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A Message From Our Rabbi

With June another very remarkable year comes to an end. From September to June our congregation was presented with the fullest possible array of special events, programs, lectures, classes and religious services. I am so grateful to all of those who work with us so energetically to bring to our congregation and community a calendar filled with events that create an exciting celebration of Judaism at the Merrick Jewish Centre each and every year. I am particularly thankful to our past president, Steve Kussin, for yet another year of heartfelt service and devotion to our congregation. As I have said before, Steve Kussin is one of the great natural resources of the Merrick Jewish Centre. I also look forward to working closely with our incoming president, Brian Okun, during the term of his presidency. I'm certain that Brian will continue to build the future of The Merrick Jewish Centre.

One of the most significant events of the year just passed was the visit of Chancellor Arnold Eisen of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Just this past May, Chancellor Eisen gave our annual Rosaline and Julius Mauler Memorial Lecture. His words and vision excited those who were present for his stirring presentation. Chancellor Eisen opened a discussion about Conservative Judaism and in doing so invited all of us to begin a journey of Jewish discovery. Chancellor Eisen challenged our community to find ways both individually and collectively to explore the possibility of finding a much deeper and more spiritually satisfying relationship to Judaism as Conservative Jews.

Sitting in the sanctuary that night I could tell that Chancellor Eisen's words were hitting their mark. People were listening and reflecting upon the road map he offered for those looking to engage more with Judaism. In the course of his presentation Dr. Eisen made mention a book he had written entitled, "Conservative Judaism: Today and Tomorrow" which expands upon the message of his lecture. Seeing that those who were there were inspired by the vision he articulated, Rabbi Tilles and I offered to conduct a series of workshops during the summer during which we would read, study and discuss Chancellor Eisen's book. Rabbi Tilles and I are planning for two group sessions to take place on 8/3rd and 8/16th. We will order copies of the Chancellor's book and have them available free of charge for those who will be joining us. I'm absolutely thrilled that so many people have already expressed an interest in participating in this text study. I think all of us will learn a great deal from his book and from each other.

I wish all of you a very pleasant and safe summer. Hopefully, I will see many of you on Shabbat and at our minyanim during the weeks ahead. I hope that it will be a summer in which you will see some lovely sites, find some time for relaxation and recharge your batteries.

Faithfully yours,

Rabbi Charles A Klein

Michel & Michael Schwartz
Senior Rabbinic Chair

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Reflections On My Time In USY

I was raised in what would be considered a traditional, Conservative Jewish home. We did not drive or work on Shabbat. We kept strictly Kosher in the home and fairly strictly Kosher outside of the house. I attended Saturday morning services every week and all of my family's friends were part of our synagogue community. Jewish life and observance was a given. It was not an option. And I remember, very clearly, declaring that when I grew up I would, change my name to sound more American, ride motorcycles, smoke cigarettes, have tattoos and...eat pepperoni pizza. As a very young boy, Judaism was restrictive and I sought to escape its burden.

Obviously my life did not turn out as I had planned...though I have not lost the dream of one day owning a motorcycle. So what happened between my rebellious youth and my rabbinic ordination? Three letters: U-S-Y. These letters stand for United Synagogue Youth and they saved religion for me and set me on the pathway that would lead me to live a life even more fully engaged with our tradition than ever before. It was also through USY that I met my wonderful wife Yaffa, but that is a different story for a different time.

I started becoming involved with USY because a few of my friends from shul were going on USY on Wheels and I decided to join them. I had never gone to sleep away camp so I had never experienced anything like the miracle of a summer program. Forty-eight other teens and I toured the United States on a bus from New York to California and back. We celebrated Shabbat together, we learned Torah together and we built friendships and bonds that have lasted decades. This was my first true taste of the community that USY, and Judaism in general, would offer.

When I returned from Wheels I decided to try some regional programs as part of the Seaboard Region (North Carolina through Baltimore). At first I was a bit shy and reserved but eventually found my voice as a Ruach Leader (a song-leader) and never looked back. I loved tapping into my natural energy and knowledge base of Judaism, which I had acquired from my upbringing, in order to enrich the Jewish fabric of my peers' lives. That was my first taste of the same satisfaction I get every time I teach Jewish tradition as a Rabbi.

Eventually, I became Regional President and fully began to understand that my life's calling was to be a leader in the Jewish community. I later went back to staff regional and international programming including staffing USY on Wheels three times. USY had set me on a path that gives my life tremendous meaning and purpose, and I continuously see it as my responsibility to give back by helping other teens on their Jewish journeys. USY saved my Jewish life, and I have seen it happen hundreds of times for other kids.

We at the Merrick Jewish Centre are blessed to have a strong USY chapter that has guided countless teenagers to find their own connections to Judaism. Not everyone becomes a Rabbi, but nearly everyone who engages with USY in a meaningful way finds oneself at Hillel on campus and then leading a Jewish life-style for the rest of one's adult life. **USY is more than an indicator for Jewish involvement as an adult; as you see in my story it is a catalyst for Jewish involvement as an adult.** So if your children or grandchildren are seeking fun, engaging, meaningful Jewish experiences that will change their lives forever, our Teen/USY program is the perfect place to start.

The Men's Club has established a fund to help pay for synagogue youth to go to USY Encampment, which is a wonderful first step into the program. For more information about this and everything else related to youth programming contact our Youth Director, Lisa Aamodt (morahlisaa@gmail.com).

Have a wonderful summer!
Ravid Tilles, Rabbi

Do you know that the Merrick Jewish Centre now has its own YouTube Channel? You can find sermons, classes, and recordings of special events all on the Merrick Jewish Centre YouTube Channel. You can go to our website (www.merrickjc.org) and click on the link for the YouTube Channel, and there you will find a long and growing list of videos available.



Our President's Message

Dear Fellow Congregants:

“Serve them ice cream and they shall come!” We didn’t have to worry about a quorum of 100 at the semi-annual congregational meeting. It was *standing room only* in the Center for Jewish Life.

At that meeting and in my final *Presidential Update*, I did a “year in review.” But in case you missed it, I want to list some of the initiatives we undertook this year. First, however, I want to stress that although these were the objectives that I presented early in the year, *none of this would have been accomplished* without the leadership of my fellow officers and the committee chairs. I can’t thank them enough. I am not mentioning names for fear of leaving someone out. Just a heartfelt note of appreciation to the officers, board, and committee chairs for bringing these plans to fruition:

Let’s take a look at these accomplishments --with capsule comments for each.

In alphabetical order...

ASIFA – “in-reach” to get more congregants involved

Cantor search – bringing Javier Smolarz on board as of mid-August

Capital Campaign – surpassing 1.6 million and climbing (Note: Please – if you haven’t pledged so far, do so now. The plans for the building are transformative.)

Catering – a brochure detailing new packages to celebrate various in-house simchas

Chesed – even more programs than ever before for those in need

Communications – *Presidential Update* and the Shabbat brochure

Dinner program – Empty Nesters... Shabbat Across America... Shabbat Shabbang!

