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RABBI'S NOTES

by Rabbi Michael Mishkin

Arguing Constructively & Raising Up the World



Shalom Friends,

I want to share with you a large part of my Kol Nidrei sermon. I hope it encourages us to listen to each other more, and to find ways to have constructive disagreements.

This evening, I want to talk about one of the most important issues facing us today—as Jews, as Americans, and as human beings. I want to discuss the breakdown in thoughtful communication between people who disagree with one another.

The problem is much more than just a breakdown, though – there is extreme divisiveness and animosity between Left and Right; Democrats and Republicans, Liberals and Conservatives—and when it comes to Israel: the pro-2 state solution camp vs. the pro-1 state solution camp.

Instead of positive conversations, there are way too many negative interactions, where each side assumes the worst about the other side. Friendships have ended, and in some families, political divisiveness has led to estrangement. In much of these cases, it's not so much the political differences that are pulling us apart, but rather, our inability to discuss our differences in ways that are respectful. In theory, these types of conversations—if done well—can be helpful to both sides. On many

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issues, the Right AND the Left, each have wisdom to share with the other side. But—most of the time—those conversations are NOT happening, and we are not sharing our wisdom and insights with each other—so we are losing out. Instead of communicating in ways that could be raising us up—as individuals and as communities—we are behaving in ways that are bringing us down, and tearing us apart. Tragically, this is happening all over the world. Certainly, here—in the United States—and within many Jewish communities.

The extreme divisiveness that is on display today can only come about when there is a hatred of the other side. And when this type of hate shows itself, it becomes very dangerous.

The Talmud teaches that hatred *between* Jews can be as destructive as hatred *against* Jews. Thus the Rabbis attributed the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 C.E.—one of the greatest tragedies in ancient Jewish history—to the sin of *Sinat Chinami*—which means “Groundless Hatred.” Much of the hate today between people who disagree is *Sinat Chinam*—groundless hatred. Very often, the hatred is either totally inappropriate and/or disproportionate to the reality of what’s going on.

What can we do to change our ways, and raise ourselves up? We should start with tolerating people who express different views from us.

The Talmud says that people differ in 3 ways: their voice, their appearance, and their opinions. We easily accept the fact that people look different from us, but we are not as understanding about the fact that people have different views from us.

But we should do more than tolerate people with other views—we should embrace people with other views. Why? Because when people engage in thoughtful and respectful discussion—both sides can benefit. Many issues and many texts have valid arguments on both sides of the issue. That doesn’t mean that there are an **equal number** of valid arguments on both sides—only that opposing views on many issues, have something to contribute to the greater understanding of the issue.

Our Sages make this same point, in the following radical story—(found in *Midrash Psalms*, 12). Rabbi Yanai said: When God gave Moses the Torah, it was not given in a clear-cut manner, rather on every statement that God said to Moses, God would say 49 reasons the matter could be pure, and 49 reasons why the matter could be impure. Moses was bewildered, and said to God, “Master of the Universe, when will we know the truth of the matter?” God said to Moses, “Go according to the majority (Exodus 23:2) If the majority rules it is impure—it is impure, if the majority rules it is pure—it is pure.”

This text is one of the building blocks for the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies’ course—Disagreements (Machloket) Matters: How to Disagree Constructively. It’s a course I am teaching on Sunday mornings in November and December. Two former Pardes teachers—Rabbi Daniel Roth, whose specialty is conflict resolution, and Rabba Yaffa Epstein, explain the importance of this teaching, saying:

According to this story, God intentionally gave us a Torah that is ambiguous. It’s a fluid tradition—and we constantly have to be looking at different ways to understand it. This idea can be challenging—[it can even be destabilizing.] Some of us want Capital T—Truth—in a clear-cut way. But that’s not how this world works. God says, “I’m sorry, I can’t do that. It would make the Torah too rigid. The Torah has to remain relevant for every generation.”

