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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK



This is a piece I wrote on my last trip to Israel to visit my daughter serving in the Israeli army, while traveling from Tel Aviv to Haifa.

Brown, grey, black, green, maroon berets. Black or mud red boots. Grey, tan or green uniforms. Pins and stripes and tags each indicating they are different ranks, different divisions, different amounts of time in service, dress and working uniforms but all the same purpose. Defend the land and its people.

Sitting on a train Sunday morning at 10:00 am, I find a seat across from a young soldier in the Air Force with two enormous backpacks. Clearly, they weighed more than she did. She is beautiful and from the fact that she is wearing an Air Force uniform she has tested in the higher echelon of intelligence. Her light colored uniform is the envy of so many who wanted that assignment. She is sleeping with her head on one of her bags while her earbuds play something I can only assume is soothing.

The train is filled with soldiers dressed in different colors, mostly army green but some in blue, another indicator of either Air Force or police.

Obviously, my train is going to some Air Force base up north. It is Sunday morning so it is time for soldiers to return to their units.

Two young Chabad missionaries looking to convert the non- religious by asking unobtrusively and individually if any one of the men want to put on tefillin. They go past me without a word. I'm wearing a kippah which indicates that I probably put on Tefellin already. Everyone on the train is sending off signals. Tourist? Student? Day laborer? Professional? American? Argentinian? Brit? Private, corporal, sergeant, captain?

Our Chabad friends asks a soldier, "tefillin?" A short response in the shape of a nod indicates, "no thanks." While soldiers in the Israeli army come in all shapes and sizes, religious and non-religious, this one is not wearing a kippah and therefore, I assume he is not religious. This soldier looks the way I imagine they all look when I think of the decades of wars won and young lives lost. Typical foot soldier, black boots, a give away that there is not much that made him stand out among his peers but also upon whom so much depends.

His standard issue M16 machine gun is locked on his base so he travels lightly with only a weekend bag. He is about 6"1 and about 200 lbs. Has dirty blond, almost brown, hair wearing his dress uniform (called Madei alef) always worn when traveling, squared off nicely.

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Come celebrate Shabbat with us!

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The fun service will be in a downstairs classroom followed by a Kiddush/lunch in an upstairs classroom.

***Future Mishpacha Days:

Feb. 12, March 12, April 9, May 14***

Please bring proof of vaccination. Thank you.

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His beret is folded into his shoulder holder. He too has his earbuds in and I imagine he is listening to a podcast about video games or just listening to the latest pop music.

The minute our Chabadnikim (adding the letters nikim to the end of the word is both affectionate and derogatory) have made it to the next car, the soldier takes off his shirt exposing the white t-shirt they all wear and arms hardened by push ups and long hikes carrying stretchers and wearing 60lb packs. He takes from his sack a set of tefillin and a kippah, putting them on he prays for a few minutes and then stows them as simply as he took them out and put them on. There was a fluidity to his actions as if he had been doing this all his life and I begin to wonder. He did not fit neatly into any category, and I am forced to think about my entire premise, and then I realized.

In the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 20 verses 2-4, Moses instructs the people about the battle to take over the holy land.

"So it shall be, when you are on the verge of battle, that the priest shall approach and speak to the people. And he shall say to them, 'Hear, O Israel: Today you are on the verge of battle with your enemies. Do not let your heart faint, do not be afraid, and do not tremble or be terrified because of them; for the Lord your God *is* He who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you."

Two important lessons:

- 1. God is your protector just as God has been since Egypt if you stick with God.
- 2. There is a religious, ritual aspect to defending our people.

The soldier dons his tefillin, returns to his unit, take up arms, stands and we all arrive safely at our destinations, at least for today.

CANTOR

"Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand,

and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing.

Miriam sang to them: Sing to the Lord, for God is highly exalted.

Both horse and driver God has hurled into the sea". (Exodus 15:20-21)

What a joyous and awesome moment that must have been - the Israelites had just narrowly escaped Pharaoh's army, when God caused the sea to part and allowed them to cross through to freedom. Imagine the intense relief and outpouring of emotions they must have felt, as they burst into joyous song and dance in celebration.

We will chant the story of the crossing of the sea on Parshat Beshallach, also known as Shabbat Shira - the Shabbat of Song, which this year falls on January 15th. The song of the sea, or "shirat hayam" is one of only a few songs recorded in the Torah, and the Hebrew text itself is laid out in a special style that some say is meant to emulate the waves of the ocean.

