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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

We Are Doing Our Job

(This is a long and difficult article. Please help us make a good decision about our synagogue practice.)

Every so often we receive a note from appreciative parents. Here is one from our Early Childhood Education Center: (I've changed the name of the child.)

Marla came home and told me and my mother the story of Hanukkah, how the Maccabees were not allowed to be Jewish. And how the olive oil lasted for eight nights.

My grandparents, all of them were Holocaust survivors, would be so happy. Thank you so much and have a wonderful Hanukkah! Will see you in 2020.

We have done it! We have connected one more soul to our people and we are doing our job.

Over the past number of months, we have been engaged in a conversation about the relevance of the second day of *Yom Tov*. Should we acknowledge that there is a set calendar for the Hebrew year like they do in Israel or maintain the ambiguous practice of observing two days of a holiday as we have done for a thousand years in the diaspora? After presenting overwhelming evidence of the permissibility of doing away with the second day of *Yom Tov*, including for example the second seder, the second day of Shavuoth and of course combining Shemini Atzeret AND Simchat Torah into one day, it became clear that for those

sitting around the table there were still many questions.

- What do other Conservative Congregations do?
- What would the Orthodox say?
- Who really has the authority to make such an important alteration?
- What about Rosh Hashannah?
- How does this compare with other changes that have taken place over the last few decades such as Egalitarian practice including counting women in a minyan, the role of music instrumentation, and the acceptance of homosexuality as a compatible life choice within the Jewish community?

There are many *Halachic* (Jewish legal) arguments for the dissolution of the second day of *Yom Tov*, excluding Rosh Hashannah. Since the late 1960's and early 1970's, Rabbis Kreitman, Erlich, Sigal, Shuchat and Blumenthal have brought many sources indicating the permissibility of dissolving the second day of *Yom Tov*. (For all of the material please see https://www.massorti.com/son/documents/yom_tov_sheni_sigal_shuchat.pdf). However due to the lack of a compelling force, few have chosen to go the route of observing only one day of *Yom Tov*. In fact, there is little that has changed since the 70's to warrant a widespread alteration to our Jewish calendar in this way.

However, I would argue that there are a few reasonable arguments that can now be added to the conversation.

1. When I was growing up in the Conservative movement, there were a few students who would stay out of school for Jewish Holidays. Today none absent themselves. Perhaps we could make the case that

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Greenburgh Hebrew Center

Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 8, 10:30 am – 1:30 pm

All Are Welcome – Adults And Children Of All Ages – Rejoice And Have Fun!

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- **10:00 – 10:30 am** - Families with young children, join Rabbi Stein and Cantor Leuchter for Purim songs, mini-megillah story, and costume parade.
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"Joshy K" is a professional, award-winning magician with 23 years of experience (and he is only 28)! He recently performed on Off-Broadway! He has taught at French Woods and is a favorite among the kids.

Please pick up your Shalach Manot bag (Purim treats) from Sisterhood GHC at the Carnival or at the Megillah Reading on Monday evening, March 9.

Questions? Volunteer at the Carnival! Contact carnival@g-h-c.org
More info at www.g-h-c.org/purim



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reducing the number of 2-day holidays to 1-day, more children might stay out of school. Maybe then, we could make the same case for adults staying home from work.

2. As you may realize, Israelis who are observant, observe only one day of *Yom Tov*. Given that the fractious nature of the relationship between the community of American Jewry and Israel is at a critical level, I could make the case that anything we can do to better align ourselves with the practices of our brothers and sisters in Israel might go a long way towards encouraging them to better align with our egalitarian, pluralistic sentiments.
3. Some, both in Israel and abroad, argue that living in the diaspora requires greater spirituality that is aided by having a second day of *Yom Tov*. That argument seems apologetic at best, insulting at worst. We live in one of the greatest Jewish communities in the history of our people.

Yet with these arguments, still, the few who sat around the table with me for this discussion did not feel moved to change our practice. It is my strong opinion that we ought to move to observing only one day of *Yom Tov*. However, a leader with no followers is not a leader. As the Talmud often remarks, *puk chaziyay* ,*יָצֵא וְרָאוּ* go out and see what people are doing and that will *help* determine the law, not that the masses determine all forms of Jewish law. However, in some cases, what people are doing plays a strong role. Since not many attend *Yom Tov* services, with the exclusion of Rosh Hashannah and Yom Kippur, it is difficult to utilize that approach. An alternative is to ask you what you think.

To respond to some of the questions raised earlier which have less of a legal standing yet weigh heavily on our thinking:

- What do other Conservative Congregations do?
 - a. There are a quite a few Conservative congregations that have gone to one day of *Yom Tov*.
- What would the Orthodox and Reform say?
 - a. The Orthodox already judge us for our stance on pluralism and egalitarian Judaism.
 - b. The Reform already judge us for not moving quickly enough on issues like patrilineal descent.

