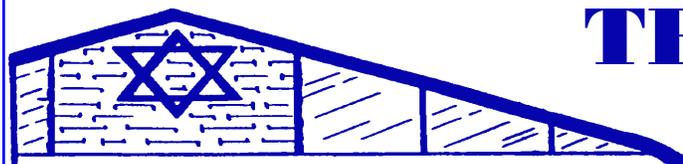


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Membership Meeting Monday, May 20 8pm



Be a part of the process!

1. New Leadership

The Nominating Committee has determined a new slate of officers for the 2019-2020 year. At this meeting, you will have the opportunity to enable additional candidates to be considered for positions on the Board of Trustees.

2. 2019-2020 Synagogue Budget

A preliminary budget proposal for the next fiscal year that will begin July 1, 2019 will be presented. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer any suggestions that you may have.

From The Rabbi



As I write this article, today is the 4th day of the counting of the Omer!

From the second day of Passover until the first day of the festival of Shavuot, for 49 days, our tradition teaches us that we must formally count each day and recite the following blessing:

Praised are you O Lord our God, Sovereign of the Universe who has given us the opportunity to bring holiness to our lives by giving us mitzvot and has commanded us to count the omer.

Originally, the Biblical command of Leviticus 23:15 was to count the days

From:

The day an Omer (a specific measurement) of a prescribed grain offering was brought (on the day after Passover) as thanksgiving for the first fruits of the first harvest of the season.

To:

The day after seven weeks, or the 50th day when a new prescribed grain offering would be brought. On this day a holiday shall be proclaimed and no manner of servile work should be done.

In the Book of Deuteronomy the holiday proclaimed after the seven weeks of counting is called: Shavuot. Later, in the time of the Talmud, the rabbis transformed the Deuteronomical Festival of Shavuot which was a festival to rejoice in the bounty of the first fruits of the harvest, to a festival to rejoice in the receiving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai. This transformation, coupled with the established tradition of counting between the second day of Passover and the Festival of Shavuot, which established an important link between the two holidays, helped to promote the following ideas:

The holiday of Passover, during which we celebrate the exodus from slavery to freedom, is not complete without the holiday of Shavuot, the holiday during which we celebrate the receiving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai.

We were not simply freed from the constraints of Egypt, but we were freed to live life within the context of a covenantal relationship with God guided by the wisdom of Torah.

Freedom is meaningless unless there is teaching, guidance and direction from God which we call Torah.

The current period of time, the days between Passover and Shavuot, in addition to being known as Sefirah, (the time of counting) also has within it Yom HaShoah, the day for remembering the Holocaust; Yom HaZikaron, the day to remember all those who have died fighting to defend the State of Israel; and Yom HaAtzmaut, the day to celebrate Israel's independence. These seven weeks are a time to strengthen and nurture our identity as members of the Jewish People. Now is a great time to ask ourselves and to articulate our answer to the question: What does it mean to me to be a member of the Jewish People? That is different than the question: What does it mean to be Jewish. We can ask that question during the High Holidays which are days to focus on religious values and ideals.

On Passover we took the time, as we do each year, to tell the story of how the Israelite nation, which later became the Jewish nation, was born. As members of the Jewish People, this is our defining story. We are descendants of slaves who emerged from slavery with a close and unique relationship with God that provided our People with direction, protection, purpose and pride. We are the inheritors of the responsibility to be a light unto the other nations. As Jews, we are heirs to a special covenantal relationship with God in which we must strive to be partners with God to bring about and nurture goodness, peace, compassion and understanding within our world.

At our family seder this year, I posed the following question to all who were present as if it were asked by a victim of the Holocaust who was murdered simply because he was Jewish.

What will you do to make this night different from all other nights?

This is how we answered the question:

Inspired by you and each of the 6 million Jews who perished in the Holocaust, we will strengthen our resolve to do our part to insure that the chain of Jewish tradition will continue into the next generation and beyond.

Now, I ask all who are reading this article, What will you do to make this special period of seven weeks between Passover and Shavuot different. Will you count the days to establish the link between these two festivals? Will you observe the special days during this period in meaningful ways? Will you achieve clarity on what it means to you to be a member of the Jewish People? What will you do with the Freedom in which you rejoiced on Passover?