It is also the only text in the Torah that has its own special melody, known as the "Shira melody". This melody is applied to certain verses of the text, those that include God's name. It is sung in a call and response with the congregation, re-enacting the way that Moses and Miriam led the people in song.

Shirat Hayam was added to our daily liturgy as part of the pesukei d'zimrah service, and we also chant it every Shabbat morning. One of its most famous lines was also added to our daily and Shabbat liturgy, the Mi Chamocha.

Some scholars have noted the archaic language of this song, and have proposed that Shirat Hayam is the oldest surviving text describing the Exodus - anywhere from between 13th-5th century BCE, much older than the rest of the book of Exodus. Yet others believe that it was purposely written in an archaic style, as a literary device.

The Secret Jews of Majorca, Spain Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 11 am





Join Sisterhood GHC and Adult Education for a Virtual Tour of the Jewish Quarter in Majorca, Spain – led by CEO and Founder of Jewish Majorca, Dani Rotstein.

A story you need to know. A story the world needs to know.

The Spanish island of Majorca is known for its beach resorts, limestone mountains and being the home of tennis star Rafael Nadal. But Majorca holds a secret, never discussed in most travel guides. During the Inquisition, Crypto-Jews (Conversos) or **Chuetas** privately adhered to Judaism, while publicly professing Catholicism. Join guide Dani Rotstein on a special virtual tour of Majorca's history and its lessons for all Jews today.

Dani Rotstein moved from New Jersey to Majorca, Spain in 2014. There he learned of the taboo history of the **Chuetas** of the island. In 2018 he founded Limud Majorca and has run over 50 successful events promoting diversity and inclusion in the small, yet growing, Jewish community. Dani is the grandson of long-time GHC members Harry (z"l) and Doris Levy.



Zoom information will be publicized prior to the event.

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I love the song of the sea, and hearing it chanted on Shabbat Shira, because as I hear it I feel transported back to that moment when our ancestors made it through onto dry land. I get to celebrate and exult along with them, feeling their joy and their new found freedom. This year as we hear shirat hayam, let's put ourselves into the shoes of our ancestors, and celebrate together in joyous song.

To hear the Sephardic melody for Shirat Hayam:

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There is an old saying that asks "is the glass half full" [or] "is the glass half empty?" The meaning is quite simple. If your glass is half full, you are more optimistic than those that feel the glass is half empty.

At GHC, with the pandemic still influencing our daily activities, it Is very easy to feel that the glass is half empty. With all our protocols and limitations, no wonder some feel anxious about joining in on events or even stepping into our building. Yet, mask wearing, proof of vaccination, social distancing, are all protocols that have only one goal, that is, to keep you and your children as safe as possible. They are a visible indication that Covid is still with us and we cannot let our guard down at least not yet.

It is my perception that our glass is half full. Our clergy, Rabbi Stein and Cantor May, are fully engaged with our membership. As the Director of Education, Amy Kessler is balancing the pandemic while giving our children the religious education they surely need to build a solid framework for entering Jewish society. She also is guiding our youngest with an early childhood program that not only introduces Jewish values on their level, but also gives them the socialization that every toddler requires. We have an executive committee and board of trustees that volunteer many hours of their time to ensure that you are getting the most "bang for your buck" under the current conditions.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont'd)

As I write this article, the Omicron variant has just been identified. I have no idea what impact it will have on all of us. What I do know, is that more and more people, including children five and up, who live in our area are being vaccinated. This is extremely positive and will aid us in keeping GHC's glass half full.

As 2021 is coming to a close, I look forward to 2022 being the beginning of the end of the pandemic as we now know it. Remember, GHC is more than just a synagogue. It is a place to greet old friends and meet new ones. It is a place where you can expand your and your family's Jewish knowledge and teach your children the traditions that make us who we are today. You need to take advantage of what we offer. I am sure that once you realize your glass is half full, you will!

On behalf of Leslie and myself, I wish you a very Healthy and Happy New Year.

Jeff Liss

OUR SCHOOLS

Our students have been busy, busy, busy and not a day goes by that we do not appreciate having them back at GHC!

This month our ECC students were able to have our first Chanukah party together since 2019 and a PJ Library Milk & Cookies Event! Our Religious School students saw the first Jewish Second Gentleman in our nation's history, our first female Vice President ever, President Biden and Dr. Jill Biden light a menorah in the White House, with a Conservative, female Rabbi leading, and lit the menorah, did Havdalah and had a song session, all together as a school. What joy! What light!

Our students all participated in mitzvot this month: Collecting tzedakah, bringing in lots of non-perishable items & turkeys for our annual "Turkey Drop," collecting pajamas and books for our Milk & Cookies Event, and now bringing in gifts for our "Giving Tree" so children at Children's Village and the Jewish Board will have holiday gifts.

