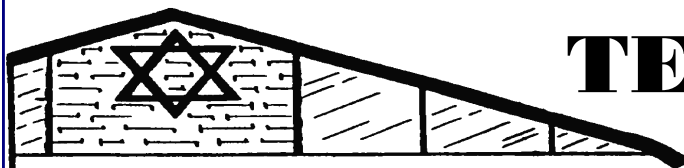


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# TEMPLE TALK



## Congregation L'Dor V'Dor

Oakland Little Neck Jewish Center

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Congregation L'Dor V'Dor Presents:

## The Annual Pollak Lecture Sunday, October 21 at 7pm



With Guest Speaker

### Rabbi Mark S. Golub

Founder & CEO of JBS

Topic:

### What Does It Mean To Be A Zionist As An American Jew In the 21st Century?

Rabbi Mark Golub is the founder and CEO of the Jewish Broadcasting Service, formerly Shalom TV. Lauded by *Newsweek* as one of America's most influential rabbis, Rabbi Golub is recognized within American Jewry as a leading interviewer and television producer. His award-winning national program, "L'Chayim," has aired continuously since 1979 with a guest list that reads like a "Who's Who" on the world Jewish scene.

Rabbi Golub is a gifted teacher with an unusual ability to explain the genius of the Jewish tradition and the uniqueness of Jewish values. He has taught in the CCNY Jewish Studies Department and HUC-JIR's Cantorial School and School of Education. In addition, he is a frequent guest lecturer throughout the country on the meaning of being Jewish and on *Midrash* (Jewish commentaries to the Bible).

Rabbi Golub's eclectic family background provides him with a unique appreciation for every major movement of Jewish life. His maternal grandfather was an Orthodox rabbi; his paternal grandparents helped create the Reconstructionist movement, and his father assisted in founding the first Conservative synagogue in Trumbull, Connecticut. Mark S. Golub was ordained a Reform Rabbi by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City.

### Questions — Please Contact The Synagogue Office At 718-224-0404

## Join us

*For Shabbat  
Morning Services*

*Saturday,*

*October 13 at 9 am*

*When we will be*

*Celebrating 70 years  
of*

*Jewish Life in our  
community*

*&*

*Welcoming  
New Members*



## From The Rabbi



On the first day of Rosh Hashanah I invited each member of the congregation to submit an OP-ED article for Temple Talk as a personal answer to the question: What is so great about being Jewish? In my sermon I suggested some possible answers to this question, but I emphasized how important it is for each of us to be able to answer this question from our own personal and unique perspectives.

The Fall Holiday Season has just ended and I can say without any hesitation that for me, one of the greatest things about being Jewish is to have 15 days of the first 23 days of the beginning of a new year that are special holy days. It is an awesome experience to begin the New Year by celebrating: two days of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, seven days of Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah and three Shabbatot. I am grateful for the energy, renewed sense of purpose, clarification of priorities, increased closeness to God and to my Jewish identity and the joy of spending quality time with family and friends, all of which have been part of this special time. So, here is one of my many answers to the question:

### What's so great about being Jewish?

The unique way in which each New Year begins and the significant impact that this makes upon me.

Printed below is the first OP-ED that was submitted as an answer to this question. As this year 5779 continues, I hope there will be many more submissions so that we can all learn from each other.

### We All Need An Anchor

By Richard Rosenfeld

*In a provocative Rosh Hashanah sermon, Rabbi Yaffe challenged the congregation to submit their thoughts on what makes Judaism great. For me, the answer is obvious: Judaism is a perennial anchor in uncertain times. And current times are indeed uncertain, with political pundits continuously uttering "unprecedented times" as if going out of style.*

*Yet are current times uniquely uncertain or, should we take solace in Paul Harvey's words that "In times like these it's helpful to remember there have always been times like these?" And perhaps even further equanimity might come from realizing that "times like this" have been repeated in nearly 4,000 years of Jewish history, a history replete with turmoil, cataclysm and disaster, yet equally filled with resilience, perseverance, and triumph.*

*This anchor of Jewish history is a perennial beacon of hope. Reflecting for a moment on 4,000 years of Jewish humility, generosity, and caring helps us apply the same mindful approach to the challenges of today. And reflecting a bit further on the result of 4,000 years of good deeds, thoughts, and attitudes is a testament to the wonder, tenacity, and potential of the Jewish people.*

*We all need anchors and as Jews we are fortunate to have one of the strongest known. And with this history as prologue, the next 4,000 years of Jewish accomplishment eagerly await the contributions of our generation and those to come.*

## October Schedule of Services

Fri., Oct. 5	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 6	Shabbat Morning Service Kabbalah Circle	9:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 7	Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.
Fri., Oct. 12	Erev Shabbat Service Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated	8:00 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 13	Shabbat Morning Service 3rd Annual Membership Shabbat: Celebrating 70 years of LNJC and OJC	9:00 a.m.
Sun., Oct. 14	Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.
Fri., Oct. 19	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 20	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.
Sun., Oct. 21	Morning Minyan Pollak Lecture	8:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 26	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 27	Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Sun., Oct. 28	Morning Minyan	8:45 p.m.



### Shabbat Candle Lighting

October 5	6:13 p.m.
October 12	6:02 p.m.
October 19	5:51 p.m.
October 26	5:41 p.m.