Family programming – monthly events thanks to the PJ Library leadership

Fundraisers – Gala Journal Dinner Dance... Golf outing... UJA event

Fundraising – brainstorming session – thinking outside the box – ideas for the future

Gift cards – growing list of local vendors – with gift cards now *delivered* on demand

Governance – future MJC leadership and line of succession

House/Beautification – linked to Capital Campaign – numerous building improvement projects

Kol Nidre – a record total

Lifelong Learning – former “adult education” soared

Long Range Planning – committee predicting what the MJC will look like in five, ten years

Membership – once again, 40+ new families

Men’s Club – *rejuvenated!* programs almost every month

New Year’s Eve – “beginner’s luck” – drew a big crowd

Rabbis’ programs – *many* new initiatives and programs throughout the year from Rabbis Klein & Tilles

Retention –working with families post Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Ritual – changing times...changing policies

School/Youth – simply put – growing as the MJC grows

Security – first steps, more to come

Sisterhood – like Men’s Club, crowded calendar of events

Theatre Club – fledgling new group

Themed Shabbats – honoring groups – this year shiva minyan squad

Z’Havah – Sisterhood spinoff

So there you have it: **the year in review**. Once again, my heartfelt appreciation to the many leaders of the shul who made it all happen.

This is my final communication to you as president. I can’t thank you enough for your support and encouragement throughout this past year.

With warmest wishes for a wonderful summer!

--Steve Kussin

President

Administrator

What a year it has been. Once again, between September 2015 and June 2016, our facilities were in use for up to 20 hours a day, every day.

A House of Prayer: MJC prayer services as well as special services are spiritual and well attended. Rabbi Charles Klein and Rabbi Ravid Tilles inspire and bring new life, wit and ingenuity to each and every service. A member

who joined a few months ago shared with me that her grandchildren said to her, "Grandma, on Purim they dressed up as Star Wars characters! You have to come see this! We can't wait to go again." Couple our rabbinic team with our creative and motivational Education Director Helena Eilenberg and you have perfection personified. Only at the Merrick Jewish Centre!

A House of Joy: More than 20 children were called to the Torah as B'nai Mitzvah, and our Rabbis officiated over 50 Auf Rufs, Brit Milah and Baby Namings.

A Home for the Bereaved: Our congregation lost many family members and friends this year. The MJC was here to help conduct funerals and prayer services, counseling, and meals.

A House of Learning: Too numerous to count were the varied cultural and educational opportunities for adults youth. Lectures, classes, and movies were but a few of the programs offered to the membership.

A Community Center: The MJC is a meeting place for many local communal organizations, including: COPE

(a monthly bereavement group for parents who have lost children), Hadassah, JWRP (Jewish Women's Renaissance Project), Mid Nassau Jewish Retirement Club, MBJCC, SOYA (Supporting our Young Adults) – and more. Frequently local area groups call upon us to borrow or rent space when they are in need.



A House of Hope: Our "Preserving the Promise... Ensuring the Future" will provide for maintaining Merrick Jewish Centre's elegance and beauty, its physical plant and mechanical systems, and fund an endowment, which will augment our funding of programming and provide for us in times of need. It is with excitement that we have already raised in excess of \$1.6 million in pledges, and that we are gearing up for Phase II, when we will roll out our architectural renderings and plans. For more information, please call the office (516-379-8650) or speak to one of our campaign chairs: Carolyn & Matt Schechner, Joan & Blaine Land and Michelle & Michael Schwartz.

Members often thank me for the services and the many hours I provide the shul. The secret I share with you is how thoroughly I enjoy the opportunity to be a part of such an incredible synagogue – how proud I am to assist the Merrick Jewish Centre – and how special it is to work with such a dedicated group of clergy, staff and volunteers. Thank you!!!

B'Shalom,

Jamey Kohn, Administrative Director

Share-a-Simcha

A Simcha is such a wonderful thing!

Would you like to share a Simcha with

members of our congregation?

Sponsor a Shabbos luncheon!

For all reservations and questions please

contact the office!

Tell them you read it in the Bulletin!

MJC Men's Club

Thank you to all of the MJC members who participated in the Yom Hashoa Candle Project. As a result of all the effort, working on and contributing to the project, we have had a record response. This is the best year since the inception of the program. As a result of all the effort The Men's Club Fund for Youth Activities is giving one Full Scholarship and 6 subsidies to the USY Encampment. The Fund is also making available an additional subsidy to Camp Ramah for this summer. With everyone's continued participation the Past will never be forgotten and the future will remain bright for the next generation of Am Yisrael. You can donate to the fund all year round.

One of the goals that was set for Men's Club was to foster the growth of a multigenerational membership. It was originally thought that we should concentrate on the younger membership of MJC. Sort of give the "Old Guard a rest." This concept is proving to be wrong. The strength of our club is the membership and the diverse membership has been very important to our growth and success.

There were so many highlights from this year's program it would take a full Bulletin to report on them. However,

a few do deserve mention;

Lag B'Omer gave rise to our third BBQ /Cookout. However, this one will probably become a tradition. On erev Lag B'Omer we featured; a great dinner, Israeli Vendors, IDF Boot Camp, Israeli Dancing (thanks to Sisterhood) and multiple campfires. The program brought out over 160 people who danced, ate, listened to Rabbi Klein relate the story of the holiday, and hear the Golden Tones of Rabbi Tilles and his guitar. The best part, personally speaking, was the interaction of all the participants. People hung out on the steps, in the parking lot, toasting marshmallows, talking, dancing, singing. It was a beautiful sight of our Congregation coming together creating a true atmosphere of "Shevet Achim." Next year we will do it again and it looks like the theme will be athletic games, volley ball, gaga, races and more. You are invited to send us your ideas so that they can be incorporated into the program.

What is next for Men's Club? Our fishing trip is scheduled for July 14th. Looking beyond the trip we are planning a refurbishing of the Sukkah, Dinner in the Sukkah, Bowling Sunday, Men's Club Shabbat, luncheon and program of discussion groups, Israeli dancing and singing. In other words, "Let's Hangout on Shabbat." There will also be Summer Men's Club lounge to watch our local teams play. It is a guarantee that there will be more exciting events scheduled for our members and the entire congregational family.

MJC Men's Club is Going Fishing

Thursday July 14th 5 to 9pm

Striped Bass - Blue Fish - Fluke

\$43 per adult - \$40 per Sr. - \$25 per child. prices are based on 40 people attending. Bait, Tackle, Beer, Soda, Knosh and burgers will be provided for all. Optional boat pool available. Tip for mates not included. Instructions for beginners.

Only 40
reservations
available First
Come First



Reserve by July 7. Payments will be made on the boat.
contact the MJC office to reserve or email hanka7@verizon.net
rod, reel and tackle always included

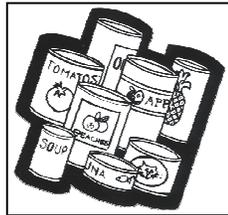


Men's Club at.....

