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All Services & Programs are available in Our Zoom Room and can be accessed by [Clicking Here!](#)

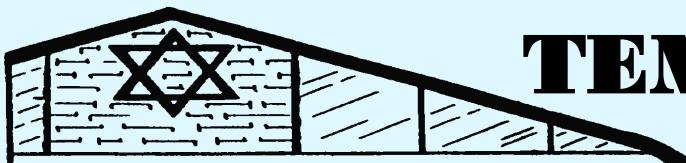
## Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship



**Monday, Nov. 22  
7:30 p.m.**

Hosted by:  
**Cong. L'Dor V'Dor**

**In the Sanctuary  
&  
Via Zoom**



# TEMPLE TALK



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# HAPPY CHANUKAH!



**Chanukah 5782: Sunday, Nov. 28 - Monday, Dec. 6**

### Celebrate At Home:

## Chanukah Across The Congregation

Back by popular demand! Each night of Chanukah, we'll invite a different L'Dor V'Dor family to "host" our community candle lighting on Zoom... and we want YOU to participate!

What makes YOUR Chanukah special? Do you have a unique family tradition? Want to show off a beautiful Menorah / Chanukiah? Can you share a special song or two that your family loves to sing? How about your tried and true latke recipe?

Whatever you'd like to share, we'd be honored if you'd invite us into your home (virtually, of course) and share your Chanukah celebration with the congregation. Want to participate? Contact Cantor Shron at [jshron@comcast.net](mailto:jshron@comcast.net) or (732) 762-8484. Let's light up the nights this Chanukah!

### Celebrate at

### Congregation L'Dor V'Dor:

## Outdoor Chanukah Celebration Saturday evening, Dec. 4 • 5:15 pm

Join your friends from Congregation L'Dor V'Dor, along with a group of Holocaust survivors who are being served by a community initiative from Common Point Queens (formerly the Samuel Field Y), for a Havdalah / Chanukah Candle Lighting celebration for the conclusion of Shabbat and the beginning of the seventh night of Chanukah!

We'll gather outside the synagogue in front of the giant menorah for Havdalah, Chanukah Candle Lighting, Songs, Refreshments, and a chance to experience the joy of Chanukah together with members of our synagogue family!

**See pages 13-14 for more on Chanukah.**

# Schedule of Services

**Daily Evening Minyan (Zoom Only)**

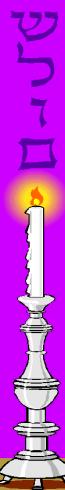
**Sunday—Thursday @7:30 pm**

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

**Sat. Evening Havdalah/Maariv (Zoom Only)**

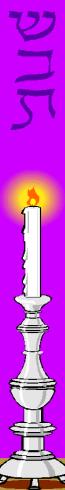
**1 hour after Shabbat Candle Lighting**

Fri., Nov. 5	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 6	Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Fri., Nov. 12	Kabbalat Shabbat Service In Sanctuary and via Zoom	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 13	Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Fri., Nov. 19	Kabbalat Shabbat Service <b>Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated</b>	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 20	Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Fri., Nov. 26	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 27	Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Fri., Dec. 3	Kabbalat Shabbat Service In Sanctuary and via Zoom	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 4	Shabbat Morning Service Havdalah and Chanukah Candle Lighting	9:00 a.m. 5:15 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 10	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 11	Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Fri., Dec. 17	Kabbalat Shabbat Service <b>Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated</b>	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 18	Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Fri., Dec. 24	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 25	Shabbat Morning Service Zoom Only	9:00 a.m.



## Shabbat Candle Lighting

Nov 5    5:29 pm    Dec. 3    4:10 pm



Nov. 12    4:22 pm    Dec. 10    4:10 pm



Nov. 19    4:16 pm    Dec. 17    4:12 pm

## Operation Isaiah

*High Holiday Effort  
To Feed The Hungry*

Nov. 27    4:12 pm    Dec. 24    4:15 pm

Dec. 31    4:20 pm

This year, instead of collecting non-perishable food for our High Holiday effort to feed the hungry, **\$1,421** was generously donated by members of our congregation to the Kosher Food Pantry of the Five Towns that has had a three fold increase in demand since the pandemic began. Yasher Koach to all who participated in this effort bringing more meaning to our Yom Kippur fast.

## From Rabbi Yaffe



Chanukah! Eight days of lighting candles, singing the Hallel, reading Torah, eating latkes and jelly donuts, playing dreidle, exchanging gifts and rejoicing by reciting the blessing: Praised are you, O Lord our God who did miracles for our ancestors and for us.

Most people will tell you that the miracle that we celebrate on Chanukah is the miracle of a small cruse of oil that was enough to last for one day which lasted for eight days, enough time for us to find more oil to keep the lights burning in the Temple that was rededicated to the worship of God after it had been defiled by the Greeks. While this is a story that is part of our tradition, it is a story that was written nearly 500 years after the events of the Chanukah story took place as an attempt to de-emphasize the military aspect of the holiday and to promote a more spiritual approach to the meaning of Chanukah.

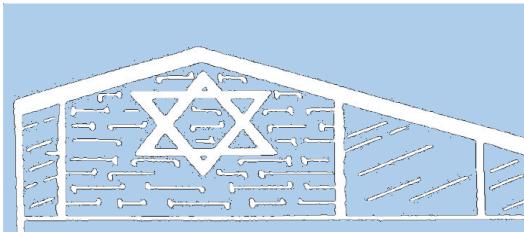
However, in a prayer that is traditionally said 49 times during Chanukah (each time the Amida is said and each time the Birchot Hamazon is said), the miracle of the oil is conspicuously absent. The miracle associated with Chanukah in this prayer is the miracle of the victory of the weak against the mighty and the few against the many.

The victory of the Maccabees that we celebrate on Chanukah was a victory in the battle for religious and political freedom. The Maccabees fought for the right to be different and the ability stand up for who we are as Jews. It was a victory against the trend of assimilation. In the Chanukah story our enemies did not want to physically destroy us but wanted to force us to give up our unique way of life and be just like everybody else.

Over 2,000 years ago it was indeed a miracle that the Maccabees, the few against many, won the battle of their day. In the second of the blessings that we recite when we light the Chanukah candles, we take the opportunity to thank God for not only doing miracles for our ancestors in ancient times, but for also doing miracles for us today, in our own time. How many times have you taken a deep breath and sighed, I do not know how I did it, but I did! It is very easy to live our lives in such a way that we take for granted the miracles that we experience each and every day. God's role in those miracles is not necessarily doing the miracle, but being that source of strength and guidance that enables us to confront our challenges and emerge from them with victory and success. Have you experienced any miracles lately?

