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Sukkot Schedule 5781/2020

Erev Sukkot, Friday, October 2nd

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| Candle Lighting | 6:19 PM |
| Mincha * | 6:15 PM (Zoom also) |
| Maariv | 6:30 PM |

First Day Sukkot, Shabbat, October 3rd

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| Morning Service | 9:00 AM |
| Mincha | 6:00 PM |
| Maariv | 7:15 PM |
| Candle Lighting | after 7:15 PM from a pre-existing flame |

Second Day Sukkot, Sunday, October 4th

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| Morning Service | 9:00 AM |
| Mincha | 6:15 PM |
| Maariv* | 7:20 PM (Zoom also) |
| Yom Tov Ends | 7:15 PM |

Chol Hamoed, Monday - Thursday, October 5th - 8th

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| Morning Service * | 7:15 AM (Zoom also) |
| Maariv** | 8:00 PM (Note: Zoom only) |

Hoshanah Rabbah (Erev Yom Tov), Friday, October 9th

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| Morning Service * | 7:00 AM (Zoom also) |
| Candle Lighting | 6:07 PM |
| Mincha * | 6:00 PM (Zoom also) |
| Maariv | 6:15 PM |

Shimini Atzeret, Shabbat, October 10th

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| Morning Service | 9:00 AM |
| Yizkor | 10:45 AM |
| Mincha | 5:45 PM |
| Maariv & Hakafot | 7:00 PM |
| Candle Lighting | after 7:06 PM from a pre-existing flame |

Simchat Torah, Sunday, October 11th

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| Morning Service | 9:00 AM |
| Hakafot and Torah Reading | 9:45 AM |
| Mincha | 6:00 PM |
| Maariv* | 7:10 PM (Zoom also) |
| Yom Tov Ends | 7:05 PM |

* Zoom also ** Zoom only

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FROM OUR RABBI

OF WINE AND WOKE-NESS

By Rabbi Robert S. Pilavin

My first Rosh Hashanah talk – largely a reflection on Psalm 27 – drew extensively from a wonderful essay by Rabbi David Golinkin of Jerusalem. I did not acknowledge him properly and I hereby rectify that error.

My second talk contained some of my thoughts on the evening kiddush – recited on Friday nights and on the eves of all major Jewish holidays.

The evening kiddush has two parts: boray pri ha-gafen (over grape wine) and a long paragraph praising God, who sanctifies Shabbat, the Jewish people and the festivals. The long passage notes our special role. God “chose us from among all peoples...and made us holy through His commandments.”

Reading the text of the kiddush, we reach a startling conclusion: it is not clear if we are praising God or if God is praising us! We may be reluctant – even on Rosh Hashanah – to “toot our own horn.” We may be theologically discomfited by the “Chosen People” idea. And even if not, we may wonder how we can affirm it every week without the prayer “going to our heads.” It doesn’t help that the same theme appears in the “Aleinu” prayer as well as in the prayer recited by those called up to the Torah (an “aliyah”).

This belief does not imply that we are innately superior to others – otherwise, no gentile could “convert” to Judaism. In fact, being “chosen” brings no special privilege, only responsibility (Amos 3:2). Nor does it imply numerical superiority (Deuteronomy 7:7).

Why does the kiddush require us to sing our

own praises? I offered the theory that a) we needed the weekly psychological boost and b) if we stopped believing we were the best we might stop being the best. Poor morale might lead to poor morals.

It’s a trick we may have learned from the “Seder.” In telling our story, we must “start with the unsavory parts and end with the flattering parts.”

Examples of the former might be our religious origins (idolaters), political origins (slaves), or pariah status (they hate us).

In any traditional Jewish curriculum, a student is exposed to both the virtues and frailties of Biblical figures. No one was above criticism, but they remain our spiritual heroes.

God Himself models this balancing act. The Book of Numbers notes that our ancestors were grumblers who often challenged God. Nevertheless, God’s memories are more tender: “I recall your kindness when we

dated...your love when we stood under the Chuppah...how you followed Me into the wilderness in a land unsown” (Jeremiah 2:2).

Did God forget the Book of Numbers? No, but he didn’t forget Exodus either. Recalling the bad parts is no excuse for erasing the good parts.