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SISTERHOOD

Happy 2022 to all! 2021 was a busy year for Sisterhood as we were able successfully to revamp our calendar of events to deal with restrictions due to COVID. No matter what, our aim remained the same – to bring people together for meaningful events where you can learn, feel inspired, have fun and develop friendships. 2022 promises to be just as busy a year.

On Sunday, November 14, we set up the Sisterhood Hanukkah Mini-Mart outdoors in the GHC Parking Lot and it was so successful that we held the Mini-Mart the following Sunday as well! The outdoor location was perfect as both GHC Religious School parents and non-Religious School GHC members could easily stop by and purchase their Hanukkah items. Thank you to everyone who shopped for Hanukkah at GHC by stopping at the Mini-Mart and/or shopping on our online catalogue. Appreciation goes to Arlene Krawitz, Robin Rosenberg, Nancy Sklar, Pam Stoller and Sharon Weiss for their help in setting up and working the "store". And thank you, Vivian Milefsky, for your generous donation.

Almost 60 children and adults enjoyed a fun Hanukkah evening on Tuesday, November 30, at an outdoor Hanukkah Candle Lighting event, co-sponsored by Membership and Sisterhood. Rabbi Stein and Cantor May led us in wonderful candle lighting and song, and we had loads of jelly donuts, hot chocolate and marshmallows for everyone. It was a beautiful evening and showed that even though we could not have Hanukkah events indoors this year, we could still get together as a community and celebrate the joyous holiday of Hanukkah. Much thanks goes to Elyse Milun and Robin Rosenberg, for planning and working the event, and Michele Glick, Leslie Liss and Andy Lewit, for setting up and serving the yummy Hanukkah refreshments.

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Adult Education are co-sponsoring a fascinating event on Sunday, January 9 at 11:00AM on Zoom. Details of the Zoom link are to come. Join Dani Rotstein, CEO and founder of Jewish Majorca as he leads us on a phenomenal virtual tour of the Jewish quarter of Majorca and educates us about this little-known part of Jewish history. Dani is the grandson of longtime GHC members Harry (z''l) and Doris Levy.

Women's League for Conservative Judaism, our "mother" organization has two virtual events coming up in January. On Sunday, January 23 at 11:00AM, our Women's League region, Metro-North, will be holding its annual Torah Fund Event on Zoom. It will include a virtual tour of the Ziegler School for Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles along with some musical entertainment. Women's League will soon be sending a flyer with all the details of the event and the Zoom link. On Sunday, January 30 at 12:00 noon, Women's League and Women of the Wall will be presenting a joint program on Zoom titled "Who Owns the Western Wall?" You must register for this event by January 24 to get the Zoom link. Go to the Women's League website www.wlcj.org and on the home page look for upcoming events for the registration link.

The Green Team's Vegetarian Cooking Class for adults on Sunday, February 6 at 3:00PM will be co-sponsored by Sisterhood and Adult Education. This in-person, hands-on, workshop will be led by local chef, Kate Sonders Solomon, who will teach us to prepare a creative vegetarian dish. The class promises to be educational and delicious! Thanks to the Green Team chair, Enid Lotstein, who secured the grant from Hazon that allows for two Vegetarian Cooking events, the in-person adult event and a Zoom class for religious school families, which will be held on the morning of Sunday, March 6.

If you have not already purchased your 2022 Mah Jongg cards please do so as the deadline for making your purchase is January 21. Prices are \$9 for a regular-type size card and \$10 for the large type card and GHC benefits from the sale. Order as many cards for your Mah Jongg group as you so choose. Or you may even use your cards to play Mah Jongg in a socially distant way on the website www.realmahjongg.com, which enables you to play online against the computer, your friends or other members of an online group. Your 2022 cards can be ordered from Iris Sherman by e-mailing mahjonggcard@ghcny.org

OUR SCHOOLS cont'd from pg. 5

Our students all participated in mitzvot this month: Collecting tzedakah, bringing in lots of non-perishable items & turkeys for our annual "Turkey Drop," collecting pajamas and books for our Milk & Cookies Event, and now bringing in gifts for our "Giving Tree" so children at Children's Village and the Jewish Board will have holiday gifts.

As always, we appreciate the support of our families, Cantor May & Rabbi Stein, our amazing faculty and all of the volunteers & leaders at GHC!

