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## Rabbi's Message

### Chanukah Miracles Hold Out Lessons for Challenging Times

*By Rabbi David Lerner*

This is an incredibly challenging time for our Jewish community worldwide. A multi-front battle rages in Israel in the wake of one of the most horrific pogroms inflicted on our people since the Shoah. At the same time, Jews across the world face a multi-front war of antisemitism, under the guise of anti-Zionism (and often a bit more blatant), occurring on college campuses and even on the streets.

This worries us because this seems like an old and dangerous story retelling itself. But rather than reading it in a Jewish history book or in our tradition's ancient texts, we see it first-hand in news stories or even through personal experience.

The relative security we have enjoyed during the post-Holocaust decades, particularly in America, has been called into question. For many, this may elicit feelings of vulnerability and fear for the future.

We must acknowledge these complex feelings and understand that the comfort and camaraderie of Jewish community is crucial during these tenuous times. We must ask ourselves how we can be more involved in our local synagogue where our peers understand what we are going through as we confront these shared challenges. We must also acknowledge that we are a people with a long history and we have been here before.

In fact, most of our holidays are celebrations of perseverance; of our people overcoming existential challenges and miraculously defeating whatever we faced with great triumph. Indeed, during the Passover Seder we recite: “–in every generation – – some enemy has risen up to destroy us – That – but G-d saves us from their hands...”

This month we celebrate the joyous holiday of Chanukah, the Festival of Lights. It is actually a

celebration of two miracles that occurred more than 2,000 years ago. The first miracle is a great military victory over a dangerous army that sought to destroy our people. The second miracle is that of the menorah, which had just a little bit of oil. It was running on fumes but it still burned bright in the face of depletion and vast darkness.

The symbolism of this holiday and its lessons of faith and perseverance are quite relevant to our current times. They can bring a sense of hope and some security in the face of all we confront today.

The Maccabees had nowhere near the military capabilities of the IDF (Israel Defense Forces) but they still defeated an incredibly powerful foe. The development of Israel's modern fighting force in less than a century is a miracle in itself, and we can have faith that our foes will be defeated on the battlefield as they always have been.

But the second miracle, that of finding the light of faith in dark times, is just as important for our survival. As a community, it feels as if we are being worn down by constant confrontation with hatred and malice, and it seems that our tanks of faith and optimism are nearly empty. However, we all possess – deep down – the strength and fortitude to not only persevere, but to shine as brightly as we do.

We must appreciate that the candles of the menorah are never alone. Even on the first night two candles shine brightly. So many people of goodwill and good conscience are standing together, shoulder to shoulder, in this fight against darkness.

It has been so encouraging these past many weeks receiving phone calls and gestures of support from our neighbors. Seeing Israeli flags on Maple Avenue in

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Rockville Centre has given me a sense of hope in the awareness that we are not alone.

We know we have always had enemies (who have always been defeated), but perhaps the miracle this Chanukah is appreciating the friends and allies we have, who take on significant risk to stand up for what is right. A powerful symbol of this holiday is that eight little candles can dispel the darkness of an entire room. Light radiates out exponentially.

May this holiday season reinforce our faith that light has always overcome darkness and always will. We have seen this all throughout our history. May we have faith in the power of the Israeli military to keep us safe with G-d's help. And may we have faith in the power of our light, and the light of our neighbors, to dispel the darkness we see all around us. There is a popular slogan in Israel that has been the battle cry during this current fight – *yachad ne'natzeach* – *together* we will prevail.

A happy Chanukah to all and may our lights and those around us continue to shine bright! **Am Yisrael Chai!** The Jewish people will always persevere!

Rabbi Lerner

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## Will We Be Standing Alone When They Come for Us?

By Jonathan Winderman

The other day I saw a post on Facebook that offered a new perspective on the famous "First they came..." poem by Martin Niemöller that immediately grabbed me. "First they came for the LGBTQ, and I stood up because Love is Love. Then they came for the immigrants, and I stood up because Families Belong Together. Then they came for the Black community, and I stood up because Black Lives Matter. Then they came for me, but I stood alone, because I am a Jew."

For some reason this made me think of "The Lorax," by Dr Seuss. For those of you who are not familiar or have forgotten, "The Lorax" is a fable that warns of the destruction of the environment. The Lorax proclaims, "I am the Lorax who speaks for the trees. I speak for the trees because they have no tongues."

It is not as if the Jewish people have no tongues, but rather that the world isn't listening.

After the unspeakable atrocities that occurred in Israel on October 7, the world needs a Lorax; one who speaks for the Jews.

Instead, we have seen marches for Palestine that descended into chants of "gas the Jews" and terroristic threats leveled against Jewish institutions. The threats against a Jewish dining hall at Cornell University rose to the level of FBI involvement in the investigation.

We need more non-Jews to stand up to the hate. More non-Jews to not fall for the propaganda that leads to justification of violence against Jews.

