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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Observations from the Bimah: High Holidays 5783

The High Holidays have just ended and for me the services went smoothly, although we did have a few hiccups (which I hope went unnoticed). The Cantor and the choir were fantastic and the work of each of, the Executive Committee; Madaline Bruno; Jacqui Walker; Wellington Castro; and, Andy Lewitt, was incredible. The people who led our satellite kids services, Steve Hirsch, Sara Birnbaum, Leslie Liss and Ilana Goldstein, cared for our most precious people. Of course, without Andy Goldstein and Mike Katz, we all would have been lost. Therefore, we owe them, and all of the ushers and greeters; Torah and Haftorah readers; as well as those who helped lead the service, a huge debt of gratitude.

I thought it would be nice to share what I saw from the bimah (pulpit).

Looking out over the crowd that courageously returned to the building, I was struck by how many people came, including some whom I am sure were still not yet totally comfortable being in a large crowd. I also thought of others who were at home, streaming. It was wonderful to have so many people in the sanctuary; the people who were absent in person were missed, but not forgotten.

Here are some of my other observations:

1. We are genuinely joyful.

People like to sing and talk to each other.

2. We put an arm around those who are crying.

At emotional times in the service, I saw people putting their arms around someone else; I observed people following someone to the bathroom so as to be able to assist if necessary or just to check to make sure someone was ok.

3. We laugh at jokes and sometimes even at ourselves.

There is no doubt that we are a quirky congregation and we love that about ourselves. We do not put on airs. We like to laugh.

4. We are diverse in our Jewish practices as well as in terms of age and background.

We come from different backgrounds and we do not all have the same degree of knowledge of, or type of exposure to, Judaism. Some of us are just starting out on a Jewish journey; others are very knowledgeable. We figure out how to make it work. We continue to strive to do better in a quest to meet everyone where they are.

5. We are grateful.

People say, "thank you." People are appreciative of each other and do not withhold their gratitude.

6. So many chip in in so many different ways.

As you can see from my "thank you" list above, there are many people who contribute different things. As the rabbi, I see every detail attended to, from shining the silver on the Torahs, to buying Hershey kisses, to printing tickets, to producing the Book of Remembrance. And there are a thousand other things.

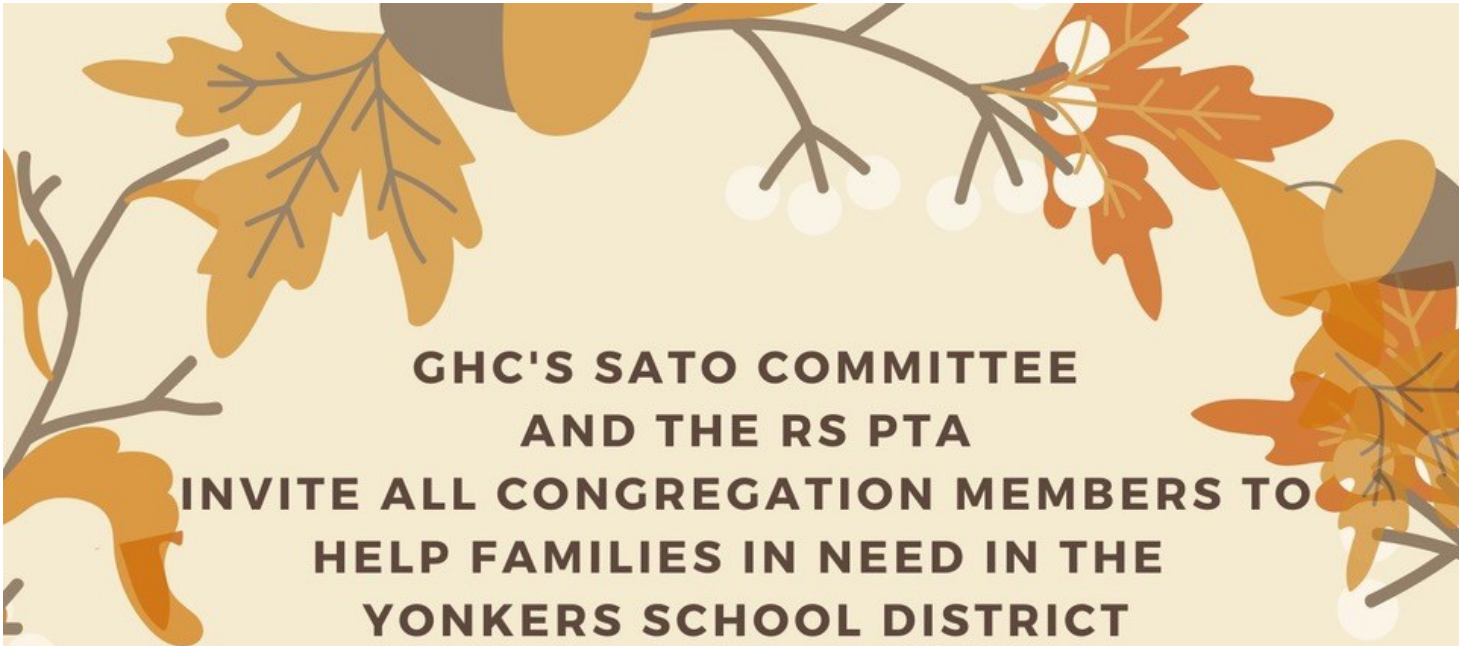
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**GHC'S SATO COMMITTEE
AND THE RS PTA
INVITE ALL CONGREGATION MEMBERS TO
HELP FAMILIES IN NEED IN THE
YONKERS SCHOOL DISTRICT**

