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# TEMPLE TALK



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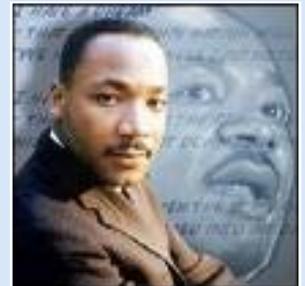


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The most up to date  
schedule can be found on our  
website. Click on the  
"What's Happening" Icon  
and you will see all that  
Congregation  
L'Dor V'Dor is offering.

All Synagogue Services,  
Classes and Programs are being  
conducted via Zoom and can be  
accessed with this [link](#).

Click here to find out

What's  
Happening

At Congregation  
L'Dor V'Dor

## From The Rabbi



With the dawn of this New Year, 2021, we are grateful that a vaccine has been created to inoculate against Covid-19 that has been plaguing us in so many ways for nearly a year. The rituals of our tradition often help us to respond in meaningful ways to significant experiences in life. As we anticipate receiving the vaccine, I would like to share some blessings that could be recited as part of the inoculation procedure. These are prayers that have been written by members of the Rabbinical Assembly and have been made available on the Rabbinical Assembly website. In general, the purpose of reciting a blessing is to guard against taking things for granted and nurturing an attitude of gratitude. With these blessings as a resource, we can approach our receiving of the vaccine with a sense of gratitude within our hearts.

When Tevye, in Fiddler on the Roof was asked if there were a blessing for the Czar, his response was, of course there is a blessing for the Czar, there is a blessing for everything. Now, if we ask if there is a blessing for the Covid-19 vaccine, the answer is a resounding YES! By sharing the blessings below, it is my hope that the experience of receiving the Covid-19 vaccine will be transformed to no less than a religious experience.

### Suggested Prayers To Recite At The Time of Receiving The Covid-19 Vaccine

By Rabbi Karen Reiss Medwed

*With gratitude and thanksgiving to The Healer of broken hearts and restorer of broken bones, appreciation and thanks for inspiring the medical teams and scientists granting them the wisdom, knowledge and expertise to prepare this vaccine for all of us. May it be your will that with my vaccination I will be granted the ability to heal and keep safe humankind and be granted the privilege to fulfill the mitzvah of one who saves a life. Blessed are you Healer of all who are sick.*

By Rabbi Naomi Weiss

*I have been praying for this day and now it is here! With great excitement, a touch of trepidation and with deep gratitude I give thanks. To all the scientists who toiled day and night so that I might receive this tiny vaccination that will protect me and all souls around this world.*

*With the pandemic still raging I am blessed to do my part to defeat it. Let this be the beginning of a new day. A new time of hope, of joy, of freedom, And most of all, of health. I thank You, God, for blessing me with life, For sustaining my life, And for enabling me to reach this awe-filled moment. Amen.*

By Rabbi Andrew Sacks

*"I praise the ETERNAL with all my heart in the assembled congregation of the upright" (Psalm 111). God who answers in times of distress and saves, "Healer of broken hearts who binds their wounds" (Psalm 147), Who shares divine wisdom with flesh and blood and has given us understanding, science and discernment to create this vaccine:*

*May it be Your will that through the power of this act I will merit healing and saving lives of all the living, and be able to fulfill the teaching, "whoever saves a single life... saves an entire world."*

*Praised are You who brings healing to all flesh and does wonders.*

As we continue to navigate these unprecedented times, I pray for the blessings of good health and well being for everyone. Although it is not possible at this time for us to be physically together, I am grateful for the technology that has enabled us to connect during this time of social distancing. As we enter into 2021, we have planned a flurry of activities and I look forward to praying, learning, socializing and continuing to grow together with the members of my synagogue family each and every day.

*Rabbi Gordon Yaffe*

# Schedule of Services

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

**Sunday Morning Minyan @ 8:45 am**

**Sat. Evening Havdalah/Maariv  
1 hour after Shabbat Candle Lighting**

Fri., Jan. 8	Kabbalat Shabbat Service Welcome to Our College Students	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 9	Shabbat Morning Service Havdalah/Maariv	9:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 15	MLK Tribute Shabbat Evening <b>Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated</b>	
Sat., Jan. 16	Shabbat Morning Service Havdalah/Maariv	9:30 a.m. 5:35 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 22	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 23	Shabbat Morning Service Havdalah/Maariv	9:30 a.m. 5:45 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 29	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 30	Shabbat Morning Service <b>Bar Mitzvah Anniversary: David Goodman</b> Havdalah/Maariv	9:30 a.m. 5:50 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 5	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 6	Shabbat Morning Service Super Membership Shabbat Havdalah/Maariv	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 7	World Wide Wrap Morning Minyan	8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m.
Fri., Feb. 12	Kabbalat Shabbat Service <b>Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated</b>	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 13	Shabbat Morning Service Mincah/Maariv <b>Bar Mitzvah: AJ Shron</b>	9:30 a.m. 4:45 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 19	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 20	Shabbat Morning Service	9:30 a.m.
Thurs., Feb 25	Erev Purim—Maariv Megillah Reading	7:00 p.m. 7:20 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 26	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 27	Shabbat Morning Service Havdalah/Maariv	9:30 a.m. 6:25 p.m.



## World Wide Wrap

Sunday, February 7th, 2021

Fulfill the mitzvah of putting on tefillin.  
Learn to wrap at 8:00 a.m. Daven at 8:45 a.m.  
Men and Women are invited and encouraged to attend!



## Shabbat Candle Lighting

Jan. 1	4:22 pm	Feb. 5	5:01 pm
Jan. 8	4:28 pm	Feb. 12	5:10 pm
Jan. 15	4:36 pm	Feb. 19	5:18 pm
Jan. 22	4:44 pm	Feb. 26	5:26 pm
Jan. 29	4:52 pm		



## Presidential Matters

by Steve Aronowitz

The Chicago Transit Authority, later known as Chicago, a jazz fusion band, was not the first to ask, *Does anybody really know what time it is?* Truth is, we no longer rely on the sun, moon, and stars as ways to mark time. Our worries about getting, spreading, or dying from COVID-19 have led to increased anxiety, fewer routines, and disruptions to our clocks. Days of sameness contribute to losing track of minutes, hours, or days.

The trick is to maintain focus and believe that the possibilities for 2021 are exciting. I do!

If 2020 has taught us anything, it's that things can change in a minute. The way we've always done things can be upended due to details outside our control. Resolutions by their very nature are the things of which we have an incredible amount of control. They are the things that, if we allow them to, can take priority in our lives. They're what we probably should have focused on beyond the first month of each year.

How does this apply to Congregation L'Dor V'Dor? Trusting the pandemic will become a sad note of history and that our lives will gradually return to our expectations, it is time to gain the wisdom of the past and use the present for action so that we can prosper in the future. As congregants, we will come together – in the synagogue – and enjoy the experiences we recall with reverence. I am excited about being with my friends at a Shabbat kiddush, sitting in the sanctuary and knowing I am in the right place. I look forward to attending – in person – the lectures, classes, and dinners that have made our shul home. That time is not far away.

Although our financial situation is in peril, I am confident that it will be resolved. And that is where memories come in! There is no reason to think that we can't – in the right setting – continue to be the center of Jewish life in northeast Queens and western Nassau County.

How will this happen? Unfortunately, we lost our school tenant and are looking for a replacement. This is, understandably, very difficult under current conditions. We will continue to strive to cut expenses and increase revenues, but it is likely that it will require a consolidation simply because our financial future requires it and the demographics are unequivocally pointed in that direction. And for those who signal, 'no', please remember that every good thing about our congregation remains with us. Consider the success of the Oakland – Little Neck bond. Without it, I doubt my optimism would be realistic. Better yet, a consolidation affords us the opportunity to grow as we have done repeatedly.