This does not mean that there are literally 49 arguments on each side of every issue. Rather, the number 49 is symbolic. In rabbinic Judaism 50 represents absolute truth—perfection. 49 means we have a lot of strong feelings about our position—but it’s not complete. There is a small space that remains open. This small space means that we don’t have absolute truth. This small space of uncertainty should spur our curiosity to **want** to understand the other person—who they are, what

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One fact people across political divides today may still agree upon is that civil discourse between the political divides is turning less and less civil. Indeed, the sheer lack of desire to try to understand those with opposing political opinions (or political identities) and disagree constructively over critical questions is posing an existential threat to democracies around the world. By dipping into the well of Rabbinic Judaism, and seeing how our sages used machlokets (disagreements) to further their understanding of the truth, we will increase our ability to understand and engage more constructively.

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We list all children's birthdays up until the age of ten. We make every effort to include everyone, but if we miss your child's birthday or your anniversary we do apologize and ask that you let us know as soon as possible so we can be sure to correct it.

Book Club Chat with Susan Isaacs

November 20th, 7pm



Please join us for an informal, intimate 'Chat with Susan' to discuss her new book, *Takes One to Know One*.

There will be snacks, wine and the chance to chat with TBI's own NYT bestselling author, as well as your fellow friends and 'sisters' in crime!

Mark your calendars and be sure to read *Takes One to Know One*! Please RSVP to jcheevers@tbiport.org

It's received amazing reviews! We are super excited to get started reading for this entertaining and enlightening evening.

This is what the press is saying about her book:

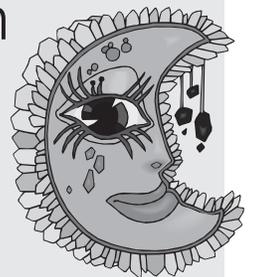
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Once a Month...Just for Yourself...Just for Your Soul

Caroline Damsky



*“Where it began, I can’t begin to knowing
But then I know it’s growing strong
Was in the spring
Then spring became the summer
Who’d had believed you’d come along”*

Actually, we know exactly when it began—it was December 13, 2006.

The doctor anticipated that our sweet Caroline was going to be VERY big, and so they had her come into the world 10 days earlier than planned. She ended up not weighing as much as expected, however, everything else about Caroline since then has been VERY big, extreme, or dramatic—her social life, her heart, and her personality.

*“Look at the night and it don’t seem so lonely
We filled it up with only two”*

Caroline is a VERY social being. Most kids when they are exhausted, just want to lay low and relax. Not Caroline! If she is low on sleep and VERY tired (which is often), she craves playdates. When with friends, she is her best self. Social interactions are her fuel, which is a good thing because she is a particular eater and is often VERY hungry. Caroline is the life of any party! She is game for anything as long as she is with others, especially people she loves. She has been known to happily and eagerly run errands with her friend’s mom—even while her friend was away at camp.

*“Hands, touching hands
Reaching out, touching me, touching you”*

Caroline has a VERY big heart. She is a thoughtful, sensitive, and engaging young woman. She opens her heart to anyone, young or old, who needs or wants a friend. We are amazed at

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their story is, and what their arguments are.

Trying to understand the arguments and perspective of another viewpoint can be challenging, especially if we are affected personally. It requires several particular traits. First is self-awareness of our own reasons that brought us to our understanding. Second, we must have a deep sense of humility—that our truth, is at best, a partial truth and never reaches the level of absolute truth. A third trait we must cultivate is a genuine sense of *kavod* (respect) for our opponent. We also need to be good listeners, and to have empathy. (Rabbi Daniel Roth, “When Arguing, Remember the 49 vs 49”)

If we do these things, we can come to see that truth is multi-faceted and we can grow intellectually by exposing ourselves to other viewpoints. However, these guidelines only apply if we believe that our disagreement is *l’sheim shamayim*—for the Sake of Heaven—which means each side in the disagreement is making arguments from a place of integrity.

