



**FROM THE RABBI'S DESK**

**How I spent COVID**

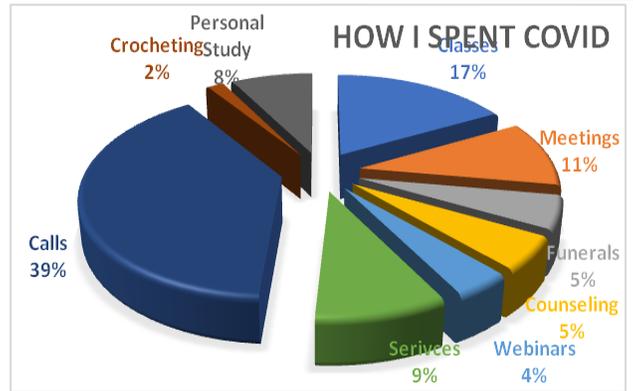
One of the most amazing experiences I have had during

COVID -19 was to watch a fawn, left by its mother in our backyard come back and nurse her baby. Working at home has given me the chance to watch the natural world around me and I am amazed at the beauty. This image will



remain with me for a long time and it will drive me to seek out experiences like this once the pandemic is over. That is precisely the lesson I seek to teach here. Take an accounting of what you have done, how you have behaved, and decide what you will continue to do and what will no longer be a priority.

When I would return from camp after the summer was over my parents would ask, "what was your favorite activity at camp?" It was like the first assignment that we receive when we returned to school, "what did you do over your summer vacation?" While there really was nothing great about the isolation of COVID and there was no real joy in these few months, this article does give me a chance to reflect on how I spent my time.



The month of Elul is a month that challenges us to reflect on the past year and set a course for the coming year. The Maharal of Prague said, "All the month of Elul, before eating and sleeping, a person should look into his soul and search his deeds, that he may make confession." On a great Website, [My Jewish Learning](#) it states, "Elul is traditionally a time of introspection and personal stock-taking, known in Hebrew as *cheshbon hanefesh* — literally "an accounting of the soul."" As we enter the summer months and we make plans for the High Holidays, we begin to think about how we are going to make this a meaningful experience for everyone. As a community we will need to make difficult decisions and as individuals we will have to find our comfort zone. All that should be done while thinking of how we have navigated these last months. In that light, this is how I spent COVID-19.

Classes + prep – 65 sessions including:

1. Hebrew School
2. Early Childhood Center
3. Adult Education

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Bernice Strauss and her lovely flowers from Sisterhood. Bernice was selected as GHC's honoree for the May 20 Hudson Valley Torah Fund dinner which had to be cancelled.

## RABBI (cont. from pg. 1)

### Topics including:

- Ethics
- Dealing with Stress
- Election Issues
- 2 book clubs
- Bedtime stories
- Hebrew Reading
- Introduction to Judaism
- Mishna
- Prayer Book
- Freaking Out and Burning Out
- Jewish Parenting During COVID
- Mourner's Kaddish

### Meetings – 27

- COVID response
- Board Meetings and Executive Committee
- Regular Committee work
- Individual Planning meetings

### Calls - 828

### Webinars – 6

- professional development
- lectures
- Torah study

### Virtual Content - 21 Podcasts & 70+ YouTube videos

### Services streamed – 34

- Friday night (Cantor did the heavy lifting here)
- Shabbat morning
- Holiday/Yizkor
- Interfaith Healing
- Yom HaShoah commemoration
- Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration

### Personal Study - 30 hours

### Counseling - 11 hours

### Funerals - 3

### Bar Mitzvah – 1 (5 rescheduled)

### Crocheting - 1 blanket



## PRESIDENT

There is no **I** in Greenburgh Hebrew **W** Center. **WE** are truly a community that engages and cares for one another in good times, in bad times and in times of uncertainty. For more than 100 days our synagogue has been shuttered. Yet, **WE** carry on.

Our schools held Moving Up Days albeit virtually, that celebrated all the accomplishments of our children. Our Cantor, Janet Leuchter, continued to engage us in prayer and in song during her Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat services. How wonderful it was to “see” and chat with old friends from near and far, before and after services. Our Rabbi, Jay Stein, brought Shabbat into our homes via his live streamed Shabbat Morning Experiences. Three of our young men and one young woman were able to become B'nai Mitzvah in the midst of this pandemic.

**WE** as a congregation held our first virtual Congregational Meeting, where a budget was passed and a slate of trustees was approved. **WE** honored our Cantor via a truly amazing, meaningful and entertaining zoom Journal Gala Event. **WE** created an incredible Virtual Journal. Through Men's Club, Sisterhood and the Membership Committee events **WE** socialized, laughed while we practiced Yoga moves and played Trivia and Bingo. **WE** engaged with Rabbi in classes on Ethics and Mishna and our book club continued to discuss their monthly selections.

