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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Pro Life/Pro Choice

A 35-year-old with polypharmacy, alcohol abuse and cirrhosis is admitted to the hospital with hypoglycemia, aspiration pneumonia, septic shock and required intubation. After 2 weeks, she is extubated, but then requires intubation again. At this point she is requiring a possible trach and PEG. Her weight is 63 pounds, and her albumin 1. She is becoming more aware of the seriousness of her condition and can only nod her head yes and no. Her mother's comment is "you can't give up now." The Resident physician calls for a consult with the ethics committee writing, "With the grim prognosis is it the right decision to continue extended care?"

On a daily basis doctors, patients and family members have to make difficult decisions that require different ways of care. So many factors weigh in what is best for the patient. Usually, we work with what is commonly referred to as the four pillars of medical ethics: patient autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence, and justice. But even then there is a gray area. The same is true of our sages' perspective on abortion.

With the potential seating of Amy Coney Barrett on the Supreme Court, it worthwhile to see what our tradition says about abortion. Please understand there are 8 responsa of the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards on the subject. They date from as far back as 1983 (ten years after landmark Roe v. Wade decision).

Before I offer a brief overview, please know I understand abortion is a very personal decision. I am here to listen and give some guidance.

Rabbi David Feldman in 1983 wrote,

Procreation is a positive mitzvah, and he who fails to fulfill this mitzvah is called "guilty of bloodshed." And much of the pro-natalist attitude of Judaism helps account for its abhorrence of casual abortion. There may be legal sanction for abortion where necessary, but the attitude remains one of hesitation before the sanctity of life and a pro-natalist respect for potential life. Accordingly, abortion for "population control" is repugnant to the Jewish system. Abortion for economic reasons is also not admissible. Taking precaution by abortion or birth control against physical threat remains a mitzvah, but never to forestall financial difficulty.

Rabbi Susan Grossman wrote in 2003,

Abortion is a serious matter not to be entered into lightly, out of respect for the potential life vested in the fetus. Nevertheless, Jewish law considers the fetus part of the mother's body and not an independent being until birth. Therefore, while the fetus is to be cherished as potential life, the mother's life and well being takes precedence over that of the fetus until birth.

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NOVEMBER 8, 2020

10:00 am

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

VIA ZOOM

Link to be provided

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Rabbi Avram Resner concluded in 2001,

- 1) Abortion is permitted before birth, but it is forbidden after the inception of life at the moment of birth.
- 2) The moment of birth is in dispute, wherefore, to protect life, we rule that birth is at the earlier of the two proposed times, that is, when the fetus emerges from the womb into the birth canal with the major part of its head or, when in breech, with the major part of its body.
- 3) Since the Intact dilation and extraction (D & X) procedure, that which is known as “partial-birth abortion,” is performed after that time, its use is prohibited on living fetuses both to Jewish women and to Jewish practitioners.
- 4) In the case where a late term abortion is necessary, an injection to cause fetal death in utero before a D & X procedure commences is required.
- 5) However, in emergency situations, when no other procedure is as likely to save the life of the mother or to avert serious threat to her life, then, and only then, the D & X procedure may be used on a living fetus in order to save the life of the mother.”

And finally, on May 15, 2019 the Rabbinical Assembly released the following statement at the time on the State of Alabama’s new abortion law:

Reproductive freedom is again under assault in our nation, beginning today in Alabama, where the state has effectively banned abortions at every stage of pregnancy and criminalized the procedure for doctors. It is further under attack in other states’ so-called Personhood Acts and Life at Conception Acts, including in Georgia, South Carolina, Kentucky, Mississippi and Ohio.

This position is based on our members’ understanding of relevant biblical and rabbinic sources as well as *teshuvot* – modern rabbinic responsa. Jewish tradition cherishes the sanctity of life, including the potential of life which a pregnant woman carries within her, but does not believe that personhood and human rights begin with conception, but rather with birth as indicated by Exodus 21:22-23.

The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of the Rabbinical Assembly has affirmed the right of a woman to choose an abortion in cases where “continuation of a pregnancy might cause the mother severe physical or psychological harm, or where the fetus is judged by competent medical opinion as severely defective.”

Denying a woman and her family full access to the complete spectrum of reproductive healthcare, including contraception, abortion-inducing devices, and abortions, among others, on religious grounds, deprives women of their Constitutional right to religious freedom.

The Rabbinical Assembly supports full access for all women to the entire spectrum of reproductive healthcare and opposes all efforts by government, private entities, or individuals to limit such access or to require unnecessary procedures. We also oppose so-called “personhood” legislation on the federal and state levels that would confer legal rights under the law to a fetus or an embryo.

The Rabbinical Assembly has consistently supported these reproductive freedoms for nearly 50 years. However, recent legislative efforts in the United States on both the federal and state levels pose new threats to reproductive freedom, beginning today in Alabama. Other threats include so-called “heartbeat” bills in Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, South Carolina and Ohio. The Rabbinical Assembly emphatically opposes all such laws and legislative or executive moves.

Again, I make my offer from before, I understand abortion is a very personal decision. I am here to listen and give some guidance.

TODAH RABAH!

Thank you to the Men's Club for putting up GHC's amazing Sukkah!



PRESIDENT

In the June edition of the Hamvaser, it is customary for the President to acknowledge and thank those who have worked hard to benefit GHC. While this is clearly not the June edition, I would be remiss if I did not take the opportunity at this time to recognize the extraordinary dedication of GHC's clergy, staff and congregants.

First and foremost, I must thank Rabbi Stein and Cantor May, who spent countless hours throughout the summer to construct, revise and execute eight uniquely different High Holiday services that would engage and inspire not only those in attendance but the hundreds who live streamed. This could not have been an easy task, yet they made it seem so. They continue to inspire us at weekly Shabbat Services and at Chags.

The Planning for the Future Task Force, Rabbi Stein, Cantor May, Naomi Feinkind, Andrew Goldstein, Jeffrey Liss, Stephanie Luftig, Davin Milun, Cecile Singer, Lori Sloane and Andrew Weiss worked tirelessly for more than four months to establish practices, procedures and protocols for the opening of GHC. While the motivating factor was to open GHC for the High Holidays, their scope included not only opening the entire building, including the sanctuary, the office and the school but also securing the appropriate PPE. They continue to meet to address any situation that may arise and for that I am grateful.

I so appreciated the congregants who took part in leading services and reading Torah and Haftorah during the High Holidays: Michael Billig, Michal Katz, Karizmah Brauner, Larry Ecker, Andrew, Judy and Joseph Goldstein, Lenore, Katkin, Beth Pocius, Jacob and Nathan Okun, Deborah Jagoda, Bruce and Rena Segall, Nancy Sklar, and Lori and Mark Sloane. Who can forget Judy Goldstein and Cantor May's beautiful duet? How wonderful it was for our children to lead us in Jonah at the Yom Kippur Mincha Service. I thank Freida Belasco, Tess Davidowitz, Karizmah Brauner, Annabel and Edward Hanlon, Nathan Hemmerdinger, Mitchell Milun, Amanda and Sabrina Mondschein, Nathan Okun and Leo Carr for participating. Andy Goldstein and Andrew Jagoda must be commended for serving as Gabiam at all of our services.

A host of HH volunteers were recruited as screeners, greeters and ushers for each of the eight services.

