



**FROM THE RABBI'S DESK**

After months and months of watching COVID and its trajectory only one of three things can happen. Either things will stay the same, things will get worse or things will get better. While I pray for things to get better, we will all have to wait and see.

There are few words that have the opposite effect on another person as “calm down”. Those words only rival “you have no reason to be angry”. That is why I’m not going to write about either of these here in this column. Rather I say “have patience”. Our world has been gripped by a pandemic for what will be over a year. At the beginning we used to think that maybe this month it will get better and it did, for a while. Then it started surging again and we prayed for the vaccine to be approved. Now that the vaccine has been approved, we are looking forward to receiving it. And while time has passed, people continue to become sick and many have died.

With each step, I have preached kindness and patience. But it is so hard because the road is long: balancing work and family life is difficult; the elderly have had to find ways to cope with isolation; the sandwich generation has had to work hard to continue to sustain businesses and care for their parents and children.

All the while we have talked about connection and the need for each other even while we socially distance and we realize there is nothing that is a substitute for a hug.

The poem, *Piers Plowman*, said to have been written around 1360 by English poet William Langland, is about a man in search of faith. One line in the poem states that “patience is a fair virtue.” By calling patience a virtue, or state of moral excellence, it leads people to believe an ability to wait without agitation is an admirable quality.

Unfortunately we have had to do so much waiting: waiting in lines to vote; waiting in lines to get tested; waiting in line to go into the supermarket. Meanwhile we keep repeating to ourselves the phrase, “good things come to those who wait,” as if that will make us feel better.

Eleven years ago I was privileged to write my most significant piece of Jewish legislation. It was based on this one piece of Talmud.

R. Pereda had a pupil whom he taught his lesson four hundred times before the latter could master it. On a certain day, having been requested to attend to a religious matter, he taught him as usual but the pupil could not master the subject. “What,” the Master asked: “is the matter to-day?” — “From the moment,” the other replied, “the Master was told

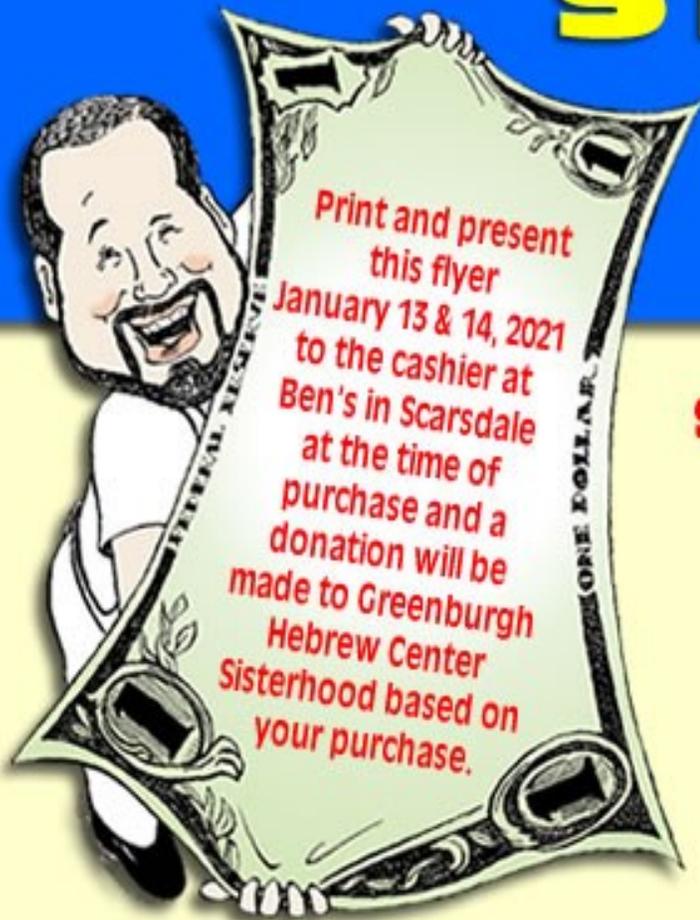
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UNDER RABBINICAL SUPERVISION DAILY

that there was a religious matter to be attended to I could not concentrate my thoughts, for at every moment I imagined, now the Master will get up or now the Master will get up.” “Give me your attention,” the Master said, “and I will teach you again,” and so he taught him another four hundred times. A bath kol issued forth asking him, “Do you prefer that four hundred years shall be added to your life or that you and your generation shall be privileged to have a share in the world to come?” — “That,” he replied. “I and my generation shall be privileged to have a share in the world to come.” “Give him both,” said the Holy One, blessed be He. (Eruvin 54b)

The text explains that certain people have extraordinary patience and that changes the life of one student. The other side of the story shows the remarkable persistence, determination of the student to learn. The partnership brings great gifts to the giver and the recipient. Patience and endurance are two sides of the same coin.



### Tu b'Shevat and the Music of the Trees

Tu b'Shevat, the New Year of the Trees, this year falls on January 28<sup>th</sup>. We learn in the Mishnah that the Jewish calendar traditionally has four New Years: The first of Tishrei (Rosh Hashanah), Tu b'Shevat, the first of Nisan (originally the beginning of the Jewish calendar), and the first of Elul (the new year for the tithing of cattle). New Years are times for tradition – we celebrate them with prayers and rituals that we perform every year, which give us a sense of comfort and continuity. Yet they are also a time of renewal and rebirth, of taking stock of our lives and the paths we are on. Our tradition gives us four of these opportunities to start anew.

The date of Tu b'shevat, the fifteenth of the Hebrew month Shevat, was chosen because in Israel by that time most of the Winter rains are over, the fruit has begun to ripen, and the flowers start to blossom. There is no greater symbol of renewal and rebirth than a newly flowering tree. It is the custom on Tu b'shevat to eat a fruit of the new season for the first time that year, and to say the *Shehechyanu*. In Eastern Europe it was the custom to eat fifteen different types of fruit from the Land of Israel.