How we tell our story is important – for Jews and for Americans as well. A key story of the past year is the “1619 Project.” This project (which won a Pulitzer) asserts that America’s true founding took place not in 1776, but in 1619, when the first African slaves reached the New World. US history, we are told, is mostly the history of slavery and our determination to maintain slavery. The project makes an equally bold claim: systemic racism is not



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only a part of our past but a very prominent part of our present. A curriculum based on this “project” has been introduced into many American schools.

Read the 1619 Project online and form your own opinion. My view: the project is a biased “narrative” that exaggerates America’s flaws and minimizes her achievements. Foisting this curriculum on innocent children is a disservice to them and to our country. I shudder to imagine what will become of a generation raised on this type of “history.”

Actually, no imagination is needed. 2020 is the “sneak preview.” The myth of “systemic racism” feeds the myth of “police brutality.” Youth thus indoctrinated will rationalize their destruction of cities, statues and – increasingly – people. They will flout every norm of decency in the name of “social justice.” They will seek to intimidate, not to persuade. George Floyd will be the pretext – not the

context – of violent “protest.” Largely minority communities will be devastated by those who claim that “black lives matter.”

And that’s why I spoke about kiddush. It prompted a reflection about how we tell our story and our history to the next generation. We never gloss over the bad parts, but we know that those parts must be contextualized or the story we tell is essentially false. The kiddush –as much as anything else – has sustained and nourished Jewish loyalty.

Will the 1619 curriculum nurture the patriotism of the next generation of Americans? By all means, let our children learn the shameful fact that blacks were once brought here in chains. But let them also learn that a far greater number of blacks now emigrate here voluntarily because America is “the” land of opportunity.

It’s how you tell the story. ★

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We hope that all of our community is doing well. Please check your email or call the office at 732-446-3000 for our latest status. Note that many events and services will be taking place via Zoom.

The office is open with limited hours. Please call before coming in as all visits will be by appointment only. All visitors to the shul are required to wear masks.

We have installed a locked mailbox at the door of the shul for anyone wishing to drop off letters or payments. Allison & Rabbi Pilavin will continue to check their voicemail, email, and regular mail.

Stay safe!

**Steve Kass
President**

From My Perch

By Maxine Pilavin

The Fruits of Our Old Age

A friend passed away recently. Gustine was a 95-year-old former social worker, rabbi's wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. A member of two shuls, one Orthodox and one Conservative, Gustine was well-known in her community. She took part in book clubs and interfaith volunteer organizations and attended lectures and programs sponsored by the Jewish community. Her gentle personality endeared her to all. Wherever she went in town, she encountered friends and acquaintances. Indeed, it was impossible to take a stroll with her without stopping for passersby wanting to talk to her.

Gustine was a Judaically knowledgeable woman who prepared and hosted programs of Jewish interest. She once invited my husband and me to one of her Friday night dinners. We arrived at the appointed time to find 8 other people seated around her table. At 92, Gustine had cooked a multi-course meal for 10 people! She had also prepared a siyum—a brief talk celebrating the completion of a unit of study. Her son Danny had just completed his twelve-volume translation of the Zohar, the seminal work of Jewish mysticism.

For the 30th *yahrzeit* of her husband, Gustine hosted a commemoration that included about 25 people. She conducted a discussion of her husband's writings. The essay she chose talked about how Jews should relate to Christmas. The discussion was lively. At the end we agreed that no matter how difficult it is to forget the centuries of terror endured by the Jewish community on this day, we should exult in the joy of our Christian neighbors on their holiday. Gustine's table then filled with sweets and other refreshments prepared for the occasion.

During one of my visits to her, Gustine gave me a copy of a book her son had written about his long-deceased father, a Conservative rabbi. The book included some funny vignettes. For example, it turns out that Gustine met her husband in shul. While distracted from his davening, his eyes wandered, and he noticed a young woman whom he determined to meet. Years later, his children would tease their father about his *kavannah*, his concentration on the prayers: had his *kavanah* been better, his parents might never have met.

On a more personal note, whenever we would speak of our families, we would marvel at how different our children are from their siblings. My children, for instance, are so unlike one another that they could easily have come from three diverse sets of parents: one child is gregarious, one requires more solitude, one is intense, another mild-mannered, and a third walks a middle path. In Gustine's case, her children span the gamut from an Orthodox Jew through a secular spiritualist. She would joke that the Jewish people cover the spectrum of lifestyles and beliefs, and her children represent all of them.

