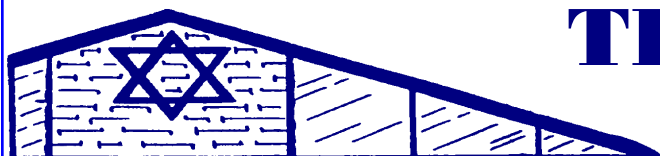


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August Schedule of Services

Daily Evening Minyan
Sunday—Thursday @7:30 pm*

* Beginning on Sunday, August 23
The Daily Evening Minyan
will begin at 7:00 pm

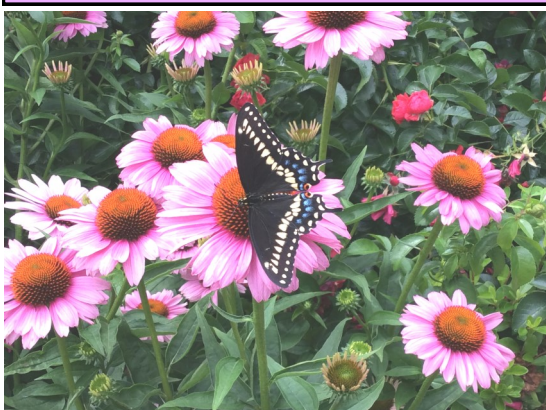
Sat., Aug. 1	Shabbat Morning Service Havdalah/Maariv	9:30 a.m. 8:55 p.m.
Sun., Aug. 2	Sunday Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.
Fri., Aug. 7	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 8	Shabbat Morning Service Shabbat Mincha Bat Mitzvah: Harriet Spilkevitz Havdalah/Maariv	9:30 a.m. 7:15 p.m. 8:45 p.m.
Sun., Aug. 9	Sunday Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.
Fri., Aug. 14	Shabbat Evening Service Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 15	Shabbat Morning Service Havdalah/Maariv	9:30 a.m. 8:35 p.m.
Sun., Aug. 16	Sunday Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.
Fri., Aug. 21	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 22	Shabbat Morning Service Havdalah/Maariv	9:30 a.m. 8:25 p.m.
Sun., Aug. 23	Sunday Minyan	8:45 a.m.
Fri., Aug. 28	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 29	Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah: Paul Sacker Havdalah/Maariv	9:30 a.m. 8:15 p.m.
Sun., Aug. 30	Sunday Minyan	8:45 a.m.

Shabbat Candle Lighting

Aug. 7	7:45pm
Aug. 14	7:36pm
Aug. 21	7:26pm
Aug. 28	7:15pm



Some Beauty In The Midst Of This COVID-19 Summer



Daisies
Planted by
Desiree Shar
Butterfly
Planted by G-d

From The Rabbi



It was ten years ago this month that I was blessed to become the rabbi of the Little Neck Jewish Center. Within two years, we became Congregation L'Dor V'Dor - Oakland Little Neck Jewish Center. As I reflect on my tenure here in this community, I want to thank my friend and my partner, Cantor Shron, our office staff, our custodial staff, our officers, members of the Board of Trustees and all the members of our congregation who have been part of this incredible journey that we have all been sharing. When I first came to Little Neck, I had the perception that there was great potential for building upon a solid past to begin a new chapter in the congregation of exciting, vibrant and engaging programs with the goals of increasing participation in Jewish life, strengthening our sense of community, expanding our Jewish education, promoting the values of Torah and meaningfully passing through the milestones of life. We have danced, we have cried, we have celebrated and we have mourned. We have prayed and we have learned, we have fasted and we have feasted. So far it has been a great journey and I am looking forward to all that our future will bring.

Our congregation, together with Conservative congregations throughout the country, is confronting significant challenges. Demographics are changing and life in America is changing. We do not have the number of children and young families that we once had. There are so many activities that pull us in so many directions. The synagogue that was once upon a time the social, cultural and religious center of the community and played a primary role in the lives of its members is no longer in that position. However, I believe and will always believe that the synagogue, Torah and Jewish Tradition, provide an important anchor in the lives of those within the community, that nothing else can. Making the age old Jewish traditions that have stood the test of time an integral part of our lives can help all of us to insure that we do not simply perceive our lives as a blip on a screen, but as a link in a chain that reaches back in history and forward to the future. As members of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor - Oakland Little Neck Jewish Center, we have inherited the glorious history of our congregation and we have the honor and privilege to be able to embrace this inheritance and to insure that our synagogue even if we consolidate with another will continue to be for generations to come all that it has been in generations past.

For 5 months we have been adjusting to a new reality brought on by the pandemic of COVID-19. We have been Zooming to services, Zooming to classes, Zooming to meetings and even Zooming to funerals and homes of shivah. We have not been in our beautiful sanctuary, we have not been kibitzing at the Kiddush tables, we have not kissed or touched or read directly from the Torah and we have not made beautiful music together and we have not hugged each other. However, we have been doing the best we can to reach out to one another, to carve a space for G-d in our lives and to continue to be nurtured by Jewish life and traditions.

Believe it or not, the High Holidays are just around the corner. Please be sure to read page 13 of this Temple Talk for our annual checklist of all that we need to do to prepare for the beginning of a New Year. On August 21 we will begin to blow the shofar every day as a reminder to engage in the process of teshuvah in the days and weeks prior to Rosh Hashanah. The process of teshuvah involves reflecting upon your life and identifying things that you have done or said that have brought pain to yourself or to someone else. Once these things have been identified, it is imperative to feel remorse. The next step is to ask for forgiveness, do what you can to right the wrong and make a commitment to try and not repeat the offense again. To be fully successful in completing the process of teshuvah is to be able to act differently when presented with the same situation in which you originally did something wrong and caused pain. I wish you *hatzlacha*, success in your teshuvah and in getting ready for the New Year.

It looks like we will most probably not be gathering together in the synagogue for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur this year. This will be a huge loss for all of us. We will all miss the feelings that we have entering the synagogue together with hundreds of other people, greeting people we haven't seen for a year, seeing the Torahs dressed in White and the long flowing robes of the Rabbi and Cantor, singing the familiar melodies in unison and in harmony as part of a full congregation and feeling the unique spirit of the holidays that happen once a year. With great sensitivity to this profound sense of loss, Cantor Shron, the Ritual Committee, members of the synagogue leadership team, and I are working hard to provide an engaging, meaningful and spiritual High Holiday experience. Please see page 5 for a High Holiday Update from our Co-Vice President of Ritual, Mark Hoffer.

I hope that you will take the time to read all that has been written in this Temple Talk and feel the sacred energy that continues to permeate our congregation even during these difficult times. Mark your calendar and make plans to join in those activities that peak your interest. Another great month lies ahead. I look forward to Zooming with you and seeing you on my screen!

From The Cantor



If you are attuned to the Jewish calendar, your thoughts can significantly be influenced by our holidays and observances throughout the year.

