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## FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

### The Stories We Tell Make Meaning of the Events in Our Lives

Sometimes a pattern unfolds before we are able to see it. Then circumstance makes it so obvious we realize that life is teaching us an important lesson. The light comes on and we find we are aware of the message.

Quite a few years ago a book by Mitch Albom skyrocketed to be a best seller because it spoke not just in form but in content that was undeniably universal in its message. *Tuesdays With Morrie* was so much about the important life lessons this insightful teacher had to offer after living a full life and offered the time and the listening ear to share what he learned. The message was perspective combined with sincere relationship produces meaning, understanding and unconditional love. In this case it was between teacher and student.

About a year ago I came across an author that I just now had the opportunity to read as I have a little more time than I usually have. Fredrik Backman has a wonderful loving way of telling stories of significant relationships like a quirky man and his neighbors in *A Man Named Ove*, or in describing the relationship between a coach, a hockey player and their team in *Beartown* or in relating a story about the connection between an eccentric grandmother and her precocious seven year granddaughter in *My Grandmother Told Me to Tell You She is Sorry*. Backman treats us to the inner life of how people come together.

This month we read for the GHC Book Club a wonderfully imagined biography about a WWII vet, entrepreneur, ex-con, NASA scientist wannabe, retiree and the stories he tells to his grandson in an incredibly creative quasi-memoir by Michael Chabon entitled *Moonglow*.

All four books lead me to the same place each time and that was the relationship I had with my grandmothers. I was named after one of my grandfathers and the other passed when I was too young to remember, so my memories are only of my grandmothers. Every one of the stories I recall, is funny, inventive, meaning-filled, and evocative. With this time on my hands, I enjoy looking out the window of my home and just thinking about them. I recall the towns they came from and their idiosyncrasies. I recall the games we played and the rules for life we all learned from our grandparents. For example, decide what you want to eat before you open the "Frigidaire" (because that is what one grandmother called it, much like some call making copies xeroxing and others use only Kleenex when any tissue will do) so you don't waste electricity looking for something to eat. Or the other grandmother who insisted we sit for a half hour by the pool after we have eaten, so we do not get a cramp and drown.

I can only imagine how they would have fared during this crisis, but thankfully they did not have to endure it for they most certainly would have been in the category of most vulnerable given their advanced years when I knew them. They both were in nursing homes, one having struggled with dementia near the end of her life, the other with cancer.

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## IN MEMORY OF ANTON KLOTZ

We will miss Anton Klotz, a long time member of GHC. We will especially miss his wit, his sense of humor and his participation in synagogue life and services. Anton was involved in so many aspects of GHC, particularly morning minyan and Adult Education. This is a photo of his beautiful tallis bag, which many of you probably remember seeing at GHC. Anton's daughter, Barbara needlepointed it for him. May the memory of Anton always be a blessing.

There are many vulnerable populations whose lives have become more precarious given the dangers of COVID. The homeless are even more food insecure. Those whose livelihood demand in-person contact now find themselves without a source of income. People living in dangerous family circumstances are more prone to be a victim of domestic violence. Those who suffer addiction have less of the human support they need to overcome their addiction.

Those suffering from a variety of emotional challenges may find life even more difficult to negotiate. Those who need to go centers or hospitals for life sustaining treatments such as chemotherapy are taking incredible risks going out as are the health care professionals who are there all the time. And the list goes on. Many of those people may not be defined as essential but most certainly are valuable and necessary to a robust and purposeful society.

Yet, I think about my grandmothers and the elderly in general. Our tradition reminds us *Minei Zakayn Takum*, before the elderly we must rise. It is a twofold commandment. 1. Showing respect by standing is one of the ways we show respect. 2. Give them your seat. They may need a little extra help because life may have worn them down. I ask you to do the same. Try to show those in our community who are more isolated, if that is even possible, they are not forgotten. Check on your neighbors who may be more advanced in years. Call them. Offer to shop for them. If you have little ones at home, have them make cards. If your grandparents are alive, ask them to tell you some stories. If you need to borrow a grandparent for this exercise find one. Their stories are amazing, inspiring, life affirming and connective.

If you are a grandparent or just the age of a grandparent and have not been blessed with biological grandchildren, find a couple of "adoptive grandchildren," and tell them your story. Read them a story.

You are valued and we have not forgotten you. We have just finished the holiday of Passover that commands us to tell our story. It instructs the children to ask questions to spark the conversation and if the child does not even know how to ask, the adult is required to jump in even without being prompted. The stories we tell are the way we make the meaning of the events in our lives. I cannot wait to hear the stories that emerge from this challenge which affects every aspect of our lives. It will most certainly be the context of the stories we tell our grandchildren it will certainly begin with, "When I lived through

COVID-19 of 2020 you would not believe it but...

Now you fill in the blank.

## **PRESIDENT**

**When the going gets tough, the tough get going.** As New Yorkers, as Jews and as members of GHC, we have certainly proved how tough we are. From the very beginning, we at GHC, under advisement from Dr. Andrew Goldstein, took all necessary precautions to keep our community safe and healthy. Thanks to Dr. Lori Sloane, Leslie Liss and their team of volunteers, our last full Shabbat Service and Kiddush, held on March 7, utilized additional safety measures in serving the congregation and guests at the Auf Ruf of Andy Lazar and Jordana Zwerling. Our Purim Carnival was cancelled on March 9. Our schools, under the leadership of Amy Kessler, closed its doors on March 12 and began Virtual Learning on March 15. Our Cantorial Candidates shabbat services held on March 13 and 20 were live streamed and our surveys were prepared for on line responses. On May 3<sup>rd</sup> GHC has scheduled its first ever Zoom Congregational Meeting.