Registration for GHC ECC 2022-2023 is OPEN NOW! Contact Amy if you, your neighbors, or friends want to hear more about our wonderful Early Childhood Program! 914-693-4260 or amy.kessler@ghcny.org

IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES:

We ARE open for Religious School on Sunday, January 2nd.

ECC resumes on January 3rd, after Winter Break.

Saturday, January 8th, MISHPACHA SHABBAT and JUNIOR CONGREGATION, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 16th & Monday, January 17th NO RELI-GIOUS SCHOOL and NO ECC in observance of MLK Jr. Day

Happy and healthy 2022!

Amy

GAN CLASS MENORAHS



CARING COMMUNITY

Hi friends,

At our last congregational meeting, Jeff Liss shared the good news about a new baby about to be born; good news indeed. Then Jeff asked me to speak about our Caring Community. Because we have a wonderful team and super volunteers, I, of course, did. I took the opportunity to welcome more volunteers and, in particular, to ask for more "friendly callers".

As we recover slowly from the effects of Covid, we recognize that many members are still feeling isolated, lonely and sad. Add to that the physical traumas that many are experiencing. Our "friendly callers" have a list of members that they call regularly.

As a result of my request, Natalie Frankel offered her services that very same afternoon. Natalie joins Lisa Katz, Deanna Fried and Leslie Liss as a "friendly caller" for the GHC Caring Community.

Please consider being our next volunteer. Please let me know. You will be happy you did!

With much gratitude,

Sheila Greenwald

CONDOLENCES

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

Jeffrey and Marcy Karpel, on the passing of their beloved mother/mother-in-law, Elaine Karpel

Ron Glick, on the passing of his beloved brother, Kenneth Glick

Bryan and Beth Pocius, on the passing of their beloved father/father-in-law, Kenneth John Pocius

GHC Religious School teacher, Caryn Zucker, on the loss of her mother, Rosalyne L. Zucker

May their memory always be a blessing.



Scroll of Gratitude

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The Caring Community Volunteers





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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Shalach Manot Order Form Fill out this form, or the one online at www.ghcny.org/purimbags Deadline is March 2 (as you would like it to appear) Phone Email I/We would like to sponsor Purim Gift Bags for the entire congregation. Please list my/our name at the following level: credit card __ \$500 - The Whole Megillah ___ \$360 - Shining Shushan Stars ___ \$180 – Golden Grogger \$72 – Magnificent Mordechai/Enchanting Esther __ \$36 – Mighty Mitzvot \$18 - Heimeshe Hamentashen Even though I am donating at the level selected above, please list me in the Purim Patrons category (not associated with any level of sponsorship.) I/We would like to purchase gift bags at \$14, for family and friends who are not GHCers - to be picked up at the times below. Total number of packages _____ x \$14 per package = \$_____ Total amount enclosed \$

Please make check payable to Sisterhood GHC and mail with order form to: Sisterhood GHC, 515 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522. Or complete the online form at www.ghcny.org/purimbags and pay by credit card on the GHC website.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Allyn at sisterhood@ghcny.org

Shalach Manot will be available for pick up at GHC either on Sunday, March 13, 10am to 1pm or at the Megillah reading on Wednesday evening, March 16

Sisterhood GHC wishes you and your family a Joyful Purim!

Green Team Shabbat and Tu B'shevat Kiddush

Saturday, January 22

Parashat Yitro



Join the GHC Green Team for a participatory Green Shabbat Service, followed by a delicious Tu B'Shevat Kiddush! Experience the "seven species": wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates.

All GHC'ers (teens too) are invited to volunteer for English or Hebrew parts. Services begin at 9:30 am; kiddush lunch is approximately at noon.

Volunteers are also welcome to help prepare a vegetarian, green kiddush!

Questions, or to volunteer for a part and/or help with kiddush, Contact Enid at Greening@GHCNY.org



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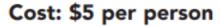
VEGETARIAN COOKING CLASS for Adults

Sunday, February 6th, 3-5 PM, at GHC

Sponsored by the GHC Green Team*

All adults are welcome to join this in-person, hands-on workshop, and learn how to prepare a delicious vegetarian dish. This class will be led by local chef Kate Sonders Solomon who is known throughout Westchester for her creative cooking classes for adults and children.

A similar event will be hosted via Zoom for Religious School families (with students in grades 2-7) on Wednesday, March 9.





The cost of this event is largely underwritten by a generous grant from Hazon, who has accepted GHC as a Sustainability Seal Site. GHC was awarded this grant as part of an educational effort targeted at increasing consumption of a plant-based diet.