18th Annual Turkey Drop on Sunday November 20th

from 10:00-12:00 in GHC's parking lot

frozen turkeys

reusable shopping bags

canned cranberry sauce

bags or boxes of stuffing

boxes or plastic jars of gravy

canned vegetables & canned soups

boxed mashed potatoes

canned yams and marshmallows

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**ITEMS DO NOT NEED TO BE KOSHER,
BUT MUST NOT BE EXPIRED**

QUESTIONS?

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7. We blend well together.

While we are diverse, we get along well together. We are interested in each other's lives.

8. We are forgiving.

No doubt we make mistakes. We call someone by the wrong name; we forget an honor and skip over someone. We make perhaps a thousand other missteps. But most of us just let it go. We do not stand on ceremony. We leave it behind and we move on.

9. We like to participate.

People love to sing and clap from their seats. Some like to lead parts of the service. It may sometimes be difficult for an usher to get people affirmatively to participate in a service, but just sitting back and listening to the congregation brings a huge positive energy to the services, and to everything we do during the entire year.

What we do between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is important. However, equally important is what we do between Yom Kippur and the following Rosh Hashanah. I look forward to seeing everyone throughout this entire year.

CANTOR

Parshat Vayera, which is coming up on Shabbat, November 12th, opens with the words:

Vayera elav Ado-nai b'elyonei Mamre v'hu yoshev petach ha-ohel k'khom hayom.

The Lord appeared to him by the terebinths of Mamre, and he was sitting at the entrance of the tent as the day grew hot.

From these few words, the Rabbis derived the mitzvah of bikur cholim (visiting the sick), one of the most meaningful of the mitzvot that we have. Avraham is resting at the entrance to his tent, recovering from the pain of his circumcision at the end of the previous parsha. God appears to him, comforting him in his time of pain. Usually God appears when He has a message to give, but this time God merely brings His presence.

When we visit those who are sick, we emulate God's behavior and walk in His ways. When God appears to Avraham, He does not cure him of his pain, and He does not even say a word to him. It is God's presence alone that is healing. From this we learn that it is not so important what we say when we visit someone who is sick, but merely that we are present with them. The role of a visitor is not to fix or to cure, but to bring caring and empathy, and to affirm the person's humanity at a time that this person may be feeling isolated or depressed.

It is said in the Talmud that visiting one who is sick removes 1/60 of their pain. One commentator asks, in that case could 60 visitors completely cure the sick person? There are a variety of answers to this question. One commentator answers that 60 visitors could indeed heal the person completely, if each one of them loved the person as themselves. While we know rationally that this is not how sickness and health ultimately work, it is an image that demonstrates the powerful effect a visit can have on a sick person. It shows us the approach we should have as a visitor - that we should have a loving intention and value the person as we do ourselves.

While bikur cholim is one of the most challenging of the mitzvot, it is one that is truly Godly.

PRESIDENT

Standing in front of an overflow crowd on the first day of Rosh Hashanah was not only exhilarating, but it also gave me the chills just to see so many of our members and guests back in our building. I hope that the warmth in the sanctuary was palpable not only to me, but also to all who attended our services.

GHC is back! Of course, we never went away, but it is still good to see so many of us comfortable enough to join fellow members and friends and to pray once again together as a community. That said, we still had 80 families who live -streamed our Rosh Hashanah services. Hopefully, those who do not live far away will soon feel at ease coming to our building. As I mentioned in my welcoming speech on Rosh Hashanah, I have no idea what the new "normal" will look like. I can see us continuing to have hybrid services and events.