One of the most beautiful definitions of *l’sheim shamayim* (for the sake of heaven) comes from the 19th Century Chasidic rabbi, Zadok HaCohen. He says: We can actually know ourselves fully, and know our 50 reasons (he calls it 50 gates of wisdom) regarding a position—but we can only articulate 49 of our gates of wisdom. The 50th gate is like wisdom in our heart, and we can’t articulate it to others. Therefore, we can understand ourselves **fully**, but we can never understand another person fully. Because of this limitation, we should make it our responsibility to understand the other person **as well as we can**. For this Chasidic Master, that’s what *l’sheim Shamayim* means—each person trying his or her best to understand the perspective of the other person.

That is a pretty lofty vision—and definitely an inspirational goal. So I want to also provide us with a simpler, more concrete action to take. In this New Year, let’s try to have fewer political discussions online, and more discussions in person—face-to-face. This can make a big difference.

There is a powerful declaration in our Mahzor—it’s also in our Weekday, and Shabbat prayer books. At the very beginning of the morning service, we say “Hareini mekabel alai mitzvot haBorei: ve’ahavta lereicha kamocho,” “I hereby accept upon myself, the mitzvah of the Creator: love your neighbor as yourself.” When did this line first enter the siddur? In 16th Century Sefat, in the siddur of the great Kabbalistic master—Rabbi Isaac Luria. It’s a wonderful verse from the Torah, but why would Rabbi Luria say it at the beginning of his prayer experience—especially when his prayer experience was about trying to form a deep connection to God? The answer is, because in Jewish spirituality you cannot really connect to God, if you are not connected with your neighbor. In order to reach up towards God, we must first reach out with love, kindness, and understanding to other people. (Rabbi Ari Hart, “Reaching Out and Reaching Up: How to Talk in Shul”)

And let us say: Amen.

Nathan Jackman



It is hard to overstate how happy we were to welcome Nathan Michael Jackman into our family on October 20, 2006. In fact, one could easily say he “saved” us.

Having a third child for the Jackman family did not come easily. It took several years of trying and came after we had dealt with the shock of his brother Adam’s diagnosis of Juvenile Diabetes. We didn’t know how much, but we needed Nathan! His Hebrew name is Natan which means “Gift from G-d”; A perfect description of what he was for all of us. From the moment we saw him, his full cheeks, amazingly deep dimples and powerful smile brought a

shining light into our lives. In the early years it was impossible to look at Nathan without smiling. Cute is just too much of an understatement to describe him. We took the most joy watching the power he had, and still has, over his brother Adam and sister Hannah. To this day, while both are in college, they claim they aren’t homesick but they miss Nathan! I We joked with them early on that Nathan brought us so much joy he was our personal Moshiach and that we would reveal that to the world at his Bar Mitzvah. They always thought we were just kidding...

That captivating young child has become an equally impressive young man still saving us. In a house with four type A personalities, he is often the calm voice of reason who seems to make relaxation a new art form. He seems to have an encyclopedic

knowledge of almost everything, honed from hours on Youtube, that makes him the last word in many factual disputes and navigator-in-chief on all Jackman travel adventures. He also adds life into our house with his myriad of interests as an avid gamer, trumpet player and devoted Boy Scout in Troop 7 in Port Washington. And above all else, Nathan is a foodie with eclectic tastes and an appetite that rivals anyone we know.

As we celebrate his becoming a Bar Mitzvah, we are proud of the man he is becoming and congratulate him on reaching this significant milestone. We thank Rabbi Mishkin, Cantor Grainer and the countless teachers and mentors who have guided him. We are excited to invite the TBI community, his family and friends to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah with us.

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how quickly and easily she can connect with younger kids, make them feel comfortable, and develop meaningful relationships with them. On the other end of the age range, Caroline regularly visits her friend’s grandmother at a local nursing home. In fact, Caroline often is the one persuading her friend to visit. (Yes, Caroline can also be VERY persistent and VERY persuasive).

