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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Faster Alone But Farther Together

Ilan Ramon was an Israeli fighter pilot and the first and only Israeli astronaut. Ramon was the space shuttle payload specialist of STS-107, the fatal mission of Columbia, in which he and six other crew members were killed in the re-entry accident. But despite his tragic death he ignited the imagination of our entire people. He gave us the space bug.

Just a few weeks ago *Beresheet* lifted off from Cape Canaveral, catching a ride on one of Elon Musk's SpaceX commercial space launches in an attempt to touchdown on the Sea of Tranquility on April 11. This \$100 million project, paid for mostly by Jewish donors such as Morris Kahn, Miriam and Sheldon Adelson, and Lynn Schusterman, would have made Israel the 4th country to land a craft on the moon. Previously, Russia (as the Soviet Union) and the United States had landed on the moon. China landed an unmanned spacecraft on the far side of the moon in 2013.

Despite the fact that the landing was not successful, it is once again a great example of the United States and Israel working together to achieve other worldly accomplishments while teaching us what Theodore Herzl once famously said, "If you will it, it is no dream."

At the AIPAC policy conference two months ago, Morris Kahn, the 89 year-old president of SpaceIL, said, "It is a small country with big dreams." While I sat listening to the presentation by Morris Kahn I could not help but think of our community here on the Hudson. It affirmed for me what I have always believed about our synagogue.

We are a:

Small shul with a big heart

Small shul with big dreams

Small shul with a big soul.

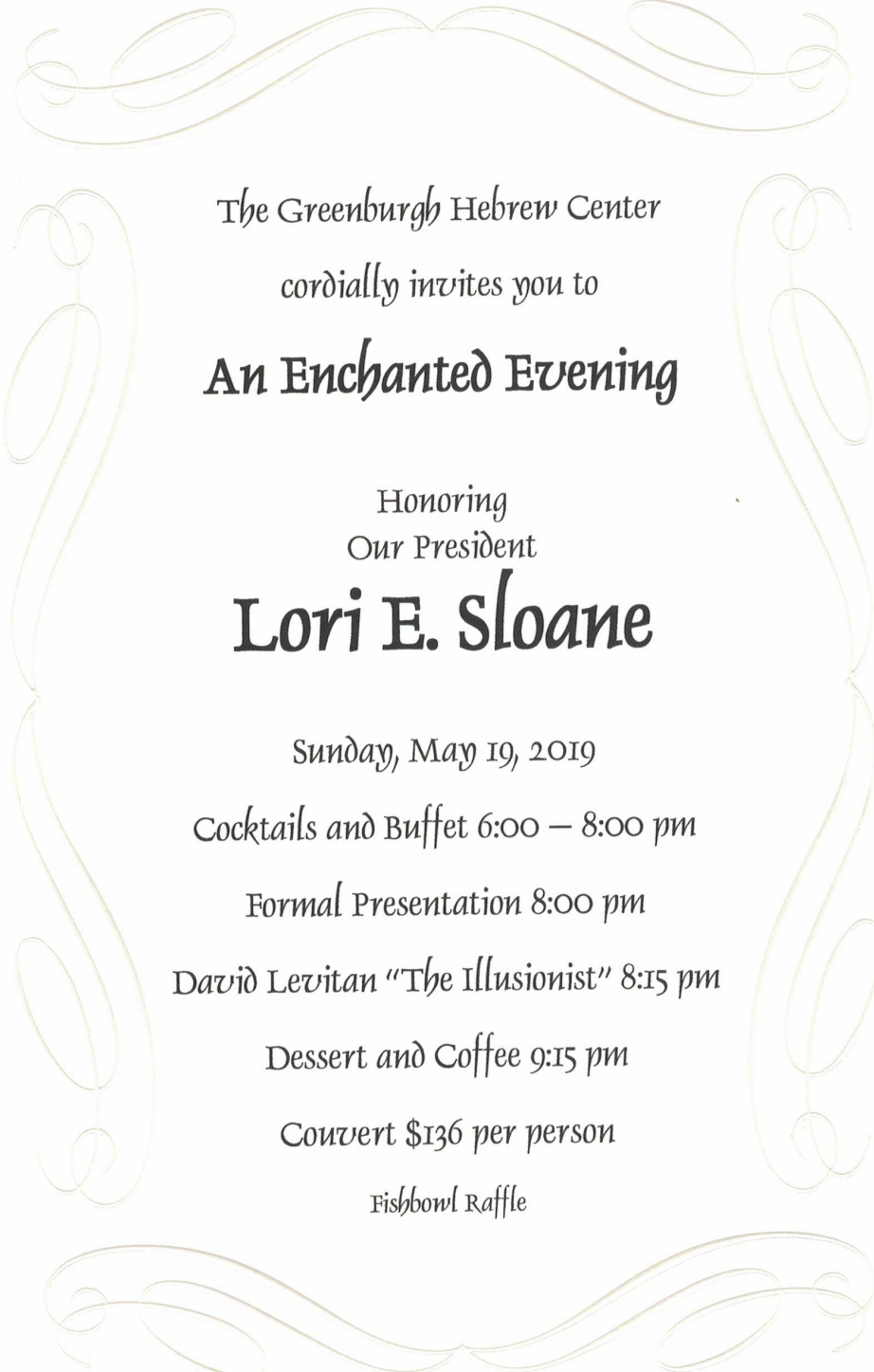
As Morris concluded his remarks he offered the following prayer, "Travel well, land peacefully, and make us all proud." To you I say nearly the same, "Travel well and make us one of your stops. Land peacefully within our walls. And we will make you feel right at home."

