We Came Together and Mourned as One

By Barbara Kaplan, Editor

Our Shul was filled the evening of October 30th for a Community Memorial Service to mourn and remember fellow Jews who died on a Shabbat morning in their Pittsburgh Temple. We were members, neighbors, friends, family, religious leaders, local politicians and a visible contingent of Rockville Centre police. We will never forget the 11 lives lost in Pittsburgh and pray for the total recovery of those who were worshipping and those who put themselves in harm’s way to help them.

Rabbi Diamond is quoted in the November 1st edition of the Rockville Centre Herald as saying that, “As shocked as I was…I am not surprised.” He went on to say that “It is nearly impossible to stop people with the intent to hurt others. Still,” he added, “the community must stay vigilant.” The purpose of the vigil was “Just to comfort, to know that there’s other people out there and in their community feeling the same pain as they feel.”

Pain and sorrow were expressed by speaker after speaker and etched on the faces of those who were there during the two hour Memorial Service. Religious leaders who spoke included Rabbis Gruber and Skiddell, Central Synagogue-Beth Emeth; Rabbi Perl, Chabad of Mineola; Rabbi Emeritus Dr. Barry Dov Schwartz; Rev. Smith, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Baldwin; Monsignor Koenig, St. Agnes Cathedral; Iman Aziz of Masjid Hamza, Valley Stream; plus our own Rabbi Diamond. These leaders were joined by Stephanie Merrebs, Dir. Campus Affairs & Special Projects, AD; and local politicians Congresswoman Rice, State Senator Kaminsky, Assemblyman Curran, Nassau County Legislator Kopel and RVC’s Mayor Murray. Boy Scout Troop 214 lit memorial candles, Cantor Mendelson lent his voice to haunting prayers and Jeff Goodstein and Barry Hochhauser ably coordinated and led a truly meaningful and effective Memorial.

May all those who participated always remember the solidarity shown by our community where we came together and mourned together.

Cantor Mendelson’s “Song of Service”

Congratulations go to Cantor Daniel Mendelson for his winning composition for the Armed Forces Prayer “Song of Service”, words by Rabbi Gerald C. Skolnick. The prayer celebrates JWB’s (The Jewish Chaplain’s Service) 100 years of serving those who serve. Cantor Mendelson recorded the moving prayer with our beautiful sanctuary as the backdrop. View it on cbsbdrvc.org or on JWB’s webpage where you can download the music and English translation: http://jcca.org/what-we-do/jwb/a-song-of-service.

Thoughts on the Memorial from Mark Skolnick

“It is with a sense of personal pride that I express my thanks, gratitude and praise to the leadership of our shul, who carried out our remembrance service memorializing our brethren who were lost in the Pittsburgh massacre. The accomplishment of organizing such an event, assembling and bringing forth speakers from diverse religious and ethnic affiliations is nothing short of remarkable. While I believe that those who spearheaded this heartfelt and emotionally charged experience would shy away from any personal compliment, we know who they are and extend our greatest thanks to them. We are fortunate to have them in our midst.

Aside from our expressions of grief and fellowship to our fallen brethren in Pittsburgh, I see our own Members’ dedication to the preservation of the Jewish community as a precious gift and guide. We and all other ethnics whose cause and identity we respect should be guided accordingly.”
President's Corner
By Larry Mack, M.D., President, Congregation B'nai Sholom-Beth David

Our Shul continues to move forward as we approach the close of the 2018 fiscal year. We have continued to maintain an even keel regarding our finances. While we met our goal for our Kol Nidre Pledge, we still need your continued donation support as we move into 2019, but I suspect this will be a banner year for us. Many projects are ongoing. Upkeep of the Shul plant continues including the replacement of the dance floor in the ballroom. With the completion of our WiFi we are now installing wireless thermostats, which will reduce costs significantly throughout the building for both heat and AC. Our Rabbi’s Search Committee has met for the first time and we anticipate a year-long effort on their part. There is a sense of “busy-ness” around the Temple. I have never seen more of our congregants in the building than these past two months, attending committee meetings and participating in varied work efforts.

I am very happy to report that I have established a great relationship with Central Synagogue-Beth Emeth Presidents Elinor Appel and James Gelman. During the course of planning for the Community Memorial Service here at CBS-BD, following the horror at Tree of Life in Pittsburgh, we realized how much we have to gain working together in our Community and look forward to sharing in multiple efforts this next year. We are already working to provide direct access to each other’s websites, so we know what is ongoing at each Shul, and we have set up additional meetings for similar efforts.

