12 Carol and Steven Lusthaus | 30 Susan and Jeffrey Rosenfeld |
| | 31 Marcia and Ronald Cooper |



Celebrate Your Summer Birthday or Anniversary
by receiving a special blessing at Erev Shabbat Services

If your Simcha is in July
Join us on
Friday, July 13 at 7:30 p.m.

If your Simcha is in August
Join us on
Friday, August 10 at 7:30 p.m.



Erev Tisha B'Av

Saturday, July 21



Shabbat Mincha	6:30 pm
Seudah Shelishit & The Meal Before The Fast (Chicken Schnitzel, Potatoes & Vegetable)	7:15 pm
Maariv & Lamentations	8:45 pm

If you will be joining us for dinner, there is a charge of \$15 and a reservation is required.

Tisha B'Av

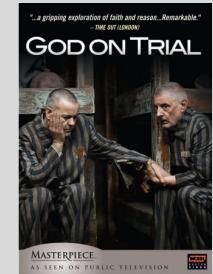
Sunday, July 22

Shacharit 8:45 am

Film & Discussion 10:15 am

God on Trial

Antony Sher, Rupert Graves, Dominic Cooper, and Stellan Skarsgard star in this harrowing drama about believers and non-believers coming to terms with a world drenched in evil and suffering. How could God allow the systematic slaughter of his "chosen people?" Why doesn't God intervene? Does he care? These are the central questions of God on Trial. *God on Trial* originally aired on PBS's *Masterpiece Theatre Contemporary* in November, 2008. Run time 86 minutes



Mincha/Maariv 8:00 pm
Tallis & Tefillin

Thoughts on Jewish Unity

By Paul M. Sacker

When Tisha B'Av arrives this month, we may find ourselves reciting *kinnot*, liturgical dirges that recall the many disasters which befell the Jewish people over the last 3,000 plus years. While doing so, I propose we also keep in mind that despite these tragedies, there is a factor that ensured our survival and longevity as a people. That factor is our unity.

In the May 2018 Temple Talk, I suggested that one of the key Hebrew roots for the word *Yehudi* (Jews) was from the word *yehud*, "praise." Rebbe Jonatan Eybeschutz, (1690 – 1764), an Eastern European Talmudist, Halachist, and Kabbalist who composed many works on 18th century Judaism, once offered an alternative suggestion. In Part II, drash 2 of *Ya'arot Devash* (Honeycombs), a frequently quoted collection of the Rebbe's sermons, it is suggested that the Hebrew word for "Jew" [*Yehudi*] comes from the word for "together" [*yichud*]. When I first read this, I was fascinated. Could it be that within with the very name we have assumed for ourselves, lies the core of our greatest strength and divine responsibility?

Biblical sources give us some hints that this may be true. Starting with the Torah itself, we are told that "Israel encamped there in the desert in front of the mountain" (Exodus 19:2). Rashi (quoting the Mechilta) notices that the Hebrew for "encamped" is in the singular instead of the plural. He explains this peculiarity: "Israel encamped – with one heart, as one person." This implies that at least for the revelation of the Torah, the people of Israel, were for the first time truly united as one. Going deeper, in Leviticus (19:18), we have the most important commandment of all "Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself." As a mission statement, it can't be simpler than that. Finally, **Psalms 133** goes on to say that "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell **together in unity**."

In the modern age, the much celebrated Rav Abraham Isaac Kook (1865-1935), who became the Chief Ashkenazi Rabbi of British Mandatory Palestine, has been quoted as saying "The purpose of the Jewish people is to unite the world into one family. (From the Articles of Rav Kook, Whisper to me the Secret of the HaVaYah). This implies, that it is not enough that we simply exemplify unity amongst ourselves, but by doing so, we provide the example for the world to follow, as befits a people charged with being a "light unto the nations."

Even our enemies know that our strength is our unity. From Pharaoh who enslaved us to prevent our power from growing greater than Egypt's, to the Amalekites' constant ambushes to prove themselves the stronger nation, to the Roman's dispersing us after we fell into "baseless hatred", Jewish togetherness, or its lack, has been at the core of each conflict. For example, in the book of Esther we are told that Haman says, "Behold there is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed amongst the peoples." The famed Kabbalist, Rebbe Yehuda Ashlag, *the Baal haSulam*, (1885-1954) suggested to his son in the book *Shamati (I Heard)*, Article 144, that this implied that Haman saw the disunity of the Jews at that time and sought to exploit it. It was only after Mordechai's quick thinking that the "Jews gathered" and in their unity, fought Haman off.