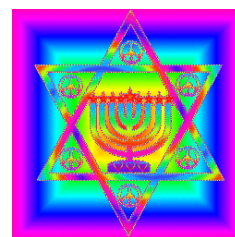
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SAVE THE DATE!!!

Hanukkah Family Dinner!!

Sunday, December 11th



**Delicious Dinner, including Latkes
Candle Lighting
Sing-along!
Glorious Games
Delirious Dreidles
Chocolate Gelt**

Look for details and pricing in future emails and in GHC News.



**For more info or to volunteer to help:
Contact Leslie: VPmembership@ghcny.org**

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The Live Stream and/or Zoom events do have positive aspects. It is difficult to complain about watching services with a cup of coffee or participating in an event via Zoom, thus avoiding having to leave home at night and drive back in the dark. On the other hand, there is a tremendous amount to be said for socializing in person and speaking face-to-face with one's peers. The isolation of the pandemic is largely over.

However, we at GHC will take it one step at a time. Those who feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please do so. For those who prefer to sit in pods, they are available to you. The leadership and clergy at GHC are here for you, to make you feel comfortable and welcome whenever you choose to join us.

I would be remiss if I did not thank those who made the High Holidays such a successful and enthralling experience. First and foremost, Rabbi Stein and Cantor May, who led services with passion and knowledge. The two of them started collaborating in preparation for the services many months ago. The choir sounded beautiful and, under the guidance of Cantor May, worked extremely well together to make the services inspiring to all of us. The months of rehearsals was quite apparent.

Andy Goldstein and Michael Katz deserve our gratitude for handling the giving out of honors and for reaching out to all our Torah readers. Andy also worked extremely hard making sure the services moved along smoothly.

Junior Congregation, which is very participatory and a great learning experience, was led by Steve Hirsch, who always gets the kids involved and motivated. Our six and under Mishpacha Service was once again led by Leslie Liss and Ilana Goldstein. Leslie and Ilana's enthusiasm can be described only if you observe it for yourself. Each of Junior Congregation and the Mishpacha Service will resume on November 12th, so please put the date on your calendar. You do not want your children to miss out! Our Teen Services were led this year by our Rabbinic Intern, Sara Birnbaum. These services were more in the nature of discussions, as opposed to services, perfectly appropriate for this age group. When you ask a teen how it went and the response is "very good", accompanied by a smile, this says it all!

A thank you also is due to those members of the Board of Trustees, along with some past presidents and non-Board members, who stepped up and served as greeters and ushers. There are too many to mention but you know who you are. Our checkers this year were Laurene Heuston, wife of our custodian, Andrew Lewitt, and Wellington Castro, our bookkeeper. Everyone did a great job of ensuring a smooth flow from entering the building to finding a seat. Special thanks also is due to our office staff, Madaline Bruno, Jacqui Walker and Wellington Castro, for printing, mailing and keeping track of our ticket distribution, and to our custodians, Andrew Lewitt and Andre Whitted, for all their hard work.

Mere words cannot really express my gratitude for our countless volunteers and employees, all of whom make GHC a true second home!

Having acknowledged how wonderful the High Holidays were, it is now time to move forward. There are various events planned for the upcoming months, such as Israeli dancing for adults and teens on November 13th, a number of classes and discussion groups, BBYO for our teens, Book Club, and our Hanukkah Family dinner, which will be on December 11th. More events will be scheduled, so please watch your emails AND read GHC News. I look forward to seeing you! By the way, if you have any ideas for an activity or event that you would like us to consider, please feel free to let me know at president@ghcnyc.org. If it interests you, I am sure it will interest others!

Keep smiling,
Jeff Liss, President

OUR SCHOOLS

Are the chaggim "behind us?" Oh no... the new year has just started, and now it is time to put all the things we thought about, and prayed about, into practice! I am sure by now that many people have come across this version of Vidui, which instead of outlining our sins, enumerates all the things we have done well, individually and as a community. We aspire to continue all these things at GHC.

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Mishpacha Services

For Families with Children who are Six and Younger

We will sing, pray, tell stories, march with the Torah at the Main Service and have fun!

Saturday November 12th @ 10:30 AM

Come learn about the first Jews-Avraham & Sarah.

We will make a fabulous project depicting how G-d promised Avraham that he would have as many children as the stars in the sky and the sands on the beach (that's us!).



Saturday December 10th @ 10:30 AM



We will make Hanukkah decorations and yummy edible dreidels.



Come bring your parents, grandparents and friends!

