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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

During the pandemic, my daughter, Mia, made Aliyah and it was almost a year before I could see her in person. Then she came back for a brief visit. Standing at the airport waiting for her to come out, my heart was racing. It is not that I love her more than my other children but I just needed to hug her. When she came running out, I thought I felt my heart skip a beat. Then came the hug. And we both started to cry. Wrapping my arms around her I could feel her melt into my arms like only a baby girl does with her daddy. Embracing her with a tight squeeze like only a father caring for his young daughter can do. I know she is a brave Israeli soldier but she is also my little girl and I missed her so much.

The year has been hard on so many and the recovery is on the way. The pictures of families reunited after a year long separation abound. Newspapers, magazines, social media have exploded with images of grandparents and grandchildren hugging. Newborns being held by wrinkled hands. Kisses and hand holding. We are coming back and we are getting back together.

I cannot tell you how much I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as feel comfortable on the High Holidays this year.

The stories of the Torah are replete with examples of families reuniting. Isaac and Ishmael at Abraham's funeral; Jacob and Esau after the debacle of the birthright; Rachel and her father, Lavan, after stealing his idol; Joseph and his brothers after Joseph's sale into slavery.

Yet reunions are hard. Both the anticipation and the reality make coming back together difficult. We do not know how we will be greeted or what we will find. We might feel like an outsider or even an interloper. We might feel ambivalent and we might feel unsafe.

This is the best time to come back, because we are all in the same boat. This is your moment. If you have never felt comfortable in synagogue, either because you do not attend regularly or your Hebrew might not be as good as someone else's (or may be non-existent), this is your moment.

We are all starting over. We are beginning anew. This is your time. If there is one thing these months of isolation has taught us, it is the critical importance of community. This is your time to come back.

Each year, like salmon swimming upstream, the Jew returns to the synagogue despite a current of anti-religion and growing secularism. Do not fight the urge. This is what you will find:

A judgement free zone

People ready to help you feel at home

Comforting greetings (whatever that means for you, embraces, hugs, handshakes or just a verbal "hello").

There are two ideas I would like you to consider for the High Holidays.

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RABBI cont'd from pg. 1

First, Selichot is August 28, 2021. Invite loved ones who will not be able to be with you for the High Holidays for the weekend and come to shul together that evening to usher in the New Year season. There are no tickets needed to come for this brief service. Sit next to each other, maybe even hold hands as we are moved by the melodies of this sacred time.

Second, bring a transitional object. For Yizkor on Yom Kippur, please bring with you a small object of sentimental value. I will be carrying my father's tallis clips. Bring something tangible that will help you feel your loved one viscerally.

The High Holidays this year are "early." Selichot, as noted above, is August 28 and the first day of Rosh Hashanah is September 7, 2021.

CANTOR

Growing up, I remember seeing my three cousins become bat mitzvahs, and thinking – *I want to do that*. Maybe I was impressed at how they got to read from the Torah scroll, and how people said nice things about them. Or maybe it was the puffy dresses they got to wear. Whatever it was, I was intrigued, and I asked my parents to enroll me in religious school.

This is what I remember about preparing for my bat mitzvah: I remember receiving lessons from a nice, somewhat gruff and eccentric, man named Jules Hirsh, who always wore a bow tie. I practiced every week with a tape he made for me. I came up with a system of arrows and marks to help me remember the melodies. When I see kids doing the same thing today, it makes me smile.

My parsha was Shemini from the book of Leviticus, so I got to read all the funny names of animals, birds and insects that Jews could and could not eat. Being a Reform synagogue, they required me only to read a short portion of the Torah and to read the translation in English. I did not learn any of the Haftarah, lead any of the service, or even make a speech.

I remember the huge fights with my mother over the dress I would wear. Somehow we finally found one we could both agree on – a flowing chiffon dress with a light green floral print and bell sleeves.

I remember sitting on the bimah, looking out over the huge, historic sanctuary with Tiffany stained glass windows

and wooden pews with a deep red carpet. Around me the cantor was singing and the rabbi speaking, but I did not really know what was going on.

I remember the party afterwards in the ballroom social hall. It pains me to think about it, but I had invited some kids from school I thought were cool, and I was mortified when the DJ played anything that was not the pop and rap music that was popular at the time.