During the High Holiday season, we think quite a bit about our life over the past 12 months and our goals for the upcoming year. Around Passover, we tend to focus our thoughts on the anti-Semitism that has plagued our people throughout the ages, and how we've overcome adversity and continue to thrive as a nation. Around Chanukah, we recall the miracles in our lives, and how light and goodness can always pierce through the darkest of times.

And this time of year, we focus on Jerusalem.

I am writing to you on Tisha B'av, a "black hole" on the Jewish calendar. It's a day on which we recall the many, many tragedies that have befallen our people throughout the centuries. Reading through the poems of lamentation and grief – each one based on real-life events in the history of our nation – is a gut-wrenching exercise. Coronavirus notwithstanding, we live lives of such relative comfort, and it's often difficult to relate.

Since the pandemic began, I've been leading a "Lunch and Learn" twice a week, on Mondays and Wednesdays at 12:30. About a dozen of us get together to learn about Israel, past and present. We've learned so much about Israel's history, and it ALWAYS ties in to an interesting discussion about Israel's present. On a personal level, I am definitely MUCH more informed and educated about Israel than I've ever been, and I feel so fortunate to have the opportunity to learn so much along with some wonderful people! If you're not already part of the group, I urge you to tune in on Zoom.

To help us internalize the message of Tisha B'av, I decided to show the group a three-part series on the history of Jerusalem. It has been FASCINATING – and quite terrifying. In a nutshell, the Jews were in charge of the city until the destruction of the second Temple in 70 CE. Since then, control of the city has changed hands over and over again, generally ping-ponging back and forth throughout history from Christian to Muslim control.

But that's only half of the story; with each conquest came a tremendous amount of bloodshed. Each new warden of Jerusalem would waste little time leaving their mark on the city, destroying holy sites and murdering thousands. Jews were at best tolerated, at worst swiftly executed. It was not until 1967 – a nearly 1,900 year gap - that Jews retained full control.

I've been thinking about this quite a bit over the past week, especially going into Tisha B'av. How fortunate are we to live in these times! How lucky are we to be able to go to Jerusalem and pray in our holiest sites! How fortunate are we to be able to visit Israel and feel at home! How is it possible that WE are able to enjoy what our ancestors could only dream of? Do we truly appreciate the gift that we've been given? Do we comprehend the miracle that is still unfolding in our own time?

Sadly, many in the Jewish community do not.

They do not appreciate the centrality of Israel in our lives. Even worse, they choose to focus on the negative aspects of our national homeland. Perhaps that is a reason why we still mourn on Tisha B'av.

Recently, popular Jewish actor Seth Rogen spoke out against the existence of a Jewish homeland. Unfortunately, many young Jews will hear his words and take them to heart. However, twice a week, we ask – and answer – the tough questions about Israel, past and present. If you, your children, or grandchildren have concerns about any aspect of Israeli society, please contact myself or Rabbi Yaffe. We consider it our highest duty as Jewish educators to ensure that every single Jew cherishes the gift of Eretz Yisrael.



HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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



HAPPY AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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| 3 | Pamela & Ira Kaye | 15 | Janice & Jeffrey Cole |
| 5 | Phyllis & Daniel Budne | 16 | Gail & Alan Laufer |
| 7 | Ellen & Jay Auster | 16 | Susan & Martin Tobias |
| 7 | Nora & Robert Mayer | 21 | Pamela & Lee Charles |
| 7 | Lisa & David Reiss | 23 | Joan Kase- & Henry Riger |
| 8 | Ellen & Jeffrey Baskin | 24 | Randi & David Alwadish |
| 8 | Carol & Martin Jahre | 26 | Orna & Jeffrey Feinsilver |
| 9 | Debbie & Richard Sosman | 26 | Joan & Robert Weibman |
| 9 | Corinne & Mark Weisberg | 28 | Fran & Henry Tischler |
| 10 | Harriet & Richard Spivack | 29 | Esta & Stephen Heitner |
| 11 | Dale & Howard Herman | 30 | Marilyn & Burton Aronson |
| 12 | Yanna Kvurt & Stanley Kotlyar | 30 | Ahuva & Joseph Maytal |
| 12 | Carol & Steven Lusthaus | 30 | Susan & Jeffrey Rosenfeld |
| 14 | Shari & Neil Garfinkel | 31 | Marcia & Ronald Cooper |



Celebrate
Your August
Birthday or Anniversary
by receiving a special blessing
at Shabbat Evening Services
Friday, August 14
6:00 p.m.

Presidential Matters

by Steve Aronowitz



It was sometime in March, don't know the exact date, and I really didn't know what COVID-19 was. I found out! Next thing I knew was I was in the hospital and the wheels were coming off, not just for me, but for the nation and world. I'm not going to get into how our leaders responded, but my focus is on how the leadership of our synagogue stepped up – rapidly thoroughly, and convincingly!

In 13 years of presidency, I have with the strong support of you, confronted many issues – from consolidations to hiring of staff to financial concerns to building management. I gained confidence in how each situation was resolved. Whatever I thought I had accomplished provided little preparation for this dilemma.

The first thing co-president Mitchell Stein and I did – and it proved to be our best move – was to form a committee to deal with the crisis that was growing each day. Here's where I have to mention that Mitchell was working independently while I was unable to serve.

Mitchell and I had been co-presidents for three years; now, we became close friends, speaking several times per day.

We chose Marc Figelman, Mark Hoffer, Dr. Alan Fein, and Chuck Wayne to join us. Each brought a wealth of passion for our synagogue, a level headed approach and the willingness to devote whatever time was required in the days, weeks, and months ahead. Each portion of our plan was discussed with and reviewed by Dr. Fein. As our medical consultant, Dr. Fein, an esteemed pulmonologist, had automatic veto power. We were supported, of course, by Rabbi Yaffe, Cantor Shron, and Miss Audi. The group can challenge my count but I think we met over 30 times, all becoming expert in zoom navigation. We took the comments, questions, and concerns from everyone, and, of course, sought the opinion of shul leaders like Stan Wirtheim, and Richie Spivack, and Bob Stern. We debated what to do, we spoke with other synagogue leaders frequently, and we consulted local government officials. We adjusted plans according to whatever new information we discovered.

All of the above is accurate, but one person stands out, the chairperson, Marc Figelman. I know Marc about 40 years, I recognized his skill, and his unending enthusiasm to help wherever needed (Marc is co-chair of our House Committee). Marc had the knowledge; in what I laugh as I tell you, his part-time job. He has helped companies navigate how organizations must navigate the COVID-19; each company requires specific guidelines to meet required standards and protect its members and employees. A high percentage of our members completed the all-important survey, and we reviewed its detailed results. The survey elements were discussed in depth with various constituencies, but make no mistake, the entire project was truly a "Figelman product."

