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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Rabbi Jay M. Stein

Purim and Yom Kippur

One of the most fun and family-friendly holidays we have occurs this month. While the holiday itself falls out on Wednesday evening March 20th with a celebration and reading of the megillah with our religious school and the entire congregation, the Purim carnival will take place on Sunday, March 17th. By far this is one of the celebratory holidays we have on our Jewish calendar. We dress in costume, we sing, we stamp our feet, we eat, some even drink, and generally we party.

One of the most intriguing parts of the holiday is its name. Purim comes from the Hebrew word *Pur* meaning "lots." That is, the day Haman selected to bring about our demise was determined by drawing lots. He picked the day out of a hat. So much of life depends on something random.

Last month I was coming out of a parking lot on Central Avenue and as my light turned green I began

driving out into the intersection. At that same moment another car ran their red light and hit the front of my car. Had I been a little further into the intersection the result could have been a lot worse. Had I not got out into the intersection as far as I had, I would not have been hit at all. I feel I was lucky. But it was random.

Still the name of Purim sounds so much like Kippur, or rather Yom Kippur. In fact, they are so similar sounding that much has been written comparing Purim and Yom Kippur. At first glance, they seem like opposites. For the Rabbis, they seem like yin and yang, opposite sides of a coin. Yom Kippur – complete abstinence, Purim – over indulgence. Yom Kippur – totally serious, Purim – just plain fun. Yom Kippur – deals with soul searching and self discovery, Purim – we make believe we are someone else. The Rabbis teach Yom Kippur is a day devoted to God, Purim is a day devoted to celebrating with people, an internal day verses an external day.

But it is the aspect of randomness that strikes me most deeply. It is hard to think of a holiday with so

much emphasis on drinking without thinking about those who can never have a drink. One of the mantras of people in recovery is let go and let God. It is the understanding that we only have so much in our control. The holiday of Yom Kippur also centers on an event that seems random. On Yom Kippur we will read the ritual of the scapegoat. Leviticus 16:8 reads "and he shall place lots upon the two goats, one marked for the LORD and the other marked for Azazel." And I wonder which is worse. Being slaughtered quickly or the slow death of wandering the desert – but it doesn't matter because neither we nor the goat gets to chose.

The holiday of Purim could not be a more child friendly holiday while Yom Kippur is probably the least child oriented holiday of the year. The lesson is clear. As we grow, we begin to truly understand that there things over which we have control and things over which we do not. Who we are and who we make believe we are is one of them.

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Purim Carnival

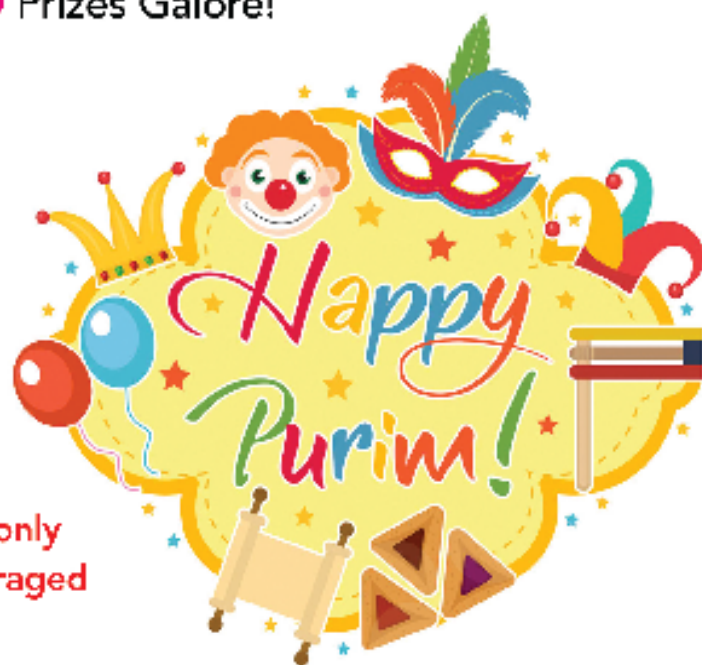
Sunday, March 17: 10:30 am – 1:30 pm

All Are Welcome – Adults And Children Of All Ages – Rejoice And Have Fun!

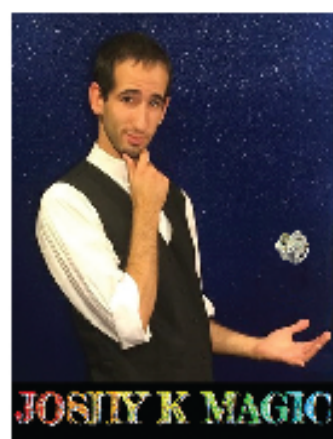
- Super Slide ● Bouncy Sports Inflatable ● Preschool Game Room
- Games for School-age Children ● Shushan Food Court
- Crafts ● Prizes Galore!