As we anticipate the beginning of Chanukah which is when the sun sets on the Sunday night of Thanksgiving weekend, November 28, I pray that this festival be a time of joyous celebration for you and your family and friends. May it be a festival during which we rededicate ourselves to living a uniquely Jewish life with enthusiasm and pride. In the words of the song by Peter Yarrow of Peter, Paul and Mary, "Don't let the light go out, it's lasted for so many years. Don't let the light go out, let it shine through our love and our tears."

# President's Pledge Campaign



As the calendar year closes, please consider participating in the president's pledge campaign by making a contribution to the synagogue this year. It doesn't matter what amount you give; each gift is important. **All donations are confidential.** Please mark your envelope "president's pledge" as an **anonymous donor has generously offered to match the first \$50,000 of donations received.**

Every dollar goes towards keeping our doors open, our lights on, and our welcome mat out to all who would enter seeking spiritual renewal, friendship, and a sense of community.

Help us continue to be the  
most vibrant synagogue in  
Northeast Queens.



**OUR LEGACY IS IN OUR HANDS—  
LET'S KEEP IT ALIVE—  
MAKE YOUR DONATION TODAY!**

# Presidential Matters

by Mitchell Stein

## Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow



There has never been a better time to be a member of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor. There is so much to do from a religious, educational and social perspective.

**Yesterday:** We have recently completed a wonderful period of time with so many holidays to celebrate together as a unified community. We began the year 5782 with a bang. We had approximately 100 people attend services in the sanctuary for Rosh Hashanah along with a large group of Zoom participants. We continued with a wonderful Yom Kippur service. I do not know how they do it, but, somehow year after year, Rabbi Yaffe and Cantor Shron make these holiday experiences more meaningful. We continued with celebrating Shemini Atzeret, Sukkot and Simchat Torah. We had our first Kiddush together since the beginning of COVID in our sukkah. I must compliment everyone who attended services in our sanctuary. To the best of my knowledge everyone obeyed all of the protocols that we established especially sitting socially distant and wearing their mask properly (fully covering their nose and mouth). Special thanks must be given to our Membership Committee who reached out to every member to express wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

In the weeks after the holidays, we celebrated a Bat Mitzvah and an Aufruf. In addition to all this celebrating, our Sisterhood presented a book review (Rebel Daughter) by the author Lori Banov Kaufmann, who joined us live from Israel via Zoom.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge my friend and fellow congregational family member Michael Feiner. Michael, once again, organized a wonderful September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service honoring our many heroes and those who suffered losses. One guest speaker was Patrick Lynch, President of the NYC Police Benevolent Association.

As my wife and I arrived at this memorial service I was immediately greeted by two police officers. The first officer often patrols our building. In fact, he was on duty and was patrolling our synagogue that morning. The second officer to greet me was the Commanding Officer of the 111<sup>th</sup> Precinct. After exchanging hellos, the Commanding Officer asked me how the precinct can serve our synagogue better. One of the next people that greeted me was our State Assemblyman, Ed Braunstein. After exchanging pleasantries, Ed told me that he is always looking at ways to try to help our synagogue. Never in our 70+ history have our elected officials and local police understood the importance and significance of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor in their district more than today. This is something we all should all be very proud of.

**Today:** Shabbat services are flourishing with both on-premises and Zoom services being well attended. When we first unlocked our front doors, I attended several of the Friday night services in our sanctuary. Since that time, members are attending Friday night services via Zoom and have a reluctance to attend Friday night services in person. Our plan was to hold services every Friday night in the sanctuary, however, we cannot open the building for just a member or two. Moving forward, we have decided to open our synagogue for Friday Night Services once a month. We hope that this will encourage our members to mark the calendar and plan ahead. This month there will be Friday night services conducted in the synagogue on the 12th. Next month, Friday night services will be conducted in the synagogue on Friday night, December 3rd.

**Tomorrow:** All Shabbat services are being very well attended. Our classes that began again after the holidays are running efficiently and smoothly. In addition, our monthly book club and our monthly movie club are meeting with lively and engaging conversations. This month we will be hosting the Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service and in December we will be hosting Holocaust Survivors as we celebrate the 7th night of Chanukah and our annual Pollak Lecture has been scheduled for Sunday morning at 11:00 am via Zoom with Rabbi Robert Harris, the chair of the Bible Department at JTS, will be our speaker.

There are always so many ways to participate in activities here. I look forward to seeing you at many of our future events.

# Friday Night Live

Once A Month



Join us for services  
in the sanctuary at 6:00 pm

Nov. 12th & Dec. 4th

To joyously welcome the holiness  
of Shabbat into our lives.

[Click here or call 718-224-0404](#)  
to let us know that you are coming.

# Membership

Not for Members Only  
by Karen Popowsky



Some of the best experiences I've had have been serendipitous. You know, it just happened when you weren't looking for it. For me, it's the story of receiving a letter from Little Neck Jewish Center announcing an adult Bat Mitzvah class. Would I like to join? Without hesitation, I responded YES! My son had become a Bar Mitzvah several months earlier and I could not read Hebrew! I wanted to take responsibility for my Jewish home and this Bat Mitzvah class was the key to open an important door for me. In retrospect, that letter opened many doors for me. I would have missed a very special opportunity if I passed on it.

Sometimes life's choices are a leap of faith. Not only about religion but about everyday circumstances. The synagogue offers classes on a variety of topics. There is a monthly Movie Club. A Book Club. A Hebrew language study group (with Hebrew language TV watching privileges). Torah study groups. Lectures on many topics. Kabbalah lunch and learn and Israel/Zionism lunch and learn. Pick a day of the week. There is something for everyone and at different times of day. I propose that each one of us make an opportunity to try one or all of the above programs. And while you're at it, invite a friend who is a member of the synagogue or someone who is not a member of the synagogue. **WE ARE NOT FOR MEMBERS ONLY!** The programs are virtual (for now), and easy to access. (Technical help is provided as needed). Every day is "casual Friday" attire.

You might not have the same experience I had when I received the invitation to become a Bat Mitzvah, but you will receive a key that opens a door you didn't know was closed. I invite you to open a door. And bring a friend. At the risk of repeating myself, **WE ARE NOT FOR MEMBERS ONLY!** I'll see you at one or all of the above.

L'Hitraot!

## From Cantor Shron

If you've ever joined us bright and early on a Shabbat morning, you'll know that Rabbi Yaffe typically begins the service with the following announcement:



*"Please rise as we respond 'Amen' to the 'Birchot HaShachar' (morning blessings), as we thank God for the miracles that are with us each and every day."*

We then proceed to acknowledge the everyday miracles we tend to take for granted: the awe of nature, the ability to see, to walk, to live in freedom, and especially the ability to wake up and begin another day.

People often ask why we Jews spend so much time in prayer. Perhaps it's to help put the world into perspective, enabling us to internalize our gratitude. It's one thing to say "thank you", but it's very different when you take time to **truly** understand that for which you are grateful. So when you train your brain to think of each day as a miracle, your day tends to take on a new significance – and you appreciate the little things much more than ever before.