Jay M. Stein
Rabbi

Greenburgh Hebrew Center

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The Greenburgh Hebrew Center
cordially invites you to

An Enchanted Evening

Honoring
Our President

Lori E. Sloane

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Cocktails and Buffet 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Formal Presentation 8:00 pm

David Levitan "The Illusionist" 8:15 pm

Dessert and Coffee 9:15 pm

Concert \$136 per person

Fishbowl Raffle

CANTOR'S COLUMN

I've been fretting about the recent Israeli elections, like some of you (I recognize we at GHC have a range of views here). Israel's rightward tilt is profoundly disturbing to me. Meanwhile, I've been reading Ta-Nehisi Coates recent book, *We Were Eight Years in Power*, for my book club. This book puts my Jewish conundrum into an illuminating perspective that I would like to share.

A young, well-known African-American intellectual, Coates is a staff writer for The Atlantic magazine, who writes about race in America. His previous book, *Between the World and Me*, won the 2015 National Book Award for non-fiction. His current book is a collection of eight of his Atlantic essays—one for each year President Obama was in office—that he's gathered and evaluated in hindsight.

Coates is a gifted writer and the essays plus self-review make for fascinating reading—particularly as Jew in the modern world. The tension he articulates is a variation of our tension as well. Coates posits two persistent and opposing strains of black thought about the ideal relationship of black people too the larger American community since the end of slavery. One is integrationist, focusing on playing down difference, striving for civil rights, and taking one's rightful place side-by-side with whites and others. The second is an emphasis on strengthening the black community economically, educationally and spiritually, growing out of a recognition that acceptance can never be totally achieved. The important thing in this more separatist vision is the maintaining of cultural integrity and a healthy community.

Sound familiar? Any Jew who cares about both Jewish identity and the larger world must resonate with the tension Coates describes—I certainly do. All of you, by virtue of your membership at GHC, are committed to a vision of a strong Jewish community with a definable cultural identity. To what extent, then, do we care about and commit ourselves

to our country's ideal of equal rights for all under the law—which is the foundation of Western democracy since the Enlightenment? The ultra-Orthodox wing of world Jewry, particularly in Israel, has decided in favor of Judaism over democracy and Enlightenment ideals. The government of Israel, and a large chunk of its Jewish population - as we have seen in the last election—is tilted even more now toward collective survival (in its definition) at the expense of equal rights for non-Orthodox Jews, women and Arabs, particularly those living on the West Bank.

This is a conundrum for me and many Jews worldwide. Our own congregation's members have diverse views. I support the state of Israel for two overriding reasons: as the arguably most important cultural center of the Jewish people, and as the ultimate guarantor of our safety as Jews in this world. Those of us who think Israel can and should be a majority-Jewish country AND a democracy are challenged to figure out how to position ourselves with regard to American support for Israel and our own support for like-minded Israelis. This is why I belong to T'ruah—the Rabbinic and Cantorial Network for Human Rights, and support J Street, the New Israel Fund, and the Arava Institute of Environmental Studies, as well as UJA-Federation. If you share my concerns, I urge you to seek out these types of groups, who are doing the important work of strengthening democratic values and Jewish-Arab dialogue on the ground.





HADASSAH Rayim and the GHC Sisterhood present:



USING HUMOR TO PRACTICE SAFE STRESS

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

7:00 pm Schmoozing · 7:30 pm Program

Greenburgh Hebrew Center, 515 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry

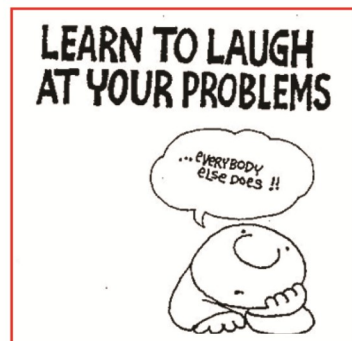
Would you like to increase your natural energy and resourcefulness? Learn to exercise your sense of humor for stress reduction using the five vital humor skills.

In this light-hearted but thought-provoking program, **Linda MacNeal, FSP (Former Serious Person) of Humor Solutions**, will discuss practical and proven humor techniques to help you remain healthy while living your stress-filled lives.

RSVP:

Deborah at dwiskind@hadassah.org

Robin at sisterhood@g-h-c.org



ADULT EDUCATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Empty Nesters and Wanna Be's are planning their Spring Hike..... so get ready - you'll want to be in shape! Check your emails and the calendar for exact date and venue. They're also planning a sequel the last summer fishing trip and they promise (wink, wink) that the sea will be laden with fish just waiting for us!

The next **Book Club** session will be on **Thursday, 5/30** (instead of Tuesday) **11 a.m.** We've welcomed some new members who add much to our discussions. The May selection is "kaddish.com" and Rabbi will lead the discussion.