**WE** as a community, established a Planning for the Future Task Force. Rabbi Stein, Cantor Leuchter, Naomi Feinkind, Jeff Liss, Andrew Weiss, Dr. Andrew Goldstein, Stephanie Luftig, Dr. Lori Sloane, Davin Milun and Cecile Singer began meeting weekly as of May 26<sup>th</sup> to establish safe and secure procedures to gradually open our congregation for limited, in person services without jeopardizing the health and well being of our members. The Task Force is also charged with the job of preparing for the High Holidays at a time when public health guidelines and state recommendations are changing on a daily basis. Their extraordinary commitment and desire to provide the best experiences for our congregation during this crisis must be commended.

As **WE** look towards the future, join us in the various CAMP GHC activities that will be provided throughout the summer. The activities range from PJLIBRARY virtual Shabbat experiences for children 0-6 with Leslie Liss and Stacey Rosenkrantz to a virtual Garden tour with our new chair of the Green Team, Enid Lotstein and so many activities in between.

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**It is extremely important that we now update your contact information as well as your electronic communication preferences.**

**Adult #1**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to subscribe to the following electronically. Check all that apply:**

Cantor's List\_\_\_ ECC\_\_\_ Empty Nesters\_\_\_ GHC News\_\_\_ Hamvaser\_\_\_

Membership List\_\_\_ Men's Club\_\_\_ Rabbi's List\_\_\_ RS\_\_\_ Sisterhood\_\_\_

**Adult #2**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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## **PRESIDENT (cont'd from pg. 3)**

While **WE** look to the future, **WE** cannot forget the past. **WE** must take this time to thank those members of the community who have left the Board of Trustees or have stepped down from their committees after many years of service. **WE** thank William Brauner, Laurie Davidowitz, Phil Karmel, Andrew Sherman and Pam Stoller from the Board of Trustees and Barney Wolff from the Green Team. **WE** appreciate their efforts and dedication to GHC. **WE** must also thank Cantor Janet Leuchter for ten years of leading us in prayer, in song and in community. **WE** wish her well as she embarks on this next chapter in her life.

Enjoy the summer, stay well, be safe and let's look forward to the day when **WE** can all gather together in our spiritual home to pray, to sing, to laugh and to enjoy each other's company.

Naomi Feinkind

President

## **CARING COMMUNITY**

For many our unforgettable springtime isolation was a lonely time. For others it was a bonding period like none other, spent trying to keep our families fed, educated, occupied and close to home.

Rabbi Stein and the Caring Community, guided by Sheila Greenwald, continue to stay in touch with congregants to say hello and offer help in any way that we can. We learn about members in need from fellow congregants and sometimes, you yourselves reach out directly to us. The information is shared only as appropriate and necessary to do what we do.

We are only as good as the knowledge that we receive. We are an enthusiastic group ready to be of assistance when you need a little sunshine.

Wishing you health, mental calm and peace in these months to follow. Keep in touch.

Linda Markowitz for the GHC Caring Community

## **CANTOR**

Hi, my name is Cantor Anna May, and I'm very excited to be serving as the cantor at the Greenburgh Hebrew Center starting this July.

From the first time I stepped foot into GHC for my initial interview, I felt welcomed and at home. I had been looking for a place where I could feel comfortable and part of the community and immediately had the sense that I had found those things here. I look forward to meeting the members of this community and getting to know you better.

A little bit about myself – I am a native New Yorker, and grew up in Brooklyn. My mother is a classical pianist and I always heard great music surrounding me. While I loved singing and playing the piano, at the time my focus was more on visual arts so I went to New York University to study photography and then to get my masters in art education. I later went back to school to become a librarian. In 2012, I made Aliyah, lived in Jerusalem for two years, and worked as a librarian at Hebrew Union College. It was in Jerusalem that I started thinking seriously about becoming a cantor, and began to study cantorial music and do vocal training. I came back to New York City to attend the Jewish Theological Seminary and graduated from cantorial school in May of 2019. While at JTS, I met my husband Scott and got married in 2018. We currently live on the Upper East Side with our cat Cookie. In the fall we hope to move up to the Dobbs Ferry area.

Music has always been my way of connecting to Judaism and the Divine, and I hope to use song to help others connect more deeply to our tradition, and to one another. I love the feeling of many voices singing together with me when I am at the bimah, which was another thing that drew me to GHC.

If I haven't met you yet please come up and introduce yourself. Thank you for welcoming me into the community and let's make a joyful noise!

# GHC CAMPUS CONNECTION



Send a package of treats for the Jewish holidays to your student at his/her college or graduate school – **just \$50 per student!** This form and check must be received by **August 15th** to ensure package delivery for Rosh Hashanah.

GHC Campus Connection is the college outreach program of Greenburgh Hebrew Center. The mission is to keep our students in touch with Jewish traditions while they are away at school. For a nominal fee, packages with snacks, treats, and little gifts will be sent to college and graduate students in dorms and apartments for Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah, Purim and Passover. We will also send the package overseas if you like - we just ask that you pay for the shipping. To enroll your child or grandchild, fill out the form below and return it with payment to GHC.