On Shabbat we recite Psalm 92: "Od y'nuvun b'seivah, d'sheinim v'ra'ananim yih'yu." In old age they will still bear fruit; they will be full of sap and freshness. Gustine embodied this verse. May we all be privileged to live long lives of fulfillment and inspiration, and may Gustine's memory be a blessing. *Yehi zichra baruch.* ★

president's message

By Steven Kass

Shana Tova to everyone, and welcome back to our members who were able to join us for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. On behalf of our Board of Directors, I am pleased to say that we were successfully able to conduct our High Holiday services in a safe manner and were able to return some sense of normalcy to our Shul. Our Board worked very hard to ensure that everything went smoothly, but we could not have done so without the cooperation of all who attended. To those who did attend, let me extend my personal thanks and the thanks of the Board of Directors. Hopefully, as we have shown that we can hold services safely, we can expect to see more of you attend our weekly in-person Shabbos services.

While having people attend our services these past two weekends was very important, I just want to call out those individuals who helped prepare and conduct the services, without whom all our preparations would have been for naught. First, I would like to thank our ritual committee, Mike Lebowitz, Steve Litwok, Mike Katz, and Dr. Marty Wisniewski for their outstanding work in preparing the seating chart in a safe manner where all families could sit together. I would also like to thank Ira Marshall and Mayer Brandwein for conducting Shacharis and Musaf on all three days; for Dr. Jeffrey Burns and Rafi Mishan for chanting the Haftorahs on Rosh Hashanah and Stu Moskovitz and Mayer Brandwein on Yom Kippur; Jay Fields, Maurice Zagha, Eli Kramer, and Dr. Marty Wisniewski for assisting with the

Torah services; Ira Marshall, Mayer Brandwein and Dr. Marty Wisniewski for their impressive blowing of the Shofar on the second day of Rosh Hashanah and the ending of Yom Kippur; and last, but not least, Rabbi Pilavin, first for being able to bring in all the services within the two hour time period that was allotted for each service and for his reading of the Torah on both days. On behalf of the entire Congregation, we give our thanks to all of you.

For our members who were unable to attend, we tried our best to include you in the celebration of these holidays by offering Machzorim and Yizkor books to use at home and by scheduling various services virtually where we were able to do so. We hope that you were able to take advantage of these things to participate in these holidays, especially our virtual Yizkor service on Sunday afternoon, September 27th. These online services will also be available where possible during the Sukkot, Shmini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah holidays. Once again, our thanks to Rabbi Pilavin for setting up and conducting these online services.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are times where we reflect on what we have done this past year and what we hope to accomplish in the coming year. For most of us, the normalcy of our lives has been impacted in one way or another by the COVID-19 pandemic, either financially or personally, or sometimes, even both. For many us, life has become much more difficult. However, I would like to remind

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Dear Fellow Congregant:

The Board of the Men's Club hopes you and your family are staying safe and well. We also hope that upon receiving this letter, you will consider becoming part of a very special group of men dedicated to providing service to our Synagogue and helping it to prosper and grow.

The Men's Club is in its 44th year of existence and continues to be an integral part of our Synagogue. The Men's Club focuses on Jewish values and carrying out its principles while providing an opportunity to develop friendships. It also offers educational and service opportunities that reflect the interests of its members. We sponsor youth events, host informative breakfast programs and furnish gifts to our Bar/Bat Mitzvah children. The Men's Club provides contributions to the Synagogue for capital improvements including the sound system in the Sanctuary and social hall, a new oven in the Pareve kitchen exclusively for synagogue use, new chairs in the small Sanctuary, a new screen in the Simcha room, as well as charitable donations to secular and non-secular organizations. We have bolstered every facet of Synagogue activity. As you read this letter we are planning and hope to have many varied and stimulating in person programs for our 2020/2021 year. We look forward to your attendance and participation.

Our membership year is once again upon us. Please join with us as a member of the Men's Club. Our annual dues are only \$36. Please complete the membership form below with your payment and join us.

Please note, we encourage you to join and become an active member and assist in planning and organizing our important programs. We hope you participate in our social activities as well as perform various supportive services for the Synagogue. Active participation can be very gratifying. It will be an exciting year with your support.