I believe that during the past nine plus months, we did grow in a most unconventional way. The fiber of our congregation provided the lifeline as virtual services and programming became the norm and we made the adjustment almost seamlessly. For me, this was unpredictable; for all of us, it became a reality. Credit the work of Rabbi Yaffe and Cantor Shron who brought the synagogue into our homes.

Of course, nothing replaces the synagogue. We know that. Whether one considers 2021 the beginning of a new year or the start of a new decade is debatable. So, here's to a fresh start, a clean slate, new beginnings and boundless possibilities. I am certain you agree that our collective hearts are open and our sleeves are rolled up!



## Vice President of Membership

by Karen Popowsky



Hard to believe that as I write this article, it is approaching the end of a year I would like to forget and it is approaching a year for which I have high hopes. The vaccine to help combat COVID 19 will soon be available to the general population in the United States. I know that we have been advised to continue to wear a mask, be socially distanced and continue to wash hands as frequently as possible. I can do those things. I can see the light at the end of the tunnel and I believe that we will be together again as soon as we are given the GREEN LIGHT to meet in the sanctuary of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor. I appreciate the patience of our membership as we have all struggled with the pull and push of hard made decisions of our Board of Trustees to keep our membership safe and healthy.

As some of you may remember (it really wasn't that long ago), your Membership Committee has sponsored a special Membership Shabbat service in Novembers past. This year November came and went without this special service, but I am here to let you know that FEBRUARY 6, 2021 is SUPER MEMBERSHIP SHABBAT! Some of you may know that the Super Bowl is being played on Sunday, February 7, 2021. The Membership Committee did not want to be overshadowed by that event and so it was decided to get a jump on the celebrations of the weekend with honoring our SUPER members and welcoming the newest members of our synagogue family.

Please plan on Zooming in with ALL of us on Saturday morning, February 6, 2021 so we can formally welcome the newest members of our synagogue family. As you put yourselves in "Gallery mode" you can zoom out and see all those attending services who you might have missed during 2020! Please extend invitations to your friends and family as we celebrate Shabbat together. Shabbat is always a special time, but February 6 will be especially SUPER for all of us.

## SUPER Membership Shabbat

Join with the  
Membership Committee  
Of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor  
For Shabbat Morning Services

Saturday, February 6 at 9:30 am

As We Welcome New Members

**BARBARA FELDMAN**  
**JOSHUA AND REBECCA KLEIN**  
and their children, Aaron and Alyssa  
**MARSHA KLEIN**  
**EDITH SCHWARZ**

Call Your Friends and Family  
To Join in the SUPER WEEKEND!  
(We'll be in the Zoom Room)



## From The Cantor



After a long, difficult, frightening 2020, we finally turn the page to 2021...a year filled with promise and optimism. The Coronavirus vaccine is here... can a return to “normal” be far behind? Wishing the entire congregation a very happy and healthy 2021, with hopes to sing together in our synagogue building real soon.

With the dawn of the new year, the Shron family is preparing for another simcha in our family. We will, God willing, celebrate our son AJ’s Bar Mitzvah in February. AJ has been working very hard to prepare for months, and we’re so excited to celebrate this significant milestone in his life.

However, it’s clear that this milestone will look a lot different than we’d ever expected. All year, we’ve been asking the same questions over and over. Will this be an “in-person” event? If so, we will need to host lots of people for Shabbat in New Jersey. Is that even possible? Can his friends attend? Should we encourage family members to come in? Is it even worth it for his grandparents to fly in from Israel? Will there be a party? Should our immediate family self-isolate before the Bar Mitzvah? Can he celebrate in school as well? Are we allowed to serve food?

These and many other questions have baffled us all year, with complete ignorance about what the world would look like in February. Now that we’re only weeks away, however, a few things are becoming clear.

**AJ will celebrate with the Little Neck community at a special Mincha service on Zoom on Shabbat afternoon, February 13 at 4:45 pm.** You are all cordially invited to celebrate this special milestone with us, as AJ reads from the Torah and leads the service. We are very excited to share this simcha with you!

The following weekend, AJ will read the complete Torah portion (Terumah), live and in-person, at our synagogue in New Jersey. Only his friends from the community will attend, as we will not be able to host Shabbat guests. My parents (and most likely my sister and her family) will fly in from Israel, as they will have already been vaccinated by then. The celebration, however, will be extremely low-key. There will be no party at this time, as the celebration will focus primarily on the “mitzvah” and less on the “bar”.

As disappointing as this “diminished” celebration may be, we’re extremely proud of AJ. He’s taken the entire situation in stride, never allowing disappointment to cloud his determination. AJ has learned an entire Torah portion, consisting of 4,692 Hebrew letters, 1,145 Hebrew words, 96 verses, and 155 lines in a Torah Scroll (thanks, Wikipedia!). While I won’t say that it was never a challenge to remind him to study, I can tell you that he’s always understood the importance of the day, and has worked diligently to prepare for more than a year.

May I brag a little? AJ is an exceptional kid. His empathetic nature and fun personality make him extremely likeable to everyone he meets. While all siblings have their squabbles, each of my children will agree that AJ is probably the easiest to get along with. He has a great group of friends, is a leader among his peers, and is a great student - although it’s entirely possible that he spent more time on his fantasy football league than on his schoolwork this fall.

But most of all, AJ is a “Ben Torah” – literally a “son of Torah”. He is a boy who cares about Judaism, enjoys Judaic studies, loves to lead services, and will wear his tallit and tefillin with pride. *I can’t wait to stand by his side as he becomes a Bar Mitzvah, taking his place as an adult member of the Jewish community.*

I hope you will join Mairov and me to celebrate our son – and our Jewish heritage – on February 13<sup>th</sup>. May our community continue to share many joyous occasions together!

## Meet the Bar Mitzvah!

### AJ Shron



Hi, my name is AJ Shron. I am a seventh grader at Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva in Edison, New Jersey. I love to play football, watch football, and play fantasy football. My favorite team is the New York Giants. I am excited to become a Bar Mitzvah because I can put on tefillin, count in a minyan, and participate in leading the service. I have been working very hard to prepare for my Bar Mitzvah, and I am looking forward to sharing it with the L’Dor V’Dor community on February 13th!

## David Goodman A Ten Year Bar Mitzvah Anniversary

### January 30, 2021



I am excited to celebrate the ten year anniversary of my Bar Mitzvah on January 30, 2021. The coinciding of two milestones: a decade since my Bar Mitzvah and this year’s graduation from college and the beginning of my professional career, give me a good reason to reflect on all that has happened and all I have learned in the last decade.

A little update on me: I recently graduated from Lehigh University and have begun my career at KPMG as an associate in the Economic and Valuation Services practice. Since starting work I have been working remotely from home in Great Neck, but I will be moving to the city in the next month.

From becoming an adult in the Jewish community a decade ago to becoming an independent adult in the wider global community now, the same lessons still apply. Be thankful and appreciative for what you have and don’t worry about what you don’t, and make sure you focus on the important things in life and be able to see the forest for the trees. These lessons learned early on when I was thirteen still hold true and will always hold true.

I would like to thank Cantor Shron and Rabbi Yaffe for giving me the opportunity to celebrate the anniversary of my Bar Mitzvah with the temple and I am looking forward to sharing many more memories with the congregation.



## HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Betsy Budne-Finnel | 16 Leon Hodes         |
| 2 Nathan Tamari      | 18 Lee Becker         |
| 3 Logan Slakter      | 18 Harvey Goldstein   |
| 4 Jeffrey Cohen      | 19 Phyllis Alperstein |
| 4 Cheryl Feiner      | 19 Charles Mandelbaum |
| 4 Heather Makover    | 19 Aviva Reznik       |
| 5 Mark Grijnsztein   | 20 Alex Gottlieb      |
| 5 Nadine Rose        | 21 Bonnie Charles     |
| 6 Elisabeth Shaller  | 21 Peter Glaser       |
| 7 Rebecca Gelfand    | 23 Adam Cohen         |
| 7 Viktor Kanevsky    | 23 Ben Ditman         |
| 8 Irene Gordon       | 23 Juliette Reiss     |
| 8 Ira Kaye           | 23 Mariel Reiss       |
| 8 Merrill Rosen      | 24 Gladys Dorfler     |
| 8 Lenore Zakow       | 24 Cole Junger        |
| 9 Carol Lusthaus     | 24 Andrew Levin       |
| 9 Benjamin Menchell  | 26 Selma Rich         |
| 10 Harry Junger      | 27 Ilse Holz          |
| 11 Scott Goodman     | 27 Eric Metzger       |
| 11 Harriet Spivack   | 27 Gabrielle Sykoff   |
| 11 Phillip Steinberg | 28 Richard Spivack    |
| 12 Richard Kops      | 28 Joshua Tobias      |
| 12 Howard Litvack    | 29 Neil Garfinkel     |
| 14 Lawrence Fried    | 29 Victoria Volkov    |
| 15 Alan Fein         | 30 Jennifer Cole      |
| 15 Steven Hoffman    | 30 Carrie Yaffe       |
| 15 Betsy Tanenbaum   | 31 Belle Stein        |



## HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Danielle Drucker  | 13 Marc Ross          |
| 1 David Goodman     | 14 Rhoda Fleisher     |
| 2 Ronnie Goldstein  | 14 Hazel Greenberg    |
| 2 Rebecca Singer    | 14 Matthew Stein      |
| 4 Esther Spindel    | 14 Debbie Stoll       |
| 5 Elaine Fried      | 17 Lois Wirtheim      |
| 5 Emily Hochman     | 18 Lee Blecher        |
| 5 Jana Kauffman     | 18 Ronald Cohen       |
| 5 Myra Maultasch    | 18 Debby Hockstein    |
| 5 Linda Schlosser   | 18 Leslie Klein       |
| 6 Ellie Shron       | 18 Erica Starr        |
| 7 Brandon Alwadish  | 19 Rickie Block       |
| 7 Marc Figelman     | 19 Lindsey Mayer      |
| 7 Scott Hoffman     | 20 Melissa Berkowitz  |
| 7 Alexander Roberts | 20 Albert Stern       |
| 7 Lesley Stern      | 21 David Levine       |
| 9 Rachel Coons      | 22 George Neiderman   |
| 9 Emily Fleisher    | 22 Lauren Reiss       |
| 9 Ahuva Maytal      | 22 Stephen Toback     |
| 9 Beatrice Nebel    | 23 Alison Hoffer      |
| 10 Marc Altheim     | 23 Alexander Yeres    |
| 10 Diane Lidoshore  | 24 Carolyn Berman     |
| 10 Joshua Mirkin    | 24 Carol Jahre        |
| 10 Brian Slakter    | 24 Eugene Streim      |
| 10 Marilyn Solomon  | 25 Samantha Grusd     |
| 11 Vivienne Lipsitz | 25 Barbara Levine     |
| 12 Scott Singer     | 26 Isabella Berlinsky |
| 13 Daniel Kanevsky  | 27 Amos Weinberg      |
| 13 David Kanevsky   | 28 Melissa Weibman    |



## HAPPY JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Valerie and Geoffrey Clain
- 16 Irina and Morgan Starr
- 18 Janet and Irwin Tobin
- 18 Judith and Jan Tomasik
- 20 Rhoda and Samuel Fleisher



## HAPPY FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Esther and Saul Spindel
- 14 Sally and David Coons
- 19 Tina and Marvin Anchin



Celebrate  
Your January



**Birthday or Anniversary**  
by receiving a special blessing  
at **Shabbat Evening Services**  
**Friday, January 15**  
**6:00 p.m.**



Celebrate  
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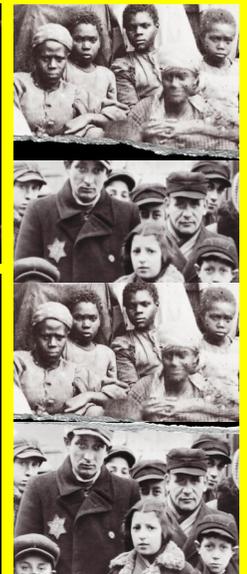
# The Shared Legacy And The Alliance Of African Americans And American Jews

In Anticipation of the Upcoming MLK Holiday  
In Honor of the Life and Legacy of  
**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**



**Congregation L'Dor V'Dor**  
Oakland Little Neck Jewish Center

**Will Be Screening The Film:**



**Tuesday, January 12 at 8pm**  
**In Our Zoom Room**

If you cannot attend the screening at this time, the film will be available  
from 3:00 pm on 1/13 until 3:00 pm 1/15 by clicking this link:

<https://vimeo.com/497085099>

Password: Menemsha

## **Shared Legacies: The African-American Jewish Civil Rights Alliance**

The crucial historical lessons of Black-Jewish cooperation are revisited and revived in this utterly fascinating, urgent call to action. Common cause was found in the turbulent '60s Civil Rights era, as Jewish leaders backed Dr. King's efforts at racial equality and harmony.

### **WINNER, Building Bridges Jury Prize - Atlanta Jewish Film Festival 2020**

*"Shared Legacies embodied the concept behind the Building Bridges Jury Prize by fostering understanding between seemingly disparate communities, creating connections that strengthened the plight for justice and equality, and showed the possibilities that can result from allowing ourselves to see the other."*

# Join Us In Our Zoom Room For Erev Shabbat Services

## Friday, January 15th 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

### Celebrating The Life and Legacy of **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

&

### The African-American Jewish Civil Rights Alliance

#### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

*“Our lives begin to end the day we  
become silent  
about things that matter.”*

*“We may have all come  
on different ships,  
but we are in the same boat now.”*



#### Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

*“By negligence and silence we  
have all become accessory before  
the God of mercy to injustice.”*

*“Racism is man's gravest threat to  
man - the maximum of hatred for  
a minimum of reason.”*



#### Guest Speaker:

### Neil Friedman

Founder and President of Menemsha Films  
Distributor of the Film: Shared Legacies

Neil Friedman, a native of Little Neck, possesses an incomparable talent for unearthing the undiscovered masterpiece. As an undergraduate at the University of Pennsylvania double majored in Urban Studies/Ethnicity and History. He went on to become a lawyer and practice Law for 4 years. In 1998 Neil followed his passion to be engaged with the film industry to help the greatest of films reach the widest audiences. As the distributor of Shared Legacies, Neil has become intimately involved with those who are featured in the film and is personally and passionately committed to the pursuit of Justice, Equality and Tolerance within our world.

Shared Legacies is primarily about the African-American/Jewish Civil Rights Alliance in the 50's and 60's. In the last 10 minutes of the film there is reference to the demise of this alliance and the rift that has risen between the American Black and Jewish Communities. At Shabbat Services, Neil will share where the Black-Jewish Alliance has been, where it is today and a vision for how this alliance can begin to be restored. There will be a 10—15 presentation and time for Q & A. Our Shabbat Evening service will include special prayers and special melodies to honor the beginning of the MLK weekend.