May Schedule of Services

**Friday Night Services Each Week
Will Be At 7:30 pm**

Fri., May 3	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:30 p.m.
Sat., May 4	Shabbat Morning Experience	
	Breakfast	9:00 a.m.
	Shacharit	10:00 a.m.
	Torah Service	10:30 a.m.
	Musaph	11:15 a.m.
	Kiddush/Lunch	12:00 p.m.
Sun., May 5	Morning Minyan and Breakfast	
8:45 a.m.	Israeli Music Live	10:00 a.m.
Fri., May 10	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:30 p.m.
	Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated	
Sat., May 11	Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
	Kabbalah Circle	12:30 p.m.
Sun., May 12	Morning Minyan and Breakfast	
8:45 a.m.		
Fri., May 17	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:30 p.m.
Sat., May 18	Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Sun., May 19	Morning Minyan and Breakfast	
8:45 a.m.		
Fri., May 24	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7:30 p.m.
Sat., May 25	Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Experience Saturday, May 4

9:00 a.m.	Breakfast, Schmoozing and 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 and Lunch



**Community Interfaith
Memorial Day
Service hosted by
Zion Episcopal Church
24301 Northern Blvd.
Little Neck, NY**



**Monday, May 27 at
10am**

Shabbat Candle Lighting

May 3	7:36 p.m.
May 10	7:43 p.m.
May 17	7:50 p.m.
May 24	7:56 p.m.
May 31	8:02 p.m.



Presidential Matters by Marjorie Goldstein



On October 31, 2018 Congregation L'Dor V'Dor held its first Security and Safety meeting as a result of the shooting massacre at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. Approximately 13 congregants expressed interest in working together to find ways of securing our building physically as well as being prepared emotionally by having an evacuation plan in the event of an emergency, i.e. medical, fire, disturbances, and active shooter events.

We initially received guidance and direction from JCRC (Jewish Community Relations Council of New York), enabling us to receive a grant through UJA which paid for a thorough Security Assessment of our building, internally and externally, recommending increased security cameras, improved exterior lighting, doors and glass panels and windows that will protect against forced entry attacks, closely looking at entrances and exits throughout the building, an improved alarm system with panic buttons on the bimah and improved communication devices between the custodians.

Audi Acevedo, Managing Director of our Synagogue, has been working tirelessly to complete the pre-qualifying application for a grant from Homeland Security. If approved, we will move onto the next step of applying for the Homeland Security Grant and hopefully receive funds to make the necessary security updates needed to make our building more secure. This is obviously a very expensive proposition.

As a result of our 2nd Security and Safety meeting, with permission from the Board of Directors, we hired a plain clothed armed police officer from the 111th precinct to stand at the front door on Saturday mornings and for any service or function where a large group of congregants are attending. Our custodians who know the congregants also stand with the officer to greet the congregants.

What has desperately been needed all these months is a Communications Plan where we will be able to effectively communicate with each other during an emergency. We will need to learn how to keep the congregation in the loop during evacuations and reunifications. Who will be the leaders to direct us? What doors should we exit from? Where do we hide? What happens if a person is using a walker and is not as mobile?

As a result of attending the USCJ security conference, I had the privilege and pleasure of meeting Police Officer, Steven Krukowski, involved with Homeland Security who will speak with the Security and Safety Committee on April 30, 2019 at 7:00 pm in our Synagogue. He is a dynamic speaker, an expert in the field who can certainly guide us in formulating a plan. I met with him on Tuesday, April 23rd, walked with him around the interior and exterior of the building and he assured me that he will assist us in having a comprehensive plan of evacuation. He also felt that a lot of security improvements that were initiated years ago, puts us in very good standing. I was certainly relieved to hear this.

We currently have 23 people attending this meeting. If you attend services regularly on Friday evening or Saturday morning and wish to become a leader or want to learn more about how to feel more secure in handling an emergency in our Synagogue while attending services, please consider getting involved in the Security and Safety Committee.

Please contact me at marjorie.goldstein1@gmail.com and let me know if you are interested in attending this very important meeting.

Obviously we still have a lot to get done and we are a work in progress. Hoping that we can all work together in this next important step of learning how to respond in an emergency in an orderly fashion. Most important is our safety as we come to Synagogue.

From Your Co-Vice President of Membership

by Elaine Fleischman

Hello L'Dor V'Dor family!!

It has been a hectic and will continue to be a hectic few months with the upcoming graduation of one grandson, a trip to Iceland with another one of my grandsons, a spectacular trip to New Zealand and Australia and the addition of two more Tai Chi classes to my schedule, life is fun, enjoyable and busy.

However, for me, the involvement with the Membership Committee has been equally as hectic and exciting. With Karen as our captain, her silent partner (yours truly Elaine) Jeri, Debbie, Carrie, Harriet, and Joan have put together for the 2019 - 2020 calendar year, two exciting events. On the drawing table is a partnership with two high fashion ladies' and men's store to be part of a Fashion Show for 2020. (Updates will be forthcoming as soon as the loose ends are tied and ready to be delivered.)

Judging from the success of our prior dances we have decided to go ahead and plan one for the winter of 2020, with the theme being the "The Prom" with the one and only Tommy Sullivan. We will be looking forward to seeing all the lady's corsage's, the gentleman's boutonnieres perhaps some dance cards, (who remembers them?) and exquisite prom dresses and handsome tuxedos.