If you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to contact Michael Katz at 732-792-1096 (katzfamily4@aol.com) or Maurice Zaghera at 732-303-9009 (mzaghera@optonline.net). If you want to participate in any capacity, the doors are open.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Michael Katz
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men's club happenings

By Michael Katz, President

I wish all of you a very Happy and Healthy New Year and hope you were able to celebrate with family and friends, if not in person, then remotely.

Although we were masked up, socially distanced and davened abridged services, it personally felt great to be in Shul over the High Holidays and see all of you who were there. It gave me some sense of "normalcy" at a time where no day is really "normal" for me.

To those who have already sent in their dues for 2020/21, thank you very much. For those who have yet to do so, please join us. Your \$36 membership dues help the Men's Club provide assistance to our Synagogue for capital improvements as well as charitable donations to many worthwhile causes.

We are looking for men who would like to be trustees for the Men's Club. Please contact Michael Katz at katzfamily4@aol.com if you are interested in joining our board.

When you look at the Men's Club wall in the main entranceway, you will see a special "Men of Distinction" section. As many of us have honored the special women in our lives with inclusion on the "Women of Valor" wall, the Men's Club would like you to honor those special men in your life with a plaque in the "Men of Distinction" section. The cost is \$150 for this special honor.

May you all stay safe and well and may we all be together again soon. ★

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AS YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED, ONE WALL IN OUR SYNAGOGUE LOBBY IS DEDICATED TO THE MEN'S CLUB. ONE SECTION OF THAT DISPLAY IS SET ASIDE FOR "MEN OF DISTINCTION", SIMILAR TO THE SISTERHOOD'S "WOMEN OF VALOR". YOU CAN HONOR THE MAN, OR MEN, IN YOUR LIFE BY PLACING HIS NAME ON WHAT, WE HOPE, WILL BE A GROWING LIST. THE COST FOR THE BRASS PLAQUE IS \$150 FOR A LIFETIME OF HONOR.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE "MEN OF DISTINCTION" HONOR ROLL, PLEASE CALL THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE OR MICHAEL KATZ @732-792-1096.



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To the ladies of our community,

What is Sisterhood? We are a group of women who come together to promote the welfare of our Congregation Sons of Israel family. We enhance our lives together - learning, laughing, exploring life and trying to make a difference. To date, we are in the midst of planning programs, events and fundraising for the upcoming year. Excellent ideas have been suggested and we look forward to doing as much as possible.

WE NEED YOUR HELP to do this. We need “people power” to move forward and continue to have Sisterhood as a strong and vital arm of our synagogue. Your contribution of annual dues to Daughters of Israel helps us to maintain and enhance the physical and spiritual needs of our Congregation and our community.

We know how full everyone’s life is...and we hope that we can be a part of your busy schedule. Get together with us for an event (or two), or a function (or two). Bring your friends and family! We look forward to sharing good deeds and good times.

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Sisterhood Scoop

By Vickie Lynn Amron

What a year! It has been a very trying six months. As for me, it has been scary. I haven't been anywhere. Not shopping nor seeing my children and grandchildren.

About a month ago my children finally came to visit. It was the first time I'd seen them since January. It was a wonderful visit but so strange. No hugging or kissing. That was very hard for me because I am a hugger.

Well, as of writing this article I finally went into Shoprite! It was ok. I finally went out to eat at a place with outside seating. I am afraid to get too cocky. I am hoping that starting to open things up doesn't bring the virus back in large numbers.

We are sorry that we haven't been able to reach out and touch you all in the way we always have. Our board is working on trying to set up some zoom programs. If anyone has any good ideas please get in touch with one of us. We did have one such program over the summer and it went very well. We've had to postpone our programming due to this awful virus. We look forward to the day when we can be together in person again.

The oven that we helped purchase is hooked up and ready to cook. We can't wait until the time comes when we will be able to do just that...cook for a Sisterhood program! Some day soon, we hope.