### Any Occasion Is Good For A Kiddush!



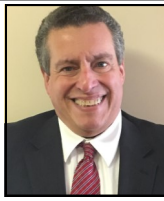
Please consider sponsoring a Shabbat Kiddush in honor of an event or in memory of a loved one.

You can also make a contribution to the Kiddush Fund to help us make it possible for our members to gather for food, reflection and conversation after Shabbat morning services.

Contact the office at 718-224-0404.

## Presidential Matters

By Mitchell Stein



### WOW !

This is my sixth year of celebrating the New Year at Congregation L'Dor V'Dor and each year keeps getting better and better. Rosh Hashanah started off with a packed house. It was amazing to me to the Sanctuary and Social Hall nearly filled with so members of our religious community who came together on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> to usher in the New Year 5779. The building was so vibrant that I could see an aura of excitement and enthusiasm hovering over our heads as we prayed.

There was no change on Day 2 of Rosh Hashanah. We had another full house and our fervor to continue this celebration did not wane. People arrived early, stayed late, sang and chanted loudly and the building was just an explosion of energy and optimism. I want to thank Rabbi Yaffe for acknowledging the importance of September 11<sup>th</sup> while orating his sermon.

The congregation continued its' intensity throughout Yom Kippur. From Kol Nidre to the concluding shofar blast the following night, our building was bursting with pride and hope for the upcoming year. We also had a chance to celebrate one congregant's special birthday (no cake was served).

There are so many people, groups and committees that worked tirelessly to make these holidays so special for all of us. The short list of thank yous include: Rabbi Yaffe, Cantor Shron, the Choir, The Ritual Committee, the Ushers, all those with honors, the Office Staff, the Custodial Staff, the Security Personnel, the Church who let us use their parking lot and the biggest thank you is to all of you for attendance at our religious home.

I had several memorable moments during this holiday week that I want to share with you. For the first time in my life I delivered a speech to a group of 700 people. From what I understand, it was fairly well received. The honor of holding our Torah during the Kol Nidre prayer is an experience that I will never forget. Rabbi Yaffe's September 11<sup>th</sup> sermon and his pre-Yizkor sermon made me shed many tears. However, the most important part of these few days was the chance for me to meet, and to hold numerous conversations with, so many people whom I have never spoken with before. I am more excited about my co-presidency because of these conversations.

As we move into the year 5779 and as we move away from the summer of 2018 and head into the fall, I ask you, how do we keep this excitement going throughout the year? We have all the tools in place: the people, the boards, the committees, the clergy, etc. to make this such an inviting and stimulating place to be. Let's continue this year with all the anticipation, vigor and optimism with which we began this year. May 5779 be the best year yet for all of our congregants and their families and for our house of worship.

Happy New Year!

## From Your Co-Vice President of Membership

By Karen Popowsky



I joined the Little Neck Jewish Center in September 1996. My son became a Bar Mitzvah at Little Neck Jewish Center. I became a Bat Mitzvah in May 1999 with Darice Brodsky, Jerri Marcus Cohen, Ruth Fener, Marilyn Joseph, Nancy Junger, Gail Laufer, Judy Samuels, Dorothy Mooallem and Karen Verola. And the rest (for me) is MY history in the making!

When did you join Little Neck Jewish Center or Oakland Jewish Center or Congregation L'Dor V'Dor? Did you raise your family here? Did your children attend Hebrew School here? Are your lifelong friendships those you made as a member of our synagogue? As a member of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor, what is YOUR history in the making?

As the Membership Committee prepares for its 3rd Annual Membership Shabbat: "Celebrating 70 Years of Jewish Life In Our Community" being held on October 13, we have discovered that everything old is more than nostalgic. Remember bowling leagues, Torah Fund luncheons, fashion shows? Styles change but one day return as we have seen in photos capturing events and members over the past 70 years collectively as Little Neck Jewish Center, Oakland Jewish Center and now as Congregation L'Dor V'Dor. Walk down the hallway of our synagogue and you will see three beautiful Trees of Life with leaves commemorating important life events in our families. Literally a stroll down memory lane! We have discovered 70 years of precious memories archived in photos, temple newsletters, newspaper articles, dinner dance menus, synagogue programs and so much more.

All Shabbat mornings are special, but October 13 will be extra special as we meet and greet some of our founding members, our new, newer and newest members and their families of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor. The PAST is our history but the future is OUR history in the making!

## A Very Special Shabbat Morning



Ground Breaking of the  
Little Neck Jewish Center- 1953



Ground Breaking of the  
Oakland Jewish Center- 1952

***Please join us  
For Shabbat Morning Services  
Saturday, October 13 at 9 am  
When we will be***

***Celebrating 70 years of  
Jewish Life in our community  
&***

***Welcoming New Members  
A festive Kiddush will follow***

***RSVP to the synagogue office  
718-224-0404 by Oct. 8***



## Message from Cantor Shron

Words cannot express the joy I experienced while conducting High Holiday services this year. Every year is amazing, but this year, there appeared to be an extraordinary, palpable energy within the congregation throughout all of the services. I can't quite put my finger on it, but the sound (and sight) of hundreds of people enthusiastically singing together creates an incredibly powerful, moving experience – and for that, I thank each and every one of you.