The survey set our direction and the culminating pieces included presentations to the executive board, the board of trustees, and the general membership. Consensus – nearly unanimous – was arrived at quickly and all meetings came off flawlessly. None of this could have happened without Marc's intense interest in covering all factors, his exceptional organizational skills and stellar work ethic.

So, we carry on as you knew we would. As Rabbi Yaffe said many weeks ago, "We are open. We never closed!" That is why we were comfortable holding an outdoor service for Tisha B'Av last Wednesday evening. All protocols were observed and accepted.

Please understand that we are aware things change and while our position today is that in the interest of everyone's health and safety, our building will remain closed until further notice, the COVID-19 committee will continue to assess updated findings and recommend new policies as warranted. In the meantime, we are planning virtual services for the High Holidays, including both zoom and streaming possibilities. As has always been the case, we welcome your input.

Stay well and thank you for your support.

Charity Begins At Home

By Neville Grusd

Dear Fellow Congregant:

As you know, Congregation L'Dor V'Dor, like every other business and organization is suffering during these unprecedented times caused by the pandemic. We are suffering from lost income (our tenant cannot pay rent) and we are incurring additional expenses to be ready when we can reopen.

Our Rabbi, Cantor, Audi and members of our synagogue leadership are doing a sterling job keeping virtual services and other activities going via Zoom, and we have hardly skipped a beat. In fact, we have had more activity than ever before.

Unfortunately, under current conditions, many fund-raisers cannot be held. While every effort has been made to take advantage of government stimulus programs and we have cut expenses where we can, we are still far short of our needs to balance our budget.

Giving to charity, especially at the time of the High Holydays, is the foundation of our religion and society. Accordingly, we have come up with a program called: "**CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME**".

It works on a simple premise:

We all give money throughout the year to various deserving causes, and we should continue to do so. But, Congregation L'Dor V'Dor is our spiritual home that desperately needs funds, and CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME. So, we are proposing that every member of the Congregation gives a percentage of their annual charity budget to the one place dear to their hearts that really needs the funds...our shul. The percentage can be 50%, 25% or 10%; or whatever moves you. In this way you are not cutting out any of your favorite causes, nor do you have to increase your budget if you don't want to. But please give priority to your HOME, where charity begins. In this way we will get through this crisis and emerge stronger than ever before".

Best regards,

Neville Grusd

MINYAN TZEDAKAH

by Stan Wirtheim

It is now approximately 23 weeks since the synagogue building has been closed. During these 23 weeks, we have had daily evening, Shabbat and Sunday morning services. It is the custom to put money into the tzedekah box after each service, with the exclusion of Shabbat. At the Sunday morning service alone approximately 15 to 20 people attend weekly. If everyone put \$1 in the tzedekah box over the 23 weeks that would be approximately \$400. If we add on the evening minyan that would result in a much larger number.

The reason I am writing this is because this money **DOES NOT** go into the synagogue's treasury. These dollars get distributed to various worthy charities such as the Hebrew Free Burial Society, Neve Hanna in Israel, Project Ezra which feeds elderly Jews in the city, the Masbia Food Bank and Queens Hatzaloh which is a voluntary EMS that serves Queens amongst others. Dependent of the amount of money available we usually distribute to at least 10 charities located both here and in Israel.

I know that you are being inundated with requests for donations by every charity imaginable. I also know things may be financially difficult for some of you in these times and for others that is not a problem. However, if you have been attending our zoom minyans and you are able to contribute something to this fund, please make your check payable to the synagogue and mark it either tzedekah box or Sunday minyan so the office knows how to allocate the funds.

I wish everyone good health, stay safe and enjoy the rest of the summer.

HIGH HOLIDAY UPDATE

By Mark Hoffer, Co-Vice President of Ritual

The High Holidays are a special time, for many reasons. They are a time for family and friends, a time for honoring our heritage and remembering loved ones who are now longer with us, a time for joyous celebration and song and, above all, a time of reflection and hope --- taking stock of the year that has gone by and earnestly entreating G-d to bless the New Year with health, happiness and contentment.

By all accounts, this past year – 5780 - has been challenging in ways we never expected. The COVID-19 pandemic has fundamentally changed the way we live, the way we work, and the way we interact with one another. It has also, much to our regret and sorrow, changed the way we gather for communal prayer, study and fellowship. Because of the risk of infection and the vulnerability of many of our members, and because Jewish law dictates that protection of life and health takes precedence over all other religious obligations, we made the painful decision in the Spring to temporarily close the doors of our synagogue building and hold services, classes and social programs on line. These have been a great success due to the leadership of Rabbi Yaffe and Cantor Shron and, it must be noted, due to your participation and support.

While we would like to reopen our doors for the High Holidays, the reality is that we cannot do so and at the same time ensure the safety of our clergy, staff, members, and their families and guests. In many parts of the country and the world, the pandemic continues to rage and affect many thousands of people. We still do not have either a proven vaccine or a cure for the virus. Our building has older air conditioning and ventilation systems that will require substantial upgrades in order to protect the congregation going forward. And finally, experts have concluded that religious gatherings, even with masks and social distancing, constitute a very high-risk activity with the potential for infecting large numbers of people. After much deliberation, we came to the reluctant conclusion that we could not in good conscience reopen for the High Holidays, and that services will be offered virtually, as described below. While we continue to monitor developments, given that the High Holidays are only six weeks away, it is extremely unlikely that this decision will be changed.

We know how important the High Holidays are to our members and we are therefore doing everything we can, within reason, to create a schedule of virtual services that replicate much of what is special about this time of year. Our goal is to create an atmosphere of warmth and sharing that is close to, if not exactly equal with, the experience of being within our sanctuary. To that end,

1. We are planning to offer a very robust service on each of the High Holidays, starting at 9AM, and covering most of what the service would entail if we were physically in our building. This will include all the major prayers, a full Torah reading, a full Shofar blowing (because of Shabbat, this will only occur this year on the Second Day of Rosh Hashannah), and appropriate readings in English.
2. The services will be disseminated via Zoom and/or live streaming. The Rabbi and Cantor will physically be in the sanctuary to lead the services, and you will be able to see and hear them, as well as see the Ark, Bimah, and table for the reading of the Torah.
3. The services will be participatory. We envision asking members honored with a reading in English to pre-record their readings, which will then be slotted into the service at the appropriate time so that all can see and hear the reader. We also envision having members honored with a Torah Aliyah being able to recite the Torah blessings live, at the appropriate time during the service.
4. We are working with a professional production company to find ways to accomplish the foregoing, and to obtain the necessary equipment and support to make sure that the virtual service can be seen and heard without difficulty.
5. We are working on a plan to have Machzorim (High Holiday prayer books) available to members to borrow and take home for use during the holidays, and returned afterwards.

More details on all of the above items will be forthcoming as our work with the production company proceeds.