Screeners included Dr. Fred Bierman, Drs. Steven and Tracy Hemmerdinger, Dr. Marcie Billig, Dr. Marc Samolsky, Drs. Marcie and Michael Ader, Drs. Lori and Mark Sloane. Dr. Andrew and Judy Goldstein, Michael Fenkind, Dr. Robert Finkelstein, Dr. Lenore Katkin, Dr. Howard and Rhonda Baskin, Nora Contract and Jo-Ann Lutzky. **Greeters** included Allyn Salpeter, Jacki Samolsky, Jeffrey Liss, Naomi Feinkind, Beth Pocius, Robin Rosenberg, Judy, Joseph and Ilana Goldstein, Craig Mondschein, Vic Freeman, Jonathan Contract, Jay Lutzky, Elyse Milun and Tina Cornell. **Ushers** included Michael Katz, Debbie Jagoda, Joseph Goldstein, Leslie Liss, Andy and Sharon Weiss, Michael and Tina Cornell, Nancy Silverman, Shara Sheinberg, Phil Eisenberg, Ellen Siegel, Craig Mondschein, Rhonda Baskin, Naomi Feinkind, and Davin Milun. Not only did these incredible volunteers serve in multiple capacities, many served on multiple shifts.

Our custodial staff of Rene Zayas and Andrew Lewit, using our sanitizing sprayer quickly sanitized all seats and surfaces on the bimah and in the sanctuary and social hall before and after each of the services. Restrooms were cleaned and sanitized.

For those attending HH services in person, a mechanism for security and contact tracing needed to be established. Individualized color-coded tickets served this purpose. Both Madaline Bruno and Jacqui Whitney were an integral part of this endeavor. I must also recognize, Leslie Liss, Lee Fanwick (Leslie's mom) and Sheila Greenwald for helping me by coming into GHC to assist the office staff in cutting, inserting and mailing these tickets. For those live streaming some or all of the services, Davin Milun was instrumental in getting the system working. His monitoring of the system was invaluable. Andy Weiss was diligent in acquiring the security guards needed to keep those in attendance safe.

HH Machzorim were available to anyone who wanted one. Each book was numbered, each bookplate recorded and books were distributed prior to the holidays. Todah Rabah to Leslie Liss, Lee Fanwick, Jeff Liss and Rabbi Stein for assisting me with this process.

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In addition, Rabbi Stein and I, along with Howard Baskin, Fred and Mara-Lee Bierman, Lynne Ecker, Karen Greenbarg, Lisa Goldman, Debbie Jagoda, Leslie and Jeff Liss, Stephanie Luftig, Elyse Milun, Marcia Bernstein, Robin Rosenberg and Nancy Sklar reached out to every member of GHC with New Year greetings. Sisterhood, under its President Robin Rosenberg produced our first ever online HH Greetings booklet.

Allyn Salpeter, Arlene Krawitz and Robin Rosenberg sorted and distributed the challah and baked goods orders from White Plains Bakery.

Rebecca Lazar, worked arduously with the assistance of Marcie Schneider Ader, Mara-Lee Bierman, Madaline Bruno and Jacqui Whitney to solicit, proof and create our Book of Remembrance.

Amy Kessler, our Educational Director spent the entire summer planning for the fall. She along with Rabbi Stein and Stephanie Luftig interviewed potential staff for both the ECC and RS. Amy worked diligently to enhance the curriculum for the virtual learning of our RS students and the in-person opportunities for our ECC. She continues to enhance the education of our children through experiential learning.

Our ECC is at maximum registration. However, we would not have an ECC without the help of Roy Kushner who spent an inordinate amount of time securing three tents to house the ECC classes. He along with Andy Weiss and Michael Feinkind were able to secure the necessary permits for the tents. We are indebted to Roy and his team of volunteers, Howard Anger, Burt Garson, Jay Lutzky and Steven Russ who erected the tents in record time.

Our Sukkah went up and was taken down by the dedicated members of the Men's Club.

I may have invariably left someone out. I do so value the contribution of each and every member of the GHC family. Please let me know, if I did, so that it can be acknowledged in our next edition.

Be well, stay safe.

Naomi Feinkind, President

ADULT EDUCATION/

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Like to read? Please join us at GHC's Book Club! The Book Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 10 A.M. The meetings are lively discussions, usually lasting for approximately one hour. These days the group meets on Zoom. Please contact Rabbi Stein at Rabbi.Stein@G-H-C.org or Erica Wolff at Erica@databus.com to be included in the emails, to be informed of the upcoming book and to get more details about this great group.

Have you heard of Las Vegas's Mob Museum? We are very excited to be partnering with GHC's Sisterhood for a virtual tour of this amazing place, followed by a talk and discussion with a museum staff member. We are hoping this will occur in November or December, but a few things need to be put in place before it can happen. Please look out for notices in the GHC News and future Hamvasers.

Save the Date – January 10, 2021! Think exquisite Judaica art meets the Purim story! Benjamin Marcus will be joining us to present his work (on Zoom, of course) on creating an illuminated Megillah. We are so happy to co-sponsor this event with Sisterhood. Please see Robin Rosenberg's post for additional details about Mr. Marcus, his fabulous work and to get excited about what will surely be a beautiful and "illuminating" (LOL) event!

Additionally, please be on the lookout for events that will be posted in GHC News and are not listed here.

Let me know if:

- have ideas for programs you'd like to see happen in our community
- you'd like to brainstorm with me for ideas for future events to make happen
- you'd like to join us to facilitate great programming!

I hope to see you at one of our events or hear from you soon! You can reach me, Nancy Sklar at VPadulteducation@g-h-c.org

PRESIDENT

HIGH HOLIDAYS MESSAGE

The following is GHC President Naomi Feinkind's Personal High Holidays Message which was also sent to members via YouTube:

Chag Sameach Everyone,

Last year, I began my Rosh Hashanah remarks with **"I never expected to be standing up here, I never imagined myself as a Synagogue President, and yet here I am."**

Here we are a year later and I am beginning with the same phrase, **I NEVER EXPECTED**. I never expected **not to be** in our sanctuary, addressing the congregation from the Bimah with my hat on my head and not in my hand. Yet, here I am addressing you from my own home.

I recently attended a webinar where the speaker referred to the COVID-19 pandemic as the challenge of our generation. I thought it was apropos to address you from my dining room with our family photographs as a backdrop and reflect on the challenges of those who came before me.

My Grandmother Bessie and Grandfather Jacob (Bubby and Zaddy to me) escaped the pogroms of Czarist Russia to face the challenge of starting a new life in the United States with their four children. They were barely able to speak the language much less able to read or write it. What a challenge it must have been for my grandfather who worked as a carpenter to provide for his family.

My mother Esther faced the challenge of survival, not once but twice. The first, as a toddler, hiding under a feather bed during a pogrom when a Cossack thrust his sabre through the bed, missing her by inches. The second, when she was pronounced dead at the age of 14 after back surgery and a nurse noticed movement, as they were wheeling her to the morgue.

My dad, Harry faced numerous challenges as a child. He lost his father and was forced into foster care by a loving mother who just couldn't take care of four sons. He endured the Great Depression, learned a trade, married later in life and supported his family.