Was it meaningful to me? Did I feel like an adult, or more part of the Jewish community? Not really. I was glad that I did it and it felt like an accomplishment, but my participation in the synagogue basically stopped after that, until college, apart from sporadic youth group and High Holiday attendance.

Even so, there was some spiritual connection underneath everything, which was what drew me to become a bat mitzvah and what kept me coming back on the High Holidays and eventually led me back to the Jewish community. Later, during my college years, when I was struggling emotionally and yearning for something - what exactly I did not know – a late night walk through the neighborhood where I grew up brought me to the steps of my childhood synagogue. There was something comforting about just sitting there on those stone steps. I guess I did not realize how much I needed that connection to God and to the Jewish community.

This year, I have had the privilege of working with fifteen young people preparing to become b'nai mitzvah. It is sometimes strange to be on the other side. Now I am the man in the bow tie. I try to connect with each student, despite it being virtual. I try to put myself in their place, but it is hard. My teen years were three decades ago now. I ask myself how can I make it more meaningful, more enjoyable for them? How can I make it a positive experience and not a stressful one? I have been impressed at the commitment and dedication of many of the students. Especially this year, when there is no party as an incentive or reward for their hard work.

Each student has been unique in personality, interests, and strengths. Each student learned and processed the material differently, and it has made me learn how to adjust and adapt to their needs.

Everyone who has become a b'nai mitzvah has their own memories and stories of how they got there and what it meant. A huge Mazel Tov to all our students who became b'nai mitzvah this year. It was not easy and I am so proud of you all.

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Cantor May on the day of her bat mitzvah, with Rabbi Gerald Weider, Congregation Beth Elohim, Brooklyn, NY.



PRESIDENT

When I was first approached to become Executive Vice President, to serve under my good friend, Naomi, my reaction was “you’ve got to be kidding. Who needed this headache? Do I even have the personality for this position?” After some strong convincing, and since I was in the process of trying to sell my business, I agreed at least to try it out for one year. Well, as the story goes... here I am writing my first President’s message in the Hamvaser.

I must admit, I learned a lot from Naomi. Her dedication, her unwavering commitment to details and her realization of the need for open input and consensus building showed me a lot. That being said, and I will be the first to admit it and am telling you now, my filter will not be half as effective as hers. I will tell you like it is (at least how I perceive it!). Some of you will appreciate the directness, and some of you won’t. I do not expect you always to agree with me. However, if you can, please do not take it personally if I do not agree with you. Compromise and transparency is in my temperament, so keep in mind that I will always be looking out for the benefit of the whole community.

I am not going to go into a long history at this time about my involvement with GHC. Suffice it to say that Leslie and I have been associated with the congregation since my oldest daughter, Jenette, was in the two’s class some 32 years ago. Leslie taught nursery school for quite some time and Gan for close to 20 years. Everyone knew Leslie. I was quite content being “Leslie’s husband”. She would go to services. I would work around the house and whatever else I could do to **not** go to services. Never my thing! I am probably going to be the first President (to my knowledge) who really does not read Hebrew. Am I proud of that? No. As I said before, telling you like it is.

Taking over this position at what I hope is near the end of the pandemic has its challenges and we will all deal with them. While my philosophy would be to open up more than we are now, I am quite cognizant of those who are not yet comfortable joining in person for

services and other events. The Planning for the Future Task Force, which Naomi instituted and which has guided this shul through all aspects of the pandemic, will continue. The Task Force includes doctors, clergy, VP’s and Board members, or, in other words, the leaders of our community. Their input has been the backbone of our strategy to keep all members of GHC safe.

As I get accustomed to this new role, I have two major goals. One, to increase the presence of GHC in the community, which I hope will lead toward an increase in membership; and, two, to increase the socialization of our members. Leslie and I met our best friends through GHC, some of them have been our friends for over 32 years. Whether you meet lasting friends or not will be up to you. My goal is to supply the opportunity. It is yours to act on it. When you go to GHC and your friends are there, you will be more apt to participate, no matter what the activity is. With the advent of social media, times have changed a lot since my earlier years here. However, what has not changed is the personal satisfaction and gratification one gets from in-person interaction. Whether GHC becomes a “second home” to you (as it has to our family) or not, is again, up to you.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE con't from pg. 4

You may have noticed that for quite some time I have been promoting "GHC is more than just a synagogue." What that means is up to you to determine. The clergy, officers and I (which is now a "we"), will do our best to engage you and your family. If you have any ideas, questions, issues or just want to talk, consider me at your disposal. With your help, I look forward to leading GHC to new heights, and, as some have said in the past, to let others know of "the best kept secret in the Rivertowns."