To RSVP and for further information, contact Enid at Greening@GHCNY.org. To register and pay, go to www.ghcny.org/cookingclass

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GREEN TEAM



Green Bites from the Green Team:
Sustainability at GHC

Even though the weather has turned wintry, the Green Team keeps going! We have exciting plans for the next two months to share with you. The first event is Green Shabbat, taking place on Saturday morning, January 22nd. Everyone is invited to enjoy an ecologically meaningful service and Kiddush following the service, celebrating Tu B'Shevat and the "seven species" of the land of Israel. Lunch will be delicious!! It will be vegetarian and the dishes will incorporate the seven species: barley, olives, dates, figs, grapes, pomegranates and wheat. Tu B'shevat, which is the mid-point between fall and spring, is a turning point, when nature (in Israel) is getting ready for spring. It has also taken on a meaning as the Jewish Earth Day. All are welcome to volunteer for service parts and/or help with the kiddush, either the day prior (Friday, January 21) or the day of the event. Please contact Enid at Greening@ghcny.org for additional information.

On Sunday, February 6th, Kate Sonders Solomon, a renowned Westchester chef and baker, will instruct us in preparing vegetarian and vegan dishes that we can use for a holiday, Shabbat or everyday meal. This event, taking place in person at GHC, is open to all adults in the GHC community and is co-sponsored by Sisterhood and Adult Education. There is a nominal charge of \$5 for supplies. Check GHC News for additional information (about Covid protocols) as we get closer to the event. All attendees must be fully vaccinated. Please RSVP to Enid if you plan to attend. Please join us, even if you do not cook much at home or do not know much about vegetarian cooking. You will learn and enjoy the experience!

On Wednesday, March 9, the Religious School will cosponsor a similar cooking event, which will take place "family style" and virtually for grades 2-7. School Director, Amy Kessler, will provide more details, including the supply list and the Zoom link, at a later date.

We would like formally to acknowledge that the cost of the Green Shabbat Kiddush and cooking classes are being underwritten by a generous grant from Hazon, with the objective of increasing the use of plant-based foods. GHC is a 'Hazon Seal of Sustainability site'. The Green Team works with a Hazon consultant for support on issues and suggestions. There is a group of Green Teams from other synagogues, JCC's and Hillels around the United States that are also Hazon Sustainability Sites. These groups represent a network of like-minded individuals who share lessons learned. For GHC and the Green Team, this means that there is a treasure trove of resources available through the Hazon website. The Green Team can help GHC members, including students, access those resources. Contact Enid at Greening@GHCNY.org for additional information.

We are happy to report that the GHC Gan (kindergarten) teacher, Tara Levy, has begun a composting program with her students and their families on Sundays at school drop off. Yasher Koach to the Gan class! If you would like to use the compost bin in a similar way, please reach out to Enid.

The Green Team meets once a month by Zoom and discusses issues of relevance and concern to GHC and our members. If you have any suggestions, ideas or topics you would like to propose, please contact Enid as soon as you can! Enid can be reached at Greening@ghcny.org. Upcoming topics for discussion include pollinator gardens.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, January 22, and remember: GO Green!

B'NEI MITZVAH

Keren Sheinberg Vayakel/Shabbat Shekalim

Keren Francis Sheinberg is a passionate artist whose creativity extends from digital art design to jewelry making, doll customizing, clay creations and sewing. Her room is filled with knickknacks and tools, many completed projects, and some that she cannot wait to return to. Keren enjoys showing others her creations and can often be found tinkering or crafting alongside her two younger sisters and close friends.

Keren is an avid reader and can sit with her head in a book for hours on end. She also loves Marvel movies and often incorporates characters from both in her artistic creations.

Keren is in 7th grade and has spent the past five summers deepening her connection to Israel and Judaism at a Zionist sleep- away camp. Keren currently has a grey belt in Brazilian Jujitsu and has learned Krav Maga and kick boxing skills for several years. Keren is a great motivator to her sisters in their practice and training.

Keren is a caring and generous individual. She looks out for others and always wants to lend a hand. When you combine Keren's love of reading and books with her passion to create, design, and learn, it made excellent sense to help others gain access to similar opportunities. For her Mitzvah project, Keren will be launching a fundraiser to support a new STEAM classroom at the Dominican DREAM Project in Cabarete, Dominican Republic. The Dominican Republic Education and Mentoring (DREAM) Project is an amazing nonprofit organization that focuses on early childhood education, high quality primary education, holistic youth development, as well as cultural enrichment to thousands of underprivileged youth in the Caribbean island.