My mother-in-law, Dana, at the age of 13 crossed the Atlantic all by herself in September of 1938, to study for one year at the behest of her aunt and uncle who voiced concern at what was happening in Europe in the 1930s. We all know that in September of 1939 Hitler invaded Poland and her plan of returning home never came to fruition. She became the sole survivor of her family; her challenge, was the survivor's guilt that she carried with her.

Many of you may remember my father-in-law Irving, who frequently accompanied us to services at GHC. He was a teenager when he entered the Lodz Ghetto and then was transferred to the many concentration camps, including Bergan Belsen and Auschwitz, where he was tattooed with a number that challenged him each and every day with the memories of his horrific ordeal. He, too, was the sole surviving member of his family.

What a challenge it must have been, for these two orphans to find each other and make a life and raise three successful sons in the United States of America.

Bkol Dor, in every generation there is a challenge. No one will be unscathed by this one. Everyone will **know** someone or **of** someone who passed, due to Covid-19. For me it is my Cousin Carl. Everyone will know of someone who lost a job, or of a business that has closed or downsized due to the pandemic. The challenge for our country and for the world is to bring us back to normalcy, to find a vaccine and build back the economy. I can't even fathom about how that can happen, but what **I can do**, is to talk about GHC, the challenges we have faced and the challenges to come.

Our congregation has been head over heels above others. We shuttered our schools and went virtual in mid-March. We virtually searched for, auditioned and hired a new cantor. We said goodbye to Cantor Janet in a spectacular virtual Journal event. We held a congregational meeting and voted on a budget and slate of officers. We continued Shabbat services, initially via Live Stream and for the past 3 months we have provided in-person Shabbat options as well. We have continued Kabbalat Shabbat services on zoom. Camp GHC has engaged us in fun activities throughout the summer and Rabbi has involved us in thought provoking classes. We have baked Challahs with Sisterhood and practiced self-defense while socially distanced in the parking lot.

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Our kids from tots to teens have all had the opportunity for GHC community engagement. We pulled together as a community, as a congregation.

Beginning with the lock down and continuing through this High Holiday season, GHC volunteers, in addition to Rabbi Stein made several phone calls to each and every member of our congregation, just to say hi, just to check in, just to wish you a happy New Year.

We cannot rest on our laurels and must look to the challenges of the future. Educating our children is of paramount concern. I am delighted to tell you that our ECC, Early Childhood Center is at maximum registration, with additional children on our waiting list. I was excited to see the three 14x27 foot tents secured in our parking lot, each one to house an ECC class, weather permitting. These tents will also be used to bring Religious School classes together for in-person class sessions, supplementing the virtual ones.

Developing, organizing, and implementing this year's High Holiday services was a monumental challenge. Rabbi and Cantor worked in tandem to provide what is sure to be a meaningful holiday experience. The Task Force spent months working on a plan that is safe, secure and detailed. However, we are aware that it is not without risk. That is why we expect those attending in person to read **and heed** the protocols established by the physicians on the task force. Our sanctuary and social hall will contain a mere 100 seats, a fraction of what we have provided in previous years. Each seat or family seating grouping, will be socially distanced. There will be temperature checks and sanitizing. While we can accommodate 100 individuals, most of our services will be attended by less than 50, since so many of you have decided to take advantage of our live streaming options.

The leadership, professional and lay, are committed to meet the challenges of our congregation, by maintaining quality services, programming and education. I am heartened by the loyalty, response, support and dedication of our members. I thank you for your membership, I thank you for your financial support and I thank you for your service, past, present and future.

Just as those who came before us faced the challenges of their generation, so, too, will **we** face the challenges presented by this pandemic. The emphasis is on **we**, for none of us are alone, we will face this challenge together. Michael and I wish for you all to be inscribed for a year of good Health, Happiness, Peace and Prosperity.

L'Shanah Tovah.

Naomi

CANTOR

This month, my husband Scott May volunteered to share some personal thoughts on the connection between Jews and music, and the history of Jewish musicians hiding their Jewishness, to avoid being "too Jewish".

Tradition! Judaism and tradition, as we know, go hand in hand. What was your immediate association with the word tradition, exclamation point? It was a song. Music is one of the greatest Jewish Traditions. Even before music and prayer were intertwined in the first temple period, King David was writing his psalms and plucking and strumming his harp. On Shabbat we sing when we pray and even in the periods of silent prayer there is a rhythm in our heads. As a child I saw devout men davening, their constant rapid bowing to G-d reminiscent of a jazz musician keeping time by tapping a foot.

Another Jewish tradition is hiding. Hiding who we are to escape persecution and anti-Semitism. Unfortunately that tradition also goes back a long way. Some ancient Jews tried to hide their identity by posing as gentiles. Jews tried to hide who they were in Ancient times to escape persecution by Assyrians, Persians, Babylonians, Egyptians, and Romans. During the Inquisition period, Spanish Jews would stand in their doorways eating bacon so everyone could see they were not Jewish.

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We are a very musical people. And American music going back to the first recordings and publishing of the late 1800's is riddled with Jews and Jewish influence. Yet for most of this time these musicians and composers had to hide who they were. They were concerned not necessarily with outright persecution, but of varying degrees of anti-Semitism and the need to create works that would appeal to the mainstream and thus be successful. In 1911 Irving Berlin published Alexander's Ragtime Band. It became a huge hit. And Irving, born Israel Beilin, would go on to write some of the greatest songs in American history. But did Israel write any Jewish songs? I couldn't really find any. Instead, Israel, born in the Tolochin shtetle of present day Belarus, whose father was a Hazzan gave us: "Happy Holiday", "Easter Parade", and of course "White Christmas". He even wrote our alternate national anthem, "G-d Bless America". Whose G-d was he thinking of when he wrote that - the Old Testament G-d or the American mainstream Christian G-d? I think we all know what he was doing.

In 1927 Al Jolson starred in the film "The Jazz Singer". Jolson, whose father also was a Hazzan, in Lithuania and then Washington DC, actually portrays a Hazzan in the film - a bold move in 1927. While the producers at the time did worry about the "Jewishness" of the film, the term, "too Jewish", had yet to be coined. However the film was one of the most successful at the time. Owing not only to Jolson's great performance, it was also the first feature length film to contain sound and music. This was a very exciting new phenomenon, and along with Jolson's controversial black face, overshadowed most of the film's other characteristics and everyone sort of "forgot" about the "Jewishness". Jolson was one of the greatest American performers of his time, and he became a huge celebrity. Except for some brief benefit performances in the 1920's to raise funds for Jewish WWI veterans, he mostly took great lengths to tone down his Jewishness throughout his life.

Kearns, Hammerstein, and Rodgers gave us the all-American works of "Showboat", "Oklahoma", "South Pacific", and "Carousel". Aaron Copland who went to great lengths to suppress his Jewishness and who admittedly strived to make his works "accessible" gave us "Rodeo", "Appalachian Spring", and "Billy The Kid". Was he born in Brooklyn or West Virginia? I don't blame any of these guys for wanting to be successful. And thank G-d they created these amazing works. It does irk me though that they had to suppress their heritage and deny who they were.

And then there was Woody Guthrie. His father too was a Hazzan. Are you surprised? I'm only joking, of course. Guthrie was not Jewish and his father was not a cantor. He actually was a Klan member in small town Oklahoma. Guthrie, though, is one of the most important and influential American musicians of his time, and an extremely important figure to our culture and tradition. He moved to Coney Island and married a Jewish woman, he had four Jewish children, including Arlo, and did embrace Jewish culture. I mention him due to the fact that without his influence we would not have arguably the greatest American Jewish musician of the second half of the 20th century.