At the end of "The Lorax," after almost everything is ruined, the Lorax flies away leaving a pile of rocks that spells out "UNLESS". The storyteller realizes that it means unless we start to care.

He then gives the boy he is telling the story to a seed to replant the great forest that was destroyed and says "Unless someone like you cares an awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." It is time for our non-Jewish neighbors to take the seeds and end antisemitism.



# President's Message

## Strengthening the Bonds of our Local Community

*By Nancy Hochhauser*

As we approach the end of the year, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each member of the Executive Board, the Board of Trustees, committee chairpersons, our dedicated volunteers, clergy, and staff. From organizing events to ensuring the smooth functioning of services and temple operations, your tireless efforts have not gone unnoticed.

Your support, enthusiasm, and dedication have made my role as President less overwhelming. Yeah, right! Together, we have continued to be in a welcoming community that inspires, uplifts, and cares about one another. I look forward to continuing to be by your side as we head into 2024.

A synagogue is more than a place of worship; it is a hub for making meaningful connections. Whether through prayer services, educational programs, or social events, we aim to provide opportunities for our members to connect with each other. By fostering an environment where relationships can flourish, we strengthen the bonds that make our community vibrant.

With the rise in antisemitism and feelings of being unsafe, having a community that you can turn to and

rely on is vital. To that point, having a security guard at Shabbat morning services, JLC, and special events has made us all feel safer.

I want to thank Sisterhood for taking on this cost through the end of the year as we explore other options. I also want to thank the Rockville Centre Police Department, Commissioner A. Randy Dodd, and Inspector Chris Romance for increasing patrols at specific times. Last, but certainly not least, we appreciate the support that Mayor Murray, the village trustees, and administrator have shown by flying Israeli flags along Maple Avenue.

Looking ahead, I hope that we will continue to come together as a community and purchase Holocaust books for our local schools, help fundraise for the Friends of the IDF. Also, please plan to attend the Second Annual Menorah Lighting on the Village Green Thursday, December 7, our Chanukah party Saturday, December 9, and the Super Bowl-A-Thon Sunday, February 11.

Wishing you all a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year! Am Yisrael Chai!

## Good and Welfare

*By Jill Kaplan*

**Happy Birthday:** Lynn Abrahams, Lori Ames, Lisa Berman, Gary Bergman, Susan Casson, Jean Cohen, Phyllis Entin, Sy Entin, Bernice Feller, Robert Fish, Barbara Friedlander, Bonnie Friedman, Herb Friend, Sharon Friend, Melissa Goldman, Claire Gordon, Dr. Robert Greenberg, Pearl Greenfield, Arnold Greenwald, Sandra Gutman, Beth Hammerman, Nancy Hochhauser, Cheryl Hoh, Nicholas Hoh, Barbara Kaplan, Jill Kaplan, Marvin Katzman, Fortune Kaufman, Hon. Gary Knobel, Jill Lander, Rabbi David Lerner, Ellen Levine, Carol Obrentz Levy, Lawrence Levy, Paul Levy, Sarah Lieberman, Beth Lipsky, Florence Lubitz, Marvin Meyers, Lila Mlawski, Ryan Mlawski, Riley Moffett, Caryn Morgenbesser, Ronald Morgenbesser, Michele Morrison, Shirley Oliner, Ethel Oppenheimer, Ashley Presser, Seth Presser, Mark Sackstein, Jeffrey Schwartz, Judith Shargel, Sydney Skully, Sheila Slutsky, Alan Stein, Gale Greenberg Stein, Argentina Strahl, Amy Strauss, Richard Talesnick, Gaye Breitel Weiser, Mark Wikle.

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# Rabbi Lerner Leads Roundtable for JLC Children on Israel and the War

*By Nina Pasternack, Principal*

Leading up to our official opening day at the JLC, we had so many fantastic, fun and very well-attended events. First, we had a full house inside the small chapel for both of our Junior Congregation Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Thank you to our wonderful teachers, Moreh Sha Batzby and Morah Rena Ganz, for leading us in such engaging and memorable programs.

After the High Holy days it was on to Sukkot and all of our JLC students and families beautifully decorated our temple Sukkah and enjoyed dinner in it with Rabbi Lerner later during the week.

Many of our congregants met our lovely Shinshin, Miss Shira Yaron, during Rosh Hashanah services. Our hearts go out to her as she struggles, along with the rest of us, over the war happening in her homeland. Several weeks ago, she went back to Israel to attend her aunt's funeral. Fortunately, the rest of her family are doing well considering the circumstances.

She has since returned to Rockville Centre and was at Hebrew School on Wednesday, October 25th. The children, along with the rest of us, were thrilled to see her. We pray for the safety of her family, the IDF, and all of the civilians.