We know that the decision not to reopen our building for the High Holidays is disappointing, and we share that sense of disappointment. Nonetheless, we believe the steps we are taking are prudent and in keeping with protecting the health and safety of our congregational family. We are committed to making the upcoming Holidays a special time for all of us and with your help, we can welcome in the Year 5781 together in a spirit of joy, gladness, and brotherhood.



לְשָׁנָה טוֹבָה תְּפָתְבוּ

House Matters

by Marc Figelman

I just returned from setting up the front lawn of the shul for our upcoming outdoor Tisha B'Av service. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and will we be able to see some friendly and familiar faces, albeit behind a face mask while maintaining social distancing.

While the doors to the shul continue to remain closed, sadly, due to COVID-19, the leadership team, our clergy and staff continue to be very busy. We have been providing and delivering virtual services (daily evening minyan, Friday and Saturday Shabbat services and Sunday morning minyan) along with our cultural, social, educational and other excellent programs. Hopefully you are taking advantage of the many offerings and opportunities, as it is said, "...all from the comfort of your home..."

Our COVID-19 Task Force is an advisory panel providing information and guidance to our Leadership Team and Clergy in order to make clear and informed decisions regarding the ongoing operation of the synagogue. Our objectives are to provide a safe and healthy environment for all within the synagogue, support the efforts of our local, state, and national health officials and government leaders to contain the spread of the virus, and to be leaders and responsible members within our community.

The results of the L'Dor V'Dor COVID-19 survey are in and have been correlated and analyzed by the COVID-19 Task Force. We had an amazing response, with over 150 responses, a 50% return on the request. The actual number of respondents is in excess of 150 as some answered as a family, rather than an individual. Thank you all for your support, honest feedback and insightful comments against or for re-opening.

The results have been shared with the Executive Board and the Board of Trustees. They were also shared with the attendees of our General Membership Meeting last week. The responses were in support of continuing with virtual services by more than a 2:1 ratio. The overwhelming majority of respondents noted that they are not comfortable attending in person as they are in a high-risk category, and would not feel comfortable returning to the building until a treatment, cure or immunization is available.

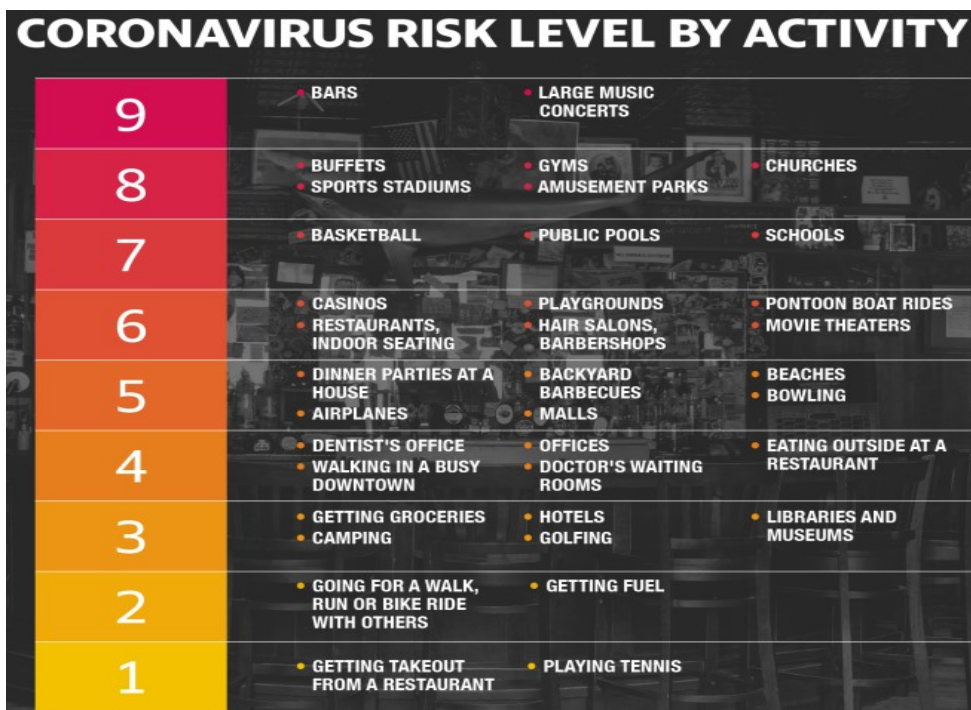
The decision on how to proceed with the delivery of services and programs has been a very difficult task. There have been daily phone calls and numerous web meetings extending late into the night. We are aware, acknowledge and recognize that no matter what decision we reach, there will be members that may be neither happy nor satisfied with our conclusions and the decision 'to' or 'not to' open our doors. With that said, **the Board of Trustees has come to the conclusion that in person services, within the building, will not proceed at the current time out of an abundance of caution to our members.** We see this as the right decision to assure the health and well-being of the Congregation.

The Task Force and Executive Board continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation on a daily basis. We are hopeful that the situation will improve in the near future and we will be able to return to in person services. We have been planning and continue to plan for our eventual re-opening. We have purchased and compiled masks and sanitizing stations, we have surveyed the sanctuary and ballroom in order to determine socially distant seating configurations, we are continuing to roll-out and develop our new processes and protocols including signage. We are purchasing additional cleaning products and will have our HVAC system serviced including the replacement of our filters with upgraded MERV filtration.

The Ritual Committee, along with the Rabbi and Cantor have commenced planning for virtual High Holiday Services. Details regarding the services will follow at a later date.

Below is an interesting graphic that provides some food-for-thought regarding Coronavirus Risk by Activity on a 1-9 scale. The risk level assessment was compiled by a Task Force compiled of more than a dozen front-line doctors and researchers specializing in infectious disease, primary care, pulmonology, and epidemiology. The table provides an interesting viewpoint as well as guidance on choices that need to be made on a daily basis. I hope this information will aid and guide you in your decision-making process.

From my family and me, please stay safe and healthy and don't forget to maintain proper hand washing and sanitization practices, observe social distancing as well as wear a mask whenever outside of your home.



Vice President of Membership

by Karen Popowsky

We See You

You can see me. You can see my picture right here above this article. You can see my picture in, what I call, ZoomLand when I attend services or meetings or classes at Congregation L'Dor V'Dor. If you are doing the same as I am, I can see you too. In fact, I look to see who is "there". It's similar to what I do when I attend services in real time, in person, inside Congregation L'Dor V'Dor.

I look around to see familiar faces. I look around to find my seat. I look around, I wave, I smile. It's good to see those I recognize and those I know. It's good to have the feeling of belonging to this congregation. Many times I see faces of those who I have seen so many times but I can't remember names. Or faces I haven't seen in several months; it's great to see those faces return from winter months away. I have begun to see faces that I didn't see in person at services. A new group of faces. I "zoom" in to see names that belong to faces I don't recognize. "Aha, so that's who that is!" I think to myself. I feel I am getting to know members of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor I may not have gotten to know during life before we entered "ZoomLand". I look forward to having an opportunity to greeting those "new faces" whenever Congregation L'Dor V'Dor is ready to have in-person, in real-time services.