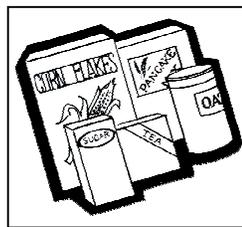
Citi FIELD

Kosher Pantry

There are Jewish people on Long Island who are going **hungry**. As you may know, The Chesed Committee is committed to a wonderful initiative in which we support the Kosher Pantry in Massapequa, which helps our fellow Jews in need.



Our role in this project is a **very simple** one: Remember to bring one item of non-perishable food: a can of soup, a box of pasta, a jar of peanut butter, a canister of oatmeal-- and so forth.... and deposit these donations in one of the collection bins in the lobby. You get the idea! When the kids come to Hebrew school, that's also the perfect time for a drop off. *If each person in our congregation remembered, imagine what we would collect-- and how far our donations would go to alleviating this pressing problem.*



Please -- don't leave it to others. Again, we are fortunate to enjoy three full meals a day; there are fellow Jews just a stone's throw away that are not so lucky. On behalf of Chesed project coordinators Ellen Sussman & Linda Zryb-- "**thank you**" for participating in this mitzvah.

Our food drive for the Kosher Pantry has been very successful. Therefore, we are asking our congregants to please think of the hungry when they go food shopping and buy something extra to donate. Please drop off donations at Merrick Jewish Centre.

Remember Pesach

We are also collecting food for Passover. Food

The Kosher Food Pantry is open to all who are in need regardless of religious affiliation.

Scrip / Gift Card Program

We are excited to introduce our latest fundraising effort, the **Scrip / Gift Card Program**. Yes... we are asking for your money, but we are giving you something back in return! This program is utilized by many non-profit organizations and has

proven to be a very successful fundraiser. However, it will only be successful for us with YOUR participation. So we invite you to join our effort by purchasing gift cards for stores in which you shop. There are many to choose from. Please contact the MJC office today (516-379-8650 or office@merrickjc.org) to place your order.



DAILY QUOTE

What is this world comparable to? To the water wheel in the garden: the clay bowls on the bottom rise filled, and the upper ones descend empty. In the same way, not everyone who is rich today is rich tomorrow, nor is one who is poor today poor tomorrow. Why? Because the world is a wheel.

- Midrash Rabbah, Shemot 31

Chesed

Chesed: Goodbye to a Friend

The Chesed Committee was started at the end of 2003. Within the next year, several committee members began to visit longtime member Evelyn Linwood and one of her daughters, Margery Turyn. Linda Rosen, Shelley Rosenblum, and I continued these visits until both ladies had passed. Evelyn died in 2007 and her daughter died on June 6, 2016. Margery was a very talented artist but due to multiple strokes she lived for more than a decade at Meadowbrook Care Facility in Freeport. Here is a tribute, part of which Rabbi Klein excerpted to use in his eulogy for her. Margery's sister, Nancy Finn, said our visits gave her sister "life" all these years. When we do *bikur cholim* (visiting the sick) it is said that we are using our hands to do God's work. It is transformative for both the recipient and the visitor.

Margery Turyn

When I first met Margie at her mom Evelyn's house, she had a very youthful appearance despite being in her late 50's. She had bright, beautiful eyes and lovely skin and hair. She told me about some of the highpoints of her life including marrying Richard and studying and teaching art. I noticed her artistic nature and it seemed she was once free as a bird but, by the time we met, her wings had already been clipped by strokes. Still, she was getting around with her walker, smiling, and enjoying parties. At one of Margie's mom's birthdays, Manana, Evelyn's aide, made Evelyn's famous fish casserole and there was pizza and both Evelyn and Margie had a great time. At the end of the party, however, Margie needed to go back to the nursing facility.

In a year or so, Evelyn also entered the nursing home. Linda Rosen, who was visiting Margie, and Shelley Rosenblum and I, who were visiting Evelyn, merged our efforts and created family get-togethers. Visits were always the highlights of Margie's days.

From an adjustment point of view, the first years at Meadowbrook were most difficult. The facility couldn't let an unsteady resident fall so she was strapped into a wheelchair. Her swallowing mechanism was faulty so she was given food that went through the blender. Yet Margie adapted and kept her sense of humor. Birthdays were always special times when family or friends would bring cake or ice cream that she was permitted to eat. Nancy would bring a stack of new clothes. One very special birthday, Nancy and Richard took Margery out to a diner and I came along. Margie and I enjoyed eating crepes. Then she grabbed a piece of bread and

quickly put it in her mouth before anyone could react. Lo and behold she ate it successfully. It was a great day but one that reminded us of what she was missing.

Boredom and inactivity are two great foes in a care facility. Linda brought New Yorker magazines and had Margie pick out cartoons which amused her. We asked her how she would caption the contest cartoon. Shelley brought balloons, balls, plastic bowling pins, and more. I started her on a scrapbook showing the artists, musicians, and others that were her favorites. On the front of the scrapbook we put a photograph of the back of her head with a beautiful French braid. Of course, everyone brought sketch books, markers, and books for etching. Each year brought Margery less energy and dexterity but she was usually ready to participate in some activity. Last week, Shelley, Linda, and I took Margie outside to the terrace. It is a wonderful spot because you can imagine you are at a resort anywhere in the world. Margie was rolling a ball along the table in order to knock down a can of tennis balls. Then we all did some stretching. Later we exchanged kisses with Margie, never guessing that it was our last "goodbye."

Margery, in heaven, your body no longer restricts you.

Fly free as a bird.

Let the sky be your easel and paint your visions.

With love,

Dana

The I.N.N.

When the Interfaith Nutrition Network (I.N.N.) lost their space they were forced to take a place without a kitchen. Therefore, for close to a year we have been providing them with a bagged meal-- sandwich, drink and snack. We were very pleased to be notified that they have installed a kitchen and would once again be able to serve hot meals to their "guests." Starting this July we will once again be assembling Lasagna for the I.N.N.

We meet one Thursday morning a month at 9:00 AM for less than an hour. Please watch your email for the exact dates, and if you have any questions, please call Shelley [516 867-0717](tel:5168670717). Hope you can join us. You'll have lots of laughs too!

Yasher Koach to Bob Krall



S. Robert Kroll, Esq. (center), past president of Merrick Jewish Centre, received pro bono award for service to the underprivileged from the New York State Bar Association. The award is given in recognition of legal services performed to help assure equal access to justice to those unable to afford legal representation on their own.

Care To Knit ?

This is a poem that Tina Blankstein wrote as publicity for our charity knitting Wednesdays.

At the M.J. C., there's lots of activities to do.

Here's another one that may be just right for you.

Ladies who knit or sew or crochet,
Join us on Wednesdays each Care To Knit day.

We come with our materials and gather around.
With hands working hard, lively conversation does
abound.

If you choose to donate the items you created,
Care To Knit wants you to know they'll be appreciated.

They donate to shelters, hospitals and institutions like
these Crochet scarves, tiny hats or preemie blankets, if
you please.

Knit sweaters and mittens, chemo caps and more.
Adults, children, babies, that's whom they are for.

Use your imagination, and knit or crochet lovely stuff.
The recipients of these articles can never get enough.