We are truly blessed to have so many professionals and volunteers, who comprise the Greenburgh Hebrew Center. Rabbi Stein has taken the lead by providing Saturday Morning Experiences, Yiskor services, classes, podcasts, Youtube videos, and educational opportunities for all adults and children. Cantor Janet has provided music to elevate us, the Women's Seder. Kabbalat Shabbat services, classroom activities and continues to work with our B'nei Mitzvah students. Amy Kessler has led the way in providing resources and opportunities for our children to continue with their studies. Our ECC and RS teachers have gone the extra mile to provide quality instruction. Our parents are thrilled and have shared their satisfaction with our ability to educate their children via distance learning. Many have shared that GHC's outreach have exceeded expectations and often surpasses what has been provided by the public schools.

Every member of the congregation, who has supplied updated phone information to the office, should have received Check-in calls and Passover greetings from an amazing team of individuals who reached out not once, but twice and have agreed to continue to do so. Our Caring Community and Sato Committee have stepped up to provide assistance to those in need, when possible.

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

**Adult #1**

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

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

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**Adult #2**

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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## CANTOR

It's hard to believe that I wrote my first Hamvaser article 9.5 years ago--the time has gone by so quickly. I am grateful and honored to have served you as your cantor for nearly a decade. My life has been enriched by all of you and your families. Because we are a small community, we can really get to know each other, and I've been fortunate to develop relationships with many of you. I am constantly impressed by the devotion of GHC's leaders, many of whom give as much time--for free--to GHC as they do to their work life.

You've entrusted me with the awesome responsibility of participating in the Jewish education of your children, and this has been a gift for me. I have loved every minute of my time with them--the singing, the music-making, the fun, the encouraging, the nudging, the celebrations.

Our High Holiday choir is like a family, a special keuvre with whom I've shared inspiring music and many laughs. I have worked with outstanding professionals and support staff alike without whose support I could not have done my work here. Our keuvre of Torah, haftarah and megila readers, those who recruit them and maintain the records, our congregational baalei tefilah (prayer leaders), and those who learn these new skills as adults--you are all inspirational. I feel the neshomes of those no longer with us, and feel blessed that my life was touched by theirs and their families.

I have tried to help create a holy community here, through my offering of prayer and music, listening and comfort, in joy and sorrow. Whatever I've been able to give, I have received much more from you. If I have unintentionally offended or hurt anyone, please accept my sincere apology.

In these times, it is not only difficult to be committed to synagogue life, but we are in uncharted territory as a country and a world. We are all doing the best we can as we navigate these new waters. Maintaining our communal ties is important in a way that I, for one, have never felt before in my life, and I suspect this is true for many of you too. GHC can be a safe harbor, as it has already been; may it continue to be so. I know that you will welcome and support my successor with the same warmth as I was welcomed and supported. May this holy community continue to strive for the best in itself. And may you continue to be a blessing for the Jewish people, our communities and our world.

And stay in touch!

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

Our standing committees are continuing to meet, albeit remotely, to serve the GHC Community. Our fundraising committee, under Becky Lazar has been working tirelessly to provide a meaningful and perhaps virtual experience for Cantor Janet. Alan and Caryn Kravitz are working diligently on the virtual Journal. Our Treasurer, Craig Mondschein and the finance committee conscientiously prepared our 2020-21 budget. Lori Sloane and her committee are moving forward with security projects. Andy Goldstein worked tirelessly with his Cantorial Search committee to provide cantorial candidates and arrange for live streamed Shabbat Services. This committee, with the help of Alan Kravitz and Debbie Jagoda, was able to prepare our cantorial surveys.

Jeff Liss, continues to inform us through the GHNews and finds a way to make us laugh while doing so. Our marketing committee is still working on sourcing better ways to communicate with the congregation. Lynne Ecker, continues to engage us by securing interesting speakers. Allyn Salpeter is working meticulously on the Hamvaser. Robin Rosenberg and Sisterhood made sure our wine was delivered and Stephanie Luftig, took care of the Passover Candy deliveries, as just one of the many things that are on her plate right now. Andy Jagoda keeps us focused, as we prepare for our meetings. Elyse Milun is working on new membership packets and Traci Mondschein is preparing new and exciting activities for our youth, once social distancing ends. Howard Baskin and David Luftig are eager to bring us the programs Men's Club had planned for the congregation. Our office staff, Madaline Bruno, Nalini Addanki and Jacqui Walker, under the guidance of Debbie Jagoda, have kept the everyday functions of our synagogue as up to date as possible. Andy Weiss continues to oversee projects and supervise our custodial staff of Rene Zayas and Andrew Lewit, who are working to keep our building in good condition and the list goes on and on.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge those members of our congregation and their families who are on the front lines of this pandemic, those who are doctors, nurses, EMTs, social workers, teachers, PTs, police officers, and essential workers. We thank you for all you do to keep us safe, educated and protected- TODAH RABAH

Our community is tough, we are strong and we will get through this TOGETHER.