Shul Stitchers and Friends continue to knit and crochet for and with the students of the Hawthorne Campus of the Jewish Board Residential Treatment Centers. We are in the process of assembling several patchwork blankets to present to the students in our program. As rewarding as it is to see our handiwork come to completion, I think we all agree that the most rewarding part of the project is teaching the teens to knit and crochet and to see their enthusiasm.

Our goal is for each of them to complete a section of their own blanket. Shul Stitchers will meet on **Thursdays, 5/23 and 6/20 from 1 - 2:30** at GHC. Our next session at Hawthorne will be announced when we have the students' schedule. If you're interested in participating in this worthwhile project please let me know. (You can work at home if you prefer; we provide yarn.)

We're already looking ahead to next year planning new events.... Please let us know what interests you and we'll try to include it!

Lynne Ecker

vpadulteducation@g-h-c.org

PJ LIBRARY AND GHC

Privit (hello), kak tovoi dela (how are you) were just a few phases captured at GHC's first ever Russian Language PJLIBRARY event, held on March 24 when 89 Russian speaking men, women and children filled the GHC Social Hall to celebrate Purim. With the help of Jane Tuv from PJLIBRARY, NY and our own Inna Kapilevich, Amy Kessler, Leslie and Jeff Liss, and Michael Feinkind, GHC was transformed into the village of Shushan. Craft projects were available to involve children of all ages. A Russian Language Puppet Show, depicting the story of Esther, mesmerized children and adults, even those of us that don't speak the language. A special thank you to Stacey Rosenkrantz and to Sisterhood for providing treats. GHC is looking forward to partnering with Jane for future events with the Russian speaking Jewish community.

After Purim comes Passover and Stacey Rosenkrantz did it again. Her Music and Munchies Passover themed event, held at the Shames JCC on April 7 attracted 88 people, including 9 new families!! Yummy sweets and healthy treats and the music of TKIYA engaged the under 6 set and their grown-ups. There is one more event planned in the series for June 2. Check the Website for details.

Naomi Feinkind



Purim 2019

Adar 5779

TODAH RABAH / THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS
SOME OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE NEW TALISM FOR GHC
SISTERHOOD GHC



The Whole Megillah

Marcy Berman-Billig & Michael Billig ♦ Meredith & David Rusoff & Family
 Zvi & Linda Markowitz ♦ Mark & Lori Sloane ♦ Phil Karmel & Barbara Landress
 Andrew & Deborah Jagoda ♦ Robin Rosenberg & Bruce Segall

Andy & Sharon Weiss & Family ♦ Arlene & Joel Hillman
 Marcie Schneider & Michael Ader ♦ Phil & Joyce Sassoon
 Nora & Jonathan Contract ♦ The Zweibon Family

Shining Shushan Stars

Golden Grogger

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 Herb & Robbie Goldberg ♦ Jacki & Marc Samolsky, Stephen, Adam & Elizabeth
 Joan Fuhrman ♦ Judith, Andrew, Illana & Joseph Goldstein ♦ Lynne & Lawrence Ecker
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 Gilda Zucker ♦ Jed & Ben Ilany ♦ Jennifer Eran, Julie & Rosalie Rotem ♦ Jo-Ann & Jay
 Lutzky ♦ Judi & Barry Kenter ♦ Leslie & Jeff Liss ♦ Natalie & Martin Frankel
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Magnificent Mordchai Enchanting Esther

Mighty Mitzvot

Allyn Salpeter ♦ Barbara & Neil Millstein ♦ Deanna Fried ♦ Hope Neuburger
 Johnna Freud & Eric Worth ♦ Ken & Meryl Kupersmith ♦ Nancy Nager
 Regina & Kenny Berthold ♦ Rhonda & Howard Baskin ♦ Rita & Larry Lieberman
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Enid Lotstein ♦ Helen Sunshine ♦ Margo & Jack Maron Marilyn &
 Martin Ruskin ♦ The Sheinberg Family ♦ Miriam & Alan Gallanter

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Arlene & Jesse Krawitz ♦ Barney & Erica Wolff ♦ Caryn & Alan Kravitz
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 Bierman ♦ Marcia Bernstein ♦ Naomi Rosenberg ♦ Pam Stoller ♦ Sheila
 & Hal Greenwald ♦ Vivian & Norman Milefsky

Purim Patrons



GHC Schools – Religious School & ECC

Amy Kessler, LMSW, Director of Education



The school year is flying by, and we can't believe May is already here!

An April highlight for our *Religious School* students in grades Bet (2nd) and older was meeting two IDF reservists! Zamir and Dana spoke to our students about growing up in different parts of Israel, popular culture,

their jobs in the Israel Defense Forces, and what young Israelis do after their military service. The children even played a game with the soldiers. Our students were respectful and engaged; our visitors were very impressed by their questions and enthusiasm! Zamir and Dana were also able to join us and receive an honor at our Family Shabbat Service on April 6th, and the Shames JCC coordinated a fun Obstacle Course Event for all children in 4th grade and older in the Rivertowns on Sunday, April 7th! It was an informative and exciting week!