This time of year, we tend to focus on gratitude and miracles more than usual. With Thanksgiving and Chanukah coming this month, we have the opportunity to reflect on the beauty and wonder of our lives, and perhaps take a few more moments to express our appreciation for things we'd otherwise overlook.

So what miracles am I thankful for this year? Our amazing congregation gives me plenty for which to be grateful:

**The miracle of learning** While I'm often the one doing the teaching, I learn so much from my involvement in Congregation L'Dor V'Dor. From Torah to prayer to Jewish philosophy to the State of Israel, I learn so much nearly every day...both from formal classes as well as informal discussions with congregants.

**The miracle of Israel** One of the true highlights of the pandemic has been the establishment of our "Lunch and Learn" program about Zionism and Israel. Each Monday and Wednesday, a passionate group of at least a dozen participants gathers together online to discuss the challenges and the miracles of the modern state of Israel. Of course, I was passionate about Israel before, but this group – and the incredible discussions we have – have deepened my knowledge, understanding, and passion more than I could ever have imagined. (New members always welcome!) I'm also grateful that my daughter Ellie has the opportunity to spend a year living and studying in Jerusalem...an opportunity the Jewish people could only dream of not too many years ago.

**The miracle of "normalcy"** As vaccines, boosters, and declining case numbers dominate the news, we continue a slow but steady return to "the good old days". Of course, we hope and pray that the pandemic is nearing its end, and for now, it's wise to remain cautious. However, in recent weeks we've seen a few more people return to the sanctuary, the resumption of Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrations, aufrufs, and weddings. We even have a limited kiddush outside after services! It's been wonderful once again to sit, schmooze, and have a bite to eat with congregants after shul each Shabbat. As we return, God willing, to the lives we've missed so much, it's hard not to be appreciative and grateful for the small gifts that begin to emerge along the way.

**The miracle of community** The devastating impacts of the pandemic cannot be overstated. However, it's clear that some incredible innovations have materialized over the past 18 months. For me, one of the best things to come out of the pandemic is our daily evening minyan. Since March 13, 2020, members of our community have gathered online EVERY night for just a few moments to connect with one another, with ourselves, and with God. The entire experience lasts just 15-20 minutes...but during that time, we check in with one another, discuss things going on in the world and/or in the synagogue, and engage in a few precious moments of prayer. We haven't missed a single night in all these months, and for me personally, it's been nothing short of a lifeline.

What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving? What miracles do you treasure this Chanukah? As you celebrate both of these joyous holidays with family and friends (and turkey and latkes), be sure to take some time to reflect upon "the miracles that are with us, each and every day".

Remembering

Never Again is Now!

# KRISTALLNACHT

Sunday, November 7 11:00 am  
In Our Zoom Room

## "The Elie Wiesel you didn't know."

Our Kristallnacht Program Presentation  
by Joseph Berger

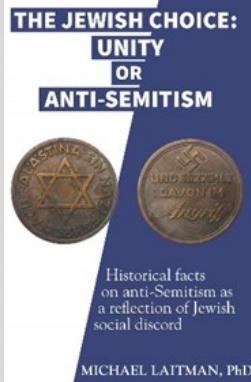
Joseph Berger was born in Lysva, Russia, to Polish-Jewish parents who had fled their hometowns to escape the Nazis. Berger lived in several displaced persons camps in post-World War II Europe before immigrating to the United States in 1950 with his parents and younger brother. A sister was born in the U.S. He was a *New York Times* reporter, columnist, and editor for over 30 years, writing about education, religion, New York City, Israel and the Middle East. Joe is the author of four books His next book, soon to be published will be a biography of Elie Wiesel.



## COMING IN JANUARY!

**The Jewish Choice:  
Unity or Anti-Semitism**

A bi-weekly class in our Zoom Room on  
the history of anti-Jewish hate.



Students will be asked  
to read and take notes  
on this book to prepare  
for class discussions.

To schedule this class in a way  
that will maximize participation, if  
you think you would be interested  
in this class, please answer the  
questions below or [click here](#) to  
answer them online by November  
30, 2021.

### Class Scheduling Survey

I am interested in this class and would like to participate.

The best time for me to attend the class would be:

- Thursday afternoon at 12 pm
- Monday evening at 8 pm
- Sunday morning at 10:30 am

I am willing to obtain a copy of the book.

Yes  No Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If purchase of the book is problematic, contact Paul Sacker at [RandallCarter8100@gmail.com](mailto:RandallCarter8100@gmail.com) to discuss alternative options.

See page 9 for more information about this class.

[Click here](#) to purchase the book on Amazon.



## HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jeffrey Feiner
- 2 Melanie Feinsilver
- 2 Eugene Rattien
- 2 Lisa B. Tamari
- 3 Joyce Frey
- 3 Marcia Levine
- 4 Orna Feinsilver
- 4 Craig Roberts
- 5 Stephanie Klein
- 5 Erica Rose
- 6 Arthur Lesser
- 7 Harrison Levine
- 9 Elane Berk
- 10 Arielle Weisberg
- 11 Paul Cohen
- 11 Jessica Sacker
- 12 Eric Tischler
- 13 Jordan Aronowitz
- 13 Lisa Stein
- 14 Bobby Dor
- 14 Abbey Wolecki
- 16 Holden Blatt
- 16 Beatrice Drabman
- 17 Claudia Hochman
- 17 Harriet Joseph
- 17 Jennifer Marks
- 19 Corinne Weisberg
- 20 Jane Coons
- 20 Eva Kessner
- 20 Fran Peterson
- 21 David Reiss
- 22 Desiree Shar
- 23 Felice Katz
- 24 Jason Gottlieb
- 24 Jacqueline Lamkay
- 24 Steven Levine
- 27 Renee Gottesman
- 28 Rochelle Goldberg
- 28 Lee Lipsitz
- 29 Philip Biton
- 29 Louise Heidecker
- 29 Brianna Singer

## HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Diane Stein
- 1 Steven Tomasik
- 2 Bruce Adams
- 4 Marty Marks
- 5 Dale Herman
- 6 Barbara Feldman
- 6 Beth Heitner
- 7 Alexandra Ross
- 9 Esta Heitner
- 9 Karen Hodes
- 9 Stacy Hoffman
- 9 Dawn Singer
- 10 Mark Berlinsky
- 11 Jeffrey Fein
- 12 Daniel Glaser
- 13 Lee Charles
- 13 Robert Stern
- 14 Tina Anchin
- 14 Alyce Drabkin
- 14 Amy Kahaner
- 14 Laura Lamkay
- 14 Shirley Meyer
- 14 Lawrence Weibman
- 15 Samantha Biton
- 15 Alix Gelfand
- 15 Andrew Gelfand
- 15 Harold Lamkay
- 15 Robert Weibman
- 16 Geraldine Major
- 17 Steven Faber
- 17 Julie Grusd
- 17 Noah Levine
- 18 Judith Belfor
- 18 Saul Brokowsky
- 18 Patti Unger
- 20 Louis Litvin
- 20 Paul Stein
- 21 Tracy Berlinsky
- 21 Michael Tomasik
- 23 David Goldstein
- 23 Mark Rosinsky
- 23 Victoria Varkonyi
- 24 Marisa Roberts
- 26 Paul Jason
- 26 Michelle Neiderman
- 27 Phyllis Budne
- 28 Marian Hirschler
- 31 Samantha Greben
- 31 Liza Kind
- 31 Terry Makover