Stay Well

Naomi Feinkind  
President



## Memories of Purim Carnivals Past...Next Year at GHC!



# THANK YOU FROM THE PURIM CARNIVAL COMMITTEE!

While we all understand why we couldn't run our AMAZING Purim Carnival this year on Sunday, March 8, we are so fortunate that we had so many volunteers help out before and offer to help during the Carnival! It is important that we acknowledge all of our committed and extraordinary GHCers! We can't wait until next year to welcome all GHCers and community guests to the best Carnival west of Shushan!

So here we go! Thank you to the following volunteers:

- Prize Room/Prize: Allie Barth (secured prizes), Beth Pocius, Caralyn Feder, Ilana Finkelstein and daughters
- Shushan Café: Stew Streiter (head chef) and sous chefs Jay Lutzky, Sheila and Hal Greenwald, Nora and Jonathan Contract
- Shushan Café: Rhonda and Howard Baskin, Jo-Ann Lutzky, Leslie Liss (poster artist too!), Becky Lazar, Sam Offman
- Ticket Sales: Craig Mondschein, George Katz, Meredith Rusoff
- Welcome Table: Elyse Milun
- Photographer: Davin Milun
- Teens (for Games, ECC room, etc): Amanda Mondschein, Hailey Finkelstein, Sabrina Mondschein, Annie Hanlon, Mitchell Milun, Elisa Frangipani
- Empty Nester Volunteer solicitation: Rhonda and Howard Baskin
- Mitzvah Makers table: Shara Sheinberg and her committee
- Food shopping: Karen Greenburg, Nancy Sklar
- Sat night set up: Bruce Segall, Amanda Mondschein, Elisha Frangipani, Annie Hanlon
- Additional volunteers (Inflatables, games, security, logistics, greetings, etc): Andrea Anger, Debbie Jagoda, Naomi Feinkind, Michael Feinkind, Ellen Siegel, Roy Kushner, Andy Weiss, Bruce Segall
- Sisterhood Purim bag distribution: Allyn Salpeter, Nancy Streiter, Pam Stoller, Mimi Gallantar.  
Publicity: Jeff Liss, Suzanne Newman
- Custodial: Rene Zayas

We appreciate the support of our vendors K&B House of Bounce, the Magician Joshy K, and Susan Ziering (Cotton Candy Time), who were of course totally understanding of the need to cancel the Carnival.

We really need to thank Amy Kessler and the outstanding Religious School faculty (Tara, Caryn, Ayelet, Hindy, Harry, Jimmy, Marcia, and Penny) for taking the time and effort to plan creative and fun carnival booths! The teachers and their classes had created some new and really cool booths!!

Thank you Cantor Janet and Rabbi Stein for planning for a Young Family program prior to the carnival.

And thank you all for your interest and enthusiasm for the Carnival! Next year in Shushan?!

Robin Rosenberg

Traci Mondschein

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## CARING COMMUNITY

### So Clever, Thomas Friedman

I often read the op-eds in the NYTimes especially if written by Thomas Friedman.

In a recent column, Friedman referred to BC and AC "Before Coronavirus and After Coronavirus" (or was it Before Covid and After Covid?). Could have been either but the effect is the same. Many of us are seeing this as a before and after crisis. As is my habit, I am writing this on behalf of our Caring Community at GHC.

### This Would Have Been My Article BC

Since the inception of the CC, our intention is to make it as easy for our members to seek help as to give it. Recently, a very dear member graciously received phone calls and notes as she was recuperating from wrist surgery. She in turn, asked to join our team, to be an active giver and not just a recipient. We are so grateful that she is now a CC volunteer. She has made deliveries on our behalf and makes our team better.

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## **JOURNAL 2020**

### **Honoring Cantor Janet Leuchter**

**Please join us by placing an ad in this year's Journal**

_____ Diamond \$2000 (10"x 8")	_____ Pearl \$250 (5"x 8")
_____ Emerald \$1000 (10"x 8")	_____ Topaz \$136 (2.5"x 8")
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### **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.



## SISTERHOOD

Hello everyone! This has been quite an eventful time in our lives! We hope everyone is healthy and safe and coping with the new reality of (mostly) staying at home. Needless to say, life continues and so does Sisterhood! We have been busy and will continue to be busy and be a meaningful part of the fabric at GHC.

The 2020 Shalach Manot drive was quite successful and we need to thank all of our many participants! The list of donors is found in a separate article in this Hamvaser. Many people contributed to its success. Thank you to our bag collators: Mimi Gallantar, Meryl Kupersmith, Erica Wolff, Julie Schwartz, Arlene Krawitz, Jacki Samolsky, Allyn Salpeter, Marcia Bernstein, Ferna Sherman, and Naomi Rosenberg. Special thanks to Allyn for some last minute shopping! Thank you Suzanne Newman for her behind the scenes work and publicity. Distributing bags on Sunday, March 8 and at the megillah reading the following evening were: Nancy Streiter, Pam Stoller, Allyn Salpeter, Sharon Weiss, and Arlene Krawitz. Thank you Pam and Naomi for helping to deliver additional bags. We still have bags containing non-perishable snacks so if you didn't get one and would like one, please contact Robin at [Sisterhood@g-h-c.org](mailto:Sisterhood@g-h-c.org). Again, thank you to everyone who supported the Shalach Manot. These funds enable us to keep up the myriad of projects and events we support at GHC!