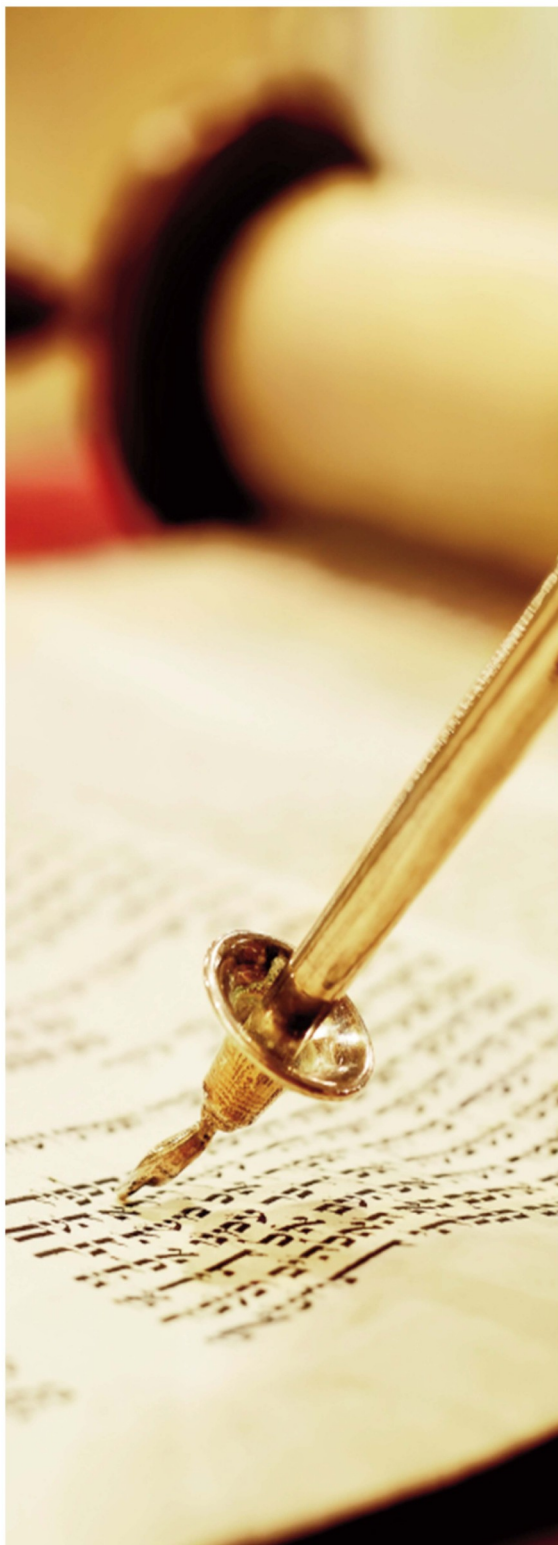
For the third year, this amazing opportunity was coordinated by *Tzahal Shalom of the Rivertowns*: For ten days every spring, Tzahal Shalom of the Rivertowns welcomes a delegation of 5 reservists from the Israel Defense Forces. Their mission is to connect with our community, bring a bit of Israel into our homes, and to meet with seniors, adults, college students and teens. These reservist officers come from different military branches and are chosen for their bravery, their stories, and their ability to communicate in English. They speak to every demographic in our community: high school students, adults, seniors, local politicians, college and university students, Jewish and non-Jewish alike.

Thank you Tzahal Shalom of the Rivertowns!

April was all about Passover in our *Early Childhood Center*, and our children did a lot to prepare! All of the children in the school made beautiful Haggadah covers. These were laminated so these Haggadot can be used and truly become family keepsakes, for years to come. The 2s made frog puppets, and practiced one of their favorite Passover songs, the *Frog Song*, with them. The 2s also read many Passover books, sang Passover songs like Dayenu daily, made afikomen bags, and played the Afikomen Game, so the children had plenty of practice searching for the afikomen before Seder time. The 3s were busy making Seder plates; they practiced their song the *Matzah Bamba* to sing for everyone at our Model Seder. Good job 3s; we're so proud of you! Our 4s worked on enhancing the pages of their individual Haggadahs with decorations and painting. They also made gorgeous flower centerpieces for our Model Seder. All of this hard work and preparation culminated with our Model Seder on Wednesday, April 10th, led by Rabbi Stein and Cantor Janet. Thank you to our teachers, the Rabbi, the Cantor, our students and our GHC ECC families for making this such a memorable and special event for our little ones!



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Sisterhood Shabbat

& Sisterhood Honoree Kiddush Luncheon

Saturday, May 11th

Services at 9:30 am

Luncheon at Noon

Join Sisterhood for our all-woman led Shabbat Service, and stay for our festive Kiddush Luncheon honoring:

Sherry Padva



Those wishing to help sponsor the Kiddush with a donation in honor of Sherry should submit a check made out to Sisterhood GHC by Monday, May 6. All sponsors will be acknowledged at the luncheon and in the Hamvaser.

For more information, see the event page at www.g-h-c.org/sisterhoodshabbat



For information, contact
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GHC Schools – Religious School & ECC

DATES IN MAY:

Sisterhood Shabbat is Saturday, May 11th, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Please join us for this special service, in which some of our religious school students will participate!