- Who really has the authority to make such an important alteration?
 - a. In our Movement, the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards (CJLS, of which I was a member for a decade) is the law-making body. They regularly issue studied responses to questions such as these. As I indicated earlier, the CJLS has long held the position of eliminating the second day of *Yom Tov* as an acceptable position. However, many Conservative congregations continue the two-day practice.
- What about Rosh Hashannah?
 - a. Rosh Hashannah would remain two days as that is Biblically mandated.
- How does this compare with other changes that have taken place over the last few decades such as Egalitarian practice of including counting women in a minyan, the role of music instrumentation, and the acceptance of homosexuality as a compatible life choice within the Jewish community?
 - a. While I don't think this issue is as compelling as any of the above mentioned, I do believe that we must always strive to be in keeping with both the spirit and letter of The Law. Since the setting of the Jewish calendar and the community no longer rely on the witnessing of the moon in its varied stages to set the calendar dates, our observance of the second day of *Yom Tov* seems out of step with both the letter and spirit of the practice. We ought to try and make observance of Jewish law more meaningful and accessible.

So....what do you think? Please weigh in regardless of your level of observance. (If nothing else, I'll see who is reading my articles.) More importantly it will be a wonderful opportunity for me "to listen to my people". I look forward to hearing from you in writing, through email Rabbistein@g-h-c.org, in person or on the phone (914) 693-4260. I look forward to being touch.

We must continue to do the hard work of making thoughtful decisions so every generation feels invested in the future of our people. **What do you think?**

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Temple Beth Abraham.....	Diane Gross
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CANTOR

The cantorate as a profession is facing formidable challenges, more than in the last half-century. So I am proud of you, the GHC community, for recognizing the continuing value of a modern trained cantor. I feel validated for my 9+ years of serving you and your children, that you have chosen to hire an ordained hazzan to succeed me.

Recognizing the unprecedented demands on synagogue professionals to be multi-skilled, cantorial schools are training and ordaining cantors not just as synagogue musicians but as educators and rabbis as well. They require a five-year commitment to full-time graduate school, same as the rabbinical students. (In my day, it was "only" four years for the cantorial students.) At the Miller Cantorial Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the Conservative movement's flagship cantorial school, cantors are required to graduate with another Master's degree BESIDES that of Sacred Music. Other programs encourage the same.

I belong to two major cantorial professional organizations: the Cantors Assembly (Conservative) and the American Conference of Cantors (Reform). Both are committed to continuing professional education and raising the cantorate's profile. The Cantors Assembly (aka the CA) hosts a Twitter page called **#WhatCantorsDo**, which you can easily access online (you don't need your own account). On that page, fourteen 30-second video interviews are posted with prominent American Jews, from rabbis (e.g., Rabbi/Cantor Angela Buchdahl) to comedians (e.g., Billy Crystal). Each person talks about a cantor's value to them personally and to the Jewish people.

But the music is only part of what I and many colleagues do. If you're a parent just coming to religious school, you'll think I just lead havdalah services. If you're a child, you think I just teach prayer and lead songs every day, and recruit kids for an occasional family service. If you have a 6th-grader, you and your child will develop a sustained relationship with me as your bar/bat mitzvah tutor. If you attend services but don't have a child in religious school, you think I'm at GHC just to sing on Saturday mornings. If you aren't in the building much, you might know me only as your choir director, or see me at only High Holidays or a funeral or shiva.

My full-time cantorial colleagues do these things and so much more. "Singing is only the beginning," as the Cantors Assembly slogan goes. I feel sure that your next cantor will be a tremendous asset to this community.

Cantor Janet Leuchter

ADULT EDUCATION/ CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Empty Nesters and Wanna Be's have two events you'll surely want to attend!

On Sunday, March 22 they've arranged a visit to **Kehila Kedosha Janina Synagogue**, a Greek synagogue in lower Manhattan. The visit includes a guided tour followed by a kosher lunch. All this for \$18/per person. To reserve your spot e-mail emptynesters@g-h-c.org. Thanks to Rhonda and Howard Baskin for making the arrangements.

Save the date for GHC's annual Sunday matinee at **The Jewish Film Festival** at the Jacob Burns Center on April 5. The schedule is not available as we go to press so we'll send an e-mail and post the selection on the calendar when we have it. The films are always entertaining and thought provoking. Thanks to Dorothy Smith for organizing this Passover prep break. RSVPs to emptynesters@g-h-c.org.

Book Club meets Tuesdays, February 25 and March 24 from 10 - 11. The February selection is **"Hidden Ones: a Vale of Memories"** by Marcia Fine. We invite our snow birds to join us by skype for what is always an interesting discussion.

GHC's Fifth Annual Night at the Opera was a sold out success! Bravo to Andy Jagoda and his co-organizers Marty and Natalie Frankel.

Once again we thank **Rabbi Stein** for his stimulating and informative classes and discussions. Attendees found the most recent sessions on **"Do You Believe What You Pray?"** to be especially enlightening. We look forward to more....

Wishing you all a wonderful Passover,

Lynne Ecker
VPadulthoodeducation@g-h-c.org

SENIOR MOVIE MATINEE

JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Wednesday, March 25, 2020 • 1:00 pm



Crescendo (102 min.)

When a world-famous conductor creates an Israeli-Palestinian youth orchestra, it takes all his skill and resources to overcome the discord and get the group to play in harmony. Bit by bit the young adults find a way to bridge hatred, intolerance, and terror by making music together. English/German with subtitles.

-OR-

Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles (92 min.)

What makes *Fiddler on the Roof* universally appealing? This engaging and enlightening documentary is filled with history, information, and anecdotes from Lin-Manuel Miranda, Stephen Sondheim, Topol, Harvey Fierstein, and more! Archival footage of original director-choreographer Jerome Robbins and star Zero Mostel adds to the fun.