Through the generosity of GHC Sisterhood subsidies, we are able to keep the cost of the program low at \$50 per student. In addition, GHC subsidizes the packages.

**Please include your student's e-mail, school name and school address (PO Box, if necessary). Please let Enid Lotstein know if your child will be home for one or more holidays and the package can be picked up at GHC.**

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Enid Lotstein at [college@g-h-c.org](mailto:college@g-h-c.org) or call GHC at 693-4260. You may subscribe on the GHC website and forward your check to the synagogue office, marked "GHC Campus Connection". If your student will be abroad, you can pay for fewer packages or have the packages sent to him/her for an additional fee.

STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE/MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME & PHONE  
NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR IN SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ EXPECTED GRAD. DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



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## CAMP FUND NEWS:

**Julia Chazen Fund and JEF (Jewish Education Fund) MyUSYfiSummer information too, for rising 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders!**

Many of you probably know that just about all Jewish non-profit summer camps will not be open this summer. Some camps will be offering virtual options and programming. Some programming will be free while other programming may be tuition-based. Both the Julia Chazen Camp Fund (which provides stipends to member children attending non-profit Jewish sleepaway camps, with the exception of Ramah) and the JEF (which provides stipends to member children attending any Ramah camp or USY summer program) will provide grants for fees for summer on-line camp (if the camp charges fees for virtual programming), provided that all of the necessary conditions of these funds are met.

**Please note that there is a 6-week, multi-class, fascinating online USY program being offered, for rising 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders, this summer. The costs vary from low to a little higher, depending on your interests, and JEF can help subsidize if you are interested! More information about the #myUSYfiSummer can be found at: <https://www.usy.org/myusyfisummer/>.**

For additional information about these funds, please contact Robin Rosenberg ([JEF@g-h-c.org](mailto:JEF@g-h-c.org)) or Rabbi Stein.

## CAMP GHC

In an effort to bring the community together during the summer months, GHC is launching a new venture--CAMP GHC! This is not meant to replace regular camps that are not opening due to the pandemic. Rather we want to acknowledge that people will be around this summer and to provide YOU and your family with some additional summer fun and a chance to be social! Keep tuned in for events that will be occurring. If you have ANY ideas, please feel free to share it by sending an e-mail to Robin at [rosenber3@optonline.net](mailto:rosenber3@optonline.net).

Camp GHC is for ALL AGE GROUPS! So far, the Men's Club had a successful Trivia Night. And on June 18, many congregants tried their luck at Bingo Night. Our families with young children are enjoying "Zoom in to Tot Shabbat" with Leslie Liss. Thank you Stacey and Leslie for planning these events!

If you like challah and think you might want to learn how to bake one, join Amy Kanarek's baking class on Wednesday, July 15 at 7:30 pm. More information is on the flyer in this Hamvaser.

We have many more events in store for you. Stay tuned for events (Zoom and in person/socially distant) planned by School Families, Youth (preteen and teen), Empty Nesters, Rabbi Stein, Sisterhood, Membership and Men's Club. Everyone will have so much fun with GHC this summer!! We can't wait to see you at Camp GHC this summer, either on or off-screen!

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER AND RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE

On behalf of our schools, I would like to thank all of our families, teachers, Cantor Janet, Rabbi Stein, Naomi Feinkind, Jeffrey Liss, Stephanie Luftig, our RS Board, and all of the leadership at Greenburgh Hebrew Center during this challenging and unprecedented time. Both the ECC and Religious School were able to progress with their curricula and stay connected with students and families because of the unwavering support of our community.

We are working hard, and are developing several plans for re-opening in September. We WILL be open in some form! We are very hopeful that our (relatively) small schools will be able to manage all of the safety precautions and guidelines set out by the CDC, State and County. We are looking at what schools and daycares that already re-opened have implemented, globally and

locally. We are also in direct contact with day camps that are opening this summer and local school districts, as they forge through this uncharted process. We will keep you abreast of what our schools' re-openings will look like, as things unfold and as we get closer to September.

As always, thank you for your understanding! Registration is well underway for both our Early Childhood Center and Religious School. I am available all summer to answer your questions the best I can. I'm happy to hear from both you, and your children!

Stay safe and stay well,

Amy Kessler, Director of Education

# What better way to wish a *Sweet and Healthy New Year* than sending a jar of honey?

Send a personalized package, including a festive 8-ounce jar of delicious clover honey which is certified Kosher by the Orthodox Union and guaranteed to be 100% pure honey, plus a gift card and the blessing for the New Year, anywhere in the United States.