Special Purim Events

- **10:00 – 10:30 am** - Families with young children, join Rabbi Stein and Cantor Leuchter for Purim songs, mini-megillah story, and costume parade
- **12:00 - 12:45 pm**: "Joshy K" – A Magic Show with Personality and Energy – fun for children and adults.



Cash & checks only
Costumes Encouraged



"Joshy K" is a professional, award-winning magician with 22 years of experience (and he is only 27!! He recently performed on Off-Broadway! He has taught at French Woods and is a favorite among the kids.

Please pick up your Shaloch Manot bag from
GHC Sisterhood at the carnival or at the Megillah
Reading on Wednesday, March 20.

Questions? Volunteer at the Carnival! Contact carnival@g-h-c.org
More info at www.g-h-c.org/purim



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Lori Sloane

Later this month (13 Adar II/March 20) we will celebrate Purim. Like several of our holidays, it's one of those that could be summarized as "they tried to kill us, we won, let's eat," but there are deeper lessons that can be learned from this celebratory holiday.

We know the story: Haman sets out to destroy the Jews after he becomes incensed by Mordechai's refusal to bow down to him. When he lobbies King Ahasuerus for a decree that will endorse this genocidal campaign, Haman employs the anti-Semitic trope of dual loyalty, saying: "There is a certain people ... dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from those of every people; neither keep they the king's laws" (*Esther* 3:8). The Jews, Haman asserts, are disloyal to their king because they are loyal to their religion and therefore must be destroyed. This, as we know, is false - Jews throughout history have proven our ability to remain Jewish and loyal to our country.

The celebration of Purim centers on this first explicit instance of anti-Semitism in recorded history invoking the mantra "kill them because they are different." Nearly two thousand years later, anti-Semitism continues to be a significant global phenomenon, with daily acts of anti-Semitism being perpetrated almost everywhere in the Western World as evidenced by incidents throughout Europe, and the huge rise of anti-Semitic incidents in the US. In our own backyard, there have been more than 100 anti-Semitic incidents reported in New York since the Tree of Life Shooting in Pittsburgh.

At a moment in time when our community faces serious threats to its security and well being, we are reminded of the heroic leadership of Esther and of the advice she received from Mordecai. When learning of the assault that was scheduled to take place against her people Esther at first resisted taking action. Mordechai pleaded with her that she would be no safer in the palace than any other Jew in the country. If she keeps silent, Mordecai reminded her, "You and your house will perish." In the end she elected to fast and pray for three days and then approach the king to seek his intervention, despite the law prohibiting her

to appear before him, unless he called for her. She would conclude: "*if I perish, I perish.*"

What should we do today in the face of global anti-Semitism? There are those who still caution a "better to keep quiet and make believe it isn't there" policy. Giving it publicity, they claim, will only fuel the hatred, but like Esther, we need to stand up for ourselves and our beliefs.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks teaches: Jews cannot fight anti-Semitism alone. The victim cannot cure the crime... Therefore, if we think there is something we alone can do to cure anti-Semitism, we are making a great mistake. We have to stand together to fight hate; not Jews alone, but every single person who cares for the sanctity of life and for a free and just and tolerant society. We must gather allies, because the hatred of Jews is the hatred of difference, which is the hatred of humanity. That is why we must stand together to fight hate in all its forms.

So this year, as we make noise to blot out the name of Haman, let's also remember to make noise and blot out anti-Semitism, xenophobia, and hatred against any people because they are different.

Jeff and Leslie Liss greatly appreciate the warm atmosphere that GHC created at Steve and Karina's aufruf.

Rabbi Stein, Cantor Leuchter, The In-house Catering Committee, the ushers and "gabayim" welcomed our guests with kindness and smiles.

Thank you very much-"todah rabah".



Join
Rabbi
Jay Stein

COMMUNICATION IN 3 PARTS:

How to Talk so People Will listen and How
to Listen so People Will Talk
For couples, parents, siblings, work.

MARCH 28, APRIL 4, APRIL 11 | 8:00 PM

GREENBURGH HEBREW CENTER, 515 BROADWAY, DOBBS FERRY, NY



Join us for Shul Stitchers & Friends!

Thanks to a special grant from UJA-Federation of New York's ENGAGE Jewish Service Corps in Westchester, along with Greenburgh Hebrew Center, the ***Shul Stitchers & Friends*** program will provide an intergenerational and interactive opportunity for volunteer knitters and crocheters to teach teens from the Hawthorne Campus of the Jewish Board residential treatment programs, to knit or crochet

The knitting and crocheting will involve making squares which will be sewn together to make blankets for the teens to keep while at Hawthorne and when they return to their communities, as well as other handmade items; scarves, hats etc.