Seating is limited and **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**. Please advise which one of the two film offerings you wish to see when you make your reservation.

Reservations/Information:

Abby Popper, 914.773.7663, EXT. 424

Tickets:

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I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Jay M. Stein to act in my behalf to sell all *hametz* possessed by me – knowingly or unknowingly – as defined by Torah and rabbinic law, and to lease all places wherein *hametz* owned may be found. This transaction will be in effect for the duration of Pesah, which this year begins with sundown of (date) April 8, 2020 and runs through (date) April 16, 2020.

And to this I hereby affix my signature on this _____ day of _____, in the year 2020.

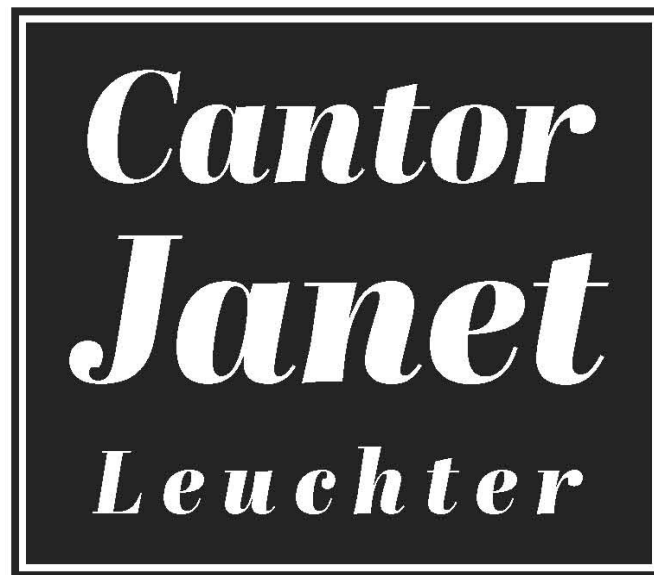
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Contact Alan Kravitz via the GHC office for further information 693-4260

Your donation may be tax deductible as permitted by law.

ADS MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 30, 2020

We are happy to be offering both a printed journal to dinner dance attendees as well as a Virtual Journal will be available for viewing on our GHC website for an entire year. Viewers will be able to link to a business' website through the web address/URL. The Virtual Journal will be screened at the dinner on May 31, 2020.

Join the Empty Nesters for a tour of
Kehila Kedosha Janina
SYNAGOGUE AND MUSEUM

280 Broome Street, New York City

Sunday, March 22, 2020
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

A unique Jewish experience

Learn about Greek Jewry and Jewish Life
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\$18 per person

Includes a kosher lunch
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THE TOUR IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 45 PAID UP SPOTS.



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**Empty Nester tour of
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Janina Synagogue**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Attendees: _____

Sunday, March 22, 2020
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Total Payment: _____ (\$18 per attendee)

Checks should be made out to "GHC"

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New York, NY 10002

For any questions, please contact
Howard & Rhonda Baskin at emptynesters@g-h-c.org

Send along with a check to:
Greenburgh Hebrew Center
515 Broadway
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522



PRESIDENT

Last fall I was asked to nominate a GHC volunteer for the prestigious Julian Y. Bernstein Distinguished Service Award. It was with great pleasure that I nominated Stacey Rosenkranz. I was delighted when informed that she was selected as GHC's recipient and will be honored at the award ceremony on March 17. I am happy to share my narrative with the congregation.

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." – Sherry Anderson

Stacey Rosenkranz began volunteering at the Greenburgh Hebrew Center nearly a quarter of a century ago, as a teen aide in our Religious School. Even at this young age, Stacey was cognizant of the need to give back to her community and to support students who needed assistance in the classroom. Fast forward twenty-five years later and Stacey is still supporting her community. As a parent of young girls Stacey saw the need to bring additional Jewish programming appropriate for young children into our synagogue. She began with Ruach Tot Shabbat, a monthly Kabbalat Shabbat program geared for children aged 0-6. This program brought stories, music, fun and learning to our youngest GHC members. From this initial foray into children's programming, came Stacey's tremendous success as our PJLibrary Coordinator.

The Greenburgh Hebrew Center has been a partner with PJLibrary for years, however it was not until Stacey took over, has the program blossomed. After successfully applying and receiving two grants, Stacey set her sights on providing engaging activities for Jewish families in the Rivertowns. The growth and participation of young families has been astronomical. Our first event in November of 2017 attracted a mere 4 families and totaled 17 individuals. Undaunted, Stacey went to work, developing new events to attract more families with young children, by June of 2018, in the span of one year, her culminating activity, a Carnival, held at a local park attracted 61 families made up of 196 adults and children.

Her dedication and energy are endless. Last year's theme of Music and Munchies consistently brought an average of 24 families and 75 participants to each of the six events that Stacey planned. Stacey provides more than just planning. She buys the food, secures the musicians, organizes event volunteers, reaches out to the families, develops advertising and social media, solicits feedback and reports to the Harold Grinspoon Foundation of PJLibrary.

So, what does this mean for GHC? Everything!! Her outreach to young families brought 31 Young Family requests for High Holiday Children's services. We have PJLibrary families joining us for Kabbalat Shabbat in the Park, Simchat Torah and our monthly Mishpacha Shabbat, which has replaced the Friday evening service with a Saturday morning one. Her warm and engaging personality along with her ability to create innovative programming has been so valuable for GHC.