Trees show up in many places throughout our liturgy and sacred texts. One of those places is on Shabbat, when we sing psalm 92, which says:

*Tzadik katamar yifrach k'erez balevanon yisgeh.*

*Shetulim b'veit Adonai b'chatzrot Eloheynu yafrichu,*

*Od yenuvun b'seivah d'sheinim v'raanim yihyu*

*lhagid ki yashar Adonai tzuri v'lo avlata bo*

The righteous shall flourish like the palm-tree; and shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Planted in the house of the LORD, they shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be full of sap and richness; To declare that the LORD is upright, my Rock, in whom there is no injustice

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## THANK YOU LETTERS FROM YONKERS SCHOOL 23

Dear Members of GHC,

From the entire School 23 Community, we would like to thank you for your generous donation of 20 turkeys to our neediest families. Your kindness has allowed those who are facing some very trying times to enjoy the blessings of the holiday through those who truly care about the well-being of the community. I hope you and your families are well and that when this pandemic is over, you will be able to visit us so we can thank you in-person. School 23 will always be thankful to you for continuing to support our school year in and year out.

Thanks so much.

Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving and continued health for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,

*Mike*

Michael G. Walpole  
Principal, School 23  
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May God bless the congregation for supporting our families at School 23. We all worship God and it is a commandment to take care of our neighbors. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. I used a translation service:

שאלוהים יברך את הקהילה על תמיכת המשפחות שלנו  
בבית ספר 23. כולנו סוגדים לאלוהים וזו מצווה לדאוג  
לשכנינו. תודה מעומק ליבנו.

From:

*Rose Collins-Judon*  
*Assistant Superintendent, Yonkers Public Schools*

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In this psalm, righteous people are likened to trees – palms and cedars. Like those majestic trees that are so connected to our image of the Land of Israel, the righteous will flourish, full of richness. Even in old age, those who are righteous will continue to bear fruit, like those sturdy trees. This text inspires us to act righteously so that we too will grow and flourish like the palm and cedar.

Putting away the Torah in the ark, we sing " Etz Chayim Hi" , likening the Torah to a tree of life.

The Prophet Micah describes a vision of the end of days, in which“every man shall sit under his vine and under his fig-tree; and none shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken”.

In the Song of Songs 2:3, the apple tree is used as a metaphor for the beloved and adds a romantic and sensual element to the poetry: “Like an apple tree among trees of the forest, So is my beloved among the youths. I delight to sit in his shade, and his fruit is sweet to my mouth”

According to the ancient text Perek Shira (chapter of song), everything on Earth has its own song - this unique book ascribes a different quotation from our sacred texts to every creature and creation – from the ants, to the blades of grass, to the mountains and skies. The wild trees have their own song too – a quote from Divrei Hayamim (Chronicles) “ Then shall the trees of the forest sing out at the presence of Adonai, because He comes to judge the Earth”.

What it is like to stand tall and majestic like a palm tree, with roots deep in the soil, and wide sturdy leaves reaching to the sky? What does the song of the trees sound like?

During the first few months I spent in Jerusalem, I remember feeling for a moment that I had heard the music of the trees. Perhaps this was the kind of thing that can only happen in Israel, but I was taking a walk and looking up at the trees. I heard the leaves lightly rustling in the breeze, and sunlight poking through the branches. In that instance I experienced a moment of expansion, like I was hearing the trees whisper God’s name, and sounded to me like a kind of music. I wasn’t striving to hear it, or thinking about it, it just happened.

This Tu B’shevat, may we tune in to the music of the trees, and to experience their calm and strength, able to weather the storms around us.

## CARING COMMUNITY

Dear Friends,

I recall a conversation Mark Sloane and I had with Rabbi Kenter. Back in 2012 as we were preparing to launch the Caring Community, Mark distilled the purpose very succinctly, to make it as easy and comfortable for a member to ask for help as to give it. Mark, you were spot on then and now.

During these troubling times, we thank you GHC congregants for your continued support of our members. Perhaps you are a volunteer. Perhaps you are thinking about joining our cadre of dedicated volunteers. Please let me know!! . Maybe you make a donation to our Hesed fund which helps us help members as needed. Perhaps you have responded to the Board’s request to call members who need the contact. Maybe you are reaching out to Rabbi Stein with information about a member that you have member permission to share. When we are invited to a zoom funeral or Shiva, it feels good to see how many people show up.

Hopefully as you read this, the vaccine will be making a difference. In the meantime, thank you for making the difference for us all.

With best wishes that you continue to stay safe and well,

Sheila, on behalf of the Caring Community



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## PRESIDENT

How fortunate we are as Jews to celebrate the New Year, not once but twice. While not similar in observance both do however, emphasize reflection on the year past and hope for the year to come.

I have shared extensively how GHC has stepped up to the challenges of this Pandemic from its earliest stages. We have tackled the opening of our building, the continuity of our schools, the revival of Shabbat services and offered an amazing High Holiday experience. Our boards and committees continued to work for GHC. There were a multitude of programs and activities that continued to engage all of us. Our congregants have supported our social action initiatives by generously giving to our Annual Turkey Drop and The Giving Tree. Our security initiative moved forward with the installation of our fence and bollards. We have shared simchas in times of joy and have offered support in times of sadness, albeit, via zoom. Our clergy, staff and a host of volunteers have kept GHC vibrant, even in these challenging times.

We approach this New Year with anticipation that the worst is behind us and that we begin 2021 with the hope that we can return to normalcy. We know that at GHC and in our community we must remain vigilant. The Planning for the Future Task Force will continue to meet to review the policies and procedures for the safety of our congregation. Rabbi Stein and Cantor May will continue to lead us in meaningful, inspirational prayer. Amy Kessler, our Educational Director and her teaching staff will continue to engage our children. Our boards and committees will continue to meet the needs of all members of our synagogue. We will laugh at Comedy Nights and engage in study. We will continue to support Book Club, the Green Team, Sisterhood, Men's Club and Israel. We will continue to be the VIBRANT EGALITARIAN CONSERVATIVE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY, EMBRACING OUR TRADITIONS WHILE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHANGING WORLD, nothing less, but so much more.