*“And when I hurt
Hurting runs off my shoulders
How can I hurt when I’m holding you”*

Caroline is VERY caring. She takes great pride and gets a lot of pleasure helping others. At Camp Ramah, Caroline actively seeks out younger campers to let them know she is there for them if they need anything. At the end of the summer, bunk counselors give out

“paper plate” awards. Caroline’s award was “Most Likely to Be a Therapist”. That paper plate remains proudly taped on her bedroom wall. Even when immersed in the bliss of camp life, her letters home often inquired about loved ones who were ill.

Sadly, one of those loved ones, our dear friend, Sue Steinberg, died at the end of this summer. It was no surprise to us that Caroline decided to design a mitzvah project that honored Sue. Caroline is working with Sue’s family and Port Rowing to create the Sue Steinberg Educational Scholarship. One scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating senior, and another to a high school senior in the Inclusive Rowing Program. (If you are interested in contributing, you can contact holly@portrowing.com).

Caroline has been a student at TBI

since being a “Waddler” in the nursery school. She is VERY thankful for everyone at TBI (congregants, teachers, and professionals) who supported her education and development. We also want to publicly thank Rabbi Mishkin and Cantor Grainer for their mentorship. And, Rosalie Silver for her knowledge, guidance, and patience during the D’var Torah writing process.

“Sweet Caroline (bam bam bam) Good times never seemed so good—so good! So good! So good! I’d be inclined (bam, bam, bam) to believe they never would ”

In true Caroline fashion, we want to be sure to invite the entire TBI community to join us when we celebrate Caroline becoming a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, November 9, 2019.

Preschool News

By Diana Snaider, Preschool Director



Everyone has settled into school so nicely. October went by fast as we watched the leaves change color and the kids collected acorns!

Luckily the weather held out and we enjoyed our Fall Festival outside! The kids were able to pet the animals and take pony rides. There were arts and



crafts, pumpkin picking, corn husking and music with Miss Lisa. We can't forget eating a special snack in the sukkah!

For Simchat Torah the preschool rolled out the Torah to see how long it is. We talked about how there are 54 chapters in the Torah which explains the history of the Jewish people. On

Simchat Torah we read the last chapter. We love it so much that we start to read it all over again!

We have been enjoying music, movement and yoga! We learned many different animal poses and how to sit in our yoga "O" position. Miss Brooke began our STEAM program. It's great to see their minds working; being curious, discovering, and using their imagination as well. Miss Lisa started singing our Thanksgiving songs in music and we are looking forward to celebrating with our families.

Enrollment for preschool 2020-2021 is available for you to fill out on our website or you can stop by the preschool office to pick up an application, email preschool@tbiport.org or call 516 767-1708 ext 7. Don't forget to sign up for a \$200 discount before December 20th.

Parent-Teacher conferences are also coming up in November. Please sign up online.

First Friends Winter 2020 enrollment forms are available as well. Classes begin January 8th, 2020.

Minyan Collects Tzedakah Every Week

Every Sunday morning TBI holds a minyan and asks each member who attends to contribute to the Tzedakah box. The money is donated to various charitable organizations that the group decides upon when the collection reaches at least \$200, and is split between American and Israeli organizations. Sunday morning collections range between \$20-\$40.

In the past donations have been made to Ambucycle, Lady Fatima, Women of the Wall, Mason, TBI, Aleh Negev, Hias, Port Washington Summer camp, to name a few.

For our most recent donation we have chosen the Alix Rubinger Food Pantry in Bellemore located at Temple Beth "O" and Leket Israel the National Food Bank. Leket Israel's sole focus is rescuing healthy and surplus food and harvesting surplus produce and distributing it to the needy throughout the country.

Minyan is proud that their donations are able to make a small difference. Free on a Sunday morning come join a Minyan service.



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tot shabbat programming:

november 9

Meet Ben Levi, TBI's Shinshin

Hi Everyone! I'm Ben Levi, the Shinshin in TBI this year! I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and tell you what I've done in the religious school so far!