Before we get to Mr. Zimmerman, it should be noted that Guthrie's mother in-law was a Yiddish poet, and that she had a strong influence on him. Guthrie not only wrote great American anthems like "This Land is Your Land", he also wrote Jewish songs including several Hanukkah songs. Yet no one ever knew of this because as you guessed it, he purposely did nothing to promote them. They went unrecorded like much of his material. A few years ago The Klezmatics recorded some of these forgotten songs. Without Guthrie there is no Bob Dylan.

Robert Zimmerman's grandparents came to America after fleeing the pogroms in Europe. I would love to say that Dylan's father was a cantor but he owned a furniture store in Minnesota. Dylan, whose idol was Woody Guthrie, has given us some of the greatest music of the last 60 years. He had his own American anthems, "Blowing in the Wind" and "The Times They are A' Changin'". Then he took folk music electric in 1965 and changed Rock and Roll forever, giving us yet another anthem "Like a Rolling Stone". I can understand the name change. Though not entirely to hide his heritage, it was a factor. Dylan for decades did suppress his Jewishness. A devotee of the beatniks, he dabbled in Buddhism, then became a born-again Christian, then gave that up and became a supporter of the Chabad movement. I am familiar with Dylan's work and know almost his entire cannon, and there is nothing explicitly Jewish about it. Except for one line in the song "with G-d on our Side" that references the six million, there is nothing. But again who can blame him?

Finally in 1964 three nice Jewish boys created Fiddler On the Roof. And this is where Jewish music and culture finally hit the main stream in a big way. The producers were worried at first it would be "too Jewish", and it was then the term was actually coined. It obviously was not "too Jewish". It was quite successful.

The show stopping number "If I Were a Rich Man", contained worldless musical phrases that were influenced by

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Jewish praying. The first Tevya, Zero Mostel, made it even more Jewish by adding his own musical phrases which he took directly from cantorial chanting. Beedy Beedy Bum! And hooray for Solomon Rabino- vich (Shalom Aleichem), the writer of the Tevya sto- ries on which Fiddler is based. He was the only man to ever change his name to something more Jewish. Only a few years later we had the even more popu- lar works of Woody Allen and Mel Brooks, which were heavily Jewish influenced, and completely mainstream.

I think many other Jews of all walks of life have hid their Jewishness. Even in recent times. I myself have had my own sort of Gentleman's Agreement. The son of a survivor, I was quite moved by viewing the 1978 mini-series Holocaust. At 7 years old I probably shouldn't have watched it. It scared me. And a lot of it had to do with identifying people who were Jew- ish. Everyone was wearing a Star. And while at first I thought it was maybe like an old west sheriff's badge, I came to sort of realize what was going on. From then on I often hid my own Jewishness. At times I was scared. I worried about it, and some- times even ashamed of it. It was after all a Christian world. And though my family and I were Conserva- tive Jews who celebrated all the Jewish holidays, I was taken to see the tree at Rockefeller Center, the Christmas Show at Radio City, and at one point to see Santa himself. I begged him for a Captain Amer- ica action figure and a Tyco racing car track.

I met Hazzan May, then Anna Chapman, 5 years ago. She was studying at JTS and I saw her perform at the school many times. I was present as she led several services as a student cantor. Our Hazzan's mother is a musician and music is an important part of her life. Anna wanted to express her spirituality through music and that is how she came to be a Haz- zan. I am quite proud of her, and admittedly enjoy being married to a hazzan, a person of prominence, a well-respected member of the clergy. And since knowing her I have been more involved in Jewish life. And because of her I am a lot less ashamed of my Jewishness. And when people of any religion ask me what my wife does (though it will divulge our religion), I proudly say, with a smile, she is a cantor!

CARING COMMUNITY

Hi Friends,

I hope you and yours are healthy and safe. After the busyness of the holidays, we are still managing the virus with all its im- plications and complications. This is a good time to thank all of you who enable the Caring Community to help members in need.

Thank you to our Caring Community team who works with the Rabbi, and now, Cantor May, on matters of concern to our members. Illnesses, hospitalizations, surgeries, all receive special attention and assistance where and when needed. Of course, we cannot help if we don't know that you need help. We hope you do reach out when you need assistance as we remain ready to help.

Our team, and you know who you are, is remarkable and has my deepest gratitude. Your attention to detail and your sensi- tivity make you a pleasure to work with. I am so fortunate to be part of this team. Thank you to our volunteers who stand ready for an e-mail requesting assistance. You are all busy and even in a pandemic you have affirmed your willingness to help your fellow GHC members. If you are not a volunteer and wish to be, please let me know. I will happily add you to my e-mail list.

Another big thank you to the members who consistently and generously donate to the Hesed fund. Your generosity allows us to help where help and funds are needed.

All this to express my gratitude for all you do in service to our members, our community. You are the best!

Thank you for caring,

~Sheila

SHOP GHC FOR EVERYTHING HANUKKAH!

Your Hanukkah Checklist:

Candles: Traditional or tapers? Beeswax?

Menorah: Adult, for children

Socks: Adult, children

Dreidels

Dreidel Head Boppers

Decorative Matches

Drip Trays

Gift Wrap

Gift Bags

Bows

Decorations (Gels, banners, lights)

Novelty items – fun dreidels, snow globes

Crafts

If we don't have what you are looking for, we can order it!



A 'catalog' will be emailed to the GHC community with photos of the GHC Gift Shop's Hanukkah products. If there is something you are seeking, please contact us as possible!

You will have the opportunity to order in advance and then pick up your order at GHC on Sunday, November 22. Individual appointments are available if requested.

Hanukkah Mini Mart sponsored by GHC Sisterhood. For more information, please contact Robin at sisterhood@g-h-c.org



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EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER / RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Dear GHC Religious School & Early Childhood Center Families,

This has been a challenging time; as entities, our GHC schools, like all of us, have faced questions and issues never experienced before.

I am happy and proud to say that both our ECC and Religious School have risen to the unique circumstances of this time. Our GHC ECC is at Covid-19 safe capacity and our religious school has kept our students engaged, despite the additional challenge of the chaggim being on Sundays this year! Our tents have been transformed into beautiful outdoors classrooms, filled with artwork and laughter! We have used our beautiful outdoor classrooms almost every day for the ECC, and so far, everyone has been healthy and happy! As promised, our religious school has already had two outdoor events for students, for Rosh Hashanah and Sukkot, as well as outdoor Junior Congregation in October. It was also amazing to see everyone on Zoom this Sunday for Havdalah, and stop by the zoom classrooms, while our students were singing, discussing, reading Hebrew, and making art projects!

This could not have been done without support. Of course, first thank you to our faculty, who is flexible and dedicated. We appreciate that our GHC families have been flexible, and offered both suggestions and resources. Thank you to Enid, for helping plan environmental programs for our religious school, and integrating this important mitzvah even more into our curriculum. Thank you to our Religious School PTA, led by Karen and Shara, who are planning many opportunities for social action and mitzvot for our religious school and making this a priority for our students, by thinking outside of the box.