On behalf of my fellow presidents, we want to wish you all a Shanah Tovah Umetukah. However you celebrate this new year, be safe, healthy and sweet. ★

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everyone that institutions, like our Shul, have been as adversely impacted as people have been on a personal level. When you receive your Kol Nidre pledge card, I would like to ask everyone that you give what you can to our Shul. While we have not been able to maintain or perform many of our normal functions, our Shul is for all of us an integral part of our lives, of our Jewishness. At some point in time, this pandemic will cease to dominate our lives. At

that time, it will be important that our Shul has the necessary financial resources to perform its previous functions in the manner we have all become accustomed to. So please, be as generous as you can with your gifts.

Once again, a happy and healthy New Year to everyone. Please join us for our upcoming Sukkot, Shimini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah services. ★

STAY SAFE!

THE RABBI'S KOL NIDREI REMARKS

Yom Kippur - the holiest day of our calendar – contains only two Torah obligations. One is the mitzvah of *inuy* (self-denial). We don't eat or drink. We don't bathe or anoint ourselves with oils. We don't wear leather shoes. We refrain from marital intimacy.

The second is *vidduy*, confession of sins. We do this ten times overall. Maimonides says that we fulfill the basic requirement by saying three words: *aval anachnu chatanu* - in truth, we have sinned. Nevertheless, for centuries, we have an official list of sins we all confess together. The items listed are exclusively *ethical* lapses. We are also required to eat kosher and to keep Shabbat and to pray, but *ritual* lapses make no appearance in the list that appears in our Machzorim.

Most of us assume that we confess what we've done **wrong**. *Ashamnu, bagadnu, gazalnu* - we sinned, we acted treacherously, we have robbed, spoken slander, acted perversely. But the word *vidduy* is not only "confession." It is also "acknowledgement." And perhaps *vidduy* could mean an acknowledgement of what we did NOT do wrong.

Rabbi Avi Weiss wrote a positive *vidduy*, in which we confess the things we got right. It includes each Hebrew letter. It goes like this.

Ahavnu - Beirachnu - Gadalnu - Dibarnu Yofi.

We loved. We have blessed. We've grown. We've spoken positively.

He'elinu - Vechasnu - Zeiraznu - Chamalnu - Tipachnu Emet

We have raised up. We have shown compassion & acted enthusiastically. We have been empathetic. We have cultivated truth.

Ya'atznu Tov - Kibbadnu - Lamadnu - Machalnu - Nichamnu - Salalnu - Orarnu - Pa'alnu - Tzadaknu - Kivinu La'Aretz

We gave good advice. We showed respect. We learned. We forgave. We gave comfort. We were creative. We have stirred. We have been spiritual activists. We have been just. We have longed for Israel.

Richamnu. Shakadnu. Tamakhnu. Taramnu. Tikannu.

We have been merciful. We have given full effort. We have supported. We have contributed. We have repaired.

I like a positive *vidduy*. It's nice to admit we're not **always** wrong. And this idea has precedent in biblical and rabbinic sources. Deuteronomy 26 speaks of *vidduy ma'aser* - a confession made when we bring offerings to the Jerusalem Temple. Part of the prescribed prayer is a *vidduy* of what we did not do wrong. On Rosh Hashanah, we read about Hannah and the High Priest Eli. He accuses her of something she did not do. Hannah doesn't ignore him; she corrects him. The

Talmud deduces an important principle. If we're falsely accused of something, we must publicly affirm that we are innocent & that we have done nothing wrong.

The **positive vidduy** helped me in 2020. Often I disagreed with the news spin on major events. I used the positive vidduy & said: Tzadakti. I was right! Or...I'm not crazy!

Before I continue, let me digress with a brief Talmudic story.

The Talmud (Pes. 50a) tells of a great sage Rabbi Yehoshua ben Levi. He had a son who took ill & died. But miraculously, the son came back to life. R. Yehoshua realized his son had undergone a unique experience. So R. Yehoshua asked his son: what did you see on the other side? What's it like in the world after death? The son replied: "olam hafuch ra-iti." I saw a topsy-turvy world. Those who are great here are small there; those who are smaller here are great there. R. Yehoshua replied: "olam barur ra-ita." You saw a clear world. You saw things the way they really are.

If asked to summarize 2020 thus far, I would give the answer of R. Yehoshua's son: "olam hafuch ra-iti." I see a topsy-turvy world.