Come at 1 o'clock, by yourself or with a friend.
That you're there and you care, is a great message to
send.

Sisterhood

As we finish our first year as Sisterhood Co-Presidents, we would like to thank everyone who helped make this such a fun and successful year. We had so many great programs including: craft night, baking, Israeli dancing, game night, health and wellness programs, and shabbat programs and dinners, and of course our wonderful Purim Shaloch Manot fundraiser, as well as our newest addition to Sisterhood, Z'havah, run by Yaffa Tillis and Alyssa Kussin, which brought in many new and young women. They had 4 programs, concluding with a very successful healthy happy hour.

We're also looking forward to another exciting year filled with even more programs and fundraisers. We're open to suggestions for any new programs, so let us know any ideas you may have. And we want to welcome in the new Sisterhood board and extend a hearty welcome to other women who would like to join and get involved with Sisterhood. We will be having a summer planning meeting on Wednesday, July 13th at 7:30 and Wednesday, August 10th at 7:30. Details to follow.

Have a wonderful summer .
Your Sisterhood Co-Presidents
Ellen Multer and Elaina Corwin

Merrick Jewish Centre Youth Group and USY

Another great year at MJC Youth Group (Grades 3-7) & USY (Grades 8-12)

Teen/USY

Thank you to the 2015-2016 MJC chapter board for everything you've done this past year! On behalf of the new board, we wanted to say a special good luck to our seniors on their years in college and hope you all visit us as often as possible.

Now I would like to introduce to you your 2016-2017 MJC chapter board...

Co-presidents: Lara Kandel and Zach Neiger
Israeli Affairs VP: Jessie Green
Religious Education VP: Ilana Dacher
Social Action VP: Ian Hauser
Membership Kadima VP: Mia Hauser
Communications VP: Ilana Fisch

Youth Group

We had a fun filled year of movie nights, scavenger hunts, cake boss, late nights, sleepovers, winter pool party and MORE!

Mark your calendar for Monday nights: 6:15-7:30PM for the upcoming school year!

Any question about the Youth program, contact Lisa Aamodt/MJC Youth Director at [Morah- LisaA@merrickjc.org](mailto:LisaA@merrickjc.org) or (516) 379-8650



Hebrew School Happenings

We Celebrate a Wonderful Year!!!

Loh Alecha Hamlacha Ligmor, v'lo atah ven borin libatel mimenah.

You are not obliged to finish the task, neither are you free to neglect it. Pirke Avot 2:21
...and for completing the task—what a finish!!! Please take a few minutes to look at our end of year Hebrew School video. There is nothing like pictures and music to really reflect the many things that our students and their families accomplished this year.

Click on this link and ENJOY!

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/45159903/Hebrew%20School%20End%20of%20Year%20Presentation%202015-2016.mp4>

This year, our Hay students (pictured below) had the chance to explore Jewish leadership. We began with a small taste of them taking responsibility to inspire their teammates during our *Maccabiah*. Then, as we developed our *Mitzvah Shevatim* (Mitzvah tribes), the Hay students really took charge. They led their varied age groups on accomplishing mitzvot that they could do on their own, without any parental or adult

assistance. Tribal stickers on our bulletin board, “*Oh the things you can do!*” reflect both the mitzvot that the children completed and the excitement that our Hay students inspired.

Another one of the many highlights this year is the beautiful food donation box in the Fox Boulevard lobby created by the Gimel class. This was our first step in implementing *project based learning* in our Hebrew School, combining Torah study with concrete results. Under Nat Litman’s instruction and wonderful guidance and the support of the Gimel teachers, Morah Debbie Cadell and Morah Elisa Kandel, the students designed and completed this box on their own. The box now proudly stands in the lobby, ready to hold Merrick Jewish Centre congregants’ generous donations.

A further, though by no means last, highlight of the year was the Dalet class’s study of the book of *Shemot* combined with the mastery of, and the creation of, their own Haggadot for Pesach. As Dalet students explored the book of *Shemot* (Exodus), they combined philosophical discussions of God’s role in the exodus from Egypt, with email conversations between God and Moses with a real understanding of the Haggadah. Some Dalet students led their seders using their haggadot!

We look forward to another exciting year! Meanwhile, have a great, relaxing summer!





Lifelong Learning Program

Summer is finally here, but there are no signs of slowing down for **Lifelong Learning**. We hope you will join us for **Pizza, Ice Cream and a Movie** on Sunday July 31st. We will be showing **Eye in the Sky**, starring Helen Mirren as a top military officer in command of an operation to capture terrorists in Kenya until..... well, I don't want to give away the plot! Our dear Richard Knox will facilitate a thought provoking discussion about implications of modern warfare to follow. Showtime is 6:15pm.

As many of you heard Rabbi Klein announce following Dr. Arnold Eisen's presentation of **Why Be Jewish?** (Julius and Rosaline Mauler Memorial Lecture May 23rd) we are collaborating with our Rabbis for an August program – stay tuned for more details.....

September programming will focus on preparing for the High Holidays. **Elul** programs will take place on four consecutive **Wednesdays (Sept 7, 14, 21, 28)** featuring Rabbis Klein, Tilles, Pasternak and Siegel. We are also hard at work planning exciting and interesting programs for Fall 2016 and will have an updated brochure highlighting upcoming events -- something for everyone!

MJC University Day – has been re-scheduled for November – stay tuned for details on this exciting program.

We are always looking for new ideas for programs that will be of interest to everyone in our congregational family -- Jewish and secular, traditional and novel. Have you read a good book recently? Would you like to see a program on a particular topic of interest? Call the office, drop us an email to lifelonglearning@merrickjc.org or post it on the Merrick Jewish Centre Lifelong Learning Facebook page.

Like Us on Facebook 
Michelle Goldenberg
Chair, Lifelong Learning Committee

Shalom L'hitraot

It was 18 years ago this September when I learned that I volunteered to edit the Bulletin. I actually did not volunteer to take on the Bulletin but Rabbi Klein interpreted remarks that I made to mean that I was going to follow in Joel Savitsky's foot steps. I had no idea what I was in for..

In the past 18 years things have changed dramatically. Contributors to the Bulletin wrote their messages in long hand, making me a cryptographer and code breaker.

I did not have Linda Rosen to help correct and check all of the written work. Linda, thank you. Most of the work was done alone: editing, design, layout, pestering people for their articles and trying to figure out what people wanted to say.

With advanced technology articles were sent on floppy discs and then by email. As printing improved photography became the story teller. The Bulletin format changed from print to digital/internet. But one thing remained a constant for 18 years - begging and pleading for material. Do not forget getting the material in on time. I learned that there is one word that does not exist in the MJC Dictionary and that is Deadline.

Over the years The Bulletin has grown in scope, size and notoriety. We have won three United Synagogue awards. And it has become a source for learning about synagogue happenings, life cycle events and articles of Judaic and general interest.