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Positive Confession (Vidui) by R' Avi Weiss

We have loved
We have blessed
We have grown
We have spoken positively
We have raised up
We have shown compassion
We have acted enthusiastically
We have been empathetic
We have cultivated truth
We have given good advice
We have respected
We have learned
We have forgiven
We have been creative
We have stirred
We have been spiritual activists
We have been just
We have longed for the Land [of Israel]
We have been merciful
We have given full effort
We have supported
We have contributed
We have repaired

This year our schools have:

Fostered connections, whether virtually or in person
Brought joy into our homes and to our families, even during challenging times
Offered support when people were struggling
Built lifelong friendships
Supported new parents
Created opportunities to stay connected, in very creative ways
Continued learning opportunities, no matter what
Celebrated simchas in different ways, and held each other in sorrow
Welcomed new families into our community, and welcomed back families to GHC
And are stronger than ever!

Thank you to everyone for supporting our schools and being a part of our GHC family. May this year be one of health, growth and connectedness.

Warmly,
Amy

Important Dates to Remember in our ECC & Religious School

Wednesday, November 2nd, 6:15 p.m.: Hebrew High School

Saturday, November 5th, 9:30 a.m.: Bat Mitzvah of Clara Finklestein

Saturday, November 12th, 10:30 a.m.: Mishpacha Shabbat (a fun interactive service for children six and under) AND Junior Congregation (geared to children in 2nd grade-7th grade) *featuring our Vav & Zayin classes*

Wednesday, November 16th, 6:15 p.m.: Hebrew High School

Sunday, November 20th, 10 a.m.: 18th Annual Turkey Drop AND Bnei Mitzvah Family Program

Tuesday, November 22nd, 7:30 p.m.: Interfaith Thanksgiving Service hosted at GHC

November 23rd – November 27th: Religious School and ECC CLOSED for Thanksgiving

December 3rd, 9:30 a.m.: Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Krady

December 4th, 9:30 a.m.: Chanukah Mini-Mart

December 7th, 5:30 p.m.: ECC PJ Library Milk & Cookies Night, NO Club Lunch

December 7th, 6:15 p.m.: Hebrew High School

Saturday, December 10th, 10:30 a.m.: Mishpacha Shabbat (a fun interactive service for children six and under) AND Junior Congregation (geared to children in 2nd grade-7th grade) *featuring our Hay class*

December 11th, 9:30 a.m.: Chanukah Mini-Mart

December 11th, 4 p.m., Chanukah Family Dinner

December 17th, 9:30 a.m.: Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Tepper Bass

December 18th, 10 a.m.: Bnei Mitzvah Family Program

December 21st, 10:30 a.m.: ECC Chanukah Party

December 21st, 6:15 p.m.: Hebrew High School

December 25th – January 2nd: Religious School and ECC CLOSED for Winter Break

GREEN TEAM

The Green Team continues to be an active part of GHC.

We have recently affiliated with Repair the Sea/Tikkun HaYam, which devotes its energy to cleaning up water pollution. This year was their fifth annual Reverse Tashlich to clean up trash and litter along water bodies. GHC joined, and planned to participate with over 200 international affiliates on October 2nd. We planned ours along the Saw Mill River on the South County Trail, with the support of GroundWorks Hudson Valley. We had to postpone because of the weather and rescheduled for October 30th.

We have also joined the Jewish Climate Leadership Coalition, which is a part of Hazon. Watch GHC News for weekly Green tips. Do you have an idea on how we can co-sponsor a program? If so, please contact Enid Lotstein at greening@GHCNY.org.

Enid Lotstein

GREEN TEAM RECIPE

6 medium potatoes (about 3 pounds)

¼ cup extra virgin olive oil

¾ cy fresh lemon juice (about 4 lemons)

1 teaspoon ground allspice

1 teaspoon ground cumin

1 teaspoon ground white pepper

1 teaspoon kosher salt

4 scallions chopped (optional)

2 hardboiled eggs, quartered and chopped (optional)

Fresh flat leaf parsley for garnish

1. Boil the potatoes in a large pot of salted water over medium high heat, uncovered, for 20 minutes, or until tender. Drain and peel the potatoes, and cut them into small chunks while still warm. Put the potatoes in a medium- size mixing bowl.

2. While the potatoes are still warm, add the olive oil and lemon juice to the mixing bowl. Season the potatoes with the allspice, cumin, white pepper and salt. Add the scallions, if desired. Toss the potatoes gently. Top with the eggs if desired and garnish with parsley. Serve at room temperature

Yield: 6-8 servings

Source: "Aromas of Aleppo: The Legendary Cuisine of Syrian Jews" by Poopa Dweck

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

The family of our dear member, Bernice Strauss, on her passing

Howard Zauberman, on the passing of his beloved mother, Herta Zauberman

Jonathan Pollio, on the passing of his beloved father, Howard Pollio

George Katz, on the passing of his beloved sister, Miriam Alexander

May their memory always be a blessing.