## HAPPY NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Bobby and Alan Becker
- 5 Mona and Stephen Toback
- 9 Estelle Weiss and Merrill Rosen
- 10 Carrie and Rabbi Gordon Yaffe
- 12 Dean and Karen Verola
- 14 Israela and Eric Metzger
- 15 Irene and Fred Gordon
- 17 Linda and Howard Litvack
- 19 Eileen and Michael Feiner
- 22 Patricia and Peter Reinhartz
- 23 Hope and Marc Altheim
- 27 Lori Saslow and Harvey Goldstein
- 28 Natalie and Andy Levin



## HAPPY DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Laura and Amos Weinberg
- 12 Mickey and Charles Feldberg
- 13 Annie and Ira Sanders
- 13 Lisa and Shahar Tamari
- 18 Nancy and Bob Cohen
- 19 Amy and Ken Kahaner
- 22 Eileen and Bernard Gellman
- 22 Gail and Charles Wayne
- 23 Esther and Donald Forman
- 23 Suanne and Jeffrey Yeres
- 25 Mairov and Joshua Shron
- 26 Laura and Harry Junger
- 30 Linda and Isaac Schlosser



## Celebrate Your November

Birthday or Anniversary  
by receiving a special blessing  
at Shabbat Evening Services  
Friday, November 19  
6:00 p.m.



## Celebrate Your December

Birthday or Anniversary  
by receiving a special blessing  
at Shabbat Evening Services  
Friday, December 17  
6:00 p.m.





# Online Classes In Our Zoom Room

## 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.

## 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! Join us!

## 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.



## פרשת השבוע The Weekly Torah Portion



### A Modern Approach to Our Most Ancient Text

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

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm  
For details, email [jshron@comcast.net](mailto:jshron@comcast.net)  
New Students Always Welcome!



## - רבי עיי ישראלי Revi'i Yisraeli

Israeli Wednesdays at L'Dor V'Dor



Get connected to Israel and its culture through hit Israeli TV shows! We've binge-watched hit shows like "Srugim", "Fauda", "Shtisel", and "Tehran", and we recently began watching "Hit and Run", the new Netflix thriller starring Lior Raz, star of "Fauda".

*Hit and Run* centers on a happily married man, Segev Azulai, whose life is turned upside down when his wife is killed in a mysterious hit and run accident in Tel Aviv. Grief-stricken and confused, he searches for his wife's killers, who have fled to the U.S. With the help of an ex-lover, Naomi Hicks, he uncovers disturbing truths about his beloved wife and the secrets she kept from him.

Wednesdays, 8-9 pm

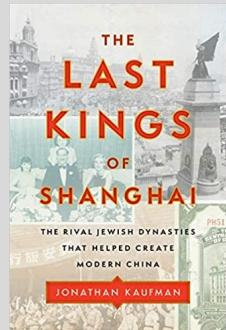


# Sisterhood Book Club

## Thursday, December 2

### at 8pm in our [Zoom Room](#)

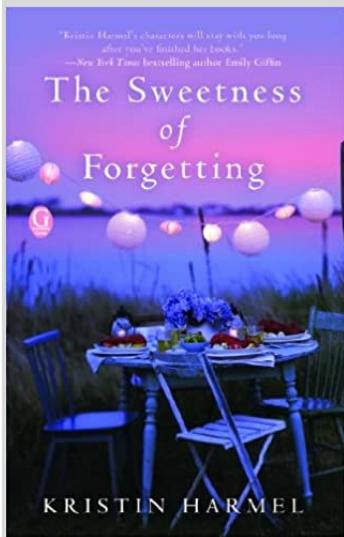
Join us for a great discussion of **The Last Kings of Shanghai: The Rival Jewish Dynasties That Helped Create Modern China**



Shanghai, 1936. The Cathay Hotel, located on the city's famous waterfront, is one of the most glamorous in the world. Built by Victor Sassoon--billionaire playboy and scion of the Sassoon dynasty--the hotel hosts a who's who of global celebrities: Noel Coward has written a draft of *Private Lives* in his suite and Charlie Chaplin has entertained his wife-to-be. And a few miles away, Mao and the nascent Communist Party have been plotting revolution.

By the 1930s, the Sassoons had been doing business in China for a century, rivaled in wealth and influence by only one other dynasty--the Kadoories. These two Jewish families, both originally from Baghdad, stood astride Chinese business and politics for more than 175 years, profiting from the Opium Wars; surviving Japanese occupation; courting Chiang Kai-shek; and losing nearly everything as the Communists swept into power. In *The Last Kings of Shanghai*, Jonathan Kaufman tells the remarkable history of how these families participated in an economic boom that opened China to the world, but remained blind to the country's deep inequality and to the political turmoil at their doorsteps. In a story stretching from Baghdad to Hong Kong to Shanghai to London, Kaufman enters the lives and minds of these ambitious men and women to forge a tale of opium smuggling, family rivalry, political intrigue, and survival.

The book lays bare the moral compromises of the Kadoories and the Sassoons--and their exceptional foresight, success, and generosity. At the height of World War II, they joined together to rescue and protect eighteen thousand Jewish refugees fleeing Nazism. Though their stay in China started out as a business opportunity, the country became a home they were reluctant to leave, even on the eve of revolution. The lavish buildings they built and the booming businesses they nurtured continue to define Shanghai and Hong Kong to this day. As the United States confronts China's rise, and China grapples with the pressures of breakneck modernization and global power, the long-hidden odysseys of the Sassoons and the Kadoories hold a key to understanding the present moment.



## The Sweetness of Forgetting

### By Kristin Harmel

### Thursday, January 20

at 8pm in our [Zoom Room](#)

A baker in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, must travel to Paris to uncover a family secret for her dying grandmother—and what she learns may change everything. *The Sweetness of Forgetting* is the book that made Kristin Harmel an international bestseller.

At thirty-six, Hope McKenna-Smith is no stranger to bad news. She lost her mother to cancer, her husband left her for a twenty-two year old, and her bank account is nearly depleted. Her own dreams of becoming a lawyer long gone, she's running a failing family bakery on Cape Cod and raising a troubled preteen.