In more recent times, Haman's successor in anti-Jewish hate, Adolph Hitler, stated in *Mein Kampf* that "The Jew is only united when a common danger forces him to be and that a lack of unity can turn the people into a horde of rats, fighting bloodily amongst themselves." This philosophy fueled Hitler's near successful attempt to permanently destroy the bonds of our people at all costs. It serves as a constant reminder of how fragile and precious our survival is.

As I continue my research, a recurring pattern becomes evident: The Jewish wisdom to unify is the key to our continued existence. However, is there a reason for this beyond a simple survival tool? Two books I have recently read explore this question in more depth. Next month, I will provide a closer look at these books and how we can possibly avoid more *kinnot* being added to the roll call of Tisha B'Av.

Upcoming Events & Meetings

It's Our Annual
Shabbabecue
Friday, July 27th



Barbecue
6:00 p.m.

Shabbat Evening Service
7:30 p.m.

*Join your synagogue family for
a summer Shabbat!*

Shabbabecue!
Reservations are required

*Please return this reservation form
by Friday, July 20*

Name: _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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our community.*

*Future meetings have been set for
10/9 and 12/4.*



Men's Club Presents: Guest Lecturer
Rabbi Shalom Hammer
Monday, July 16
7:30 pm

Engaging with Israel as an American Jew

Why should American Jews identify with a country that appears to be one dimensional and is perceived as intolerant of religious pluralism?

How can Israel once again become a unifying force for American Jews and solidify support for Israel by the American Jewish Community as the Jewish homeland?

According to tradition, the Temple was destroyed and our people were exiled from our land because of baseless hatred of one Jew for another. As we anticipate Tisha B'Av, the day on which we mourn because of these tragedies, Rabbi Hammer will help us to reflect upon the current state of Jewish Unity and what we can do to focus on that which unites us and effectively deal with that which divides us.

Rabbi Shalom Hammer serves as a senior lecturer for the Jewish Identity Branch of the IDF, is a contributing editor for the Jerusalem Post and founder and director of [Makom Meshutaf](#), an organization which advocates tolerance and unity between religious and secular Jews in Israel through educational programs. He has lived in Israel for 25 years, he is married and the father of six children.

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July
11
18
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Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 pm

Conversational Hebrew
With
Cantor Joshua Shron

**Wednesdays
8:30 p.m.**



**July 11, 18, 25
Aug. 1,8,15,22,29**

Interfaith Prayers Of Peace For Jerusalem

On June 20th, twenty members of our community boarded a bus to travel to the Jewish Theological Seminary for an Interfaith Evening of Song and Prayer which brought Jews, Christians and Moslems together to pray for peace in Jerusalem. The following translation of words from the first of many songs and prayers of the evening which were sung in Arabic reflect the tenor of the evening.

Who says we can't change the face of our world? Why not erase darkness with the sun of the morning. Have faith at every crossroad. The roads will smile at us. Have faith wherever we set foot. The cloud will disappear. We can reach the sun. All we need is faith, love and selflessness; friendship among all religions.



Rabbi Gordon Yaffe
&
Onnik Dinkjian
Armenian Cantor



Dr. Adam Schneider
&
Imam
Abdullah Antepli

Here is what some of the participants have said about the evening.

It was an inspiring evening filled with hopeful messages both in word and song. Whenever people of different religions and ethnicities gather together to affirm how much they have in common rather than their differences, that is a wonderful gathering. (Margit Johnson)

I truly did enjoy the interfaith service , Songs For The Holy City. I could "read 'the body language. The respect that the people of various religions showed to each other was so gratifying. The pats on the back and handshakes after the speeches were truly sincere. I also loved the music, so calming and inspiring. I wish the whole world would come together and share what we have in common in our religions. I hope there are more interfaith meetings in which we can join in solving the problems that do exist! (Carol Burstein)

The evening was well attended in a loving, peaceful and melodic presence. I am glad that I was seated among people of different faiths. We are brothers and sisters stemming from a similar origins and I found it inspirational to be part of the warmth and comradery throughout the room. (Elaine Markowitz)

The evening was a learning experience, spiritual and entertaining. Sadly I think the "healing of the dysfunctional Abrahamic family" is little closer then when we left the JTS. (Jeff Baskin)

The trip to the Jewish Theological Seminary on Wednesday, June 20th for the Interfaith evening, SONGS FOR THE HOLY CITY, was a great success. The gathering of clergy, vocalists and musicians from the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths was an awe inspiring and moving event. We live in troubled and divisive times and I would like to thank Rabbi Yaffe for his dedication and commitment to promoting a better understanding of the three faiths and for helping us to see beyond our differences. (Vivienne Lipsitz)

"Aspire to inspire others and the universe will take note."