Allow me also to express my sincere thanks to my dear choir members, most of whom have been working with me for several years. They devote many hours to creating a more effective, enjoyable prayer experience for the entire congregation, and I am so grateful to every one of them for their time, talent and dedication. Thank you to **Jeff Baskin, Sally Coons, Joan Kase, Marcia Levine, Karen Popowsky, Dawn Rafal, Judy Samuels, Harriet Spilkevitz, Richie Spivack, and Irina Starr**. It is an honor to conduct services with you year after year.

While I'm at it, a tremendous thank you to all of the wonderful young people who assisted with Torah reading and leading various parts of the service. These exceptional young adults always answer my call for help with an unequivocal "yes", and I am more appreciative than you can imagine. We've listed all of their names on page 9 of this month's *Temple Talk*. Be sure to say "yesher koach" next time you see them!

Finally, while Rabbi Yaffe spends a great deal of time on the bima thanking those who have made our services so successful and memorable, it is *he* who does more than anyone to ensure a meaningful High Holiday season. I have long been in awe of his ability to do it ALL, especially on Yom Kippur when he is "ON" (while fasting!) from early in the morning until after the final shofar. Thank you, Rabbi, for your wisdom, your insight, your vision, and especially your friendship.

I write to you in the days leading up to Shmini Atzeret and Simchat Torah, the final days of Sukkot - yet also unique holidays unto themselves. The rabbis tell us that these final holidays of this busy month serve as God's way of telling us, "please, stay with me a little longer. Don't go. Don't run off back to the 'real world' so soon! Let's spend another day or two together before this special season ends."

I find myself feeling the same way.

During Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, our building is BUSTLING. Security guards, custodians, ushers, board members, volunteer it's all hands on deck. And, the ENTIRE community is there! If I leave the service to use the rest room, it takes me 15 minutes to return because I run into so many people I haven't seen in a while. It is a wonderful, wonderful experience.

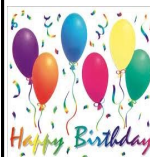
And now, in the days that follow, Jewish life is just beginning to blossom for another year. Sukkot activities have been very well received. We have a 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration coming up this month. We have Rabbi Mark Golub of the Jewish Broadcasting Service coming to speak on October 21<sup>st</sup>. We have weekly classes in Torah, Hebrew, Jewish life, contemporary Israeli society and more. We have opportunities to pray together, to celebrate life's milestones together, to learn together, and of course, to eat together.

And the centerpiece of our synagogue life is our weekly Shabbat service, which is lively, engaging, uplifting and fun. Ask anyone who attends regularly and they'll tell you that it's their favorite part of the week! It's a time to get closer with God, to get closer with one another, and even to get to know ourselves a little better as well.

The High Holidays are just the beginning. And so I ask, as Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs sang in 1960, "stay...just a little bit longer".

And now that I've got that song stuck in your head, I urge you to let the momentum of a powerful holiday season propel you into the new Jewish year with a renewed commitment to our synagogue, our tradition, and our community. I can't wait to continue celebrating Jewish life with each and every member of our synagogue, all year long.

*Cantor Josh Shron*



## HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Rita Steifman      | 21 Steven Marcus       |
| 4 Geoffrey Clain     | 21 Michael Tomasik     |
| 5 Steven Feiner      | 22 Andrew Levine       |
| 5 Mildred Feldberg   | 22 Emily Levine        |
| 5 Eileen Gellman     | 22 Sara Levine         |
| 6 Elaine Fleischman  | 22 Sela Shron          |
| 6 Stacey Gottlieb    | 23 Sheldon Greenberg   |
| 7 Cooper Alwadish    | 24 Steven Blatt        |
| 7 Jake Grusd         | 24 Adam Levine         |
| 7 Vladimir Gurevich  | 24 Lori Saslow         |
| 8 Aggie Marcedo      | 24 Andrew Sherman      |
| 8 Giselle Weinstock  | 24 Jessica Tamari      |
| 9 Helene Berkowitz   | 25 Madeline Belonsky   |
| 9 Arlene Osman       | 25 Alvin Fried         |
| 9 Phyllis Ross       | 25 Jeffrey Gordon      |
| 9 Eileen Singer      | 25 Rachel Gordon       |
| 11 Perry Heidecker   | 25 Phyllis Grijszstein |
| 11 Fran Kasman       | 26 Arnold Blecher      |
| 13 Lillian Rosenberg | 27 Gale Kaplan         |
| 14 Barbara Flamm     | 27 Violet Pollack      |
| 14 Olga Varkonyi     | 27 Robert Sosman       |
| 15 Stanley Kotlyar   | 29 Lindsay Roberts     |
| 17 Estelle Weiss     | 30 Sheila Blecher      |
| 18 Sydney Tali Feld  | 30 Jonathan Rose       |
| 19 Reva Horowitz     | 30 Randi Rosinsky      |
|                      | 31 Diana Roberts       |



## HAPPY OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Elyse and Ted Goodman
- 9 Randi and Mark Rosinsky
- 10 Maryann and Robert Shaller
- 11 Randy and Jason Slakter
- 13 Marla and Louis Litvin
- 15 Hazel and Sheldon Greenberg
- 16 Michael and Renee Feld
- 16 Deidre and Craig Greben
- 18 Dawn and Scott Singer
- 20 Barbara and Ben Ditman
- 22 Caroline and Aaron Polsky
- 23 Ann and Arthur Lesser
- 28 Susan and Steven Marcus
- 29 Michele and Allan Bressler