Consider COVID-19 & our reaction to it..."Experts" guessed wildly about the threat to human life posed by the virus. We believed them & yielded to an extreme use of government power: lockdowns. Never before had public officials required millions of lawful businesses to shut their doors, throwing tens of millions of people out of work. This also threw tens of millions of *children* out of *school*. Lockdowns threw millions of us out of doctors' offices & hospitals. We postponed surgeries, exams & diagnostic tests. Lockdowns increased cases of disease, suicides, depression, and domestic violence. Lockdowns were at least as dangerous to our collective health as the virus itself. *Whenever* I said that to friends or family, people as a rule were scandalized. Ask me to explain their reaction? Olam hafuch ra-iti. I see a topsy-turvy world...I advocated re-opening shul on Shabbat mornings in July. It cost me my vacation - but I wanted us in shul for Rosh Hashanah.

Here's a COVID story. In the spring, I got a stimulus check from the government & I was angry. I never asked for government aid and I didn't want any. I felt that using the check would violate my religious principles, so I called a financial professional in our shul for guidance. He told me: "Rabbi, if you have **any** qualms about that check, mail it to me. I'll use it. Besides, you needn't have a guilty conscience. The government isn't *giving* you the money. It's a loan. You'll be paying it back with interest, as will your kids & grandkids." ...

We saw a topsy-turvy world with the death of George Floyd on May 25. Normally, if police confront a suspect behaving erratically, we give police the benefit of the doubt – at least until we have all the facts. No such luck. Floyd's death was not seen as a rare case of police over-reacting. Instead, it became part of a narrative of systemic racism & police brutality...It *might* have been brutality - but there was no evidence that police actions were racially motivated. Nevertheless, dozens of Jewish organizations took part in widespread condemnation of police. Why?...

For the full texts of the rabbis remarks (in video) see the link provided.

THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSASSINATION OF ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN: FIVE NIGHTS, FIVE QUESTIONS – ALL ON “ZOOM”

SUNDAY – THURSDAY NIGHTS (OCTOBER 18-22) AT 8 PM

Yitzhak Rabin’s murder on November 4, 1995 by a fellow Jew – and one ostensibly religious – was a seismic event in the history of modern Israel. Each night we will survey one question regarding the assassin’s mindset.

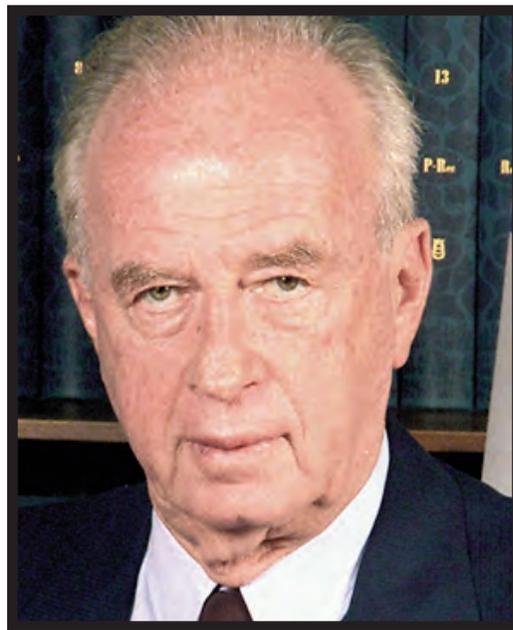
1) The assassin believed that the peace process was so serious a violation of Jewish law as to warrant taking the law into his own hands. Can such sympathy be justified by Tradition?

2) The assassin clearly believed that there is a transcendent religious significance to the State of Israel as a political entity. In the wake of the assassination, do we need to rethink this notion?

3) The assassination prompted many religious Jews to wonder what in their religious education system could have led to such an act. Need we rethink how religious Jews are educated?

4) For many religious Jews, Rabin’s murder was more horrifying than the murder of Muslim worshippers at the Cave of Machpelah by an observant Jew two years earlier. Do we agree?

5) Disagreements over the peace process provoked animosity between secular and religious Jews in Israel and the Diaspora. Did this animosity create the attitudes that led to the assassination?



All Zoom links will be sent to the congregation by email.

HEBREW SCHOOL: NEW GROWTH ON EXISTING BRANCHES!

We are pleased to announce the timely merger of our SAJE school with the Chabad Hebrew School.