Hank Arkin

Chesed

- ◆ Bereavement Support
- ◆ Family Support Services
- ◆ Support Groups and Services
- ◆ Bikur Cholim
- ◆ Mitzvah Days

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Somewhere over the Rainbow

Some may not know this story about the song, "Somewhere over the Rainbow"

At the 2014 Oscars, they celebrated the 75th anniversary of the release of the "Wizard of Oz" by having Pink sing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," with highlights from the film in the background. But what few people realized, while listening to that incredible performer singing that unforgettable song, is that the music is deeply embedded in the Jewish experience.

It is no accident, for example, that the greatest Christmas songs of all time were written by Jews. For example, "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" was written by Johnny Marks and "White Christmas" was penned by a Jewish liturgical singer's (cantor) son, Irving Berlin.

But perhaps the most poignant song emerging out of the mass exodus from Europe was "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". The lyrics were written by Yip Harburg. He was the youngest of four children born to Russian Jewish immigrants. His real name was Isidore Hochberg and he grew up in a Yiddish speaking, Orthodox Jewish home in New York. The music was written by Harold Arlen, a cantor's son. His real name was Hyman Arluck and his parents were from Lithuania.

Together, Hochberg and Arluck wrote "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," which was voted the 20th century's number one song by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

In writing it, the two men reached deep into their immigrant Jewish consciousness - framed by the pogroms of the past and the Holocaust about to happen - and wrote an unforgettable melody set to near prophetic words.

Read the lyrics in their Jewish context and suddenly the words are no longer about wizards and Oz, but about Jewish survival:

Somewhere over the rainbow Way up high, There's a land that I heard of Once in a lullaby. Somewhere over the rainbow Skies are blue, And the dreams that you dare to dream Really do come true.

Someday I'll wish upon a star And wake up where the clouds are far behind me. Where troubles melt like lemon drops Away above the chimney tops

That's where you'll find me. Somewhere over the rainbow Bluebirds fly.

Birds fly over the rainbow. Why then, oh why can't I? If happy little bluebirds fly Beyond the rainbow Why, oh why can't I?

The Jews of Europe could not fly. They could not escape beyond the rainbow. Harburg was almost prescient when he talked about wanting to fly like a bluebird away from the "chimney tops." In the post-Auschwitz era, chimney tops have taken on a whole different meaning than the one they had at the beginning of 1939.

--Pink's mom is Judith Kugel. She's Jewish of Lithuanian background. As Pink was belting the Harburg/Arlen song from the stage at the Academy Awards, I wasn't thinking about the movie. I was thinking about Europe's lost Jews and the immigrants to America.

I was then struck by the irony that for two thousand years the land that the Jews heard of "once in a lullaby" was not America, but Israel. The remarkable thing would be that less than ten years after "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" was first published, the exile was over and the State of Israel was reborn. Perhaps the "dreams that you dare to dream really do come true."



CEDARHURST, N.Y., June 6 – More than 400 community leaders gathered Wednesday at The Sephardic Temple in Cedarhurst for the Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF) Five Towns and Greater South Shore Fifth Annual Community Event, raising some \$315,000 to support educational and well-being programs for the brave men and women of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF).

The evening, which is one of the Long Island Jewish community's largest events, featured keynote speaker Miriam Peretz, the mother of two fallen IDF soldiers. First Lt. Uriel Peretz Z"l was killed in Lebanon in 1998 and Maj. Eliraz Peretz Z"l was killed during a firefight with terrorists on the Gaza border in 2010. All four of Peretz' sons, including those who were killed, served as officers in the Golani Brigade's special operations battalion.

"I would like to tell you how grateful I am, and how grateful the soldiers and all the people of Israel are, for all that you do for us," said Miriam Peretz. "We, the Jewish people, and all those who support the State of Israel, are in this together. I find comfort in knowing that my sons have fallen so that you may live peacefully and always have a home in Israel."

The event honored Lone Soldiers – those who immigrate to Israel with no immediate family to serve in the IDF – from the Five Towns and Greater South Shore community. Several active-duty and former Lone Soldiers, and their parents, were in attendance, including Staff Sgt. Chanan, a Lone Soldier originally from West Hempstead who serves as a designated marksman and combat medic in the Golani Brigade's special operations battalion.

"Serving as a Lone Soldier in the IDF is a very hard

job – and being removed from family and friends makes it even harder,” said FIDF Long Island Director Liron Kreitman, who was, herself, a Lone Soldier in the IDF. “The support among the Five Towns and Greater South Shore community is incredible and inspiring, and it is my honor to work on behalf of these brave soldiers.”

Presiding as the event’s master of ceremonies was criminal defense attorney Ben Brafman, Esq. Attending were other IDF soldiers, including Staff Sgt. (Res.) Sahar, who was awarded a Chief of General Staff Citation for his outstanding gallantry during Operation Protective Edge in 2014; and Cpl. Zalman, an IDF Lone Soldier from California serving in the Kfir Brigade’s Netzah Yehuda Battalion, which FIDF’s Long Island Chapter adopted as part of the FIDF Adopt-A-Battalion Program. Distinguished guests included N.Y. state Sen. Todd Kaminsky, D-Long Beach; Hempstead Town Councilmen Bruce A. Blakeman and Anthony P. D’Esposito; and FIDF Tri-State Executive Director Galit Brichta.

The funds raised at this event will go toward FIDF well-being and educational programs for IDF soldiers. Pledges were made using Text-to-Pledge and are still being accepted at (646) 887-3433.

Photo Credit: Aron Michael. High-Photo #1: (From left, standing) IDF Sgt. Karen; FIDF Tri-State Executive Director Galit Brichta; FIDF Long Island Director Liron Kreitman; Miriam Peretz; Rabbi Zalman Wolowik; Assistant Defense Attache at the Israeli Embassy in the U.S. Maj. Shlomi Weizman; IDF Cpl. Zalman; IDF Staff Sgt. Chanan; IDF Staff Sgt. (Res.) Sahar; IDF 1st Lt. Daniel; Rabbi Elliot Skiddell; Rabbi Bruce Ginsburg; Rabbi Sholom Stern; Rabbi Kenneth Hain, IDF Sgt. (Res.) Shar; and Rabbi Yaakov Trump; (From left, sitting) Rabbi Hershel Billet; Rabbi Zev Freidman, Rabbi Arnold Marans; Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum; Rabbi Ira Ebbin; and Rabbi Heshy Blumstein.



#2: IDF Staff Sgt. Chanan, a Lone Soldier originally from West Hempstead, with his parents and grandparents.



#3: Criminal defense attorney Ben Brafman, Esq., who presided as the master of ceremonies at Wednesday night’s FIDF Five Towns and Greater South Shore Fifth Annual Community Event.



#4: IDF Staff Sgt. Chanan speaking at the event.



#5: IDF Staff Sgt. (Res.) Sahar speaking at event.



#6: Miriam Peretz speaking at the FIDF Five Towns and Greater South Shore Fifth Annual Community Event

About Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF):

FIDF was established in 1981 by a group of Holocaust survivors as a 501(C)(3) not-for-profit organization with the mission of offering educational, cultural, recreational, and social programs and facilities that provide hope, purpose, and life-changing support for the soldiers who protect Israel and Jews worldwide. Today, FIDF has more than 150,000 loyal supporters, and 16 regional offices throughout the U.S. and Panama. FIDF proudly supports IDF soldiers, families of fallen soldiers, and wounded veterans through a variety of innovative programs that reinforce the vital bond between the communities in the United States, the soldiers of the IDF, and the State of Israel. For more information, please visit: www.fidf.org.