Opening day at the JLC just a few days after the Hamas attacks in Israel was a roundtable discussion upstairs in the library led by Rabbi Lerner. He gently



*Reese Moffett, Levi Lerner, and Magda Rose Lerner bedazzling the Aleph-Bet in Morah Lori Levine's class.*

discussed with the children a brief history of Israel and the current state of affairs.

The children were given the opportunity to ask questions and to discuss their feelings with Rabbi Lerner, Moreh Batzby, our Shinshin Shira, and myself. It was a very age-appropriate discussion and the children left with a feeling of Jewish pride and the belief that Israel will persevere.

Afterwards, we sat together and created beautiful cards for Israeli soldiers filled with sentiments of hope, appreciation, and support that we then mailed to Judge Keith Freeman of the Jewish Soldiers Project who will forward them to Israel. We look forward to creating Hanukkah cards for the Israeli soldiers, as well. The life and breath of a synagogue is the younger generation, specifically the Hebrew School students. We appreciate your continued support and investment in the future congregants and leaders of our beloved shul, Congregation B'nai Sholom-Beth David. We are looking forward to achieving many wonderful things together this year.

Our vision for the future is a cohesive Jewish community that values the importance of providing a positive Jewish experience and education. We will create an environment, where everyone feels heard, respected, and safe, for the children of the Jewish Learning Center at Congregation B'nai Sholom-Beth David.



*Rabbi Lerner leading a roundtable about the history of Israel and the current crisis.*





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## Sisterhood: Supporting Our Synagogue and our Sisters

*By Tracey Simon, Co-President*

We cannot underestimate how on edge the world feels to Jews currently, right down to our sanctuary. To help relieve some of the tension, Sisterhood has been funding security for Saturday services and the Hebrew School from November through the end of December. We cannot and should not be afraid to live our lives in these challenging times.

Amid all this, Sisterhood has been staying busy as usual with events and programming. November 19 Meryl Ain, author of "Shadows We Carry," the sequel to her "The Takeaway Men," presented a talk about her research for the two books, and the current world situation.

This year's Joint Sisterhood event, with five other South Shore shuls, was November 28 at Temple Beth-El in Cedarhurst. Israeli-American comic and author Joel Chasnoff provided his unique perspective on living in Israel in these times.

Our annual paid-up membership dinner will be Monday, December 4. We will enjoy delicious kosher Chinese cuisine in the Knesset Room with mentalist Josh Kurzban as the entertainment.

Coming up on January 29, the always enlightening Jill Kaplan will present "Did You Know..." She'll do a deep dive into the "whys" of what we, as Jews, do and say in our daily lives that are so second nature, we forgot their origins. Plus, information about the ever-popular Purim baskets will be out soon. (Of course, the theme is always a secret!)

And not to forget, Sisterhood's own Samantha Berman-Melendez and her husband, Brandon, were honored for all the work they do for the synagogue at the Casino Night fundraising event on November 4. Samantha is a dynamo and an inspiration to us.

Chanukah time is here, so please consider making an appointment to see the wonderful gift items in our Judaica Shop. Contact Ashley Presser at [ashley@presseronline.com](mailto:ashley@presseronline.com). The Judaica Shop will have a presence at other synagogue events throughout the year with an array of gift items suitable for bar/bat mitzvahs, holidays, housewarmings, etc., for family, friends, or yourself.


## Good and Welfare

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**Condolences:** To Paul Levy and family on the passing of Elizabeth "Beth" Levy.

**Mazel Tov:** Sha Batzby & Dr. Lee-Ronn Paluch on the birth and baby naming of their beautiful baby girl, Layla Lucille; Emil Kesselman and family on the wedding of grandson Joshua Benaroya to Kelsey Urruta; Dr. Brandon & Samantha Berman-Melendez on children Jeremy and Ayla becoming B'nai Mitzvah; Joanne & Douglas Wickle on son Mark becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Our hearts are with all those suffering and terrorized as our beautiful Eretz Yisrael is brutally attacked and at war. Throughout our long history, our people have been the target of those who hate us and want to destroy us, but we find our way back to rise even stronger than we were; with time and love, compassion, perseverance, and healing, may we once again return to wholeness.

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# Theater and Religion — Our Most Basic Instincts

*By Cantor Alexandra Weiser*

Last August, more than 20 members of CBS-BD met up on Broadway to attend Jewish comedian Alex Edelman's hit Broadway show "Just For Us." The story is about Alex's experience attending a meeting of white nationalists.

We laughed, we cried, we noshed. It was a delicious evening in every way and a joy for me to organize an outing merging the two worlds I inhabit as a cantor and theater producer; a 'Produser,' if you will!

I feel confident this was the first CBS-BD Broadway event of many to come. For me, my two callings go together like bagels and a schmear and I'm surprised there aren't more of us out there. After all, what has been the most basic impulses of humanity since the beginning of time? Theater and Religion.