Stacey Rosenkranz's dedication, devotion and commitment is priceless and epitomizes the concept of a volunteer. How fortunate we are at GHC to have Stacey Rosenkranz not only as a valued congregant, but as an outstanding young woman who continues to think out of the box and provide amazing Jewish experiences for children.

Naomi Feinkind

CARING COMMUNITY

If You Hear Something...

Recently two members came to me, independently, with the same concern. A regular at Shabbat services had not recently been seen at services. They each shared their concern. Rabbi Stein had also noticed our member's absence. As is his custom, he tried to contact our member, using all phone numbers, to no avail.

We are hoping that our member is well. Clearly, he has the possibility of returning the Rabbi's many messages. We hope he does. Until then, respecting privacy and the need for privacy is obvious.

The Caring Community at GHC is committed to being helpful to members when help is needed. Our team of wonderful volunteers is ready to help. The two members who came to me with their concerns were somewhat apologetic for having noticed and in reporting this to me. They were not being "yentas"; they were sharing a valid concern. They were doing what we have asked our members to do. If you hear something, tell the Rabbi. If you have a concern, tell the Rabbi. Please continue to be "our eyes and ears." Your help is much appreciated!

Thank you for caring,

Sheila Greenwald on behalf of the Caring Community



Jr. Congregation

September 7
October 19

November 16
December 14

January 11
February 8

March 14
April 11

May 9



Shabbat Mishpacha



Service!
for Young Families
with children 6 & under

September 7
October 19

November 16
December 14

January 11
February 8

March 14
April 11

May 9

"On alternate Saturdays there will be Tot Shabbat/Kiddish Kids"

MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST

Sunday March 1, 2020 10:00am

Join us for breakfast, comraderie and

Bill Lyons intriguing discussion on:

Little known facts about the aerial war over Nazi Germany in World War II and the little plane that made a crucial difference.

Please RSVP to mensclub@g-h-c.org

Reminder: Men's Club Shabbat, March 28th

B'NEI MITZVAH

Madeleine Okun

Tzav, Shabbat HaGadol

Madeleine is a sixth grade student, a loving sister to her three younger siblings Abigail (9), Asher (6) and Emme (6), and a tolerant sister to her older brother, Nathan (13).

Maddie enjoys school and, so far as her parents are aware, performs well there. In truth, Maddie is and has always been on top of her game, requiring little actual parenting. Further, Maddie takes care of her siblings, waking them up in the morning, feeding them when necessary, and getting them out the door for school. On the weekends, Maddie often prepares a pancake breakfast for the whole family. Her father has already prepared his resume for a family that needs him more.

Maddie loves to bake and will frequently attempt random, difficult-looking desserts from the internet, including chocolate babka, cookies, muffins, fudge, churros, cinnamon buns, eclairs, ice cream sandwiches and doughnuts. Maddie also loves various video games, often playing with her three younger siblings sitting in a semi-circle around her, providing suggestions.

Maddie participated in a number of sport teams, including soccer teams and the ski team at Windham Mountain, although this year she decided to learn how to snowboard. Maddie also studies piano at home and plays clarinet in her school's band.

Maddie first came to GHC when she was two years old and has been a regular participant at services ever since. Maddie has been a frequent contributor to the GHC kitchen prep crew and looks forward to resuming her duties there after her bat mitzvah studies are over.

The Okun family is very proud to share Maddie's Bat Mitzvah with the GHC family and we hope that the entire community can share in our simcha and join us for a Kiddush after the service.

Jack Silverman

Tazria-M'tzora

Jack Silverman will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah in April. His whole family is very excited, including his parents, Nancy and Brad; his younger sister, Emma; their black cat, Daisy; and their golden retriever, Harper. Jack has grown up at GHC and attended Tot Shabbat as a toddler.

Jack is a seventh grader who plays drums in the school band, competes on the track teams and the math team, and particularly enjoys his Math, French, and Social Studies classes. He is also a proud member of Boy Scout Troop 55. During the summers, he attends Cedar Lake Camp in the Poconos with his sister. Jack is also a voracious reader

who regularly reads multiple books a week. Jack loves sports and is a devoted fan of the Yankees and Knicks. He is particularly obsessed with sabermetrics and has a vast knowledge of baseball statistics and history.

For his Mitzvah Project, Jack will volunteer as a Buddy for The Miracle League's baseball games. The Miracle League of Westchester provides opportunities for children and young adults with disabilities to play baseball.

Jack's family has always felt welcome at GHC and are happy that he will be celebrating his big day with the GHC community. Please join us at Jack's service, followed by a Kiddush luncheon.

Natalie Garson

Achrei Mot-Kodoshim

Natalie, a seventh grader, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah this May. After the service, she will celebrate with her parents, Gayle and Burt, younger sister, Miriam, Grandma Hazel, Grandpa "G" and Grandma Bernice, Aunt Lauren, Aunt Pamela and Uncle Micah, Cousin Summer, her loving extended family, and her friends. Natalie also plans to participate in a Bat Mitzvah service at the Kotel in Jerusalem this summer.