Inspiration on the evening of June 20th was overwhelming. The ancient dream of God and people coming together became a reality. The evening moved us one step further to fulfilling our mission of becoming a "Light Unto The Nations" that beams its ray of peace into mankind. Amazing speeches, beautiful music and the atmosphere of warmth and understanding is going to stay within us as a source of inspiration. (Irina Starr)

Save the Date!

Sunday, November 4
at 1pm



Music of the Holocaust Songs of Hope, Fortitude and Spiritual Resistance

This year, in partnership with Temple Torah and Marathon Jewish Center, Congregation L'Dor V'Dor will host a very special Kristallnacht program. We are pleased to welcome Dr. Tamara Reps Freeman, a Holocaust music educator, ethnomusicologist and recitalist, who will enlighten us about the role music played during World War II, when many musical pieces were composed in the ghettos and concentration camps. She will inspire us by performing on her 1935 Joseph Bausch viola, which was rescued from Berlin in 1942. She will lead and conduct a choir composed of children and young adults from within our community. Further information will follow on how you and your family can participate in this unique and meaningful musical experience.

Yasher Koach !



We are very proud of the members of our congregation who, in observance of Yom HaShoah, made donations to help Holocaust survivors who are living below the poverty level. This year our community donated nearly \$3,000 to the Blue Card.

Lauren & Allan Amsel	Gerry Major
Yone & Hayim Biton	Barbara & Julian Raber
Carol Burstein	Nadine & Eugene Rattien
Ann Chernys	Nadine & Arthur Rose
Orna & Jeffrey Feinsilver	Mindy & Richard Rosenfeld
Florence Feldman	Susan & Jeffrey Rosenfeld
Barbara Flamm	Randi & Mark Rosinsky
Ronnie & David Goldstein	Joan & Paul Ross
Marjorie Goldstein	Pamela & Paul Sacker
Velma & Neville Grusd	Judy Samuels & Avi Gazit
Dale & Howard Herman	Deborah & Richard Sosman
Amy & Ken Kahaner	Gloria & Phillip Steinberg
Gale Kaplan	Diane & Mitchell Stein
Joan Kase & Henry Riger	Myra Sutin
Felice Katz	Susan & Marty Tobias
Esther & Peter Kind	Judith & Jan Tomasik
Vivienne Lipsitz	Lois & Stanley Wirtheim
Yekaterina Sitnitskaya-Kanvesky & Viktor Kanevsky	
Helene Kestenbaum & David Berkowitz	

The Dr. Carole London Mirkin Memorial Library

Books on Jewish Laws, Customs and Ideas on Death and Mourning

A generous donation was received by Dr. Martin and Judith Edelstein to honor the memory of Dr. Carole London Mirkin, beloved wife of Dr. Gary Mirkin, who passed away in November of 2017. With these funds the following books were purchased that will be made available for members of the congregation to borrow when confronted with a death in their family or upon request. We hope and pray that Carole's memory will forever be a blessing.

The Jewish Book of Grief and Healing

*A Spiritual Companion for Mourning
(Jewish Lights)*

Saying Kaddish

*How To Comfort The Dying,
Bury the Dead & Mourn As A Jew
(Schocken)*

Jewish Insights on Death and Mourning

*Formerly Wrestling With The Angel
(Syracuse University Press)*

After One Hundred and Twenty

*Reflecting on Death, Mourning,
and the Afterlife in the Jewish Tradition
(Princeton University Press)*

Does The Soul Survive?