We are wired to imagine, write, and share stories in community, and also to experience our lives in connection to a greater and unimaginable divine force. In many ways, theater can be a religious experience and religious rituals in turn have many aspects that are built on the same pillars of theater.

I think it is no accident that we call a storyboard in television writing the "Bible" and that we keep a ghost light shining in all dark theaters the same way we keep an eternal flame in our synagogues high above the ark. One time, at a different temple, I was tasked with changing out the battery of a then-flickering eternal flame and it felt like a scene in a comedy...but I digress.

On stage, the work I'm most drawn to perform and produce is the kind that stirs humor, thought, and conversation. Another way to say it – and I wouldn't describe it like this unless I was among fellow yids – is work that inspires midrash!

The first show I ever produced was, ironically, "A Christmas Carol." It was a London transplant to New York City and its religion was Dickens.

My next project coming up this spring is a new musical called "Suffs." It tells the story of the impassioned suffragists – "Suffs" as they called themselves. They literally risked their lives to challenge the status quo and fought for the 19th Amendment which granted women the right to vote. (Let's all go!)

It's not a "Jewish" show per se, but...really, it is. In fact, the playbill quotes Pirkei Avot: "You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it." In the meantime, two shows currently on Broadway right now that I can't recommend enough are "Harmony" and "A Prayer for the French Republic." Please look them up because I'm running out of room here!

Wishing all of you a new year (again) filled with great theater and nourishing creative experiences. L'Chaim.



# CBS-BD Calendar

## December 2023

- Dec. 4 Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Dinner
- Dec. 7 Erev Chanukah. Light 1<sup>st</sup> candle.  
Public Menorah lighting on Village Green.
- Dec. 8 Chanukah. Light 2<sup>nd</sup> candle
- Dec. 9 Chanukah. Light 3<sup>rd</sup> candle.  
Chanukah Party
- Dec. 10 Chanukah. Light 4<sup>th</sup> candle
- Dec. 11 Chanukah. Light 5<sup>th</sup> candle
- Dec. 12 Chanukah. Light 6<sup>th</sup> candle
- Dec. 13 Chanukah. Light 7<sup>th</sup> candle  
Rosh Chodesh Tevet  
Board of Trustees Meeting, 8:15 pm
- Dec. 14 Chanukah. Light 8<sup>th</sup> candle
- Dec. 15 Last day of Chanukah.
- Dec. 22 Tzom Asarah Be'Tevet
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day. Federal holiday

## January 2024

- Jan. 1 New Year's Day
- Jan. 10 Board of Trustees Meeting, 8:15 pm
- Jan. 11 Rosh Chodesh Shevat
- Jan. 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 25 Tu B'Shevat
- Jan. 27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- Jan. 29 Sisterhood program with Jill Kaplan

## February 2023

- Feb. 9 Rosh Chodesh Adar I
- Feb. 10 Rosh Chodesh Adar I
- Feb. 11 Super Bowl-a-Thon
- Feb. 14 Board of Trustees Meeting, 8:15 pm
- Feb. 19 President's Day

## Shabbat Candle Lighting Times

Dec. 1 4:11 pm	Jan. 19 4:39 pm
Dec. 8 4:10 pm	Jan. 26 4:47 pm
Dec. 15 4:11 pm	Feb. 2 4:56 pm
Dec. 22 4:14 pm	Feb. 9 5:05 pm
Dec. 29 4:18 pm	Feb. 16 5:13 pm
Jan. 5 4:24 pm	Feb. 23 5:22 pm
Jan. 12 4:31 pm	

## Mincha/Mariv Havdalah Times

Shaleshudes between Mincha and Mariv/Havdalah

<b>Dec. 2</b> Mincha/Mariv 3:30 pm Havdalah 5:08 pm	<b>Jan. 20</b> Mincha/Mariv 4:15 pm Havdalah 5:37 pm
<b>Dec. 9</b> Mincha/Mariv 3:30 pm Havdalah 5:07 pm	<b>Jan. 27</b> Mincha/Mariv 4:15 pm Havdalah 5:46 pm
<b>Dec. 16</b> Mincha/Mariv 3:45 pm Havdalah 5:08 pm	<b>Feb. 3</b> Mincha/Mariv 4:30 pm Havdalah 5:54 pm
<b>Dec. 23</b> Mincha/Mariv 3:45 pm Havdalah 5:11 pm	<b>Feb. 10</b> Mincha/Mariv 4:30 pm Havdalah 6:03 pm
<b>Dec 30</b> Mincha/Mariv 3:45 pm Havdalah 5:16 pm	<b>Feb. 17</b> Mincha/Mariv 4:45 pm Havdalah 6:11 pm
<b>Jan. 6</b> Mincha/Mariv 4:00 pm Havdalah 5:22 pm	<b>Feb. 24</b> Mincha/Mariv 4:45 pm Havdalah 6:20 pm
<b>Jan. 13</b> Mincha/Mariv 4:00 pm Havdalah 5:29 pm	