I hope you can all participate in the super educational and fun events throughout the year. Although many individuals have stood up to initiate these projects, some for fundraising, others for enrichment, Sisterhood continues to shine as our leader in Shul and Community programs. Yasher Koach to all of those involved.

In closing, I am happy to report that our Security Committee has met multiple times and we look to have several initiatives undertaken very soon. Our cameras and 24-hour locking doors work well, several panic buttons were upgraded, and we are evaluating giving all families and employees a Key Fob to enter the Shul at all entry points. The Village of RVC has added security lights outside the building, and we are looking at upgrading the office staff’s ability to open the doors remotely upon proper security identification to visitors and repair staff.

From the whole Mack family, we wish you and yours a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Message From the Rabbi
By Rabbi Howard Diamond

As we head into the secular New Year, the Jewish calendar points us in the direction of two very festive holidays. Purim, where we celebrate freedom and self-determination in terms of our religious observances in the Bais Hamikdosh (the Holy Temple in Jerusalem), is festive with hamentashen, costumes, singing and happiness! If we look to Purim then we know that Pesach, which is the celebration of freedom and the beginning of the Jewish nationhood, cannot be far behind. On Pesach we go from being a group of slaves in Egypt, physically and spiritually, to becoming the Jewish Nation! What a wonderful part of the year.

Fortunately, we here at Congregation B’nai Sholom-Beth David have lots of good Jewish things leading up to and in between these festive occasions. On Wednesday nights the Rabbi’s Discussion Group is always fun, filled with humor, learning and understanding; our Sunday morning Rabbi Korngold Group is full of learning and vitality. Other events like a Bowl-A-Thon are on the horizon as well. And – G-d forbid – some people enjoy the camaraderie of services – the singing, the Kiddush/Oneg the spirituality and the holiness.

So please get involved, come and share the pleasure…. physical and spiritual.

See you in Shul!

New Yahrzeit Minyan Policy
By Rabbi Howard Diamond

At CBS-BD, we want everyone to have the opportunity to say Kaddish to remember a loved one, so we make every effort to gather a minyan. In order for us to be able to do this, we require two weeks’ notice. Please call the CBS-BD office at 516-764-4100 to place your request AT LEAST TWO WEEKS before the desired date of your Yahrzeit minyan. Your assistance in making minyanim will be greatly appreciated.
Thank You - Todah Rabah
By Connie Salwen & Claire Gordon

Thank you for your cooperation in using the Donation Form printed in this newsletter, large sheets of paper, and Yahrzeit Cards when making your generous donations. The Donation Form is also available in the Temple Office and can be printed from the Temple’s website. Please be sure to write legibly!

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Cantor Daniel Mendelson &  
Hillary Beyer & Choir for a wonderful  
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Bernard Slutsky, father of Mindy Shenker;  
The Tree of Life Synagogue “11”

IN HONOR OF  
Jed Adam Mendelson, son of Cantors  
Amanda & Dan Mendelson, welcome to  
our temple family

**Judy & Martin Greenberg**  
**IN HONOR OF**  
Our Simchat Torah Honorees:  
Harvey Marx, Martin Skolnick,  
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Cantor Daniel Mendelson for his spectacular  
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Siyum celebration;  
Ray & Lee Musiker for their inspired  
performance at the Siyum celebration

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Want your event to be included in the Shul calendar? Send information to Steve Lander - sjlander@aol.com

Save the date for the Joint Women's Seder - April 10th - more information to follow
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"Thank you to all for your kind donations in memory of my sister, Marilyn."
~ Vivian Simon

Limited Edition Drawing -
a Nail-biter!
By Barbara Kaplan

Sunday morning we gathered together to find out whether our number was the winning one. After breakfasting on bagels and delicious leftover donuts from the Hanukkah party the night before, Barry Hochhauser, with the assistance of CeCe and Jack Friedman and a designated number-picker from each table, the countdown began. Most of the numbers called were losing numbers, including mine. However, there were four lucky people – Rose Kosisos, Jessie Levine, Alyse Goodstein and, at the very end, the big winning number went to Evelyn Towba. Congratulations to all the winners.
Solving the Mysteries of the Jewish Calendar
By Tracey Simon

It is a question that has perplexed Jews for eons: Why are the holidays always late or early and never on time? That question was on everyone's mind when a group of "Miss Marple-stein" and "Sherlock Hamishes" got together for the Sisterhood workshop, Solving the Mysteries of the Jewish Calendar, facilitated by congregant and educator Jill Kaplan on November 29th.