MEMBERSHIP

Wow! We have had a busy fall! Following our hugely successful barbeque on Labor Day, complete with a record- breaking attendance of 183 people, we continued the fun during the High Holidays. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur filled our synagogue with members and guests of all ages, attending a variety of services in the main sanctuary, Junior Congregation, a teen service and the Mishpacha Service for families with young children. It was exhilarating to see the sanctuary overflowing with people listening to Rabbi Stein blowing the shofar! Folks were quite complimentary of all of the various services.

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Sukkot was celebrated with joy, laughter and games at two events: Sangria in the Sukkah, where we greeted old friends while making new ones. Families congregated in the Sukkah for Pizza in the Hut. Children enjoyed making edible Sukkot out of graham crackers, icing and fruit loops. Decorations were made for the Sukkah and to take home. Kids of all ages enjoyed the afternoon.

Let's continue the excitement!!!! On November 13th Membership and Sisterhood are combining forces to bring Leng Tan to teach Israeli Dancing! Leng, who has been teaching for 45 years, is a patient but passionate teacher. She teaches throughout the tri-state area. At the Westchester Jewish Festival of Music and Art, she taught dances to large groups whose experience ranged from none to a great deal. Within a few minutes, we were all dancing and having a lot of fun! There's more to Israeli dancing than just the Hora!

Calling all October, November and December babies!!!

We are celebrating you at Simcha Shabbat on November 19th! At our last Simcha Shabbat, we also celebrated a few wedding anniversaries. If you tell us your special date, we would be delighted to celebrate you too!

December brings Hanukkah! At our annual Hanukkah Dinner on December 11th, we will gather to light candles, sing our favorite Hanukkah songs, eat a delicious dinner, play dreidel and other Hanukkah-themed games and perhaps have a contest. We are still in the planning stages. Keep reading GHC News for all the details and to RSVP.

GHC is the place to be!! There are so many more activities happening, ranging from interesting classes, to the followed by a delicious Kiddush. On the second Shabbat of each month, there is a fun, interactive,

Mishpacha Service for families with kids who are six and under and Junior Congregation for 2nd-7th graders. Each Mishpacha Service has a theme while each Junior Congregation honors a Religious School class. Check out GHC Book Club, to support groups, to great Shabbat services News for the details. Teens meet on Wednesday evenings for thought-provoking discussions at Hebrew High School. They are planning a variety of activities in the next few months. **There is something for everyone, so please come join the fun!**

SISTERHOOD

I hope everyone enjoyed the High Holidays and Festival of Sukkot with family and friends. How wonderful that so many of us were together again at GHC to celebrate the Holidays.

Thank you to all who contributed to Sisterhood's High Holiday fundraisers: Honey from the Heart, High Holidays Baked Goods Sale and High Holidays Greetings Card. Thanks to your generosity, the fundraising goals for these three programs have been exceeded. Sisterhood has been able to use the proceeds from these programs to make our annual contribution to the ECC for Project Seed; provide beautiful floral arrangements to enhance the Bima on the High Holidays and Sukkot; and, provide congregants with Break Fast cake and juice after the Neilah Service on Yom Kippur. Special thanks to Tina Cornell for her help in working with Carlson's Greenhouse and Nursery in the ordering of the floral arrangements for the Bima, and to Arlene Krawitz and Robin Rosenberg for their help in distributing the High Holidays baked goods to those who ordered.

We extend our condolences to the family of Bernice Strauss, who was an integral part of Sisterhood and GHC for so many years. Bernice was Sisterhood VP of Membership, as well as GHC VP of Membership, and Sisterhood President. Bernice also continued to serve on the Sisterhood Board, giving generously of her time and advice in respect of our events and projects.

For many years, Bernice wrote heart-felt notes on behalf of Sisterhood to those who had suffered the loss of a loved one or were ill. She was honored by Sisterhood in 1995 as Woman of the Year and by the Women's League Torah Fund in December 2020. Bernice was a treasured friend and we will miss her bright smile and enthusiasm.

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Simcha Shabbat!!



November 19th

We are celebrating :



Birthdays



Anniversaries



Simchas

That occur in October, November and December!

We know your birthdays.

Please share your anniversaries and simchas!

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Here is a brief review of the three Sisterhood events that took place in September and October:

On Sunday, September 18, Sisterhood held its in-person Welcome Back Brunch. Our guest speakers on Zoom from FORCE (Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered) and Danielle Gelb, Certified Genetics Counselor from Informed DNA. Their presentation on Genetic Testing for Inherited Cancer Risk was impactful and educational.