One of our most memorable events of this year was the Zoom Women's Seder held on Sunday, March 29. While we couldn't eat together and share in the vast 'tastes' of the Passover story, our Seder brought over 50 women of all ages (teen to the '80's!) together to celebrate our role in the Passover story, and also to recognize how far we have come and how much we have yet to accomplish. We shared readings and songs by Susannah Heschel, Debbie Friedman, Rabbi Angela Buchdahl, Rahel Musleah and other notable women. Cantor Janet joyfully and seamlessly led all of the songs. Thank you Cantor for your incredible talent and guidance with the Seder. We could never have done this without you! We also had the chance to meet new people and catch up with GHC friends from afar, from California, Florida, Texas and North Carolina! Thank you Regina Berthold for securing gorgeous table settings that we will save for next year. Thank you to Suzanne and Sydney Newman for the beautiful flyer design and publicity. Once again, Enid Lotstein arranged for the Passover food collection for the Jewish Community Center of Washington Heights/Inwood. Thank you Enid. As we couldn't safely collect and deliver food, we encourage everyone to donate to the JCC-WH-I. The Council supports a food pantry that helps Holocaust survivors, Russian immigrants as well as

any local residents, Jews and non-Jews. Again, thank you to everyone who participated in the Women's Seder! Next year at GHC!

The Passover Wine sale, in collaboration with Aries Wine & Liquor of White Plains, was still held and still was a success! I hope you all enjoyed your selections. Thank you to everyone who purchased wine.

Even though we can't meet in person, Sisterhood programming continues! We are currently working on a virtual event for each of May and June. The May event will most likely be a "**Laughter Yoga**" Zoom event. Laughter Yoga provides relaxation and fun, which we surely need now! The date will be announced very soon. **Sisterhood Shabbat**, originally scheduled for June 13, will now be held on **Friday, June 12 from 6-7pm**, also via Zoom. Cantor Janet is Sisterhood's Woman of the Year and will be honored at that service! And just like every Sisterhood Shabbat, we will have opportunities for participation by the Women of GHC. And we'll have some special surprises; so save the date and please RSVP for all Sisterhood on-line events as they are announced!

Women's League, our "mother" organization, has made available many fabulous on-line learning opportunities, as well as the opportunity to say Kaddish at **1 pm** each day, except for Shabbat and holidays. If you would like more information, please contact me.

Bernice Strauss was selected as GHC's honoree for the Hudson Valley Women's League Torah Fund dinner, which was supposed to take place on May 20. We will still honor Bernice and again, please stay tuned. Bernice is a former Sisterhood president, VP of Membership of GHC and has been a Sisterhood Board member for a long time. She is truly deserving of the honor!

The Rosh Hashanah "Honey from the Heart" sale begins early this summer! You will be able to order gift jars of honey for friends, family and colleagues that will be shipped directly to them! Shipping will be free until July 22, 2020 and after that shipping is additional unless you order a bulk amount 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 this crazy time. Both GHC and ORT will benefit from your order. More information about "Honey from the Heart" will be available in June.

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## ADULT EDUCATION AND CULTURAL EVENTS

It's been an interesting and eventful year for this portfolio. We began with well-attended events and ended with virtual ones. However, our commitment to programming and keeping our community together was evident both in our planning and your participating.

Let's review the year and take this opportunity to thank those who made our programming possible.

As always, our gratitude goes to **Rabbi Stein** for the tremendous job he does in adding to our Jewish knowledge. His classes show how relevant Judaism is to our lives. This is especially true as he adapted his offerings to timely topics, delivered virtually.

Todah rabbah to **Meredith Rusoff** for organizing a successful Sangria in the Sukkah evening. The snacks and her signature sangria were great and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to schmooze.

Many of us were fortunate to see the Auschwitz: Not Long Ago. Not Far Away. exhibit at the Museum of Jewish Heritage. Our private, docent led tour was organized through the tireless efforts of **Enid Lotstein**.

**Erica Wolff** has guided our book club since its inception. Where would we be without her organizing, nudging and reminding? Fortunately book club was easy to attend by Zoom. In fact, it was a chance to see some of our out of town participants. Check the web site for the May 27 and June 23 selections.

GHC's Fifth Annual Night at the Opera featuring "Porgy and Bess" was a sell out! Bravo to **Andy Jagoda** and **Natalie and Marty Frankel** for arranging a delightful evening.

We thank **Marcie Schneider Ader** for her attempts to find a conversational Hebrew teacher. If there's still interest in the fall, we'll try again.

**Rhonda and Howard Baskin**, our Empty Nester and Wanna Be's chairs, have kept us entertained with game nights, canasta lessons (thanks to our teachers **Sharon and Howard Rabinowitz**), hikes, ballroom dance lessons and a trip to the Greek Jewish Museum which we hope to reschedule when we can.

Shul Stitchers and Friends have been busy knitting and crocheting for the residents of the Mann Center at Hawthorne Cedar Knolls Campus. My co-chair in this endeavor, **Karen Ecker Greenbarg**, was able to set up one session where we taught the teen residents how to crochet so they could make scarves or bracelets for themselves. Unfortunately our meetings are on hold but hopefully we're continuing to work at home with the goal of presenting a number of teens with beautiful blankets at the end of June.