*A Jewish Journey to Belief in Afterlife,
Past Lives & Living with Purpose (2nd Edition)
(Jewish Lights)*

Mourning in Halachah

*The Laws and Customs
of the Year of Mourning
(Mesorah Publications - Art Scroll)*

A Time to Mourn, A Time to Comfort (2nd Edition)

*A Guide to Jewish Bereavement
(Jewish Lights)*

Necessary Mourning

*Healing the Loss Of A Parent
Through Jewish Ritual
(Dahlia Abraham Klein)*

The Jewish Way in Death and Mourning

*(Revised and Expanded)
(Jonathan David Publishers)*

Finding Hope and Faith in the Face of Death

*Insights of a Rabbi and Mourner
(Cascade Books)*

Yasher Koach To Our Religious School Students

For four years the children within our congregation have been receiving their Jewish education at the Religious School of Temple Israel of Great Neck. We are very proud of **Adrien Marcedo** who was in this year's Aleph Class, **Alex Gottlieb** who was in this year's Gimmel Class and **Jessica Tamari** who was in this year's Dalet Class. At a special ceremony at Shabbat Services on June 9 Alex and Jessica received the following awards:

Alex Gottlieb

Chai Club

Participation in 13 services
and 5 family education programs

Torah Troupe

Read from Torah at Shabbat
Services several times

Judaic Scholar

High academic achievement with active
participation in synagogue activities

**Member
of the
Children's
Choir**



Jessica Tamari

13 Mitzvot Club

Participation in 13 mitzvot, services
or family education programs

Torah Troupe

Read from Torah at Shabbat
Services several times

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The High Holidays Are In September!

Things To Do While You Enjoy The Summer!



Begin Your Spiritual Preparation

- Ask For Forgiveness And Forgive Others
- Contemplate How You Will Strive For Higher Heights In The New Year

Be On The Lookout For The HH Mailing To:

- Reserve High Holiday Tickets For You And Your Family
- Submit The Names Of Your Loved Ones For The Yizkor Memorial Book
- Submit A High Holiday Greeting For The September Temple Talk.
- Take Care Of All Financial Obligations To The Synagogue.

REMINDER!

Selichot is Saturday Night, September 1

High Holiday Greeting Form

Extend your greetings to your synagogue family in the September Temple Talk by filling out this form and submitting it to the office with a check for

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L'Shana Tova Tikkateivu*



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Remember Your Loved Ones

Yizkor Memorial Book

Published for Yom Kippur and used four times throughout the year at our Yizkor Memorial Services

Inscribing the names of your loved ones in this book is a meaningful way to honor their memory.

Contact the synagogue office for details.



Begin Each Day Of Elul With the Sound of the Shofar



Each day during the month before Rosh Hashanah, it is customary to begin the day by hearing the sounds of the Shofar: Tekiah, Shevarim-Teruah, Tekiah. On Sunday, August 12, as a member of our congregation, you will begin to receive a daily email with a video of Rabbi Yaffe blowing the shofar. These emails will continue until Friday, September 7. If you are not a member of the congregation and would like to receive these emails, contact the synagogue office and we will be happy to put you on our email list.

Some things to think about when hearing the shofar:

Turn toward doing good and creating peace and harmony where there is unrest and discord.

This is why the shofar must be curved and not straight.

Rejoice in the creation of the world and God's sovereignty within it.

The sound of the shofar is like the sound of the coronation of a king.

Remember that God cares enough for us that he revealed himself to us at Mount Sinai.

The revelation at Mount Sinai occurred amidst the sound of the shofar.

Never lose hope in the coming of the ultimate redemption and the ingathering of our exiles.

The shofar will sound with the coming of the Messiah.

There is no ideal or value that takes precedence over the sanctity or preciousness of human life.

The shofar is a reminder of the horn of the ram provided by God to be sacrificed by Abraham instead of his son, Isaac.

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Stacey Gottlieb Honored As The Congregation L'Dor V'Dor Woman of the Year



It was a beautiful evening with lots of nachas!



Our Trip To Israel

Joan Kase Riger

I recently returned from a wonderful and unique visit to Israel with Janet and Irwin Tobin. The highlight of our trip, for me, was our visit with the youngsters and staff at Neve Hanna Children's Home in Kiryat Gat. Neve Hanna provides a loving home for children from dysfunctional families in the south of Israel where their physical, emotional and educational needs are addressed. Provision of a nurturing therapeutic environment by an extremely dedicated staff allows these children the opportunity to heal and thrive. We toured the facility which includes a petting zoo, garden, bakery and residences. We ate with the children and then spent the following day at the vacation home with the staff. We also attended a B'nai Mitzvah ceremony of 13 youngsters from Neve Hanna at Robinson's Arch. Later we joined the B'nai Mitzvah celebratory party and thoroughly enjoyed all the fun.