I cannot leave you without *Something to Make you Smile*, so...

The night before the first Jewish President's inauguration, he calls his mother.

"Mom, I'd love for you to come attend the Inauguration and to stay home with me for a few days."

"Oh, I don't know, airfare is so expensive these days."

"Mom, I'll fly you out on Air Force One!"

"Oh, but you know, cab fare is ridiculous."

"Mom, the Presidential motorcade will drive you here."

"But accommodations, especially during the Inau—"

"MOM!! I'll put you in the Lincoln bedroom itself!!"

She reluctantly agrees, hangs up and starts talking to her friend.

"Who was that?"

"My son."

gasp "The doctor??"

"No, the other one

Lucky for me, neither of my brothers are doctors!

Hope to see you soon. Have a GREAT summer and don't forget to smile!

Jeff Liss

GHC RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Highlight on our GHC Religious School Zayin Class and ECC Graduating/Moving Up "Fabulous Fours"

We are so proud of our GHC "graduates!" Although, of course, you never really "graduate" from GHC; you're always part of the family! We hope our 4's attend Gan (Kindergarten) at our in- person religious school next year, and we already have some ideas of what our Zayin

students would like to do next year in our Hebrew High School Program!

It was a challenging year, but also one that provided us with the opportunity to grow, be flexible, learn more about ourselves, and become an even closer community!

MAZEL TOV TO OUR ZAYIN (7TH GRADE) RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLASS! We admire your perseverance, humor, resilience, and hard work this year! Your interesting questions, jokes, singing, acting, art, Hebrew and debating skills are amazing, and we know this is just the beginning of your Jewish journey! We hope you always stay connected to your GHC family.

Madeline Barth

Emmett Kushner

Joshua Bass

Joshua Miller

Rachel Cohen

Zachary Milun

Max Falek

Sabrina Pasternak

Matthew Gallantar

Sarina Pocius

Joshua Greenbarg

Emma Silverman

Daniel Koplik

Manuel Taub

Congrats to our GHC ECC's "Big 4's!" Here is what our students said about growing up and school:

Deva would like to be a painter when she grows up! Her favorite thing to do at school was to play on the playground, which we had a lot of time outdoors to do this year.

Harris is planning on becoming an astronaut; he know so much about planets already! He loved being with his friends on the playground.

Mia plans on making movies when she is a grown up; she already has an idea for a movie which is a variation of the classic, Star Wars! Mia's favorite part of school was all her friends.

Miriam wants to be a painter when she grows up! Her favorite part of school this year was playing with all her friends too.

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Rebecca would like to be a scientist when she grows up! Her favorite activity at school was drawing.

Shai plans on being a doctor when he grows up! His favorite part of GHC ECC was all the projects he was able to do.

Sophia would like to be an artist when she grows up; in fact, she may open a gallery with her lifelong artist friends, Miriam, Rebecca and Deva! All of her 4's friends will visit the gallery as special guests. Sophia also liked playing on the playground with the 4's this year.

Tessa would like to be a chef and plans on specializing in various types of hot cocoa; yum! Tessa loved building with MagnaTiles at school and made many wonderful creations with her friends!

Ethie (Teacher) – Ethie's favorite thing to do with her students this year was dance!

Tara (Teacher) – Tara's favorite 4's activities were sign language and playing with her students!

I would like to say thank you to everyone at GHC who works tirelessly to make our schools amazing!

A big "Todah Rabah!" to our faculty in the Religious School and in the Early Childhood Center, our amazing and enthusiastic students & parents, and our PTA. Todah rabah to Rabbi Stein, Cantor May, Naomi Feinkind, Stephanie Luftig, Andrew Goldstein, Arlene Krawitz, GHC's Board of Directors, and GHC's Re-Opening Task Force, all of whom I have worked closely with this year. I look forward to working with Jeff Liss, our new GHC President. Many thanks to Robin Rosenberg and GHC's Sisterhood, who have collaborated with the Religious School and Early Childhood Center. Last, but not least, thank you to Andrew, Yoko, Madaline and Jacqui, who keep everything running smoothly so we can do what we need to do every day here at GHC.