A Follow Up  
To The  
Screening of

**Shared  
Legacies**



# 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.

## Lunch & Learn Israel and Zionism With Cantor Shron



Mondays & Wednesdays  
12:30 pm

## Conversational Hebrew With Cantor Joshua Shron Wednesdays at 9:00 pm



### 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. New students are always welcome.



## Torah and Our Lives

With  
Rabbi Yaffe

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

A weekly opportunity to connect with wisdom of our tradition and discuss its relevance to our contemporary lives.  
This is an ongoing class throughout the year and new students are always welcome! Try it, you might like it!

## The Wisdom of Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sacks z”l Continues To Be A Blessing And A Source Of Strength and Inspiration.

**פרשת  
השבוע  
The Weekly  
Torah Portion  
Wednesdays at  
6:30 pm**

In 2020, the Jewish world lost one of its most insightful and distinguished leaders. Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sacks z”l, former Chief Rabbi of England, left a profound legacy, and his wisdom will be savored and cherished for years to come.

This year, Cantor Shron's weekly Torah class will highlight the insight of Rabbi Sacks, an erudite and brilliant scholar whose words will open your eyes to the beauty of Torah. Ready to make the weekly Torah portion come alive? Join us and let the wisdom of Rabbi Sacks touch your heart and soul.



**- 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.

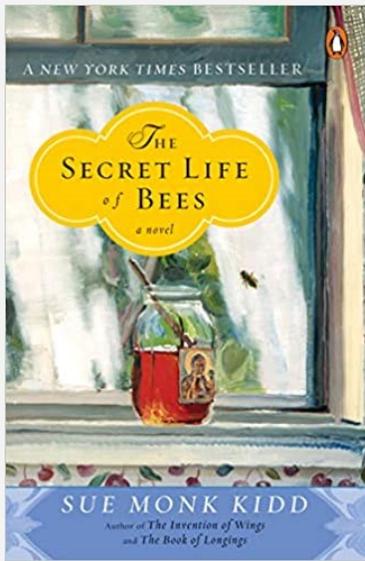
*Hatufim* tells the story of three Israeli reservists captured behind enemy lines in Lebanon. Seventeen years later, they're freed. Two come back alive, the third in a coffin. The 10-part series unfolds as a psychological puzzle, flashing back to their time in captivity as they try to rebuild their lives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

**Wednesdays, 8-9 pm**

# Sisterhood Book Club

Thursday, January 14, 2021

@ 8:00 pm Via Zoom



The book that will be discussed on this date is: "The Secret Life of Bees " by Sue Monk Kidd

Set in South Carolina in 1964, *The Secret Life of Bees* tells the story of Lily Owens, whose life has been shaped around the blurred memory of the afternoon her mother was killed. When Lily's fierce-hearted black "stand-in mother," Rosaleen, insults three of the deepest racists in town, Lily decides to spring them both free. They escape to Tiburon, South Carolina--a town that holds the secret to her mother's past. Taken in by an eccentric trio of black beekeeping sisters, Lily is introduced to their mesmerizing world of bees and honey, and the Black Madonna. This is a remarkable novel about divine female power, a story that women will share and pass on to their daughters for years to come.

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



## Calling all L'Dor V'Dor Movie Fans



Tuesday , January 19 at 8:00 pm

Watch *The Angel* on Netflix before this date and then join your friends in our Zoom Room for a great discussion.

# The Angel



The film *The Angel*, Netflix's latest thriller about a real-life Egyptian man who spied for Israel in the 1970s, revisits a turbulent time in Middle Eastern history.

In 1973, Egyptian and Syrian forces launched an attack on Israel on the holy day of [Yom Kippur](#), setting off what would turn into a [weeks-long war](#). Though most of Israel was caught off guard by the attack, its intelligence agency, Mossad, had in fact received a tip about what was to come. That tip came from Ashraf Marwan, a well-connected Egyptian national: Marwan's father-in-law was Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser, and Marwan went on to serve as an aide to President Anwar Sadat following Nasser's death in 1970. Through access to his country's top officials, Marwan had access to sensitive information — which he provided to Israel for several years, earning the code name "Angel."

Based on Uri Bar-Joseph's book *The Angel: The Egyptian Spy Who Saved Israel*, questions what would motivate a man like Marwan (played by Dutch actor Marwan Kenzari) to betray his country. *The Angel* posits that Marwan, who in real life died [mysteriously](#), after falling off a London balcony in 2007, would do anything to secure peace; other accounts suggest the spy was a double agent who sought more power and money.

**Looking forward to an enjoyable and stimulating evening in the comforts of our own homes.**

## The Monday and Wednesday Lunch & Learn

### Connecting Our Community To Israel's Past, Present and Future

Want to feel more connected to Israel? Since the start of the pandemic, more than a dozen passionate community members have met for lunch every Monday and Wednesday to learn about and discuss issues connected to the modern State of Israel. Cantor Shron's twice-weekly "Lunch and Learn" has been a source of education and inspiration during this difficult time, with participants calling it their "favorite time of the week"!

As a positive side effect, however, these discussions have brought us closer to Israel than was ever thought possible. Today's Zoom-connected world makes it easier than ever to connect with those who can provide clarity and color to our discussions:

- After discussing the role of the Israeli Rabbinate, our group met with Rabbi Peretz Rodman, a Jerusalem-based Conservative Rabbi who has fought to strengthen the voice of non-Orthodox Jews in Israel.
- Earlier this summer, Israel prepared to declare sovereignty over parts of the West Bank. Many of us were very confused by Israel's plans. To help fill the gaps in our understanding, Marc Tobin joined us from Israel to provide further explanation and analysis.
- Our discussions led us to the topic of antisemitism on college campuses. Days later, we welcomed a representative of StandWithUs to discuss how the organization is tackling this widespread problem in America.
- Our group was moved by a film called "Home Game", depicting the expulsion of 9,000 Jews from the Gaza Strip in 2005. We soon welcomed Tova Haddad who, along with her ten children, was evicted from her home that summer.
- As part of a discussion on the way Israel is portrayed in the media, we invited two journalists from *The Forward* to discuss the blurred lines of fact and opinion in today's media.

These kinds of experiences would never have been possible in the pre-Zoom era, and we are grateful for the opportunity to connect regularly with those truly on the front lines. Most of these presentations are available on our YouTube channel, <http://youtube.com/littleneckjc>.

Our class, however, is much more than guest speakers. It is filled with passion and love for Israel, with a healthy dose of debate and disagreement. We come from different backgrounds and experiences, but we unite with a common respect and admiration for the miracle of the modern State of Israel.

New members are always welcome! We meet every Monday and Wednesday on Zoom at 12:30 pm. Questions? Contact Cantor Shron at [jshron@comcast.net](mailto:jshron@comcast.net).



Guest Speaker:

## Mark S. Tobin

Son of Janet and Irwin Tobin who lives in Israel as a lawyer and entrepreneur and has a great passion for Israeli Government and Politics. Mark is coming back (via Zoom from Israel) to share with us his views on the Historic Abraham Accords and how these agreements effect the Israeli on the street.

**Sunday, January 24 11:00 am**

## The Historic Abraham Accords

The United Arab Emirates and Bahrain recognized Israel on September 15, while Sudan and Morocco announced their intention to normalize relations with Israel on October 23 and December 10 respectively. The most recent country to establish diplomatic relations with Israel was Bhutan on December 12.