First of all, a little bit about who I am and what I'm doing here. I'm from Israel, and in June graduated from high school. In Israel, every 18-year-old gets the option to get drafted straight to the IDF, or to do a year of volunteering, which is called a Shnat Sherut.

I decided to become a shinshin and do a year of service. After tests, I got accepted to become an Israeli Emissary for the Jewish Agency for Israel, and along with 7 other Israeli teens like me got located on Long Island for the year! During my time here, I'll be doing fun activities with mostly kids and some adults, and their main subject is... Israel! Also, during the year, all the Shinshinim are being hosted by families on Long Island, and we get to learn about the Jewish-American culture and share our Israeli culture!

Getting ready for the year, I attended many seminars through the Jewish Agency regarding the year. I've learned things and learning how to adapt (as much as possible) to the Jewish-American lifestyle.

I'd love to tell you some facts about

me! In Israel, I live in a small community village called Giv'at Ela, located between Haifa and the Sea of Galilee. My dad, Gili, works as an operating officer in Tnuva, one of the biggest milk companies in Israel, and my Mom, Vered, works as a course supervisor in Galilee College near my home. My sister Mika and my brother Adam are both students in middle school.

My favorite way of doing activities is using my hobbies! I love music and sports. I play guitar and drums, and I enjoy running and following all kinds of different sports such as soccer, basketball and football.

A big question asked a lot is why I initially wanted to join the program? Well, the answer comes from a couple of past experiences... My grandmother, Karen, was born in Brooklyn and moved as a child to Long Island. When she finished high school, she decided to come to Israel through the "Young Judaea" program to volunteer for a year in Israel. During that year, she met Arie, a young farmer from Nahalal, a moshav in the Jezreel Valley. They fell in love and decided to marry here on the Island. Fast forward to 50 years later, I decided that I wanted to do a year of volunteering through JAFI and live abroad for a year, a lot because I



was inspired by my grandmother. Little did I know that out of so many communities, I would be coming to Long Island, a place so close to my heart. My family and I joke that I'm following my grandma's footsteps, just the other direction.

Another reason is my experiences. Through my parent's work, I got to live in a couple of different countries. I was born in Switzerland, and then after a stint in Israel, lived in Ukraine and England during my elementary years before heading back to Israel. During that time, I got to be affected deeply by shinshinim I met in these countries. That feeling is a big reason I wanted to come, because I believe in the program!

But let's talk about what we've done so far! I had a chance to introduce myself to the awesome kids of TBI, and we have learnt about the high holidays in Israel, the Israeli elections, and some cool songs along the way!

I have had a great time so far, during activities and out in the area. One cool thing the Shinshinim group has done so far is to go apple picking! It was a great way to get in the holiday spirit!

The amazing thing is that this is just the start, and I can't wait for the amazing year ahead of us!

Shana Tova! שנה טובה

Ben



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Our Shinshinim are 18 year old Israeli emissaries who have been carefully selected to do a year of service in the Long Island/Queens Jewish community. Their mission is to bring Israel to life within and outside of our JCC, which they do weekly at more than 35 partner organizations through informal and innovative programs about Israel and Israeli culture. They interact and make meaningful connections with community members of all ages and create a living bridge between our local community and Israel.

We are looking for host families to open their hearts and homes to these talented, skilled and independent young Israeli leaders. Host families provide a private living space, food, and a nurturing home environment for approximately 3-4 months. The JCC provides an insured car, cell phone, health insurance, and a financial stipend to each Shinshin.