On Monday, September 19, a group of 12 enjoyed a private tour, with a fabulous guide, of the widely acclaimed art exhibit "Women's Work" at the Lyndhurst Mansion, along with a tour of the Mansion itself. The groundbreaking art exhibit was phenomenal, as were the Mansion's decorative arts and architecture. Prior to our visit of Lyndhurst, we had lunch outdoors at a local restaurant. It was a wonderful way to enjoy one of the last days of summer.

Our third event, on Sunday, October 23, was "Five Years Since Charlottesville: Sisterhood Presents Diane D'Costa". The event began with a delicious brunch, followed by a powerful Q&A session with Diane D'Costa. Diane, who was a student at UVA in 2017 during the Unite the Right rally, was near the frontline of this deadly rally and was a witness at the VA Supreme Court trial against march organizers. Diane is currently an educator, artist and organizer. As a self-described queer, brown, Jewish, woman, combating systems of oppression and building coalitions amongst marginalized communities is at the center of her work. She currently serves as the Director of Advocacy and Community Partnerships for Prince George's County council member, Edward Burroughs. Diane is a firm believer that we must continue to speak out loudly about Anti-Semitism in order to counteract it.

Turning to upcoming events, on Sunday, November 13 at 11AM, there will be an Israeli Folk Dancing Class, co-sponsored by Sisterhood, Membership and Adult Education/Cultural Affairs. Our instructor, Leng Tan, is an experienced Israeli Folk Dancer with over 20 years of experience. Leng will show us that Israeli dancing is more than just doing the Hora. Light refreshments will be served. It will be fun for all ages.

Sisterhood's Hanukkah Mini-Mart will be back in business at GHC on Sundays, December 4 and 11 from 9:30AM to 1:00PM. We will have loads of Hanukkah items, ranging from the traditional, such as candles, menorahs and drip trays, to the novelty, such as socks, dreidel head boppers, fun dreidels and snow globes, and so much more. Details will be available in GHC News as we get closer to the dates of the sale.

Sisterhood is planning on holding a Hanukkah event on the evening of Monday, December 19 but plans have not yet been finalized. Details of the event will be upcoming in a future GHC News. You can never do too much celebrating of Hanukkah!

The 2023 Mah Jongg card is now on sale. Prices are \$14 for a regular type size card and \$15 for the large type. GHC benefits from the sale. Order as many cards for your Mah Jongg group as you choose. Or you may use your card to play Mah Jongg 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 2023 cards can be ordered from Iris Sherman by e-mailing mahjonggcard@ghcny.org or by going to the Mah Jongg page on the GHC website, ghcny.org/mahjongg. Do not delay – the deadline for ordering is January 20, 2023. Thank you, Iris, for all your help in running the Mah Jongg Card sale.

Sisterhood's Membership Drive is underway. Remember that Sisterhood is a major supporter of GHC, culturally, spiritually and financially. Thank you to those who already joined for 2022-2023. If you still need to join, see our Membership flyer on the Sisterhood page on the GHC website, in the GHC News or in this issue of the Hamvaser. Besides the educational, cultural and religious programs we present, we do much more for GHC. We provide the beautiful flower arrangements you see on the Bima for the 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, to name just a few.

Enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend the end of November and a joyous Hanukkah with your family and friends in December!

Allyn Salpeter, Sisterhood GHC President

B'NEI MITZVAH BIOS

Clara Finkelstein

Lech Lecha

On November 5th, 2022, Clara Finkelstein will become a Bat Mitzvah. Clara is a 7th grader, and the youngest member of the Finkelstein household (except for Piper, our 3-year-old pup(!)). Clara enjoys dance parties with Hailey (age 18) and building Legos with Ellis (age 16).

Clara excels in everything she puts her mind to. She is an excellent student, and you will often find her with her nose in a book (although she prefers reading for pleasure rather than for a school assignment(!)). Clara also enjoys playing basketball and soccer, and has been perfecting her goalie skills. She is hoping to get back into skiing, from which she has taken a hiatus due to Covid. When not on the field or on the court, you might find Clara practicing one of her instruments. She has taken piano lessons since first grade and picked up the clarinet in third grade. She has been playing the clarinet for both the middle school band and an extra-curricular jazz ensemble.