Special kick-off meeting: Monday 3/4 4:00 – 5:00 at the Sally & Anthony Mann Center of The Jewish Board (226 Linda Avenue, Hawthorne, NY)

Then following on **Monday 4/8 and 5/20 from 4:00 – 5:00 pm** meetings will be held at the ***Sally & Anthony Mann Center of The Jewish Board, Hawthorne Campus***

Sessions will be also be held at the ***Greenburgh Hebrew Center (515 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY)*** during regularly scheduled Shul Stitchers times, **1:00 pm – 2:30 pm** on the following **Thursdays: 3/21, 4/18, 5/23 and 6/20**

This is a wonderful opportunity for boomers and others of all ages to share their skills, enjoy a relaxed and fun atmosphere, get to know new people (both peers and teens) and provide a meaningful social and learning experience for teens at The Jewish Board.

Come to a few or all of the sessions as fits your schedule. You can also work at home and bring the squares to be assembled. All yarn will be distributed to you; you don't need to buy anything! All are welcome! Invite your friends to join us.

Thank you so much for your support with this wonderful program initiative!

With any questions or to RSVP to attend any of the sessions please contact Karen or Lynne below.

Please note that your RSVP is required to attend any of the sessions. Thank you!

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PURIM CELEBRATION

FOR RUSSIAN -SPEAKING FAMILIES



Puppet Performance in Russian
Inspired by the PJ Library Book, *The Story of Esther*

**March 24,
2019**

3:30-5:00 pm



**Greenburgh
Hebrew Center
515 Broadway
Dobbs Ferry, NY**

RSVP to: <https://pj-library-rsj-ny.ticketleap.com/purim-celebration-westchester>

Come dressed in costume and join other Russian-speaking families of Westchester and the Rivertowns. Enjoy Purim themed games, art activities and carnival stations.

GHC ECC & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Amy Kessler, LMSW, Director of Education

Yasher Koach in January & February to:

The entire GHC religious school, teachers, and parents for making over 100 soup jar kits for the food pantry of the Bronx Jewish Community Council

The religious school students in Bet and above (2nd grade and older) who worked diligently with Cantor Janet and their teachers to participate in the Family Shabbat Service

The religious school children in Bet and above who volunteered to lead parts of the Junior Congregation service on February 2nd

Our Gan students who have learned the Sh'ma!

Our Alef class who is mastering Hebrew letters and learning vowels, and who uses their tzedakah to buy non-perishable food donations all year long!

Our Bet students who are making AMAZING progress in Hebrew reading and have beautiful work displayed all over their classroom!

Our Gimmel class who is working together to build a detailed replica of Mount Sinai!

Our Dalet students, who are having fun and learning, while playing very animated games of Jewish Charades and "Shimon Omer" (Simon Says) to hone their Hebrew skills each week!

Our Hay class for volunteering at the AFYA Foundation, sorting medical supplies to shipped to Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic!

Our Vav students, who are creating two plays based on Bible stories and are singing Hatikvah so loudly, you can hear it throughout the GHC building every week!

Our Zayin students who created an incredible flag of Israel with patches of historical dates, and who are working hard on Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation and their Mitzvah Projects!

The Hebrew High School students and their families who asked great questions at their trip to the Tenement Museum in NYC!

Our madrichim who assist the religious school on Sundays and Wednesdays, and work with students individually and in small groups to progress in Hebrew!

The ECC Twos class who made a beautiful, giant sailboat out of both large and small triangles for our hallway, while they were learning about this shape!

The children in our ECC's Threes and Fours classes for working hard at the Trike-A-Thon, to raise money for the Pediatric Cancer Foundation!

Our INCREDIBLE religious school and ECC teachers, whose professionalism, preparation and profound love of Judaism is infused in everything they do at GHC!

Important Dates in March:

Ruach Tot Shabbat – Friday, March 1st, 5:30 p.m.

Rabbi Stein's Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program – Sunday, March 3rd, 10 a.m.

Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service – Friday, March 8th, 6:30 p.m.

Junior Congregation – Saturday, March 16th, 10:30 a.m.

GHC's Annual Purim Carnival – Sunday, March 17th, 10 a.m.

Megillah Reading – Wednesday, March 20th

All religious school families are invited to a gourmet pizza dinner before the Megillah reading at 6:15 p.m. Please RSVP to Amy.

PJ Library Russian Speaking Families Event – Sunday, March 24th, 3:30 p.m.

ECC Shabbat Dinner – Friday, March 29th, 5 p.m.

NETTLES ON BOMBERS CHAOS: "IT WASN'T A QUESTION OF WHERE WE WOULD FINISH. IT WAS A QUESTION OF IF WE WOULD."