From my home to yours - a happy and healthy New Year.

Be well, stay safe.

Naomi Feinkind

President



## GHC HAS A NEW WEBSITE!

**We are pleased to announce that GHC has upgraded its website. Although it is STILL UNDER REVIEW, it is operational as far as the calendar, payments, donations, events, and general information is concerned. Please take a look at your leisure. Eventually every member will get their own log in information. In the interim, if you go to an area and get an error message or don't see certain info that was on our previous website, please don't be concerned. We are in the process of transferring a lot of information over and upgrading the server we will be using moving forward. Also, if you see a microphone on the bottom right of a specific day, click on it. It's an announcement. Our old website will be up and running for some time (until all the data is transferred over) so feel free to go to either one.**

**OUR NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS IS:  
[www.ghcny.org](http://www.ghcny.org)**

# YOU SHALL NOT SUFFER A SORCERESS TO LIVE: WITCHCRAFT & MAGIC IN THE BIBLE AND ITS WORLD

by Dr. Sharon Keller

Sunday, February 7th at 11 am via Zoom



Witchcraft and Magic are not the first things that come to mind when thinking about the Bible, yet each of these provocative topics is an essential part of some of the Bible's most familiar lessons and stories. Join us for a fun, engaging hour as we study some often overlooked tidbits of ancient Israelite customs, biblical text, stories and laws in light of the ancient contemporary environment.

Sharon Keller earned her PhD at the NYU Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies in Bible and the Ancient Near East. She is on the Classics faculty at Hofstra and has been an Assistant Professor at JTS and Hebrew Union College. Her most popular book, *Jews: A Treasury of Art and Literature*, was awarded the National Jewish Book Award. Sharon is known for her enthusiasm and humor and for making otherwise esoteric subjects easily accessible!

**Zoom information will be publicized prior to the event.**



Co-Sponsored by Adult Education/Cultural Affairs and Sisterhood GHC. Please consider making a donation to Adult Education to help us support this event.

Questions? Email [VPadulteducation@g-h-c.org](mailto:VPadulteducation@g-h-c.org)

## **ADULT EDUCATION/ CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

We are pleased to be partnering with Sisterhood for the event entitled “An Illuminated Megillah” on Sunday, January 10, 2021. This is sure to be an interesting and “illuminating“ (LOL!) event. Please see the flyer and Sisterhood’s column for further info.

I am very excited to announce another upcoming event to be held on Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 11 AM entitled “Thou Shalt Not Suffer a Sorceress to Live: Witchcraft and Magic in the Bible”. This will be a presentation by and discussion with Dr. Sharon Keller. Dr. Keller received her Ph.D. in Bible and the Ancient Near East from NYU. She has held appointments at several of the finest universities in New York City and is currently on the Classics faculty at Hofstra University. In addition to her academic appointments, Sharon has been an educator and lecturer for synagogues and groups around the country. She has an amazing breadth of knowledge, is a masterful researcher and a fabulous, enthusiastic and joyful communicator. Her expertise has enabled her to teach such varied subjects as biblical text, biblical literature and history, “Women in The Hebrew Bible,” and “Greco-Roman Comedy” as well as the art and archaeology of the lands of the ancient Mediterranean world. Additionally, she is a native New Yorker who, among other non-academic pursuits has been a tour guide and presenter for the Lower East Side Jewish Conservancy with such original topics as “Coping with Crowds: “ESCAPES” on the Lower East Side” and “Hello Gorgeous: An Hour or so with Fanny Brice”. Sharon provides a high level of historical context for all the subjects she presents. Please join us to learn what Sharon has to teach us about this fascinating, unusual and exciting topic - Witchcraft and Magic in the Bible! This event is sponsored by Adult Education/Cultural Affairs in partnership with Sisterhood. Please contact me at VP [adulteducation@g-h-c.com](mailto:adulteducation@g-h-c.com) with any questions. (Also see flyer for additional information)

As always, our GHC Book Club would be so pleased to welcome new participants! The meetings will continue to be held on the fourth Tuesday of each upcoming month at 10 AM and all meetings are conducted via Zoom. If you’d like to be informed about the next book title, to be included on the mailing list and to be

notified of the ZOOM links please contact Rabbi Stein at [rabbi@g-h-c.org](mailto:rabbi@g-h-c.org) or Erica Wolff at [erica@databus.com](mailto:erica@databus.com).

Of course, I would be so pleased to hear from you if you would like to help with or have any ideas for programming! I can be reached at [VPadulteducation@g-h-c.org](mailto:VPadulteducation@g-h-c.org)

Wishing you warmth this winter,

Nancy Sklar

### **TODAH RABAH!**

**Thank you to all who contributed to  
the Annual Turkey Drop – 42 turkeys  
and all the fixings!**



## MAZEL TOV TO BERNICE STRAUSS



Mazel tov to Bernice Strauss, GHC's honoree at the MetroNorth Women's League Torah Fund event on Sunday, December 22. We are all so proud of Bernice; it was truly a lovely event. We wanted to share her biography that was submitted to Women's League, with you all:

Bernice Strauss has been an active member of the Greenburgh Hebrew Center (GHC) and GHC Sisterhood from the time that she and her family joined the synagogue in 1971. Bernice is originally from Yonkers, NY, attended Yonkers HS and Packard Junior College, where she studied business. A few years after she graduated, she met her husband Steve and they lived in Yonkers. Bernice worked in NYC as a secretary to one of the partners of a large engineering firm. When her sons were born, she devoted her time to taking care of them, and quite often was the solo parent as her husband was completing his PhD in Pittsburgh. Bernice, Steve and their sons moved to Ardsley, NY and immediately joined GHC.