Hosting a Shinshin is a wonderful and fulfilling way to engage you and your family about Israel and provide a unique and intimate glimpse into a fascinating culture.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT LORI KANTOROWITZ, CENTER FOR ISRAEL OPERATIONS COORDINATOR, 516.484.1545 EXT. 230, LKANTOROWITZ@SJCC.ORG



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Celebrating Jewish Life One Dish At a Time: A Menu of 100 Delicious Reasons to Eat Up A Book

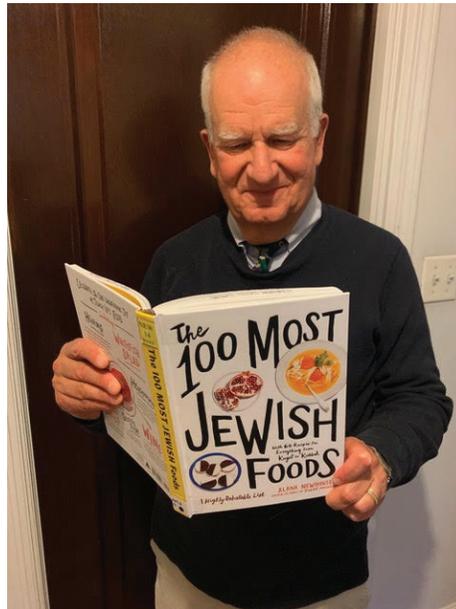
By Mark A. Schneider, TBI Past President & Tablet Editor-at-Large

Thank you, Grandma.

When I think of our family's regular visits to your Borough Park Brooklyn home, I think back to that warm bowl of chicken soup with matzo balls that always greeted our arrival. I thought of you, Grandma, and of your homemade super soup, as I read the chapter on matzo ball soup in the delicious new book by Alana Newhouse titled "The 100 Most Jewish Foods." The author, coincidentally, dedicated the book to her Grandma. And I dedicate this column to your wonderful memory, my Borough Park Brooklyn Grandma...

Ms. Newhouse, founder and editor-in-chief of Tablet Magazine has edited a "highly debatable list" of foods that she describes as containing "the deepest Jewish significance." Each one of the food stories in the book is written by a variety of life contributors: people including food critics, cooks and chefs, to general writers, authors, artists and thinkers. Talk about a diverse menu of wordsmiths: Fashion Designer Zac Posen writes about Borscht, noting that "Life brings you sweet moments and sour moments," adding that "In Jewishness, as in good borscht, you should be able to find a balance of both." Speaking of sweet and sour, author Action Bronson has written about Chinese Food, with journalist Marc Tracy discussing "Why Jews Eat Chinese Food on Christmas." Then there's legendary Dr. Ruth Westheimer's explanation why pomegranates are sexy!

No doubt as you devour this book, you'll understand why the fact of talking about what makes a list of Jewish foods so debatable, is, well, probably, a discussion that has lasted at least 5,780 years. Yes, Adam & Eve's favorite orchard fruit made the list. And of course it's a no brainer that Gefilte Fish gets served up on these pages with still no explanation as to why no aquarium ever showcases a gefilte.



Perhaps continuing with the concept of imitation fish, one sees Kosher Sushi on the list with a look at the fact that New York City has "hundreds of kosher sushi bars." California Rolls with Imitation crab, anyone?

So what am I...Chopped Liver? My mother's favorite way to serve our family a food that I could never eat...plain liver. But when she chopped it up in a wooden bowl using that metal chopping device, and then added some unknown flavoring ingredients...yummy. Not surprisingly, "the beauty of a chopped liver sandwich" is affectionately described in the book.

Perhaps not everyone is as big of a fan of Kasha Varnishkes as I am, but I'm

glad it made the list, with an interesting point that Yiddish scholars cannot confirm the root of the word "varnishkes." There's a nice recipe in the chapter to help you take your mind off of the thought that "kasha varnishkes — its delicious in the singular and the plural."

Hebrew National Hot Dogs. Yaaaay. One of the great Jewish themed advertising campaigns ("we answer to a higher authority") is right up there with those great advertising posters promoting the fact that "You don't have to be Jewish to enjoy Levy's Real Jewish Rye Bread." Of course, both Hot Dogs and Rye Bread are served up in the book.

A case is made for one of the greatest Jewish foods of all time: potatoes with the essential ingredient discussion leading to dishes including latkes, kugel and even fish and chips.