CELEBRATE ISRAEL PARADE

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018



Did you know that as soon as the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade ends, the producers and designers get to work planning the parade for the next year? I can't vouch for the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York (the organization that puts together the Celebrate Israel Parade on Fifth Avenue), but I do know that the Northeast Queens Jewish Community Council (with 10 synagogues and about 250 marchers in this year's parade) has a "wrap up" meeting to finalize the year's parade. Our committee talks about what we did to get our group on Fifth Avenue and how we will start planning for the 2019 Celebrate Israel Parade in January 2019. For now, I want to say THANK YOU to the members of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor who marched with us on Sunday June 3, 2018. THANK YOU to Jeff Baskin, Nina and Irwin Wolf, Marjorie Goldstein, Elaine Fleischman, Bruce Kauffman, Stan Wirtheim, Rabbi Gordon and Carrie Yaffe, Cantor Josh, Mairov, Sela, AJ and Toby Shron, Jeff Wilson, Judy Tomaszik, Gloria Steinberg, Ken Guttenplan, Laura Greenblatt and Alan Fein. THANK YOU to Phil and Gloria Steinberg, Carol Burstein and an anonymous donor for their generous donations that contributed to the synagogue's effort to make its participation in the parade a truly member supported endeavor.

This year's parade theme: ISRAEL at 70: SABABA was reimagined by Northeast Queens Jewish Community Council as ISRAEL AT 70: ALWAYS A CELEBRATION. We proudly celebrate Israel as Israel celebrates its 70 birthday this year and every day, as Israel is our homeland. Join us next year, on Fifth Avenue on Sunday, June 4, 2019 when we will still be celebrating Israel.

L'Chaim!

Henry Riger

Impressions Of A First Time Visitor

The building booms in and around Jerusalem and Tel Aviv are impressive, as are the energetic vibes there. The roadside shacks of Bedouins were a jarring contrast. A visit to the new U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem showed us how U.S. politics have taken a new direction. The excellent museums (many enhanced in the last few years) really make Israeli history come alive with great emotional impact. Historical sites were awesome and Neve Hannah was truly inspirational.

Donations (June 1—June 27)

General Donations

Thanks to Karen Popowsky and her committee for the great job they did in handling all the needed aspects of the Israel parade, as well as the TLC extended to me personally

by Gloria Steinberg

A Chumash was purchased in memory of Ruth Ullmann Wolf, beloved sister of Ron Ullmann

by Ron Ullmann

In Honor of:

Stacey Gottlieb being awarded Sisterhood's "Woman of Achievement"
by Jerry Schwartz

Cantor Raber's new website" Messengers of Prayer"
by Rhoda and Sam Fleisher

Rabbi Gordon Yaffe's celebration of the 45th Anniversary of his becoming
a Bar Mitzvah
by Mindy and Richard Rosenfeld

by Carol Burstein

Ron Ullmann's Birthday
by Wendy Yasgur

Rabbi Gordon Yaffe's Birthday
by Wendy Yasgur

Velma and Neville Grusd's Anniversary
by Wendy Yasgur

A mi shebeirach for Sol Schatz
by Edith Schatz

In Memory of:

Murray Berger, beloved father of Marcy Berger
by Lois and Stanley Wirtheim

Ruth Ullmann Wolf, beloved sister of Ron Ullmann
by Lois and Stanley Wirtheim
by Wendy Yasgur

Harvey Goodman, beloved father of Ted Goodman
by Heather and Steve Blatt

Arthur Spilkevitz, beloved husband of Harriet Spilkevitz
by Jerry Schwartz

Lenny Goldstein, beloved husband of Marjorie Goldstein
by Lois and Stanley Wirtheim
by Terry and Michael Makover
by Rabbi Abraham Eckstein
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by Nina and Irwin Wolf
by Rhoda and Sam Fleisher
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by Susan Copell
by Natalie and Andrew Levin
by Sally and David Coons
by Harriet and Richard Spivack

Sanctuary Cards

In Honor of:

Rabbi Gordon Yaffe's celebration of the 45th Anniversary of his becoming
a Bar Mitzvah
by The Baum Family

In Memory of:

Robert Prouser, beloved brother of Rabbi Joseph Prouser
by The Synagogue Staff
by Gale Kaplan

Lenny Goldstein, beloved husband of Marjorie Goldstein
by Harriet and Richard Spivack

Get Well Wishes to:

Harriet Spilkevitz for a full and speedy recovery
by The Synagogue Staff

Les Alperstein Fund

In Memory of:

Robert Prouser, beloved brother of Rabbi Joseph Prouser
by Phyllis Alperstein

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Fay Cooper by Stephen Eisenstein

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Jennie Mund by Barbara Tetenbaum

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In honor of Rabbi Yaffe's celebration of the 45th Anniversary of his becoming a Bar Mitzvah

by Jerry Schwartz

by Vivienne Lipsitz

by Stuart Baum

In honor of the **Rav** and members of this lovely, friendly kehilla. With thanks for your hospitality.

by Norman Guthartz

In memory of Frances Spivack

by Amy Cooney

Thank You!

Thank you to my L'Dor V'Dor family for your kindness and support during shiva for my sister, Ruth Ullmann Wolff.

Ron Ullmann

Thank You!

Many thanks to Karen Popowsky, our Israel at 70 Parade leader, for the great job she did in all aspects involved, including at times, being the bus GPS.

A special thank you to Karen, Elaine Fleischman, Judy Tomasik, Carrie Yaffe and Rabbi Yaffe for taking care of me during the last few minutes of the parade when I was a bit unsteady. And, a very special thank you to Judy Tomasik for being my companion on the bus and during the parade.

*Next year, NO Israeli wine in my water bottle,
PLEASE!!*

Gloria Steinberg

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.

Ode to Lenny Goldstein

By Nina Wolf

We can agree that Lenny was a bright star in the universe and we all surrounded him. He was fortunate to have his men friends and women friends. Lenny simply held court.

People wanted to get close to Lenny to shoot the breeze, to compare notes, to discuss current affairs, to analyze an idea, to take a stand, to voice an opinion, to argue both sides of an issue. We all gravitated to him for his input and astute commentary, and were eager to get his take on what was right and wrong. Lenny was the man.'

Lenny was blessed with an aura. He was graced with warmth, a friendly smile, and a fabulous loud laugh. You could be in a conversation with him and before you realized, you were on the phone for an hour. You were always welcomed in his world.

We will all miss Lenny. We were better off having had the privilege of knowing him. Lenny defined the meaning of true friendship.

There is comfort in knowing his spirit will always remain in our hearts.

We are collecting Used Eye Glasses & Cell Phones



An opportunity to give to those who are in need

(Receptacles are in the synagogue lobby)

July 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Tzom Tammuz Morning Minyan 8:45 am	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY OFFICE CLOSED	5	6 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Candle Lighting 8:12 pm	7 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am
8 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am	9 Wonder Women in Jewish History 7:00 pm Parshat Hashavuah 8:00 pm	10	11 Revi'i Yisraeli 7:30 pm Conversational Hebrew 8:30 pm	12	13 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated Candle Lighting 8:09 pm	14 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am Kabbalah Circle 12:30 pm
15 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am	16 Rabbi Hammer Lecture 7:30 pm	17	18 Torah and Our Lives With Rabbi Yaffe 11:00 am Revi'i Yisraeli 7:30 pm Conversational Hebrew 8:30 pm	19	20 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Candle Lighting 8:04 pm	21 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 Erev Tisha B'Av Mincha 6:30 pm Seudah 7:15 pm Maariv/Lamentations 8:45 pm
22 Tisha B'Av Shacharit 8:45 am Movie: God on Trial 10:15 am Mincha/Maariv 8 pm	23 HH Choir Rehearsal 8pm Board Meeting 8:00 pm	24	25 Torah and Our Lives With Rabbi Yaffe 11:00 am Revi'i Yisraeli 7:30 pm Conversational Hebrew 8:30 pm	26	27 Shabbabacue Barbecue 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Candle Lighting 7:58 pm	28 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am Bat Mitzvah Anniversary: Irina Starr
29 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am	30 HH Choir Rehearsal 8pm	31				

**The Rummage Sale Has Been Rescheduled
For December 16-17**

August 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			Selichot Services are on Saturday, Sept. 1 At 10 pm			
5 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am	6 Parshat Hashavuah 7:00 pm	7 HH Choir Rehearsal 8pm	1 Torah and Our Lives With Rabbi Yaffe 11:00 am Revi'i Yisraeli 7:30 pm Conversational Hebrew 8:30 pm	2 Intermediate Hebrew 10:00 am	3 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Candle Lighting 7:51 pm	4 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am
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						September 1 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am Selichot Service 10 pm

BDS Does Palestinians More Harm Than Good

Israel HaYom June 26, 2018

A new Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs study shines a light on the importance of economic cooperation to the normalizing Israeli-Palestinian relations. The boycott, divestment and sanctions movement actually aggravates the Palestinians' hardship, study says.