Over the course of the evening, Ms. Kaplan recounted the idiosyncrasies of a lunar-based calendar, why some months have two “Rosh Chodeshes” as opposed to one, and that there are four distinct “new years” marking the important seasons or events: Rosh Hashanah, the birthday of the world; Tu B’Shevat, the birthday of trees; Passover, the beginning of the Jewish people via the Exodus; and Elul, the universal birth month of cattle for tithing. Ms. Kaplan explained that because we were an agricultural society, keeping track of seasons was vital. To that end, establishing a calendar was the first commandment given to the Jewish Nation in the Bible: “Hashem said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: "This month shall mark for you the beginning of the months; it shall be the first of months of the year for you." (Exodus 12:1-2)

Among some of the questions answered over the course of the evening included why Rosh Chodesh is considered a holiday for women and why do Jews in the diaspora celebrate an additional day for certain holidays, such as Rosh Hashanah and Passover. (Sorry, you had to be there.) The participants also learned a seasonally appropriate mnemonic regarding Chanukah candles: “Load to the left, light to the right.”

And as for the answer to the question regarding “late” and “early” holidays, Ms. Kaplan explained that because of the brilliance of the Hebrew calendar, “Everything falls where it’s supposed to.”

Season of Giving
By Karen Skolnick

In this season of giving, the Sisterhood of Congregation B’nai Sholom-Beth David has, again, demonstrated their extraordinary generosity in supporting the “COOL CLOTHES FOR COOL WEATHER” charity drive on behalf of the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless. Contributions of new children's outfits from sizes 4-14 were donated by numerous members of our Temple community. Donations included coordinated clothing consisting of outer jackets, pants, jeans, sweatshirts, underwear, socks and leggings for boys and girls. Volunteers helped wrap clothing with ribbons and tags containing messages of hope and love created by artists who are patients of the Head Injury Association, clearly demonstrating the collaboration supporting our efforts. As here, the mitzvah of tzedakah is often a shared inspiration.

For many of these children in need, new, stylish clothing is a wonderful treat. Articles will be distributed throughout the holiday season through LICH’s "Boutique". The Long Island Coalition for the Homeless is located on Albany Avenue in Amityville. Its mission is to eliminate homelessness on Long Island. LICH works with other non-profits that provide housing and services for Long Island's homeless and at-risk populations and provides direct assistance to our region's homeless adults and children, veterans and at-risk teenagers. We extend a heartfelt thanks, once again, to Sisterhood for their consistent support of the charity drives of this worthwhile organization.

Gratefully Yours in this Season of Giving.

Super Bowl-A-Thon

Sunday, February 3rd, 1-3 PM. Join us at a Super Bowl-A-Thon at Baldwin Bowl. 2407 Grand Ave., Baldwin. Sponsor your favorite bowler. Call the office at 516-764-4100 to be a bowler and for more information.

Sisterhood Book Club
By Muriel Smith

The Sisterhood Book Club recently discussed the New York Times bestseller, Little Fires Everywhere, by Celeste Ng. The novel is set in the 90’s in a planned upscale suburb of Cleveland, Ohio. The plot centers on the interactions of two families and the dynamics that change their lives. The subplots of sibling rivalries, teenage involvements, surrogate complications and interracial adoptions offered our readers good topics for discussion.

Do you enjoy sharing your thoughts about current books? Come join us the second Wednesday of each month.
News from the JLC
By Dan Seid, Principal

Toy Drive Helps Less Fortunate Kids

On November 28th, JLC students attended a presentation by John Theissen, founder of JTCF, a non-profit that collects and donates toys to sick and underprivileged children in hospitals and child-care facilities. During a time of year when families and friends celebrate Hanukkah it is a mitzvah to remember those in need and JLC students and their families did just that by presenting Mr. Theissen with lots of toys for his organization to distribute. Students eagerly listened to John's story of surviving a brain tumor at the young age of 17. In his stay at Schneider's Children's Hospital, John met a young girl who inspired him to give back. John told his remarkable story as young JLC students listened and then presented hundreds of toys for his drive. We thank the members of B'nai Sholom-Beth David who participated in this event.

