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## FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

### Take a Day Off or Maybe a Few

Full disclosure, in case you did not already know, I am the son of a rabbi and I was raised in an observant home. For elementary school, I attended an Orthodox Yeshiva and I then went on to a public high school. Needless to say, the differences were dramatic. To make matters worse, I was not a great student. Occasionally, by virtue of whatever luck I had, I did well on one or two tests, but for the most part just staying above water was dependent on constant planning and attendance.

I became organized and a great listener. Today I would have been categorized as an auditory learner even though that is not really true. My saving grace was sports. It was the ultimate escape from the trauma of class. However, being 4'8" throughout high school meant there would be no college sports scholarship. If I were to go to college, which was not so much an "if" as a "how," I would have to find a way to get better grades.

Yet every fall my school year began the same way. I missed more classes than I can remember. It was not a great way to start off the year. By the time November came along, I could feel the marking period slipping away. The absences were due to the holidays. If Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot did not fall on weekends, I would have had a much better start. There is no question the teachers were accommodating but I was still missing class. I could make up the tests and I was given allowances for handing in assignments but I was missing out on key information.

I could make up the socializing but missing lessons was really hurting me. No matter, I was still going to miss

class. We never even talked about skipping services or going to class after services were over. The choice was clear. I was going to miss class.

Choice is a big topic today. It is laden with powerful stories of control over one's own body. It is placed in opposition to Life, which is, of course, a false dichotomy. No one would ever suggest that people who are Pro Choice are Anti Life. It is about a choice. (I will leave this incredibly important conversation to another article or even a class.) Choice is what makes us different from artificial intelligence. It is what makes us human. It is the gift God gave us and is illustrated in almost every story in the Torah. We make so many choices in one day that it is hard to track them and it is only the significant ones that stand out. Sometimes choices are made in the urgency of the moment and other decisions are made only after careful, thoughtful deliberation. Some come from years of making that choice and some are determinations to change our path. I am sure you can come up with examples of each.

When I was growing up in my parents' house, they made the choices for me. When I went off to college, I had to choose for myself and I struggled. Making the choice to attend class or not was complicated by parties on Friday nights and clubs in which I wanted to participate. While again, I found a world vastly accommodating and understanding, I still had to decide whether to hold on to the practice of Shabbat and festivals with which I was raised or to take the path of least resistance.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote,

The beginning of faith is not a feeling for the mystery of living or a sense of awe, wonder, or fear. The root of religion is the question: what to do with the feeling for

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# LABOR DAY

10<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Barbeque!!!!

Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

4:00-7:00 PM

Come join us for a barbeque dinner,  
games, fun time with friends, laughter

Cost: Free to GHC members!!

Free to ECC and RS Families!!

RSVP: [vpmembership@ghcnyc.org](mailto:vpmembership@ghcnyc.org)



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the mystery of living, what to do with awe, wonder, or fear. Religion, the end of isolation, begins with a consciousness that something is asked of us. It is in that tense, eternal asking in which the soul is caught and in which man's answer is elicited.

Heschel suggested choice creates a life of meaning and of faith. Choice gives us the ability to live fully and powerfully. The decisions we make impact our souls and our sense of wonderment. They strengthen faith or they chip away at it. They lead to other choices and more complicated determinations. No one said life was easy. The cliché that "anything worth doing takes an effort" has truth to it.

This coming holiday season will provide you with choices. Some of us will have choices; others do not. Some of us are homebound and unable to attend services in person. I ask that you make the hard choices. I know taking off work has a significant impact. I understand the challenge of taking your kids out of school. I realize it is far more difficult to make up work and reschedule meetings and assignments. I recognize the concerns of how others will view us for asking for these accommodations. Do it anyway.

When I was in high school, my brothers and I were the only ones who took off from school. It meant coming to services without peers. It meant long afternoons without friends. It meant feeling a little isolated. However, if we all choose to do this together, we can avoid some of those interpersonal challenges. That is what the community does. It supports its members in shared values and practices. Come to services and bring your kids. If you cannot take time off, ask your parents to bring their grandchildren.

There was a discussion on WFAN between one of the callers and the host about taking your kid out of school to go to a baseball game. Each recounted the feelings of a parent taking a child out of school, prioritizing a game over education. They spoke of the indelible imprint that playing hookie that day left. No one called in and even intimated the ludicrous notion that their parents valued sports over education or that one day made any difference. I am not suggesting that you realign all of your priorities, only that missing a few days will not hurt. After all, I am a pretty productive member of society.

## **Rabbi's Sermons on High Holidays**

**First day** - of Rosh Hashanah: "I See Your Suffering"

**Second day**- of Rosh Hashanah: "Membership Has its Privileges: Community Has its Responsibilities"

**Kol Nidrei**: "I Think I'm a Racist and I Didn't Know It"

**Yom Kippur**: "How I Became a Pathological Liar and Why That is My Biggest Regret"

## **CANTOR**

### Summer of Talmud

This summer, I took an online intensive beginning Talmud class, through the "Nishma" \* program at JTS, for two months, every Monday through Thursday for three hours. I was a little nervous about signing up, as I had never really studied Talmud before, at least not in the original Hebrew and Aramaic, and if I did not like the class, I would be stuck. By the end of the first day of class, however, I knew that I had made a good choice.