Natalie approaches life with great care and diligence, and this has been evident in her Bat Mitzvah study. She loves to read and write and during the last few summers, has attended the Great Books Summer Program. In January, Natalie co-directed a rendition of a Monty Python's Flying Circus comedy skit, which was performed by her classmates in the high school auditorium. Natalie studies clarinet and currently performs in her school band and jazz band. Last year, she was selected to perform as part of the Westchester All-County Band. Natalie also enjoys hiking and playing on the modified volleyball team. She was honored to be selected as an emerging leader to represent her school at the Human Rights Institute hosted by the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center.

Natalie is a loving daughter, a fantastic older sister, and a good friend. Natalie takes pride in teaching her sister letters and words and coloring with her. She has enjoyed her Mitzvah Project, volunteering with Citymeals on Wheels to deliver and serve hot meals to homebound seniors in East Harlem and the Bronx.

We are thrilled to celebrate Natalie's Bat Mitzvah at GHC, our home since Natalie joined the ECC in 2011, and send a huge thank you to Cantor Janet, Rabbi Stein, and all of her teachers for their help in preparing her for this milestone. We are so proud of the wonderful young woman Natalie has become!

Our family invites the GHC congregation to celebrate with us at the Kiddush following the service.

Join us for a Women's Seder

at
Greenburgh Hebrew Center

Sunday, March 29

4:00 – 6:30 pm

Participate in a creative,
spiritual, and contemporary
Women's Seder with co-leader
Cantor Janet Leuchter!

Bring friends and relatives;
dinner included.

RSVP by Sunday, March 22



Cost: \$36 per adult if paid by March 22; \$40 at the door
\$18 per teen by March 22; \$20 at the door
Checks payable to GHC Sisterhood

Free babysitting available – preregistration required

Please bring unopened Kosher for Passover packaged food to donate to the Jewish Community Council of Washington Heights-Inwood. Please refer to www.g-h-c.org for specific list of staples and Kosher symbols that are accepted by their clients, many of whom are low-income families or are Holocaust Survivors.

Food drive begins Sunday, March 15

Questions, RSVP, or to volunteer, contact: Robin at Sisterhood@g-h-c.org



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SISTERHOOD SPEAKS

Chag Sameach! As we approach the festivals of Purim and Pesach, we are reminded of the significant life-changing roles that women played in both stories. Not only did Queen Esther 'save the day' for the Jewish people, but the prior queen, Queen Vashti, stood up to the king and said 'no'! And of course we honor Miriam for her intelligence and bravery in her rescuing baby Moses from the Nile. We also celebrate Miriam's help in leading our people, in song, across the Red Sea in quest of freedom.

If you want to learn more about our Jewish sisters' accomplishments throughout history, then please sign up for the **Women's Seder**, taking place on **Sunday, March 29**, from 4:00-6:30 pm. Put aside your own Seder preparations for 2 ½ hours! Delegate the prep to someone else and join us for an inspirational, educational and joyful Seder! Ask any woman who attended the Seder last year and she will tell you how much she enjoyed it. Even if think you may not know anyone – no worries, we're all sisters, we'll take care of you! The tables will be arranged in a huge horseshoe allowing everyone to sit together. The Hagadah is gender neutral, creative and contemporary. A delicious, vegetarian (not 'pesadich') dinner will be served. Please RSVP asap and volunteer to set up, shop, do food prep and/or take a part! The price per person is lower if you reserve and pay in advance. The Seder includes dinner and it is super helpful to know in advance who is coming!

Beginning on Sunday, March 15 and ending at the March 29 Women's Seder, we will be collecting unopened, Kosher for Passover packaged non-perishable food for the Jewish Community Council of Washington-Heights Inwood. The JCC has a very specific list of what they are requesting:

Salad dressing, Cereal, Matza ball mix, soup mix, cake mix, Tea and coffee, Juice boxes and ice tea boxes, Snacks – chips, chocolate, nuts and raisins, Dishsoap, toothpaste, cans of salmon and tuna – no sardines please

Please refer to the GHC website for the list of acceptable Kosher symbols for these items. Many of their clients are from low-income families or are Holocaust Survivors and it is important to them that we honor their request. Thank you to Enid Lotstein for spearheading this very meaningful social action project. This project was a huge success last year and we aim to surpass last year's results!

By the time you read this Hamvaser, we will be celebrating Purim. We hope you enjoyed your Shalach Manot. Thank you to all of the amazing people who sponsored the bags and made this project possible. Your support also enables Sisterhood to continue to provide shiva meals to

congregants, siddurs to B'nei Mitzvah, etc etc. Thank you to everyone who helped collate and distribute the bags at the Purim Carnival and Megillah Reading.

To help with your Passover preparations, Sisterhood is sponsoring a Wine Sale! We are partnering again with Aries Wines and Spirits of White Plains. They will be conducting a tasting on **Sunday morning, March 15, 10 – 11:30am**. You will be able to order your wines in advance of the sale. Your order will be ready in advance of the first Seder, which takes place on Wednesday, April 8. The wine list (in this Hamvaser) features a variety of kosher wines from Israel, the US and other countries. You can order Concord grape, mevushal and non-mevushal wines. Your orders will benefit GHC and you'll save yourself some time too! Do you need some Seder gifts? Maybe a few frogs or some toys to entertain the children at your Seder? Then shop 'til *Pharoah Drops* at the Passover Pop-up shop also taking place on Sunday, March 15 at 10 am!