After considering parental feedback and different scenarios and proposals, we are happy to announce that SAJE and the Chabad Hebrew School have merged our schools for the 2020-2021 school year. *The Chabad/SAJE Hebrew School* is now housed in the Sons of Israel building. Joining forces enables us to utilize the best of both schools' resources, to create an enriching Jewish education program for our children, and to expand our abilities to offer students different learning modes during this challenging time.

With the support of educational professionals, Chabad has developed a wonderful, enriching curriculum that reinforces the SAJE curriculum we implemented last year. To ensure that students have options that combine safety with successful learning, students have the following schedule choices:

1. Virtual class learning once a week, on Wednesday, plus a second day virtually with individual tutoring for reading

OR

2. In-person classes to meet either:

a. Once a week with the option of Sunday, Monday, or Wednesday.

b. Or twice a week, on either Sunday/Monday OR Monday/Wednesday. This option includes the **individualized reading program** at every lesson.

COVID-19 protocols for safety are in place and will be strictly enforced.

The school schedule and program are designed to be flexible and can be adapted in the event that we go all virtual or offer all in-person at any time.

SAJE families were able to take advantage of the “early bird” tuition we had listed on our original SAJE application. Apart from the tuition, there is a **\$60/student supply fee for virtual students only (supply packets will be delivered to homes every two weeks)**, and **\$60/family security fee for in-person students only.**

The new Chabad/SAJE Hebrew School will benefit from the combined experience and dedication of its leadership.

-Rabbi Shmuly Volovik is the Director of the school and **Moushkie Volovik** is the Director of Activities and Curriculum. Rabbi and Mrs. Volovik took over the Chabad Hebrew School and have directed its success and growth for over ten years.

-Rabbi Chazanow and **Rabbi Pilavin** will both be actively involved in the spiritual, academic, and programmatic aspects of the new school.

-In addition to the directors, Bonnie Leff and Chaya Friedmann will serve as an Advisory Education Board to oversee the program.

There will be ongoing communication with families to ensure a strong school-home partnership for the success of every student.

It has been a real pleasure teaching and learning from our first SAJE class! And now, we are excited about this opportunity to offer our students an expanded, fun, and inspiring Hebrew School program, with the wealth of resources available by combining the two schools.

Chaya Friedmann and Bonnie Leff
Advisory Education Board

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ADULT EDUCATION

Maxine's class resumes Monday October 26. The Rabbis class is October 21 & 28.

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RITUAL NEWS

The schedule for Sukkot appears on the cover of the Voice. There are "in shul" services each day of Sukkot. Check the weekly email blasts for Zoom services or Sukkot-related updates. Beginning Monday October 12, morning minyan begins at 7:15 AM and evening minyan at 8:30 PM. "In shul" Friday services will be held at 5:45 PM (October 16 & 23) & 5:30 PM (October 30).

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| Irwin Frommer | father of Lauren Reich | Elimelech Faden | great grandfather of Nancy Goldstein |
| Leah Froster | mother-in-law of Pauline Froster | Chava Schwartz | aunt of Nancy Goldstein |
| October 2 | 14 Tishrei | October 11 | 23 Tishrei |
| Esther Lerner | mother of Joyce Nabozny | Leo Forman | father of Bruce Forman |
| Steven Blier | friend of James Sacks | Paul Hays | father of Shelley Finkelstein |
| Anna Zelinger | mother of Ilene Resnick | Aaron Finkelstein | father of Larry Finkelstein |
| October 5 | 17 Tishrei | Evelyn Barad | wife of Gerald Barad |
| Herbert Lowenstein | father of Teri Mucha | Solomon Isenberg | father of Rhoda S. Chodosh |
| October 6 | 18 Tishrei | October 12 | 24 Tishrei |
| Lillian Sternberg | grandmother of Marian Brandwein | Elihu Baum | father of Barbara Zagha |
| October 7 | 19 Tishrei | Elihu Baum | father of Richard Baum |
| Richard Lewis Fessler | son of Barbara & Stanley Fessler | October 13 | 25 Tishrei |
| Sam Ziss | father of Saul Ziss | Daniel Zucker | uncle of Steven Fromm |
| October 8 | 20 Tishrei | Harry Kostre | father of Freda Pollack |
| Lillian Diamond | grandmother of Mindy Fromm | Leib Karp | father-in-law of Cyla Karp |
| Esther Bluzer | mother of Hal Bluzer | October 14 | 26 Tishrei |
| Bertha Glassman | mother-in-law of Herman Weiner | Jack Rabinowitz | father of Beth Cohen |
| Leopold Bennet | father of George Bennet | Lottie Pollack | mother of William Pollack |
| October 9 | 21 Tishrei | October 15 | 27 Tishrei |
| Edith Leiser | mother of Ronald Leiser | David Kunis | father of Jacqueline Dolman |
| Rose Schwartz | mother of Stewart Schwartz | Bella Stern | mother of Audrey Kotkin |
| October 10 | 22 Tishrei | Chava Raanan | mother of David Raanan |
| Miriam Kohn | great grandmother of Nancy Goldstein | October 16 | 28 Tishrei |
| Sophie Morris | mother of Michael Morris | Jacob Alpert | uncle of Alan Brooker |
| Marcus Morris | father of Michael Morris | October 17 | 29 Tishrei |
| Rose Miller | mother of Renee Stanko | Sarah Isenberg | mother of Rhoda S. Chodosh |
| Joseph Schwartz | grandfather of Nancy Goldstein | Esther Meltzer | grandmother of Richard Reimer |
| Netti Schwartz | grandmother of Nancy Goldstein | Ethel Ziss | mother of Saul Ziss |
| Nunio Schwartz | uncle of Nancy Goldstein | October 18 | 30 Tishrei |
| | | Hyman Schier | father of Jack Schier |
| | | October 19 | 1 Cheshvan |
| | | Jean Jaslow | mother of Charles Jaslow |