In The Temple Family

BIRTHS

Mazal Tov to:

Sherry & Richie Schwartz on the birth of their grandson Jagger Cameron Schwartz, born on April 10, 2016 son of Jeff & Amanda Schwartz and brother to Harper Schwartz

Sherry & Richie Schwartz on the birth of their granddaughter Vivienne Pearl Schwartz born on May 11, 2016 daughter of Adam & Jenna Schwartz

Laraine Sweberg on the birth of her granddaughter Evelyn Joy Solomon, born on November 24, 2015 daughter of Beth & Noah Solomon and sister to Ethan Solomon

Livia & Joel Morrow on the birth of their granddaughter Kylee Tolkin

Susan & Arthur Schweitzer on the birth of their grandson Asa Quinn Schweitzer, born on May 31, 2016, son of Andrew & Sabrina Schweitzer

Wendy & Larry Shilling on the birth of their granddaughter Madison Harper Richie born May 23rd, 2016, daughter of Alison & Justin Richie

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazal Tov to:

Esther & Dr. Paul Goldberg in honor of the engagement of their son Rafi Goldberg to Dr. Melissa Fleming

Michelle & Jon Goldenberg in honor of the engagement of their daughter Rachel to Roberto Talavera

Livia & Joel Morrow in honor of the engagement of their daughter Calie to Michael Beck

Cheryl Uram on the engagement of her son Noam Sadovnik to Laura Orlick

Beth & Barry Garfield on the engagement of their son Jason to Lexie Gottfried

Jacki and Eric Kaplan announce the engagement of their son, Joshua to Sasha Kaufman.

MARRIAGES

Mazal Tov to:

Gail & David Bensol on the marriage of their daughter Amanda to Jason Schutzbank

Lois & Len Kaufman on the marriage of their son Daniel Kaufman to Geri Horenstein

Shari & Mitch Simon on the marriage of their daughter Hailey to Brandon Heller son of Abby & Marc Heller

CONDOLENCES TO:

Deborah Levine & family on the loss of her beloved father Nathan Kancigor

Sandra Waldman & family on the loss of her beloved mother Mia Freilich

Deborah March & family on the loss of her beloved husband and our dear member Robert March
Robert Harari & family on the loss of his beloved

mother Miriam Harari

The Katz Family on the loss of their beloved mother & our long time member Debbie Katz

Eve Perlmutter & family on the loss of her beloved sister Hannah Meyer Berkowitz

Alice Kreutzberger & family on the loss of her beloved father Simon Gottesman and grandfather of Lauren Rosenberg

Robin Zalewski & family on the loss of her beloved father Brian Levenson

mother of Sandra Waldman

Mel Febesh in memory of mother Sarah Febesh
Teddi & Mel Febesh in memory of Hannah Meyer Berkowitz sister of Eve Perlmutter

Leslie & Alan Chibnik in honor of the birth of Charlotte Elaine Friedman granddaughter of Marcia & Mel Friedmaqn

Debbie, Sidney & Hana Nudelman in memory of Hannah Meyer Berkowitz sister of Eve Perlmutter
Bea Goldberg in memory of Gary Jorisch husband of Sylvia Jorisch

Adele & Bob Phillips in memory of Hannah Meyer Berkowitz sister of Eve Perlmutter

Adele & Bob Phillips in honor of the marriage of Sydni Meyrowitz granddaughter of Bea Goldberg to Daniel Chavenson

Dr. Andy Ageloff for quick recovery of Betty Klein
Mel Febesh in memory of brother Joseph Febesh

Teddi & Mel Febesh in honor of the graduation of Mark Chaskes grandson of Phyllis Chaskes from medical school

Teddi & Mel Febesh in honor of the graduation of Ricki Chaskes granddaughter of Phyllis Chaskes from college

Teddi & Mel Febesh in honor of the graduation of Harrison Wittenberg grandson of Marcia & Stan Treiman

Ileene & Fred Adler in appreciation of Rabbi Klein
Sandy & Les Waldman in appreciation of Rabbi Klein
Marilyn & Leo Abramowitz in appreciation of Rabbi Klein

Deborah & Ron Levine in appreciation of Rabbi Klein for all that he does

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Adele & Bob Phillips in honor of the graduation of Mark Chaskes grandson of Phyllis Chaskes from medical school

Adele & Bob Phillips in honor of the graduation of Savannah Febesh granddaughter of Teddi & Mel Febesh from Bentley College

Adele & Bob Phillips in honor of - Harrison Wittenberg grandson of Marcia & Stan Treiman - High School graduation

Adele & Bob Phillips in honor of the 40th wedding anniversary of Dr. Alan & Lenore Treiman son & daughter-in-law of Marcia & Stan Treiman

Teddi & Mel Febesh in memory of Simon Gottesman father of Alice Kreutzberger
Andrea & Steve Davis in honor of Rabbi Klein's birthday

RABBI TILLES' PULPIT FUND

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Dr. Andy Ageloff in memory of Richard Glass

Linda & Howard Zryb in honor of Rabbi Tilles

Dr. Andy Ageloff in memory of Joan Behl sister of Michael Solomon

Leslie Chibnik in honor of Rabbi Tilles for all his prayers & good wishes

Jerilyn & Gary Weil

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Teddi & Mel Febesh in honor of the naming of their great granddaughter, Rebecca Sloan Selzer daughter of Jenna & Brian Selzer

Teddi & Mel Febesh in memory of Edward Vogel husband of Elaine Vogel

Dr. Andy Ageloff in memory of Edward Vogel husband of Elaine Vogel

Susan Guttman in memory of Edward Vogel husband of Elaine Vogel

Jennifer & Paul Gellman in memory of Edith Gerlack
Sandy Pinkus & Family in memory of beloved Edward Vogel husband of Elaine Vogel

Teddi & Mel Febesh in memory of Robert Reisender brother of Glenn Reisender

Dr. Andy Ageloff for speedy recovery of Leslie Chibnik
Lois & Ed Satum in honor of the naming of their granddaughter Jordyn Ilya Knepper

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Carol & Michael Klar in honor of Rabbi Klein

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Randy & David Cohen in honor of the marriage of Amanda Bensol daughter of Gail & David Bensol to Jason Schutzbank

Leslie Chibnik in honor of Rabbi Klein for all his prayers & good wishes

Arleen Orbuch in memory of Edward Vogel husband of Elaine Vogel

Elise & George Jonisch in appreciation of Rabbi Klein's sermon on the first day of Passover

Shari & Mitchell Simon in memory of Mia Freilich mother of Sandra Waldman

Marlene & Eric Barth in memory of Miriam Harari mother of Robert Harari

Joanne & Marc Hamroff in memory of Mia Freilich

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Dr. Robert & Amy Garfinkel in honor of Rabbi Tilles – UJA