If you have not yet registered for 2021-2022 GHC ECC or Religious School, you still can! Please contact me at (914) 693-4260 or DirectorEd@ghcny.org, so we can chat and you can see our amazing (in person) schools!

FUNDRAISING

This past year has been an interesting yet productive one for GHC and the Fundraising Committee. We transitioned to virtual events, including a virtual Comedy Night and virtual Art Auction. Who knew virtual events could be so much fun! Thank you all, for your generosity and continued support of GHC.

On behalf of the Fundraising Committee, I want to extend a special thank you to the many volunteers who worked diligently to execute all of the events this year, especially the 2021 Journal culminating with the virtual Journal Gala event on June 6, 2021, honoring our dear friend and GHC President, Naomi Feinkind.

THANK YOU to our incredible journal creators, Alan and Caryn Kravitz (co-chairs); to Leslie and Jeff Liss, who left no stone unturned to assure a fitting tribute to our incredible president and great friend, Naomi Feinkind; to Davin Milun, for his calm and capable ability to keep our virtual events running smoothly all year; to Shiran Pasternak, for his artistic creativity; to Marcie Schneider, Mara-Lee Bierman, Nora and Jonathan Contract, Sheila Greenwald, JoAnn and Jay Lutzky, Rhonda and Howard Baskin and Lisa Goldman, thank you for your hard work and creative ideas and for always being available for Zoom meetings. To our office staff, Madaline Bruno, Jacqui Walker and Yoko Yamamoto-Furst, your assistance and hard work has been truly appreciated.

It has been an honor and a privilege to work with Naomi, Rabbi Jay Stein, Cantor May, Amy Kessler, the GHC Board of Trustee, the GHC office staff and a truly amazing and talented group of volunteers, the Fundraising Committee. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your VP of Fundraising for the past three years. As I hand the reins over to the capable hands of David Luftig, I know that he will lead us with new and innovative ideas for the future of GHC. Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

Rebecca Lazar, VP Fundraising

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Welcome to Summer!

Membership at GHC continues to grow! I would like to welcome our latest new members, Miriam Bass and Adam Tepper and family to the GHC community. I look forward to meeting you and all potential new members, and hope to see you at our activities and programs throughout the year.

Speaking of activities, things are opening up and the Membership Committee is beginning to plan both in-person and virtual events throughout the year.

Our first big event is the Welcome Back BBQ on Sunday, August 29th. It is a week earlier than usual, because the first night of Rosh Hashanah is on Labor Day. We will celebrate being back together in person with lots of food and fun. And on December 12th, we will be having a post Chanukah dinner. Save the dates!

Zoom-based Bingo was a hit and we will continue with virtual Bingo nights throughout the year, so keep your pennies, beans, and M&Ms handy. We are planning an in-person Family Game Night at GHC in January and maybe on some dates later on.

We are also looking forward to Simcha Shabbats, Healthcare Shabbat, and Educators' Shabbat.

Other activities that are being planned include brunches for Religious School and ECC parents and Parents' Nights Out with free babysitting.

If you have an idea for an event or want to help with any of the above activities, let us know!

For details on all upcoming events check the calendar on the GHC website (ghcnyc.org) and check your inbox for GHC News!

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

Elyse Milun

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!

Mazel Tov to Willys and Stephen Kals on the birth of their grandson Karl Antell McGehee. Parents, Josie and Teddy McGehee.

CONDOLENCES

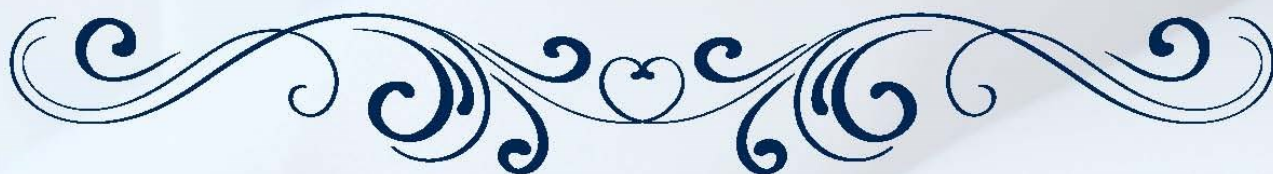
OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

Morris Cohen on the passing of his mother, Bernice S. Cohen.