We also want to thank the Westchester Holocaust and Human Rights Commission for the speakers and educational services they provide.

In looking back on the year's events, we fondly remember the simple joy of physically sharing activities....being together in the same room. We see from the response to online offerings that we continue to be a closely knit community and want to be with each other in whatever ways possible. At the same time, we all look forward to returning to "our regular scheduled programming".

Stay safe,  
**Lynne Ecker**

## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

### News and Thanks from the GHC (Socially-Distanced) Office

I hope you are all safe and well. The May-June issue of Hamvaser marks the end of one GHC fiscal year and the beginning of the next, and what a strange year it has been. I am so glad that, in the midst of all our sheltering-in-place, and social distancing, GHC has continued functioning to the maximum extent possible. I look forward every week to Kabbalat Shabbat led by Cantor Janet via Zoom, which gives us the chance to see one another, and to singing along with Rabbi Stein -- via streaming -- for Shabbat morning services. I have heard much praise for all that Amy Kessler and GHC's Religious School and Early Childhood Center teachers, as well as Rabbi and Cantor, are doing to continue teaching and engaging the children of our community. And although I am a member of the GHC Board, I have still appreciated receiving check-in phone calls from the Board representative who calls me.

The GHC office staff too have continued working diligently to keep us functioning. Despite the stress of the current situation, Madaline Bruno, Nalini Addanki and Jacquelyn Walker have remained in constant contact with one another and with me from their homes, helping one another as needed by email, text message and phone in order to get done everything that needs to be done administratively to support GHC. In addition to doing everything they can remotely, consistent with New York State's guidance, from time to time one member of the office staff goes over to GHC (without being in physical contact with anyone else) to handle those important functions that can't be done remotely. Thanks to their hard work and dedication and coordination with one another:

- If you call GHC and leave a voice mail message, your message will be promptly attended to. Madaline Bruno, Director of Office Services, will either call you back herself, or will forward your message to the appropriate person for a response.
- All mail being sent to GHC is being sorted and disseminated (usually scanned and e-mailed) to the appropriate recipient. Madaline is going over to GHC a couple of times per week to handle this; Nalini Addanki, Bookkeeper, is also going over to GHC at least once per week and sorting mail while she's there.
- All payments and donations being received by GHC are being deposited, and donations are being acknowledged. Please continue paying your balances and sending in donations! All payroll is being processed on time, and all payments that GHC needs to make are being made. Monthly financial statements are being

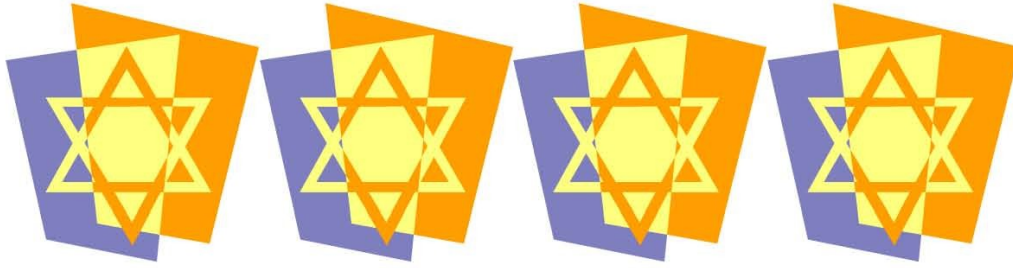
prepared, and all of the financial data that has been needed by our officers has been provided. Nalini has been doing as much as she can remotely, and comes to GHC as needed to do the rest. Madaline has pitched in as well to work on the preparation and processing of donation acknowledgements and the receipt and dissemination of payroll materials. GHC President, Naomi Feinkind, has been approving the letters and documents she need to approve electronically, as have the various officers who need to approve invoices, and Craig Mondschein has been keeping our payroll and financial systems functioning.

- Jacquelyn Walker, Administrative Assistant, set up GHC's computer systems so that they would work remotely, and she has worked with Madaline and Nalini to make sure that their remote computer access continues to function. She has continued to troubleshoot our remote setup as needed, and Rabbi Stein himself pitched in to help on an occasion when a computer needed to be physically restarted at GHC. Jacqui is also continuing to work on several technology systems projects that will improve how we do things going forward.
- Although a great deal of GHC communication is still being done by e-mail, phone calls, and Zoom, mail via the U.S. Postal Service still needs to be sent out, and is being sent out. Madaline has been making sure that this gets done, doing much of the work herself and coordinating with Nalini as to the bookkeeping-relating mailings. In addition, GHC directories are being updated, needs for supplies are being attending, and all of the other administrative tasks that need to get done are being done. And working with our wonderful Hamvaser editor, Allyn Salpeter, Madaline will have done the layout for this issue Hamvaser, and handled the printing of all copies that are being sent out by mail.