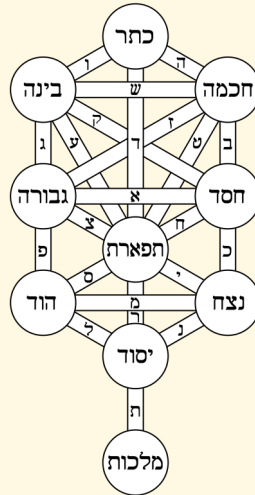
**Celebrate  
Your October  
Birthday or Anniversary  
by receiving a special blessing  
at Shabbat Evening Services  
Friday, October 12  
8:00 p.m.**

## Shabbat Morning Experience Saturday, October 20th

- 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



## Monthly Kabbalah Circle Saturday, October 6 12:30 p.m. After Shabbat Kiddush



Kabbalah is the ancient mystical wisdom of the Jewish people and has long been shrouded in secrecy. However, in our day, more and more people are studying Kabbalah.

Join us as we explore the wisdom of our mystical tradition together with Paul Sacker, Henry Riger and Ellen Charlop as our leaders.



- רביעי ישראלי

Revi'i Yisraeli

Israeli Wednesdays at L'Dor V'Dor



"Srugim"

Get connected to Israel and its culture through hit Israeli TV shows! In this class, we'll binge-watch - and discuss - some of the hottest shows coming out of the Holy Land, beginning with "Srugim". Popcorn included! All shows offer English subtitles.

Wednesdays from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

## Conversational Hebrew

With

Cantor Joshua Shron



Wednesdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

at 8:30 p.m.

## Tachles

A Unique Approach  
to the Study of Hebrew

*Tachles* is an informal Hebrew learning program that offers participants a "taste of Hebrew" in a refreshing and interactive style.



## Torah and Our Lives

With

Rabbi Yaffe



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

Wednesdays,

Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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The Weekly  
Torah Portion



## A Modern Approach to Our Most Ancient Text

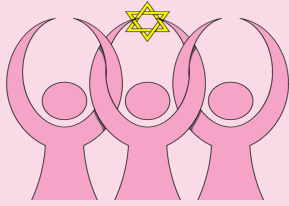
The book that started it all. Full of wisdom, insight, wonder and mystery...as relevant today as it's been for thousands of years. Ready to study the weekly *parsha* like never before - and make Torah come alive? Join Cantor Shron each week for engaging videos from the Aleph-Beta Academy, and enjoy fascinating insights, lively discussions and good company. You'll come away with a new appreciation for the nuances of our most sacred of texts!

Wednesdays, 3-4 pm OR 6:30-7:30 pm

at the synagogue, or online!

For details, email [jshron@comcast.net](mailto:jshron@comcast.net)

# Sisterhood Membership Meeting



Sunday Breakfast  
October 7, 2018  
At 10:00 am.

## Mishpacha

Building and strengthening our  
Sisterhood Family is the theme for our  
meeting and the year ahead.

A unique opportunity for you to share the  
story of your

Jewish heritage and upbringing,  
and learn something new about  
your friends and extended family.

Let's come together  
and strengthen our Sisterhood  
and help plan for our New Year!!

RSVP by contacting  
718-224-0404

## Congregation L'Dor V'Dor Honors our members who are War Veterans

At Shabbat Morning Services

Saturday, November 10

At 9 o'clock in the morning

Join us as we recognize our heroes  
And hear their stories



## Sisterhood Book Club



Thursday, October 25  
at Elane Berk's Home  
at 7:30 p.m.

The next book club meeting will be on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at the home of our esteemed hostess, Elane Berk. We will be discussing "The President Is Missing", written by Bill Clinton and James Patterson. *The President Is Missing* confronts a threat so huge that it jeopardizes not just Pennsylvania Avenue and Wall Street, but all of America. Uncertainty and fear grip the nation. There are whispers of cyber terror and espionage and a traitor in the Cabinet. Even the President himself becomes a suspect, and then he disappears from public view. Join us for this enlightening discussion.

The next Book Club meeting will be on  
Thursday, December 13, 2018

The book that will be discussed on this date is: "**An Improbable Friendship: The Remarkable Lives of Israeli, Ruth Dayan, and Palestinian, Raymonda Tawil, and Their Forty-Year Peace Mission**" by Arthur David.

*An Improbable Friendship* is the dual biography of Israeli, Ruth Dayan, now ninety-eight, who was Moshe Dayan's wife for thirty-seven years, and Palestinian journalist, Raymonda Tawil, Yasser Arafat's mother-in-law, now seventy-four. It reveals for the first time the two women's surprising and secret forty-year friendship and delivers the story of their extraordinary and turbulent lives growing up in a war-torn country.

Based on personal interviews, diaries, and journals drawn from both women (Ruth lives today in Tel Aviv, Raymonda in Malta) author, Anthony David, delivers a fast-paced, fascinating narrative that is a beautiful story of reconciliation and hope in a climate of endless conflict. By experiencing their stories and following their budding relationship, which began after the Six-Day War in 1967, we learn the behind-the-scenes, undisclosed history of the Middle East's most influential leaders from two prominent women on either side of the ongoing conflict.

An award-winning biographer and historian, Anthony David brings us the story of unexpected friendship while he discovers the true pasts of two outstanding women. Their story gives voice to Israelis and Palestinians caught in the Middle East conflict and holds a persistent faith in a future of peace.