Chad Barnattan on the passing of his father, David Barnattan.

May their memory always be a blessing.



Scroll of Gratitude

Greenburgh Hebrew Center



We have all, at some period in our lives, experienced difficult times, both before and during the pandemic. However, there have also often been bright spots, people who have reached out to help. Was there someone who went shopping, picked up a prescription, took your dog for a walk, called to say hello, brought you a meal, drove you to the doctor, picked up your kids from school, etc.? Recipients are not limited to members of GHC.

If saying "thank you", just wasn't enough, here is an opportunity to show your appreciation. Inscribe their names on our Scroll of Gratitude. We are asking for a small donation of \$18.00 per name and a description of how that individual helped you in your time of need. Only his/her name will be added to the scroll, but with your permission, we will print the specific information as to why the name appears.

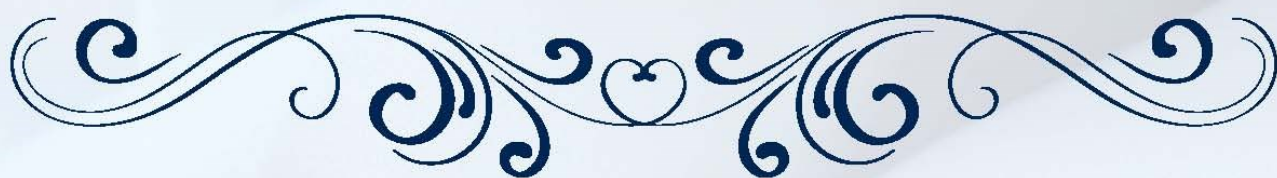
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SISTERHOOD

I hope you are enjoying the wonderful late spring/early summer weather. There could not be a better time of the year for us to begin the transition away from Covid restrictions.

I am SO excited to be starting my tenure as Sisterhood President at GHC. As it says on the GHC website “Sisterhood GHC is THE place for Jewish Women”. Sisterhood is a major supporter of GHC culturally, spiritually and financially. Besides the educational and cultural programs we present, we provide beautiful flower arrangements for the Bima on holidays, send Shiva dinners to bereaved families, operate the GHC Gift Shop, present each Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrant with a personally inscribed Siddur, and fund ECC and RS activities, just to name a few. We provide an opportunity for women to connect more intimately with the Synagogue through the Women’s Seder and Sisterhood Shabbat. And we contribute significantly to the GHC annual budget.

Sisterhood’s annual membership drive will be on shortly. Some exciting news – you will now be able to complete your 2021-2022 membership form on the new GHC website www.ghcnyc.org and pay by credit card if you choose. We have a calendar chock full of worthwhile upcoming events. If you are not currently a Sisterhood member, I hope you will consider joining us for a year of meaningful events where you can learn, feel inspired, have fun and develop friendships.

Sisterhood Shabbat, when we honored our outgoing President Robin Rosenberg, was held Friday night May 7 at 6 PM on Zoom. Thank you to co-chair Arlene Krawitz for all your hard work in planning the event and moving the service along smoothly. The service was an inspiring tribute to Robin for all the remarkable work she has done for Sisterhood and GHC. We had over 50 screens in attendance, and 32 members of Sisterhood and the Rosenberg/Segall family participated in readings and prayers.

Did you know that from 1870 to 1930 Harlem was the third largest Jewish community in the world after the Lower East Side and Warsaw, Poland? On Wednesday, June 9 at 7:30 PM, Barry Judelman of the Lower East Side Jewish Conservancy led us on a tour on Zoom of former sites of Jewish life in Harlem. The event was co-sponsored by Sisterhood and Adult Education and Cultural Affairs. Thank you to Nancy Sklar for connecting us with the Lower East

Side Jewish Conservancy and allowing us to learn about an often forgotten segment of Jewish history.

We had so much fun last summer doing an outdoor class in the GHC parking lot that we decided to have a Summer Exercise Class outdoors this summer as well. The classes will run from 5:30 to 6:30 PM on Wednesdays, July 14 and July 28, with possibly a third class on August 11. More details to come.

Our annual Rosh Hashanah Honey Sale is on. The price per jar is \$13 and if you order by July 7 shipping is free. After July 7 shipping will be \$5.50. Your order of 100% pure kosher honey is the perfect gift to share sweet High Holiday greetings with family and friends. The gift jar comes complete with a personalized message and brachot printed on a beautiful card. See the flyer in this issue of the Hamvaser and GHC News for the link to order the jars of honey. Remember the Honey Sale benefits both GHC and ORT, a not-for-profit global Jewish organization that promotes education and training in communities worldwide.