During my five years studying full-time at JTS, I learned very little about the Talmud. I entered the beit midrash (study house) fewer than a handful of times. Talmud was the purview of the rabbinical students. Maybe that is why it held a mystery for me; it was something unknown and inaccessible. Now that my class has ended, I know that this is not true; you do not have to be a rabbi, or a rabbinical student, to take ownership of the Talmud.

The first month of the class was taught by a young woman with a doctorate in Talmud studies. She was very engaging and encouraging. We spent the month learning a section of the tractate of the Talmud called Sanhedrin, known as "ben sorer umoreh" - the stubborn and rebellious son. The Torah, in Deuteronomy 21, sets forth the punishment given to a "stubborn and rebellious son", described as one who does not heed his parents, and is defiant and a drunkard and a glutton. If the son is warned and given lashes but still does not obey, he is to be brought to the town square and stoned by the people of the community. To a modern reader, this looks quite extreme and is horrifying to imagine. The rabbis of the Talmud also found this very troubling, and, within the framework of our tradition, tried to interpret it in a way that made it essentially non-existent. They limited the

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# High Holy Day Greetings

Send greetings to your fellow congregants and friends for the 5783/2022 High Holy Days by including your name on our New Year's Greeting pages. This virtual Greeting Card, with an option for printing, is a great way to support GHC and wish your friends a Happy and Healthy New Year. Those who do not have internet access will receive their card via mail.

The following rates apply: 35 characters (includes spaces) are maximum per line.



\$10 for initial "one line"	e.g. Adult names - single or couple, or family name as in: First Adult and Second Adult	\$10
\$3 for each additional line	e.g. children's and/or grandchildren's names. Pet names welcome too!	
	as in: Children Aleph and Bet	\$ 3
	Grandchildren Gimmel and Dalet	\$ 3
	Pet Kelev	\$ 3
	Total:	\$19

Rosh Hashanah begins the eve of **September 25**. This Greetings card will be emailed (or mailed if you don't have email) to you prior to the holiday. Please respond by **Monday, September 12** to allow enough time to prepare the Greetings Card!

Thank you so much for your support! Sisterhood GHC wishes you and your loved ones a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

If you have any questions, please contact Allyn at [sisterhood@ghcny.org](mailto:sisterhood@ghcny.org)



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## Please reply by September 12

Please send completed form to Sisterhood GHC. Please print!!

Your email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include the following names in GHC's New Year's booklet:

Your family or adult name(s) as you want it listed:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10 for first line  
 Children \_\_\_\_\_ \$3 each additional line  
 Grandchildren \_\_\_\_\_ \$3 each additional line  
 Pets \_\_\_\_\_ \$3 each additional line  
 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to Sisterhood GHC and send with this completed form to Sisterhood GHC, 515 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522. If paying by credit card go to GHC website, Go to Donations + Payments and select Sisterhood High Holy Day Greetings. Make sure to mail this form back to Sisterhood GHC so we can include your name on the High Holy Day Greetings page.

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age the son must be, the behavior he must exhibit, what his parents must be like, etc., to the point that it would be almost impossible for the situation in question ever actually to take place. It is fascinating to see the creativity of the sages, and how they worked to bring their own sensibility to interpreting the text of the Torah.

The Talmud is made up of the Mishnah, the Gemara, and other commentaries. The Mishnah was the first major work of rabbinic literature. Redacted in the third century, it is a record of the oral teachings of the rabbis of the Second Temple period (516 BCE-70 CE). The language of the Mishnah is concise, and relatively straightforward. It deals with the practical application of Biblical laws. The Gemara, which is more elaborate, and written in both Hebrew and Aramaic, comments on the Mishnah, filling in the gaps left by the Mishnah. It asks questions, challenges, and debates, via a mixture of legal discussion and stories.

These discussions were passed down and taught in the actual batei midrash (study houses) in Israel and Babylonia. By studying them, we are able to listen in on the rabbis' actual conversations, to enter into their mindsets. There is something very powerful about sitting down with a partner and translating words that were written more than one and a half millennia ago. One of my chevrotot (study partners) said that after each class she felt as if we had travelled back in time.

Studying together with chevrotot, and piecing together the meaning of this, sometimes confounding, text, brought me a deep sense of satisfaction. The back and forth of studying and struggling with the text connected me with the rabbis in the Talmud itself, who did the same exact thing.

Since the class ended, I have begun a regular meeting to study with two of my chevrotot from the class, and I am excited to continue this practice into the new year.

Set forth below is a link to an episode of "the Oral Talmud", a video podcast that aims to make Talmud study accessible. This episode focuses on the discussion of a "ben sorer u'moreh" (stubborn and rebellious son) described above.

<https://www.sefaria.org/sheets/296128?lang=bi>

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\*Nishma is a program for anyone, whether a JTS student or not, who wants to study Talmud and other Judaic topics

## PRESIDENT' MESSAGE

I hope you all had a terrific summer and enjoyed going out, whether it be on vacation, visiting family, walking or whatever. One of the activities Leslie and I enjoyed was traveling to Charlotte, North Carolina, where my nephew was having his Bar Mitzvah. It was not the type of Bar Mitzvah you would normally experience. You see, my brother and his family are Messianic Jews. I am not going to discuss in this article the meaning of what a Messianic Jew is, but, suffice it to say, at the Bar Mitzvah on a Saturday morning in mid-July, there were over 200 people in attendance at the service, most of whom are regular attendees and thus had nothing to do with the Bar Mitzvah. To my amazement, this congregation gets, on average, 200-250 people each Shabbat. That was quite an eye-opener for me.