Please feel free to give your input, your suggestions for other events you would like to be part of. I hope your Passover has left warm memories of family, friends and good food

Celebrate Israel Parade 2019

When the Northeast Queens Jewish Community Council marches in the Celebrate Israel Parade, Congregation L'Dor V'Dor represents 1/10 of the pack. Babylonian Jewish Center (in Great Neck), Bay Terrace Garden Jewish Center, Bellerose Jewish Center, Hillcrest Jewish Center (Fresh Meadows), Israel Center of Conservative Judaism (Fresh Meadows), Marathon Jewish Center (Little Neck), Temple Beth Sholom (Flushing), Temple Gates of Prayer (Flushing) and Temple Tikvah (New Hyde Park) complete the picture, sending about 300 marchers up Fifth Avenue. Whereas the parade's theme, ONLY IN ISRAEL: RAK B'YISRAEL NEQCC has chosen to recognize Israel as a country where respect for diversity thrives, referencing the fact that the world's three major religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam have their roots in Israel and co-exist there.

This year the Celebrate Israel Parade is Sunday, June 2. If you have marched in the parade in the past, please make this a repeat appearance! If you have never marched before, please make this your inaugural year! Your \$18 donation supports this self sustaining program, provides you with a commemorative T shirt and a seat on the parade bus!. The Celebrate Israel Parade is one of those annual events that should not be missed. You will be happy you joined the parade!!

NOTE: The parade begins at 11 AM; at the time of this writing, the time of assembly has not been announced. Keep your day open and join in the fun!!

Message from Cantor Shron



It is hard to believe that I am six months away from completing my TENTH year of service to the Little Neck community. I began my tenure as cantor of Little Neck Jewish Center in September 2009.

I remember the first night I walked into the building, sometime in June of that year. I arrived late for my audition, and Steve Aronowitz greeted me at the door. I told him that I got lost, but that's not exactly true. In reality, I found the building easily, but spent the next 20 minutes looking for the parking lot. (Sorry, Steve.)

The numerous experiences I've had since that fateful evening have been among the most meaningful of my life. In my ten years as cantor, you and I have laughed, cried, prayed, celebrated, socialized, learned, sung, and danced together on occasions too numerous to count.

Throughout it all, however, my experiences with the young people of our community have – by far – been more meaningful to me than other memories at the synagogue. Over the years, your children have played a very large role in my life. From Hebrew School and Bar/Bat Mitzvah lessons to meetings at Starbucks and summer job recommendations (and so much more), I've been fortunate to get to know your children well – and am honored to have played a role in the development of their Jewish identity!

I've discussed the existence of God with teens struggling to make sense of it all. I've coached frustrated Bar and Bat Mitzvah students to achieve great success, satisfaction, and self-esteem on their big day. I've taught little kids how to read Hebrew for the first time. I've cried with middle-schoolers, grieving the loss of a loved one. I've laughed with high-schoolers over coffee at Starbucks, while discussing Jewish holidays, anti-Semitism, pride in Israel, Torah tales, and so much more.

And I'll be honest: I miss them. As kids have gotten older, I have begun to see our young people less and less. Schoolwork, extra-curricular activities, social events and other obligations would get in the way, and I wouldn't see them as often as I used to. It's understandable and expected, but sad nonetheless.

That's why I thought it would be nice to celebrate my tenth anniversary along with those who have made my job most meaningful: your children. So now, it's time for a reunion.

With assistance from Carrie and Rabbi Yaffe, we've scheduled a **10th anniversary barbecue/reunion for all of my former students on Friday evening, May 31st**. It will be an "open house" from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm to enable as many people as possible to attend. With most college students already home for the summer, high school students not yet finished with their semester, and working-class guys and girls already clocking out for the weekend, we figured it would be the perfect time to get together.

If you are a high school student, college student, or recent college grad, please save the date! It would be amazing for us all to reconnect and reminisce about the "good old days". If you are the parent or grandparent of any of these people, please encourage them to join us! As you know, a little Jewish guilt goes a long way.

I'm proud to have worked – and developed a relationship - with quite a few young people over my ten years in Little Neck. I will always have fond memories of the times we spent together and would love to have the opportunity to catch up. I hope to see as many of my former students as possible on May 31st!