Thank you to Madaline, Jacqui and Nalini for keeping GHC's administrative functions functioning! Thank you as well to: Rene and Andrew, VP of Management Andy Weiss, and everyone else on the Management team for keeping our building in good order; Rabbi Jay Stein and Cantor Janet Leuchter, for attending to our spiritual needs even when we can't be together in person; Amy Kessler and our teachers for taking care of GHC's children; Naomi Feinkind for her loving, warm attention to all that needs to be attended to at this difficult time; Jeff Liss for the hard

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## B'NEI MITZVAH

**Jack Reichgott**  
**Shemini Atzeret**

Though we never thought we'd be writing this sentence, we are so excited for Jack's virtual bar mitzvah! He's been working hard to get ready for it, and we're excited to watch him reach this milestone, even if it's not exactly the way we had originally planned.

Jack is a seventh grade middle schooler. He has recently realized how much he loves and appreciates going to school, and is eager to get back there as soon as possible! Pre-quarantine, Jack could usually be found on the baseball field or running cross country. This season, he was also excited to be an umpire for Elmsford Little League. During quarantine, he's the Reichgott family corn hole champion and loves hiking the trails in the local woods with his younger siblings, Gabe and Cassidy.

Jack is an avid Boston sports fan. While still mourning the loss of Rob Gronkowski and Tom Brady, he's hoping the 2020 football season starts on time this year and thinks he may even root for Tampa Bay (if they're not playing the Patriots). Jack's love for the Patriots is equaled only by his love for the Red Sox and the Celtics (he loves the Bruins too, but not as much). His all-time favorite Boston athletes, besides Brady and Gronk, are Dustin Pedroia and Isaiah Thomas.

Jack looks forward to going away to camp every summer. He's a third generation Ramahnik. He loves Camp Ramah and is really *really* hoping to be able to go this summer.

During this time, we've learned how truly wonderful GHC is. We'd like to thank Rabbi Stein for all of his help and support. Cantor Janet - you are amazing!! We appreciate all of the hard work you have put in to teach Jack what he needs to know to be ready for his big day. Thank you, Ilana Finkelstein, you have been a priceless resource to us. Also, a huge shout out to all of Jack's Hebrew school teachers - we know it hasn't been easy. Thank you all.

There is a saying that we don't know our own strength until we are met with adversity. Over the last month, we've seen Jack's strength and ability to "roll with it". We're so proud of him, and can't wait to celebrate his bar mitzvah with all of you!

**Nathan Lawrence Hemmerdinger**  
**Naso**

Nathan, a 7th grader, will become a Bar Mitzvah on June 6, 2020. Nathan is the eldest of three children. His sister, Ruby, 9, and his brother, Austin, 6, adore him and can often be found trying to keep up with him on

basketball court, either outdoors or, more recently, on his over the door set in his bedroom.

They also greatly enjoyed helping him with his Mitzvah Project, preparing brown bag meals for the homeless as part of the Midnight Run. Nathan's parents, Tracy and Steven, accompanied Nathan on one run into Manhattan earlier this year and watched as Nathan began to understand the true meaning of Tikkun Olam.

Nathan's Hebrew name, Natan, means "gift" and that is truly what Nathan has been to his family, friends and larger community. He is kind-hearted, generous, honest and pure, and his smile can light up a room.

Nathan would like to extend a very special thank you to Cantor Janet, Rabbi Stein and the entire GHC family for helping him to reach this milestone moment. He and his family welcome the entire congregation to share in their simcha, either in person and with a Kiddush luncheon following services, or via video streaming if needed for all to remain safe and healthy.

## **SISTERHOOD** (con't from pg. 9)

So in the meantime, we hope you all stay healthy and remember Sisterhood is always here for you! We hope you will participate in our upcoming virtual events. Please contact me if you have any ideas or thoughts!

Until next time,

Robin

Sisterhood@g-h-c.org

## **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY** (con't from pg. 11)

work he has been doing in seeking financial resources for GHC through the various temporary loan programs being

offered, and to all of the other work he is doing as Executive VP; Allyn Salpeter for her diligence and hard work in editing Hamvaser; and GHC's officers, trustees, and committee chairs for all that you do to help and support GHC. And most important, thank you to all of the members of our wonderful GHC community for being you and for being part of our community! I look forward to seeing you in person as soon as we're able.

Deborah Jagoda  
Executive Secretary

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

On Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, we temporarily closed both our Religious School and Early Childhood Center quickly, and rather abruptly, due to concerns about the coronavirus. Perhaps this was a blessing in disguise, as we did this a few days before many full-day schools did so, and potentially limited some spread of the virus.

By that Sunday, less than four days later, our Religious School was completely up and running virtually. Every class is meeting on every day that religious school is scheduled, homework is assigned, and the faculty is prepared with complete lessons. We have also had a schoolwide virtual Pesach celebration, led by Rabbi Stein and Cantor Janet, which grandparents (many very isolated during this time) attended. We have a Yom Ha'Atzmaut virtual event planned for this coming Sunday, and the older students will even be able to join in on a Zoom video call with a second generation Holocaust speaker. Cantor Janet is working with every grade, and both Rabbi Stein and I have visited every class as well.

Our Early Childhood Center was up and running that Monday. Our teachers are doing individual FaceTime calls with our littlest students, class Zoom video calls, and sending home easy, accessible activities parents can try with their children. Our extended day program has continued virtually, and includes both activities, snack time, and time to just "hang" and socialize. Families and faculty have sent videos of read-a-louds, the children have virtual sessions of sign language, music, and even soccer. Every week we do a Shabbat celebration virtually with both Rabbi Stein and Cantor Janet.