**Your gift of Honey will arrive in time  
for Rosh Hashanah.**

Not only do you share sweet greetings with your family, friends and business associates, but your support benefits both **Sisterhood GHC** and **World ORT**, the largest Jewish education and training organization in the world, educating more than a quarter of a million students annually.



**Your cost is \$12 per jar**

**Shipping is FREE for orders to U.S. destinations  
that are placed on the website by midnight July 22**

For orders placed after July 23, shipping will be \$5.50/jar

Ordering is quick and easy online at [orthoney.com/GHC](http://orthoney.com/GHC)

Credit Cards accepted.

Questions: contact [honey@g-h-c.org](mailto:honey@g-h-c.org)



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## SISTERHOOD

I hope your summer is off to a good start, even if you are staying close to home. We have plenty going on to keep you busy!

Sisterhood Kabbalat Shabbat, held on Friday evening, June 12 via Zoom, was a memorable and successful event. Even though we couldn't be together in person, we welcomed Shabbat with 75 screens/over 100 people from all over the country! Over 30 women and girls of all ages participated along with Cantor Janet. The melodies and readings were beautiful and we honored Cantor Janet as our "Woman of the Year". Special thanks to co-Zoom host Davin Milun, to Judy Calder who delivered Cantor's gifts earlier that day, and to Judy Goldstein, who provided many helpful suggestions regarding the service.

Mazel Tov to Bernice Strauss who was selected as GHC's honoree for the annual Hudson Valley Torah Fund dinner, which was supposed to take place May 20. We marked the occasion by giving Bernice a stunning flower bouquet. A photo of Bernice and the flowers is in this Hamvaser. In lieu of the dinner we enjoyed 'Laughter Yoga' with Lisa Berman via Zoom that evening. Everyone had a great time and we definitely laughed, relaxed and had fun! Thank you to the many participants for joining us!

The Rosh Hashanah "Honey from the Heart" sale has begun! You can now order gift jars of honey for friends, family and colleagues which will be shipped directly to them. Shipping is free until July 22 and after that shipping costs \$5.50 per jar, unless you order at least 8 jars to go to one specific address. This is a great way to send gifts to loved ones right in time for the New Year! And think of all of the many people who may have helped you or stayed in touch with you during these past few months. Both GHC and ORT will benefit from your order. See the enclosed flyer and the website for additional information. And now that I have mentioned Rosh Hashanah, we are planning for our annual Holiday Bake sale. Information will be sent out in August about the bake sale.

Women's League Convention is Sunday, July 12 and for the first time ever, it is virtual and FREE! Everyone, not just Sisterhood members, is encouraged to sign up and participate in the sessions that interest you! You can select from a variety of interesting workshops and talks. Our own Gilda Zucker will be singing virtually, along with other women and Cantor Alisa Pomerantz-Boro. You can enjoy an engaging Social Justice program with speakers Rabbi Cheryl Peretz; Sara Bresnick Tennen, Executive Director of

DC Volunteer Lawyers Project; and Marc Satez and Rebecca Fletcher of The ARK Chicago. And the new Chancellor-elect of JTS (the first woman Chancellor!), Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz will be speaking too. To sign up, go to: [https://www.wizevents.com/register/register\\_add.php?sessid=11563&id=7362](https://www.wizevents.com/register/register_add.php?sessid=11563&id=7362)

A detailed schedule of all events and workshops with specific times and links will be available soon.

Do you like challah? Have you ever baked challah? Would you like to learn or improve your challah baking skills? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you must participate in '**Camp GHC's**' Challah baking class on **Wednesday, July 15 at 7:30 pm**. Amy Kanarek, challah baking maven, will teach the class. Amy is an incredibly talented individual and bakes delicious challah! The class is free, and if you want to try making your own challah, please purchase basic ingredients prior to the class (flour, vegetable oil, active dry yeast, sugar, salt, eggs). Amy specifically recommends King Arthur Bread Flour or another High Gluten Bread Flour. A pastry brush, and parchment paper are also very useful. Please contact me to RSVP. We will email the link and recipe at least a few days prior to the class. Feel free to invite friends and family. This is open to everyone – not just Sisterhood women!

Our next '**Camp GHC**' event will take place in the early evening in early August when GHC's own Jacki Samolsky, a 3-degree Black Belt, will teach a fun, useful Self Defense class! If all goes well, we'll be able to hold the class outside in the GHC parking lot and stay socially distant too! This session will provide very basic, useful information and is geared towards women of all ages and of all physical abilities. Bring your own lawn or soccer chair. More information to follow!

**Do you need cards?** We have a variety of greeting cards available: Sympathy, Mazel Tov, New Baby, etc. Purchase of these cards supports scholarships for rabbinical, cantorial and education students at Conservative seminaries worldwide. Contact Robin at: [Sisterhood@g-h-c.org](mailto:Sisterhood@g-h-c.org) and we can arrange for speedy and safe home delivery.