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BAT MITZVAH

Sabrina Mondschein

Sabrina is in the 7th grade and is a High Honor Roll student. Sabrina is a regular attendee at Shabbat morning services and is a proud member of the Shabbat lunch squad. Sabrina is ecstatic to be part of the team that earned a United Synagogue award for intergenerational programming for their scrumptious endeavors. Sabrina has fully embraced the motto "what happens in the kitchen stays in the kitchen!"

Sabrina is an accomplished flutist and is a member of the GHC Kids Band under the direction of Cantor Janet. Sabrina also plays in her school band, jazz band, and has attended USDAN summer camp for the arts on Long Island for the last 2 years. Sabrina is a huge fan of Jojo Siwa and has amassed over 40 of her hair bows.

Sabrina has 5 sisters. Rosanna, "Big" Amanda, Gabrielle, Amanda, and Diva the human dog and Sabrina's favorite sister. Sabrina's parents Craig and Traci are very proud of Sabrina and are very sure that she will do very well at her Bat Mitzvah.

Sabrina's Bat Mitzvah project combines her love of playing the flute with her sense of Tikun Olam (making the world better). Sabrina is raising money to help a fellow USDAN student have the opportunity to attend USDAN. Sabrina is conducting a 50/50 raffle whereby 50% of the money collected will go to the USDAN scholarship fund and 50% will go to a lucky winner to be drawn at her Bat Mitzvah party. Sabrina has committed a minimum of \$1,000 to the scholarship fund. Please help Sabrina meet her goal when you see her offering raffle tickets at GHC. The Mondschein family invites the entire congregation to share in our simcha and the Kiddush lunch following services.

MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club Members -

I hope you all are doing well and having a nice 2019. The support for the men's club this year has been amazing, and this event will be a nice low key breakfast for us all to get together, sit back, relax and enjoy what should be a fun presenter.

On March 10th at 10:00 AM, come hear Jonathan Hock, one of our very own members, an award winning sports documentarian, film director, producer and screenwriter, talk to us about his most recent film, 14 Back. The film is about the 1978 Yankees/Red Sox pennant race and was featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated last fall - see image below. If you are a baseball fan, you will not want to miss this event.

I would like to request that you all please RSVP to me (dluftig@gmail.com), Howard (Baskin4A@aol.com) or the Mens Club (mensclub@g-h-c.org) email address so we can get a ballpark (no pun intended) count for the food.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

David



Join us for a Women's Seder

at
Greenburgh Hebrew Center

Sunday, March 31

4:00 – 6:30 pm

Participate in a creative,
spiritual, and contemporary
Seder!

Bring friends and relatives;
dinner included.

RSVP by Sunday, March 24



Cost: \$36 per adult if paid by March 24; \$40 at the door

\$18 per teen by March 24; \$20 at the door

Checks payable to GHC Sisterhood

Free babysitting available – preregistration required

Please bring unopened Kosher for Passover packaged food to donate to the Jewish Community Council of Washington Heights-Inwood. Please refer to www.g-h-c.org for specific list of staples and Kosher symbols that are accepted by their clients, many of whom are low-income families or are Holocaust Survivors.

Questions, RSVP, or to volunteer, contact: Robin at Sisterhood@g-h-c.org



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SISTERHOOD

Chag Sameach! It is almost time for one of the most joyous holidays of the Jewish calendar – Purim!! And it is a busy time for all of us involved with GHC Sisterhood.

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is the Purim Shalach Manot project. Everyone enjoys the Shalach Manot bags – filled with delicious treats, including hamantaschen! If you haven't sent in your sponsorship form and donation, please do so ASAP! This can be done online at <http://www.g-h-c.org/purimbag> or via the form that you received in the mail. Sponsorship at any level is welcome. Bags will be distributed at GHC on **Sunday, March 17** at the Purim Carnival from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm and on Wednesday, March 20, beginning at 6:15 pm when the Religious school will be sponsoring a school dinner before the Megillah reading, and throughout the duration of the megillah reading and shpiel. It is a mitzvah to give gifts for Purim, so do a mitzvah and be a sponsor! If you can help collate the bags, we will be putting them together on **Thursday, March 14** in the afternoon. Please contact me (Robin) if you can help with the collation or distributing bags at the carnival and/or megillah reading. All of the products in the bags are nut-free.

The next major holiday following Purim is Passover! We have been hard at work with our Passover projects! First up is a new GHC major event – a **Women's Seder**!! Please join us on **Sunday, March 31** from 4 – 6:30 pm for an inspirational, joyous, thought-provoking and very creative Seder! Bring your friends, mom, daughter, aunts and neighbors, just make sure to sign up and pay in advance please!!! The price per person is lower if you reserve and pay in advance. The Seder will include dinner and we really must know in advance who is coming, as seating will be limited. And please get involved in the Seder if you can – take a part, help with food prep or set up before the Seder. We hope you like the flyer; compliments to Sydney Newman on her beautiful, original artwork.