Ruach Tot Shabbat will be at 5:30 p.m. on May 17th! Join us for singing, a craft and yummy challah!

Our last day of *Wednesday* Religious School, will be on May 15th.

Our Religious School Closing Day Ceremony and BBQ will be on Sunday, May 19th. The Closing Day Ceremony for all religious school families will be 11-12 p.m. The BBQ starts at 12 p.m., and all ECC & RS families are invited!

Junior Congregation with Steve Hirsch will at GHC on Saturday, May 18th, at 10:30 a.m. Please join us for this interactive service, geared to children in Bet (2nd grade) and above.

The ECC is **OPEN** on **Friday, May 24th**, but there is **no Club Lunch (Extended Day)**.

There is no Religious School on Sunday, May 26th and there is no ECC on Monday, May 27th, in honor of Memorial Day.



THANK YOU FROM JCC-WHI: PESACH FOOD DRIVE

On behalf of the Jewish Community Council of Washington Heights-Inwood, and the needy members of our neighborhood who will benefit from your congregants' generosity, I am writing to thank you for organizing such a successful Pesach food drive through the Greenburgh Hebrew Center.

Your support will enable us to relieve some of the financial burden faced by individuals and families, enabling them to celebrate the holiday in dignity.

Thank you for joining with the JCC-WHI to enhance the quality of life for the residents of our neighborhood. We look forward to ongoing opportunities for collaboration.

With best wishes for a Chag Sameach,

*Anat Coleman
Community Affairs Director
Jewish Community Council of Washington
Heights-Inwood
212-568-5450*



The Greenburgh Hebrew Center Sisterhood is proud to honor

Nettie Goldstein

at the MetroNorth Region/Hudson Valley Area of
Women's League for Conservative Judaism Torah Fund Dinner

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

(registration begins at 6:00 p.m.)

Temple Israel Center, 280 Old Mamaroneck Road, White Plains

Torah Fund supports The Jewish Theological Seminary
and other Conservative movement educational institutions.

Dinner Couvert \$45 per person
Donation to Torah Fund required*



For any questions about the dinner or carpooling from GHC,
email Robin at sisterhood@g-h-c.org



Sisterhood Greenburgh Hebrew Center
is a member of Women's League for Conservative Judaism



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RSVP/DONATION FORM (Please RSVP by May 3, 2019)

Name _____ Synagogue: Greenburgh Hebrew Center

Phone _____ Email _____

____ YES, I will attend. Enclosed are 2 separate checks as follows:

1. Couvert: \$_____ (\$45/person) CHECK PAYABLE TO "METRONORTH REGION, WLCJ"

2. Donation: CHECK PAYABLE TO "TORAH FUND"

____ \$18 (minimum) ____ \$36 ____ \$54 ____ Other

____ I am a Torah Fund Benefactor (or above) for 2018-19

*Donation is required for all individuals other than the Torah Fund Benefactor. Although not required for Benefactors, additional contributions to Torah Fund in recognition of our honorees are most appreciated!

____ I am unable to attend but would like to make a contribution in honor of Nettie Goldstein
Enclosed is my contribution of \$_____ CHECK PAYABLE TO "TORAH FUND"

Please mail reply form & check(s) to: Cedine Issman, 8 Chapel Court, Orangeburg, NY 10962
Questions? Contact Cedine at (845) 359-5207 or golda927@gmail.com.

SISTERHOOD

SISTERHOOD SPEAKS

We have had a whirlwind of activity over the past few weeks and the month of May will be just as busy!

Sisterhood completed a super successful Shalach Manot drive and we want to thank you all for your support! The list of donors appears in this Hamvaser. Thank you to Sherry Padvá who secured a number of the goodies for the bags and prepared the donor list. Thank you to the bag assemblers: Sherry, Nancy Sklar, Judy Calder, Naomi Rosenberg, Jacki Samolsky, Ferna Sherman, Mimi Gallantar, and Regina and Ken Berthold. Thank you Pam Stoller, Sharon Weiss and Rabbi Stein who distributed bags. Thank you Pam, Sharon, Sherry, Allyn Salpeter, Mimi, Debbie Jagoda, Andrea Anger, and Arlene Krawitz for distributing bags at the Purim Carnival and Megillah Reading.

One of our most memorable and impactful events of this year was undoubtedly the Women's Seder held on Sunday, March 31. This Seder brought many women of all ages together to celebrate our role in the Passover story, to recognize how far we have come and how much we have yet to accomplish. We shared readings and songs by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Debbie Friedman, Rabbi Angela Buchdahl, Rabbi Rebecca Alpert, Judy Chicago and other notable women. From Cantor Janet we learned about some pioneering women who lived in the early 1900's. Our Cantor joyfully and seamlessly led some of the prayers and all of the songs. And as with any enjoyable seder, we had the chance to eat, meet new people and catch up with friends.

Many people have asked me for the charoset recipe: we put big pieces of unpeeled big red "Envy" apples (from Costco), seedless dates, and grape juice in the food processor, processed the mixture a little and then combined the chunky mixture with raisins (2 colors) and cinnamon. We refrigerated the charoset for 2 days until the Seder. Very simple! Thank you Ellen Lebofsky for your help with the charoset and eggs. The delicious dinner came from Corner Café in Riverdale.