Keren's family has had ties to the Sosua and Cabarete communities on the north coast of the Dominican Republic for many years after learning about a fascinating Jewish history and community that was established between 1938 and 1945. Keren's maternal grandfather, "Poppy," provided guidance and financial support to the DREAM project and helped open an educational center in honor and memory of his parents, Keren's great grandparents, Benjamin and Flora Rabinovitch.

The school promotes literacy and provide education to students, teachers and other community members. Keren and her family thank everyone for supporting this fundraising effort and raising awareness of this important cause.

Additionally, we thank Rabbi Stein, Cantor May, Cantor Janet, Amy Kessler and the GHC religious school teachers for helping Keren prepare for her upcoming Bat Mitzvah.

Teddy Reason Carr Vayikrah

Teddy is loving, empathetic, and has a great sense of humor. Teddy was born in Dallas, Texas and moved to Hastings -on - Hudson with his family when he was a year old. He attended nursery school at GHC's ECC and at Temple Beth Shalom.

Now a seventh grader, Teddy's favorite subject in school is Social Studies. He plays violin in the school orchestra, writes for the newspaper, is in the debate club, plays tennis, and runs track. On weekends, Teddy enjoys playing video games with his friends. In the summers he goes to a sleepaway camp in the Poconos. He is happy to be back in school full-time with all of his friends.

There is never a dull moment with Teddy. He keeps his friends and family entertained with the latest memes. He is an avid reader and an ace Magic the Gathering player. He enjoys celebrating the holidays with, and visiting, his close extended family, and going on family vacations.

Teddy will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah at GHC in March with his Mom, Emily, his Dad, Eric, his older brother, Leo, and, at home, the family's lab mix, Arlo. Teddy is a true animal lover. For his Mitzvah project, he is volunteering with an animal shelter.

Teddy is a wonderful son and younger brother to Leo. We could not be more proud of how he has grown to be a kind, witty, curious, thoughtful, and intelligent young man.

Teddy has been working hard to learn his Torah portion and thanks Cantor May, Rabbi Stein, and his teachers for helping him to prepare for this event.





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Believe it or not, Purim is coming up soon and the GHC Shalach Manot drive has begun. Look for the information about Shalach Manot in the flyer in this issue of the Hamvaser. Sisterhood's Shalach Manot bags are chock full of nut-free treats, including hamantaschen. And this year we will taking requests, in advance, for a gluten-free Shalach Manot bag. Just send an e-mail to me at <u>Sisterhood@ghcny.org</u> and let me know if you want to your items to be gluten-free. Please support the Shalach Manot program and GHC by becoming a sponsor and donating at the level that works best for you. The deadline for sending in your order form is March 2. You will be able to pick up you bag at GHC on Sunday, March 13, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM or at the Megilah reading on Wednesday evening, March 16.

Sisterhood gives all b'nei mitzvah celebrants a Siddur as a gift. Each Siddur has a personalized book plate inside the cover, artistically prepared by Linda Markowitz. Thank you, Linda, for the beautiful book plate that makes the Siddur a gift to be treasured.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Allyn Salpeter, Sisterhood GHC President

SATO

On behalf of SATO, thank you to the GHC community for everyone's support and contributions that allowed us to provide Thanksgiving turkeys and meals to 40 families in Yonkers. A special thank you to Naomi Feinkind, Andrea Anger, and Emily Neuschotz for their help organizing the collection. On the following page, you can read a letter we received in gratitude for some of these contributions.













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December 15, 2021

To the Greenburgh Hebrew Center:

With the deepest gratitude, I say "Thank You" to all members of the GHC for their thoughtfulness, generosity, and kindness. Your contributions of turkeys and nonperishable foods provided delicious meals to over 30 of our Enrico Fermi Families. The smiles of appreciation we received from our families were because of you.

Our enrollment is approximately 1,000 students yearly, where 95% of the student population falls below the poverty line. Since March of 2020, this struggle has been magnified tenfold, and your donations help make these difficult times a little easier for our families.

Please know that your kind actions and gestures brought comfort and food security to many in our learning community during Thanksgiving. I ask that you continue your giving ways because that kindness resonates.

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Cantor May, and all who helped make our HHD services

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Maron, Jack & Margo In Memory of Elliot Blumenthal Sassoon, Phil & Joyce In Memory of Neville Sassoon

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Burt, Gayle, Natalie, and Miriam Garson - May you create

Goldstein, Andrew & Judith In Honor of many beautiful memories in your new home.

Joan Fuhrman, upon the birth of her eighth great-

Greenwald, Hal B. & Sheila In Honor of grandchild.