In the meantime, while we are in "ZoomLand", let's all get to know each other. Zoom in to read names of your synagogue family. Zoom in to pair names with faces. Zoom in to make the connection even if you think no one can see you. I can tell you that we do see you. Felicia, Lorna, Bruce, Eva, George, Stanley, Stanford, Ira, Paul, Belle, David, Leslie, Joan, Harold, Steve, Michael, Kenneth, Barbara, Alan, Robert, Bob, Rob, Susan, Harriet, Debbie, Bernie, Irwin, Judy, Gail, Arthur, Nina, Marjorie, Jerri, Marvin, Richard, Mindy, Nadine, Pamela, Ann, Annie, Anne, Adam, Linda, Larry, Laura, Lori, Myra, Fran, Diane, Phil, Gloria, Marilyn, Randy, Jason, Eugene, Gene, Mona, Martin, Janet, Henry, Karen, Chuck, Cheryl, Jeff, Lois, Corinne, Janice, Harvey, Wayne, Tina, Patti, Suanne, Nancy, Phyllis, Naomi, Mark, Marc, Elaine, Elane, Eileen, Ilene, Ellen, Heather, Arnold, Sheila, Rickie, Betsy, Saul, Gordon, Ronald, Ronnie, Ron, Roni, Elyse, Sally, Dawn, Deanne, Alyce, Meryl, Robin,, Aviva, Avi, Valerie, Yanna, Irina, Irene, Fred, Morgan, Shari, Shahar, Neil, Carrie, Josh and Mairov. I see you! We see you! WE ARE HERE wherever and however you may see us! L'Hiltraot! We will all see each other ASAP!



The Hebrew Month of Av Bitter and Sweet

by Ellen Charlop

The month of Av holds enormous power. It commemorates the destruction of both Temples in Jerusalem, but also holds the potential for ultimate redemption. The name of the month is Av, which is the Hebrew word for Father, but the month is also called Menachem Av, meaning Consoling Father. This is symbolic of unconditional love that a father gives to his child, even though the child might not always do his or her best. Though we are not perfect, G-d knows we are hurting, and he tries to console us. The first nine days of the month are a heavy mournful period during which time no new clothes are worn, there is no cutting of hair, and celebrations are suspended. Swimming for pleasure is also forbidden. Some refrain from eating meat and drinking wine during this time. Instead, hard boiled eggs and lentils are eaten as a sign of mourning.

The Zodiac of this month is the Lion called Leo. It is said that the cruel Lion (Nebuchadnezzar) will destroy the Lion (the Temple) and the ultimate Lion (HaShem) will come in the month of the Lion (Av) and rebuild the Lion (Jerusalem). The destruction of the first and second Temples occurred in order to create a space to build the third Temple. And, it is believed that Moshiach will be born on the 9th of Av. Moshiach will come from the tribe of Judah, whose symbol is also the Lion.

Av is the 11th month on the Jewish calendar, if you count from Rosh HaShanah. The Jewish New Year is right around the corner! However, if you count from Passover, it is only the fifth month.

The mystical significance of the number five is that it symbolizes the hand of G-d, the Chamsa, from the Hebrew word "chamaish" (meaning 5). Five also refers to the fifth level of the soul known as Yechida.

Kabbalistically, this is the highest level achievable where G-d and the Jewish people unite as One. During the month of Av, we have the ability to reach this level of transcendence and G-d consciousness. The Hebrew letter associated with the month is "Tet", the 9th letter of the Aleph Bet. It is good to see a letter "Tet" because it begins the word "Tov" meaning good. The first time we see this letter is during the creation story when G-d says "Let there be Light" and says "It is Good." "Va'Yehi Or," "Vaya'ar Elokim et HaOr Ki Tov." We pray that Tisha B'Av will be transformed to a Yom Tov, a day to rejoice, when G-d will once again take the Jewish people as his bride. The attribute of the month is to listen or to hear. When Leah named her son Shimon, who is this month's tribe, she said, "G-d heard that I was unloved", and He gave her a son. G-d says, "U'fanai Lo Yirahu"- You cannot see my face. But you can hear what I say to you. To hear can mean to understand. Na'aseh V'Nishmah-we will do and then we will listen or we will then understand. A way to form a connection with the Divine is to hear his commandments and perform mitzvot. You can reach a certain level of consciousness without "seeing" G-d. We can also understand this as G-d saying to us "I hear you, you matter to me. I will help you." It reminds us that G-d poured out his wrath on wood and stone, but did not destroy his people. He still wants to have a relationship with us.

Though the energy of the month is destruction and sadness, we have the ability to transform this to deep joy and light. A mere 6 days after the low point of Tisha B'av, comes another holiday known as Tu B'Av or the 15th of Av (August 5). This ancient and modern holiday, often called the Jewish Valentines Day or Yom Ha'Ahava, is a day of great joy and celebration."Tu" is the abbreviation for 15 on which the full moon shines, and is associated with love, fertility and romance. It is a great day for weddings, renewal of vows, or proposing.

The juxtaposition of these two holidays is very significant because it represents the sweetness of light, hope and renewal after deep and bitter darkness. It shows us that every descent is for the sake of ascent. The further the archer pulls back the greater distance the arrow will travel.

Tu B'Av is a segway into the next month of Elul which is a Hebrew acronym for "Ani L'Dodi V'Dodi Li" ("I am to My Beloved as My Beloved is to Me.") It is a time when we feel a great closeness to G-d, a time when G-d is extremely accessible to us. We say the "King is in the Field". G-d comes to meet us where we are in our lives. This propels us toward the final crescendo of the High Holiday season.

Av teaches how each one of us has the potential to rise out of the ashes. It is the challenges in our lives, the dark times, that are part of the movement that can take us forward. Sometimes beautiful things can grow out of darkness. Don't get lost in the superficial, but know that on a deeper level you are always intact and always connected to a life force that empowers you to have the potential to grow. The Lion comes not to take us away from our purpose, but rather to bring us to an even higher place. Ferocity and passion, bitterness and sweetness, are two sides of the same coin. May this be a month where we discover our own inner Lion.

The Birth of the Movie Club

By Elaine Fleischman

Dear Friends,

It is now 5 months since we have been enduring the hardships of the COVID-19 Virus. Rabbi Yaffe and Cantor Shron have done an incredible job of keeping our synagogue routine alive and well. I've been in awe of their creative thinking and including all the committee chairs. Many of our members have been pitching in using their skills to add programs to the list of activities being offered. Yasher Koach to everyone!