Thank you Cantor Janet for your incredible talent and guidance with the Seder. We could never have done this without you! Regina Berthold created an incredibly beautiful atmosphere and place settings using bright colors that matched our Haggadah cover and Seder flyer! And each attendee received an orange at her place setting! Thank you also: Allyn, Dorothy Smith, Pam, Sharon, Nora Contract, Sherry, Martha Rosenberg, Arlene, Naomi Rosenberg, Rena Segall, and Becky Lazar for all of your help for the Seder - prior, during and/or afterwards. And speaking of the cover, Sydney Newman designed the flyer and Haggadah cover and did a beautiful job. Thank you Enid Lotstein who arranged for the Passover food collection for the Jewish Community Center of Washington Heights/Inwood. Thank you Shara Sheinberg for setting up and 'decorating' the collection boxes. JCC-WH-I is incredibly grateful for all of the food collected and their clients will benefit in a major way. My car trunk was filled with Passover food!

The Passover Wine sale, in collaboration with Aries Wine & Liquor of White Plains, was also a major success! I hope you all enjoyed your selections. Thank you to everyone who purchased wine and to all who enjoyed the wine tasting on April 7 at GHC.

Looking ahead, on Tuesday April 30, we are collaborating with the local Rayim Hadassah chapter to present a light-hearted and useful event called, "Using Humor to Practice Safe Stress". Linda MacNeal, "Former Serious Person" or FSP of Humor Solutions, will discuss practical and proven humor techniques to help us remain healthy while living stress-filled lives. If you arrive between 7:00 and 7:25pm, you'll have time to schmooze and enjoy simple refreshments. The presentation will begin at 7:30pm.

We have 2 significant events in May:

Saturday, May 11: SISTERHOOD SHABBAT!

Sherry Padvá will be our honoree. If you would like a part in the service, English or Hebrew, please let me know ASAP. Sisterhood Shabbat is always a truly special event at GHC and we hope

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The Shabbox is here!



What is it?

The Shabbox is an easy way to celebrate Shabbat at home. It contains everything you need to welcome in Shabbat:

2 Challahs and a Challah cover

Wine and a Kiddush Cup

Candles and candlesticks

It also has an easy to follow guide and a book to enhance your experience.

How does it work?

- request a box for a weekend that works for you
- the box will be delivered to your home before Shabbat
- Enjoy! Invite friends and family to share it with you.
- Pack it back up: Return the challah cover, Kiddush cup, candle-sticks and guide to the box. The book, challah, and wine are yours to keep.
- We will arrange to pick it up at a convenient time for you.

Bring the warmth of GHC into your home

Reserve your Shabbox today. Contact Rabbi Stein
at 914-693-4260 or RabbiStein@g-h-c.org

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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.

CONDOLENCES

The Greenburgh Hebrew Center community expresses their deepest sympathy to:

Marcy Karpel on the loss of her beloved mother Harriet Birnbaum.

Brandon Sklar on the loss of his beloved father Herbert Sklar.

Brian Conlan on the loss of his beloved brother Daniel Conlan.

Al Goldstein on the loss of his beloved wife and our past Sisterhood President Sheila Goldstein.

May their memory always be a blessing.



DO WE KNOW HOW TO REACH YOU?

Have you changed your email address, cell phone number, home phone number, or home address? If so, please let Madaline Bruno in the GHC office know so we can update our records.

Call us at (914) 693-4260

or email

office@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 914-593-6277 or Bruce Segall 914-693-6109 or Bruce-Segall@gmail.com or the GHC office..

TREES OF LIFE ORDER FORM

OCCASION _____ DATE OF OCCASION _____

NAME OF HONOREE _____

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

CONTRIBUTED BY _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CHECK ENCLOSED FOR \$ _____ PAYABLE TO GREENBURGH HEBREW CENTER

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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 _____

Please send an acknowledgment to :

Name _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Office Use Only:

Date received _____

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

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SISTERHOOD CON'T

you will join us for the service (completely led by the women at GHC) and the delicious luncheon when we will be celebrating Sherry's accomplishments and work she has done for Sisterhood and GHC. Sherry and her family have been GHC members since 1986. She has served on numerous committees and has held several Executive Committee offices, in addition to Sisterhood President and President of GHC. Sherry is a minyan regular, as well a Friday night and Saturday service attendee. When she is not at GHC, Sherry is self-employed, specializing in the field of sales incentives and promotional merchandising.

Everyone is invited for Sisterhood Shabbat! We are so glad that the Religious School Dalet Class will be serving as ushers for this Shabbat.

Tuesday, May 14: TORAH FUND DINNER: Nettie Goldstein will be GHC's honoree that evening, in addition to the other honorees chosen by the Sisterhoods of the participating synagogues. Please join us to recognize Nettie's many contributions to Sisterhood and GHC! Location is Temple Israel Center in White Plains. Please let me know if you need a ride. GHC always has a great turnout at this event.

For additional information and how to respond, see the enclosed flyers.