Linda and Zvi Markowitz, a big anniversary and a big

In Honor of birthday

In Honor of The birth of Rabbi's grandchildren, Mo and Melia

In Memory of Ron Glink's brother, Ken In Memory of Hershel (Harry) Schoen In Memory of Leonard Greenwald

Katz, George In Memory of Lois Greenwald Lutzky, Jayson & Jo-Ann In Memory of Estelle Strauss In Memory of Penny Lutzky

In Memory of Lois Greenwald, from the Poker Group and friends.

Neuburger, Suzanne In Memory of Elliot Blumenthal, father of Judy Goldstein

In Memory of Toni Neuburger, beloved mother-in-law

In Memory of Gertrud Stern, beloved mother

In Memory of Harry Levy
In Memory of Lois Greenwald

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Morris, Debbie

Feinkind, Michael & Naomi Leah In Honor of Sabrina Pasternak Bat Mitzvah

In Honor of Josh Greenbarg Bar Mitzvah

In Honor of Josh's Bar Mitzvah
In Memory of Elaine Karpel

In Honor of Leor and Lori Edos, upon their marriage

In Memory of Irving Feinkind
In Memory of Charlene Milun

Andrew Goldstein, for being honored by White Plains Hospital for 25 years of service. We love you and are so

Goldstein, Andrew & Judith In Honor of proud of you.

Ilana Goldstein, for her energy and dedication to our reli-

In Honor of gious school students.

In Honor of Rabbi Stein becoming a grandfather

Attended your shul services and we would like to thank

everyone for their warm welcome and hospitality.

Shabbat Shalom!

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Beller, Susan Donation

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Fuhrman, Joan In Honor of The birth of my 8th great grandchild .

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In Memory of Charlene Milun
In Memory of Lois Greenwald

Glick, Michele & Ronald In Memory of Lois Greenwald

Goldberg, Herbert & Roberta In Memory of Jack Goldberg and Evette Joffe

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In Memory of Eva Ostrager and Pearl Tanzman

Greenbarg, Todd & Ecker Greenbarg, Karen In Memory of Elliot Blumenthal

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Hertz, Cynthia & Dubbrin, Allen In Memory of Sylvia Lubliner Jagoda, Andy & Debbie In Memory of Elaine Karpel

Katkin, Lenore In Memory of Burton Katkin, Lowell Self and Martin Self

Katz, George In Memory of Charlene Milun

Kransdorf, Jerome & Sondra In Memory of Charles Harry Scheiner

Kravitz, Alan & Caryn In Memory of Charlene Milun

Krawitz, Jesse & Arlene In Honor of Nancy Nager, her good news

Joan Fuhrman, upon the birth of her eighth great grand-

In Honor of child, Ariza Yael
In Memory of Charlene Milun
In Memory of S.David Harrison

Luftig, David & Stephanie In Honor of Josh Greenbarg, Bar Mitzvah

In Memory of Elliot Blumenthal In Memory of Charlene Milun In Memory of S.David Harrison In Memory of Charlene Milun

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In Memory of Sylvia Lubliner
In Memory of Elliot Blumenthal
In Memory of Elana Blaustein
In Memory of Lois Greenwald