What Clara loves most of all is baking. She has always enjoyed spending time in the kitchen, helping her grandmother to decorate birthday cakes or helping her mother to get dinner ready. But over the last few years, her love for baking has grown into a passion, as well as a possible career path, as she talks about opening a bakery/cafe in Maine! In fact, her most treasured birthday gift was a powder blue stand-up mixer that she named Trixie. One of Clara's favorite recipes is a sweet, chewy, challah bread (a recipe she perfected from a GHC class she took over Zoom during the pandemic). Clara can do a perfect six-strand braid in under one minute! You can actually watch her as she teaches her recipe and braiding technique on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/nxSlnk6YWDs>

Clara loves to help others in any way she can and since adopting our dog, Piper, just before the pandemic, this has extended to four-legged creatures. For her Mitzvah project, Clara will be volunteering at Paws Crossed in Elmsford, working primarily with the dogs (because she needs an adult with her, and her mom is allergic to cats (!)) Clara will also be donating some of her Bat Mitzvah gifts to organizations that help animals in need.

One of Clara's favorite times of year is summer. She loves

camp in upstate New York, where she spends seven blissful weeks, and adores the family's yearly trips to Ogunquit Maine, where beach outings are a daily ritual and ice cream is on the menu every night.

Robert, Ilana, Clara, Hailey and Ellis invite the congregation to share in their Simcha and the Kiddush following services.

Zachary Krady Vayetzi

Zachary Krady is a 7th grader who will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on December 3rd. Zachary has a great sense of humor and has many friends. He is the type of boy who finds a way to get along with everyone he knows. He is very curious and the most adventurous person in his family. He has no fears, whether it be snow skiing, ziplining, or going on roller coasters. Zachary has a younger brother, Daniel, who is 10, and two adored cats. He is a loving older brother and a great role model for Daniel.

Zachary has always impressed his parents with his maturity and ability to handle challenges with great ease. As a student, Zachary has excelled at every step along his journey. He is an honor student who works hard and focuses on doing the best he can at everything he takes on – whether playing cello or learning karate, earning his black belt at the age of 9. The same can be said about Zachary's preparation for his Bar Mitzvah – he listens, practices, and is focused on excelling on the occasion of this important milestone.

Zachary loves sports – both playing and watching, especially football, basketball, baseball, and soccer. He plays basketball, baseball, and soccer throughout the year on various teams. He shares his father's love for Miami sports teams, mainly the Miami Dolphins and Miami Heat, and is an avid sports fan.

For the past four years, Zachary has gone to sleepaway camp in upstate New York. This has been a tremendous experience for him, one that has brought him many new friends.

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Zachary is proud to become a Bar Mitzvah and has already begun to take on the responsibilities that come with adulthood. He is helpful in the house, takes care of the family's cats, and has found the right balance between school work and leisure time. Zachary loves to read and avidly collects sports trading cards, mainly football, and basketball. Through card collecting, he and his brother have already learned essential life skills related to business, such as negotiating prices, bidding on eBay, and investing.

Zachary is the type of person whose curiosities and interests will lead him to many exciting pathways in the years ahead. His family is so proud of all that Zachary is today and what he has achieved. But they are even more excited to watch as he matures into the person he will become and to see what the future holds for him.

Zachary would like to thank Cantor May, Rabbi Stein, and all of his religious school teachers, for their help in preparing him for this milestone. His family welcomes the entire congregation to share in their Simcha and to attend the Kiddush on Saturday, December 3, 2022.

Jonah Bass Vayeshev

Jonah will become a Bar Mitzvah on December 17th. Miriam Tepper and Adam Bass invite the entire GHC community to share in their Simcha and the Kiddush following services.

Jonah is a 7th grader. He is the younger brother of 9th grader, Sam, and big brother to a two- year old canine and local celebrity, Goldie.

Jonah moved to Westchester from Boston one year ago and earnestly dove into his new life in Dobbs Ferry, including Bar Mitzvah preparation and the GHC community, which provided a very warm welcome.

Jonah brings energy and enthusiasm to whatever he takes on, whether on the field, in the classroom, at camp, or telling jokes. He loves playing sports, especially soccer and basketball, and also avidly follows any and all sports.

For his Mitzvah project, Jonah wanted to help people who have been wrongfully incarcerated. He is raising money in support of the Innocence Project, an organization dedicated to exonerating individuals who have been wrongfully convicted and to working to reform the criminal justice system to prevent future injustices.

CARING COMMUNITY

It was a pleasure seeing so many of you for High Holiday services. We are so happy to see you looking well and happy to return to our GHC. As you probably know, the Caring Community relies on volunteers to assist members. We have had a very long list of dedicated volunteers for our Caring Community. However, this is the perfect time for me to wipe the slate (or list) clean. As we start a new year, I am starting a new volunteer list.