Before I close, I have to express all of Sisterhood’s gratitude to Sisterhood’s Immediate past president, Robin Rosenberg. While Robin’s enthusiasm and creativity has kept Sisterhood a vibrant organization for the four years she served as President, at no time was this more evident than the last 16 months when we had to switch gears due to the pandemic. Many events could easily be presented on Zoom, but it was Robin who revamped both the Women’s Seder and Sisterhood Shabbat to work as Zoom events while preserving the spirituality they had when they were in-person events at the Synagogue. And when it was evident that we could not assemble and distribute our usual Shalach Manot bags chock full with edible goodies, Robin came up with the idea to make Shalach Manot a fun packet of stories, recipes and puzzles so that congregants would have something to enjoy during a pandemic Purim. I personally want to thank Robin for all the invaluable help she is providing me during this transition period. She is the best! Although Robin has moved up to the position of EVP at GHC, she will still be an important part of the Sisterhood Board as Torah Fund Chair.

If you have any suggestions about programs/events or want to volunteer your time, please contact me at Sisterhood@ghcnyc.org. I’d love to hear from you!

Allyn Salpeter, Sisterhood GHC President

CARING COMMUNITY

Thank You. Thank You. Thank You. Thank You.

Dear Caring Community Volunteers,

As a mostly volunteer community, we can only do what we do because of you.

Our CC team is a small group dedicated to providing member assistance when needed. Thanks to Mark Sloane, Naomi Rosenberg, Debbie Jagoda, Linda Markowitz, Arlene Krawitz and Nancy Nager. We are always in contact, pandemic or no pandemic, under the guidance of Rabbi Stein and with support from Cantor May.

When a need arises, our team responds.

However, we cannot do what we do without our cadre of volunteers. When assistance is needed, we send an email out to members who have asked to be on our volunteer list. In no particular order, our marvelous volunteers are: Arlene Krawitz, Robin Rosenberg, Daniel Belasco, Rosa Kaufman, Ben Robbins, Julie Schwartz, Enid Lotstein, Michael Billig, Jo-Ann Lutzky, Lisa Dayan, Debbie Jagoda, Fran Stone, Caryn Krawitz, Lisa Katz, Mark Sloane, Linda Markowitz, Naomi Rosenberg, Nancy Nager, Annie Rhymer, Shara Sheinberg, Tovah Passé, Evan Bender, Jeff Liss, and, of course, as President, Naomi Feinkind.

This pandemic year was a difficult one for all and our help was needed in various ways for different members. Going forward, we thank each of you for being available to help. Please consider adding your name to our list. Despite a long list of volunteers, more is better as not everyone is always available when a need arises.

Kindly volunteer by sending me an email; I will happily add your name to our list. When help is needed, I send an email; no worries if you cannot help, there will probably be a next time. As we go into the New Year, please consider being the newest volunteer on our list!

Again and again, thank you for caring as much as you do!

With best wishes and warm regards,

Sheila Greenwald, on behalf of the Caring Community at GHC

GREEN TEAM



- Hazon Food Climate Mini Grant Awarded to GHC!

Through our affiliation with Hazon, GHC has been awarded a \$750 mini-grant for a program aimed at increasing education on vegetarian food sources in order to reduce our carbon footprint. We are the only grant recipients in New York, or, indeed, in the entire tri-state area! This project will focus on two cohorts-Religious School families in grades 2-7, and the GHC community at large. We are currently planning to offer a series of vegetarian/vegan cooking classes that will be educational, motivating and delicious.

- Reverse Tashlich

It is not too late to participate in the Reverse Tashlich which starts at the beginning of Elul in August and runs to September 19th (Erev Sukkot). We individually and independently gather litter in the community. We will come together to share our experiences on Sunday, September 26th.

- Participate in the GHC Community through the Green Team

The Green Team continues to hold regularly scheduled monthly meetings. Everyone is welcome to join us, whether to provide input of one idea for five minutes of a meeting, for one meeting or to join the Green Team.