At GHC, Bernice and Steve made many friends, and Bernice quickly got involved. She started in the kitchen, where she volunteered with Sisterhood to help prepare Kiddish for Shabbat services. From there, her involvement increased. She became a Leagram caller, was then nominated to be Sisterhood VP of Membership, and eventually she became President of Sisterhood. Bernice enjoyed meeting and greeting both new and existing members, and integrating everyone into the community. She was honored as Woman of the Year in 1995. Bernice was then asked to be VP of Membership for the entire synagogue and be a member of the Board of Trustees. Her warm, welcoming and positive personality was a major asset for all of the various positions she held at GHC.

After her sons grew up, Bernice worked part-time in the Ardsley Village Court as an assistant. One of her memorable responsibilities was to accompany and handcuff females who were arrested.

Up until a few months ago, Bernice was Sisterhood's social 'correspondent', practically a "life time job", according to her! She crafted beautifully written notes to congregants who lost loved ones and to those who were ill, and also to mark happy occasions. Bernice is a long-time member of the Sisterhood Board and rarely misses a meeting. If she can't Zoom-in by video for the meeting, she calls in and always participates. Prior to the pandemic, she was a regular in-person volunteer for Sisterhood. And she is a consistent Torah Fund benefactor.

Bernice enjoys walking in her neighborhood, gardening and most recently participated in GHC's Green Team Virtual Garden Tour, showing off all her beautiful vegetable plants. Bernice also volunteered in the Ardsley Library for over 50 years. Her beloved husband Steve (they were married for 60 years!) passed away just prior to the pandemic and fortunately, some of Bernice's family are living in Ardsley with her.

GHC Sisterhood is so grateful and blessed that Bernice is in our community. We thank her for all of her contributions, her enthusiasm, and continued willingness to be involved. Mazel Tov!!

## GIVING TREE

On behalf of RS PTA and SATO at GHC, we wanted to share a thank you and acknowledgement to the entire community for their participation and support with this year's Giving Tree.

Shara and Karen



# BAR MITZVAH

Matthew Logan Gallantar

Vaera

We are filled with joy as our son, Matthew is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on January 16, 2021.

Matthew values his many close friendships, and cherishes his loving relationships with his aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents. The memorable family gatherings in Matthew's life contributed to his strong Jewish identity, while embracing important religious traditions. Matthew also likes to travel and considers Hawaii, Aruba, and the Canadian Rockies memorable family vacations.

Matthew is a 7th grader who excels in computers, English, and Science. He also plays the drums for his school and the GHC band.

During the summer, Matthew attends sleepaway camp, where he indulges his passion for horseback riding, hiking, biking, water skiing, and riding ATV's.

Generosity, caring and compassion are core values that Matthew strives to practice in his life. When considering a Mitzvah project, he combined his desire to help people, with his interest in airplanes, and began training for the Civil Air Patrol. The Civil Air Patrol, an auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, performs three key missions: search and rescue and disaster relief operations, aerospace education for youth and the general public, and cadet programs for teenagers. The Civil Air Patrol will allow Matthew to hone important skills that will be useful in continuing to give back to his country and community. Matthew also participates in training activities for the Ardsley Volunteer Ambulance Corps., where his dad volunteers.

Another way Matthew wanted to support his Mitzvah project was to create a live stream link, while playing video games in order to raise money for the St. Jude Foundation. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, founded in 1962, is a pediatric treatment and research facility focusing on children's diseases, particularly leukemia and cancer.

We would like to thank Cantor May, Cantor Janet, Rabbi Stein, and all of Matthew's wonderful teachers for their invaluable help in preparing for this milestone.

Matthew's service will be live streamed in order to celebrate his special day with the GHC community, as well as family and friends.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

As we begin 2021, I wish everyone a Happy and a Healthy New Year. I look forward to this year and the potential that it has to offer.

We do not know what is in store for us yet, and what activities we will be able to do in person or virtually, but Membership is working on developing new programs and activities to continue to bring our community together.

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, VP Membership



## **OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

This year has certainly taught us a lot about being grateful, and about the heroes in our lives! The Religious School and Early Childhood learned all about these themes through hands-on activities to celebrate Thanksgiving and Chanukah!

Special activities included making Chanukiyot using many types of materials, a Chanukah sing-along with Cantor May and Rabbi Stein, participating in the annual Turkey Drop (a collection of turkeys and nonperishable food for families in Yonkers), our annual holiday Giving Tree organized by our Religious School PTA (a collection of toys for children at two local organizations), virtual sufganiyot and latke cooking classes with Berkshire Hills Eisenberg Camp, and making Chanukah cards for Jewish soldiers stationed throughout the U.S.

We hope you all had a Thanksgiving and Chanukah filled with gratitude and joy!

Don't forget these dates in January!

ECC Closed: December 24th -January 10th

No Religious School December 27 & 30... We return January 3rd!

Family Havdalah Service led by Religious School - January 16th, 6:30 p.m.

Amy Kessler

GHC Director of Education



## Fundraising Committee

GHC continues to move forward in spite of difficult times. Now, more than ever, we need to feel a sense of connection to others in our lives.

I am always impressed with the hard work and dedication of our professional staff, volunteers and amazing congregants. Thank you to Rabbi Stein, Cantor May, Naomi Feinkind, Jeff Liss, our wonderful office and custodial staff and the many others who dedicate endless hours to assuring that GHC keeps us connected to each other and our Jewish Faith. We hope everyone enjoyed a safe and Happy Chanukah.

May the light of the menorah shine bright in 2021, as life begins to slowly return to a better norm. Happy and Healthy New Year to all!