Now, Hope's beloved French-born grandmother Mamie, who wowed the Cape with her fabulous pastries for more than fifty years, is drifting away into a haze of Alzheimer's. But in a rare moment of clarity, Mamie realizes that unless she tells Hope about the past, the secrets she has held on to for so many years will soon be lost forever. Tantalizingly, she reveals mysterious snippets of a tragic history in Paris. And then, arming her with a scrawled list of names, she sends Hope to France to uncover a seventy-year-old mystery.

Hope's emotional journey takes her through the bakeries of Paris and three religious traditions, all guided by Mamie's fairy tales and the sweet tastes of home. As Hope pieces together her family's history, she finds horrific Holocaust stories mixed with powerful testimonies of her family's will to survive in a world gone mad. And to reunite two lovers torn apart by terror, all she'll need is a dash of courage, and the belief that God exists everywhere, even in cake.

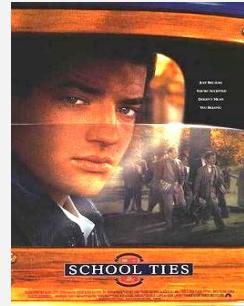


# Calling all L'Dor V'Dor Movie Fans



We have watched the two movies:

## Gentleman's Agreement & School Ties



### Discussion Of The Two Movies Will Be On

Tuesday, November 16 at 8:00 pm

If you missed seeing the movies, they are both available to rent for \$4 on YouTube.

Check your email box for news about our December Movie and Discussion.

## COMING IN JANUARY!

Times and Dates To Be Determined (See page 5)

The Jewish Choice – Unity or Anti-Semitism  
A bi-weekly class on the history of anti-Jewish hate in the Zoom room.

Join fellow congregants as we study together a fascinating book by researcher [Dr. Michael Laitman](#), author of over 40 books dealing with Jewish philosophy, socio-economic structures and kabbalistic wisdom. His work, *The Jewish Choice: Unity or Anti-Semitism* is described as:



“Like no other book you have ever read about Jews, about history, or about anti-Semitism. As its title suggests, it draws a direct link between Jewish unity and a rise in anti-Semitism, including the current wave. Assuming such a correlation is so extraordinary, you could easily brush it off as a provocation were it not documented in hundreds of books, essays, and letters throughout history. Beginning in ancient Babylon and ending in America, Babylon’s modern counterpart, the author masterfully draws parallels and connects the dots of history like none have done before. By the end of the book, you will know the reason for the oldest hatred, how it can be dissolved, and how Jews and non-Jews alike will benefit as a result.”

In order to maximize participation, participants are asked to obtain the book which can be found in both hardcopy and digital kindle version on Amazon. [Click here](#) to purchase the book.

If purchasing the book is problematic, [click here](#) to contact Paul Sacker to discuss alternative options.

As a side activity, participants may also wish to listen to the “**The Jew Function Podcast**” which is a companion cast to the book, hosted by two students of the author. It can be found on all major podcast suppliers (search for “The Jew Function”) as well as on YouTube. [Click here](#).



# THE DAFFODILE PROJECT



## We Need You To Help Plant Daffodils!

Return this form to the synagogue office or go to  
[www.lnjc.org/daffodils](http://www.lnjc.org/daffodils) to sign up.

I/We would like to help plant daffodils on **Sunday, November 14 at 10:30 am** at

- Temple Torah  
 The Little Neck Triangle

I/We would like to make a donation to help sponsor this year's Daffodil Project. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Each year for the past six years our community has participated in the world wide effort to plant 1.5 million daffodils in memory of all the children who were murdered in the Holocaust. To date, there are daffodil memorial gardens at Congregation L'Dor V'Dor, Temple Torah of Little Neck, Marathon Jewish Community Center, the entrance to Lakeville Park and in the Little Neck Triangle. With these gardens and some gardens at private homes, we have planted over 2,000 daffodils! Although the idea is for these daffodils to bloom every year, it is clear that the gardens that we have planted need to be re-planted. Last year we re-planted at Congregation L'Dor V'Dor and at the Lakeville Park. This year, we will be re-planting at Temple Torah of Little Neck and at the Little Neck Triangle. We need volunteers to do the planting which will be 180 bulbs in each of the two gardens. We also need donations to cover the costs involved.

## The Annual Ida and Isaac Pollak Lecture

**Sunday, December 12 11:00 am**  
**In The L'Dor V'Dor Zoom Room**

**Guest Speaker**  
**Rabbi Robert Harris**

Chairman of the Bible Department at JTS



**Join us as Rabbi Harris will begin to answer the questions below in his presentation and then will have some time to answer some of our questions.**

**What is unique and compelling about the Conservative Movement's way of studying the Bible which is taught to the next generation of rabbis, cantors, educators and Jewish leaders at JTS?**

**How does this way of Torah study impact upon our understanding of God and the role of God in our lives?**

**How does the uniquely Conservative method of Torah Study help us to understand how to confront morally problematic Biblical Texts and keep Torah as a primary, central and relevant ingredient of our spiritual lives and Jewish identity?**

## One Tree – Two Attitudes

By Paul M. Sacker

Does our attitude help us to understand reality?

Kabbalah provides understanding into how our thoughts alter our perception of the world around us. It stresses that our thoughts are the one place we can truly exercise free will if we elect to use it. This is most important when we try to discern the will of G-d through study of the Torah.

The Torah tells us early on that the paradise known as the “Garden of Eden” had within it two special “trees.” One, the Eytz haChayim (“Tree of Life”), we are told is in the center of the garden. The other is the Eytz haDaat et Tov v’Ra (“Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil”). However, the text is a bit vague where this second tree is located. The Torah only says this tree is “also” somewhere in the garden. A careful reading can attribute the word “also” to mean that it too is *also* in the center of the Garden. Thus, many Kabbalists have come to understand the “two” trees are in actuality – one and the same!

Why would the Torah refer to the same tree by two different names? Moreover, why is it ok to eat from the tree when it goes by its first name, but eating from it in its second description we are warned causes one to “surely die?” One answer Kabbalah provides is that while G-d is absolute “echad”, Oneness; the Creation, our universe, exists in a kind of duality, two states. One, a state of absolute giving, the other driven by a need for absolute reception. The first state brings us closer to G-d, the second can lead to us being separated from the Divine. Sometimes the Torah uses the term “the Heavens and the Earth” to describe these states. It is our choice as to which state we live in at any one time. We just need to become aware of our current mental and emotional state. Like Schrodinger’s Cat, for those familiar with quantum physics, the cat is neither alive or dead within a box until an observer raises the lid of the box and sees for himself. Therefore, until we become aware of our current attitude towards events and people in our everyday experience, we too are neither alive nor dead, spiritually.