January's Movie Morning was a big success! Thank you to Sharon Weiss, Allyn Salpeter, Pam Stoller, and Davin Milun for all of your help. Thank you Hope Neuburger for making phone calls and spreading the word!

We send condolences to Sisterhood Board Member Bernice Strauss on the loss of her beloved husband Steven. We truly appreciate all of his help with one of our Sisterhood projects.

And speaking of Bernice, she will be this year's Torah Fund honoree! Bernice will be honored at a dinner on **Wednesday, May 20** at the Montebello Jewish Center in Rockland County. Everyone is invited to honor Bernice. If you would like to go and need a ride, please let Robin know. The flyer for this event will appear in the May/June Hamvaser.

Looking ahead, **Sisterhood Shabbat** will take place on **Saturday, June 13**. Our honoree is Cantor Janet Leuchter. We are so appreciative of all that she has done for GHC, and in particular the women of GHC. I know you will all want to be at this special Women-led service. The flyer will also be in the next Hamvaser.

Thank you Iris Sherman who coordinated a very successful Mah Jongg card sale. We purchased a few extra cards so if you need one, please let us know asap!

This is a good place to acknowledge the new coordinator of the Campus Connection program, Enid Lotstein, and Enid's committee member, Jacki Samolsky. Michele Weintraub did a super job for many years, putting together creative, yummy packages 4 times a year for GHC college and grad students, and Enid and Jacki will also do a terrific job! While Campus Connection is not under Sisterhood's portfolio, I mention this because Sisterhood funds a significant portion of this program.

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Saturday, February 1

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B'NEI MITZVAH (cont. from pg. 13)

Benjamin Maya Emor

Ben is a seventh grader who will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah at GHC in May. Ben is a very caring, hardworking and inquisitive young man. He is quick to think of others and enjoys spending time with friends and family.

Ben loves basketball. He plays year-round in local leagues and never misses a Brooklyn Nets game on TV. He contemplates entering the Guinness Book of World Records for "the longest stretch of days wearing a Brooklyn Nets article of clothing".

Ben's parents Laura and Paul are very proud of him. His younger brother Alex wants him to know that, despite their occasional arguing, Ben is a great, caring brother. Ben's dogs Babelo and Moxy appreciate the times he walks and feeds them.

Ben would like to thank everyone in the community who has helped him prepare for his Bar Mitzvah including the Cantor, Rabbi, all his teachers and his classmates.

Ben and his family would like to invite the entire GHC community to join him during the service and the Kiddush luncheon to follow.

SISTERHOOD (cont. from pg. 15)

Program planning for Fall 2020 and beyond has begun! Please share your ideas for Sisterhood with us! Many of our most successful events originated from suggestions and referrals from congregants!

My family and I wish you all a joyful and delicious holiday season. May the bravery of Vashti, Esther and Miriam inspire us all!

Robin Rosenberg

sisterhood@g-h-c.org

EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

From Our GHC Schools...

When people ask me what makes our schools so special, my first answer comes easily - our families! My second answer is our focus on making Judaism joyful! Our children need to "do Jewish things" to feel truly connected to being Jewish, and have positive memories of their time in our schools. Judaism comes alive when we do things together - pray, learn, and celebrate. Another way we do this, in both our Early Childhood Center and Religious School, is through mitzvot. When children "get their hands dirty" it's fun and memorable. Older children especially, are aware of some of the issues we are facing - global warming, violence, and immigrant rights. Our students are empowered and more hopeful when they learn that Judaism commands us to help, and see that what they do makes a difference!

In the past few months, with the help of our amazing teachers and parents, our children have donated gifts so that less fortunate local peers could also have presents on the holidays. Our ECC students participated in our annual Trike A Thon, running, skipping, biking, and scootering to raise money for the Pediatric Cancer Fund. Our Religious School also made 100 soup kits and decorated cards for the recipients, so that people utilizing a food pantry would have a warm meal for their family and know others are thinking of them.

How does this translate into the children's "real" lives? How do I see what they're learning at home and at GHC come to life on a daily basis? I saw it when our students volunteered to make beautiful cards for Pat, our long-time custodian, when they heard she was retiring. I saw it when one child brought in a little Spiderman toy for a friend in the ECC, because she knows he loves Spiderman, and in return, he gave her a big spontaneous hug. I see it all the time in the ECC and Religious School, when a student is looking out for a friend, making sure someone else is o.k., volunteering to do another social action project, or asking if a peer or teacher is feeling better from their cold!

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**THE GREENBURGH HEBREW
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DATE

April 19, 2020 - 10:00 am

To be followed by:

**A stimulating presentation on the Jewish Perspective
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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

News from the GHC Office – In Kind Donations and Volunteers

One of the most well-read sections of Hamvaser is the list of Donations, which shows fund-by-fund who has recently donated to GHC, and in whose honor or memory. Happily, there are times when we also receive donations that are not made in the form of dollars and cents, but also provide us with valuable resources. Sometimes those donations are in the form of equipment and materials we need. Sometimes they're in the form of people who volunteer to help. On behalf of the GHC Office, I am happy to report that in the past few months, we have received both.