## Regularly Scheduled Services and Events

**Kaballat Shabbat:** 7:30 pm Fridays

**Shabbat morning:** 9:00 am

**Weekday Shacharit:** 9:00 am Sundays (Chapel), 6:55 am Mondays and Thursdays (Chapel), and 7:00 am Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (via Zoom). 6:45 am Rosh Chodesh

**Weeknight Mariv:** 8:00 pm (via Zoom)

**Sisterhood Mah Jong:** 7:30 pm Tuesdays





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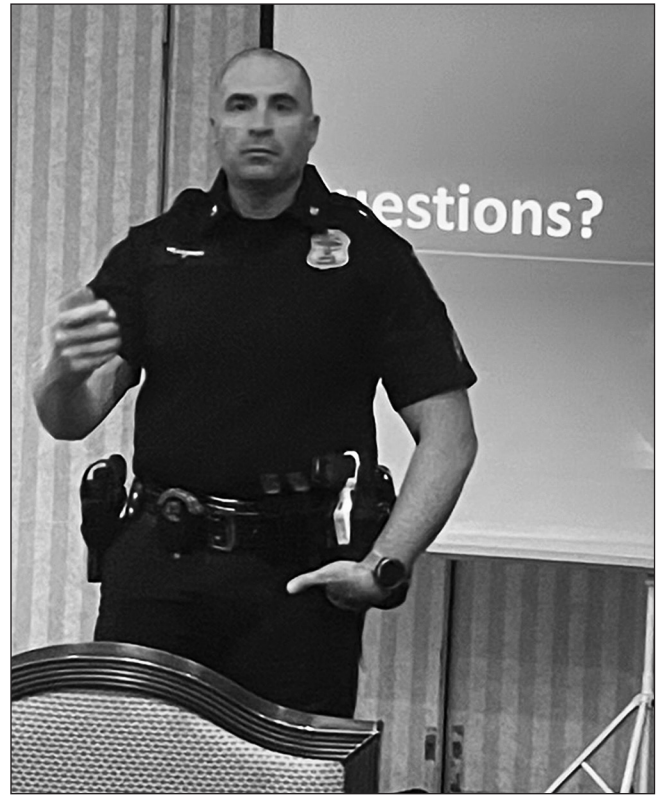
*By Barbara Kaplan*

Rockville Centre Police Sgt. Peter Pellegrino conducted a timely presentation and interactive discussion on situation awareness and security for CBS-BD members Thursday, November 2. Sergeant Pellegrino is a trainer with the village police force. He assured the group that our building has good security in place and made note of the use of the electronic key fobs members carry for access. Having a security guard during services is another plus. He recommended a second security guard to patrol the grounds as this is where problems start.

The Rockville Centre police, for their part, patrol around the building during the week and on Shabbat. They also sometimes leave an empty patrol car in the parking lot as a deterrent.

Sergeant Pellegrino also discussed how to respond in an active shooter scenario – when to “run, hide, fight.” Members should know the nearest exit to any room in our building in case an emergency exit is required. Once safe they should call or text 911. When police arrive cooperate with them so they can pin down the intruder.

There were several takeaways from Sergeant Pellegrino’s presentation we can adopt: creating a crisis response plan to manage emergencies, including emails and texts to members; assuring members are aware of nearest building exits, and having the



*Sgt. Peter Pellegrino, Rockville Centre Police Department*

Rockville Centre police phone number, 516-766-1500, on speed dial. We are grateful to the Rockville Centre Police Department for their continued vigilance.

## Save The Dates

### Upcoming Events

December 4	Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Dinner
December 5	Theatre Outing: “Harmony” on Broadway
December 7	Village Green Menorah Lighting
December 9	Temple Chanukah Party
January 29	Sisterhood Program with Jill Kaplan
February 11	Super Bowl-a-Thon



# Todah Rabah

By Connie Salwen & Pauline Gibney

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**Kalikow Family**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield

**Dale & David Karp-**

**Long Island Community**

**Foundation**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield

**Ilene & Gary Knobel**

IN MEMORY OF

Bob Scherer

IN HONOR OF

Naming of granddaughter of

Sandy & Steve Friedman

**Barbara Kotin**

IN HONOR OF

My granddaughter's safe return  
from Maui;

Birth of daughter Lila to

Sha Batzby

**Beverly Krosky & Bernie Genzer**

IN HONOR OF

Birth of daughter Goldie to

Rebbetzin Alexis &

Rabbi Lerner

**Randi Krueger**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield

**Mae Lapidus**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield

**James Lentini**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield

**Doreen Levine**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield

**Ellen & Martin Levine**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield

IN HONOR OF

Wedding of Joan Sidney's  
granddaughter;