Jewish Children's Book Author Visits JLC

Famous Jewish children's book author Shana Silva, a resident of Long Island, who has written many children's books including one on Hanukkah and another on Passover, visited the JLC on Wednesday December 5, 2018 during Hebrew School. Shana read aloud her Hanukkah story as JLC children listened attentively. Some students purchased her book, which she signed. Shana also completed a writing lesson with students and taught them skills and strategies to becoming great writers themselves. Not only do lessons like this help strengthen students' Jewish learning curriculum goals, but they also support academic development in writing.

JJC Tours Holocaust Museum
By Terri Glass, M.D.

On October 28th, Hebrew school students of Congregation B'nai Sholom-Beth David toured the Holocaust Museum in Glen Cove, New York and participated in a workshop on tolerance and injustice.

Max Goodstein, a Hebrew school student, attended and discussed the events and exhibits. Max said that all presentations, especially the videotapes, were educational. He enjoyed the visit and spoke to one Holocaust survivor. That survivor, originally from Austria, explained how life has improved in the United States and hopes that those events of despair and questionable future will never occur again.

The Holocaust Museum and Tolerance Center has numerous multimedia exhibits and artifacts, some contributed by local survivors. The museum is appropriate for children of the fifth grade through adulthood. It provides a bridge from the past to today's issues of intolerance, bullying and genocide. The Holocaust Museum teaches the history of the Holocaust through education and community outreach. The dangers and manifestations of anti-Semitism, racism, bullying and intolerance are presented in each exhibit displayed. Resistance to prejudice and respect for every human being are advocated. Visible representations of intolerance are seen in all demonstrations and exhibits at the Museum.
Dreidels, Donuts and Latkes
By Barbara Kaplan, Editor

Saturday night, December 1st, Congregation B’nai Sholom-Beth David held its annual Chanukah Party following Havdalah services in the Chapel. A light dinner of salad, chicken, meatballs and latkes filled the buffet which also featured mini sliders and franks in the bun for the kids among us. Topping off the buffet was a groaning board of donuts – jelly, crème, frosted and sprinkled.

In addition to the food, there were raffles featuring Chanukah-themed gifts and music provided by CBS-BD member Joel Greenlinger (DJ Joey G) of In the House Productions. DJ Joey G kept the kids entertained with games on the dance floor played to Chanukah music and, in turn, kept the adults enthralled with the joy and energy of the participants who probably slept very soundly when they got home. Everyone left with a package filled with Chanukah candles, dreidels and gelt. We all had fun as we marked the beginning of the Festival of Lights.
We Love Lenny!

By Tracey Simon

We were “carried away” at the Sisterhood Dinner on November 8 when arts lecturer Marc Courtade presented Bernstein on Broadway, in honor of the Leonard Bernstein Centennial. Instead of focusing on the composer/conductor’s volatile life, Courtade discussed his quintessential “New York” musicals: On the Town, Wonderful Town and West Side Story. Thought of as a native New Yorker, Bernstein was born in Lowell, Massachusetts in August of 1918. His path to the Big Apple began at a summer camp where he worked between his graduation from Harvard and his attendance at the Curtis Institute of Music. There, he met Adolph Green, who became a lifelong friend and collaborator. They created musical revues with other fledgling luminaries such as Betty Comden and Judith Tuvim (aka Judy Holliday). In the early 40’s, Bernstein became Assistant Conductor of the New York Philharmonic under Conductor Bruno Walter. Walter took sick one evening. Bernstein picked up the baton and ended the evening a star.

Courtade then spoke of the shows that brought Bernstein’s name into popular culture, starting with Fancy Free, a dance piece choreographed by Jerome Robbins, which inspired On the Town, co-written with Comden and Green. This was followed by Wonderful Town, a musical vehicle for a decidedly non-musical Rosalind Russell who, ironically, won the Tony Award that year for “Best Actress in a Musical.” (Not everything he wrote succeeded. He had two devastating flops in his career: Candide and 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue).

West Side Story remains Bernstein’s most popular show. Originally titled East Side Story about conflict between Jewish and Catholic families, it morphed into the “Jets vs Sharks” story we know today. With lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, West Side Story captured audiences’ hearts in 1957, but not the Tonys; The Music Man swept every music category that year. Since then, it has been revived and reimagined numerous times, with the newest Broadway production slated for late 2019. We’re already on line for the tickets!