Thank you to all who have participated in our Annual Kol Nidre appeal. We are grateful for your continued support and generosity. Our Annual Kol Nidre appeal allows GHC to continue to offer a myriad of programs that are enjoyed by all age groups. During these challenging times we need your support more than ever. 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 times, when we will reunite and enjoy the camaraderie that we have always shared.

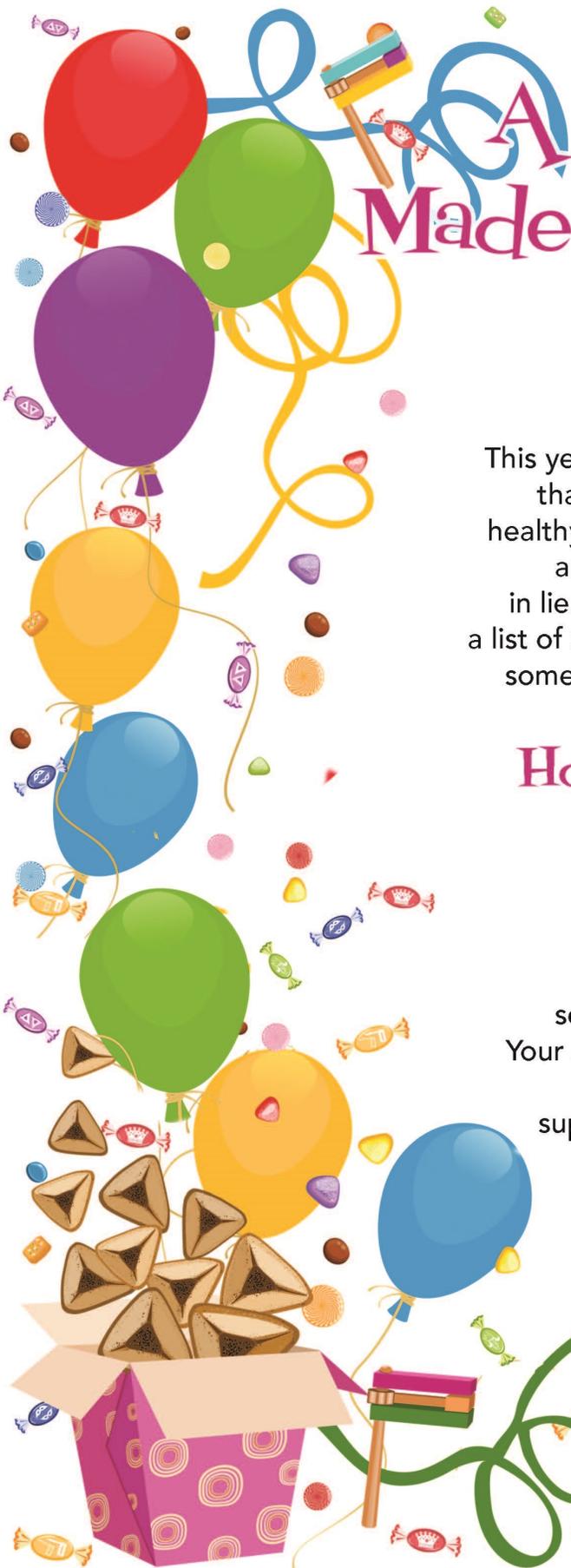
On Saturday night, December 19th, we did just that, enjoyed gathering in a new fashion for an evening of laughter and joy, for our Virtual Comedy Night. Thirty five households, with over 70 of our friends and family, enjoyed coming together to chat, "see" friends we miss, and enjoy hilariously funny routines from two talented, nationally recognized comedians. In addition, our own Rabbi Jay and the amazing duo of Leslie and Jeff Liss, entertained us with their sharp wit. We could not have done this without the incredible technical support of Davin Milun, who expertly navigated the Zoom video broadcast for us. We have plenty of talent in our GHC home! Thank you so much to those that joined us for this event. It was great to see everyone relax and laugh together!

Stay tuned for information on fundraising events in the coming months. As always, we are open to new, interesting and fun ideas.

Praying that everyone is staying healthy and enjoying family time.

Rebecca Lazar and the GHC Fundraising Committee





# A Purim Mitzvah Made Easy for You!

It's a Mitzvah to give Gifts on Purim!  
Sisterhood GHC has an easy way for you to  
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This year GHC's Shalach Manot will look a little different than in the past. In order to keep everyone safe and healthy, Sisterhood GHC will mail a beautiful Purim card and special holiday packet to the GHC Community in lieu of distributing treat bags. Each card will include a list of Shalach Manot sponsors. The packets will contain some holiday fun and information for the entire family!

## How Can You Participate? It's So Easy!

You can sponsor Shalach Manot for the entire GHC Community (includes all types of members, school families, and GHC Staff) at one of six levels. Your sponsorship enables Sisterhood GHC to continue to provide ongoing programming, and invaluable support and services to the entire GHC Community.

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Please submit your response no later than Tuesday, **February 2, 2021** in order to be included as a sponsor in the Purim mailing.

See order form for Shalach Manot categories.



# Shalach Manot Order Form

Fill out this form, or the one online at [www.ghcny.org](http://www.ghcny.org) or [www.g-h-c.org/purim](http://www.g-h-c.org/purim)

**Deadline to be included in mailing is Tuesday, February 2, 2021**

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*Thank you from Sisterhood GHC! We wish you and your loved ones a Joyful Purim!!*

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### OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

Mel Weintraub on the passing of his beloved wife  
Anna Weintraub

May her memory always be a blessing.

## 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:

Sharon and Andy Weiss' granddaughter, Josie Grace Mancuso, parents Emily and Mark Mancuso.

Gautschoux family's new baby boy.

Caryn and Alan Kravitz' granddaughter, Charlotte Rose Kravitz, parents Pamela and Jess Kravitz.