We are collecting new, Kosher for Passover packaged non-perishable food for the Jewish Community Council of Washington-Heights Inwood in the 2 weeks prior to the seder and at the seder. The JCC has a very specific list of what they are requesting:

Salad dressing, Cereal, Matza ball mix, soup mix, cake mix, Tea and coffee, Juice boxes and ice tea boxes, Snacks – chips, chocolate, nuts and raisins, Dishsoap, toothpaste

Please refer to the GHC website for the list of acceptable Kosher symbols for these items. Many of their clients are from low-income families or are Holocaust Survivors and it is important to them that we honor their request. Thank you to Enid Lotstein for spearheading this very meaningful social action project.

To help with your Passover preparations, Sisterhood is sponsoring a Wine Sale! This year we are partnering with Aries Wines and Spirits of White Plains. They will be conducting a tasting on **Sunday, April 7**, following the Congregational meeting. You will be able to order your wines in advance of the sale. Your order will be ready in advance of the first Seder, which takes place on Friday, April 19. The wine list will contain a variety of kosher wines from Israel, the US and other countries. And of course, you will be able to order Concord grape, mevushal and non-mevushal wines. Your orders will benefit GHC and you'll save yourself some time too!

We have a few special honors to announce. First, our Sisterhood Shabbat honoree will be Sherry Padva, our Woman of the Decade! As she and her husband Ira will be relocating to North Carolina, we felt that she deserved a special honor from Sisterhood for all of the countless projects, time and effort she has given to Sisterhood. We like to feel that while she has devoted many hours to GHC, her heart really belongs to Sisterhood. Sherry will be honored on **Saturday, May 11** at Sisterhood Shabbat. The GHC community is encouraged join us for this **very** special occasion when the women of GHC will totally take over the service! Last year some of our religious school students were involved and we are hoping to do the same this year. If you would like a part, even a tiny part, let me know! And of course, the service will be followed by a delicious Kiddush lunch. The Men's Club will do their part and help with lunch.

Our next very important honoree is Nettie Goldstein! Nettie will be GHC's honoree at the Torah Fund dinner at Temple Israel Center in White Plains on **Tuesday, May 14**. Nettie is very deserving of this honor for all she has done for GHC and Sisterhood. This is a lovely event and we hope you can join us on May 14. Carpools will be available. More information on both Sisterhood Shabbat and the Torah Fund dinner, and our honorees will appear in the April Hamvaser.

And finally, we would like to thank Bernice Strauss for all that she does for Sisterhood and GHC. Bernice writes and sends out personal notes to members who have experienced a loss and she also sends out a get-well card when we hear about a member who isn't well. We truly appreciate the time and effort Bernice devotes to the cards.

So we have so much to look forward to and we encourage your participation in these events! Please contact me if you have any questions or want to help! If you want to call me, please call the main office (914-693-4260) and they will give you my phone number. Most importantly I wish you a joyous Purim!

Until next time,

Robin Rosenberg

sisterhood@g-h-c.org

Two Trees of Life

Our synagogue is proud to possess the two Atzei Chaim, our "Trees of Life". These original sculptures by the noted synagogue artist, Sanford Werfel, are on permanent display in the GHC lobby and atrium. The branches of the trees bear leaves which are inscribed to highlight and commemorate joyous events and "Precious Moments" such as special birthdays, weddings, births, anniversaries, bar and bat mitzvahs, graduations or simply to honor parents and friends. Share your happy occasions by inscribing your family's simchas on our Trees of Life. Please indicate the tree you wish us to place your leaf and personalize the leaf with your name, the event and wording of your choice: Leaf dedication costs are:

Leaf: \$180 each

Dove: \$750 each (two remaining doves)

Rocks: \$1200 each (10 remaining rocks)

If you need more information, please contact Steve Neuburger 914-693-6277 or GHC Office

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NAME OF HONOREE _____

(Please spell name exactly as you wish it to be engraved)

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ADDRESS _____

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Attached is my check in the amount of \$ _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Other _____

Please send an acknowledgment to :

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

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Australia Ends Direct Aid To Palestinian Authority

As reported by the *Jewish Telegraphic Agency* . Australia has stopped giving direct aid to the Palestinian Authority due to concerns that the money is being used to pay Palestinian terrorists and their families.

Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said that the country would redirect the \$10 million in Australian currency (\$7.4 million U.S.) from the World Bank to the UN Humanitarian Fund, which supplies Palestinians with health care, food, water and shelter.

"I am confident that previous Australian funding to the PA through the World Bank has been used as intended," she wrote. "However, I am concerned that in providing funds for this aspect of the PA's operations there is an opportunity for it to use its own budget for activities that Australia would never support.

"Any assistance provided by the PLO to those convicted of politically motivated violence is an affront to Australian values and undermines the prospect of meaningful peace between Israel and the Palestinians," she said.