Cantor Josh Shron



HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Beth Blank | 15 Jacob Goldstein |
| 2 Danielle Becker | 16 Mark Jason |
| 2 Mitchell Drucker | 17 Benjamin Kind |
| 2 Gail Laufer | 17 Rhoda Shapiro |
| 3 Joshua Reese Feld | 17 Mairov Shron |
| 4 Barbara Raber | 17 Cindy Tanenbaum |
| 4 Adam Schneider | 17 Ali Weinberg |
| 4 Robert Yaffe | 18 David Alwadish |
| 5 Debbie Sosman | 19 Jeffrey Feinsilver |
| 7 Daniel Grijnsztein | 20 Esther Forman |
| 8 Charles Feldberg | 20 Ann Lesser |
| 8 Arielle Kahaner | 21 Justin Clair |
| 8 Valerie Varkonyi | 21 Jessica Drucker |
| 9 Anna Mandelbaum | 22 Rebecca Bressler |
| 10 Pamela Charles | 22 David Coons |
| 10 Renee Feld | 22 Brett Figelman |
| 10 Kenneth Kahaner | 23 Janis Jason |
| 11 Gloria Steinberg | 25 Joan Ross |
| 13 Yekaterina Sitnitskaya-Kanvesky | 28 Benjamin Weisberg |
| 13 Laura Weinberg | 29 Jonathan Grenard |
| 14 Steve Blank | 29 Lauren Kahaner |
| | 30 Craig Weibman |



HAPPY MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Nina and Irwin Wolf
- 4 Tracy and Mark Berlinsky
- 15 Lisa and Steven Levy
- 16 Janis and Paul Jason
- 18 Deanne and David Raffel
- 18 Mindy and Richard Rosenfeld
- 25 Helene and Donald Schoenholt
- 28 Meryl and Steven Faber
- 30 Carolyn and Neil Berman
- 30 Ann and Mark Hoffer
- 30 Gloria and Phillip Steinberg
- 30 Debbie and Robert Stoll
- 31 Lisa and Scott Zelniker



Celebrate
Your May
Birthday or Anniversary
by receiving a special blessing
at Shabbat Evening Services
Friday, May 10, 2019 7:30 p.m.

**Get excited about today's
music scene in Israel!**

ISRAELI MUSIC *Live!*

Sunday, May 5 • 10 am

ISRAELI MUSIC LIVE is a fun, interactive, music-filled audio-visual introduction to popular music in Israel today. You'll learn about the hottest singers and musical styles, and the different ways in which popular music is woven into Israel's culture.

Presented by Mairov & Cantor Josh Shron, hosts of "Israel Hour Radio" on Rutgers University's WRSU-FM for nearly 25 years. They want to make you a fan - whether or not you know Hebrew!



In celebration of Israel's 71st Birthday!

In Honor and Observance of
Yom Hazikaron
Israel Memorial Day



Yom Ha-atzmaut
Israel Independence Day
Wednesday, May 8
Service Beginning
At 7:15 p.m.

We gather together as a community in memorial observance for the fallen Israeli soldiers and Israeli civilian victims of terror.

At the conclusion of Yom HaZikaron, we immediately begin to celebrate

Yom Ha'atzmaut
Israel Independence Day
with great joy and Israeli Supper
and Israeli Dancing!



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

A Shabbat Morning in Celebration of Israel's 71st Anniversary of Independence

*Co-Sponsored by
Israel Bonds and Cong. L'Dor V'Dor*

Saturday, May 18

*9:00 am Shacharit
10:00 am Torah Service
10:45 am Guest Speaker
11:30 am Musaf*



*Guest Speaker:
Sergeant Benjamin Anthony
Founder and Director of Our Soldiers Speak**

A Sergeant in the I.D.F. reserves, Benjamin is a veteran of service in:

- The Second Lebanon War, 2006
- Operation Pillar of Defense, 2012
- Operation Protective Edge, 2014

He has served in Judea and Samaria / The West Bank and along Israel's northern border. Benjamin continues to serve on an annual basis as a combat reservist in the IDF.

*A non profit NGO that provides briefings and analysis to college students and elected officials on the realities and challenges faced by the Israel Defense Forces in asymmetrical combat situations.

During services there will be opportunities to:

- *Consider the purchase of an Israel bond*
- *Support the important work being done by Our Soldiers Speak*

Please call the synagogue office and let us know that you will be able to join in this special Shabbat morning celebration of Israel.

On Sunday, May 19 from 9:30 am—11:00 am Robert Lunzer from the bonds office will be available for all inquiries and investments and can be reached at 212-446-5835 or Robert.lunzer@israelbonds.com



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Congregation L'Dor V'Dor Men's Club

Presents *Two of the Greatest Years in Baseball History* With Ira Dornstein

Who is IRA DORNSTEIN?

He is a baseball fanatic, who has watched and studied the game since 1945. He had appeared on the Jeff De-Forrest talk radio show in Fort Lauderdale and he has traveled the country visiting both major and minor league ball parks. He is a baseball historian with great stories and memories to share.



Thursday, May 16, 2019

7:45 pm—9:30 pm

No charge but please call the synagogue office to let us know that your are coming!!