Naomi and Michael Feinkind's grandson, Joseph Isaac Feinkind, parents Jenn and Todd Feinkind, big sister Danielle.

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## SISTERHOOD

Happy 2021 to you all! Normally our programming is quieter this time of year due to concerns about winter weather. A silver lining of this pandemic is we now have the opportunity to offer substantive programming during the height of winter, even during a major snowstorm! The Sisterhood plate is full for the next few months with terrific events!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Hanukkah Mini Mart sale. The virtual catalog worked quite well and in fact, we are going to launch an on-going virtual GHC Gift Shop Catalog so congregants can view the products that we normally keep in stock! Check the GHC News for Gift Shop updates and the link for the catalog. Please let us know what you are looking for and if we don't have it in stock, we can order it for you. The Gift Shop email is [shop@g-h-c.org](mailto:shop@g-h-c.org). Special thanks to Arlene Krawitz, Roy Kushner and Naomi Feinkind for all of their help with the Mini Mart sale.

Our Hanukkah event, 'Show, Tell & Kvell' was a big success! Thank you to everyone who presented on December 16. The objects were fascinating and the stories were even better! Congrats to our Hanukkah challenge winners, Judi Kenter and Cantor May, who won Shabbat candles from Israel. The challenge question was to write down as many latke toppings as possible in 30 seconds.

Mazel Tov to Bernice Strauss who was honored by Torah Fund last month in a virtual celebration! Bernice has been Membership VP and President of Sisterhood, in addition to having been VP Membership of GHC. She has done so much for Sisterhood and even now, as a member of the Sisterhood Board, she rarely misses a meeting and volunteers as much as she can. Torah Fund supports scholarships for future Cantors, Rabbis and Educators studying at one of the US or world-wide Conservative movement seminaries. One of our missions is to help raise funds for Torah Fund. If you would like to contribute, go to <http://www.jtsa.edu/torah-fund>. We will have pins in-house shortly for donors to Torah Fund at the appropriate levels. Please contact me for more info.

**The 2021 Mah Jongg** card sale ends this month. You may wonder - how can I play Mah Jongg in a socially distant, safe way? Go to: [www.realmahjongg.com](http://www.realmahjongg.com), and you can play against the computer and/or your friends or other members of online group! Order your 2021 card by emailing Iris Sherman at [mahjonggcard@g-h-c.org](mailto:mahjonggcard@g-h-c.org) and then send 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 each sale. Please submit your order and check as soon as you can. Deadline is January 20, 2021. Feel free to order for your group too.

Sisterhood 2021 programming kicks off on **Sunday, January 10 at 10:15 am** for a unique event, 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 (ie, the Book of Esther). Benjamin will present the finished work, and share his experience and the extensive process he went through to get there. His research has been in-depth. Benjamin even constructed a wooden case for this megillah! This event will be especially fascinating for everyone and especially for those who love history and art, and the story of Purim! The Vav and Zayin classes will be joining us too. Here is a gif of the megillah that Benjamin created:



Later that week, on **Wednesday and Thursday, January 13 and 14**, we are sponsoring a fundraiser with Ben's Kosher Deli, 718 Central Park Ave, Scarsdale. Your purchase of any meal (take out or dine in) and/or a gift card from Ben's of Scarsdale will benefit GHC. You must bring the flyer or your phone (with the photo of the flyer) with you in order for GHC to get credit. The flyer contains a code number that Ben's needs in order to credit our account. You can even buy a Shabbat meal (and yummy challah too) from Ben's on Thursday for the next day. The flyer and code are in this Hamvaser.

Sisterhood is co-sponsoring another fascinating event with Adult Ed in February. Adult Ed is taking the lead on the event and we want to encourage you all to participate. Dr. Sharon Keller, professor of Classics at Hofstra University, will be speaking via Zoom on **Sunday, February 7 at 11 am**. The title of her talk is, "You Shall not Suffer a Sorceress to Live: Witchcraft & Magic in the Bible and Its World". Dr. Keller has taught at JTS and Hebrew Union College and has won a National Jewish Book Award. She is an enthusiastic and outstanding speaker – everyone will enjoy her! Thank you to Nancy Sklar for arranging for this event.

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On **Sunday, February 21 at 7:30 pm**, all are invited to hear Rahel Musleah, noted journalist, author, singer, educator and speaker. Rahel Musleah was born in Calcutta, India, the seventh generation of a Calcutta Jewish family that traces its roots to 17th-century Baghdad. The title of the talk is: "A Passage to Jewish India... and Beyond". If you read Hadassah Magazine, then you most probably have read Rahel's articles. She is an outstanding speaker too! Sisterhood GHC is co-sponsoring this Zoom webinar, along with 6 other Sisterhoods from across the US.

We'd like to acknowledge the Campus Connection team of Enid Lotstein and Jacki Samolsky for their continued success. The Hanukkah packages sent or brought to our college students were filled with delicious treats and some fun Hanukkah tchotkes! We'd also like to thank Naomi Rosenberg who, when a loved one from our community passes away, so conscientiously contacts members who don't have email and notifies them. We are truly appreciative!

Erev Purim is February 25 and that means it is time to announce **Sisterhood's 2021 Shalach Manot** project! This year's Shalach Manot will be different than previous years. In the interest of keeping everyone safe and healthy, congregants will receive, by mail, a beautifully designed card with the names of all of the sponsors, in lieu of the bag of Purim treats that is usually distributed. In addition, we will also include a Purim Packet containing recipes, fun facts/Purim trivia, and other activities appealing to adults and children. Look for the flyer and sponsorship form in this Hamvaser. You can pay by Pay Pal or check. Please send in your sponsorship as soon as you can. The deadline is **Tuesday, February 2** to allow for enough time to mail out the card and packet in advance of Purim.