**What is the impact of these peace agreements on Contemporary Israeli Society and what do they mean to us as Jews living in the 21st Century?**



## Tu B'Shevat Seder

**Wednesday, January 27 8pm**

### *A Time To Celebrate*

*Trees, Gifts of Nature,*

*Our Connection to the Land of Israel*

*Our Commitment to the Stewardship of our World*

**Log into our Zoom Room with:**

1 cup of red wine or juice

1 cup of white wine or juice

1 empty cup

1 plate of fruit and nuts that are edible on the inside, but have an inedible skin or shell on the outside. (Orange, Tangerine, Kiwi, Coconut, Peanut, Walnut Almond)

1 plate of fruit that is edible on the outside, but has an inedible pit on the inside. (Peach, Plum, Avocado, Date, Olive, Cherry)

1 plate of fruit that is edible both inside and out (Seedless Grapes, Raisins, Figs, Strawberries, Carob)

1 piece of cake or cookies

**Together, via Zoom, we will sanctify  
this special day on the Hebrew calendar.**

Congregation L'Dor V'Dor Men's Club Presents:

# The Billy Crystal Story

With Sal St. George  
of St. George Living History Productions



Tuesday, February 16, 2021 Zoom at 8:00 pm

St. George Living History Productions brings history to life  
by telling the stories BEHIND the story



## Local Boy Makes Good !

Did You Know music legend Billie Holiday  
babysat for Billy Crystal?

Did you know how Billy ended up on *All in the  
Family* and cultivated a life-long friendship with  
Rob Reiner?

Did you know how the infamous diner scene  
from *When Harry Met Sally* was developed?

How many times did Billy host the Academy  
Awards?

Do you know about Billy's 30 year friendship with  
Robin Williams?

Did you know Billy was a Yankee...for one day?

You will learn the answers to these  
questions and much more in this  
fascinating and funny program.

## "He's The Biggest *Mensch* You'll Ever Meet"

Cantor Chayim Frenkel of Kehillat Israel in Pacific Palisades

### Words of Billy Crystal

From JUF News and The Jewish Journal

"I'm not a very religious person, [but] it's in your gut, it's your heritage," he said. "You wear it. The Crystals were Reform Jews and orthodox Yankees fans. Crystal's father was a jazz promoter who co-founded the seminal Commodore label. He died of a heart attack when Billy was 15. The father's passions for jazz, baseball and Jewish life have described the son's life, as has a search for the man himself.

People who know Billy-the-Jew say the strong and certain sense of identity stretches backward and forward in the Crystal family. "He is a very committed and passionate Jew," said where Crystal and his family have been members. "He's the biggest *mensch* you'll ever meet."

The storytelling, the warmth, the sense of humor. My dad was strict about the holidays. We honored them, we went to temple. I like the ritual, and the caring for our planet that's written into so many of the works I read in Hebrew school.

My dad was a civil rights giant in his own quiet way, in that he was one of the first promoters to integrate jazz bands. So the house, yes, was filled with Jewish relatives with stories, but sitting next to them was Zutty Singleton, who was a great jazz drummer, or Tyree Glenn, who was Louie Armstrong's trombone player, or any of these other great musicians. They were all just friends. My family label — [Commodore Records](#) — produced "Strange Fruit," which is Billie Holliday's epic song about lynching. It took a Jewish family to produce that record, to write that song.



## Calling all L'Dor V'Dor Movie Fans



Tuesday, February 23 at 8:00 pm

Watch Menashe on Netflix before this date  
and then join your friends in our Zoom Room for a great discussion.

## Menashe

MENASHE is a 2017 film set in Borough Park, Brooklyn, New York. Based on a true story and starring the real-life Menashe Lustig, it is filmed in Yiddish with English subtitles but don't let that intimidate you, the viewer. This film promises to be thought provoking and touch a variety of emotions.

The New York Times' Ken Jaworowski wrote:

*In this sweet, often understated film set in a Hasidic neighborhood, the title character is a widower who must remarry to gain custody of his son.*



Looking forward to an enjoyable and stimulating evening in the comforts of our own homes.

Increase the Joy of Purim for your family and friends by sending them a beautiful Sisterhood Purim Card!

Fulfill a Purim mitzvah of giving to the needy and to Congregation L'Dor V'Dor Sisterhood at the same time. You'll feel good too!! Congregation L'Dor V'Dor is YOUR synagogue, support it.



Recognize friends and relatives by making a contribution of \$5 in each of their names through our Sisterhood. A special Purim card, with art work done by Nina Wolf, will be sent to each of the people on your list acknowledging your contribution. The Sisterhood will be making contributions to groups like:

Women's Transition Center in Far Rockaway  
Jewish Domestic Violence Shelter

At the same time we are helping women who need help, the Sisterhood and the synagogue will have a **successful fund raiser**. This is one of our **two major fund raising events for the year**. (Fifty percent of the donations will go to the groups above and fifty percent to your Sisterhood to help the synagogue, to offer Sisterhood programs and to help others later.)

Please note, in order to reciprocate to members who give to you, it is necessary that you list at least two names. If we do not require this, the reciprocating process lacks donations necessary to "seed" the process.

All orders **MUST** be received in the synagogue office on or before **Thursday, February 11**

Do not procrastinate;  
order now; this is a firm deadline!!

Use the order forms that are on pages 13 and 14.

Questions can be directed to Phyllis Budne 516-829-7598



UJA-Federation of New York

## Pack It Up for Purim



### It's Different This Year!

This year because of the pandemic will not be Packing It Up for Purim and delivering the gift bags to our neighbors who are in need. However, we will be mounting a campaign to raise \$1,000 so that we can reach out to 25 Jewish Families, identified by our partners at Common Point Queens, who have been having difficulty putting food on the table. We will be sending them a personalized Purim Card with a \$35 gift card for Stop and Shop. All donations made for this project enable the giver to fulfill two Purim Mitzvot: Shalach Manot (giving gifts to friends) and Matanot La-eyyonim (giving gifts to the poor). The cards that we will send will include the names of all who have donated to this project.

**Make your donation to Pack It Up For Purim today so that we can reach our goal of \$1000 to bring Joy and Sustenance to our Neighbors in Need.**

## Celebrate Purim

Thursday, February 25

### Erev Purim Festivities

7:00 p.m.	Maariv
7:15 p.m.	Megillah Readings The Whole Megillah Almost The Whole Megillah
8:00 p.m.	Virtual Costume Parade and Contest



# SISTERHOOD PURIM CARD ORDER FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: In order to reciprocate honors that others give to you, it is necessary that you list at least two names. If we do not require this, the reciprocating process lacks donations necessary to "seed" the process.**

**SENDING TO NONMEMBERS OF CONGREGATION L'DOR V'DOR  
PLEASE USE SEPARATE SHEET.**

**NOTE: 2020 COMPUTER RECORDS WERE LOST.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Send a note to the Congregation L'Dor V'Dor **members** that I honored in 2019, since last year were lost, and any others listed below (without reciprocation) (\$5 each; bill me later for the balance)

\_\_\_\_\_ Send a card to the Congregation L'Dor V'Dor **members** that I honored in 2019 since last year's records were lost, plus any others listed below **AND reciprocate** any honors that I receive (\$5 each; bill me later for the balance)

\_\_\_\_\_ Send to the Congregation L'Dor V'Dor members (**minimum two**) listed below **AND reciprocate** any honors that I receive. (\$5 each; bill me later for the reciprocating honors)

\_\_\_\_\_ Send to the following Congregation L'Dor V'Dor members (**include first names**)  
**No reciprocation please.**

**PLEASE INCLUDE FIRST AND LAST NAMES (addresses not necessary) OF MEMBERS BELOW.**


# SISTERHOOD NON-MEMBER PURIM CARD ORDER FORM

NAME OF DONOR(S) \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER OF DONOR \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names and addresses of those non-members to whom you would like to send a Purim card. (We do not have a record for the non-members you sent to last year.)