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

Any questions contact Harriet Spilkevitz at 516-708-9404



# ADULT HEBREW SCHOOL

Leading to an Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Celebration

At Congregation L'Dor V'Dor

49-10 Little Neck Parkway, Little Neck, NY

## Interactive and Fun!

Students of all levels of learning and knowledge are welcome.



**Taught by:**  
**Rabbi Gordon Yaffe**

For more information or to register, please contact Rabbi Yaffe at 718-224-0404 ext. 4.



**Hebrew Reading  
Prayers  
Torah & Prophets  
Holidays & Customs  
Israel and more!**



### BAR/BAT MITZVAH LESSONS\*

*\*ceremony included with 2-year commitment*

**Mondays 7 pm – 8:30 pm  
Beginning October 8**

**Synagogue membership not required**

**\$720 per student per year**

**Weekly sessions October through June**

**\$360 for Synagogue Members**

**Additional fee for books**

**Audio-Visual materials included in fee**



**A High Note Of Spiritual Resistance  
In Commemoration Of Kristallnacht**  
Music of the Holocaust:  
Songs of Hope, Fortitude and Spiritual Resistance

**Sunday, November 4th @ 1:00 pm**

**At Congregation L'Dor V'Dor  
49-10 Little Neck Parkway**



**A special musical program featuring our  
own youth choir that will sing music of  
Jewish composers imprisoned during  
the Holocaust**

**Dr. Tamara Reps Freeman, a Holocaust Ethnomusicologist, will  
direct the students, tell the stories of the composers and  
play their inspiring music on her 1935 Joseph Bausch viola,  
which was rescued from the Shoah.**

## Help Us Plant The Daffodils

Following this meaningful and unique event,  
join us for the planting of 500 daffodils as  
part of the World Wide Daffodil Project at the  
entrance to Lakeville Park on Pembroke Ave.  
in Great Neck.



**This program, sponsored by Congregation L'Dor V'Dor, Marathon  
Jewish Center and Temple Torah, is free and open to the community.**

## THE DAFFODIL PROJECT

**Join The World Wide Effort  
To Plant 1.5 Million Daffodils**

**In Memory of all the Children  
Murdered in the Holocaust**



**Plant Your Own  
Memorial Garden  
At Home**

**OR**

**Be A Sponsor Of  
The Lakeville Park  
Community Garden**

Return the form(s) below with your donation by October 19  
to: Congregation L'Dor V'Dor

### A Daffodil Memorial Garden In Your Own Yard



I/We would like to participate in the Daffodil Project  
by planting a Daffodil Memorial Garden  
in my/our yard.

Enclosed is a donation of \$36 for a package of 36 bulbs and a  
memorial plaque. I agree to plant these bulbs in a designated area  
in my yard and maintain this flower bed as part of a world wide  
memorial to the 1.5 million children murdered in the Holocaust.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Community Garden Sponsor

I/We would like to sponsor the Daffodil Garden that  
will be planted at the entrance to Lakeville Park on  
Pembroke Ave. in Great Neck.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$36 suggested donation)

# Yasher Koach!

## To The Sunday Minyanaires For the Weekly Tzedakah Contributions



With gratitude for the generosity of those who attend the Sunday minyan and give tzedakah as part of this weekly prayer experience, we have been able to give \$136 to each of the following charitable organizations.

**Disaster Relief Fund of the Jewish Federation of NY:** 100% of funds are used to help individuals and communities effected by hurricanes and natural disasters. [www.ujafedny.org/hurricane-emergency-fund](http://www.ujafedny.org/hurricane-emergency-fund)

**One Family:** Premier national organization that rehabilitates, reintegrates and rebuilds the lives of Israel's thousands of victims of terror attacks. Non-profit organization recognized in Israel, the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.  
[www.onefamilytogether.org](http://www.onefamilytogether.org)

**Friends of the IDF:** Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF) was established in 1981 by a group of Holocaust survivors, under the leadership of John Klein z'l, to provide for education and wellbeing of the men and women who serve in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) as well as the families of fallen soldiers. [www.fidf.org](http://www.fidf.org)

**Project Ezra:** Non-profit organization that helps frail Jewish elderly to live with dignity, companionship and community on NYC's Lower East Side. Founded in 1972, we provide elders with a spectrum of social services, community activities and home help.  
[www.projectezra.org](http://www.projectezra.org)

**Hatzalah:** Non-profit corporation, is the largest all-volunteer Ambulance Service in the United States, providing premium quality pre-hospital emergency medical treatment and transportation **at no cost** to all who need it, regardless of race, religion or ethnicity.  
[www.hatzalahrl.org](http://www.hatzalahrl.org)

**American Friends of Neve Hanna:** Non-profit established in 1975. Provides a loving home for children from highly disadvantaged families in the south of Israel. They are the children of Russian, Ethiopian, Middle Eastern immigrants and native-born Israelis. By providing a nurturing and supportive family environment, Neve Hanna offers these young people the chance to grow beyond the circumstances from which they emerged. [www.afnevehanna.org](http://www.afnevehanna.org)

**Hebrew Free Burial Association:** Non-profit organization dedicated to the principle that every Jewish person is entitled to a Jewish Burial. For more than 100 years, they have been helping Jews in need and their families in their saddest hours. Since 1888, they have arranged burials for nearly 60,000 poor Jewish people.  
[www.hebrewfreeburial.org](http://www.hebrewfreeburial.org)

**Tomchei Shabbos:** Serving as middlemen between the hungry and those willing to share. To do so on an all-volunteer basis. For more than thirty years, TSQ has provided food packages on a weekly basis to needy families and individuals throughout Queens, NY.  
[www.tsqinc.org](http://www.tsqinc.org)

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:** This fund enables Rabbi Yaffe of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor to give tzedakah to those who are in need at his discretion. Often, Rabbi Yaffe is approached by individuals who, through no fault of their own, simply cannot make ends meet to provide for their basic needs.