Mexico City Elects First Jewish Mayor, and First Woman

Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo, a scientist who holds a doctorate in engineering and physics, was elected mayor in July 2018. She is the first woman, and first Jew, to be publicly elected to the office. She previously served as secretary of the environment.

Sheinbaum, 55, is the granddaughter of Jewish immigrants from Lithuania and Bulgaria. She is a member of the leftist National Regeneration Movement party and has close ties to Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, the party's leader and Mexico's newly elected president.

Mexico City is home to around 50,000 Jews

REMEMBERING JEWISH HISTORY

November 13, 1856 -Birthday of Louis D. Brandeis

Nominated to the Supreme Court by President Woodrow Wilson, Brandeis was confirmed as the first Jewish Supreme Court Justice in a Senate vote of 47-22 on June 1, 1916. Louis Dembitz Brandeis was an associate justice on the U.S. Supreme Court from 1916 to 1939. He died in Washington D.C. in 1941.

New Drug Shows Promise For Treatment of Crohn's Disease

As published by *The Times of Israel*, RedHill Biopharma Ltd. has claimed that a late stage clinical trial of its oral drug, RHB-104, has shown positive safety and efficacy results in the treatment of Crohn's disease, a severe inflammatory affliction of the gastrointestinal tract with no known cure.

The biopharmaceutical firm said in a statement that the results "demonstrated the superiority of RHB-104 over a placebo in achieving remission at week 26.

The development of RHB-104, which combines three kinds of antibiotics, is based on the hypothesis that Crohn's is caused by a bacterial infection called the mycobacterium avium subspecies paratuberculosis (MAP) bacteria, which has been found in patients suffering from the disease.

Thank you to our partners in the RJC,
The Shames JCC on the Hudson, for
opening their doors to our Religious
School when our building had no heat.
We really appreciate your gracious
hospitality!

SIMCHA SHABBAT

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Service Schedule

Sunday morning, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. & Thurs. Morning, 6:45 a.m.

Tues., Wed. Fri. morning, 7:00 a.m.

Weekday Rosh Hodesh & Holiday Minyan,
6:30am

Candle Lighting Times

See calendar

Shabbat Services

Friday evening, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Study Session 9:00 a.m.

Saturday morning service, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday Junior Congregation, 10:30 a.m.

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES



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

Pat Weiss on the loss of her beloved son Charles and her sister Virginia.

Diane Dolinsky Pickar on the loss her beloved mother Muriel.

Jo-Ann Lutzky on the loss of her beloved mother Estelle Strauss.

Joyce Freeman on the loss of her beloved father Walter Plaut.

Dolores and Abe Saunders on the loss of their beloved granddaughter Natasha.

May their memory always be a blessing

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GREEN TEAM

Mercury Rising

Barney Wolff

No, I haven't lost my mind and taken up Astrology. Mercury pollution will be rising if a rule change proposed by the current EPA takes effect. Mercury is bad news for brains and nerves, and is the reason people, especially young children and pregnant women, should avoid or limit tuna and a few other species of fish. It's the problem with the Mad Hatter, as mercury was used in felting hats, back then. Rather than straightforwardly eliminating the mercury restrictions, the EPA decided not to count a whole class of health benefits, with the result that the estimated costs of the rule now far outweigh the benefits, whereas previously the EPA had calculated benefits vastly greater than the costs. That practically begs for a lawsuit from coal mining companies to overturn the entire rule. With Alice-in-Wonderland logic, the rule change is just gratuitously perverse, as it wouldn't even save industry much money. Here's a quote:

Yet the E.P.A. move also had its detractors within the industry. The vast majority of utility companies have said the proposed changes are now of little benefit to them, because they have already spent the billions of dollars needed to come into compliance, and have urged the Trump administration to leave the mercury measure in place.

Given the lack of logic one can only speculate wildly as to motive. Reversing the existing restrictions after industry has spent the money to comply does educate industry to disregard and lobby against new rules rather than hasten to comply. It is perhaps a coincidence that the head of the EPA is a former coal lobbyist.

While we're on the subject of mercury, it's worth noting that the fears of the anti-vaxxers seemed largely based on the minuscule and harmless amount of a mercury-based preservative that was used in some vaccines. Childhood vaccines have not contained any mercury since 2001.

If you break an old mercury thermometer or thermostat, do NOT try to vacuum or sweep it up. Enter "cdc mercury cleanup" in your search engine.