This doesn't even cover all of what our schools are doing, and we have many fun virtual events planned for both schools in May. These will include a celebration for Cantor Janet's retirement and End of the Year Ceremonies!

The most important thing though, is the stability, continuity and CONNECTION our schools are providing to GHC families and students at this time. It is truly beautiful to see kids' faces light up when they see their classmates on a Zoom call. We give the students time to just talk, vent, show us something special from their home, tell jokes... These are some of the same children who complained (often!) about attending religious school every week. Maybe this time of being homebound will show them that COMMUNITY is what Judaism and GHC is about. It's not just about the history or Hebrew or holidays we teach tirelessly... It's about being there for each other, in times of crisis and fear, and hopefully soon, together again in

person for times of celebrations and joy.

The faculty has been especially extraordinary during this time. They have adjusted quickly, learned how to use technology that's new to them, and done so with complete professionalism. Our faculty has been flexible and dedicated, going well beyond the hours they anticipated for their part time positions. Teachers are helping their colleagues with the intricacies of Zoom features, collaborating on lessons, and supporting each other in countless ways. Our teachers have not only risen to the occasion, but have exceeded my hopes in this difficult situation.

Our schools will re-open as soon as it is safe. We miss you and your children so much! In the meantime, please register for our Early Childhood Center and spread the word about our amazing program and staff! We need to keep our program open! We offer a tuition discount for those who refer a family that enrolls. Our Religious School application will be out to all of you soon, and there will be a discount for those who enroll during the Early Bird period, so please be on the lookout in your email.

We've had several virtual staff meetings now for both the Religious School and Early Childhood Center. As it is when I join our schools' Zoom classes, it's wonderful to see our faculties' faces! At every faculty meeting I check in with our teachers, who are juggling the demands of home, parenting, other jobs, and the fear and worry inherent in this situation. Like I do at every staff meeting, I want to say THANK YOU/TODAH RABAH to our faculty, and recognize them here individually by name.

Laurie Leibowitz – Early Childhood Center – 2s Head Teacher

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Debra Neustadter - Early Childhood Center – 3s Head Teacher

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### OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

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The family of our beloved sisterhood member Joyce Tandlich

Mike Goldman on the passing of his beloved father Herbert Goldman

Beth (Figman) and Mark Neustadt on the passing of their beloved mother Zelda Neustadt

May their memory always be a blessing.

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Weekday Rosh Hodesh & Holiday Minyan,  
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Saturday Study Session 9:00 a.m.

Saturday morning service, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday Junior Congregation, 10:30 a.m.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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Cantor Risa Wallach - Religious School – Vav Teacher  
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Thank you of course, to Rabbi Stein and Cantor Janet, who are both integral educators in our schools, and supporters of everything we do!

Thank you to our GHC Families, who are balancing so much, and are still having their children attend our virtual classes and activities, thereby illustrating their commitment to Jewish education and GHC.

Thank you to our GHC Board, Religious School Board, and Religious School PTA who have been very supportive of our schools always, and appreciative of the work we do.

Stay safe, stay well, and we deeply appreciate your continued support of our Religious School and Early Childhood Center!

Amy Kessler  
Director of Education



## MEMBERSHIP

It is hard to believe that a year has passed since I accepted the role as VP of Membership of GHC. This year has been an interesting one, and I wouldn't have been able to perform this role without the support of everyone that volunteered their time to be part of the Membership Committee this year: Andrea Anger, Tina Cornell, Lynne Ecker, Michael Feinkind, Michele Glick, Tracy Hemmerdinger, Jedediah Ilany, Elaine Karpel, Scott Krady, Leslie Liss, Linda Markowitz, Laura Maya, Stacey Rosenkranz, Allyn Salpeter, Nancy Silverman, Pamela Stoller, Sue Weinstein, and Michele Weintraub.

Together this group was responsible for manning the GHC table at the Irvington Farmers market, delivering welcome packages to new members, organizing the Labor Day BBQ, preparing and hosting the pre-Chanukah Dinner, and decorating for the Simcha Shabbats. Additionally, it is due to the hard work by Stacey Rosenkranz that the PJ Library at GHC is such a great success.

In March, we were to honor our Health Care Professionals during Health Care Shabbat, unfortunately we weren't able to be together. Though I cannot do it in person, I would like to thank each of you for all the work you are doing in these trying times, putting yourselves at risk for the safety of others. I would also like to thank our First Responders and everyone who is considered essential, going to work, keeping us safe, and keeping things up and running.

In June we will be saying good-bye to Cantor Janet Leuchter. Cantor, thank you for all that you have done for GHC, for leading services, for the love and support that you provide, for teaching our children, and for your beautiful voice. We will miss you.

While we are waiting for the reprieve from the current situation, GHC is still 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





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GHC and the Fundraising Committee experienced a wonderful start to 2019, with our annual Kol Nidre Appeal, once again, surpassing expectations. Everyone's generosity allowed us to raise funds to enhance programs and events for our GHC community. Our High Holiday Book of Remembrance helped us to keep our loved ones' memory in our thoughts and in our hearts.