Name and address of person(s) (nonmembers of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor)

**PLEASE CHECK THAT ADDRESSES ARE COMPLETE AND LEGIBLE**

**NOTE: Use a different sheet for members**

**Remember to enclose the appropriate check made payable to Congregation L'Dor V'Dor Sisterhood. (\$5 each enclosed)**



# Virtual Shabbat Across America Via Zoom! Friday, March 5th



Turn an ordinary Friday night into something extraordinary!

- 6:00 pm Participate in A Lively and Spirited Kabbalat Shabbat Service with the Congregation.
- 7:00 pm Enjoy a Delicious Shabbat Dinner\* and be with your friends and/or family in a private Zoom Break Out Room.
- 7:45 pm Zoom in with the Congregation to sing, share some thoughts, play a game and say Birkat HaMazon.
- 9:00 pm Say Shabbat Shalom!

## \*Shabbat Dinner Options

Shabbat Across America Dinner for \$36 per person can be ordered and picked up at The Synagogue on Friday, March 5th between 1pm and 4pm.

Dinners will be individually packaged from Wing Wan in West Hempstead  
*Menu: Gefilte Fish, Salad, Challah Rolls, Roasted Chicken with two sides, dessert cookies*

Participants will have to provide their own beverages.

Alternatively, participants can make their own dinner.

## Shabbat Across America Dinner Reservation Form

Return this form with your payment by Tuesday, February 23 to:  
Congregation L'Dor V'Dor 49-10 Little Neck Parkway Little Neck, NY 11362

Alternatively you can make a reservation by going to  
<http://www.olnjc.org/ShabbatAcrossAmerica2021>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Zoom Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Adult Diners @ \$36    \_\_\_\_ Children (5-8) Dinners @ \$15

Any special food requests, please call Audi at the synagogue office 718-224-0404

\_\_\_\_ I/We would like to participate in Shabbat Across America, but will be making my/our own dinner.

We would like to sit with the following people in our Break Out Room for Dinner.

## It's About Time

by Ellen Charlop

As we approach nearly a year (can you believe it?!) of the pandemic, the concept of time has taken on new meaning. Time seems to move both slowly and quickly all at once. Things that happened earlier in the day can feel like they happened long ago by day's end.

Why is that?

People say that the days seem to all flow into one indistinguishable blur. A Tuesday can feel like a Sunday. Actually, every day feels like a Sunday. Our schedules have changed and our routines have become modified. Many activities have been curtailed or eliminated completely. This has given us the opportunity to do things we were never able to accomplish before because we didn't have the time to do them. Now we have loads of time. Blocks of time. That doesn't mean that long awaited projects will necessarily get done. But we certainly do have the Time. The pandemic has allowed us a close up and personal look at time. It has simplified life, to some extent, and has amplified our ability to notice more, and to notice things that may have been there all along. This is what time looks like.

To delineate time, some may find it helpful to keep a journal and note one particular event that occurred on a given day that made it different or special. Recording what you were thinking or feeling, something you saw or did, helps to distinguish one day from the next. Things like, ***"this was the day it snowed for the first time"*** or ***"I made a new recipe for dinner"*** or ***"a blue jay landed on my window sill"*** or ***"I found out someone I know has Covid"***.

I maintain my original inclination that Covid sounds so much like the Hebrew word "Kavod". The word "Kavod" has several definitions and is found all over the liturgy. It is constantly repeated in the Torah and in Psalms. Kavod can mean heavy, severe or grave, words that describe this horrible virus. Perhaps the message to focus on is what is heavy in our lives? What is weighing on our souls that requires focus and attention?

Kavod also means respect. If this virus was meant to teach anything, it is respect. Respect one's space by keeping a safe distance. Show respect by wearing a mask in order to protect yourself and others. The biggest thing we've learned is that what I do affects you, and what you do affects me.

The virus may be cruel and unfair by affecting people differently, but the remedy is the same across the board. By all of us doing a few simple things, we can protect each other.

Kavod can also mean Glory, or actually, the Presence of G-d. "VaYayrah K'vod Hashem El Kol Ha'Am", and the Presence of the Lord appeared to all the people (Leviticus 9:23).

G-d calls to us in all things, but perhaps, in the midst of this pandemic, God is screaming out to us. For me, during this time of Covid, God's presence seems palpable.

The numerical value of the Hebrew root of the word Kavod [Kaf (20), Bet(2) Dalet(4)] is 26, a spiritual number representing the Name of G-d. The fact that the vaccine was rolled out on Chanukah speaks volumes. The Covid vaccine was referred to as a medical "miracle".

The beauty and sophistication of the Jewish calendar offers many opportunities to mark time and create purpose and meaning in our days. Friday night comes as a welcome exclamation point, marking the end of the week, and the holiness of Shabbat distinguishes this day from all the rest.

The concept of Time in the Jewish way of thinking is not one of linear flow. Time is a process in which past, present, and future are bound to each other as a harmonization of two motions: progress forward and counter motion backward, encircling and returning. Time is more like a spiral or helix rising up from the moment of Creation. There is always a certain return to the past, the same, yet different, and the past is never a condition that has gone by and is no more. The past is a condition that continually returns and begins again at some particular point whose significance changes constantly according to changing circumstances. The scope of this return to the past is diverse, the movement ranging through a number of circles intersecting and inter- locking with one another.

To understand the week, the 7 day cycle, which the creator stamped into the very fabric of Time, (every culture of the world abides by a 7 day week) it is helpful to envision a circle. Shabbat is the day that embodies the purpose and end goal of time-the objective of all the work, development, and change, in our restless existence. Like the eye of the storm, Shabbat can be a center of calm amidst the whirlwind of existence. One day a week we penetrate the whirling perimeter of time to experience its tranquil core. One day a week we enjoy a taste of the world to come. It is this weekly taste of tranquil perfection that supplies us with the vision and fortitude to grapple with and transform the still imperfect world to which we return during the 6 workdays of the coming week.

Shabbat, then, is both the source and the goal of the work week. Therefore, Shabbat is the very essence of Time, precisely because it is devoid of the motion and flux which characterizes it.

Perhaps the pandemic has given us pause to reflect, a moment in Time, quiet but powerful, meant to teach transformative lessons.

What new ideas can we take with us into 2021? What new things may emerge out of this dark time? How can we look back with “2020” vision?

It is how we respond to the situation that will define us.

What are the hidden blessings waiting to bloom and unfold in the coming days?

Hopefully we will emerge better because of the worst of it, grateful for the realization of how little we need and how very much we actually have. Only Time will tell. May we all get back to life as we once knew it, but for the better.

Wishing you a happy healthy New Year, and better days to come in 2021. Cheers and L'Chayim!

## **Some Suggested Blessings For The Pandemic**

### Blessing For Putting On A Mask:

**Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech HaOlam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu Al Shmirat Ha'Nefesh.**  
*Praised are You, O Lord our God, Sovereign of the Universe who has sanctified us with his commandments and has commanded us about protecting our life.*

### Blessing For Washing Hands:

**Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech HaOlam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al n'tilat yadayim.**  
*Praised are You, O Lord our God, Sovereign of the Universe who has sanctified us with his commandments and has commanded us about washing hands.*

### Blessing Upon Getting The Vaccine:

**Yehi Ratzon She'Yihiyeh L'Refuah.**  
*May it be God's will that this will be for healing.*

# The Gabbai Needs Your Hebrew Name!

Please Send This Form Into The Synagogue Office  
Or Go To <https://www.olnjc.org/HebrewName>

English Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Hebrew Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Hebrew Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Call For Tzedakah To Feed The Hungry

Dear Friends,

If you can, make a donation to the Sunday morning tzedakah fund by either sending in a check to the synagogue office or by going to <http://www.olnjc.org/tzedakah> and using your credit card. We will be making a donation to Masbiah. Since the beginning of the Pandemic, this nonprofit soup kitchen network and food pantry has been experiencing a 500% increase in demand.