Shula Hirsch – Mazel Tov to Rabbi & Yaffa Tilles – UJA Honor

Shula Hirsch in honor of Rabbi Tilles – for all your help

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Linda & Howard Zryb & Family in honor of Rabbi Klein's birthday

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Marcia Kombluth & Family in memory of Edward Vogel husband of Elaine Vogel

Wendy & Frank Wetchler in memory of Robert Reisender brother of Glenn Reisender

Dr. & Mrs. Howard Blum in memory of Edward Vogel husband of Elaine Vogel

Arlene Savitsky in memory of Edward Vogel husband of Elaine Vogel

Rita & Robert Obeiter in memory of Edward Vogel husband of Elaine Vogel

Gerry Storch in memory of Edward Vogel husband of Elaine Vogel

Martha & Ed Weisel in memory of Edward Vogel husband of Elaine Vogel

Evelyn & Harold Krangle in memory of Edward Vogel husband of Elaine Vogel

Marilyn & Alan Aaron in memory of Edward Vogel husband of Elaine Vogel

Anita & Jerome Kruman in memory of Edward Vogel husband of Elaine Vogel

Joyce, Sam & Adam Star in memory of Edward Vogel father of Barry Vogel

Harry L. Seaton on behalf of the Aberdeen Golf & Country Club in memory of Edward Vogel

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Barbara & Amie Ruderman & Nicole & Josh Ruderman & family in memory of Robert March husband of Deborah March & father of Gregory & David March

Marcia & Doug Melzer in memory of Nathan Kancigor father of Deborah Levine

Wendy & Frank Wetchler in memory of Miriam Harari mother of Robert Harari

Edith & Herb Margulis in memory of Edward Vogel husband of Elaine Vogel

Wendy & Frank Wetchler in honor of the engagement of Calie Morrow daughter of Livia & Joel Morrow to Michael Beck

Wendy & Frank Wetchler in honor of the birth of Kyle Tolkin granddaughter of Livia & Joel Morrow

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Paulette & Gary Mendelsohn in honor of the Auf Ruf of Adam Goldstein son of Gloria & Philip Goldstein

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Adar, Jake, Jordan & Yael Novak in memory of Brian Levenson father of Robin Zalewski

BLANCHE BATNICK MITZVAH FUND

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Sharyn & Steve Kussin for speedy recovery of Ray Cohen

Paulette & Gary Mendelsohn for speedy recovery of Ray Cohen

Ellen & Alan Sussman for speedy recovery of Ray Cohen

Ellen & Alan Sussman in honor of the birth of Gabriel Alex Zryb grandson of Linda & Howard Zryb

Phyllis Goldberg & Peter Donath for speedy recovery of Ray Cohen

Judy & Mitchell Mund & Family in honor of the birth of Gabriel Alex Zryb grandson of Linda & Howard Zryb and son of Allison & Matthew Zryb

Linda & Ron Rosen – Refuah Shelmah for Ray Cohen

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Barbara Wolfson for speedy recovery of Ray Cohen

Leslie & Alan Chibnik for speedy recovery of Ray Cohen

Ruth & Barry Silverman in honor of the birth of Benjamin Aaron Rosen grandson of Linda & Ron Rosen

Sharyn & Steve Kussin in honor of the birth of Benjamin Aaron Rosen grandson of Linda & Ronald Rosen

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Sharyn & Steve Kussin in honor of Bob Kroll - being honored by the New York Bar Association

Sharyn & Steve Kussin in memory of Edward Vogel

Sharyn & Steve Kussin for speedy recovery of Pearl Kogan

Linda & Howard Zryb in honor of the birth of Benjamin Aaron Rosen grandson of Linda & Ronald Rosen

Stephanie & Mark Sobel in memory of Rella Seidenfeld mother of Ruth Katz

Andrea & Steve Davis for speedy recovery of Ray Cohen

Ellen & Alan Sussman in memory of Edward Vogel husband of Elaine Vogel

Shelley Rosenblum in honor of the birth of Gabriel Alex Zryb grandson of Linda & Howard Zryb

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Benjamin Aaron Rosen grandson of Linda & Ronald Rosen

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Mindy & Ed Goldstein in honor of Linda Altman's retirement

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Rose & Ray Cohen --- Susan Blumberg -- being honored at the Torah Fund Breakfast

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Rose & Ray Cohen for speedy recovery of Mary Greenfield

Rose & Ray Cohen for speedy recovery of Leslie Chibnik

Sharyn & Steve Kussin in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Allison Logan Silverman granddaughter of Ruth & Barry Silverman

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Linda & Ron Rosen in honor of the birth of our grandson, Benjamin Aaron Rosen

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Michelle & Michael Schwartz in memory of Robert Reisender brother of Glenn Reisender

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Beth & Mitchell Davis in memory of Maxine Davis -- will forever be in our hearts...