This led me to think, why cannot GHC get a better turnout on Shabbat? What, if anything, are we doing wrong? Are we boring? Are we not friendly enough for people to want to "schmooze" with others? Do we not offer our members a worthwhile experience? These are tough questions to answer, but, as your president, they are my responsibility to consider.

As a person who very rarely attended services in the past, quite honestly, my reason for not doing so was boredom. I cannot read Hebrew, so I felt lost when I went to services. However, as one who, for the last three years has been attending services fairly regularly, that issue is no longer a big deal for me. Nothing has changed for me regarding understanding or reading Hebrew, but I do now enjoy listening to the way the prayers are sung and/or taking some of what the Rabbi talks about and contemplating if I can apply it to my daily life.

I have always said that GHC is more than just a synagogue. The major function of a synagogue, is, of course, to facilitate praying to G-d, not only by yourself, but with a community. Consider coming on a Saturday for the joy of being with others; come for the beautiful music; come for the inspiring sermons; come for the tasty lunch; come just to relax and get away from it all; come to expand your network, and, last but not least, come for a joke (hopefully this at least will make you smile).

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# **ENJOY DELICIOUS CHALLAH, CAKE, BABKA, TAIGLACH, RUGELACH & MORE!**



Sisterhood is delighted to provide fresh baked goods for the High Holidays from the White Plains Bake Shoppe with easy ordering and safe & convenient pick up at GHC!

Orders must be received at GHC by Monday, September 12. Orders will be ready for pick up at GHC on Friday, September 23 from 10 am – noon. (Alternate pick up can be arranged.) If you have questions, or would like an order form, please contact Allyn Salpeter at [Sisterhood@ghcnyc.org](mailto:Sisterhood@ghcnyc.org).

The Bake Sale order form will be available in August. Please follow the weekly GHC News for the order form link and updates.

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Instead of viewing attending Shabbat services as something that takes time out of your busy schedule, think of it as a way of re-arranging that busy schedule to find some relaxing time simply to sit back and enjoy a few hours when no one is judging you, when you do not have the feeling that that you need to do this or that. I can almost guarantee you...the "this and that" can probably wait.

The summer is now over and it is time to get back to the "grind", as they say. The High Holidays are fast approaching and I look forward to greeting each and every one of you. Inasmuch as Covid is still here, we will take necessary precautions to keep everyone as safe as possible. If you feel most comfortable wearing a mask, then please do. For those unaware, even though mask wearing is optional, most, if not all, people who come to Saturday services do mask up. Further information regarding our protocols will be sent out prior to the holidays, so please watch for further announcements. We will also be having Young Family Services in the parking lot for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Junior Congregation services will be held in the Meilman Chapel.

On behalf of Leslie, myself and my entire family, I wish you and your family a very Sweet, Happy and Healthy New Year.

Remember to keep smiling!

Jeff

*PS Don't forget to attend the labor day BBQ on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>.*

**YOU are the Guest of Honor!!**

## OUR SCHOOLS

Welcome to another exciting school year at GHC! We are delighted to have many returning families, as well as new families joining our GHC community! There are many things underway and we are thrilled to be returning to many of our larger, in person, gatherings. Families will be welcomed into our building to participate in both the ECC and RS, as well as community-wide GHC events.

Our Social Action component of the RS will be returning, with at least one large RS- wide project per month. Please also do not forget our children's High Holiday services at GHC, and **our first Mispachah (Family Shabbat) and Junior Congregation at 10:30 a.m. on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars now!** Our VAV & ZAYIN classes will be helping

lead Junior Congregation on this date and will also offer a special presentation about their mitzvah project!

Here are some very important dates to start the year:

Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>: Welcome Back BBQ! 4 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP on our website.

Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>: 9:30-11 a.m., ECC Family Fun Day for our 3's and 4's (with an adult) and Home Visits for our 2's.

Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>: 9 a.m. ECC First Day of School for our 3's and 4's.

Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>: 9:15 a.m. ECC First Day of School for our 2's.

Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>: RS Havdalah, Opening Day, Meet the Teachers & Ice Cream Social. Families welcome to attend.

Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>: First Day of Club Lunch (Extended Day) for ECC- enrolled 3's & 4's.

Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>: NO religious school (EREV ROSH HASHANAH)

## MEMBERSHIP

After listening to the YouTube recording of the radio broadcast featuring Jeff and me with Paul Feiner, my daughter-in-law commented "Wow! I didn't know you **do so much!**" I suspect many of you might have had the same reaction; that you, too, did not know that GHC does so much! We are a dynamic, exciting synagogue. As Jeff says "We're more than just a synagogue." Let me tell you more about your second home.

GHC is a Conservative and egalitarian congregation where EVERYONE is welcome to join—this includes Jews from birth or by choice, as well as their family members who may or may not be Jewish. It ALSO includes people who have chosen a variety of lifestyles, including (but not limited to), singles; married couples; divorced, widowed or LGBTQ individuals; young families; families with no children; families with teens; and, empty- nesters.

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L' Shanah Tovah  
Have a sweet year!