So, I wondered how I could join this ambitious group and introduce something of interest to my friends of L'Dor V'Dor. Low and behold the MOVIE CLUB was born. On **Tuesday, August 25, at 8:30 p.m.** we shall meet via Zoom to discuss "**THE AWAKENING OF MOTTIE WOENBRUCH**". Please watch this movie, which can be seen on NetFlix, prior to the discussion. This is a funny, heart wrenching story of a young Orthodox Jewish boy who struggles with questions, dreams and desires that are contrary to everything he has been taught and has experienced.

Join us by calling Audi at the office and registering for **A NIGHT TO DISCUSS THIS WORTHWHILE MOVIE**. She will provide you with the information to be part of this new endeavor. Everyone, stay safe and healthy.



Online Classes

Lunch & Learn Kabbalah Circle

Tuesdays
12:00 pm



Join us as Ellen Charlop, Henry Riger and Paul Sacker share their insights and guide us in a dynamic conversation of various elements of our mystical tradition.

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Mondays & Wednesdays
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רביעי ישראלי

Revi'i Yisraeli

Israeli Wednesdays at L'Dor V'Dor



"Prisoners of War"

Get connected to Israel and its culture through hit Israeli TV shows! We've binge-watched hit shows like "Srugim", "Fauda", and "Shtissel", and we're just starting "Hatufim" (Prisoners of War) - the show that inspired "Homeland" in America.

Hatufim tells the story of three Israeli reservists captured behind enemy lines in Lebanon. Seventeen years later, they're freed. Two come back alive, the third in a coffin. The 10-part series unfolds as a psychological puzzle, flashing back to their time in captivity as they try to rebuild their lives while dealing with their loyalties being questioned during in-depth debriefings.

Wednesdays, 8-9 pm

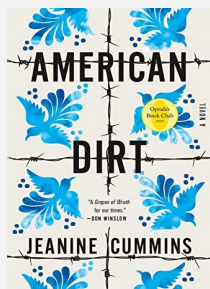
Sisterhood Book Club

Thursday, August 13, 2020

@ 8:15 pm Via Zoom



The book that will be discussed on this date is: "American Dirt" by Jeanine Cummins.



Lydia Quixano Pérez lives in the Mexican city of Acapulco. She runs a bookstore. She has a son, Luca, the love of her life, and a wonderful husband who is a journalist. While there are cracks beginning to show in Acapulco because of the drug cartels, her life is, by and large, fairly comfortable.

Even though she knows they'll never sell, Lydia stocks some of her all-time favorite books in her store. And then one day a man enters the shop to browse and comes up to the register with a few books he would like to buy—two of them her favorites. Javier is erudite. He is charming. And, unbeknownst to Lydia, he is the *jefe* of the newest drug cartel that has gruesomely taken over the city. When Lydia's husband's tell-all profile of Javier is published, none of their lives will ever be the same.

Forced to flee, Lydia and eight-year-old Luca soon find themselves miles and worlds away from their comfortable middle-class existence. Instantly transformed into migrants, Lydia and Luca ride *la bestia*—trains that make their way north toward the United States, which is the only place Javier's reach doesn't extend. As they join the countless people trying to reach *el norte*, Lydia soon sees that everyone is running from something. But what exactly are they running to?

American Dirt will leave readers utterly changed. It is a literary achievement filled with poignancy, drama, and humanity on every page. It is one of the most important books for our times. Already being hailed as "a *Grapes of Wrath* for our times" and "a new American classic," Jeanine Cummins's *American Dirt* is a rare exploration into the inner hearts of people willing to sacrifice everything for a glimmer of hope.

Email Linda Schlosser (isaac.schlosser@gmail.com) to RSVP.



Calling all L'Dor V'Dor Movie Fans

Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 8:30 pm



Please join your friends to discuss the movie, 'THE AWAKENING OF MOTTI WOLKENBRUCH', a snapshot into the life of Motti, a young Orthodox Jewish boy who is questioning his parents desire to see him married to a nice Jewish girl and his current lifestyle. Filmed in Zurich Switzerland and then submitted for Best International Foreign Film for the 92nd Academy Awards in 2020, it is a charming and entertaining movie.

Please watch ahead of time. It can be found on Netflix.

Looking forward to an enjoyable and stimulating evening in the comforts of your own home.

INTERESTEDPlease register with Audi on or before August 15th 2020.



Systemic Racism in America

What can we do about it?

As Jews, what is the best way for us to meet our responsibility to confront racism?
How can the Jewish Community better embrace Jews of color?

Join us on Zoom
Thursday, August 20 at 8:15 pm

Guest Speaker:
Nancy Morisseau, MPH

This is the evening of Rosh Chodesh Elul when we begin to blow the shofar as a wakeup call to examine our ways, identify our mistakes, feel remorse, and do what we can to right our wrongs.



Nancy Morisseau is a first generation American daughter of Haitian immigrants. She is married to Ami Greene, the son of Rabbi Gary and Judy Greene. Nancy has a unique perspective as a Black woman, engaged with Jews and the Jewish community, as the daughter-in-law of a Rabbi who is raising Jewish children.

As a public health professional Nancy sees the thread of social, racial and economic justice in all aspects of our lives. Throughout her career she has been a vocal advocate for social justice. Nancy understands and seeks to elevate individuals' unique and complex experiences and selves when working with them. Nancy has spent over a decade in the field of HIV prevention - a microcosm of the societal ills that have yet to be addressed.

Nancy believes that the social upheaval that we are living in is long overdue - Black Lives Matter, #SayHerName and #ICan'tBreathe are more than slogans and hashtags. They are a call to action for justice that is centuries overdue.

All are welcomed, but registration is required. [Click here to register!](#)
You can ask questions before the event when you register.

This program is being sponsored by Congregation L'Dor V'Dor-Oakland Little Neck Jewish Center, Hollis Hills Bayside Jewish Center, Marathon Jewish Community Center and Temple Torah of Little Neck

Erev Tisha B'Av Services on the Lawn & Via Zoom

On Thursday, July 29, we had our first in person service on the front lawn of the synagogue since early March, as we began the fast of Tisha B'AV. Under the direction of our COVID-19 Committee Chair, Marc Figelman, we followed all protocols as outlined by the CDC and gathered safely to daven Mincha and Maariv and chant the Book of Lamentations. We want to thank our volunteers, Judy Samuels, Avi Gazit and Phyllis Budne who helped to sign in and take the temperature of all who attended. We would also like to thank Marc Figelman who made sure that we had all of the necessary equipment for evening and our custodian Fernando for helping to clean up. There were eighteen congregants on the lawn and about 18 congregants who participated virtually via Zoom. Although there were some technical difficulties that at times made the service difficult to hear for the Zoom participants, this experience of the beginning of Tisha B'Av was well received by most of those who participated. This was an experiment that will hopefully help us to plan for other outdoor services in the future.