Editor's Apology:

We would like to apologize to the following who contributed toward the full page ad in the Men's Club Journal, who were omitted from last month's edition of Temple Talk. Please accept our sincerest apologies.

Julie and Steve Aronowitz
Carol Burstein
Joan Kase and Henry Riger
Leslie, George and Stephanie Klein
Marcia Levine and Bruce Kauffman

Diane, David, Samuel and Benjamin Menchell
The Men's Club
Sisterhood
Janet and Irwin Tobin
Nina and Irwin Wolf



- רביעי ישראל

Revi'i Yisraeli

Israeli Wednesdays at L'Dor V'Dor



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. All shows offer English subtitles.

We've just started watching "Shtisel...
It's a great time to join!

Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 pm



The Great Courses Plus
Taught by Professor Jodi Magness
University of North Carolina

Video Lecture:

Jewish Influences on Jesus
Discussion led by Rabbi Yaffe

Monday, May 13
10:00 am



Torah and Our Lives

With

Rabbi Yaffe

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

Wednesdays,
May 1, 8, 22, 29

Conversational Hebrew

With

Cantor Joshua Shron



Wednesdays, May 1, 15, 22, 29

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.



**Sisterhood
Book Club**

Thursday, May 9, 2019
at Elane Berk's Home
at 7:30 p.m.

The book that will be discussed on this date is: "A Spark of Light" by Jodi Picoult.

The warm fall day starts like any other at the Center—a women's reproductive health services clinic—its staff offering care to anyone who passes through its doors. Then, in late morning, a desperate and distraught gunman bursts in and opens fire, taking all inside hostage.

After rushing to the scene, Hugh McElroy, a police hostage negotiator, sets up a perimeter and begins making a plan to communicate with the gunman. As his phone vibrates with incoming text messages he glances at it and, to his horror, finds out that his fifteen-year-old daughter, Wren, is inside the clinic.

But Wren is not alone. She will share the next and tensest few hours of her young life with a cast of unforgettable characters: A nurse who calms her own panic in order to save the life of a wounded woman. A doctor who does his work not in spite of his faith but because of it, and who will find that faith tested as never before. A pro-life protester disguised as a patient, who now stands in the cross hairs of the same rage she herself has felt. A young woman who has come to terminate her pregnancy. and the disturbed individual himself, vowing to be heard.

Told in a daring and enthralling narrative structure that counts backward through the hours of the standoff, this is a story that traces its way back to what brought each of these very different individuals to the same place on this fateful day.

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

Any questions contact Harriet Spilkevitz at 516-708-9404.

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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, 6:30-7:30 pm
at the synagogue, or online!
For details, email jshron@comcast.net

Save the Dates!!

Celebrate Israel Parade 2019



Where Respect for Diversity Thrives

Join Us As We March In The
CELEBRATE ISRAEL PARADE
 Sunday, June 2, 2019
 \$18 Donation Per Person

Name _____ # of People _____
 Phone # _____ Email _____
 Bus Y/N _____ Shirt Size (s) _____
 I am unable to participate but am contributing \$ _____
 to support this project.

Return to Congregation L'Dor V'Dor
 49-10 Little Neck Pkwy, LN, NY 11362
 By May 15, 2019 NO REFUNDS

Brooklyn Queens Long Island Region
 Women's League For Conservative Judaism
 Requests the honor of your presence at the
**Woman of Achievement
 Awards and Dinner Gala**
June 13, 2019
5:45 pm

Congregation L'Dor V'Dor Sisterhood Honors:

Phyllis Budne

*for her remarkable work, involvement
 and dedication on behalf of our congregation.*

Hosted by
 The Shelter Rock Jewish Center



**Return This Form To
 The Synagogue Office
 By May 15**

I/We would like to honor Phyllis Budne by
 Attending the Awards and Dinner Gala (\$72)
 Including my/our name (s) in the full page tribute
 in the Ad Journal (\$36)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Make all checks payable to:
 Cong. L'Dor V'Dor Sisterhood

Newly Restored Torah Dedications

Yasher Koach To Those Who Have Dedicated Various Parts of the Torah

Books of the Torah

Hope and Marc Alheim	Genesis, Numbers and Deuteronomy	\$10,800
Wendy Yasgur	Exodus	\$ 3,600
Carol Burstein	Leviticus	\$ 3,600

High Holiday Mantel **Mindy and Richard Rosenfeld** **\$ 2,500**

Every Day Mantel **Velma and Neville Grusd** **\$ 2,500**

Rimonim **Esther and Peter Kind** **\$ 1,800**

Breast Plate **The Hoffer and Wirtheim Families** **\$ 1,800**

Yad **Shari and Neil Garfinkel** **\$ 500**

Weekly Portions (\$500 each) **\$ 3,000**

Debbie and Richard Sossman	Emor
Carol Burstein	Pinchas
Marjorie Goldstein	Yitro
Amy and Ken Kahaner	Emor
Desiree and Sonny Shar	B'Shallach
Esther and Peter Kind	Eikev