And where would we be without seltzer? Tablet executive editor Wayne Hoffman writes that "only two kinds of people truly love seltzer: Jews and clowns." He's right, although he's probably too young to remember how Clarabell sprayed Buffalo Bob with seltzer, but he does mention the "2-cents plain" and the importance of seltzer to create a proper egg cream.

Matzo, Matzo Balls, Matzo Ball Soup, Matzo Brei and a passion by Sephardic Jews for "Mina de Matzo"—each gets their own story and/or recipes.

As I ate up the stories behind the carefully described Jewish foods, it was hard not to think back to times when I would have delicious memories celebrating family celebrations, special events and holidays. No doubt you will too as you read about some of our favorite foods like blintzes, brisket, bagels, bialys, challah, chicken, cottage cheese, cream cheese, lox, herring, hummus, kreplach, stuffed cabbage...the list of 100 goes on. Personal stories and family memories of the writers showcased

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 2 Cheshvan 6:45pm Service Oneg: Aaron Doubert CL 5:34pm	2 3 Cheshvan 9:30am Service Bar Mitzvah: Aaron Doubert
3 4 Cheshvan 9:00am RS 9:00am Minyan 10:30am Learning with Rabbi Mishkin 12:15pm Blessing of the Pets	4 5 Cheshvan	5 6 Cheshvan	6 7 Cheshvan	7 8 Cheshvan	8 9 Cheshvan 6:45pm Service Oneg: Caroline Damsky CL 4:26pm	9 10 Cheshvan 9:30am Service Bat Mitzvah Caroline Damsky 11am Tot Shabbat
10 11 Cheshvan 9:00am RS Closed 9:00am Minyan	11 12 Cheshvan Veteran's Day PS Closed	12 13 Cheshvan 4pm RS School 6pm TBI High 7pm BOT Meeting: Strategic Planning Session	13 14 Cheshvan	14 15 Cheshvan	15 16 Cheshvan 6:45pm Service Program with Ramah Director: Rabbi Linden CL 4:19pm	16 17 Cheshvan 9:30am Service Program with Ramah Director: Rabbi Linden
17 18 Cheshvan 9:00am RS Open 9:00am Minyan 12 Noon Mostly Mitzvahs	18 19 Cheshvan 5:00pm PJ Library 7:30pm Writing for Reflection	19 20 Cheshvan 4pm RS 6:00pm TBI High	20 21 Cheshvan 7pm Sisterhood Author Night: Susan Issacs in Conversation	21 22 Cheshvan	22 23 Cheshvan 6:45pm Service CL 4:14pm	23 24 Cheshvan 9:30am Service Bar Mitzvah Nathan Jackman 11:00am Tot Shabbat
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help add even more creative excitement to the book. For example, Australian writer Elissa Goldstein writes about “Leftovers,” yes, the pack-it-up and save-it-for-another-day food. Which brings up another wonderful story told by Wayne Hoffman under the heading of “Used Tea Bag,” remarking that it’s entirely possible that his parents had only “one (Lipton) tea bag for my entire childhood.”

Perhaps we could each share our own Lower East Side stories about pickles,

olives, whitefish salad, horseradish, wine, and understand why they too have their well-deserved pages in this book.

“The 100 Most Jewish Foods.” It’s a gourmet feast you’ll savor. Come to think of it, I wouldn’t be surprised if we could come up with another hundred Jewish foods!! I’ll start with (101) felafel, (102) sauerkraut, (103) knishes....

Questions or comments about your favorite Jewish foods? Please serve them up in an email to me at copymark@gmail.com.

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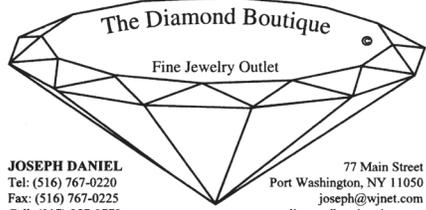
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