The "mercury" is rising for the planet as well. 2018 has gone into the record books as the fourth-warmest globally, behind only 2016, 2017 and 2015. The latest five years have been the warmest such period ever, and 18 of the 19 warmest years have been since 2001. No natural variation or periodic cycle can come close to explaining that. We're doing this to ourselves, and none of us will escape the consequences. Each of us can decide to be part of the solution or remain part of the problem. There is no mythical "other" to blame or to count on to save us. We must change our own lives, educate our children, and work through the political system to change national and global policy. If your own representatives are doing the right thing there are plenty of organizations working to change minds or politicians elsewhere. Failure is always an option. Many species have gone extinct in the past, with or without our help, and many more will die out in the future. On balance, I think it would be a shame if we joined them. God promised Noah not to again destroy the world, but made no such promise to stop us from doing it to ourselves.

1. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/28/climate/mercury-coal-pollution-regulations.html?action=click&module=Top%20Stories&pgtype=Homepage>
2. <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/concerns/thimerosal/index.html>



FUNDRAISING

Rebecca Lazar
VP Fundraising

Magical! Intriguing! Extraordinary! Mindboggling!

We are honoring our president, Lori E. Sloane, on Sunday, May 19th! This is our fabulous and fun **Journal Dinner** where we have delicious appetizers, buffet dinner, an open bar, and a scrumptious dessert buffet.

Back by popular demand, David Levitan will astound us with his mind to mind communication! He knows what the guests are thinking. While looking in your eyes, he senses your thoughts including your favorite places, special moments and happy memories. He reveals names of your friends, pets, and family members. His predictions and premonitions are always upbeat, fun and on target. David has entertained hundreds of thousands of people of all ages. His engagements have taken him throughout the United States, Europe and Canada. During dinner he will stroll through the social hall, stopping at each table to amaze us with his sleight-of-hand magic. We promise that you will remember this show for years!

Lori is a hardworking and dedicated president who, we all agree, deserves great praise and our appreciation. You can honor her by:

Purchasing a journal ad. Consider increasing the size and donation over the one you placed last year.

Attending the Journal Dinner and bring your friends.

Donating items to our fishbowl raffle.

Asking stores, restaurants and businesses that you frequent to take out a journal ad.

Don't miss this great evening!!!!

Invitations will be forthcoming.





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We are happy to be offering both a printed journal to dinner dance attendees as well as a Virtual Journal will be available for viewing on our GHC website for an entire year. Viewers will be able to link to a business' website though the web address/URL. The Virtual Journal will be screened at the dinner on May 19, 2019.

SAVE THE DATE
**JOURNAL
DINNER**

HONORING

LORI E. SLOANE



SUNDAY MAY 19, 2019

6:00-10:00 PM

DONATIONS

General Fund

Marcia Bernstein

In memory of Jack Bernstein

In memory of Charles Weiss

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In memory of Jack Bernstein

Nora and Jonathan Contract

In honor of the naming of Naomi and Michael

Feinkind's granddaughter, Danielle Feinkind

In honor of the birth of Rhonda and Howard

Baskin's granddaughter, Ellie Florence Baskin

In memory of Estelle Strauss, mother of Jo-Ann

Lutzky

Simone Damesek

In memory of mybeloved daughter-in-law,

Jill

Eric Seth Fanwick

In honor of Jeff Liss's birthday

Nanette and Lou Fischel

In memory of Natasha Plotkin, granddaugh

ter of Dolores and Abe Sanders

Natalie and Martin Frankel

In memory of Natasha Plotkin, granddaughter of

Dolores and Abe Sanders

In memory of Charles Weiss, son of Pat Weiss

In memory of Estelle Strauss, mother of Jo-Ann

Lutzky

Deanna Fried

In memory of Estelle Strauss

In memory of Natasha Plotkin

In honor of the birth of Nanette and Lou Fiskel's
new grandson, Jeremy Logan Fiskel