## Mishpacha Service

For Families with Children who are 6 and younger

**Rosh Hashanah Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

Meet in the Main Sanctuary for Shofar Blowing at 10:30 AM

**Yom Kippur Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>** 10:30 AM outside in the tent



♥ Pray ♥



♥ Sing



♥ Tell stories



♥ Do crafts



♥ Laugh



♥ Learn

**Future: Mishpacha Dates:**

Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan.14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 13



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During the 75 years that GHC has been in existence, both the Religious School and the Early Childhood Center have won Awards of Excellence. Our Educational Director, Amy Kessler; Rabbi Stein; Cantor May; our VP of Education, Shara Sheinberg; and, our teaching staff, are all constantly evaluating and adapting the curriculum and lessons to meet the needs of our students. They strive for engaging, interactive and exciting ways to teach our children, from two- year olds through high school students. Rabbi Stein; Cantor May; and, our Rabbinical Intern, Sara Birnbaum; also offer a variety of classes for adults.

Some of us attend Shabbat morning services on a regular basis, while others stream the services. Most of us will be at GHC for the High Holidays. If you have not come to a service in a while, come on down!!!! Rabbi Stein leads services with insightful and thought- provoking sermons. Cantor May's voice helps to elevate the prayers. The Cantor uses a variety of melodies, so that no two weeks are the same. Do not worry if you do not understand Hebrew. Cantor May eloquently mixes Hebrew with English to include all of us.

What do you find interesting and exciting? Throughout the year we offer a wide variety of activities. If you have a new idea, please contact our president, Jeff Liss, or Rabbi Stein. They will be delighted to work with you to make your idea a reality.

On September 20<sup>th</sup> adults are invited to "Sangria in the Sukkah". Sisterhood is having a fall brunch on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. On October 26, Rabbi Stein will begin our popular, monthly, class, "In the Beginning-Genesis for Adults". Plans are in the works for family activities; dinners and services; empty- nester events; and, a revival of our beloved Purim Carnival.

Become involved. Join a committee. We have something for everyone—Green Team; Caring Community; Social Action; Membership; The Israel Team; Fundraising; Education; Adult Education; PTA; Empty- nesters; Religious Affairs; Sisterhood; Men's Club; and, more! **When you become involved, you make connections. When you make connections, you make friends. When you make friends, then GHC becomes the place you want to be.**

This month's message: GHC has a great deal to offer you, your family and your friends. Come join in our fun! Bring your friends who are not yet members. They are welcome at GHC. We are always looking to expand our community. **I hope to see you soon!**

L'Shanah Tovah Tikateyvu ! May you have a Good and Sweet New Year!

Leslie Liss, VP Education

**Be sure to be at The Labor Day Barbe-  
que 4PM on September 5<sup>th</sup>!**

**RSVP to [vpmembership@ghcnyc.org](mailto:vpmembership@ghcnyc.org)**

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

**We are happy that you have joined our family!**

Elana, Ezra and Jordan Brody

Bari, Ben, Blake and Brent Glazer

Becky, Bryan, Elly and Ziggy Goldberg

Beth, Giles, Jacob and Ethan Matthews

Sam Offman

Jessica Ruben, Justin Rispler and Oliva Rispler

Suzanne, Steve, Ella and Max Soleimani

Daniella, Or, Naomi and Yair Waknin

These members joined by August 11, 2022

## OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

Marilyn Block Ruskin, on the passing of her beloved husband, Martin Ruskin

Martin Stern, on the passing of his beloved brothers, Theodore Stern and Julius ("Julie") Stern

May their memory always be a blessing.



L' Shanah Tovah  
Have a sweet year!



## Jr. Congregation

For Children from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to Bar/Bat Mitzvah

**Rosh Hashanah Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

Meet in the Main Sanctuary for Shofar Blowing at 10:30 AM

**Yom Kippur Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>** 10:30 AM Meilman Chapel



♥ Pray ♥



♥ Sing



♥ Torah service



♥ Laugh



♥ Learn

**Everyone is welcome to join us.**

**All adults must have a ticket.**

**For tickets: Contact Leslie at [vpmembership@ghcny.org](mailto:vpmembership@ghcny.org)**

Adults must show Proof of Vaccination.

## CARING COMMUNITY

Most meetings I attend have a full agenda. There are programs to plan, priorities to be set, services to offer. We discuss security and health, personnel and maintenance. There is only one meeting I attend that has one simple, and incredibly important, agenda item. How do we help people? The Caring Community is that committee. Sure, there are many ways we assist people in their lives, but there are no other agendas and no other competing ideas.

The Caring Community sets out each month to figure out who is falling through the cracks and who needs a little more "tender loving care". Aside from bringing soup and challah to people who have experienced a loss or bringing a goody bag of essentials to new parents, the Caring Community seeks out those who are struggling with their physical or emotional health. It strategizes about the best ways to connect and to make sure we are all following through. It is the definition of "community". Sometimes a call or a card can make all the difference. Sometimes just connecting after the tumult of loss has passed, and the quiet loneliness settles in, can be invaluable.

It is said in Psalms that God is the Healer of Broken Hearts. The work this group does is God's work. The people who serve in this group are angels doing the service of the Almighty. The people who make calls, write notes, knit hats, deliver soup and challah or follow up after a death, are doing the righteous work that breathes humanity into our world. They deserve our admiration and our appreciation.

On behalf of a grateful community I say, "thank you."