I am sad about the loss of Sheila Goldstein, a long-term GHC member and past Sisterhood President. While I didn't have the opportunity to work with her on Sisterhood events as she and Al moved to Colorado a number of years ago, I did have the opportunity to work with her on Membership. She was so helpful in many ways. And if I correctly recall, she worked on the Wine Sale and Progressive Dinner for Sisterhood. Thank you Sheila for all that you did for GHC and Sisterhood. We will miss your spunk and energy.

Until next time,

Robin

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THANKS THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE APRIL MIDNIGHT RUN

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-Price for the bus is \$18 per person, max \$54 per family

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HEARD AROUND

Compiled by Steve Neuburger

Council of the European Union Adopts Declaration on Fight Against Antisemitism and Security of Jewish Communities

The declaration agreed to by ministers of interior from the 28 EU Member States at a meeting of the Council of the European Union in December, calls on EU member States to take steps to ensure security for Jewish communities, institutions and citizens; to emphasize the importance of Holocaust commemoration and education; calls on all EU member states that have not already done so to endorse the international Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's working definition of antisemitism in the fields of law enforcement, education and training; and calls on the European Commission and Euro-pol to pay particular attention to online antisemitism and content advocating antisemitic terrorist offenses.

World Jewish Congress and UNESCO Team up for important Holocaust Education Initiative

At a recent unprecedented gathering at the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris, the Governing Board of the World Jewish Congress, comprising nearly 150 presidents of Jewish Communities worldwide, signed a commitment to the preservation of Holocaust memory and to fighting antisemitism worldwide.

A website was unveiled by WJC President Ambassador Ronald S. Lauder and UNESCO Director Audrey Azoulay.

"It is astounding and saddening that 75 years after the Holocaust, more than 46 percent of people worldwide have never even heard of the Nazi attempt to obliterate European Jewry, and some 32 percent believe that it is either myth or greatly exaggerated," said Amb. Lauder in his address. "As we face a world without survivors or witnesses, it becomes more critical than ever to ensure that the greatest atrocity the world has ever seen never forgotten lest history repeat itself. We must pass this

knowledge on to our children, and their children, because by knowing the past, we can protect our future."

REMEMBERING JEWISH HISTORY

February 11, 1986 - Natan Sharansky Arrives in Israel

The former Soviet refusenik, Israeli politician, author and human rights activist was arrested in 1977 and convicted of treason and spying for the United States. He was sentenced to thirteen years imprisonment in a Siberian forced labor camp. A campaign for his release waged by his wife, Avital, and intense diplomatic efforts and public outcries were unsuccessful until 1986, when Sharansky was released as part of an East-West prisoner exchange. Sharansky became the first political prisoner ever released by Mikhail Gorbachev.

New FBI Report : Hate Crimes Against U.S. Jews Up 37%

A *Jewish Telegraphic Agency* article highlighting data recently released by the FBI noted that hate crimes against Jews in America rose by more than a third in 2017 and accounted for 58 percent of all religion-based hate crimes.

The FBI report covered jurisdictions in 49 states and the District of Columbia. The data showed that overall, hate crimes increased by 17 percent in 2017, with a total of 7,175 hate crimes reported, up from 6,121 in 2016. It noted that some of the increase over the previous year may be attributed to the fact that there was a 6 percent increase in police departments reporting their hate crimes data to the FBI.

IN MEMORIAM: AMOS OZ

MAY 4, 1939 - DECEMBER 28, 2018

The Jewish World mourns the death of Israeli literary giant Amos Oz, who passed away at the age of 79 after a battle with cancer.

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BAT MITZVAH

Annabelle Hanlon

Bechukotai

Annabelle Pearl Hersh Hanlon completes the Hanlon Family. She is the youngest child of Randy and Patrick Hanlon. She is blessed with a sister and a brother, Emily (17) and Eddie (16). Like her siblings, Annie started attending Greenburgh Hebrew Center nursery school when she was just two years old and joined the religious school in the Gan program.

While at GHC, Annie started taking karate classes with some of her 3s classmates and achieved the rank of black belt by 5th grade.

A high-achieving seventh grader, Annie is a middle school honor student. She is a talented dancer and musician who plays the saxophone in her school band and jazz band. She is also a member of the Irvington Middle School Music Honor Society.

Annie shines on stage and loves performing with her Signature dance company at Central Park Dance recitals and competitions. Annie can be found six days a week at CPD taking ballet, jazz, hip-hop and contemporary classes and rehearsing for her performances.

Annie's favorite subjects at school are French, English and LUNCH. She loves to travel and her favorite places are Bermuda, Paris and London. Her favorite color is pink. Her favorite singer is Shawn Mendes. Her favorite foods are chicken, mozzarella sticks, pizza, bagels, watermelon and cotton candy. She also loves an açai bowl. Annie loves ice cream most of all.

During the summer, Annie attends French Woods Performing Arts Camp where she dances all day long every day and is starting to dip her toe into musical theater.

For her mitzvah project, Annie is raising money for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. BCRF is a nonprofit organization committed to achieving prevention and a cure for breast cancer. They provide funding to the top scientists and medical institutions worldwide for cancer research to fuel advances in tumor biology, genetics, prevention, treatment, metastasis and survivorship. BCRF is the highest rated breast cancer organization in the US. Please help Annie reach her goal by donating at: <https://give.bcrf.org/AnniesMitzvahProject>

Annie would like to thank Cantor Janet and Rabbi Stein for all their help in preparing her for this incredible milestone.