Everyday Masbia provides hot, nutritious meals for hundreds of New Yorkers in desperate need of food. Alongside the hot-meal program, they also give out bags of much-needed groceries every week to those with not enough at home, through our weekend take-home package program. Masbia works to not only feed the hungry, but to provide free, wholesome, and delicious meals for people in a restaurant-style environment, with volunteer waiters serving each person with respect and dignity.

## Chanukah 5781: Lighting Up The Darkness

Chanukah at Congregation L'Dor V'Dor is always a special time, filled with community Menorah lightings, festive Chanukah parties, delicious communal dinners, and so much more. But Chanukah during a pandemic? How could we maintain the same level of joy if we can't even meet in person?

Thanks to some very special people in our synagogue, Chanukah 5781 was saved - filled with music, community, family, an exceptional dreidel collection, a festive dessert demonstration, and much more!

As part of "Chanukah Across L'Dor V'Dor", a different family hosted the Menorah lighting each night of Chanukah. We gathered together every evening to light candles, meet family members, share stories, watch Chanukah videos, and learn about the special traditions that make Chanukah so special for each of us. By all accounts, it made this very *different* Chanukah feel truly warm and special.



A very special thanks to the wonderful families who hosted an evening of "Chanukah Across L'Dor V'Dor": **The Shron Family, The Drucker Family, Carrie and Rabbi Gordon Yaffe, Naomi and Stan Altschul, Julie and Steve Aronowitz, Harriet Spilkevitz, and Debbie Sosman.**

Looking forward to sharing Chanukah *together* with the community next year!



# It's No Longer A Secret!

**We Have Our Own  
YouTube  
Channel !**

## Have you missed a Virtual Program?

**Chances Are,  
You'll Find It On Our YouTube Channel!**

**Check it out at this link:**

<https://youtube.com/littleneckjc>

In this era of online lectures and programs, we've been adding lots of content on a regular basis. Some highlights:

- ◆ Our recent discussion of American Journalism, with two writers from *The Forward*
- ◆ Our Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, presented together with several other synagogues and churches in the area
- ◆ Our Kristallnacht commemoration, featuring recollections from three young people who participated in the "March of the Living"
- ◆ A conversation about anti-Semitism on college campuses across the USA
- ◆ Several original songs by Cantor Shron

**And much more!**

As a bonus, our YouTube archives offer memorable synagogue moments over the past TEN years! Take an enjoyable walk down memory lane on our YouTube channel, and experience the warmth, community and FUN that is a part of daily life at Congregation L'Dor V'Dor!



## ***Holocaust Memorial Day... We Dare Not Forget***

by George Klein

**Do not stand idly by while your neighbor's blood is shed.**

These are the words of Leviticus, chapter 19, verse 16. During the Holocaust, very few heeded these words. People who could do something, did not and the rest of the world could not and would not believe that events such as Kristallnacht and the Holocaust took place.

Over the last few years, it has been disconcerting that the numbers of both young adults and teens in attendance at this annual event have been decreasing. There are always a number of the older generation in attendance, although, understandably, fewer and fewer every year. Will we forget? Are the lessons of the Holocaust no longer relevant? Perhaps we firmly believe, or wish to believe, that it could never happen again and certainly not here, not now, not to us. Perhaps we are not aware of Rwanda and Darfur and Cambodia where mass killings have recently occurred and in at least the case of Darfur, continue to occur. Who is working to stop it? Perhaps we have forgotten the expression "burn Jews not oil" from the last oil crisis. Perhaps we have forgotten all the vicious lies told about Jews and conspiracies after 9/11. Have you or your children heard of "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion"? Perhaps we should all attend, so that we all understand how little separates us from those times, not that long ago.

As Jews, we have a responsibility to not let the memory of the Holocaust fade, both to honor those who were murdered then and to recognize that we have a responsibility, even now, to "not stand idly by" as Jews or blacks or any minority, or any human being is persecuted. As recently as 2020, there were a number of black individuals killed by those in authority under questionable circumstances – George Floyd and Breonna Taylor being two of the latest and more egregious cases. You might not be prepared to march in the streets against injustice but you must be prepared to help preserve the memory of the Holocaust so that others, including the young, recognize our responsibilities to "not stand idly by".

The Knesset in Israel has designated the 28th of Nisan of every year as a day to remember the Holocaust. Once again, the four local synagogues- Little Neck Jewish Center, Marathon Jewish Center, Temple Torah of Little Neck and the Hollis Hills Jewish Center will join together for our annual Holocaust Memorial commemoration. This year's event will take place on Sunday, April 11, at 10:30 a.m. Please join us to hear the testimony of the son of a survivor of the Holocaust, as well as witness other Holocaust survivors participate in this moving and meaningful event. On this important day, all Jews - Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and unaffiliated - must demonstrate that we continue to mourn the 6 million innocent victims who lost their lives and increase our resolve to ensure that "THIS MUST NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN." This year, we will again gather in recognition of Yom Hashoah on ZOOM. We encourage you to attend and also to bring your children and grandchildren to this very important Holocaust Memorial program. "Never again" is just a phrase unless we are prepared to raise our voices against all forms of anti-Semitism and discrimination.

**General Donations**

**Refuah Shleimah**

Get well wishes for Madeline Belonsky's full and speedy recovery  
by Laura Greenblatt and Alan Fein

**With Gratitude:**

For Rabbi Yaffe conducting an extraordinary community Kristallnacht program  
by Lisa Pollack

For the funeral services of Phil Levine, beloved brother of Francine Levine.  
by Francine Levine

To Rabbi Yaffe, for the many hours he spent teaching me how to use Zoom to  
stay connected to the OLNJC community  
by Gerry Major

**In Honor of:**

Deisree Shar's 75th birthday  
by Sonny Shar

Neal Yaffe's engagement to Ilana Herzberg  
by Harriet and Richard Spivack  
by Laura Greenblatt and Alan Fein

Harriet Spilkevitz on becoming a Bat Mitzvah  
by Harriet and Richard Spivack  
by Laura Greenblatt and Alan Fein

Amy and Ken Kahaner on the Naming of their granddaughter, Billie Kayla  
by Harriet and Richard Spivack

The marriage of Ellen and Gordon Charlop's daughter, Susie to Benjy Rutkin-  
Becker.  
by Julie and Steve Aronowitz

Jeffrey Feiner's Bar Mitzvah, donated with love  
by Gail Heifetz, The Smiths and Laura and Quintin

Edith Schwarz, beloved grandmother of Rebecca Lantner  
by Rebecca Lantner

Irina Starr for all the beautiful things Congregation L'Dor V'Dor does for the  
Jewish Community in Little Neck.  
by Erica Starr

Matthew Stein's completion of his Phd. program  
by Diane and Mitchell Stein

Mazel Tov on The Cole's move and happy, healthy Chanukah 2020! We are so  
happy to celebrate together as a family!  
by Jennifer H. Feldstein

**In Memory of:**

Phyllis Bass, beloved wife of Jeffrey Bass  
by Harriet and Richard Spivack  
by Julie and Steve Aronowitz  
by Laura Greenblatt and Alan Fein

Phyllis Gottlieb, beloved mother of Jason Gottlieb  
by Dawn, Scott Brianna and Rebecca Singer

Bernard Wine, beloved brother of Madeline Belonsky.  
by Laura Greenblatt and Alan Fein