**Do you need a Mah Jongg Card?** Sisterhood has a limited supply of large type Mah Jongg Cards available. If you need any, please contact Robin at [Sisterhood@g-h-c.org](mailto:Sisterhood@g-h-c.org) asap and we will get it to you!

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**Camp GHC and Sisterhood GHC present:**

*Challah Baking with Amy Kanarek*

**Wednesday, July 15 at 7:30 pm**



Learn how to bake delicious challah via Zoom from challah maven Amy Kanarek! Everyone is welcome to join in for a fun, hands-on class!

RSVP to Robin at [Sisterhood@g-h-c.org](mailto:Sisterhood@g-h-c.org) to receive the recipe and Zoom link. In preparation, please purchase basic ingredients such as yeast (active dry if possible), sugar, flour, eggs, and vegetable oil.



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## **SISTERHOOD (cont'd from pg 9)**

We are looking ahead to the fall and understand that we don't know what the fall will bring. We are planning events that allow for scheduling flexibility, in person and virtual options. Regardless of the venue, we will continue to plan interesting and thought provoking speakers and activities. We are pleased to announce that Rabbi Helene Ferris will be joining us on October 25 for a brunch meeting. You will definitely enjoy hearing from her! If you have any additional suggestions, please let us know.

Enjoy the summer days and we look forward to seeing you on screen and off screen (from a distant) very soon!

Until next time,

Robin Rosenberg

## **ADULT EDUCATION AND CULTURAL EVENTS**

Hi! I'm the new VP for Adult Education and Cultural Events. Since this is a time of change, what a perfect time it is to take on this new position!

In the upcoming year, Rabbi Stein has some wonderful educational programs planned for us, including a series entitled "Everything You Wanted to Know about Symbols in the Synagogue" and another called "In the House or Out – Keeping Kosher: a Very Personal Decision". He will continue his Mishna and Muffins, PowerStart and Finish Strong programs.

We plan to continue favorite groups, such as Shul Stitchers, Book Club and the various Empty Nesters events. The very enjoyable Sangria in the Sukkah event will also be on the schedule! As per usual, we will work to bring in (or broadcast) some interesting speakers and educators, and arrange for trips to nearby (or through virtual means, faraway) places of interest. In light of Covid-19, Andy Jagoda has handily moved GHC Goes to the Opera to the Spring, with the offering of Romeo et Juliette.

Under our current and continually updated safety protocols we may have to plan alternatives to our alternatives! We'll need to remain flexible with our programs and plans throughout the year. All the while, we will work to facilitate online and where possible, phone-in virtual

participation, or even socially distant outdoor options in case events cannot occur as planned.

Please let me know if you have suggestions for a program for our community!! Do you have an area of expertise that you'd like to share? New ideas or reminders for repeats of activities from years past will all be welcomed!!! SEND 'EM OVER!!!

Also, I'd especially like to hear from you if you'd like to help us in making our programs happen! Please let me know if you'd like to share in the process of making 2020/2021 be a great year for GHC's Adult Education and Cultural Events! Join the committee or just work on a particular event – I'd love your help!

FOR THIS SUMMER: I want to highlight our new CAMP GHC, headed by Robin Rosenberg. Her team is working to create fun and educational opportunities for us all to share. There will be diverse activities for "Children and Adults of All Ages"!!! Keep a lookout for notices about these activities in GHC News and on our website [www.g-h-c.org](http://www.g-h-c.org).

Warm Wishes and Best of Health to All,

Nancy Sklar

VP Adult Education and Cultural Events





## **GHC now accepts payment via credit cards!**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** In order to pay either your dues, fees, programs or make a donation you need to go to our website, [www.g-h-c.org](http://www.g-h-c.org).

Please click on the "Pay by Credit Card" Banner on the left hand side of the page. You will be directed to an area to then choose either dues, fees, programs OR donations. Once in the area, please choose what you will be submitting payment for.

**PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE PAYING A BILL OR SUBMITTING PAYMENT FOR A PROGRAM, THERE IS AN AUTOMATIC 3.5% CONVENIENCE FEE THAT WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR CHARGE. *IT IS CLEARLY SHOWN ON THE FORM.*** This fee is necessitated due to the fee that the credit card processor charges GHC. To avoid the fee, you can always send in a check like you have in the past.

As far as making a donation is concerned, the 3.5% Convenience Fee is **STRICTLY OPTIONAL**. While we would very much appreciate it if you can cover this expense, more importantly, we thank you for your donation and thus this fee is not required. It will **ONLY** be added to your donation, if you click the box under the convenience fee per instructions.

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Thank you and like always, your payments/donations are GREATLY APPRECIATED.

## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

I hope everyone is doing well and is staying safe.

As we enter the summer months, our normal summer activities may not be doable, but I hope everyone is able get outside and enjoy nature.

This summer, the Membership Committee is working as part of the Camp GHC program, led by Robin Rosenberg, to schedule summer activities that we can do virtually or hopefully, some in person. These will be announced in GHC News, so be on the look-out.