October brought us together for a fun and exciting Comedy Night, which was a resounding success, with over 90 congregants, friends and family joining us for an evening of comedic relief, delicious desserts, wine and excellent company. A special thank you to all who joined us and made this event so successful. A fun evening was had by all! We relaxed and laughed, as we were entertained by three of NY's finest comedians. Laughter still proved to be the best medicine!!

In February 2020, we enjoyed Ben's Deli Dinner & Mystery Auction, as the weather finally 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. Once again, it goes to show that an evening shared with good friends is an evening worth celebrating. It proved to be an opportunity for us to enjoy each other's company in a safe and social environment. Little did we know that gatherings like these would soon no longer be available to us, as our world was catapulted into a health crisis unfamiliar to any of us.

GHC has always had a clear mission and vision. Rabbi Stein recently stated: "The value of a faith community in crisis is that it is there BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER the crisis". We must have confidence in the future of our GHC community, that it will live on for many generations. As we endure extremely difficult times, we need to remember that we will get through this crisis, together, united as a community in spite of being physically distant. We pray that each and every one in our community, our friends and loved ones, and the world at large, remain safe and healthy.

On Sunday, May 31st, GHC planned to come together to celebrate and honor our own Cantor Janet, with a musical celebration, dinner and entertainment. Unfortunately, we will not be able to celebrate in person this year. Instead, we will celebrate and honor Cantor Janet Leuchter with a Virtual Gala. (More information to follow on this event.) . We want to show our immense gratitude for all that she has done for GHC in the 10+ years that she has graced

us with her beautiful voice and her kind spirit. She has led us in prayer and song on Shabbat morning and holidays. She has taught prayer and led singing in the Religious School and Early Childhood Center, tutored B'nei Mitzvah children and assisted in expanding our cadre of lay Torah and Haftarah readers and daveners. Her love of the music of prayer has enriched all of our experiences at GHC. She has been an inspiration and source of support to each and every one of us, in times of joy as well as sorrow. Please join us in honoring Cantor Janet by placing an ad in our Gala Journal. Share your special memories and connection with Cantor Janet and the many ways that she has left a footprint in your family's heart. A Journal Ad form is included in the Hamvaser for your convenience.

On behalf of the Fundraising Committee, I want to thank the many volunteers involved in planning and executing all of our fabulous events throughout the year, and specifically our Gala Journal. A special THANK YOU to: our hard-working Journal creators Alan and Caryn Kravitz [co-chairs], Leslie and Jeffrey Liss, Sheila Greenwald, Nora and Jonathan Contract, Mara Lee Bierman, Marcie Schneider, Pam Stoller, Jo-Ann and Jay Lutzky, Rhonda Baskin, Shiran Pasternak and Davin Milun. We thank Rabbi Jay Stein, Amy Kessler and our President, Naomi Feinkind, for your continued support. A special thank you to Madaline Bruno, Jacqui Walker and Nalini Addanki, for their assistance, dedication and hard work throughout the year, it is truly appreciated. Thanks to the custodial staff, Rene Zayas, Edius Rodriguez and Andrew Lewit who assure that all events run smoothly and without a hitch.

To ALL of our congregants and friends, we thank you all, for your generosity and participation in the many events our dedicated GHC volunteers have worked so hard to coordinate. We welcome your innovative ideas as we move forward with planning the coming year's events. As the world resumes some sense of normalcy, we hope that you will join us, by sharing your thoughts on programs, and by attending events where we can enjoy each other's company, in person or virtually.

Your continued generosity and support are what allows GHC to be the vibrant and inclusive spiritual home that we all know and love.

Rebecca Lazar

VP Fundraising

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Mazel Tov to Andrew Lazar and Jordana Zwerling on their marriage

In Memory of Carl Liss, father of Jeffrey Liss

Mazel Tov to Stacey Rosenkranz on receiving Bernstein Award

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In Memory of beloved sister Rhoda Benedon

Bernice Malamud

In Memory of Neill Adler, Harry Adler and Rachel Adler



## CARING COMMUNITY ( Cont'd from pg. 7)

### This is My Article AC

More than ever, I am proud to be a member of my GHC community. Our clergy and lay leadership have been resourceful and responsive to member needs, including comfort. Providing us all with multiple daily and weekly messages, services and sermons is only the beginning. We all, including Hal and myself, look forward to the day when we can see each other in person. Until then, Zoom, FaceTime and Skype have become a normal part of our lives.

Lucky for many of us, we are managing well. Of course, we are concerned about those who may be having a difficult time. Rabbi Stein and Naomi Feinkind, along with the Board and many others, continually strive to reach out to members. When they do, and assistance is needed, our CC may be asked to help. Happily, many members have nearby family and the resources needed to deal with these challenges. In any event, where we could help, we tried. It is appropriate and with deep gratitude that I name our volunteers (in no particular order):

Mark, Lori, Naomi, Linda, Arlene, Robin, Debbie, Michael, Daniel, Risa, Ben, Julie, Enid, Jo-Ann, Lisa, Fran, Caryn, Lisa, Mel and Nettie, Nancy, Annie, Amy and our newest volunteers Shara, Tovah and Evan. Of course we do not do this in a vacuum; we do this under the leadership of Rabbi Stein, under the guidance of Naomi Feinkind and with Cantor Janet's input. More than ever, we are connected. For better or worse, we are in this together. We are stronger together. Here's to safer and healthier days ahead!

Thank you for caring,  
Sheila

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