Rabbi Stein and Cantor May have been amazing; Cantor May has been a special addition to our schools. Thank you to Rene, our Head Custodian. He is outside every morning with the ECC team at 8 a.m., going above and beyond, with a smile on his face. Thank you Madaline, Yoko, and Debbie for everything the Office is taking care of, so our schools can run smoothly. The leadership at GHC is very appreciated - Naomi (President), Jeff (Executive Vice President), Stephanie (VP of Education), and Elyse (VP of Activities/ Membership), are all contributing often behind the scenes, in so many ways! Thank

you to all the other MANY GHC volunteers, whose tasks keep our schools humming along.

A big thank you again to Roy Kushner and the Men's Club. They were instrumental in getting our outdoor classrooms erected, just in time for school, on Labor Day Weekend! Thank you to Sisterhood for supporting our schools so much, every year. This year Sisterhood helped with the purchase of our tents for the outdoor classrooms, and as always, supported Project SEED, a program through Westchester Jewish Community Services. Project SEED offers our teachers professional development, and families' support.

A last, but certainly not least, tremendous thank you to Dr. Andrew Goldstein, VP of Religious Affairs. Dr. Goldstein has worked with me tirelessly over the past months to ensure that our schools function safely during this time. Every Covid-19 question I have is run by him, and there have been many! We have spent countless hours on the phone, e-mailing and texting. Dr. Goldstein has gotten back to me at all hours of the day and night. His expertise and devotion to our GHC community is invaluable.

Stay well and thank you all for being a part of this holy work,

Amy Kessler

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CONDOLENCES

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

Cantor May and her husband Scott on the passing of his beloved mother Louise May

The family of Martin Stricks on his passing

Steven Cornell on the passing of his beloved father Harold Cornell

Rachel and Donald Lachs on the passing of their beloved sister-in-law and Michele Barnattan on the passing of her beloved aunt, Bernice Lachs.

May their memory always be a blessing.



The 2020 Hanukkah stamp was issued in New Rochelle on October 6 and should be in your post office by now.

Please buy as many of these Hanukkah stamps as you can. The more Hanukkah stamps sold, the more likely the Postal Service is to continue issuing them annually.



NEW BABY NEWS!

It is so nice to welcome beautiful babies to our families and our community.

We share your joy and wish you a lifetime of good health and happiness together!

We welcome:

Joan Fuhrman's two newest great-grandchildren, Ilana and Gabriel Yosef

Jedediah and Benjamin Ilany's new son, Lev

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MEMBERS' CORNER

The following article is the first in a series that Rabbi Stein is instituting on members' reflections about how the Synagogue is affecting them. Please send your article to the Rabbi. It can be as short (a paragraph or two) or as long as you like.

Reflections by Helene Alalouf

Rabbi Stein spoke on Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur of the choices we have in language usage to inflame or console, and to use in non-violent protest for justice.

As someone who prides herself in the work ethic, associated with planning and following through, I had an AHA! moment this week in realizing that my response to life's stress is also a choice. I could permit negative emotions and anxiety over my recent vertigo to overwhelm me, and break out in a dry skin rash and eye twitch and exacerbate the dizziness, or I could adopt the formula of The Happiness Advantage by Shawn Achor, whose popularity as lecturer (as well as his smiling portrait and rapid delivery on PBS and TED talks) is testament to his happy mindset. The *Wall Street Journal* declared (Jan. 27, 2010 "'Happiness Coaching' Comes to the Workplace"), "Achor bases his training on a burgeoning body of research on the positive psychology movement, which emphasizes instilling resiliency and positive attitudes."

Achor's research uncovered that 75% of our job success is not predicted by intelligence but by positive psychology which is comprised of three factors: optimism and the belief that your behavior matters; strong social connections – a network of family, friends and co-workers as a predictor of health and longevity; and managing stress as a challenge rather than a threat. If you think "I'll be happy when..." you have the wrong formula because happiness is not a product of success, especially when outcomes change. I wonder if Achor's Harvard Divinity studies embraced Judaism as well as Christian and Buddhist ethics. Tehilla Lichtenstein in *Applied Judaism* explains how "we would know the happiness and joy and fulfillment that G-d in His goodness planned for you" (chapter titled "Do we control our minds or do our minds control us?" p.143). You may wonder how or why happiness is transformative and a condition for success. When we are happy, we are positive, and therefore opportunity and productivity increase. "...a depth of vision comes forth from the mind to meet this calm beatitude, thoughts profound and true come to the forefront of consciousness, the urge for achievement makes itself felt with quiet power, one's inmost abilities and aspirations find unimpeded opportunity for expression" (p.138-139).

How do we strategically improve our "will" to attain happiness? Achor's blog proposes the 21 Day Challenge to develop a positive brain and increase our chances of personal and professional goal attainment. Select one of these five researched habits to create sustainable individual change and "ripples of positivity":

1. Three Gratuities - think of three different things you are grateful for from the day.
2. Journaling Positive Focus - Write for only two minutes daily, describing one positive experience from the past 24 hours, so you re-live it. Consider efforts, relationships, even observations in nature.
3. Exercise - For just 10 to 15 minutes each day, engage in stretching and moving in some way; i.e. "dance like no one is watching."
4. Meditation - Stop whatever you are doing for two minutes to rest, catch your breath between tasks, and silently thank someone for being alive, allowing your brain to have a sharper focus when you return to the task.
5. Conscious or Random Acts of Kindness - Spend two minutes each day with a personal phone call or e-mail, praising or thanking someone in your social support network.

Today I started at the bottom of the list. After the Shema and prayer for each meal, I called or texted to express gratitude for enlightenment, spiritual support, or friendship. In the New Year, may we successfully strive to apply the tenets of Judaism and the affirmations to support all of us as happy, healthy, and successful individuals. As we look forward to enjoying the new season, let us share the ways we achieve happiness.

BAR MITZVAH

Joshua Miller

Vayeishev

Joshua, his sister Suzanna, and his parents, Cindy and Mike are looking forward to Joshua's Bar Mitzvah in December. It will be a low-key celebration centered on the service and family...as Rabbi Stein recently said, less about the **bar**, and more about the **mitzvah**.

Joshua draws strength from his two heritages. On his father's side, his grandparents were born in Germany. This side of Josh's family includes his grandfather and uncle Steve, with whom Josh has a close relationship. On his mother's side, his grandparents were born in Mauritius, of Chinese ancestry. Josh is close with his family located in Hawaii, including his grandparents, uncle Rob, aunt Andrea and cousins Ben and Kaitlyn.

If something is an electronic device, it has Joshua's attention. He likes sharing blow-by-blow retellings of particularly exciting Among Us games, until you nod your head as if you're following, while you're thinking about what to make for dinner.

Academically, Joshua has a talent in, and love of mathematics. He has led his school in math competitions for three years, and now enjoys the challenges of honors math.

When not in school or on a device, Joshua enjoys activities that bring him an adrenaline rush. This includes bingeing on every variety of rollercoaster, ziplines, adventure courses, swimming, and ninja warrior competitions.

Josh started his Bar Mitzvah project this summer by volunteering several days at Afya, helping to sort surplus medical supplies for shipping to communities in need. The supplies he sorted went to Malawi and Ethiopia, Lebanon after the catastrophic explosion in Beirut, and communities in the U.S. stressed by COVID-19. Josh feels good about helping save lives. And by repurposing medical supplies that would have been trash, he is helping reduce waste. In 2021, he will continue volunteering at Afya.