Sofer (\$250) **Baal Koreh (\$100)** **Gabbai (\$50)** **\$ 850**

Ivan Helfand	Nina and Irwin Wolf	Jerry Schwartz
	Elane Berk	Steven Levine
	Edith Schatz	Barbara and Cantor Julian

Raber **Judy and Jan Tomasik** **Susan and Jeffrey Rosenfeld**

Verses (\$180 each) **Ronnie and David Goldstein** **\$ 3,780**

Harriet Spilkevitz	Lori and Harvey Goldstein
Phyllis and Dan Budne	Janet and Irwin Tobin
Elaine Fleischman	Ruth Heyman
Elyse and Ted Goodman	Gerry Major
Gale Kaplan	Karen Popowsky
Ann Chernys	Dawn and Scott Singer
Ilene and Paul Cohen	Judy and Jan Tomasik
Elyse Clair and Ronald Cohen	Carrie and Rabbi Gordon Yaffe
Elaine Fleischman	Phyllis Alperstein
Carol Burstein (2)	

Words (\$36 each) **\$ 900**

Nadine and Arthur Rose	Estelle Weiss and Merrill Rosen
Julie and Steve Aronowitz	Irina and Morgan Starr
Pamela and Paul Sacker (3)	Marcia Levine and Bruce Kauffman
Jeri and Bernard Cohen	Judy Samuels and Avi Gazit
Eileen Baker	Beatrice Nebel
Diane and Mitchell Stein (4)	Barbara and Ben Ditman
Gloria and Phillip Steinberg (2)	Eileen and Michael Feiner
Rhoda and Sam Fleisher	Louise and Perry Heidecker
Debby and Ray Hockstein	Renee Gottesman
Susan sand Charles Mandelbaum	

Letters (\$18 each) **\$ 270**

Ellen and Gordon Charlop (2)	Susan and Charles Mandelbaum
Ann Chernys	Vivienne Lipsitz
Marilyn and Burt Aronson	Joan and Paul Ross
Betsy Budne Finnel	Esther and Saul Spindel
Ilse Holz	Ron Ullmann
Nadine and Eugene Rattien	Esther and Peter Kind
	Joan and Robert Weibman

Baruch Ha-Bah

A Blessing To The One Who Enters



**With Great Joy and Celebration We will be Welcoming
to the Bimah Our Newly Restored Sefer Torah
For The Reading of the Ten Commandments
During the Torah Service
On the First Day of Shavuot
Sunday, June 9 at 10:30 a.m.
(Services will begin at 9:30 a.m.)**

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Shavuot

A Festival
To Celebrate God's Gift
of the Torah

Erev Shavuot
Saturday, June 8

Mincha 7:45 p.m.
Seudah Shelihit 8:30 pm
Shavuot Maariv 9:00 p.m.
Shavuot Torah Study 9:30 p.m.

Shavuot — Day I

Sunday, June 9

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Torah Dedication 10:30 a.m.

Mincha/Maariv
8:00 p.m.
Yizkor Memorial Service
at approximately
8:30 p.m.



Shavuot — Day II

Monday, June 10
Shacharit 9:30 a.m.

Yizkor Memorial
Service at approximately
11:45 a.m.

Wisdom Of Our Laity

The Inner Priest

by Paul M. Sacker

The Fractal Nature of Priesthood, Part 2 - continued from last month

Last month, we explored how the societal structure of biblical Israel can be seen on a global scale when we compare the Jewish people to the whole of humanity like the way twigs on a tree share the pattern of the branch they spring from. We compared this to the mathematical concept of a “fractal.” We concluded that humanity could be viewed as having its pattern of “priests” (Jews), “Levites” (Pious Non-Jews of the World) and “Israelites” (the general population who have yet to awaken to their spiritual destinies). However, like any good fractal, the pattern should maintain its shape when we zoom in too, just as the twig’s structure is seen in its stems and even the veins of its leaves. Therefore, let’s now consider how biblical Israel’s social structure relates to us on a personal level.

Recall that the sages suggest that the Torah is less a document of history, folklore, and legal code, but primarily a guide for living a spiritual life. Therefore, what does the three-tiered structure of Israel tell us about our individual selves? If the text in Exodus 19:6 states that we are to be a “kingdom of priests,” this implies that each of us should be prepared to be “priest-like,” at least occasionally. So, how does one do this? Perhaps the suggestion is how we interact with others each day.