Meet the B'nai Mitzvah

On Saturday, August 1
Irina Starr
celebrated her 5th anniversary of
being called to the Torah as a
Bat Mitzvah



“When I pray I talk to God. When I study God talks to me.”

Louis Finkelstein

Five years ago my daughter Erica told me that I was ready for my own Bat Mitzvah. I didn't think so but my daughter is my inspiration and my best friend so I trusted her. She was right. I enjoyed the preparations. I enjoyed the day and realized that my learning empowered me with the ability to grow, gain strength, and give strength to others. From this strength, I am trying to find my own peace. I have never stopped studying since. I enjoyed every step of it. I am learning the philosophy and meaning behind every prayer and every part of the service. I work hard to get myself out of my comfort zone. Studying has made my life very interesting. It has helped me to make better decisions in life. I realize that the Jewish tradition has a vision. There is a certain humanity about Jewish education that opens up to you. The more you learn, the more you wish to know. I have grown so much from my learning with the great help of Rabbi Yaffe and his encouraging smile. I feel very fortunate. I hope my Jewish education never ends and that my deepening knowledge keeps me grounded.

“If you will it, it's not a dream”

Theodor Hertzfel

Irina Starr

In honor of this occasion, Irina read Torah, chanted the Haftarah and lead us in Musaf.



That Was Then!
and
This Is Now!

Paul Sacker
Celebrates the anniversary
of becoming a Bar Mitzvah
Sat., August 29 @9:30am



Since my first Bar Mitzvah in 1977, a ritual I really didn't understand or appreciate at the time, I have spent over 40 years wandering the wilderness of Judaism. Now, through the capable guidance of Rabbi Yaffe and Cantor Shron and the support of the Congregation L'Dor V'Dor community, the moment has arrived to "enter the land" and reaffirm my commitment to HaShem and Torah. Join me at our Zoom Shabbat Services on Saturday, August 29th at 9:30 am as I will read from the Torah and recite the Haftarah for Ki Tetzeh, the same Haftarah that I recited 43 years ago. I look forward to sharing some of the spiritual insights I have gained from relearning this Haftarah as an adult Bar Mitzvah.

Paul Sacker

The Bat Mitzvah I Never Had!

Zoom and Celebrate with me **The Bat Mitzvah I Never Had**

Saturday, August 15, 2020
at 7:15 pm

In honor of my 80th birthday
that will be on August 18th.

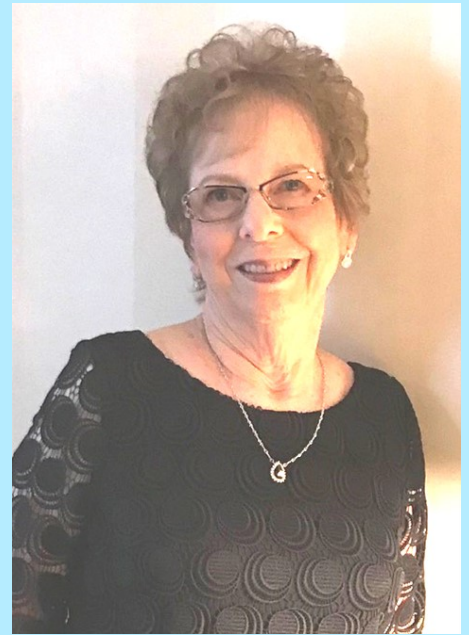
I hope that you will join me (via Zoom) as I

Chant a Haftarah

Recite Some Special Prayers

Rejoice in the Blessings of Life

Harriet Spilkevitz



In our lives today, the word “zoom” has taken on a new meaning. Zoom has become the way we get together and share in the blessings of life. On Saturday, August 8, I will physically be with my family and a few friends, but I will also be together with more than 50 others who will be Zooming to share with me the Bat Mitzvah I never had and to celebrate my 80th birthday.

At this time of my life, the older, traditional meaning of zoom is on my mind. I am asking the question, “how did my 80 years *zoom* by so quickly? I have two masters degrees and had a career of teaching Reading and Hebrew School for a little bit more than 30 years. My two sons are both married and each have two children. All eight of them are my life.

I graduated from a Hebrew High School in Baltimore, MD. My favorite person growing up was my Orthodox grandmother, Esther, who lived with me for 16 years. However, she only agreed to have her grandsons have a Bar Mitzvah. As a female, I never had a Bat Mitzvah.

I have never celebrated my Jewish life except for observing the holidays and having a Jewish wedding. As I celebrate my 80th birthday that will be on August 18th, I am having the Bat Mitzvah that I never had. I have learned so much from our reb, Gordon Yaffe who has been my Bat Mitzvah tutor for just about a year.

In the haftarah that I will chant in honor of my Bat Mitzvah celebration, G-d promises to rebuild and restore Zion after it had been destroyed by the Babylonians. The words of the prophet Isaiah are words of comfort spoken to a nation that just experienced exile and the destruction of its most sacred space, the temple in Jerusalem. Isaiah’s prophecy is that the downtrodden Israelites will again rise to glory.

When life is difficult, it is understandable to have despair and even to give up hope on there ever being a better day. However, the words of the prophets gave our ancestors hope in ancient times and they continue to be a source of hope and strength for us in our time.

For months, we have been trying to cope with the devastation and loss of normalcy that has been caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Learning to chant the haftarah and contemplate its meaning, have helped me to have greater hope that we *will be* able to emerge from this difficult time and the glory of our lives will be restored.

In the haftarah, G-d promises the people of Israel they will be invincible. It is my hope that this promise is for us as well.

The Members of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor Mourn The Loss of Bishop William A. Watson Jr. Who passed away on April 18, 2020 with complications from COVID-19



Bishop Watson and Rabbi Yaffe were good friends and worked together on the Black Jewish Coalition for Justice. Bishop Watson and members of his church joined us at our synagogue for several years for Shabbat Evening Services on the Friday night of Dr. Martin Luther King Weekend when we honored the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. At these services, Bishop Watson inspired us with his words of wisdom. On two occasions, Rabbi Yaffe delivered a sermon during a Sunday afternoon service at St. John's Baptist Church of Westbury.

As a congregation, we would like to make a donation to the St. John's Baptist Church in honor of the memory of Bishop William A, Watson Jr. If you would like to contribute and participate in this donation, please send your contribution to the synagogue office and we will include your name on the condolence card that will accompany the donation.

**Bishop William A. Watson Jr. was a good man.
May his memory forever be a blessing.**

Closeness In A Time of Separation

By Paul M. Sacker

Can you be a Jewish congregation and yet never set foot in the same building?

There has been much concern about reopening the *shul* again to allow for live services. One major issue for some appears to be missing connecting in person including sharing kiddush lunches, singing prayers together, or just relishing in the warmth of a Jewish community. However, do these situations require actual physical closeness to be spiritually fulfilling? Do they really define what it means to be a congregation? This article will attempt to provide some insight from the *Sod* (secret or mystical) level of Torah study (the level of Kabbalah), and what it suggests really brings a congregation together.