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| Nathan Spieler | uncle of Irene Russin | Thelma Fuchs | mother of Susan Finkelstein |
| October 20 | 2 Cheshvan | | |
| Max Dolman | father of Allan Dolman | Sarah Kivel | grandmother of Roberta Thaler |
| October 21 | 3 Cheshvan | | |
| Moshe Warech | great grandfather of Nancy Goldstein | October 24 | 6 Cheshvan |
| | | Harry Cohen | father of Alex Cohen |
| Rifka Warech | great grandmother of Nancy Goldstein | Hershel Klein | uncle of Saul Spital |
| | | Sarah Levy | mother-in-law of Steven Ellis |
| Estelle Mucha | mother of Howard Mucha | | |
| October 22 | 4 Cheshvan | October 27 | 9 Cheshvan |
| Solomon Baum | grandfather of Harlean Enis | Bessie Afsanick | mother of Shirley Wold |
| | | Yetta Gerber | mother of Carol Goldstein |
| Harold Singer | father of Rena Toubin | October 28 | 10 Cheshvan |
| Harold Singer | father of Esther Volet | Philip Schultz | father of Marsha Garber |
| Henry Schwartz | brother-in-law of Irma Schwartz | Philip Caplan | father of Hannah Wiener |
| | | October 30 | 12 Cheshvan |
| Manny Binder | father of David Binder | Isidore Gerber | father of Carol Goldstein |
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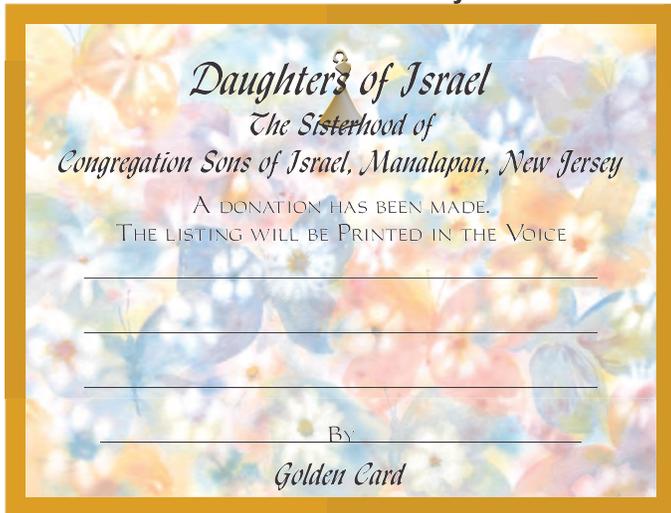
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Saturday Afternoon

October 17, 24 5:30 P.M.

October 31 5:15 P.M.

Saturday Evening (ZOOM Ma'ariv)

October 17, 24, 31 7:00 P.M.

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