With regards to our family, social activities and jobs, we all play different roles. When we are performing the daily tasks that require our homes and organizations to function, we are behaving as the average “Israelite” citizen, the outermost tier of society as Torah lays out. When we shift our focus to helping others, lifting them up when they falter or removing obstacles to their personal development, we can think of ourselves as “Levites.” Finally, when we act in a leadership position, serving as a moral or ethical example for others to follow such as a parent, coach or manager, we do so in the capacity of “priest.” Clearly, at this personal level we can see a three-tier system of social interaction taking form. Furthermore, the Torah seems to imply that we should be prepared to fill any role at a given moment; sometimes being the priest and at other times we defer to another’s guidance. Therefore, living an ethical life ensures that when we are called upon to fulfill a role, we will do so in a fashion the Torah considers “holy”, bringing haShem closer to us and others. To do this properly, we must not just focus on our external behavior, but organize our intentions as well.

If our fractal theory holds, we should still see our pattern even when turning to inner contemplation of the soul’s structure. The Kabbalistic tradition suggests that the stories and laws of the Torah provide a description of ten spiritual forces that play out in the arena of our souls. Each character, place or event in the text represents the interaction of these forces. They are often called the *sephiroth* or “emanations.” If we divide the *sephiroth* into three groups (ignoring the tenth and last for now), these three groups parallel the three tiers of Israel yet again. The three highest *sephiroth* are the intellectual forces of Wisdom, Understanding and Knowledge. These represent our inner *kohanim* or “priest” and suggest we should endeavor to keep our thoughts “pure” and forever on serving G-d. The next level of *sephiroth* are best described as Kindness, Strength and Compassion. These forces act within us as a “Levite,” supporting the upper triad of forces by projecting the necessary emotions required to balance our intellectual capacities and keep them on the right path. The lowest triad is composed of communal forces best described in this context as Confidence, Gratitude and Empathy. They create the base upon which the other two tiers rest, allowing them to do their work. Thus, they represent the “Israelite” at our soul’s core. When we concentrate through meditation and prayer on harmonizing these three groups of internal forces, we fashion our soul into an environment suitable for haShem to build his “Kingdom” (the final *sephiroth*). This process is alluded to in the instructions given to the Israelites to construct the *mishkan* (tabernacle) and carry out its complex rituals, thus allowing haShem to “dwell among them.” (Exodus 25:8).

The Torah’s description of a three-tiered structure upon which to build society serves as a reminder that at all levels of our life, we need to organize and draw in the sparks of holiness around us. Whether we look for the priest within us or endeavor to serve a community as a leader, keeping this in mind helps us to see the fractal nature of reality. As haShem is infinite, so must be our approach to attract His light, both outwardly and inwardly. May we all continue to grow in each direction, ensuring this light fills every space of Creation.

A Second Chance

by Ellen Charlop

A little known holiday occurs this month, and with it comes a big message. Pesach Sheini, a second Passover, occurs on 14th day of the Hebrew month of Iyar, which corresponds to May 19th this year, exactly one month after Passover. Its ancient origins began after the Exodus, when a group of individuals were unable to partake in the Passover service because they had become ritually impure. They spoke up and said to Moses, “Why should we be left out?” They wanted to have the same opportunity as the rest of the people, to connect and come close to G-d. G-d heard them and responded to their plea by giving them a second opportunity to participate in the holiday. He declared a second Passover the following month. There is no cleaning or Seder. It’s a one day celebration where it is customary to eat matzah, but the Chometz can remain where it is. We come as we are, and G-d accepts us. Judaism is a culture of second chances and renewal. Every week we have Shabbat, every month we celebrate the new moon, and every year we have Pesach Sheini, one month after Passover, representing a renewed opportunity.

There is an awesome power in the lesson of this second Passover. When we make a mistake there’s always a chance to correct it. There’s always a chance to right the wrong, to take what’s broken and repair it. We all have shortcomings, but we can make things right. Once we set our mind to it there is no stopping us. Pesach Sheini reminds us we can always do better. It really wasn’t supposed to be a thing. It was an afterthought by G-d. He said if you are really serious about coming close to me, about having a relationship with me, I will change the rules. I will create a space for you. G-d gives us the power to regroup and repair through this second holiday.

Passover never really ends. It’s a stepping stone to Shavuot. The energy continues through the 7 week period known as the Omer. The Omer weaves together Passover and Shavuot, during which time we concentrate on improving ourselves. For forty nine days we work on certain characteristics in order to achieve self-refinement, and then receive our greatest gift, the Torah. Sound familiar? Just as we prepare for Rosh HaShanah during the month of Elul, we prepare ourselves to receive the Torah during the Omer. We are constantly encouraged to reflect and evaluate, and there is always room to improve. In the end, it all ties together, as we skip around the calendar, making up missed opportunities along the way, wandering through the desert, searching for something bigger and finding ourselves at the mountain where we can receive the greatest gift of all, and finally strive for a more meaningful and purposeful life.