## You Are Invited To The Next Meeting Of The Interfaith Action Committee of Eastern Queens & Western Nassau County

**Tuesday, October 9 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Community Church of Little Neck  
46-16 Little Neck Pkwy.  
Little Neck, NY 11362**



***Caring for our Environment  
Promoting Tolerance  
Reducing Gun Violence***

***Join us as we 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.***

***This committee meets bi-monthly at one of the  
churches or synagogues within our community.***

## Lulav & Etrog Expedition

**What Happens in Kew Gardens...Stays in Kew Gardens...Sorta  
by George Klein**

On the evening of September 22, 2018, after Shabbat ended, a small intrepid group of about 10 congregants from L'Dor V'Dor went off to the orthodox wilds of Kew Gardens in search of the perfect Etrog....21 of them in fact. Led by Rabbi Yaffe, we set off to score some fruit and cut some deals in a "garage in Queens".



An enterprising young man was setting up shop on a folding table on the sidewalk as we arrived at the appointed meeting place and we asked him if this was "the address". He did not respond other than to ask us "are you with Rebbe Yaffe?". When we nodded, he quickly folded the table back up and disappeared into the house, leaving us wondering if we did not know the secret password. The rest of our group soon arrived and the Rabbi said "I'll take care of this". He too disappeared into the house. After some time the Rabbi and our "dealer" come out, greeted us enthusiastically and invited us into the house. Perplexed but trusting our fearless leader, we followed the Rabbi in.

I knew it was going to be a special evening but what happened next surprised me even more. We no sooner stepped into the living room

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when one of the young men who works with our "dealer" turned to Joan Kase and exclaimed: "I know you! You were my second grade teacher!!". Stunned into silence Joan quickly composed herself, stared at the young man and replied "Chaim? ....Chaim!!" It was indeed, Chaim, a student Joan had nurtured more than 10 years earlier. The two of them exchanged greetings and hugs - it truly is a small world!

Now feeling more confident with a personal connection to this operation, we proceeded down to the basement to check the etrogim stash. Our dealer introduced himself as Zohar. It was clear that he was "the man." He presented us with a ping pong table filled with etrogim. On our side of the net were the boxes, prepared for our inspection. On the other side was the special stuff - secret stash. Box after box of large beautiful etrogim fetching top dollar and all spoken for, according to Zohar.

We proceeded to inspect our allotted fruit and continued inspecting and kept on inspecting, in search of the best 21 etrogim that met the Rabbi's very stringent standards that included color, shape and texture. According to Zohar, we went through about 400 etrog boxes. Rabbi Yaffe, with the eyes of a hawk, went over each and every detail of every etrog in the "warehouse."

While he was inspecting, we chatted with Zohar about what to do with the etrogim after Sukkot. After the usual jam and potpourri, other ideas came up. Zohar shared with us the secret of making Etrog infused Vodka. No one saw that coming! The silence was only broken when Zohar announced with a sly smile, that he had some and he would get it for us to try. He returned with a Scotch bottle half filled with some mystery liquid and asked who would like to try it, first of course, confirming that we were all over 18...no takers. But then, my wife, brave or foolhardy, or both, says "I'll try some." Within minutes almost everyone in the group had a plastic cup with citron booze. The most common opinion expressed was "interesting".

Two hours later we were still inspecting and only 18 etrogim had made the cut. I am not sure if it was the fatigue or the late hour or the vodka, but a number of brave souls started going over the rejected batch of etrogim, searching for the diamonds in the rough that would pass the Rabbi's high standards. Perhaps Zohar knew what he was doing with the vodka after all - we managed to find 3 more etrogim that we convinced the Rabbi were worthy.

When inspecting an etrog, you know you have the right one because it speaks to you. In fact, one of the very special etrogim on the other side of the net called out to our Rabbi. It was the mother of all etrogim - a beautiful shade of yellow, no blemishes and a perfect petom (stem for the uninitiated). We could all tell that this etrog had cast its spell on the Rabbi. Even Zohar knew that the Rabbi and that etrog were inseparable.

Some murmurs and negotiations later, the money and the lulavim and etrogim all changed hands and we headed back to more familiar environs...An evening we will all remember, with a vodka haze of course.



### We're Learning!

Joan Kase, Ron Ullmann and Mindy Rosenfeld learn how to make the fasteners for the Lulavs.