Rabbi Stein

## SISTERHOOD

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to another great year of Sisterhood events at GHC. We at Sisterhood have been busy during the summer months planning our calendar for 2022-2023. We have lots of exciting and amazing events coming up that are inspirational, thought-provoking and fun.

On Thursday, September 8 at 8:00 PM, please join Sisterhood, the Green Team and the Women's League for Conservative Judaism for a program on Zoom titled "Sustainability: Reverse Tashlich", led by Rabbi Ed Rosenthal. Rabbi Rosenthal is the founder of Tikkun Ha Yam whose mission is to raise awareness about the deep Jewish connection to water and to reinforce the urgent moral imperative to protect the aquatic environment.

You must register to get the Zoom link. Either go to GHC News or the Women's League for Conservative Judaism's website ([www.wlcj.org](http://www.wlcj.org)) for registration. The September 8 program is a terrific segue into Reverse Tashlich, which is being observed on Sunday, October 2 by over 170 communities worldwide. The Green Team, supported by Sisterhood, will be leading GHC's involvement in this program. More to come from the Green Team about Reverse Tashlich on October 2nd.

On Sunday, September 18, at 10:30 AM, Sisterhood will have its Welcome Back Brunch, in-person at GHC. Our guest speaker will be Sue Friedman, Executive Director of FORCE (Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered). FORCE's mission is to improve the lives of individuals and families facing hereditary cancer and to advocate for access to care, better treatment and prevention options. Sue will be joined by a genetic counselor who will co-present the discussion of "Genetic Testing for Inherited Cancer Risk" with Sue. A light brunch will be served to all attending in person but as Sue will be appearing via Zoom from Florida, you may join her on her Zoom link (to come) if you prefer to watch from home. All are welcome to attend this educational and impactful event and to catch up with friends whom you may not have seen all summer.

Sisterhood's next event will be our Fall Event on Sunday, October 23, at 10:30 AM. Get together with your fellow GHCers for a delicious in-person brunch and a program led by guest speaker, Diane D'Costa. She will be speaking to us via Zoom from Washington, DC. If you prefer to watch from home, you can join on her Zoom link (to come). Diane, whose personal experience on the UVA campus during the Charlottesville Unite the Right rally led her to be a witness at the Virginia Supreme Court case in which white supremacists who had participated in the rally were brought up on charges, is a self-described "queer, brown, Jewish woman". She is an educator and artist and has done advocacy work in those fields. Diane is an eloquent speaker who believes that we must continue to talk publicly about anti-semitism in order to stop defamation. Make sure to attend this thought-provoking event; all are welcome.

Our Annual Honey Sale was a very successful fundraiser this year; over 100 jars of honey in their beautiful gift packaging have been sold! Thank you to all who ordered honey to send as a sweet New Year's gift to friends and

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UPHOLD IT"**

Proverbs 3:16-18





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= MORE FUN!

= More Opportunities!

= More Youth Programming!

- \* GHC's Youth Group is joining forces with Sababa BBYO, based

- in Tarrytown.

- \* Hudson Valley Region includes Westchester & Rockland

- \* Jewish Teens: Grades 8 through 12

- \* Gain friends, leadership training, community service, communal

- Shabbat experiences, overnight trips

- \* Membership through high school graduation = \$149. Scholarships available based on financial need.

### **UPCOMING DATES**

- \* GHC kickoff meeting: Date to be determined after the High Holidays

- \* October 8<sup>th</sup>, Yacht Party Kickoff – Cruise around NYC

***For more information: [youthchair@ghcny.org](mailto:youthchair@ghcny.org)***

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family members. The Honey Sale benefits both GHC and ORT, a not-for-profit global Jewish organization that promotes education and training in communities worldwide.

Please remember to participate in the High Holidays Greetings Card, a wonderful tradition started at GHC by Nettie Goldstein. This virtual Greeting Card is a great way to support GHC and wish your friends a Happy and Healthy New Year. Those who do not have internet access will receive their card via mail. The order form can be found in this issue of the Hamvaser, the High Holidays mailing and GHC News. The deadline for sending in your order form is Monday, September 12, so do not delay in getting yours in.

Now is the time to place your orders for round challahs and other scrumptious baked goods for the High Holidays. Orders are expertly and deliciously baked by the White Plains Bake Shoppe, which will box or wrap all items. Orders are due by Monday, September 12, and will be able to be picked up at GHC on Friday, September 23, from 10:00 AM to noon. An alternate pick-up can also be arranged. The order form can be found in GHC News or contact [Sisterhood@ghcny.org](mailto:Sisterhood@ghcny.org). No need to wait on long lines, and you will be supporting both GHC and a local vendor!

Our Sisterhood Membership Drive has begun. Go to the Community tab on the [www.ghcny.org](http://www.ghcny.org) website and click on Sisterhood where you have the option of downloading the brochure/membership form or completing the membership form on line. Payments can be made by mailing your check to the GHC office or paying by credit card. If you do not have internet access, we will make sure to get you your membership form via regular mail. Any questions, contact [Sisterhood@ghcny.org](mailto:Sisterhood@ghcny.org). If you were a member in 2021-2022, I encourage to continue your membership in the new year 2022-2023. I do not have to tell how much Sisterhood enriches your life. If you are not currently a Sisterhood member, I hope you will consider joining us for a year of meaningful events at which you can learn, feel inspired, have fun and develop friendships.