Birth of baby girl to Rebbetzin

Alexis & Rabbi David Lerner;

Birthday of Richard Perl binder

SPEEDY RECOVERY TO

Al Morrison

**Carol & Andrew Levy**

TZEDAKAH

**Larry Levy**

IN HONOR OF

Michael Shenker, Chatan Torah;

Elisa Matas Skolnick,

Kallat Bereshit;

Ira Salwen, Chatan Maftir;

Birthday of Richard Perl binder

**Karen & Wayne Lipton**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield

**Lynbrook Police Benevolent Assoc.**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield

**Lisa & Larry Mack**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield

IN HONOR OF

Bar mitzvah of

Jeremy Melendez;

Bat mitzvah of Ayla Melendez

**Diane & Stuart Neufeld & Family**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield

**John C. Parsons II**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield

**Roberta Pasternack**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield

**Judy Perlman**

IN MEMORY OF

Lila Engoren

IN HONOR OF

Sha Batzby's baby naming

**Janice Pliskow**

IN MEMORY OF

Lillian Greenfield



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**Susan & Jay Pomerantz**

IN MEMORY OF

Lillian Greenfield

**Harold Reese**

IN MEMORY OF

Lillian Greenfield

**Rita Reich**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield

**Josh Rifkin**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield

**Kathleen & Richard Roskell**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield

**Jane Scherer**

IN HONOR OF

Birthday of Richard Perl binder;  
Michael Shenker, Chatan Torah;  
Elisa Matas Skolnick,  
Kallat Bereshit;  
Ira Salwen, Chatan Maftir

SPEEDY RECOVERY TO

Al Morrison

**Carol Schulz**

IN HONOR OF

Birthday of Richard Perl binder

**Nancy Schwartz**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield

**Mindy & Michael Shenker**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield

IN HONOR OF

Wedding of Andrew Berman,  
son of Lisa & Alan Berman  
to Rachel Goldman  
(cousin of Michael Shenker)

**Tracey & Ellis Simon**

IN MEMORY OF

Hy Smith

**Caroll & Larry Singer**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield for her  
memorial plaque

**Elisa Matas & Marty Skolnick**

IN APPRECIATION OF

Simchat Torah honor

**Karen & Mark Skolnick**

IN HONOR OF

Chatan Torah, Michael Shenker;  
Kallat Bereshit,  
Elisa Matas Skolnick;  
Chatan Maftir, Ira Salwen;  
Rabbi Lerner & Cantor Xan  
for uplifting and meaningful  
High Holiday services

**Muriel Levine Smith**

IN HONOR OF

Elisa Matas Skolnick,  
Kallat Bereshit;  
Ira Salwen, Chatan Maftir

**Jeffrey Steinberg**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield

**Rita & Leon Vilinsky**

IN MEMORY OF

Herman Smith

**Elisse & Mark Weiss**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield

**Ellen & Ronald Yazmer**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield

**Rabbi's Fund**

**Melissa Goldman**

IN HONOR OF

Birthday of Rabbi Lerner

**Linda & Robert Grossman**

YIZKOR

**Judy & Henry Hoenig**

IN MEMORY OF

Father, Jerry Hoenig

**Barbara Kotin**

IN HONOR OF

Rabbi Lerner & Cantor Weiser  
for beautiful High Holiday  
services;  
My high holiday aliyah

**Lisa & Larry Mack**

IN HONOR OF

Rabbi Lerner;  
Cantor Weiser

**Jane Scherer**

IN HONOR OF

78th birthday of Henry Hoenig

**Cantor's Fund**

**Elaine Serota**

IN MEMORY OF

Husband, Michael Serota,  
father of Jilly and Pete

**Sharon Weiser**

IN HONOR OF

Cantor Weiser

**Memorial Fund**

**Lynn & Jay Abrahams**

IN MEMORY OF

Father, Rubin Schwartz;  
Mother, Dorothy Abrahams  
YIZKOR





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### **Dorothy Abrams**

IN MEMORY OF

Mother, Esther Abrams

### **Susan & Jay Adler**

IN MEMORY OF

Father, Emanuel Rothfeld;

Brother, Dr. Lee Adler

### **Lori Ames**

IN MEMORY OF

Uncle, Martin Hackel;

Father, Henry Goldman;

Aunt, Mildred Flender

### **Gary Bergman**

IN MEMORY OF

Grandfather, Abraham Kranitz;

Father, Aaron Bergman

### **Ilene & Martin Brodman**

IN MEMORY OF

Mother, Helen Dorman

### **Susan & Ira Casson**

IN MEMORY OF

Beloved son,

Joshua Todd Casson;

Beloved son,

Benjamin Scott Casson

### **Jean & Gary Cohen**

IN MEMORY OF

Mother, Nora Cohen

### **Anna & Edward Edelstein**

IN MEMORY OF

Grandfather, Irving Edelstein;