We are told in Proverbs 4:2 that Torah “...is a tree of life to those who grasp it, and those who support it are fulfilled and happy.” Not only does this tell us that the Eytz haChayim and the Torah are synonymous, but it also implies we need to adjust our intention when we study it. Do we look to the Torah (Hebrew for “instruction”) as a self-help manual for our life, or do we see it as simply a book of rules and irrelevant stories – a Tree of Knowledge only. Do we use the Torah as a place to decide what is good and evil so we can control and judge others, as so many have done? No, for to do this, we will “surely die.” That means in Kabbalah speak, become disconnected from G-d, our soul, and other people. However, if we “grasp” the Torah, which means to search its words for guidance, think about them, and then act to share our thoughts with others, we will have “eternal life.” We can leave a lasting memory in the souls of other humans, and this pleases G-d and draws us nearer to Him.

Famed Kabbalist Dr. Michael Laitman best expresses this concept in his book, *Guide to the Hidden Wisdom*, which our Tuesday Kabbalah discussion group has been reading from:

“If a person approaches the texts in order to gain spirituality, the text becomes a source of Light, a correcting force. But if he or she approaches the texts in order to gain knowledge, the text will provide information, but nothing more. The measure of inner demand determines the measure of strength one gleans and the pace of one’s correction.”

Torah even tells us that if we first take the path of Knowledge, deciding for ourselves what is “good and evil,” the “death” that comes, i.e. disconnection, is not permanent. It provides a path that leads back to Eden. Just as Adam and Eve were evicted from the Garden, their descendants are provided a way to return to it and the Tree of Life. The deeper message in the Torah is about that journey of crossing over through dark places such as Egypt and the wilderness to eventually go back over the river to the “promised land.” The act of *teshuva* (“turning around”) is partly what this is all about. Based on our point of view, the way back to the Garden may appear blocked by angels with fiery swords or may appear as a land overflowing with milk and honey, just an arm’s reach across the river Jordan. It’s all a matter of perception on how to approach it.

In this modern age, many reject the Torah and Judaism overall as they believe such things are not meant for a logical scientific world. In truth, Torah was never meant for our rational and physical selves. It is written in a language that resonates with our souls, our spiritual connection to G-d and all Creation. To understand it, we must choose a mindset that allows us to be aware of what feelings are invoked by the text and what insights we may be gleaning. Even negative reactions to sections tell us about our inner selves. Why do we find that part problematic; does it reflect something about ourselves we wish to address? When answers present themselves, act upon them. Look for ways to share your thoughts with others and listen to their thoughts in response. In the end, our attitude makes all the difference and can refocus our view of the two trees in the Garden back into One.



# Anatomy of a Candle

by Ellen Charlop



Did you ever think about all the different candles we light throughout the year?

We light on holidays and we light to remember. We light at times of joy and at times of sorrow. We light candles to celebrate miracles.

Jews light candles.

Whether it's Shabbat, Yom Tov, Yahrzeit or Chanukah, we light. The candles are always lit in the evening. The candles illuminate the darkness. The darkness enhances the flame.

In all of these kindlings, the candles are allowed to burn down until they go out. Unlike birthday candles, we never blow them out.

Every week we welcome the Sabbath by lighting Shabbos candles. On Friday evening, 18 minutes before sundown, we light, we cover our eyes, and then we say the blessing. Once you say the blessing you can no longer light. So we light before we recite the blessing.

As we uncover our eyes, we are bathed in the glow of the candle light. Shabbat Shalom!

The next evening, when 3 stars appear in the sky, we bid Shabbat goodbye with the igniting of another candle, the Havdalah candle.

The Havdalah candle is usually a braided candle with many wicks. Even the havdalah candle is not blown out, but rather it is extinguished in wine or grape juice. It is a custom to sprinkle the grape juice or wine on the eyes, ears, or pockets, in order to harness the light and hold onto the blessing through the coming week. Shavua Tov!

So what is it about the candle that makes it so special?

The flame of a candle is a release of energy passing through vibrating molecules. The burning candle is a process of combustion whereby oxygen(O<sub>2</sub>) and fuel (COOH) combust to form Carbon Dioxide(CO<sub>2</sub>), water (H<sub>2</sub>O) and energy (heat). This is similar to the process of breathing.

In Hebrew the word for breath, Neshima, and the Hebrew word for soul, Neshama, come from the same root. "Ner HaShem Nishmat Adam" - the candle is a metaphor for G-d and the flame is the soul. Just as the flame reaches up defying gravity, so too does the soul yearn to rise up elevating us to our greatest potential. Just as the flame hovers above the candle, touching yet not touching, so too is G-d involved in the world, yet transcendent.

The Kabbalist believes that there are different colored lights within the candle. The white light of the flame sits above a darker light which is sometimes blue. All are connected to the wick, but must be joined to a fuel source in order to burn. The candle represents the physical, while the flame represents the spiritual.

A wick and oil separately do nothing. When they come together they can create light. Similarly, the soul needs the body in order to be illuminated, and the body needs the soul in order to be elevated.

Another unique property of the candle is it has the power to ignite another, and no matter how many candles are lit, the original flame keeps on burning and is not diminished. When something physical is shared or used it gets diminished or depleted. However, something spiritual, when spread, expands and grows.

Chanukah is all about the candles. But really it's about lighting up the darkness. Chanukah comes at the darkest time of the year, at the darkest time of the month.

When there is darkness, we light a candle. Our potential and our purpose is to create light. Every act of kindness, every good deed, is a light. When we do a Mitzvah, hold the door for someone, when we smile, when we are kind, we repair the world-Tikkun Olam! A little light can dispel much darkness. A lit up face can light up another.

And you shall be a light unto the nations!

We can never run out of goodness because we have an infinite supply of light. And when my light is joined with yours and yours with others we begin to make a difference. The possibilities are endless.

That is the magic (and the miracle) of Chanukah.

May your candles burn bright and bring light to the dark corners of the world.

Happy Chanukah

# A Guide for Lighting the Chanukah Menorah



Chanukah Begins Sunday Night, November 28th



1. Place the menorah on a window sill or near a window. The mitzvah associated with the lighting of the menorah is to publicly announce that a great miracle (the victory of the few against the many and the weak against the mighty) occurred in ancient days at this time of year.
2. Put the candles in the menorah from right to left and light them from left to right, always lighting the newest candle first.
3. The shamash candle, the one that is used to light the others, should be placed apart from the other candles.
4. On the first night one candle is lit with the shamash. On the second night, two candles are lit with the shamash. On the third night, three candles are lit with the shamash. This pattern is continued on each of the subsequent nights until on the eighth night, eight candles are lit with the shamash.
5. Recite the blessings first and then light the candles.
6. The sole function of the Chanukah candles is to advertise the miracle of the triumph of the few against the many. They may not be used for illumination or any other purpose.
7. On Erev Shabbat, the Chanukah candles should be lit before the Shabbat candles, but should burn for at least 1/2 hour after it gets dark. Therefore, longer burning Chanukah candles should be used on Erev Shabbat.