Membership hosted a ZOOM Bingo night on June 18<sup>th</sup>. It was a resounding success, with over sixty players. Eleven games were played and BINGO was called by many. The overall winner of the night was Brenda Weiner, with 3 Bingos, including the final full card game. Congrats to all our winners! More Bingo dates will be scheduled this summer and announced in GHC News. Make sure to have lots of pennies, dimes, or life savers on hand for bingo tokens.

We are starting to plan activities for the year, although exact details need to be worked out based on what we are permitted to do. We are looking forward to a Labor Day event, Simcha Shabbats, a Veteran's Day event, Healthcare Shabbat, Educators' Shabbat, and a Pre-Chanukah event.

Though restrictions are easing up, there still many things we can't do. GHC is here for our members. If there is anything that we at GHC can do for you to help you through these times, please let us know.

Stay safe and healthy! I look forward to seeing everyone in person!

Elyse Milun

## **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

What an amazing celebration and program we enjoyed for our Virtual Journal Gala honoring Cantor Janet on Sunday, May 31, 2020. This was a demonstration of what teamwork, collaboration and perseverance can achieve. The result was a musical celebration of love, with participation from all facets of our GHC community and friends.

Over 100 families participated in the Virtual Zoom gathering. GHC's first Virtual Gala proved to be a resounding success and allowed us to show our immense gratitude for all that Cantor Janet has done for GHC. In the past 10+ years she has graced us with her beautiful voice and kind spirit. We hope that this celebration was a small demonstration of the many ways that Cantor Janet has touched our lives. Thank you to ALL who joined us. A special thank you to Talia Billig, Tizmoret and all of our incredible GHC performers. Each and everyone who participated helped to make this the perfect way to honor Cantor Janet. We truly came together as a community!!

The Fundraising Committee thanks the many volunteers involved in planning and executing our Gala Journal, the incredible Virtual Gala, as well as all of the fabulous events throughout the year.

THANK YOU to our hardworking Journal creators and co-chairs, Alan and Caryn Kravitz, who worked tirelessly on creating an incredible Journal. With their leadership this year's Journal has surpassed expectations. To date, we have raised just shy of our goal of \$30,000 with a total of 103 ads. It is a beautiful, creative and touching tribute to Cantor Janet. Virtual ads are still available. The Journal will be on our website for viewing for a year.

THANK YOU to: Leslie and Jeffrey Liss for being incredible MCs and a fabulous team; to Sheila and Hal Greenwald, Nora and Jonathan Contract, Mara Lee Bierman, Marcie Schneider, Pam Stoller, Jo-Ann and Jay Lutzky, and Rhonda Baskin; Shiran Pasternak for the beautiful and creative Journal cover; Davin Milun whose patience and expert knowledge of technology allowed us to bring you this Virtual Journal presentation.

THANK YOU to Jonathan Hock for your technical assistance in creating the beautiful GHC Choir's presentation and to Janet's other half, Hal we are so grateful for your support and assistance.

As always THANK YOU to Rabbi Jay Stein, Amy Kessler and our President, Naomi Feinkind for your continued support. And to Madaline Bruno, Jacqui Walker and Nalini Addanki, your assistance, dedication and hard work are invaluable.

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# CALLING ALL GARDENERS!



Whether it's perennials, herbs, vegetables or fruit, we'd love to see!

The Green Team is looking for gardeners willing to participate in a virtual garden tour in late summer or fall.

We'll guide you in taping your tour in advance or provide you with everything you need to know to host a live tour via Zoom, so everyone has a chance to show off their green thumbs!

The Rabbi will be kicking off the garden-tour series with a Dvar Torah examining what Judaism has to say about taking care of the Earth, so the event promises to be not only fun but enriching!

To sign up or to learn more, please contact Enid Lotstein, Chair of the Green Team, at [Greening@g-h-c.org](mailto:Greening@g-h-c.org).

## GREEN TEAM



### News from the GHC Green Team

Judaism teaches us to have reverence and respect for the Earth and its resources. To that end, GHC's "Green Team" has an environmental mission of doing acts of green kindness for our synagogue and our planet.

The Green Team invites new members from all arms of the synagogue to join us. We welcome your input and collaboration so that we can integrate sustainable practices whenever and wherever possible.

Barney Wolf is stepping down as Green Team chair after many years of service, and we hope you'll join us in thanking him! The new chair is Enid Lotstein, who can be reached at [Greening@g-h-c.org](mailto:Greening@g-h-c.org) if you'd like to get involved in the Green Team's activities.

We have good news to share about our compost bin. We are currently arranging with the chief gardener at Untermyer Park and Garden in northwest Yonkers to take our compost and put it to good use. In addition, we hope to relocate the compost bin and possibly install a few smaller bins close to the new security fence.