After Purim comes Passover! Please save the date of **Sunday, March 7**, late afternoon for our **3<sup>rd</sup> annual Women's Seder**! It will be a virtual Seder and all are invited! Last year's virtual Seder was beautiful and we expect this one to be just as special. More information will be available soon. We have plenty of parts to give out, in English or Hebrew, so let us know if you'd like a part. Your part will be sent to you in plenty of time before the Seder.

Women's League, our 'mother' organization, provides amazing benefits for all Sisterhood members. In addition to the educational and creative virtual programs that they continuously sponsor, they sponsor a study session and a chance to say Mourners Kaddish and a mishaberach (prayer for healing) at noon, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Anyone who is saying Kaddish or has a Yartzheit can say kaddish with the group. This benefit is not for women only! The entire program lasts ½ hour at most.

The Zoom info for the weekday daily study and Kaddish is:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/630830287>

Meeting ID: 630 830 287

Password: 875936

If you are a member of Sisterhood and would like to receive the weekly Women's League emails, please contact me at [Sisterhood@g-h-c.org](mailto:Sisterhood@g-h-c.org).

Again, happy 2021 and may you all stay safe and healthy! We can't wait to see you all at Sisterhood events!

Until next time,

Robin

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## GREEN TEAM



The Green Team is busy! We are happy to present a two-part educational series on alternative forms of energy for the home. This program is co-sponsored by the Religious School PTA and will take place on Sundays, January 24<sup>th</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM-12 PM. The programs will include discussions about geothermal, solar, NYS tax incentive and tax credit programs, and energy suppliers (ESCO's). Speakers will include representatives from Sustainable Westchester, NYSERDA, a geothermal advocate, and GHC Men's Club member, Andrew Horowitz, who spearheaded the program. A big thank you to Andy!

Over the years GHC's composting efforts had produced a substantial amount of very rich soil. Up until last spring we had never removed it! We were so glad to connect with Untermyer Gardens, and to have them pick it all up to enrich the fertility of their soil. We are now analyzing where to best relocate a new composting bin in an area closer to the new fencing so that it will be less obtrusive. Roy Kushner is leading this effort. A big thank you to Roy!

A lot is happening because we joined Hazon. We began to undertake the series of environmental audits that Hazon encourages its affiliated organizations to take. Leslie Liss completed the food audit, based on our food operations before the pandemic. Robin Rosenberg completed the audit on education and advocacy. We are in the process of completing the audits on waste, water, and energy. Debbie Jagoda, Andy Weiss, and Ella Finkelstein have volunteered to perform the necessary calculations on our usage of utilities. Once all of the audits are complete we will review our rating and the recommended next steps for improvement. Robin Rosenberg also wrote a press release announcing our affiliation with Hazon.

The Green Team, in coordination with the clergy and the Religious Affairs committee, is organizing a Green Shabbat, on April 24, in conjunction with Earth Day and L'ag B'omer. We will provide more information on this in the March/April issue of the Hamvaser. The GHC Green

Team also participates in the Westchester Jewish Council Greening Roundtable, a consortium of synagogues in Westchester that are committed to greening efforts. We hope to obtain ideas for programming and identify programs or projects for which we want to partner with other nearby Jewish institutions.

A Hazon program taking place January 27-31 in connection with Tu B'Shvat is Big Bold Jewish Climate Fest, "a completely free festival for people who want to activate our Jewish values, take personal action, and develop a collective Jewish voice to move the needle on climate change". As Hazon explains, they seek to re-energize *Tu B'Shvat*, the "Jewish Earth Day," as a holiday to connect Jewish values with climate change – a central moral issue of the Jewish community.

The Green Team has identified a few tips that you may want to keep in mind when you are ridding your home of unneeded objects but want to keep them out of landfills. While we are not endorsing these organizations, the information may be helpful to you.

Medical equipment recycling. AFYA Foundation ([AFYAFoundation.org](http://AFYAFoundation.org). ([info@AFYAFoundation.org](mailto:info@AFYAFoundation.org)) rescues medical equipment and supplies and sends it overseas to less-developed countries. Thank you, Jo-Ann Lutzky, for bringing this to our attention.

Disk recycling. There are a number of companies, such as [GreenDisk.com](http://GreenDisk.com), that recycle media. These organizations work with everyone from individuals to large corporations. Thank you, Andrew Horowitz and Robin Rosenberg, for researching this topic.

Mask disposal. Be sure that when you discard disposable masks, remove the straps, which can cause the same hazard issues to wildlife as beverage pull tabs or plastic bags.

If you have an idea for a program or a project, or would like to help, please reach out to me at [Greening@g-h-c.org](mailto:Greening@g-h-c.org). Better yet, join us at one of the next meetings, Mondays January 11<sup>th</sup> and February 8<sup>th</sup>, 8-9 PM. I'll be happy to send you the Zoom invitation. We welcome new members to the Green Team. I look forward to chatting with you! Stay safe. - Enid

By Enid Lotstein PhD, Chairperson Green Team

# An Illuminated Megillah

A Special Presentation about a Unique Megillah  
by **Benjamin Marcus**

**Sunday, January 10, 2021 @ 10:15 am via Zoom**

Benjamin Marcus, NYC architect, graphic designer & illustrator, was commissioned to decorate an original Megillat Esther scroll purchased from a sofer (scribe) in Jerusalem. Benjamin spent a year in extensive preparation. He studied and researched the story, its scholarly and artistic interpretations. He then sketched and planned before committing his designs to the klaf (parchment).