HEARD AROUND con't

IN MEMORIUM: AMOS OZ

Oz was one of the most influential writers in Israeli history, and the words, ideas, and colorful character he created have had a lasting impact on the way both Israeli and non-Israelis view the state today.

He wrote dozens of Hebrew language books, including novels, novellas, and collections of short stories, and some 500 articles and essays for Israeli and international periodicals. His memoir, "A Tale of Love and Darkness" published in 2002, was an international best seller. His deep love for Israel, and his nostalgia and longing for what he believed it should be, shone strongly throughout his work.



PURIM CARNIVAL – THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Purim Carnival!! It was a big success because of YOU! Thank you to everyone who volunteered the day of the Carnival, who shopped, greeted our guests, took photos, set up, cleaned up, ran a booth, helped with publicity, or led the Young Families event. We couldn't have done it without your help!

Robin Rosenberg



GREEN TEAM

How To Pronounce “Green New Deal”

Barney Wolff

Is the accent on “Green” “New” or “Deal”? What does it mean, and is it good, bad or irrelevant? As in the parable of the blind men and the elephant, it’s hard to pin down just what is being proposed. Since the blind men still have all their body parts it’s probably not the alligator that some opponents describe. But it is a quantum elephant whose shape is genuinely uncertain. And it won’t actually exist until 2021 at the earliest, when a new Congress takes office.

As I understand it, the GND is a set of goals, to solve multiple ongoing problems together, although not necessarily all in one bill. Climate change, inequality, jobs for all, injustice, infrastructure decay - all of these are real problems that do need to be addressed. Some of them are interrelated, and I certainly agree with the sense of urgency implied, although not necessarily with the aspirational timetables proposed.

I’d much prefer the accent to be on “Green.” Climate change is the problem that keeps getting harder to solve with each passing year. I fear that if we fail on that front solving all the others will be the equivalent of upgrading the staterooms on the Titanic. Fighting climate change is partly a set of technical issues: How do we supply energy, food, water, transportation and so on without cooking or otherwise degrading our one and only planet? But it’s also a political issue: How do we actually implement these solutions in a democracy where philosopher-kings cannot simply rule by decree? While it is the birthright of every American to believe that he or she knows better than our elected officials how to run the country, I myself have a realistically humble opinion of my own political acumen and more trust in the instincts of some of the long-term officeholders.

What’s “New” in the GND? The focus on jobs seems new, and welcome. It’s clear that replacing fossil fuels with renewables and other non-greenhouse-gas producing sources will cause an enormous turnover in what jobs are

available, especially to those with less than a four-year degree. Not job losses, on balance - there will be plenty of jobs building wind and solar farms, installing rooftop solar, retrofitting housing for better insulation, fixing, replacing and improving our infrastructure. Retraining will often be necessary, and the new jobs may not be in the same places as the lost jobs. America has traditionally been woefully inadequate at supporting people through major economic transitions. But jobs aplenty there will be, if we’re serious about a rapid transition away from fossil fuels. Finding enough workers to maintain the pace we need may be more of a problem. I’m less convinced of the necessity and practicality of a government guaranteed job for anyone who wants one, close to where that person currently resides. I’d rather see support for moving to where the jobs are, despite the emotional toll involved.

It’s vitally important to make a “Deal” that persists. We can’t march and countermarch, reversing direction every four years. That’s a recipe for zero progress. What’s not clear, at least to me, is what sort of deal can be made that will stick. There are two critical audiences which pass judgment on any proposal: The American people at large, and the Senate. Any proposal may find favor with one or the other, but to persist the Deal has to appeal to both. Senators do respond to overwhelming public opinion, some of the time. Whether the GND will find sufficient favor to compel acceptance by a filibuster-proof majority of the Senate is yet to be seen. A more modest proposal might get Republican buy-in, or the GND approach of a Christmas tree with something for everyone may be more effective. All I’m sure of is that I don’t know which will work. Something must. The longer we wait the bigger the disruption. Even if 2020 is a super-wave election, we’ve seen with Obamacare that a program passed by one party can be sabotaged when the other party takes over. Earth’s climate is indifferent to our political turmoil. It responds only to the level of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

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In very fond memory of Carl Hutt, beloved hus-
band of Sheila Hutt and former long-time hard

working and caring board member of GHC

In honor of Hal Greenwald's election as NYS
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Mazel Tov to Naomi and Michael Feinkind on
the birth of their granddaughter, Danielle

Mazel Tov to Rhonda and Howard Baskin on t
he birth of their granddaughter, Ellie

Mazel Tov to Leslie and Jeff Liss on double
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Thank you to Nursery school for beautiful
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We are grateful to Lori Sloane for serving so
well as our President. May she go from
strength to strength

In memory of longtime and dedicated member,
Sheila Goldstein. Condolences to Al and
Family

In memory of Daniel Conlan, brother of Brian
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Refuah Shlemah for Norman Milefsky's return
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Marty Stern's continued good work in physical
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