## It Takes A Village to Celebrate Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot

**Yasher Koach** to all of the members of our congregation who gave of their time, energy and expertise to help make the Fall Holidays at Congregation L'Dor V'Dor so special. **Mark Hoffer** and **Chuck Wayne** took on the monumental task of assigning the honors and making sure that everyone was in the right place at the right time. **Steve Aronowitz** and **Audi Acevedo** coordinated the impressive **volunteer staff of ushers** who helped us to maintain decorum and the smooth flow of services. **Chuck Wayne** and **Scott Goodman**, did an amazing job of enabling us to fulfill the mitzvah of hearing the shofar. **Josh Greenberg, Samantha Marcus, Rachel Schneider, Erica Starr** and **Robert Yaffe**, brought their beautiful voices to the Reading of the Torah. **Danielle Blatt, Ethan Blatt, Dani Drucker, Erica Starr, Erica Sosman** and **Sela Shron**, represented our Youth and beautifully chanted the Torah services on each of the High Holidays. **Jeff Baskin, Sally Coons, Joan Kase, Dawn Rafal, Marcia Levine, Karen Popowsky, Judy Samuels, Sela Shron, Harriet Spilkevitz, Richard Spivack** and **Irina Starr** added a special dimension to our services as they sang in the choir. **Natan Zaidman, Ken Kahaner, Irina Starr** and **Richie Spivack** chanted the Haftarat. **Stan Wirtheim**, davened Pesukei D'zimra, led the Shacharit services and served as Gabbai. **Howard Wirtheim** led our Junior Congregation Services. **Audi Acevedo** created the beautiful Book of Remembrance that is an honor to all of our loved ones. **Laura Greenblatt & Alan Fein** and **Judy & Jan Tomasik** donated the beautiful floral arrangements that adorned our bimah.

We are grateful for our Managing Director, **Audi Acevedo**, and **all of the volunteers who assisted her**, together with our custodians, **Fernando Ramos, Juan Carlos Agudelo, Edgar Salguero** and **Christopher Acevedo** who aptly handled the myriad of tasks that made our High Holiday services possible and pleasant, from setting up the sanctuary and ballroom to creating our High Holiday Magazine advertising upcoming events and programs and everything in between.

With **Rabbi Yaffe** and **Cantor Shron** on the bimah, our souls were nurtured and our spirits were raised. What a great beginning to what promises to be a great year for all of the members, friends and staff of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor.

The spirit, beauty and meaning of the High Holidays continued throughout **Sukkot**, with festivities, blessings and meals shared in our Sukkah. We began the Festival of Sukkot with a spiritual service led by **Rabbi Yaffe** and **Cantor Shron** followed by a delicious Yuntiff meal, chaired by **Lois** and **Stan Wirtheim**. Sukkot services were well attended and on the third evening of Chol HaMoed, the **Men's Club** and **Sisterhood**, led by **Janet and Irwin Tobin**, held a barbecue and a program that allowed us to walk back in time and experience the music, comedy and colorful history of the Borscht Belt. We thank **Howard Wirtheim** for manning the barbecue and **Lois** and **Stan Wirtheim** for handling all the details that produced a wonderful evening for the more than 60 who attended. The Joy of Sukkot was in the air. We continued the festivities of the Fall Holidays, with an evening of amazing desserts at the home and in the sukkah of Rabbi Gordon and Carrie Yaffe. We concluded the Fall Holidays with the observance of **Shemini Azteret** and **Simchat Torah**. We remembered our Loved Ones with two Yizkor services. With our prayers we connected with God, our fellow Jews, ourselves, our past, our present and our hopes for the future. We danced, we sang and we rejoiced in God's gift of the Torah.

We are grateful for **Marvin Anchin** who decorated the bimah for Sukkot. Thank you to **Joan Kase, Stacey Gottlieb, Elaine Fleischman, Harriet Spilkevitz, Karen Popowsky, and Lisa Pollack** who, together with our neighbors who are faced with developmental challenges created new Sukkah decorations and hung them in the Sukkah. **George and Leslie Klein, Ron Ullmann, Wendy Yasgur, Mindy Rosenfeld, Joan Kase, Harriet Spilkevitz** and **Carrie Yaffe** joined together with **Rabbi Yaffe** personally select 21 Lulavim and Etrogim purchased by various members of the congregation. (see article on page 8)

**Tracy Berlinsky, Hope Altheim** and **Julie Aronowitz** helped us to make Operation Isaiah a success by delivering the food that was donated to the Kosher Food Pantry of the Five Towns. The need is great and the pantry is grateful for all that we do. We can all be very proud of this important part of our observance of Yom Kippur. **Yasher Koach** to all who participated by bringing in generous donations.

Our sincerest apologies for anyone we inadvertently omitted. We all look forward to what promises to be a good year of religious, educational, cultural and social programming with something for everyone! Congregation L'Dor V'Dor is indeed the place to be in 5779!



## Donations (August 25, 2018— September 26, 2018)

### In Memory of:

Pinchas Burstein, beloved husband of Carol Burstein for his yahrzeit  
by Carol Burstein  
Lenny Goldstein, beloved husband of Marjorie Goldstein  
by Phyllis Alperstein  
The deceased relatives of the Raps and Beckerman Families  
by Helene and Mitchell Beckerman  
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Bernard Goldstein, father of David Goldstein  
by Sally and David Coons  
by Laura Greenblatt and Alan Fein  
Doris Chomsky, beloved mother of Cantor Jack Chomsky  
by Ilse Holz

### In Honor of:

Cantor Shron and the beautiful high holiday choir  
by Carol Burstein  
The birth of Leonard Kaleb Hoffman, grandson of Amy & Ken Kahaner  
by Sally and David Coons  
My High Holiday Aliyah  
by Linda Alberts  
The birth of Dean Garson Litvack, grandson of Linda and Howard Litvack  
by Gale Kaplan  
Steve Aronowitz, for his many years as President of the Synagogue  
by Susan and Steve Kanfer  
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## **Sanctuary Card**