Joshua has worked with Cantor May and Cantor Janet to prepare for this important life passage. We thank them, and Rabbi Stein, and all the GHC teachers and community for reinforcing a religious and ethical foundation that will sustain him throughout his life.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

As we are now fully into the Fall and Thanksgiving season, I would like to give thanks and introduce the newest members to our GHC Family and thank them for choosing GHC. They are: Jordan Teglassi and Eyal Attal, Katrina and Larry Golub, Adele and Sheldon Lobel, Barbara and Ari Lustbader, Leslie and Larry Rusoff, and Barbara and Daniel Trencher.

Cantor May is eager to meet our members. We would love to do this in person, but until we can Membership will be organizing a number of Zoom-based parlor sessions. More information is on the way!

Bingo will be back again. Be on the lookout for e-mails and information in GHC News.

Though this year we will not be having our Chanukkah Dinner, Membership is working on developing new programs and activities to support and enhance membership and to continue to bring our community together whether it be virtually or physically.

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.

Please spread the word and join us in all that GHC has to offer, our services, educational opportunities, social events, committees and activities.

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

Elyse Milun

JEWISH CAMP FUND

IS YOUR CHILD THINKING OF GOING TO RAMAH? WHAT ABOUT A JEWISH SLEEP AWAY CAMP?

WHAT ABOUT ISRAEL?

If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, we may have something special for you!*

All GHC member children who attend a Jewish non-profit sleep away camp or any Ramah Camp for a partial or full summer may be entitled to a stipend from one of 2 funds. The **'Jewish Education Fund'** supports GHC member children who attend any Ramah Camp or any USY Summer program or trip, including Encampment. A second fund, **'The Julia B. Chazen Camp Fund'**, supports GHC member children attending Jewish Non-Profit sleep-away camps, other than Ramah camps, such as camps sponsored by other Jewish denominations, Young Judea, B'nai B'rith, JCC's, etc. If you want to know if your camp is covered by one of these funds, please check the Foundation for Jewish Camp website, <http://www.jewishcamp.org> for a comprehensive list of Jewish Non-Profit camps.

All of the Ramah Camps (including Ramah Sports Academy in Connecticut, Ramah in the Rockies, Ramah in Israel) and USY Summer programs are incredibly well run and offer enriching experiences. The USY Summer experiences include, but are not limited to the following: USY Pilgrimage to Israel or Europe, USY on Wheels (region-based trips in North America), and USY/Kadima Encampment (one week long, takes place in late August about 1 ½ hours away). We fully endorse them and they provide an educational and spirited component that you can't find anywhere else! Even if your teen hasn't participated in the GHC Youth Group, he or she is still eligible to join a USY trip or program during the summer.

If your teen wants to spend the summer, a semester or a year in Israel, please let us know! The year can take place during high school, as a gap year, or even during college. A third fund, the **Harry and Anna Singer Scholarship Fund**, supports GHC member teens and young adults going to Israel to study or tour with a non-profit organization, such as USY or Young Judea. If you need help picking a program, let us know! Thank you Fran and Saul Singer for initiating this fund.

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GREEN TEAM



We're in great company! The week after our own virtual garden tour on September 13, I received an invitation to a similar event at historic Wave Hill in Riverdale, NY.

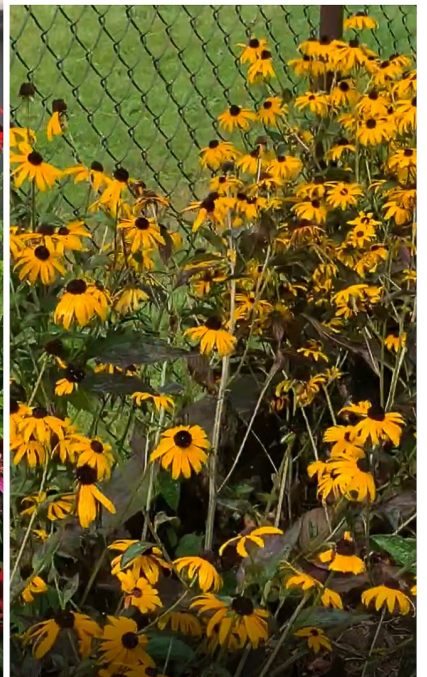
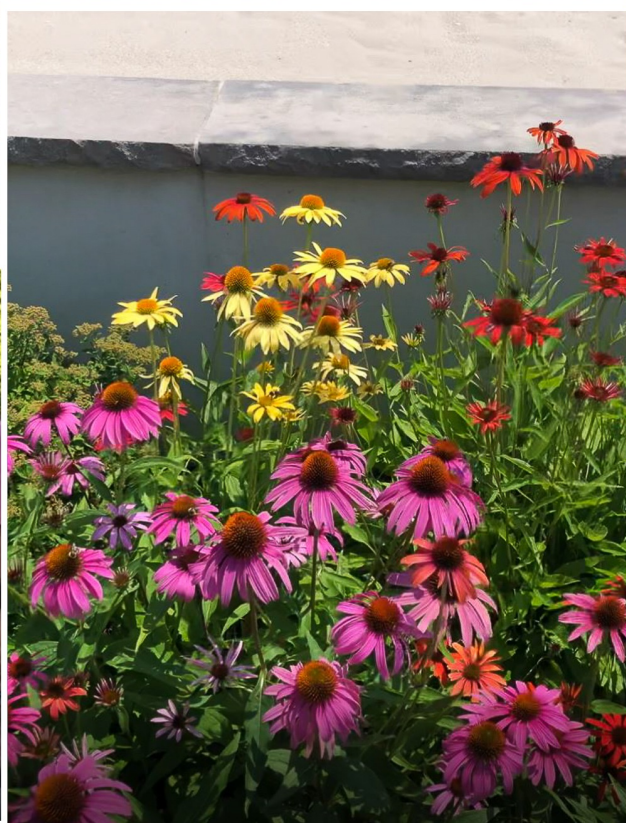
Approximately 25 households joined the September 13 event. We got a bit carried away and the tours ran a little long, but the gardeners who participated provided inspiration for the novice and great tips for the veteran. Thanks are owed to Rabbi Stein, Michael Ader, Roy Kushner, Jay Lutzky, Ada Menaker, Mark Sloane, Bernice Strauss and Erica Wolff. A collage of photographs from the event can be found in this issue. A special shoutout goes to Davin Milun, who organized and sequenced the videos and live presentations, and created the photo collage. Without his efforts, the event would not have taken place. An additional special thanks goes to Robin Rosenberg who videotaped Bernice and Ada.

The Green Team is happy to be helping the Religious School and the Early Childhood Center plan meaningful environmental mitzvah programming, for the K/1 classes and in connection to Tu B'Shevat Seders.

Since August, we have been a participating member of the Hazon Seal of Sustainability program, which certifies a Jewish organization's commitment to sustainable practices. (Our composting efforts are one good example.) You can learn more about it at www.hazon.org/seal.

Our meeting schedule is posted on the G-H-C website's calendar. Our next meetings are Monday, November 16th and December 14th from 8 to 9 pm. All members of the GHC community are welcome to attend; we're currently working on a number of future events, and we hope to collaborate with all other arms of the synagogue, so your input would be valuable!