Finally, we're calling all gardeners! Whether your garden contains perennials, herbs, vegetables or fruit, we'd love to see it! The Green Team is looking for gardeners willing to participate in a virtual garden tour in late summer or fall. We'll guide you in taping your tour in advance or provide you with everything you need to know to host a live tour via Zoom, so everyone has a chance to show off their green thumbs! The Rabbi will be kicking off the garden-tour series with a Dvar Torah examining what Judaism has to say about taking care of the Earth. The event promises to be not only fun but enriching! To sign up or learn more, contact Enid at [Greening@g-h-c.org](mailto:Greening@g-h-c.org).

Enid Lotstein PhD

## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE (cont'd from page 13)

To our congregants and friends, THANK YOU for your generosity and participation in the many event our GHC volunteers work so hard to coordinate. I could not be more proud to be a part of the GHC community and of this group of volunteers.

Please know that we welcome your creative ideas as we plan for the coming year's events. As the world begins to resume a sense of normalcy, we hope that you will share your thoughts on programs and attend events where we can enjoy each other's company, in person or virtually. The Fundraising Committee is always look for new ideas and volunteers. JOIN US!!

Rebecca Lazar

VP Fundraising



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### OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES

The entire Greenburgh Hebrew Center community expresses their deepest sympathy to:

Inge Adler on the passing of her beloved husband Max Adler

The family of Helen Kestenbaum, a longtime member of Midchester Jewish Center

Adi, Nina, Gavi, Mia and Yasi Stein on the passing of their beloved mother Missy Stein

Abraham Sanders on the passing of his beloved wife Delores Sanders, Past President of Midchester Jewish Center

Eleanor Slotnick on the passing of her beloved husband Bernard Slotnick

Toby Wilson, Brad, Alan and Liz Crystal on the passing of beloved husband and father Lester Crystal

May their memory always be a blessing.

### Service Schedule

Sunday morning, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. & Thurs. Morning, 6:45 a.m. If Requested  
Tues., Wed. Fri. morning, 7:00 a.m. If Requested

Weekday Rosh Hodesh & Holiday Minyan,  
6:30am

### Candle Lighting Times

See calendar

### Shabbat Services

Friday evening, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Study Session 9:00 a.m.

Saturday morning service, 9:30 a.m

# DONATIONS

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Simone Damesak and Jordan Gelfman  
In Memory of Max Adler

Ann Dawson  
In Memory of Max Adler

Ellen and Philip Eisenberg  
In Honor of Cantor Janet Leuchter

Sherman Firsty  
In Memory of Mary Firsty

Lori and Gary Gabelman  
In Memory of Max Adler

GHC Choir  
In Honor of Jon Hock for his time and talent in  
helping the Choir make their video

Roberta and Herb Goldberg

Sara Lyn Goldberger  
In Memory of Max Adler

Nettie and Melvin Goldstein  
In Memory of Murray Ostrager

Madelon and Bruce Gordon  
In Memory of Helen Rosemon

Cynthia Hertz  
In Memory of Max Adler

Arlene and Allen Halpern  
In Memory of Max Adler

Debbie and Andy Jagoda  
In Honor of Stacey Rosenkranz receiving the  
Julian Y. Bernstein Award  
In Memory of Max Adler  
In Memory of Missy Stein

Ellen James  
In Memory of Anton Klotz

Ann and Ronald Katz  
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Linda and Zvi Markowitz

In Memory of Max Adler, "Condolences to Inge Adler and family on the passing of dear est Max"

In Memory of Missy Stein, mother of Rabbi Stein's children, "Condolences to the whole family"

"Mazel Tov to Tyler Sepinski & family on graduation from High School, Good luck at Curry"

"Mazel Tov to Karizma Ramos Brauner on HS graduation. Onward to John Jay College of Criminal Justice"

"Mazel Tov to all the Grads and your accomplishments"

"Kudos to Robin Rosenberg and all those who helped put together Sisterhood's Woman of the Year Event in Honor of Cantor Janet. It was really special, Robin, you rock!!!"

"Yasher Koach to Rebecca Lazar and the committee and participants who made this year's virtual dinner a fun Zoom event"