### In Memory of:

Muriel Feller, beloved mother of Rhoda Fleisher  
by Phyllis Alperstein

### Get Well Wishes:

Refuah Shleimah to Harriet Spilkevitz for a full and speedy recovery  
by Joan and Paul Ross

## **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

### In Honor of:

Sonny Shar's 80th Birthday  
by Vivienne Lipsitz

Irina chanting the Haftarah on the second day of Rosh Hashanah  
by Carol Burstein

## **Yizkor**

by Estelle Roth  
by Lois and Stanley Wirtheim  
by Adele and George Wolecki

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**Harriet Yaffe** by Carrie and Rabbi Gordon Yaffe





## 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.

### *Baruch Dayan Emet*

*We mourn the loss of:*

**Doris Chomsky**

**&**

**Miriam Harkavy**

*and*

*We extend our condolences to:*

**Rhoda Fleisher**

*on the loss of her beloved mother,*

**Muriel Feller**

**Robert Rafal**

*on the loss of his beloved mother,*

**Kate Rafal**

**David Goldstein**

*on the loss of his beloved father,*

**Bernard Goldstein**

**Bruce Adams**

*on the loss of his beloved father,*

**Aaron Adams**

*May the memory of our loved ones forever be a source of strength and inspiration.*

## Thank You!

We are sincerely grateful for everyone's support and kindness and for your prayers during Ron's operation.

Wendy Yasgur and Ron Ullmann

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## Mazel Tov To:

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**Violet Drew Makover**

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**On the birth of their granddaughter,**

**Anna Caroline Fein**

**Daughter of Daniel and Elissa Fein**

**Linda and Howard Litvack**

**On the birth of their grandson,**

**Dean Garson Litvack**

**Son of Brian and Becky Litvack**

**Jacqueline and Harold Lamkay**

**On the birth of their granddaughter,**

**Grace Blumenthal**

**Daughter of Laura and Seth Blumenthal**

Dear Congregants,

It is with great satisfaction and pride that I announce the delivery of over 150 eye glasses to the Lions' Club. Your generosity, not to mention cleaning house skills, has allowed our synagogue, Congregation L'Dor V'Dor, be part of a worthy cause that benefits people from around the world. Every pair of glasses helps another human being who could not afford to purchase their own, see the world clearly. This is a simple act of kindness that we can all be proud of. Keep searching, reach out to friends and relatives and deposit the glasses in our receptacle (PLEASE NO CASES.)

P.S. Don't forget the unwanted cell phones to be deposited in the receptacle next to the eye glass container.

Elaine Fleischman



**We Are Collecting Used Eye Glasses & Cell Phones**

**An Opportunity To Give To Those Who Are In Need**

(Receptacles are in the synagogue lobby)





# October 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> Office Closed <b>Shemini Atzeret</b> Shacharit 9:30 am Yizkor 11:45 am  <b>Erev Simchat Torah</b> 7 pm	<b>2</b> Office Closed <b>Simchat Torah</b> Shacharit 9:30 am	<b>3</b> Torah and Our Lives 11:00 am Parashat Hashavuah 6:30 pm Revi'i Yisraeli 7:30 pm Conversational Hebrew 8:30 pm  Kristallnacht Meeting 8:00 pm  Membership Committee Meeting 8:00pm	<b>4</b> Intermediate Hebrew 10:00 am	<b>5</b>     Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 6:13 pm	<b>6</b> Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am  Kabbalah Circle 12:30 pm
<b>7</b> Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am  Sisterhood Membership Mtg. 10:00 am	<b>8</b> <b>Columbus Day</b> Office Closed	<b>9</b>     <b>Interfaith Action Committee Meeting At Little Neck Community Church 7:00 pm</b>	<b>10</b> Torah and Our Lives 11:00 am  Parashat Hashavuah 3:00 pm & 6:30 pm Revi'i Yisraeli 7:30 pm Conversational Hebrew 8:30 pm	<b>11</b> Intermediate Hebrew 10:00 am	<b>12</b>   Shabbat Evening Service 8:00 pm  Birthdays and Anniversaries Are Celebrated Candle Lighting 6:02 pm	<b>13</b> Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am  3rd Annual Membership Shabbat-70th Anniversary of LNJ and OJC
<b>14</b> Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am	<b>15</b>    Board Meeting 8:00 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Torah and Our Lives 11:00 am  Parashat Hashavuah 3:00 pm & 6:30 pm Revi'i Yisraeli 7:30 pm Conversational Hebrew 8:30 pm	<b>18</b> Intermediate Hebrew 10:00 am	<b>19</b>     Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 5:51 pm	<b>20</b> <b>Shabbat Morning Experience</b> 9:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Shacharit 10:30 am Torah Service 11:15 am Musaph Service 12:00 pm Kiddush/Lunch
<b>21</b> Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am  Pollak Lecture 7:00 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Torah and Our Lives 11:00 am  Parashat Hashavuah 3:00 pm & 6:30 pm Revi'i Yisraeli 7:30 pm Conversational Hebrew 8:30 pm	<b>25</b> Intermediate Hebrew 10:00 am  Sisterhood Book Club At Elane Berk's 7:30 pm	<b>26</b>     Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 5:41 pm	<b>27</b> Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am
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