E-mail Greening@g-h-c.org with any questions.



SISTERHOOD

We hope you are all doing well and enjoying this beautiful fall. We've had a whirlwind of activity with Sisterhood and soon we'll be heading into the next 'busy' season of Thanksgiving and Hanukkah!

We hope you enjoyed viewing the seasonal floral and gourd displays on the bimah at GHC, starting with Rosh Hashanah and going through Simchat Torah. They were quite visible on the LiveStream as well as in-person! Suzy Neuburger ordered them (thank you Suzy!) from Carlson's Nursery, courtesy of Sisterhood, and we are so glad that Carlson's will become part of a new venture and the location will remain a nursery.

The Holiday Baked Goods Sale, Honey Sale and Greetings Card were quite successful! Thank you to everyone who participated and supported one or more of these ventures. Your support enables us to continue to provide so many services and activities for GHC. For example, this fall Sisterhood contributed towards the magnificent school tents in the parking lot as well as Project Seed, enabling the ECC to secure valuable consulting, staff training and development, family education, and workshops. Thank you Allyn, Sharon and Arlene for their help with the Baked Goods Sale and thank you to Suzanne Newman for her help with the Honey Sale and Greetings Card.

The 2021 Mah Jongg cards are now on sale! You may wonder - how can I play Mah Jongg in a socially distant, safe way? There is a website: www.realmahjongg.com, which enables you to play online against the computer and/or your friends or other members of an online group! You will need a Mah Jongg card to play. I am not a Mah Jongg player, yet, but a dear friend told me about this website and it really has enhanced her game! Your 2021 card can be ordered from Iris Sherman by emailing mahjonggcard@g-h-c.org and then sending a check payable to Sisterhood GHC to the synagogue. Prices are \$9 for a regular type size card and \$10 for the large type, and GHC benefits from the sale. Please submit your order and check as soon as you can. The deadline is January 20, 2021. Thank you to Iris for running the sale! Feel free to order for your group too.

We hope you enjoyed the kick-off event which took place right before Rosh Hashanah. Ellen Scolnic and Joyce Eisenberg, the Word Mavens, were absolutely delightful, funny and entertaining. I think many of us were amazed at how many people grew up drinking juice from Yartzheit glasses. I am pretty sure that my grandmother reused hers too!

Sisterhood also kicked off the 'Meet & Greet' series with our new cantor, Anna Chapman May on Sunday, October 25. As of the writing of this article, we have many RSVPs!

It is almost time for the annual Hanukkah Mini Mart! This year's Mini Mart will be mainly virtual. We plan to e-mail photos and prices of the most popular items: Candles (traditional, tapers, beeswax, Candles for a Cause), Menorahs (electric and candle), drip trays, socks (big hit last year!!), head boppers (look great on Zoom!), gelt (nut and dairy free), matches, dreidels, wrapping paper, gift bags, and other holiday novelty items. Please be on the lookout for the 'catalogue' and be ready to place your order! If you need to visit in-person, we will make an appointment with you for Sunday, November 22 in the morning or for another time if November 22 doesn't work for you. We will work with you as safely as possible!

This is a good opportunity to thank everyone who keeps Sisterhood running! Thank you to: Pam Stoller – Treasurer; Arlene Krawitz – Parliamentarian, Gift Shop; Sharon Weiss – Secretary; Allyn Salpeter- Financial Secretary; Enid Lotstein – Social Action & Programming; Vivian Milefsky and Bernice Strauss – former Sisterhood presidents; and our newest member Nancy Streiter – Membership. You are all so amazing!!

We are in the process of finalizing some exciting events for the next few months. All events will be held virtually. We don't have the dates yet for these events which will be held in November, December and possibly later, but we can describe them to you. One event is about Jews from India and the speaker is a known journalist, author, lecturer and singer, who was born in India. This event will be a joint event with other Sisterhoods from across the US! The second event features a virtual tour of the Mob Museum of Las Vegas (which you do independently), and then join a talk and discussion with one of the museum staff. Part of the talk will focus on Jewish mobsters. This event will be co-sponsored by Adult Ed/Cultural Affairs.

Save the date of Sunday, January 10, 2021 for a unique event, also co-sponsored by Adult Ed/Cultural Affairs. Benjamin Marcus, an architect and artist from NYC, is our virtual speaker and presenter. He is currently working on an innovative, illuminated Megillah (i.e. the Book of Esther). His research has been extensive and this program will be fascinating for everyone, especially for those who love history and art, and the story of Purim! Thank you Enid Lotstein for connecting us with Benjamin. If you want to learn more about Benjamin and his work, this brief article tells more about the Megillah and the work involved in its illustration:

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Please stay healthy and safe. Best wishes for a peaceful and joyous Thanksgiving and a very Happy Hanukkah!

Robin

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If you want to discuss further or apply for a stipend from any of these funds, please contact Rabbi Stein or Robin Rosenberg. In addition, the funds available come from the generous contributions of our congregants. Please remember the JEF, Chazen and Singer funds when considering making a contribution in memory of a loved one or to honor a family simcha. These funds support our young people beyond Religious School and the impact of spending a summer in such an environment is priceless!

*If any of these programs are replaced with virtual options for next summer and tuition is charged, the GHC funds will still provide stipends.

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GHC continues to move forward in innovative ways with the hard work and dedication of our professional staff, volunteers and amazing congregants. Everyone, whether in-person at GHC, or at home, via live streaming, was able to enjoy the High Holidays due to the incredible joint effort of so many that guaranteed safe and inspirational services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Thank you to all that participated in the GHC Book of Remembrance. Each year we work diligently to ensure that we are able to honor our beloved departed, keeping their memory alive in our hearts and prayers. With the assistance of our incredible office staff, we were able to have the Book of Remembrance available on Yom Kippur for those in attendance at GHC.

Our Annual Kol Nidre Appeal is well underway, with many generous responses received and many more, on their way. The Kol Nidre Appeal allows GHC to continue to offer a myriad of programs that are enjoyed by all age groups. During these difficult times, we need your support more than ever. If you have already participated and responded, thank you, for your support and generosity. If you have not yet had the opportunity to respond, please remember that it is only with your support that GHC can flourish and thrive, as we prepare for the future when we will all reunite and enjoy the camaraderie that we have always shared.

Praying that everyone is healthy and enjoying family time. Stay tuned for information on fundraising events in the coming months. As always, we are open to new, interesting and fun ideas.

Rebecca Lazar, VP Fundraising

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Joan Fuhrman

In Honor of the birth of my 2 great-grandchildren Gavriel Yosef Remson and Ilana Greenspan

Michael Heller and Alyssa Bogart Heller

In Memory of Dolores Sanders

Philip Karmel and Barbara Landress

In Memory of Paul R. Karmel

George Katz

In Memory of Gussie Ripps

In Memory of Louise May, mother of Scott May and mother-in-law of Cantor Anna Chapman May

Jesse Koch

In Memory of Abraham Kucharsky

Jerry and Sandy Kransdorf

In Memory of Fannie Kransdorf

Jesse and Arlene Krawitz

In Memory of Enid Lotstein's mother

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Florence Lotstein

In Honor of Joan Fuhrman's 2 new great-grandchildren

Refuah Shlemah to Joan Fuhrman

In Memory of Louise May, mother of Scott May and mother-in-law to

Cantor Anna May

In Honor of Madaline Bruno's first grandchild, Dylan

Zvi and Linda Markowitz

In Memory of Moshe Markowitz

Norman and Vivian Milefsky

Graduation of our grandson, Tyler Sepinski from Dobbs Ferry HS. Mazal Tov to parents Judy and Brian Sepinski

Mazal Tov to Rabbi Stein and family on the marriage of his daughter Nina to David

Mazal Tov to Joan Fuhrman on the birth of two more great-grandchildren for you to enjoy!