## The following two blessings are recited each night of Chanukah:

**ברוך אתה ה' אלוהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצוותיו וצונו להזכיר נר של חנוכה.**

***Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam; asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.***

Praised are you, Lord our God, King of the universe who gives us opportunities to bring holiness to our lives through the commandments and has given us the commandment to light the Chanukah candles.

**ברוך אתה ה' אלוהינו מלך העולם, שפשה נסים לאבותנו בימים בהם ובזמן זהה.**

***Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, she-asah nissim lavoteinu ba-yamim ha-heim u-vazman ha-zeh.***

Praised are you, Lord our God, King of the universe who accomplished miracles for our ancestors in ancient days and continues to do so in our time.

## On the first night we also recite a third blessing:

**ברוך אתה ה' אלוהינו מלך העולם, שהחיןנו וקייּנו והגיאנו לזמן זהה.**

***Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, she-he-che-yanu, v'ki-y'manu, v'higi-anu, lazman ha-zeh.***

Praised are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, for granting us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this day.

## After lighting the candles we say:

These lights we kindle to recall the wondrous triumphs and the miraculous victories wrought through your holy *kohanim* for our ancestors in ancient days at this season. These lights are sacred through the eight days of Chanukah. We may not put them to ordinary use, but are to look upon them and thus be reminded to thank and praise You for the wondrous miracle of our deliverance.

## Ma'oz Tzur—Rock of Ages

Ma'oz tzur yeshu'ati, lekha na-e leshabé-ah.  
Tikon beit tefilati, vesham toda nezabe-ah.  
Le'et takhin matbe-ah, mitzar hamnabe-ah,  
Az egmor beshir mizmor, hanukkat hamizbe-ah.

מעוז צור ישועתי, לך נאח לשפט.  
תICON בית תפילה, ושם תזקה נשבט.  
לעת פכין מטבחם, מאך המניבט,  
או אגמר, בשיר מזמור, חנפת המזבבט.

Yevanim nikbetzu alai, azai bimei hashmanim,  
Ufartzu homot migdalai, vetimu kol hashmanim,  
Uminotar kankanim, na'asa nes leshoshanim.  
Benei vina, yemei shmona, kav'u shir urnanim.

זונגים נקצזו עלי, אזי בימי משמנים,  
ופרקזו חומות מגדי, וטמאו כל משמנים,  
ומפוגר קנטנים, נעה נס לשושנים,  
בני בינה, ימי שכנה, קבעו שיר ורננים.

*Rock of Ages, let our song praise Thy saving power; Thou amidst the raging foes, was our shelt'ring tower.  
Furious they assailed us, but Thine arm availed us. And Thy word, broke their sword when our own strength failed us.  
Children of the Maccabees, whether free or fettered. Wake the echoes of the songs, where we may be scattered.  
Yours the message cheering that the time is nearing. Which will see, all men free, Tyrants disappearing.*

## Light One Candle

Light one candle for the Maccabee children  
With thanks that their light didn't die  
Light one candle for the pain they endured  
When their right to exist was denied  
Light one candle for the terrible sacrifice  
Justice and freedom demand  
But light one candle for the wisdom to know  
When the peacemaker's time is at hand

Don't let the light go out!  
It's lasted for so many years!  
Don't let the light go out!  
Let it shine through our hope and our tears. (2)

Light one candle  
For the strength that we need  
To never become our own foe,  
And light one candle  
For those who are suffering  
Pain we learned so long ago,  
Light one candle  
For all we believe in  
That anger not tear us apart,  
And light one candle  
To find us together  
With peace as the song in our hearts

Don't let the light go out!  
It's lasted for so many years!  
Don't let the light go out!  
Let it shine through our hope and our tears. (2)  
What is the memory that's valued so highly  
That we keep it alive in that flame?  
What's the commitment to those who have died  
That we cry out they've not died in vain?  
We have come this far always believing  
That justice would somehow prevail  
This is the burden, this is the promise  
This is why we will not fail!

Don't let the light go out!

Don't let the light go out!

Don't let the light go out!

## Mi Yemalel—Who Can Retell

Mi yemalel gvurot Israel otan mi yimne?  
Hen bekhol dor yakum hagibor go-el ha'am.

מי ימלל גבורות ישראאל אוטן מי ימינה?  
הו בכל דור יקום מגבור גואל העם.

Shma ! Bayamim hahem bazman hazeh,  
Makabi moshi'a ufode.  
Uvyamenu kol am Israel,  
Yit-ahed yakum veyiga-el !

*Who can retell the things that befell us, who can count them? In every age a hero or sage came to our aid.  
Hark! At this time of year, in days of yore. Maccabees the temple did restore.  
And today our people, as we dreamed, through their faith and courage are redeemed!*

שמע! בימים קדמים בזמנו מזה,  
מפהי מושיע ופזרה.  
ובימנו כל עם ישראאל,  
יתאחד יקים וניגאל!

## Yemei HaChanukah—O Chanukah, O Chanukah

Yemei hahanukkah, hanukkat mikdashenu  
begil uvesimha memal-im et libenu;  
laila vaiom svivonenu yisov,  
sufganiyot nokhal bam larov.  
Ha-iru, hadliku, nerot hanuka rabim !  
al hanisim ve'al hanifla-ot,  
asher holelu hamakabim !

*O Hanukkah, O Hanukkah, come light the menorah, let's have party, we'll all dance the hora.  
Gather round the table, we'll give you a treat, s'vivonim to play, with levivot to eat.  
And while we are playing, the candles are burning low.  
One for each night they shed a sweet light to remind us of days long ago.*

ימי מסבנה, חנפת מקדשנו  
בגיל ובשקייה ממלאים את לבנו;  
לילה זיומם סביבונו ישבוב,  
ספוגניות נאכל גם לרב.  
חארו, מדליקו, נרות חנכה רבינו!  
על הנסים ועל הנפלאות,  
אשר חוללו מפעבים !