Leslie & Alan Chibnik -- Susan Blumberg -- Torah Fund

Donations

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 Dana & Richard Knox in honor of Avrum Bloomstone's 90th birthday
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 Ethel & Jan Liebeskind in honor of the birth of Gabriel Alex Zryb grandson of Linda & Howard Zryb
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 Ellen & Alan Sussman in memory of Mia Freilich mother of Sandra Waldman
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 Karen & Gary Sanders in memory of Mia Freilich mother of Sandra Waldman
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 Amy & Jeffrey Wechsler in memory of Miriam Harari mother of Robert Harari
 Shelley Levine in memory of Robert March husband of Deborah March
 Gloria & Philip Goldstein in memory of Miriam Harari mother of Robert Harari
 Shelley Rosenblum in memory of Robert March husband of Deborah March
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 Sharyn & Steve Kussin in honor of the birth of Charlotte Elaine Friedman granddaughter of Marcia & Mel Friedman
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Elaine Friedman granddaughter of Marcia & Mel Friedman
 Robin & Michael Rabinowitz in memory of Mia Freilich mother of Sandra Waldman
 Lisa & Jeff Fox & family in memory of Miriam Harari mother of Robert Harari
 Sara Wexler & Family in memory of Mia Freilich mother of Sandra Waldman
 Eleanor & David Leiner in memory of Mia Freilich mother of Sandra Waldman
 Cheryl Brancato in memory of Mia Freilich mother of Sandra Waldman
 Randy & David Cohen in memory of Miriam Harari mother of Robert Harari
 The Rice Family in memory of Miriam Harari mother of Robert Harari
 The Rice Family in memory of Debbie Katz
 Shelley Green & Ed Marut in honor of the birth of Charlotte Elaine Friedman granddaughter of Marcia & Mel Friedman
 Sharyn & Dr. Steve Kussin in honor of the birth of Charlotte Elaine Friedman granddaughter of Marcia & Mel Friedman
 Sarita Mlawer in memory of Mia Freilich mother of Sandra Waldman
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 Sarah Wexler & Family in memory of Hannah Meyer Berkowitz sister of Eve Perlmutter
 Leslie & Alan Chibnik in memory of Hannah Meyer Berkowitz sister of Eve Perlmutter
 The Pupa Family in memory of Mia Freilich mother of Sandra Waldman
 Sue & Nat Litman
 Sharyn & Steve Kussin in memory of Hannah Meyer Berkowitz sister of Eve Perlmutter
 Mindy & Ed Goldstein in memory of Mia Freilich mother of Sandra Waldman
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 Lenore Friedman
 The Kombluth Family in honor of the engagement of Samantha Goldman daughter of Vicki & Lance Goldman to Avi Zellman
 Barbara & Amie Rudeman & Family in memory of beloved husband & father, Peter Hans
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 Paula & Steven Rice in memory of mother, grandmother, & great grandma Anita Gabel
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 Sharyn & Steve Kussin in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Okun son of Alison & Brian Okun
 Ruth & Barry Silverman in memory of Simon Gottesman father of Alice Kreutzberger
 Karen & Gary Sanders in honor of Steve Kussin – Congratulations on a great year as President
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 Andrea & Steve Davis in honor of the graduation of Phyllis Goldberg's grandchildren
 Marcia & Doug Melzer in memory of Simon Gottesman father of Alice Kreutzberger
 Eileen & Irwin Silversmith in memory of Simon Gottesman father of Alice Kreutzberger
 Lauren & Eric Rosenberg in honor of Rabbi Ravid & Yaffa Tilles – UJA
 Andrea & Steve Davis in honor of the upcoming marriage of Jason Cohen son of Rose & Ray Cohen to Jodi Meisler
 Deborah & Sydney Nudelman in honor of Morey Stone's college graduation from Bentley College
 Deborah & Sydney Nudelman in honor of Sophie Rosenberg daughter of Saul & Ester Rosenberg – graduation from NYU
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 Phyllis Chaskes in memory of Edward Vogel husband of Elaine Vogel
 Phyllis Chaskes in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Allison Logan Silverman granddaughter of Ruth & Barry Silverman
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 Phyllis Chaskes – Bob Kroll on being honored by the NY Bar Association
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 Ann Pittel Schwartz in honor of Mark Chaskes – grandson of Phyllis Chaskes – doing his residency in ENT
 Sandy Pinkus in honor of the marriage of Janice Kiel's grandson
 Sandy Pinkus for speedy recovery of Ray Cohen
 Sandy Pinkus in honor of the engagement of Jason Cohen son of Rose & Ray Cohen to Jodi Meisler
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 Phyllis Chaskes in honor of the college graduation of Savannah Febesh granddaughter of Teddi & Mel Febesh
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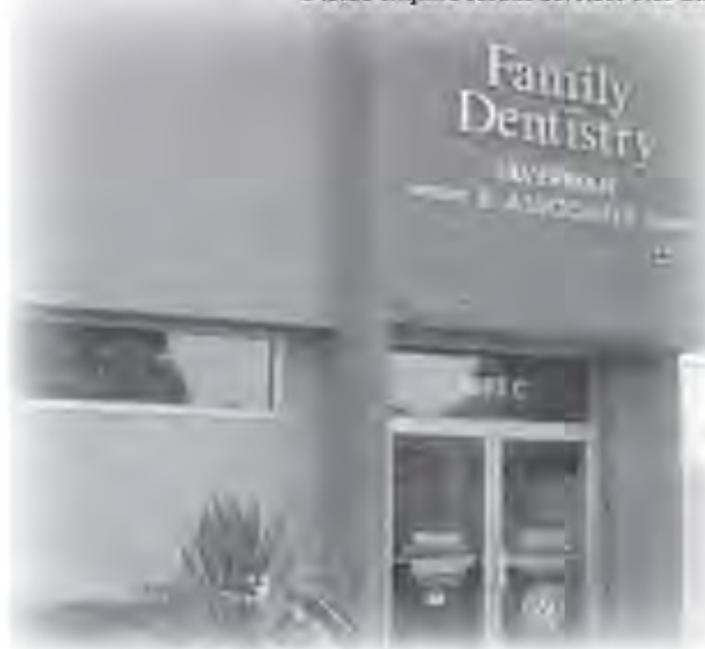
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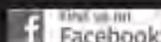
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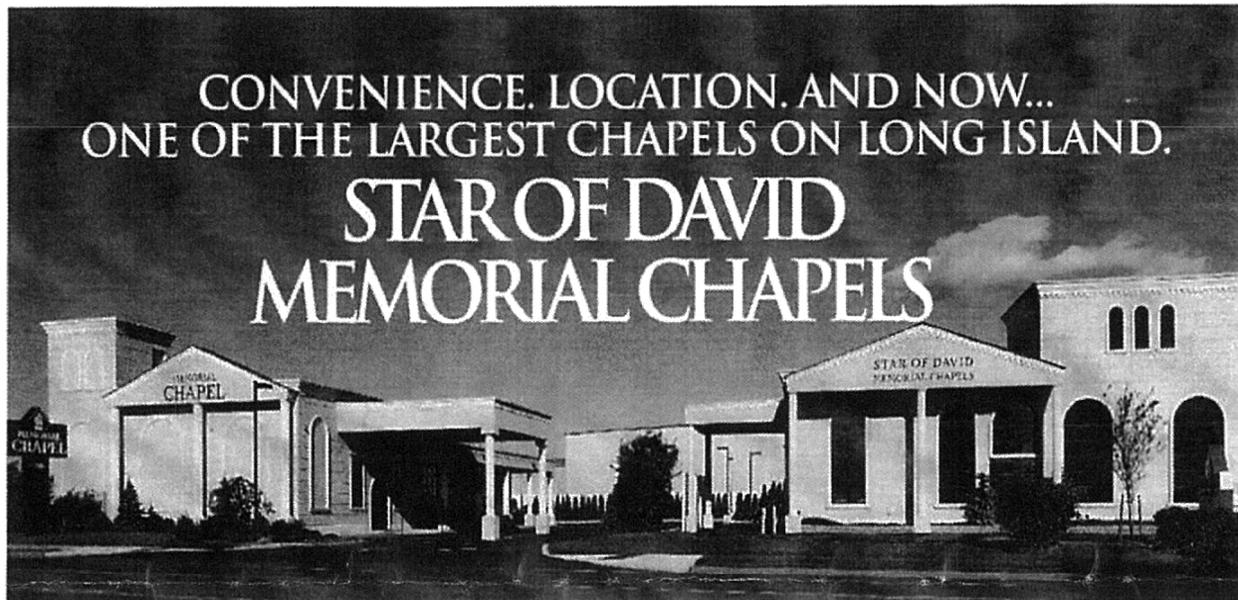


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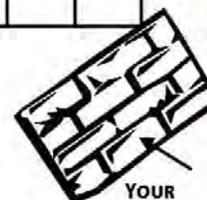
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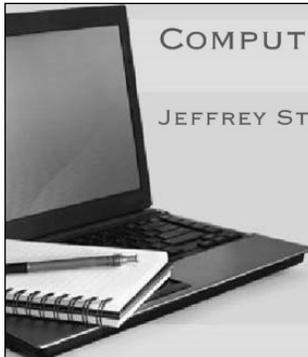
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