Sisterhood is always looking for new board members and volunteers. No experience is necessary, just bring your enthusiasm and ideas. Sisterhood is a major supporter of GHC culturally, spiritually and financially. We would love to have you join us. Contact me at [Sisterhood@ghcny.org](mailto:Sisterhood@ghcny.org) if you are interested or just want to discuss your thoughts on events, programs or any of the myriad of things that Sisterhood does to benefit our GHC community.

On behalf of the Sisterhood Board, I wish you and your loved ones, L'Shanah Tovah Tikateyvu, a Good and Sweet New Year!

## GREEN TEAM

On Rosh Hashanah, Jews around the world participate in the ancient ritual of Tashlich. We go to a body of water and symbolically cast off the sins of the past year to start the New Year with purity of heart. However, this is not the only time humans cast their "sins" into the sea. Every year, approximately six million tons of human-made trash enter the water, posing health and safety hazards to the animals that call the sea their home. Marine debris is a blatant violation of the fundamental Jewish ethical principle of Bal Tashchit (literally "do not destroy"). It is based on the Mitzvah outlined in Deuteronomy 20:19-20 that says it is forbidden to cut down fruit trees. The Talmud expanded the concept of Bal Tashchit to include all forms of senseless damage or waste. It has become a central aspect of the ethics of the Jewish people.

Repair the Sea | Tikkun HaYam ([RepairtheSea.org](http://RepairtheSea.org)) adds a modern ritual to the Jewish tradition: A local clean-up on the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, also known as Reverse Tashlich.

Please join our GHC community on October 2nd, between 10 AM and 1 PM, and be part of the Fifth international Jewish waterfront cleanup, along with more than 115 other synagogues, JCCs, and affinity groups that have signed up to participate. (The rain date for the GHC community is Sunday, October 30th.) Community members of all ages are welcome to participate; however, minors must be accompanied by an adult. We will meet at the Saw Mill River Parkway at Lawrence Street and work along the South Trail, both north and south of Lawrence Street. For more information about this GHC effort, contact the Green Team at [greening@GHCNY.org](mailto:greening@GHCNY.org).

Groundwork Hudson Valley ([GroundworkHV.org](http://GroundworkHV.org)), an environmental nonprofit organization supporting us in this effort, will be making a brief educational presentation and will obtain all the necessary permits and supplies, such as gloves, trash bags and trash pickers.

# BAR MITZVAH

**Ethan Malat**

**Sukkot IV (Chol ha moed)**

Ethan will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah in October. His parents, Sue and Scott, his older sister, Ashley, and their dog, Didi, will be cheering him on. Ethan has attended GHC his entire life, starting in nursery school.

One word to describe Ethan is "passionate". You can count on Ethan to lose his voice rooting for his favorite sports teams: the Yankees, Knicks, and Giants. He is the first one to practice for his Heat travel baseball team and the one most likely to fire his teammates up when they are down. Ethan is the player who takes hundreds of swings in the backyard, working to perfect his form. He has meticulously prepared lesson plans for young baseball players as part of his first business venture as a private coach.

Ethan forms tight relationships. Most times you will find him hanging out with his close, local, friends or keeping in touch with friends from his summer home away from home, Camp Green Lane. He is a wonderful student, especially in math. He plays the drums in the school band and plays for his school's basketball and baseball teams.

We are thrilled to celebrate Ethan's Bar Mitzvah. Thank you to Cantor May, Rabbi Stein, and all Ethan's teachers for their help in preparing for this milestone.

## DONATION FORM

For your convenience, please use this form to make your donations. send to:  
**Greenburgh Hebrew Center, 515 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522**

This donation is being made by \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to donate to the fund indicated.

Attached is my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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To celebrate, remember, express appreciation & support my synagogue, I have chosen the fund indicated below:

Capital Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chesed Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cantor's Discretionary \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Early Childhood Center \$ \_\_\_\_\_

General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

GHC Garden Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Green Team \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Jewish Education Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Julia B. Chazen Camp Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Kiddush Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Book Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rabbi's Discretionary \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rabbi Lubliner Memorial \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Religious School \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Religious Affairs \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rockowitz Youth Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Security Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Social Action Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Torah Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Yahrzeit & Yiskor Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Programs Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Abelson, Michael & Joan	In Memory of	Louis C. Abelson
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## CAPITAL FUND CONTRIBUTION

Rabinowitz, Howard & Sharon	In Memory of	Terry Rabinowitz
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Rosenberg, Naomi	In Memory of	Celia Abrams
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## CARING COMMUNITY/HESED FUND

Fuhrman, Joan	In Honor of	Graduation of Noah Greenwald, grandson of Sheila & Hal Greenwald
Greenwald, Hal & Sheila	In Honor of	Engagement of Carly, daughter of Jo-Ann & Jay Lutzky
Neuburger, Suzanne	In Memory of	Ted & Julius Stern
	In Honor of	Vivian Milefsky
	In Memory of	Fran Stone
	In Memory of	My beloved husband, Steve

## CHAZEN CAMP FUND

Rosenberg, Naomi	In Memory of	Bertha Gold
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## GENERAL FUND

Appel, Patricia	In Memory of	Barbara Grose & Ben Edelstein
Baskin, Howard & Rhonda	In Honor of	Birth of our grandson, Asher Isaac Baskin