Monthly Kabbalah Circle
Saturday, May 11
12:30 p.m.



Community Events

Temple Israel of Great Neck
Where Tradition Meets Change



TILL Film Series &
The Shoah Remembrance Committee
present



Sunday, May 19
7:00 PM
Crystal Ballroom

The Invisibles tells the stories of four survivors, interweaving their testimony with highly accomplished dramatizations, an unusual hybrid approach that brings edge-of-the-seat suspense to their years spent underground. Cioma is an art student who uses his drafting skills to forge passports in exchange for food ration cards; Hanni dyes her hair blond and tries to pass as Aryan; teenager Eugen is handed to a succession of sympathetic Communist families; and Ruth roams the streets before being taken in by a surprising protector.

Q & A with special guest, Lawrence Gumpel, son of Ruth Arndt, one of the featured survivors.

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Name: _____

Phone #: _____ #Attending: _____

I can bring a table Yes _____ No _____ Amount enclosed _____

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TILL Film Series
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EXTRA INNINGS

Directed by Albert Dabah & Brian Drillingler
Written by Albert Dabah
Featuring TIGN member Mara Kassir

Wednesday, May 29
7:30 PM
Crystal Ballroom

Discussion led by
cast members follows film

(Film contains adult language
and suggestive scenes)



View this outstanding film & participate in a discussion. The film is FREE to Temple Israel members, family & friends. Theater snacks will be served.

EXTRA INNINGS is a coming of age story set in the 1960's within a Syrian Jewish community in Brooklyn, NY. Our twelve-year old protagonist, David Sabah, is obsessed with playing baseball, to his father's dismay. When family drama and tragedy ensue, David struggles with the pursuit of his dream and devotion to his religion and family.



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Cantor Joshua Shron's 10th year Anniversary
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*We mourn the loss of
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Marion Silton

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and

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*May their memory forever be a
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Temple Talk Committee



We are in the process of forming a Temple Talk Committee. We need your expertise and creativity in writing, editing, and page layout to continue to present a monthly newsletter to our congregation. Please contact Audi at (718) 224-0404 and let her know your availability and interest. We greatly appreciate your assistance. Thank you

Israelfest



SUNDAY, MAY 5
From 12-4pm

**NORTH HEMPSTEAD
BEACH PARK
PORT WASHINGTON**

Israelfest, now in its fifth year, is a Yom Ha-Atzmaut community celebration of Israel's birthday.

The largest celebration of Israel on Long Island, the event brings together thousands of attendees in a joint venture between Sid Jacobson JCC and UJA-Federation of New York with more than 30 partner agencies including synagogues, Jewish educational institutions, JCC's, Jewish youth organizations, media partners and vendors.

This year's event will feature live Israeli music from the band TLV and Jewish choirs, a variety of activities for all ages, food from vendors Ben's Deli, Colbeh, and Green Olive, rides for children, an Israeli Market Shuk and dancing. Admission and parking are free.

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Mission of the Pull-Tab Program



Ronald McDonald House of Long Island

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

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

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



We Are Collecting Used Eye Glasses and Cell Phones



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May 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Torah and Our Lives 11 am Parashat Hashavuah 6:30 pm Revi'i Yisraeli 7:30 pm Conversational Hebrew 8:30 pm	2 Intermediate Hebrew 10 am	3 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Candle Lighting 7:36 pm	4 Shabbat Morning Experience Breakfast 9 am Shacharit 10 am Torah Service 10:30 am Musaph 11:15 am Kiddush 12 pm
5 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am Israeli Music Live 10 am Israelfest 12 pm-4 pm	6 Adult Hebrew School 7 pm	7	8 Torah and Our Lives 11 am Yom Hazikaron/Yom Ha'azmaut 7:15pm	9 Intermediate Hebrew 10 am Book Club Elane Berk's Home At 7:30 pm	10 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries Candle Lighting 7:43pm	11 Shabbat Morning Service 9 am Kabbalah Circle 12:30 pm
12 Mother's Day Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am	13 Jewish Influences on Jesus 10 am Adult Hebrew School 7 pm	14	15 Parashat Hashavuah 6:30 pm Revi'i Yisraeli 7:30 pm Conversational Hebrew 8:30 pm Membership Committee Mtg. 8 pm	16 Men's Club Program: Two Greatest Years in Baseball History with Ira Dornstein 7:45 pm	17 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Candle Lighting 7:50pm	18 Israel Bonds Shabbat Morning Service: 9 am Guest Speaker: Sergeant Benjamin Anthony 10:45 am
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