Grandmother, Settie Montag;

Mother, Claire Edelstein

### **Bernice Feller**

IN MEMORY OF

Mother, Sally Levine

### **Eugene Fridman**

IN MEMORY OF

Father, Alexander Fridman

### **Cece & Jack Friedman**

IN MEMORY OF

Mother, Leona Friedman;

Sister, Ronnie Mae Gordon;

Mother, Rae Greenspan

### **Dana & Mel Friedman**

IN MEMORY OF

Mother, Hazel Levine;

Sister, Gail Sadin;

Father, Morris Levine

### **Sandy & Steven Friedman**

**& Family**

IN MEMORY OF

Father and grandfather,

Isidore Goldman

### **Gail Garone**

YIZKOR

Parents and grandparents

### **Maxine & Alan Geller**

IN MEMORY OF

Mother, Shirley Newman;

Father, Oscar Geller

### **Cliff Glass**

IN MEMORY OF

Father, Jack Glass

### **Melissa Goldman**

IN MEMORY OF

Uncle, Martin Hackel;

Father, Henry (Hank) Goldman;

Aunt, Mickey Flender

YIZKOR

### **Joel Greenberg**

IN MEMORY OF

Father, Harold Jay Greenberg

### **Judy & Martin Greenberg**

IN MEMORY OF

Grandmother, Sophie Berg;

Grandmother,

Seraphine Feigenbaum

### **Martin Greenberg**

IN MEMORY OF

Brother-in-law, Lawrence Heller

### **Alyssa & Arnold Greenwald**

IN MEMORY OF

Aunt, Marion Gerson

### **Linda & Bob Grossman**

IN MEMORY OF

Grandmother, Anna Pekarsky;

Father, Harry Grossman;

Mother, Pauline Goldstein

### **Marge & Sheldon Grossman**

IN MEMORY OF

Father, Morris Grossman

### **Barbara & Jay Kaplan**

IN MEMORY OF

Grandfather, Ben Mendelson

### **Sheila Kendal**

IN MEMORY OF

Father, Isaac Abramowitz;

Brother, Murry Abramowitz

### **Harriet Kittay**

IN MEMORY OF

Husband, Paul Kittay

### **Barbara Kotin**

IN MEMORY OF

Mother, Esther Shapiro;

Father, Solomon Shapiro

### **Andrea Krasnoff**

IN MEMORY OF

Mother, Joan Kaplan



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### **Lisa LeBron & David Kaminsky**

IN MEMORY OF

Brother, Peter LeBron;  
Sister-in-law,  
Rochelle Leicht-LeBron

### **Ellen & Martin Levine**

IN MEMORY OF

Father, Samuel Levine;  
Mother, Lillian Tabas

### **Paul Levy & Family**

IN MEMORY OF

Elizabeth (Beth) Levy;  
Grandmother, Gladys Levy;  
Mother, Bernice Levy

### **Beth Lipsky**

IN MEMORY OF

Mother, Honey Granoff

### **Lisa & Larry Mack**

IN MEMORY OF

Marc Zeloof

### **Harvey Marx**

IN MEMORY OF

Grandfather,  
Friedrich Wertheim;  
Grandmother, Bertha Wertheim

### **Ginnie & Marvin Meyers**

IN MEMORY OF

Mother, Helen Feinstein

### **Vivian Mintzer**

IN MEMORY OF

Sister, Zelda Brisikin;  
Father, Max Brown

### **Michele & Al Morrison**

IN MEMORY OF

Mother, Pearl Morrison

### **Nanci Moskowitz**

IN MEMORY OF

Mother,  
Sylvia Chassen Blumberg;

Uncle, Eli Kaye;

Sister, Wilma Blumberg;

Husband, Irving Moskowitz

### **Ramon Musiker**

IN MEMORY OF

Wife, Juliet Musiker

### **Ethel Oppenheimer & Family**

IN MEMORY OF

Husband and father,  
Edward J. Oppenheimer;  
Father, Jerry Greenberg

### **Helene Pliner**

IN MEMORY OF

Grandmother, Ida Steirman

### **Alice Purus**

IN MEMORY OF

Sister, Lucille Janofsky;  
Mother, Fannie Bolen;  
Brother-in-law, David Janofsky

### **Rhoda Ralph**

IN MEMORY OF

Mother, Rebecca Goldmunz

### **Gloria Rosen-Silver**

IN MEMORY OF

Father, Matus Radzivilover

### **Carol Schulz**

IN MEMORY OF

Husband, Bob Schulz

### **Sheila & Bert Schneider**

IN MEMORY OF

Father, Jack Schoolskey

### **Jack Schwartz**

IN MEMORY OF

Father, Hyman Schwartz;  
Mother, Bertha Schwartz

### **Linda & Bob Schwartz**

IN MEMORY OF

Father, Jack Raskin

### **Mindy & Michael Shenker**

IN MEMORY OF

Father, Bernard Slutsky;  
Mother, Flora Shenker

### **Tracey & Ellis Simon**

IN MEMORY OF

Grandmother, Hannah Lavine;  
Mother, Lenore Berse;  
Father, Jack Berse  
Grandmother, Bessie Baron