According to Kabbalistic teachings, Creation exists in ten prime dimensions much as mainstream "string theories" of quantum physics suggests. However, this total can be halved when one accounts for pairings or dualities. So, in actuality there are five "pairs" of dimensions. The first three pairs are composed of the standard three dimensions of *space*: width, depth and height. Dividing into their pairings, we get left/right, up/down, front/back. When describing the relationship between two objects in these dimensions we may say they are near or far in measurements of inches, feet, etc. The next pair, as you may have guessed, is *time*. The pairing is the obvious past/future and one way to describe the relation of two objects in time is "before" and "after." But what of the fifth dimension?

Fans of the popular TV show *The Twilight Zone* (created by Rod Serling, who was a Jew of course), may think they have the answer to that. However, in fact, Kabbalah says the fifth dimensional pairing is that of the "spiritual." The polarities of this dimension are often poorly presented in English as "good" and "evil", but in fact, the best way to describe them is "like" and "unlike." As time and space do not exist at this level, Kabbalists say the only way to measure the relationship between two objects is to account for the similarity of each object's spiritual desires. For example, two people who share a similar love of Judaism or Torah observance, are considered "close" spiritually, even though they may be situated miles or even continents apart. This is a key factor to the longevity of the Jewish people while in exile. Another example can be found among family members. They may be separated due to quarantines or different choices in living situations, but nothing can change the fact that the family members are always connected spiritually, a bond that cannot be severed.

In Kabbalah, the greatest relationship one can seek is to become closer spiritually to G-d. This is done by trying to emulate G-d in our actions; to become "similar" to G-d. The trick here is not to act more like we are in control of things or to order others around. The way Kabbalah teaches us to become similar to G-d is to practice the art of giving to others, or simply put: demonstrating love for your neighbor (Leviticus 19:18). Just as G-d shows love by sustaining Creation and providing the necessities of life, so too must we seek opportunities to give and fulfill others.

Therefore, if we rush to open our *shul* physically now as COVID-19 cases are still on the rise world-wide, we may be able to bring our congregation together in the dimensions of space and time and provide them a solid place of worship, but are we really showing "love to our neighbors?" We may put many of our members at risk for infection which would not only be unwise but against the core Jewish concept of "*pikuach nefesh*" (protecting a life). The main reason we are a congregation is because we share a love and appreciation of a certain way to practice Judaism. That practice has allowed men and women to pray together, provide forums for diversity of thinking, and opened our members to many levels of Torah study. It is that desire to share with each other these spiritual concepts that make us who we are, not a building or piece of real estate.

So, even if we are out of synch while singing *Aleinu* on Zoom, cannot yet hold a Torah scroll on Shabbat morning, or enjoy a kiddush meal around a table in the social hall, try to remember that we are still sharing a unique, fulfilling and, most importantly, safe experience with our fellow members. This is what brings us closer on the dimension of the spiritual and is the binding tie that makes Congregation L'Dor V'Dor more than a *shul* but a family.

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Mazel Tov !



To Renee Gottesman

On the birth of her great nephew

Benjamin Morris Richley

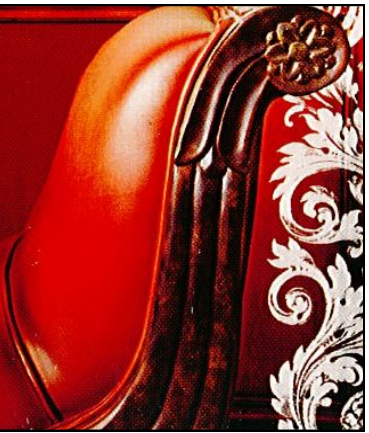
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*The members of
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mourn the loss of*

Violet Pollack

and extend our condolences to:

Nancy Cohen

On the loss of her beloved mother

We extend condolences to:

Ron Cohen

on the loss of his beloved mother

Shirley Cohen

Pamela Charles

on the loss of her beloved mother

Marilyn Sturim

Mark Berlinsky

on the loss of his beloved mother

Lucille Berlinsky

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

August 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Sunday –Thursday Evening Minayan @ 7:30 pm* * Beginning on Sunday, August 23 @ 7:00 pm						1 Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am Havdalah & Maariv 8:54 pm
2 Morning Minyan 8:45 am	3 Lunch and Learn Israel and Zionism with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm	4 Lunch and Learn Kabbalah Circle 12:00 pm	5 Torah and Our Lives Online 11:00 am Lunch and Learn with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm Parashat Hashavuah 6:30 pm Revi'i Yisraeli 8:00 pm Conversational Hebrew 9:00 pm	6	7 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Candle Lighting 7:45pm	8 Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am Havdalah & Maariv 8:45 pm
9 Morning Minyan 8:45 am	10 Lunch and Learn Israel and Zionism with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm Board Meeting 8pm	11 Lunch and Learn Kabbalah Circle 12:00 pm	12 Torah and Our Lives Online 11:00 am Lunch and Learn with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm Parashat Hashavuah 6:30 pm Revi'i Yisraeli 8:00 pm Conversational Hebrew 9:00 pm	13 Sisterhood Book Club 8:15 pm	14 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries Candle Lighting 7:36pm	15 Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am Shabbat Mincha 7:15 pm Harriet Spilkevitz Bat Mitzvah Celebration Havdalah & Maariv 8:35 pm
16 Morning Minyan 8:45 am	17 Lunch and Learn Israel and Zionism with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm	18 Lunch and Learn Kabbalah Circle 12:00 pm	19 Torah and Our Lives Online 11:00 am Lunch and Learn with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm Parashat Hashavuah 6:30 pm Revi'i Yisraeli 8:00 pm Conversational Hebrew 9:00 pm	20	21 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Candle Lighting 7:26 pm	22 Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am Havdalah & Maariv 8:25 pm
23 Morning Minyan 8:45 am	24 Lunch and Learn Israel and Zionism with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm	25 Lunch and Learn Kabbalah Circle 12:00 pm	26 Torah and Our Lives Online 11:00 am Lunch and Learn with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm Parashat Hashavuah 6:30 pm Revi'i Yisraeli 8:00 pm Conversational Hebrew 9:00 pm	27	28 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Candle Lighting 7:15 pm	29 Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am Paul Sacker Bar Mitzvah Celebration Havdalah & Maariv 8:15 pm
30 Morning Minyan 8:45 am	31 Lunch and Learn Israel and Zionism with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm					

The High Holidays Are Around The Corner

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.

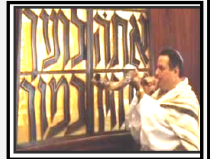
Be On The Lookout For The HH Mailing To:

- Learn about the details of our Online HH services
- 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 12.

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 Friday, August 21, 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 Thursday, September 17. 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.

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 \$18 by August 17, 2020



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