Gordon Waldoff, beloved friend of The Sosmans  
by Adrienne Schwartz, Meryl Schwartz, Debbie and Richard Sosman

**In Appreciation of:**

Allowing the Yellins to share the High Holidays with the congregation  
by Susan Yellin

**In Recognition of:**

Dr. Robert Weibman, a fine doctor and a fine friend for 40 years  
by Martin Cohen

**Sanctuary Cards**

**In Memory of:**

Phyllis Gottlieb, beloved mother of Jason Gottlieb  
by Gail and Chuck Wayne

**In honor of:**

Betsy Budne Finnel's 95th birthday  
by Phyllis Alperstein

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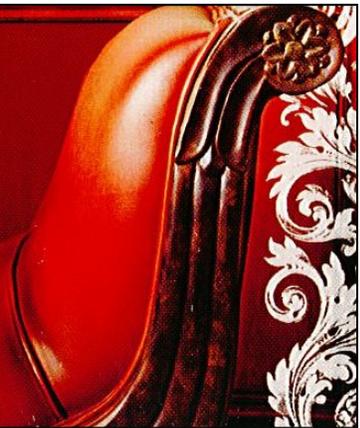
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To the parents  
Sarah Kaplan and Justin Vogt  
and to big sister, Isla Vogt



## Thank you

Rabbi Yaffe,

We would like to express our appreciation, for the beautiful Friday evening service on January 1 which was highlighted with the celebration of, my mother, Betsy Budne, on the eve of her 95th birthday.

It was a lovely opportunity for us to rejoice with the congregation, and for her to be able to be with some old friends in the temple family during this time of isolation.

Thank you Rabbi, for taking the time and effort to have made this possible, and to everyone in attendance for making the service so memorable.

**Dan and The Budne Family**

## Thank you

Dear Congregational Family,

I can't thank you enough for your kindness, warmth, and concern after my recent injury. The warm wishes I continue to receive are very much appreciated, and I feel so fortunate to be a member of this amazing family. A very special thank you to the Bikur Cholim committee for sending a delicious meal for my family when we needed it most!

My journey to recovery will take time, but I'm feeling great and it is a pleasure to see smiling faces cheering me on, each and every day.

With much appreciation,

Cantor Josh Shron

# January 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<b>1</b>  Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm  Candle Lighting 4:22 pm	<b>2 Vayechi</b> Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am  Havdalah & Maariv 5:20 pm
<b>3</b> Morning Minyan 8:45 am	<b>4</b>  Lunch and Learn Israel and Zionism with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm	<b>5</b>  Lunch and Learn Kabbalah Circle 12:00 pm	<b>6</b>  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	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  Kabbalat Shabbat Service <b>College Students Welcomed</b> 6:00 pm  Candle Lighting 4:28 pm	<b>9 Shemot</b> Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am  Havdalah & Maariv 5:30 pm
<b>10</b> Morning Minyan 8:45 am	<b>11</b>  Lunch and Learn Israel and Zionism with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm  <b>Board Meeting</b> 8:15 pm	<b>12</b>  Lunch and Learn Kabbalah Circle 12:00 pm  <b>Movie:</b> <b>Shared Legacies</b> 8:00 pm	<b>13</b>  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	<b>14</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Shevat</b>  Intermediate Hebrew 10 am  <b>Sisterhood Book Club</b> 8pm	<b>15</b>  MLK Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm to <u>7:30 pm</u> <b>Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries</b> <b>Guest Speaker: Neil Friedman</b>  Candle Lighting 4:36 pm	<b>16 Vaera</b> Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am  Havdalah & Maariv 5:35 pm
<b>17</b> Morning Minyan 8:45 am	<b>18</b>  Lunch and Learn Israel and Zionism with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm	<b>19</b>  Lunch and Learn Kabbalah Circle 12:00 pm  <b>Movie Club Discussion:</b> <b>The Angel</b> 8:00 pm	<b>20</b>  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	<b>21</b>  Intermediate Hebrew 10 am	<b>22</b>  Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm  Candle Lighting 4:44 pm	<b>23 Bo</b> Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am  Havdalah & Maariv 5:45 pm
<b>24</b> Morning Minyan 8:45 am  <b>Guest Speaker:</b> <b>Marc Tobin</b> <b>The Impact of The Abraham Accords on Contemporary Israeli Society. 11am</b>	<b>25</b>  Lunch and Learn Israel and Zionism with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm	<b>26</b>  Lunch and Learn Kabbalah Circle 12:00 pm	<b>27</b>  Torah and Our Lives Online 11:00 am  Lunch and Learn with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm  <b>Tu B'Shevat Seder</b> 8 pm	<b>28 Tu B'Shevat</b>  Intermediate Hebrew 10 am	<b>29</b>  Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm  Candle Lighting 4:52pm	<b>30 Bo</b> <b>Shabbat Shirah</b> Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am  Bar Mitzvah Anniversary David Goodman  Havdalah & Maariv 5:50 pm
<b>31</b> Morning Minyan 8:45 am	<b>Evening Minyan</b> <b>Sunday—Thursday</b> <b>7:30 pm</b>					

# February 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> Lunch and Learn Israel and Zionism with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm	<b>2</b> Lunch and Learn Kabbalah Circle 12:00 pm	<b>3</b> Torah and Our Lives 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	<b>4</b> Intermediate Hebrew 10 am	<b>5</b>   Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Candle Lighting 5:01 pm	<b>6 Yitro</b> Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am <b>Super Membership Shabbat</b>  Havdalah & Maariv 6:00 pm
<b>7</b> Morning Minyan 8:45 am	<b>8</b> Lunch and Learn Israel and Zionism with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm  <b>Board Meeting 8:15 pm</b>	<b>9</b> Lunch and Learn Kabbalah Circle 12:00 pm  <b>Yom Hashoah Committee Meeting 8 pm</b>	<b>10</b> Torah and Our Lives 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	<b>11</b> Intermediate Hebrew 10 am	<b>12</b>   Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated Candle Lighting 5:10 pm	<b>13 Mishpatim</b> Shabbat Shekalim Rosh Chodesh Adar  Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am  Mincha/Maariv <b>Bar Mitzvah: AJ Shron</b> 4:45 pm Havdalah 6:15 pm
<b>14</b> Morning Minyan 8:45 am	<b>15</b> Lunch and Learn Israel and Zionism with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm	<b>16</b> Lunch and Learn Kabbalah Circle 12:00 pm  <b>Men's Club Program Billy Crystal 8:00 pm</b>	<b>17</b> Torah and Our Lives 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	<b>18</b> Intermediate Hebrew 10 am	<b>19</b>   Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated Candle Lighting 5:18 pm	<b>20 Teruma</b> Shabbat Zachor  Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am
<b>21</b> Morning Minyan 8:45 am	<b>22</b> Lunch and Learn Israel and Zionism with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm	<b>23</b> Lunch and Learn Kabbalah Circle 12:00 pm  <b>Movie Club Discussion 8 pm Menashe</b>	<b>24</b> Torah and Our Lives 11:00 am  Lunch and Learn with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm	<b>25</b> <b>Taanit Esther</b>  <b>Erev Purim</b>  Maariv 7 pm Megillah 7:20 pm Costume Contest 8pm	<b>26</b> <b>Purim!</b>  Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Candle Lighting 5:26 pm	<b>27 Tetzaveh</b> Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am  Havdalah & Maariv 6:25 pm
<b>28</b> Morning Minyan 8:45 am	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A Virtual Shabbat Across America</b> Save the Date! Friday, March 5 See page 13 for details.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Evening Minyan</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday—Thursday 7:30 pm</p> 					