# **Mission of the Pull-Tab Program**

## **Ronald McDonald House of Long Island**



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

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

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

## **We are collecting Used Eye Glasses & Cell Phones**



**An opportunity to give to those who are in need**

(Receptacles are in the synagogue lobby)

**In Appreciation of:**

The honors given to me on Simchat Torah and throughout the year.

by Ann Chernys

My honor on Simchat Torah with much gratefulness and gratitude. Thank you to all for your kindness and for your good wishes.

by Janice Cole

Rabbi Yaffe tutoring Gene and Nadine Rattien.

by Nadine and Eugene Rattien

**With Gratitude:**

To Rabbi Yaffe and Cantor Shron for the High Holiday Services.  
by Judith Tomasik

For a very moving and dignified September 11th memorial service.

by Diane and Mitchell Stein

For a beautiful blending of the Shabbat Shuva and the September 11th memorial services.

by Diane and Mitchell Stein

**In Memory of:**

Phyllis Gottlieb, beloved mother of Jason Gottlieb  
by Jason and Stacey Gottlieb

Bette Tepper, beloved mother of Dr. Howard Tepper and Rebecca Citron

by Helene Yagoda  
by Simon Kaminetsky

by Joyce Rayno

by Rebecca Gold

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by Nadine and Lew Kesten

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by Elise and Howard Rubin

by Michael Borodinksy

by Ina and Sheldon Lubin

by Rickie Cowin

by Lynn and Bob Kristal

by Nancy Needle

by Susan and Howard Levine

**In Honor of:**

The memory of Michael Stern, beloved brother of Roni Glaser  
by Roni Glaser

Edith Schwarz, beloved grandmother of Rebecca Latner  
by Rebecca Latner

The birth of Layla Belle Weibman, granddaughter of Joan and Robert Weibman  
by Mindy and Richard Rosenfeld

The birth of Harriet and Richard Spivack's grandchild.  
by Heather and Steven Blatt

The marriage of Karen Popowsky's son,  
Aaron to Amy Wasserman  
by Mindy and Richard Rosenfeld

**In Honor of:**

The marriage of Carrie and Rabbi Gordon Yaffe's son,  
Robert to Kari Leibowitz

by Joan Kase and Henry Riger

by Paul and Pamela Sacker

by Barbara Raber

by Jerry Schwartz

by Esther and Saul Spindel

by Saradona and Len Lefkowitz

by Marjorie Goldstein

by Heather and Steven Blatt

The marriage of Sandra and Arthur Becker's grandson,  
Robert to Kari Leibowitz

by Saradona and Len Lefkowitz

Arthur Becker's 85th birthday

by Saradona and Len Lefkowitz

The Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Tamari

by Marjorie Goldstein

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by Janice and Jeffrey Cole

The First Responders of 09/11

by Jerry Schwartz

Audina Acevedo, Juan Carlos Agudelo and Fernando Ramos for keeping the synagogue running.

by Judith Tomasik

**Refuah Shleima**

For friends and family  
by Madeline Belonsky

**Sanctuary Card Donations**

In honor of the birth of Celia Bea, great granddaughter of Barbara Flamm

by The Baum Family

In honor of the wedding of Irina and Morgan's daughter, Erica to Nick DiVirgilio

by Gale and Chuck Wayne

by Mindy and Richard Rosenfeld

In honor of the wedding of Joan and Robert Weibman's son, Lawrence to Dana Levit

by Mindy and Richard Rosenfeld

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# November 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Click here to find out  <b>What's Happening</b>  At Congregation L'Dor V'Dor</p>	<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 (In Sanctuary and via Zoom)  Candle Lighting 5:29 pm	<b>6</b> Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am  <b>Havdalah &amp; Maariv 6:29 pm</b>
<b>7</b> Turn the Clocks Back!  Morning Minyan 8:45 am  Kristallnacht Program 11:00 am	<b>8</b> Lunch and Learn Israel and Zionism with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm	<b>9</b> Lunch and Learn Kabbalah Circle 12:00 pm	<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> Veteran's Day Office Closed	<b>12</b>    Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Candle Lighting 4:22 pm	<b>13</b> Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am  <b>Havdalah / Maariv 5:22 pm</b>
<b>14</b>  Morning Minyan 8:45 am	<b>15</b> Lunch and Learn Israel and Zionism with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm  <b>Board Meeting 8:15 pm</b>	<b>16</b> Lunch and Learn Kabbalah Circle 12:00 pm  <b>Movie Club 8:00pm</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 4:16 pm	<b>20</b> Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am  <b>Havdalah &amp; Maariv 5:16 pm</b>
<b>21</b>  Morning Minyan 8:45 am	<b>22</b> Lunch and Learn Israel and Zionism with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm  <b>Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship 7:30 pm</b>	<b>23</b> Lunch and Learn Kabbalah Circle 12:00 pm	<b>24</b> Torah and Our Lives 11:00 am  Lunch and Learn with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm	<b>25</b> Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	<b>26</b>    Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Candle Lighting 4:12 pm	<b>27</b> Shabbat Morning Service 9:30 am  <b>Havdalah &amp; Maariv 5:12 pm</b>
<b>28</b>  Morning Minyan 8:45 am	<b>29</b> Chanukah Day 1  Lunch and Learn Israel and Zionism with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm  <b>Erev Chanukah Light 1st Candle</b>	<b>30</b> Chanukah Day 2  Lunch and Learn Kabbalah Circle 12:00 pm  <b>Light 2nd Candle</b>	<p><b>Don't Forget!</b>  <b>Set Your Clocks Back!</b>  <b>Fall Backward!</b>  <b>November 7, 2021</b></p>		 <b>FALL BACK</b> MOVE CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR	

# December 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1 Chanukah Day 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  <i>Light 4th Candle</i>	<b>2 Chanukah Day 4</b> Intermediate Hebrew 10 am  Book Club 8:00pm  <i>Light 5th Candle</i>	<b>3 Chanukah Day 5</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm (In Sanctuary and via Zoom) Candle Lighting 4:10 pm  <i>Light 6th Candle</i>	<b>4 Rosh Chodesh Tevet Chanukah Day 6</b> Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am  Chanukah Celebration at Synagogue 5:15 pm  <i>Light 7th Candle</i>
<b>5 Chanukah Day 7</b> Morning Minyan 8:45 am  <i>Light 8th Candle</i>	<b>6 Chanukah Day 8</b> Lunch and Learn Israel and Zionism with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm	<b>7</b> Lunch and Learn Kabbalah Circle 12:00 pm	<b>8</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>9</b> Intermediate Hebrew 10 am	<b>10</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Candle Lighting 4:10 pm	<b>11</b> Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am  Havdalah & Maariv 5:10 pm
<b>12</b> Morning Minyan 8:45 am  Pollak Lecture 11:00 am	<b>13</b> Lunch and Learn Israel and Zionism with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm	<b>14 Fast of Tevet</b> Kabbalah Circle 12:00 pm	<b>15</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>16</b> Intermediate Hebrew 10 am	<b>17</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated  Candle Lighting 4:12 pm	<b>18</b> Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am  Havdalah & Maariv 5:12 pm
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<b>26</b> Morning Minyan 8:45 am	<b>27</b> Lunch and Learn Israel and Zionism with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm	<b>28</b> Lunch and Learn Kabbalah Circle 12:00 pm	<b>29</b> Torah and Our Lives 11:00 am  Lunch and Learn with Cantor Shron 12:30 pm	<b>30</b> Intermediate Hebrew 10 am	<b>31</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm Candle Lighting 4:20 pm	



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