### **Vivian Simon**

IN MEMORY OF

Sister, Lorraine Stein;  
Father-in-law, Samuel Simon

### **Paul Tilles**

IN MEMORY OF

Mother, Mindy Tilles;  
Brother, Seth Tilles

### **Elaine Unger**

IN MEMORY OF

Sister, Barbara Keller;  
Brother-in-law, Stanley Keller

### **Rita & Leon Vilinsky**

IN MEMORY OF

Mother, Lena Vilinisky

YIZKOR

Father, Morris Vilinsky;  
Mother, Lena Vilinsky;  
Father, Max Traurig;  
Mother, Sylvia Traurig;  
Sister, Ruth Kirsch;  
Sister, Gloria Lerech;  
Cousin, Bernard Cohen;  
Cousin, Ruth Sloane

### **Ira Wasserman**

IN MEMORY OF

Mother, Sally Wasserman



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**Susan Wilson**

YIZKOR

Joel Wilson

**Janet & Elliot Winter**

IN MEMORY OF

Mother, Fannie Winter

**Davida Zener**

IN MEMORY OF

Husband, William Zener

### **Jewish Learning Center**

**Lynn & Jay Abrahams**

IN HONOR OF

B'nai mitzvot of

Ayla & Jeremy Melendez

SPEEDY RECOVERY TO

Al Morrison

**Sandy & Steven Friedman**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield;

Elizabeth (Beth) Levy

IN HONOR OF

Michael Shenker, Chatan Torah;

Elisa Matas Skolnick,

Kallat Bereshit;

Ira Salwen, Chatan Maftir;

Wedding of Florence Lubitz's

grandson Alex

**Connie & Ira Salwen**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield

IN HONOR OF

Michael Shenker on his well-deserved Simchat Torah honor;

Elisa Matas Skolnick on her well-deserved Simchat Torah

honor;

Birth of great-granddaughter to Cece & Jack Friedman

SPEEDY RECOVERY TO

Al Morrison;

Richard Perlbiner

### **Kiddush Fund**

**Linda Gidanian**

IN HONOR OF

Eddie Khalou

**Marla & Barry Goldberg**

IN HONOR OF

Aliyah for mother's yahrzeit

**Sandra Gutman**

IN APPRECIATION

**Jill & Steve Lander**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield;

Lila Engoren

IN HONOR OF

Birthday of Ray Musiker;

Anniversary of

Connie & Ira Salwen;

50th anniversary of

Sandy & Steve Friedman;

Simchat Torah honorees

Michael Shenker, Elissa Mattas

Skolnick, and Ira Salwen

**Larry Levy**

IN MEMORY OF

Lorraine Greenfield;

Lila Engoren;

Cousin, Hortense (Annabelle)

Levy Pomerance;

Friend, Max Hotzman;

Great-grandfather, Menachem

Mendel Blumenstein;

Cousin, Max Lazar;

Cousin, Seymour Schnee;

Grandmother, Fannie Z.G. Levy;

Aunt, Estelle T. Zuckerman;

Aunt, Aurelia K. Goldstein;

Cousin, Harold M. Stein;

Cousin, Arline Norma Besunder

IN HONOR OF

Pauline Gibney & Faith Varley

for all they do

**Helene & Robert Parsons**

IN MEMORY OF

Father, Sheldon Siskind

**Rita & Leon Vilinsky**

TZEDAKAH

### **Temple Torah Fund**

**Cliff Glass**

IN MEMORY OF

Grandfather, Chaim Glass;

Grandmother, Perla Glass;

Grandfather, Chaim Wolf

Wilder;

Grandmother, Hennie Wilder

### **Prayer Book Fund**

**Rhoda Ralph**

IN MEMORY OF

Hy Smith



# Casino Night a Big Success

By Helene Parsons

Casino Night, held in the Knesset Room on Saturday, November 4, was a huge success. The fundraising event featured slots, poker, blackjack, plus opportunities to win raffle prizes donated by local merchants and congregants. Of course, there was food and drink.

The event honored Rockville Centre Village Trustee Emilio Grillo and his wife, Christine, plus

Samantha and Brandon Melendez. It was a fun four hours of socializing with the opportunity to win such prizes as a 50" TV, Giants tickets, gift certificates to area restaurants and shops plus several admissions to the American Museum of Natural History.

We look forward to running this outstanding event again.



*Dr. Martin Greenberg (left) and Jay Abrahams try to hit for a jackpot.*

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