Barbara and Neil Millstein

In Honor of Cantor Janet Leuchter

Elyse and Davin Milun

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In Honor of Andy Goldstein

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Naomi Rosenberg

In Memory of Grandmothers, Bertha Gold and Celia Abrams

Robin Rosenberg and Bruce Segall

In Memory of Max Adler

In Memory of Anton Klotz

In Honor of Stacey Rosenkranz receiving the Julian Bernstein Service Award

In Honor of Rabbi Jay Stein

In Honor of Cantor Janet Leuchter

In Honor of Naomi Feinkind

In Honor of Jeff Liss

In Honor of Andy Goldstein

In Honor of Amy Kessler

All of the above in appreciation of all their hard work during the crisis

In Honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Jack Reichgott

In Honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Hemmerdinger

Meredith and David Rusoff

In Memory of Shirley Rusoff

In Memory of Jerry Rusoff

In Memory of Saul Kwartin

Allyn Salpeter

In Memory of Missy Stein, mother of Adi, Nina, Gavi, Mia and Yasi Stein

Suzanne and Robert Schaps

In Honor of Robin Rosenberg in appreciation of Laugh Yoga

Jean Schon and Family

In Memory of Max Adler

Claire and Allen Schwartz

In Honor of Cantor Janet Leuchter

In Memory of Sonia Gordon, mother of Claire

Jonathan Siegel

In Memory of Simon Siegel

Ellen Silverstein

In Memory of Noah Holtzman

Barbara Silverstone

In Memory of Anton Klotz

Tamar Stone

In Memory of Max Adler

Gerald Weintraub

In Memory of Edith Weintraub

## **DONATIONS (cont'd from pg. 20)**

**April 18, 2020 to June 15, 2020**

Sonia Taub

In Memory of Missy Stein

Ruth Trushin

In Memory of Saul Trushin

In Memory of Ida Trushin

In Memory Jack Theodore Trushin

Mark Zweibon

In Honor of Cantor Janet Leuchter

### **Security Fund**

Naomi Rosenberg

In Memory of beloved parents, Lillian and Morris H. Abrams

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In Memory of Max Adler

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### **Yahrzeit and Yizkor Fund**

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In Memory of our Loved Ones (Yizkor)

Joel Hillman

In Memory of George Hillman

Elaine Karpel

In Memory of Leonard Karpel

Marcy and Jeff Karpel

In Memory of Leonard Karpel

George Katz

In Memory of Elsa Katz

In Memory of Gloria Ripps

In Memory of Eric Katz

Sonia Taub and Mark Taub

In Memory of Yetta Feldman

In Memory of Albert Feldman

In Memory of Rochelle Kaufman

In Memory of Harry Taub

Irene Wool

In Memory of beloved husband, Marvin Wool

### **Kiddush Fund**

Simone Damesek and Jordan Gelfman

In Memory of Raphael Damesek

Sandy Dworkin

In Memory of husband, Stuart Dworkin

Michael Goldman's friends

In Memory of Herbert Goldman

Caryn and Alan Kravitz

In Memory of Philip Kravitz

Empty Nesters

In Memory of Carl Liss

### **Caring Community/ Hessed Fund**

Natalie Frankel

In Memory of Dad, Irving Spielman

Sheila and Hal Greenwald

In Memory of cousin, Iris Milchman

In Memory of Max Adler

In Memory of Bea Levine

In Memory of Missy Stein

In Honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Frieda Belasco

In Honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Hem merdinger

## **DONATIONS (cont'd from pg. 21)**

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Robin Rosenberg and Bruce Segall  
In Memory of Herbert Goldman

### **Rabbi Lubliner Educational Fund**

Sylvia Lubliner  
In Memory of Johanna Lubliner  
In Memory of Herman Katz

### **Jewish Education Fund**

Pamela Stoller  
In Memory of Murray Stoller

Ellen Sonkin  
In Memory of Max Sonkin  
In Memory of Bruce Sonkin

### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Miriam Bram  
In Memory of Max Adler

Josh Dobrowitsky  
In Memory of Anton Klotz

Naomi and Michael Feinkind  
In Memory of Naomi's Grandfather, Jacob Keroes

Natalie and Martin Frankel  
In Memory of their Grandparents, Parents and  
sister-in-law, Rosalyn Schiff

Deanna Fried  
In Memory of husband, Irving Fried  
In Honor of children  
In Memory of Missy Stein  
In Honor of all Rabbi Stein is doing during this time  
of crisis

Lisa and Michael Goldman

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Paul Gottbetter

Arlene and Jesse Krawitz  
In memory of Missy Stein

Margo and Jack Maron  
In Memory of Max Adler

Barbara Neil Millstein

Martin Stricks

### **Capital Campaign 2025**

Inge Adler  
In Memory of Max Adler  
Karen Adler  
In Memory of Max Adler

Martin Messinger and Lisa Messinger  
In Memory of Max Adler

### **Cantor Discretionary Fund**

Pat and William Berman

Robin Rosenberg and Bruce Segall  
In Honor of Cantor Janet's co-leading the Zoom  
Women's Seder

### **Religious School Fund**

Stephanie and David Luftig  
In Honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Jack Reichgott  
In Honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Hemmerdinger  
In Honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Ben Maya

Tina Ashkenazy and Steve Cornell  
In Memory of David Ashkenazy

### **Prayer Book Fund**

Sherman Firsty  
In Memory of Sheila and Alvin Goldstein  
In Memory of Joseph Emanuel Diamond

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## Prayer Book Fund cont'd

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 In Memory of Joseph E. Harris

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Michele Weintraub  
 In Memory of father, Harry Rabinowitz

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