	In Honor of	Marriage of David & Hallie Baskin
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Bell, Jonathan	In Memory of	Martin Ruskin
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Bell, Linda	In Memory of	Martin Ruskin
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Bilmas, Scott & Cynthia	Donation	
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Brucker, Andrew & Dona	Donation	
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Doynow, David & Renee	In Memory of	Martin Ruskin
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Firsty, Sherman	Donation	
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Frankel, Martin & Natalie	In Memory of	Abe Abramowitz
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	In Honor of	Marriage of Gavi Stein & Evan Klein
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Fried, Deanna	In Honor of	Theodore Stern & Julius Stern
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	In Honor of	Marriage of Gavi Stein & Evan Klein
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	In Honor of	Graduation of Noah Greenwald, grandson of Sheila & Hal Greenwald
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	In Honor of	Graduation of Jake Lustig, grandson of George Katz
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Fuhrman, Joan	In Honor of	Muriel Brill's 102d birthday
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	In Honor of	Aaron Leibowitz winning a Pulitzer Prize
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Goldstein, Melvin	In Memory of	Abraham K. Goldstein
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Golub, Justin & Katrina	In Memory of	Glenn Gerber
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Gordon, Bruce & Madelon	In Memory of	Helen Roseman
Gorlick, Frances	Donation	
Greenberg, Alan & Sheila	In Honor of	The birth of our grandson, Zachary George
Greenwald, Hal & Sheila	In Honor of	Graduation of Jacob, grandson of Jesse & Arlene Krawitz
	In Honor of	Graduation of Andrew grandson of Deanna Fried
Katz, George	In Memory of	Gussie Ripps
Kemp, Lois	In Honor of	George Katz's birthday
Krandsdorf, Jerome & Sondra	In Memory of	Nellie Scheiner
		Graduation of Noah Greenwald, grandson of Sheila & Hal Greenwald
Krawitz, Jesse & Arlene	In Honor of	
Liss, Jeffrey & Leslie	In Honor of	George Katz's birthday
	In Honor of	Marriage of Gavi Stein & Evan Klein
		Marriage of David, Howard & Rhonda Baskin's son & the Baskin's new grandchild, child of their son, Seth
Lobel, Sheldon & Adele	In Honor of	75th anniversary of GHC
Lotstein, Enid	In Memory of	Florence Lotstein
Markowitz, Zvi & Linda	In Memory of	Martin Ruskin
	In Honor of	Muriel Brill's 102d birthday
	In Honor of	Birth of Asher, grandson of Howard & Rhonda Baskin
	In Honor of	Marriage of David, Howard & Rhonda Baskin's son
		Natalie & Marty Frankel, on their upcoming 65th anniversary
	In Honor of	
	In Honor of	Lucas, grandson of Mara-Lee & Fred Bierman
	In Honor of	Theodore Stern & Julius Stern
Milefsky, Norman & Vivian	In Memory of	Ed Plotkin
	In Honor of	Naomi Rosenberg, Lisa Katz & Naomi Feinkind
	In Honor of	George Katz
	In Honor of	Naomi Rosenberg, Sisterhood's Torah Fund Honoree
	In Honor of	Eleanor Heller's great-grandchild
	In Honor of	Marriage of Jeremy, son of Gilda Zucker

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Milefsky, Norman & Vivian cont'd	In Memory of	Fran Stone
	In Memory of	Harry Levy
	In Honor of	Sharon Weiss, Sisterhood member of the year
	In Honor of	Linda Markowitz
	In Honor of	Marriage of Andrew, son of Lynn & Larry Ecker
	In Memory of	Mikki Atlas
	In Memory of	Mike Meilman
	In Honor of	Joan Fuhrman, a great grandmother nine times over
Morris, Debbie	Donation	
Neuburger, Hope	In Memory of	Fran Stone
		Annette Silberman, Ruby Silberman, Dolores Sanders, Abraham Sanders & Hyman Sanders
Sanders, Leslie & Dashefsky, Barry	In Memory of	
Schaffer, Benjamin	In Memory of	Martin Ruskin
Schon, Jean	In Memory of	Martin Ruskin
Segall, Bruce & Rosenberg, Robin	In Memory of	Theodore Stern & Julius Stern
Siegel, Neil & Debra	In Memory of	Edmond Siegel
Siegel, Sharon	In Memory of	Beatrice & Sam Siegel
Silverstone, Barbara	In Memory of	Annette Klotz
Uber, Sophie	In Memory of	Chaya Khalatnik
Weiner, Jacqueline	In Memory of	Martin E. Weiner
Weinstein, Audrey	In Memory of	Joseph Weinstein
Zweibon, Mark	Donation	
<b><u>JEWISH EDUCATION FUND</u></b>		
Dawson, Ann	In Honor of	GHC's 75th anniversary
Marcus, Silvian & Lily	In Memory of	Issac Rodeany
Morris, Debbie	Donation	
Salpeter, Allyn	In Memory of	Jospeh Salpeter
Segall, Bruce & Rosenberg, Robin	In Honor of	Birth of Yair Raphael, son of Daniella & Or Wakinin
Sonkin, Ellen	In Memory of	Max Sonkin, Yetta Sonkin & Bessie Friedman
Weiss, Andrew & Sharon	In Memory of	Joseph Weiss