If you have been a CC volunteer in the past, we thank you. Your participation has helped us as we strive to be present where help is needed. If you can no longer volunteer, please accept my deepest thanks for all you have done for our community. If you are happy to continue as a CC volunteer, kindly let me know this by sending me an email at sheilagreenwald.sg@gmail.com. Please indicate your preferred email address as this will be the way I will contact you. When a need arises, I will email our volunteers. If you are able to help, please let me know. If you cannot help at that time, no problem. Perhaps you will be the one to help the next time!

How does this work, you might ask. When Rabbi Stein identifies a need within our community in respect of which he thinks our CC might be able to help, he shares this with us, in confidence.

Sometimes we send a much-needed meal. Sometimes it is a soup and challah delivered after a Shiva. If it is food we are delivering, we get it from Seasons. If you are picking it up, I ask you to submit your receipt for reimbursement. Some of our members find comfort from a continuing call from a CC "friendly caller". We have several wonderful members who already do this with several members regularly. In fact, this is a terrific volunteer opportunity that you can do from the comfort of your home. Our callers are happy to keep in touch with members they may or may not know.

This is the perfect time to thank those of you who generously donate to the Hesed fund. These funds allow us to do what needs to be done for our members. We greatly appreciate your kindness.

Rabbi Stein recently spoke of "belonging". Each of us belongs to many different groups. Perhaps this is a good time to belong to our CC group. If you have been thinking of joining us, there is no better time than right now. We can only do what we do because of you. Please let me know that you will join our effort. You will be glad you did!

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Caryn & Alan Kravitz's 45th anniversary

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In Memory of

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Deborah & Andrew Jagoda's pet parrot, Rory

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Our parents

Bernstein, Marcia

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In Honor of

Muriel Brill's 102d birthday

In Honor of

Birth of granddaughters of Meryl & Ken Kupersmith and birthday of their grandson

In Honor of

Birth of grandson of Howard & Rhonda Baskin

In Honor of

Birth of grandson of Amy & Michael Taub

In Honor of

Marriage of son of Amy & Michael Taub

In Honor of

Natalie & Marty Frankel's 65th anniversary

In Honor of

Caryn & Alan Kravitz's 45th anniversary

Fried, Deanna

In Memory of

Natalie & Marty Frankel's 65th anniversary

Jagoda, Andrew L. & Deborah S.

In Memory of

Howard Pollio

In Memory of

Theodore Stern & Julius Stern

In Honor of

Marty and Natalie Frankel's 65th anniversary

In Honor of

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In Memory of

Anniversary & Birthday

Katkin, Lenore

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In Memory of

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In Honor of

Graduation of Sheila & Hal Greenwald's grandson

In Honor of

Graduation of Deanna Fried's grandson

In Honor of

Marty & Natalie Frankel's 65th anniversary & Marty's Bar Mitzvah

In Honor of

Engagement of Jo-Ann & Jay Lutsky's daughter

Kransdorf, Jerome I. & Sondra F.

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Krawitz, Jesse N. & Arlene S.

In Memory of

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In Memory of

Bernice Strauss

Leib, Myra

In Memory of

Bernice Strauss

Liss, Jeffrey & Leslie

In Honor of

Stephen & Mikayala Samolsky's wedding

In Honor of

Marty & Natalie Frankel's 65th anniversary

Markowitz, Zvi & Linda

In Memory of

Moshe Morris Markowitz

In Memory of

Theodore Stern & Julius Stern

In Honor of

Grandson of Mara-Lee & Fred Bierman

In Honor of

Natalie & Marty Frankel's 65th anniversary

In Honor of

Birth of grandson of Howard & Rhonda Baskin and marriage of their son, David, to Hallie

In Honor of

Muriel Brill's 102d birthday

In Memory of

Martin Ruskin

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Neuburger, Suzanne	In Memory of	Gertrud Stern
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Padva, Ira & Sherry	In Memory of	Bernice Strauss
Reich, Rita	In Memory of	Bernice Strauss
Ruskin, Jerry & Marnie	In Memory of	Martin Ruskin
		Birth of grandson of Howard & Rhonda Baskin and marriage of their son, David to Hallie
Schon, Jean	In Honor of	Taub Family
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Fried, Deanna	In Honor of	Leslie Liss & Naomi Feinkind
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Kravitz, Alan & Caryn	In Memory of	Reuben Rizinsky
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Goldstein, Melvin	Donation
Gordon, Bruce & Madelon	Donation
Greenberg, Alan & Sheila	Donation
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RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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Fried, Deanna	In Honor of	Rabbi Stein
Goldman, Brad M. & Archer Goldman, Lisa	In Memory of	Barry Silberstein
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Weinfeld, Deanna		

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