Mazal Tov to Suzie and Steve Neuburger on their special wedding anniversary – 60 year!! Same day, same year, same time as ours. May you continue on for many more years in good health and happiness.

Mazal Tov to Eleanor Heller on the marriage of her grandson Coby Sloyer to LeiLei.

Thank you Rabbi Stein for all the caring phone calls.

Thank you to Naomi Feinkind for all of the updates and constantly reminding me to get a new computer already.

We wish Linda and Zvi Markowitz the very best on their permanent move to Florida and Weehawken, NJ. May you enjoy everything in good health for a long time to come. Stay in touch!

Mazal Tov to Cantor Janet Leuchter on her honor as a Sisterhood Woman of the Year. We wish you the best of everything as you leave GHC.

Congratulations to Madaline Bruno on becoming a first-time Grandma. May you enjoy watching baby Dylan James grow and

change over time. The best to the family. Congratulations to Pat and Brian Conlan on the latest addition to their family, a granddaughter. All the best. Mazal Tov to Dr. Andrew Goldstein on his well-deserved honor.

Julius Neudorfer

In Memory of Wladislaw Neudorfer

Michelle Rich – Donation

Bruce Segall and Robin Rosenberg

In Honor of Natalie Garson's Bat Mitzvah

Phil and Joyce Sassoon

In Memory of Neville Sassoon

Jonathan Siegel and Judy Fried Siegel - Donation

Mel and Anna Weintraub

In Memory of Sara Naphtali

Security Fund

Norman and Vivian Milefsky

Kudos to Rabbi Stein, the Board of Trustees especially Andy Goldstein, Naomi Feinkind and Rebecca Lazar; the office staff especially Madaline Bruno; and everyone else who have been bravely keeping us all together during these very trying times.

Wishing my brother Steven Glasberg, a Refuah shlema and continued recovery from his heart surgery.

Wishing everyone a Shana Tovah Tikateivu, a sweet and healthy year.

Yahrzeit and Yizkor Fund

Joan Fuhrman

In Memory of her beloved mother
Anna Abramson

Herb and Roberta Goldberg

In Memory of Honey Goldberg
In Memory of Evette Joffe

Brad Goldman

In Memory of his father, Len Goldman

George Katz

In Memory of Louise May mother of
Scott May and mother-in-law of Cantor
Anna May

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Kenneth and Meryl Kupersmith

In Memory of Harvey Kupersmith

In Memory of Rita Winiarz

Norman and Vivian Milefsky

In loving memory of Vivian's parents, Tillie and William Glasberg.

In memory of Norman's parents Beatty and Solomon Milefsky.

In Memory of Norman's aunts; Ann Ballin, Rose Schuman, Esther Rosenfeld and Mae Freedenberg

In Memory of Norman's brother, Stanley Miles

In Memory of Norman's cousin, Herbert Freedenberg

In Memory of Norman's childhood friend Maurice Passy

Get well wishes to Lois Greenwald. We wish you a continued recovery.

Refuah Shlema to Joan Fuhrman. Hope you will stay healthy for a long time to come.

Refuah Shlema to Nettie and Mel Goldstein.

In Memory of Max Adler beloved husband of Inge Adler.

In fond memory of Anton Klotz. Miss all of the phone calls of caring and our wonderful conversations.

In Memory of Missy Stein at a too young age. May her memory be for a blessing.

Condolences to the entire family.

In fond memory of Eileen Schrott beloved mother of Betsy Schrott.

Condolences to Enid Lotstein on the loss of beloved mother Florence Lotstein

In Memory of Dolores Sanders

In Memory of Steven Strauss, beloved husband of Bernice Strauss.

In Memory of Stacey Anker, condolences to her mother Judy Anker and father Mark Anker. Her grandparents, long-time members Rhoda and Leonard Anker.

Sonia Taub

In Memory of Albert Feldman

In Memory of Yetta Feldman

Carol and Richard Thombs

In Memory of Carol's beloved mother, Ruth Grossman

Caring Community/ Hesed Fund

Beth Brivic

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Joan Fuhrman – Donation

Hal and Sheila Greenwald – Donation

Steve and Suzy Neuburger

In Memory of Ruth Bachner

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Jonathan and Ruth Lichter

In Memory of Lester Lichter

Sylvia Lubliner

In Memory of Rabbi Immanuel Lubliner

Jewish Education Fund

Enid Lotstein

In gratitude during my time of need to Rabbi Stein, GHC, GHC Caring Committee, GHC Empty Nesters and all of my friends at GHC

Silvian and Lily Marcus

In Memory of Issac Rodeany

Ellen Sonkin

In Memory of Bruce's grandfather, Benjamin Sonkin

In Memory of Jack Sonkin

In Memory of Louis Wellins

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

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David Berkman

In Memory of his parents Seymour and Annette Berkman

Cynthia Hertz

In Memory of her grandmother Rose Wasserman

In Memory of her mother Fay Wasserman

In Memory of her uncle Joe Beer

In Memory of her father Emanuel Wasserman

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Zvi and Linda Markowitz

In Memory of Moshe Markowitz

Norman and Vivian Milefsky

In fond memory of Than Durgin, a very sweet, caring young man.

In fond memory of Eileen Firsty

Get well wishes to Jesse Krawitz

In Memory of Lester Crystal, beloved husband of Toby.

In Memory of Carl Liss, father of Jeffrey Liss

In fond memory of Zelda and Paul Neustadt long time members.

In Memory of Stuart Kessler, beloved husband of Isabel.

In Memory of Joseph Shabtai, beloved father of Adi Tamir

Neil and Barbara Millstein

In Memory of Neil's father Sam Millstein

Evelyn Nirenstein

In Honor of the marriage of Nina and David Goldstein

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In Memory of Leon Rabinowitz
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In Honor of their grandson Justin Luftig's
Bar Mitzvah

Memorial Plaque

Enid Lotstein

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In Memory of Sharon's brother, Steven
Berger

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Michael and Joan Abelson

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In Memory of Louise May, Scott May's mother and
Cantor May's mother-in-law

Deanna Fried and Family

In Memory of Louise May mother of Scott
May and mother-in-law to Cantor Anna
May

Jesse and Arlene Krawitz

In Honor of Madaline Bruno's first grand-
child, Dylan

In Memory of Louise May, mother of Scott May and
mother-in-law of Cantor May

Allyn Salpeter

In Memory of Louise May, mother of Scott May and
mother-in-law of Cantor May

Capital Campaign 2025

Robert and Suzanne Schaps

In Honor of their grandson Justin Luftig's
Bar Mitzvah. Towards Programs/Education

Onegs & Kiddushim

Steve and Suzy Neuburger

Best wishes to Linda and Zvi Markowitz

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