Join us on Zoom to see this beautiful and creative megillah, and to hear from Benjamin about his journey and the extensive process and research he undertook to complete such an amazing piece of art. Q&A will follow Benjamin's presentation

**Zoom Link will be publicized prior to event.**  
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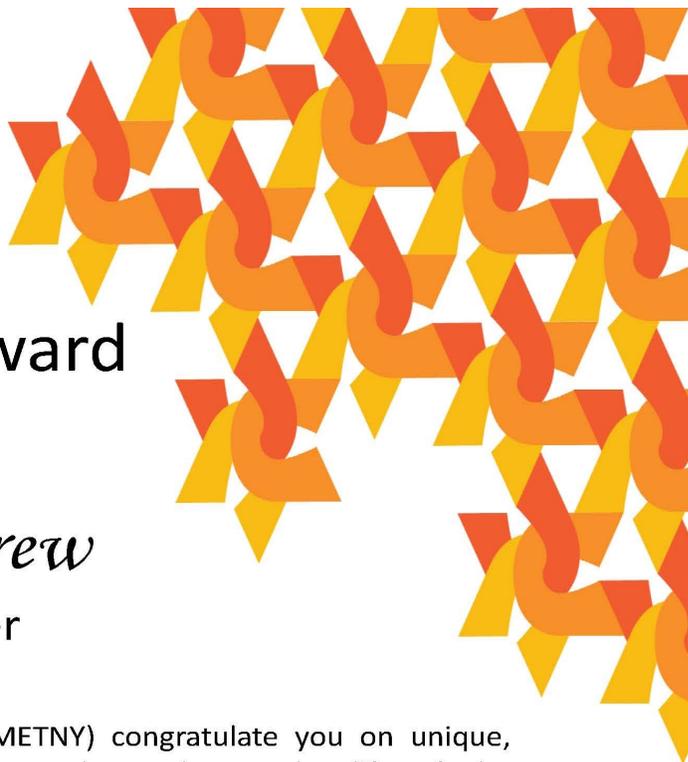
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## METNY Schechter Recognition Award - Early Childhood Center

Greenburgh Hebrew Center’s Early Childhood Center was temporarily closed for in person classes on March 11<sup>th</sup> due to the pandemic. We pivoted immediately to online learning over the weekend, and by Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, our amazing faculty was Facetiming, Zooming and sending activities home to our 2, 3, 4 and 5 year olds. We, like everybody, had no idea what was in store for the world, but the dedication of our teachers, families, clergy and lay leaders to our youngest learners never paused.

There was always the sense that if we could open in person for the Early Childhood Center, we would. Early on, the safest way to do this was clearly to move our school completely outdoors. So, without knowing who would remain enrolled in our ECC program, the synagogue set out to make this happen. Tents and supplies were purchased. Faculty was trained on strategies and practices of outdoor learning. Teachers set up their outdoor environments. The custodial staff and volunteers set out on finding, purchasing, permitting, and putting up the best tents we could find.

It took a community to make it happen; the Early Childhood Center opened on time, the day after Labor Day. While class size was limited this school year, all the classes were filled to their possible capacity. With dedication and diligence, all of us have stayed healthy, and happy. Our children are growing and thriving at GHC!



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## **METNY Schechter Synagogue Recognition Award - High Holiday Programming**

In a time when few synagogues were offering in person High Holiday services for 5781, the Greenburgh Hebrew Center developed and implemented an outstanding hybrid model that was innovative, spiritual, inspiring and meaningful. For nearly five months our Planning for the Future Task Force worked on procedures and protocols for opening our synagogue for worship in a safe and secure manner. A survey was sent to the membership to ascertain interest and was followed by a Request for Tickets form, asking congregants for live streaming or in person preferences. Each congregant interested in our in-person services could select services to attend on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Everyone was invited to stream all eight High Holiday services and Mahzorim could be reserved and picked up via a drive by delivery system, prior to Yom Tov.

Our Rabbi, Jay Stein and our new Cantor, Anna May worked arduously, in tandem, to create eight, unique High Holiday services that engaged those in attendance as well as those livestreaming from home. We were delighted to have accommodated as many as 210 live streamed screens and had a maximum of 70 in attendance at one of the eight services. Our team of volunteers screened, greeted and ushered in, those who preferred the in-person services. Our system of color-coded tickets, was not only used for identification purposes but for contact tracing. This seemingly impossible task was flawless in its execution and so appreciated by all, as evidenced by the many emails and phone calls received.

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Zvi and Linda Markowitz	For Jesse Krawitz and Hal Greenwald to good health
Sharon Siegel	Donation
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Sarah Kratchman	In Memory of Gerald Kratchman, Luisa & Maurice Danan, Mathilda Benezra
Lois Greenwald	Donation
Melvin Weintraub	In Memory of Abraham Weintraub and Arlene Gillmans
Zvi and Linda Markowitz	In Memory of Esther Markowitz, mother of Zvi

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## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Deanna Weinfeld	In Memory of Edwin Weinfeld
Evan Bender	In Memory of Stephen Bender
Robert and Suzanne Schaps	In Honor of our aliyah and our grandson Justin's Bar Mitzvah
David and Stephanie Luftig	In Honor of Justin's Bar Mitzvah
Hal and Sheila Greenwald	Donation
Paul Gottbetter	In Memory of Abraham Gottbetter
Steve and Suzy Neuburger	In Memory of Gertrude Stern
David and Anita Schick	In Memory of Rhoda Benedon

## Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Naomi Rosenberg	In Memory of Sadie Goliger
Robert and Suzanne Schaps	In Honor of our aliyah and Justin's Bar Mitzvah
David and Stephanie Luftig	In Honor of our son Justin's Bar Mitzvah
Bruce Segall and Robin Rosenberg	In Honor of Participation in Night of Music

## Hesed Fund/Caring Community

Joel and Arlene Hillman	Donation
Steve and Suzy Neuburger	In Memory of Tony Neuburger

## Religious School Donation

Bruce Segall and Robin Rosenberg	In Honor of Bar Mitzvah of Justine Luftig and Benjamin Kroop
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## Rabbi Lubliner Education Fund

Sylvia Lubliner	In Memory of Samuel Lubliner
Henrietta Fassler	In Memory of Samuel Lubliner

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## Prayerbook Fund

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In Memory of Bernice Lachs

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