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George Katz	In Memory of Gloria Ripps
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	In Memory of Bernice Cohen
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Jesse and Arlene Krawitz	Tyler Sepinski for a complete recovery
George Leib	In Memory of Benjamin Borah
Jeff and Leslie Liss	In Memory of our fathers, Carl Liss and Ernest Fanwick
Zvi and Linda Markowitz	In Memory of Bernice Cohen, mother of Morris Cohen. Condolences to the family and may you know no more sorrow.
	In our thoughts and prayers - Judy, Brian and Tyler Sepinski. Wishing a speedy and complete recovery for Tyler.
	To Vivian and Norman Milefsky, Refuah Shleimah
	Wishing good health to Naomi Rosenberg
	To all the continuing and new members of the Board, a restful summer and thank you for taking up your challenge on our behalf.
Allan and Claire Schwartz	In Memory of Sonia Gordon
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Zvi & Linda Markowitz

Rabbi Stein - Rabbi Stein has been immensely helpful during the months of the pandemic. He has been especially uplifting and continues to give creative and meaningful services.

Naomi Feinkind - Naomi has been an amazing leader throughout her Presidency and was most reassuring during these many months.

Andy Goldstein - Thank you, Andy, for explaining to us, in your soft-spoken manner, how to stay safe.

Sheila Greenwald - Sheila is like GHC's "mother hen", meant in the kindest way possible!

Robin Rosenberg - Robin was, and is, for Sisterhood & GHC, a "Jack of all trades and a master of ALL".

Naomi Rosenberg - Thank you, Naomi, for your continued gentle, caring and kind devotion to all of us.

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In Memory of our families

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Mazel Tov on the engagement of Gavi to Evan Klein

In Appreciation of siyum of the firstborn learning with Rabbi Stein

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Reverse Tashlich

As we set out to repair ourselves, we can set out to repair our world. In **tashlich**, we cast bread into bodies of water to cast away our sins. In **reverse tashlich**, we will remove pollution from bodies of water and other natural areas.

Call to Action

Between **August 9, 2021** and **September 19, 2021** (from Rosh Hodesh Elul to Erev Sukkot), collect litter in our local community at sites such as town parks, our neighborhoods, and shopping areas. Take pictures and send them, along with a brief narrative, to Enid at greening@ghcny.org.

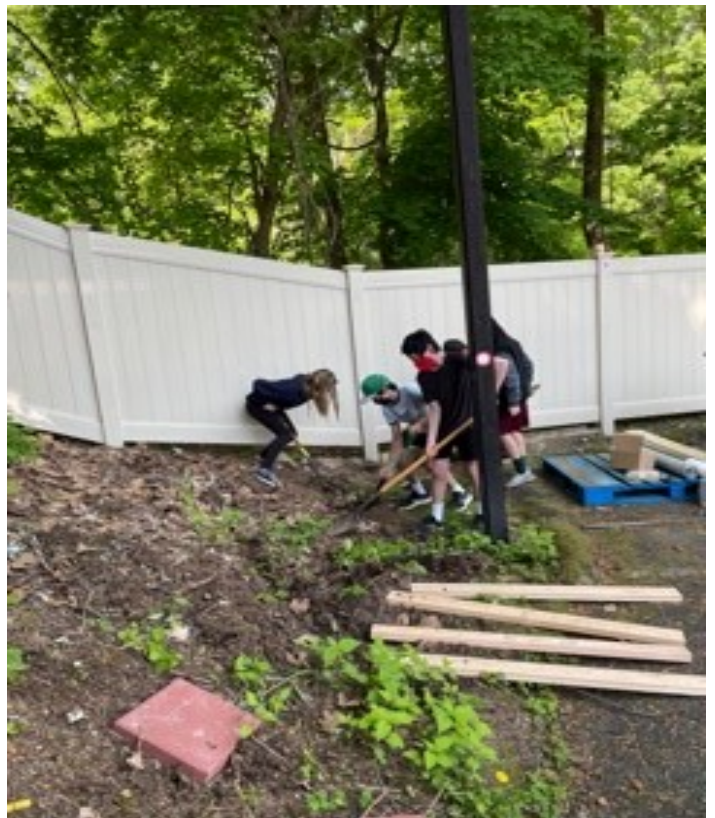
Gather as a Community

As the culmination of our individual efforts, join together on **Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 12:30 p.m.** to share our experiences. Please RSVP to Enid at greening@ghcny.org.

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