In the past few months, we received much appreciated donations of equipment from Jacquelyn Walker ("Jacqui"), GHC's office assistant, and from Larry and Lynne Ecker. Jacqui donated a desktop computer and monitor, and Larry and Lynne Ecker donated a cross-cut shredder. Both donations made it easier for the administrative work supporting GHC's mission and vision to get done and have improved the way we do things. In addition, in connection with arrangements that we have made with New York Business Systems for lease of a new copier, New York Business Systems will be donating a second photocopier to us, a color copier (with booklet maker) replacing the black & white copier that was in the library. The donated machine will serve as a full backup for all of our varied copying and printing needs, including the printing of Hamvaser.

Also in the past few months, Jeff Liss, Andy Jagoda, and Rhonda Baskin have all generously donated their time, and Jacqui Walker and Rabbi Stein have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help. Rhonda graciously offered to take on a project as a "volunteer HR person". She has been spending hours helping with GHC's personnel paperwork. Jeff helped evaluate proposals and offered wise advice for our new photocopier lease and service contract, and Andy provided valuable legal advice that resulted in improvement to the language of the lease. Indeed, the entire GHC Board studied the various photocopier proposals and offered insights that helped us to obtain our new machines. Although Jacqui is scheduled to be at GHC only one day per week, she came in on many other days and worked numerous additional hours, to restore and upgrade the security of our computer systems. Thanks to Jacqui's dedication and hard work, we came out of a ransomware attack not only unscathed but with better systems than we

had before. And when I was looking for a volunteer to re-search alternatives for our telecommunications services, it was Rabbi Stein who stepped forward. Thanks to him, we are now paying less for our monthly Optimum bills.

Thank you to everyone who has donated, volunteered and helped over the past few months! If you would like to help too, your help will be very welcome. Please just let me know. And if there is anything that you need help with from the GHC Office, or from me, please let me know that too.

L'shalom,

Debbie Jagoda, Executive Secretary

EDUCATION DIRECTOR

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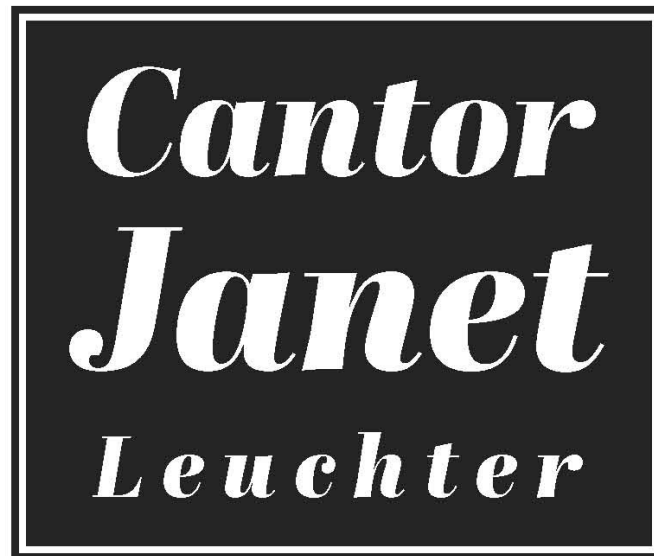
When I see our ECC children proudly show off their wooden Tu B'Shevat sculpture museum (made with re-used pieces) at pick up, see our youngest religious school children run to their parents and tell them about all the foods they tried during their Tu B'Shevat seder, see glitter all over the floor in our Hay classroom (again!), witness our Vav class' enthusiasm when Israel is the focus of the day, hear our prepared and proud children during a beautiful Family Service, and overhear a passionate discussion in our Zayin class about racism within the Jewish community, I know we're doing things right. It's sometimes hard to see, while we're busy in our full lives, but these small moments are adding up to a rich and impactful Jewish education. Things can be messy and loud and imperfect, and we still have a long way to go, but our children are growing and learning, and it's a wonderful thing to witness. Thank you for letting me be a part of your family's journey!!

Amy Kessler, Director of Education

SAVE THE DATE

A
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In Honor Of



WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Food and entertainment

Details to follow...

Fundraising Committee

Ben's Deli Dinner and Mystery Auction took place on Tuesday, February 4th, as the weather cooperated this year. Thank you to everyone who attended!! We all enjoyed delicious food, great company and an exciting atmosphere with bidding on mystery items. Thank you to Leslie and Jeff Liss, who did an extraordinary job of entertaining us and motivating all to increase their bids to benefit GHC. Thank you to Naomi and Michael Feinkind, for their assistance in making this a fabulous evening for all. Once again, it goes to show that an evening shared with good friends is an evening worth celebrating.

SAVE THE DATES: This year we are honoring Cantor Janet Leuchter at two wonderful, celebratory events. Cantor Janet has helped fill GHC with music and joy through the years, with her beautiful voice and kind spirit. She is an inspiration to us all and we look forward to celebrating her incredible talents and spirit. On Wednesday, May 13, 2020 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, a Family Oriented Celebration will take place with food and entertainment. On Sunday, May 31, 2020, from 6:00 to 10:00 PM, we will celebrate Cantor Janet at our Journal Gala, featuring cocktails, buffet dinner, musical entertainment, dessert bar and more. Please show your support by attending these celebrations and by placing a Journal Ad in this year's Journal (Ad included in Hamvaser).

Wishing everyone a wonderful Spring.
Rebecca Lazar and the Fundraising Committee

HARTMAN INSTITUTE

Pluralism, Peoplehood, and Spirit: A Week at the Hartman Institute

I was lucky to attend the iEngage Student Seminar at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem this winter break. The program united 150+ college students from across the U.S. and Canada and gap year students from Israel and America currently studying at the Hartman Institute.