Condolences to Suzie Neuburger and family on the loss

of dear Steve

In Honor of Evie Jagoda receiving her PHD from Harvard University

In Memory of Esther Markowitz, mother of Zvi

In Memory of Elaine Karpel

Markowitz, Zvi & Linda

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Markowitz, Zvi & Linda		Happy 50th Anniversary Zvi & Linda
		Happy Big 8-0 Zvi!
		Mazel Tov to Rabbi Stein on becoming a grandfather to twins. Woo Hoo!
	In Memory of	Kenneth Glick brother of Ron and Family
		Happy Birthday Hal & Noah Greenwald
	In Honor of	Joan Fuhrman
Milefsky, Norman & Vivian	In Honor of	Evie Jagoda
	In Memory of	Charlene Milun
	In Honor of	Rabbi Stein and Sharon on the new twins in their lives. May they all enjoy long lives.
		Sincere condolences to Ron and Michelle Glick on the passing of Ron's brother.
	In Honor of	Sabrina's Bat Mitzvah. Mazel Tov to Stacey Rosenkranz and Shiran Pasternak on Sabrina's Bat Mitzvah. How wonderful to have the next generation here at GHC. We remember Stacey's Bat Mitzvah. Mazel Tov also to Wilma Rosenkranz.
	In Honor of	Josh's Bar Mitzvah. Mazel Tov to Karen Ecker Greenbarg and Todd Greenbarg on Josh's Bar Mitzvah. Also to Larry and Lynn Ecker, proud grand-parents. We remember when Karen had her Bat Mitzvah at GHC.
	In Honor of	Joan Fuhrman, on her 8th great-grandchild
	In Honor of	Naomi and Michael Feinkind, on their 50th anniversary. May the years continue to roll on by.
	In Memory of	Harry Levy, beloved husband of Doris Levy.
	In Memory of	your friend, Nettie Goldstein, beloved wife of Mel Goldstein. What a woman !! She is missed.
	In Memory of	Eliot Blumenthal, beloved father and grandfather. Sincere sympathy to Judy, Andrew, Ilana and Joseph.
	In Memory of	Elaine Karpel, a very sweet and special woman, condolences to Jeff and Nancy.
	In Memory of	my friend, Lois Greenwald. Sorry to have met her so late in life, Enjoyed riding around with her. A very kind woman.
	In Memory of	Steve Neuburger, beloved long-time member of GHC, beloved husband of Suzy, devoted to GHC, happy to call him friend.
		Sylvia Lubliner, beloved wife of GHC's longtime Rabbi, Immanuel Lubliner. A tireless worker on behalf of GHC and past Sisterhood President. It was an honor to have been her friend and co-worker. Condolences to Rabbi Jona-

In Memory of than.

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Sylvia Lubliner, beloved wife of GHC's longtime Rabbi,

Milefsky, Norman & Vivian cont'd In Memory of Immanuel Lubliner.

Neudorfer, Julius In Memory of Wladislan Neudorfer

Sadoff, Mark & Nager, Nancy In Memory of Grace Nager and Solomon Sadoff

Sassoon, Phil & Joyce In Memory of Albertine Sassoon

Josh's Bar Mitzvah. Mazel Tov to you, your parents

Schaps, Robert & Suzanne In Honor of and grandparents
Schwartz, Allan & Claire In Memory of Samuel Gordon

Segall, Bruce & Rosenberg, Robin In Honor of Emma Silverman, Bat Mitzvah

In Honor of Sabrina Pasternak, Bat Mitzvah
In Memory of Kenneth Glick, brother of Ron Glick

In Honor of Josh Greenbarg , Bar Mitzvah
In Honor of Daniel Koplik, Bar Mitzvah
In Honor of Alisa Beritenhuis, Bat Mitzvah

Shanker, Beth In Memory of Alvin Goldstein

Siegel, Sharon In Memory of Your beloved father, Bernard Wigder

Spiegel, Maxine In Memory of Al Spiegel
Stein, Moses & Geraldine In Memory of Frank Stein

Stern, Martin In Memory of Steve Neuburger

In Memory of Lois Greenwald

Sunshine, Helen In Memory of Lois Greenwald

Taub, Michael & Amy In Memory of Ira Taub and Richard Rosenthal

In Memory of Lois Greenwald

Thompson, Susan In Memory of Mary Goetz

Uber, Sophie In Memory of Eddie Uber
Weinstein, Audrey In Memory of Louis Lefkowitz

Weintraub, Gerald In Memory of Abraham Joseph Weintraub

Wool, Irene In Memory of Meyer Epstein
Zauberman, Howard & Ann In Memory of Felix Zauberman
Zucker, Gilda In Memory of Sylvia Lubliner

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Salpeter, Allyn In Memory of Kenneth Glick

In Memory of Charlene Milun

Segall, Bruce & Rosenberg, Robin In Memory of Elliot Blumenthal

Sonkin, Ellen In Memory of Jack Sonkin

Kiddush Fund

Greenwald, Hal & Sheila In Honor of Kiddush for Nov 13
Liss, Jeffrey & Leslie In Memory of Elliot Blumenthal

Neuburger, Suzanne In Memory of Steve, on his birthday, Oct 9, 2021

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Fassler, Henrietta In Memory of Sylvia Lubliner

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Lubliner, Jonathan In Memory of Sylvia Lubliner

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The birth of Rabbi's grandchildren, Melia and Mo Mazel

Fuhrman, Joan In Honor of Tov to you and your family.

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Gerald Kratchman, Luisa Danon, Maurice Danon and

Kratchman, Sarah In Memory of Mathilde Benezra

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Maron, Jack & Margo In Memory of Lois Greenwald

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Mazel Tov to Rabbi Stein and the Stein and Goldstein

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In Memory of Charlene Milun
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In Memory of Steve Neuburger

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Sheila Greenwald

Dr. Andrew Goldstein, for being a caring doctor and

In Honor of friend

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