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### **KIDDUSH FUND**

Berman, William & Patricia	In Honor of	Leslie Liss and all the Kiddush helpers
Greenwald, Hal & Sheila	In Memory of	Lois Greenwald
Kravitz, Alan & Caryn	In Honor of	Muriel Brill's 102d birthday
	In Honor of	Natalie & Marty Frankel's 65th wedding anniversary
	In Honor of	Births of Benjamin Joseph, & Madelyn Brie, grandson & granddaughter of Meryl & Ken Kupersmith
	In Honor of	Birth of Samuel, grandson, of Amy & Michael Taub , and marriage of David, son of Amy & Michael Taub
	In Honor of	Birth of Asher Isaac, grandson of Rhonda & Howard Baskin and marriage of David, son of Rhonda & Howard Baskin
Morris, Debbie	In Memory of Donation	Philip Kravitz, Pearl W. Rizinsky & Gertrude Weiner

### **PJ LIBRARY**

Goldberg, Steven	In Memory of	Susan J. Goldberg
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### **PRAYER BOOK FUND**

Harris, Lewis & Barbara	In Memory of	Joseph E. Harris
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### **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Abelson, Michael & Joan	In Memory of	Irving J. Kastenber
	In Memory of	Sylvia Abelson
Digitalzoom NY LLC	In Honor of	The Rusoff's.
Fuhrman, Joan	In Honor of Donation	Marriage of Gavi Stein & Evan Klein
Goldstein, Melvin	In Honor of	Rabbi Jay Stein
Hertz, Cynthia & Dubbrin, Allen	In Memory of	Emanuel Wasserman & Joe Beer
Jagoda, Andrew & Deborah	In Memory of	Our pet, Rory

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Krawitz, Jesse & Arlene	In Honor of	Marriage of Gavi Stein & Evan Klein
Lobel, Sheldon & Adele	In Memory of	Jerrold Becker
Markowitz, Zvi & Linda	In Memory of	Chaim Bear
Spiegel, Liss	In Memory of	Loretta Shames, daughter of Harry & Sadie Spiegel, founders of GHC
Weinfeld, Deanna	In Memory of	Minnie Napchen
	In Memory of	Rose Weinfeld
Weintraub, Melvin	In Memory of	Matthew Naphtali
	In Memory of	Anna Weintraub

### **RABBI EMANUEL & SYLVIA LUBLINER FUND**

Fassler, Henrietta	Donation
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### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

Lobel, Sheldon & Adele	In Honor of	Mirah Schwartz
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### **SATO/MIDNIGHT RUN**

Shapiro, Diana	In Honor of	Alan Shapiro
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### **SECURITY FUND**

Bernstein, Marcia	Donation
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Frankel, Martin & Natalie	Donation
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Fried, Deanna	Donation
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Goldstein, Andrew & Judith	Donation
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Katz, George	Donation
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Kravitz, Alan & Caryn	Donation
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Stempel, Larry & Carol	Donation
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## SISTERHOOD

Deanna Fried	Donation
Mimi Gallantar	Donation

## TREE OF LIFE LEAF

Ecker, Lawrence & Lynne Spector	In Honor of	Marriage of Andrew Ecker, son of Lynne & Larry Ecker
Feinkind, Todd Eliot	In Honor of	Naomi & Michael Feinkind
Fried, Deanna	In Honor of	George Katz
Greenwald, Hal & Sheila	In Honor of	George Katz

## VIDEO STREAMING FUND

Segall, Bruce & Rosenberg, Robin	In Memory of	Martin Ruskin
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## YIZKOR/YAHRZEIT FUND

Adler, Inge	In Memory of	Bella Weinberg
Bernstein, Marcia	Donation	
Frankel, Martin & Natalie	In Memory of	Dr. Sol Spielman & Eva Spielman
Goldstein, Melvin	In Memory of	Murray Ostrager & Seymour Ostrager
Gorlick, Richard & Kleiman-Gorlick, Anne	In Memory of	Jeffrey Gorlick
Harris, Lewis & Barbara	In Memory of	Ralph Edwards
	In Memory of	Sandra Miller
Hillman, Joel & Arlene	In Memory of	Goldie Marderstein
Katz, George	In Memory of	Theodore Stern & Julius Stern
Katz, Ronald Scott & Ann Lisa	In Memory of	Lillian Mark
Kestenbaum, Gerald	In Memory of	Bernard Kestenbaum
Kransdorf, Jerome & Sondra	In Memory of	Leon Kransdorf
Krawitz, Jesse & Arlene	In Memory of	Sylvia B. Schwartz & Hannah Krawitz
Kupersmith, Kenneth & Meryl	In Memory of	Harvey Kupersmith, Rita Winiarz
	In Memory of	Mildred Hurwitz, Barry Winiarz, Elaine Kaufman

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angholtz, Daniel	In Memory of	Esther Langholtz
Segall, Bruce & Rosenberg, Robin	In Memory of	Barbara Gross
Siegel, Martha	In Memory of	Susan J. Goldberg
Siegel, Neil & Debra	In Memory of	Edith A. Yahr
Stien, Robert	In Memory of	Frieda Stien
Sunshine, Helen	In Memory of	Herbert Sunshine
Taub, Michael & Amy	In Memory of	Helen Lilling
Trushin, Ruth	In Memory of	Ida, Saul, Teddy Trushin & Jason Zarate
Wool, Irene	In Memory of	Marvin Wool

### YOUTH LOUNGE PROJECT

Bernstein, Marcia	Donation
Markowitz, Zvi & Linda	Donation





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