We spent a week exploring important issues facing the worldwide Jewish community under the title "Together and Apart: The Future of Jewish Peoplehood." We considered the idea that Jews today have two homes -- North America and Israel -- and how the communities are going in similar and divergent directions. We studied the similarities

and differences between these communities through studying Jewish identity, politics, and ideas for the Jewish future in both places. We grounded this work in the study of Jewish texts and the values that they promote. This enabled us to think about the current situations in the context of our tradition. The scholars at the program were experts in their fields, hailing from both North America and Israel.

It is difficult to briefly describe the learning that takes place in a seminar as intensive as this one. We had sessions on topics including universalism and particularism in the Jewish community, pluralism, Israeli Jewish identity in the third generation, Jewish power, Jewish nationalism, and ways that Jews in America see themselves in American society. One particularly interesting session focused on different ways that Jews view Israel. The speaker, Tal Becker, characterized relationships that Jews have with Israel as centered around Jewish safety, normalcy, and/or exceptionalism. He discussed how Jews prioritize these values differently, which then influences their thoughts and feelings about Israel. Considering these ideas helped me to understand the different lenses through which people I know approach conversations about Israel. These ideas are particularly relevant to my work on the executive board at my Hillel.

The Institute also provided many opportunities for meaningful religious experiences. The Institute is pluralistic, meaning that it endorses no particular way of practicing Judaism and empowers all to practice as they choose. They gave us many options for Kabbalat Shabbat services, and I chose to attend a renewal service at Nava Tehila. The service was an hour and a half of singing and dancing with tunes written by the congregation. It was a beautiful way to see how Judaism itself is thriving and innovating in Israel. I also chose to attend a Women of the Wall service with members of my Hillel cohort and other Hartman participants. It was extremely powerful to pray and sing out loud at the Kotel with a group of women who are so passionate about increasing opportunities for women in religious practice there.

The program helped me to understand the roots of my Jewish identity as well as trends in the Jewish community today. I now feel better equipped to tackle important conversations on campus and beyond about key issues facing the Jewish community. Thank you to Saul and Fran Singer who established the Singer Fund for Education, its managers, Rabbi Stein and Robin Rosenberg, Brown/RISD Hillel, and my parents for supporting my trip. I left the program inspired to continue learning, reading, and thinking about these important topics, and hope to return to the Hartman Institute in the coming years.

Rachel Sklar



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December 31, 2019

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December 31, 2019

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Dear Karen & the Greenburgh Hebrew Center,

Thank you very much for partnering with the Children's Village this Holiday season to help Make A Child Smile.

We were genuinely touched by your generosity of hosting a toy drive. Your gifts helped to make the holiday season extra special for the children and families we serve.

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Tues., Wed. Fri. morning, 7:00 a.m. If Requested
Weekday Rosh Hodesh & Holiday Minyan,
6:30am

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See calendar

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Friday evening, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Study Session 9:00 a.m.

Saturday morning service, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday Junior Congregation, 10:30 a.m.

CONDOLENCES

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

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Bowtie Shabbat

March 28th 9:30 am

Come to Shabbat morning services, bowties required for both Men and Women

Don't have one- we'll loan you one

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Kiddush Lunch to follow

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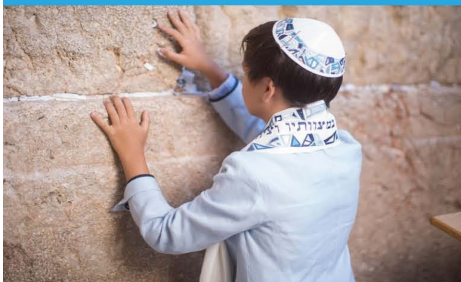
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- Tree planting
- Palmach Museum
- Bullet Factory - Machon Ayalon
- Kabbalt Shabbat at the Tel Aviv Port
- Caesarea
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- Meet a Kabbalist in the Mystical city of Tsfat
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\$4,181
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Attention High School Students and Educators



The Yiddish Book Center is sharing that their application deadline is **March 9** for both their **Great Jewish Books Summer Program** for high school students (July 26-31, 2020) and their **Great Jewish Books Teacher Seminar** (July 5-31, 2020).

The [Teacher Seminar](#) is a month-long professional development opportunity for middle and high school teachers who want to bring more modern Jewish literature and culture into their classrooms. During the seminar, teachers survey Jewish literature from the Enlightenment to the present day, attend diverse cultural events, and discuss pedagogy with a cohort of like-minded educators. One participant from last summer's seminar said: **"Every single day, I felt challenged and excited by what we were discussing in our classes and by the energy and intelligence of the individuals in my cohort."**

In the five-day [Great Jewish Books Summer Program](#), rising high school juniors and seniors study with college professors, meet contemporary Jewish authors, get a taste of college life, and make friends with other bright, enthusiastic teens from across North America and beyond. One participant summed up her experience by saying, **"I want college to be exactly like this."**

Both programs are tuition-free for accepted participants, and room and board are covered. *The Teacher Seminar also comes with a \$3,000 stipend.* Both are transformative experiences that lead to deep knowledge, creative thinking, and lasting friendships.

Full details and applications can be found at www.greatjewishbooks.org.

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