Joan Fuhrman

For ongoing Mi Sheberach for Lionel Issen

Louise and Robert Gibson

In memory of Jack Bernstein

Roberta and Herb Goldberg

In memory of Natasha Plotkin

In memory of Muriel Dolinsky

Nettie and Mel Goldstein

In memory of Cecile Goldstein

In memory of Clara Gawer

In memory of Eva Ostrager

In memory of Pearl Tanzman

In memory of Charles Weiss

In memory of Estelle Strauss

Anne and Richard Gorlick

In memory of Theresa Kleiman

Lois Greenwald

In memory of Estelle Strauss, mother of Jo-Ann

Lutzky

In memory of Natasha Plotkin, granddaughter of

Dolores and Abe Sanders

Debbie and Andrew Jagoda

In memory of Natasha Plotkin, granddaughter of

Dolores and Abe Sanders

In memory of Muriel Dolinsky, mother of Diane

Dolinsky-Pickar

In memory of Charles Weiss, son of Pat Weiss

In memory of Virginia, sister of Pat Weiss

In memory of Estelle Strauss, mother of Jo-Ann

Lutzky

In honor of the birth of the granddaughter of

Rhonda and Howard Baskin

George L. Katz

In memory of mother, Lidia Katz

In memory of your beloved wife, Karen Katz

Fran Koenig

In memory of Mary and Melvin Goetz

Ruth Kors

In memory of Sol Reiter

Sarah Kratchman

In memory of Jack Bernstein

Paul Neustadt

Robin Rosenberg and Bruce Segall

In memory of Natasha Plotkin, granddaughter of
Dolores and Abe Sanders

In memory of Walter Plant, father of Joyce Free
man

In memory of Charles Weiss, son of Pat Weiss

Ann and Samuel Schaffer

In honor of Jennie and Harry Schaffer

Maxine Spiegel

In memory of Jenny Spiegel

Martin Stern

In memory of Jack Bernstein

In memory of Natasha Plotkin, granddaughter of
Dolores and Abe Sanders

Wishing speedy recovery to Gilda Zucker

Congratulating brother Herbert and Margot Stern
on their 65th wedding anniversary

Bernice and Steven Strauss

In memory of Harry Y. Goldberg

Howard Schwartz

In honor of Lori Sloane

Margot Schwartz

In memory of Jack Bernstein

Fran and Stan Stone

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Joyce Tandlich

In memory of your beloved husband, Leon
Tandlich

Sheila Tannenbaum

In memory of Jack Bernstein

Amy and Michael Taub

In memory of your beloved mother, Enid Taub

In memory of your beloved mother, Irma Rosenthal

In memory of Eliot Lazar

Hedy Teglas and Saul Golubcow

In honor of Debbie Jagoda's Tot Shabbat service
on Dec 29th

Sophie Uber

Evan Weiner

In memory of Arnold Weiner

Sue and Jeff Weinstein

In memory of Joseph Messinger

Sharon and Andrew Weiss

In memory of dad, Edmund Berger

In memory of Faith Berger

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In memory of Anne Rauch

Robin Rosenberg and Bruce Segall

In memory of Estelle Strauss, mother of Jo-Ann
Lutzky

Security Fund

Patricia Appel

Naomi and Michael Feinkind

Natalie and Martin Frankel

Joan Fuhrman

In memory of Natasha Plotkin

In memory of Muriel Dolinsky

Gayle and Burt Garson

Ellen Lebofsky

In memory of beloved parents, Hinda and Morti
mer Bilenker

Elyse and Davin Milun

Suzy and Steve Neuburger

Honoring Phil Sassoon and family for long term
service to GHC, Best of Luck!

Robin Rosenberg and Bruce Segall

In honor of Lori Sloane

Pam Stoller

Erica and Barnet Wolff

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Tree of Life

Naomi and Michael Feinkind for the birth of their granddaughter, Danielle Hannah Feinkind

Leslie and Jeff Liss for wedding of Steven Liss and Karina Trost AND birth of their grandson Xavier Avraham Woskow

Craig and Traci Mondschein for Sabrina's Bat Mitzvah

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In memory of David Ashkenazy

Caryn and Alan Kravitz
In memory of Sylvia Kravitz
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Suzy and Steve Neuburger
Congratulations to Naomi and Michael Feinkind upon the birth of their granddaughter, Danielle

Debbie and Andrew Jagoda
Sponsoring December 29th Kiddush

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Natalie and Martin Frankel
In memory of grandmother, Fannie Abramowitz

Joan Fuhrman
In honor of Hal Greenwald election

Sheila and Hal Greenwald
In honor of Rhonda and Howard Baskin's new granddaughter, Ellie Florence
In memory of Charles Weiss and Virginia, sister of Pat Weiss
In memory of Natasha Plotkin, granddaughter of Dolores and Abe Sanders
In memory of Estelle Strauss
In honor of Lisa and Mike Goldman's their son Sam's engagement to Alana

Naomi Rosenberg
In memory of Jacob Gold

Robin Rosenberg and Bruce Segall
In memory of Muriel Dolinsky, mother of Diane Dolinsky-Pickar

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In memory of Seymour Gold

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In memory of Jacob G

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Rhoda Rosenfeld

In memory of Herb Rosenfeld

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In memory of Herb Rosenfeld

Israel Team

Naomi Rosenberg

In memory of Hessie Cohen

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Pam Stoller

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In memory of Bruce Sonkin, husband of Ellen
Sonkin

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In memory of Louis Gellerman

Deanna Fried

In memory of Samuel Reinlib

Lisa Goldman

In memory of beloved mother, Gloria Schwartz

Lois Greenwald

In memory of mother, Lee Schoen

Wishing a speedy recovery to Deanna Fried

Cynthia Hertz

In memory of Matthew Hertz and Louis

Shapiro

Helen Kestenbaum

In memory of Max Pogorelsky

Suzy and Steve Neuburger

In memory of Jack Bernstein

In memory of Herman Neuburger and Max
Stern

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In memory of Zelda Bensal and Sam Sadin
(brother-in-law)

Dodi and Martin Sklar

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