In a time when another American administration is putting together another regional peace plan that is most likely doomed to fail, one can sense a shift on the ground. Until about three months ago, Nadia Aloush, Nabil Basherat and Professor Mohammed Dajani Daoudi, three Palestinians living in the greater Jerusalem area, were unaware of each other's existence. They do not really keep in touch today, but what they have in common is highly unique and very important.

Together with independent Israeli Arab journalist Khaled Abu Toameh and Professor Ali Qleibo, the three are asking Palestinians, Israelis and the rest of the world, to put aside politics and calls of boycotts and focus on how to improve the lives of the Arabs living across Judea and Samaria.

Aloush, Basherat, Dajani Daoudi, Abu Toameh, Qleibo and several Israeli researchers have teamed on a new study by the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, titled "Defeating Denormalization: Shared Palestinian and Israeli Perspectives on a New Path to Peace," which aims to outline what they believe is the correct path for resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"Why don't we, the Israeli side and the Palestinian side, try to leave in peace for a while? Why not try two, three, four years of normalization and of just living together? Fighting is always an option," Basherat said.

Basherat, 44, is a father of seven who lives in Jaba, a Palestinian town northeast of Jerusalem. He travels to work near the Negev Bedouin town of Rahat in a shuttle provided by his employers, SodaStream – a three-hour trip each way that includes a daily, 45-minute wait to go through the Qalandiya checkpoint. He has been with SodaStream for nine years, rising through the ranks to the position of department head.

He used to work closer to home as until about two years ago, the company had a facility in the Mishor Adumim Industrial Park, which is 20 minutes from Jaba. But the company's streamlining efforts led it to shut down its various facilities nationwide in favor of one compound in the Negev.

Shutting the facility beyond the Green Line was a boon for the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement that has been dogging SodaStream for years, and the group touted it as a success of its global anti-Israel campaign.

Basherat, for his part, is very critical of the BDS movement.

"The global BDS campaign has done the Palestinians more harm than good," he said. "The BDS movement threatens my job security and my livelihood. They undercut the livelihood of hundreds of SodaStream employees, who were fired when the company closed its Mishor Adumim factory.

"The BDS movement made worse the difficulties that Daniel Birnbaum, the CEO, had to deal with in his efforts to obtain work permits for the Palestinian workers at SodaStream, so that they could freely travel to the new SodaStream plant in the Negev," he explained.

"If it wasn't for the BDS movement, we could have expanded the Mishor Adumim factory and resume our previous positions. Instead, we had our work permits suspended for 18 months before we were allowed to return to work."

Basherat said that Israelis and Palestinians work side by side in his department, as they did before the facility was relocated.

"The BDS movement described SodaStream's Palestinian employees as 'slaves' and said they were being exploited by the management. That's a lie. The Palestinian employees are very happy in their work. We have good working conditions and good pay," he said.

"SodaStream is like a family for me and despite the distance and the time I spend traveling back and forth I'm glad to be back there. On the other hand, hundreds of my friends who were denied work permits in Israel were left without work. And it is not just them, it's drivers, suppliers and others who used to work at the plant. Thousands of people were harmed because the factory in Mishor Adumim was shut down."

Basherat suggests setting aside politics and BDS in favor of normalization. "I believe we can live together. I have been living this reality for the past nine years. Even though everyone [in the factory] comes from a different place, we work together. We eat together, we talk openly about our lives and even about politics. We've even been through tough times together like the last two Gaza wars [in 2012 and 2014] and the wave of terrorism that erupted in the fall of 2015. We talk about these things," he said.

Fear of Hamas

Aloush also believes that Israeli-Palestinian coexistence is more than possible.

The 50-year-old resident of al-Eizariya is married to an Arab Israeli and works as the manager of the Mishor Adumim branch of Israel's third-largest supermarket chain, Rami Levy Hashikma Marketing. The branch's customers include Jews and Arabs and the staff's makeup is similar – a perfect example of coexistence.

Aloush believes her way of life can and should be a model for others. "I've always believed in coexistence and I like to come in contact with both sides, Jews and Arabs," she writes in the JCPA paper. "The problem is that extremists on both sides, especially Hamas leaders, are trying to prevent such contact. They threaten anyone who keeps in touch with Israelis and they've even killed people. It's terrifying."

When it comes to the BDS movement, she does not mince her words, either. "BDS is a new threat to Palestinian workers. They use the same tactics as Hamas," she stated. "BDS activists in the United States and Europe oppose coexistence, and they especially oppose Israelis doing business in the West Bank and providing employment opportunities to Palestinians in joint industrial zones.

"They speak against people like Rami Levy, claiming that his business exploits Palestinians and violates their rights," she continued. "They want Rami Levy to close his stores, but I ask – who will employ Palestinians instead? The Palestinian Authority has failed to offer jobs to the Palestinians who worked in SodaStream. I don't understand why the world keeps donating [to the PA] when it fails to even provide its people with jobs," Alush said.

A compromise can be found

Aloush and Basherat's experiences are familiar to Professor Dajani Daoudi. He has already outlined his ideas for a shared and peaceful Israeli-Palestinian reality in a paper titled, "Wasatia: The Straight Path from Denormalization to Reconciliation." The title gives a glimpse into his frame of mind – "wasatia" is the Arabic word for the "middle path."

Dajani Daoudi, 72, resides in the east Jerusalem neighborhood of Beit Hanina and serves as the director of American studies at Al-Quds University in east Jerusalem. The term "wasatia" comes from the Quran and, from a religious standpoint, it means tolerance and acceptance, he explained. Like Aloush and Basherat, he, too, became a proponent of Israeli-Palestinian coexistence through personal experience when, back in the 1990s, both his parents, under different circumstances, required medical care and were treated in Israeli hospitals.

"When I went with my father to an Israeli hospital and the doctor treated him like a human being, like his equal, it opened my eyes and my heart for me, it was a personal experience that allowed me to see the humanity on the other side."

He, too, suggests moving away from politics, putting aside the usual quarrels and finding concrete solutions to concrete, real-life problems.

"We aspire not only to create a moderate Palestinian Islamic movement that calls for peace, but also to change the climate so that an atmosphere of mutual understanding and good relations can be created and lead to a peaceful solution [for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict]," he said, stressing that "we are not giving up on Palestinians' national aspirations, but I believe coexistence precedes agreements. This is a long process of peace-building that should start today – not after the political problems are resolved."

The approach Dajani Daoudi suggests "is the classic bottom-up approach [in which change begins on the ground and inspires the leadership] and it is the most practical way to ensure normalization and prosperity for both parties, study editor Dan Diker said.

"The Palestinian public wants to foster cooperation and economic and professional opportunities with its Israeli neighbors. The voices you hear from Aloush, Basherat and the others are the voices of the Palestinian middle class that wants to cooperate with their Israeli counterparts.

"Palestinian leaders in towns and villages, especially in Area C, speak openly about their desire for have good relations and cooperation with their Jewish neighbors," he said.

Like the authors of the study, Diker is all too familiar with the main obstacle to coexistence – violence. Dajani Daoudi's car was rigged with explosives in 2014 after he took his students to visit the Auschwitz concentration camp. Aloush refuses to have her photo featured here for fear of retaliation, and Basherat was questioned by Palestinian intelligence after participating in a conference promoting coexistence that was sponsored by the Peres Center for Peace and Innovation.

The study, which has already been published in English, will soon be published in Hebrew, but releasing it in Arabic is a highly sensitive matter and Diker, as the editor, is careful when he addresses the issue. "The Arab world for 'normalization' can also be used to mean 'collaboration,' and that has a very negative connotation of helping Israel," he explained. "This is why we opted for 'shared perspectives on a new path to peace.'" Sensitivities aside, the paper will soon be issued in Arabic, as well.

JCPA President Dore Gold explained that the study is directed at the international community but also at the Arab and Jewish sectors. "We must bring about a change in awareness, not only among the Palestinian public but also in the international community, which must understand that any progress towards a solution between us and the Palestinians has to be based on cooperation and not on the approach promoted by the BDS movement.

"That's something that has to be said and it's one of the goals of our publications. Moreover, there are those in the Jewish community abroad who think that BDS is what we need now. We have to say – loud and clear – that this is the wrong approach and that the right path is cooperation. If we don't say that, we will lose the battle and that is why it is so important," he concluded.