



# The Herald Hamvaser

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### FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Cell division, the process by which one cell divides to form two new cells, is part of the life cycle of virtually all cells. Most prokaryotic cells divide by the process of binary fission. In eukaryotes, cell division occurs in two major steps: mitosis and cytokinesis.

(Don't panic! This little science lesson is merely an introduction.)

The Jewish people are the “ever-dividing” people. It is my response to the idea introduced by Simon Rawidowicz, who said we are the “ever-dying” people. Like cells we have been doing it since we began. It is not a new phenomenon. We have been dividing and subdividing since we left Egypt. Kohen, Levi, Yisrael. Pharasee, Saducee, Essene, Zealot. School of Hillel and the School of Shammai. Hasidic, Enlightened. Scholars and students. Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist, New Age. Sephardic and Ashkenazy. Prophet and sinner.

While this is part of the natural course, not only of Judaism but all religions that survive time, it is a particularly painful process. Just because it may be the way we have always done it doesn't mean it is the best way to live. That is why our rabbis caution, “do not separate yourself from the community.” It is too easy to walk away. To quit, to permit a disagreement to turn into a permanent fissure, to give up on the other, to claim absolute truth and label the other a sinner and degrade. The leap from disagreement to complete disconnect is far too common an occurrence in our country.

At the most emotional time of the High Holidays we offer an incredible statement.

By the authority of the court on high and by the authority of the court below, with divine consent and with the

consent of this congregation, we grant permission to pray with those who have transgressed. (Kol Nidre)

It is a prayer we must work hard to understand. It is not saying I believe myself to be perfect, while others are sinners. It is a prayer asking that we not think of ourselves as so great that we can't be among people who we perceive of as less. The idea that we are better than others is incredibly divisive and will ultimately undermine our efforts to better ourselves and our world. We must reject that instinct and that tactic for living.

In a piece of Talmud that I believe is commenting on this text the rabbis explain we need to surround ourselves with all types of people in order to have a fully transformative high holiday experience.

Rabbi Shimon Hisda says: Any fast that does not include the participation of some of the sinners of the Jewish people is not a fast... Abaye [explains this idea by quoting the prophet Amos] “It is God Who builds God's upper chamber in the heavens and established God's bundle on the earth.” [That means] when the people are united as a bundle, including their sinners, they are established on earth. (Keratot 6b)

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Jay M. Stein

Rabbi

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# Shabbat Mishpacha



**for Young Families  
with children 6 & under**

**September 7  
October 19**

**November 16  
December 14**

**January 11  
February 8**

**March 14  
April 11**

**May 9**

“On alternate Saturdays there will be Tot Shabbat/Kiddish Kids”

## PRESIDENT

In 1946 when the founding families established GHC, they purposefully named it the Greenburgh Hebrew Center, for their vision was not to just establish a synagogue, but a center for all things Jewish.

Fast forward seventy-three years and GHC is just that. We are a **CENTER**, a center for prayer, a center for learning, a center for social action, a center for socialization and so much more.

Our services whether Holiday Celebrations, Kabbalat Shabbat, select Morning Minyanim or Shabbat Morning Services offer each participant the opportunity to worship in a warm and welcoming environment. Rabbi Stein engages us each shabbat through his Power Start and Finish Strong sessions as well as his inspiring sermons. Cantor Janet's Renewal services gives us a different perspective on the joy of Shabbat. Jr. Congregation, Kiddush Kids, Tot Shabbat and our new Mishpacha Shabbat each provides a unique Jewish experience for our children and grandchildren.

Our calendar is filled with opportunities for learning. Our ECC and award-winning Religious School are engaging our children in a warm and stimulating environment that fosters a love of Judaism, community and Israel. Rabbi Stein's Adult Education series always stimulates us with his timely topics. Our Adult Education Committee, Sisterhood and Men's Club and Israel Team continue to bring exciting and thought-provoking speakers to educate us on a myriad of topics.

Social Action has always been a priority for GHC with activities designed to serve both the Synagogue and the community at large. For nearly thirty years GHC has been committed to feed and clothe the homeless living on the streets of NYC. For fourteen years, we have heeded the call from the Yonkers Public Schools families in need and have provided turkeys and "fixings" for Thanksgiving through our Turkey Drop. Sisterhood collects toiletries for Westchester Women's Shelters and our Shul Stitchers provide young women, living in a residential facility, with instruction, blankets, caring and conversation. Our Religious School reinforces the concept of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world through its award winning, Mitzvah Mavens Initiative.

Whether you are two or ninety-two, you have friends at GHC. Empty Nesters, Young Families, PJLIBRARY, Sisterhood, Kadima, USY all provide social experiences. Our "Play Date" held prior to the opening of the ECC school year, not only introduces the children to each other, but connects the parents. Our coffee and snack area set up in the atrium each Sunday, affords RS parents the opportunity to socialize, while their children are learning. The Membership Appreciation BBQ, Chanukah Dinner, Kiddush lunches, Purim Carnival, A Night at the Opera are just a sample of the activities designed to bring our membership together.

Naomi Feinkind,  
President

## ADULT EDUCATION/ CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Have you made your reservation for **Sangria and Snacks in the Sukkah?** It's our kick-off event! Bring your friends, mingle in the sukkah and enjoy your favorite sangria! The event is **Thursday, October 17 at 7:30**. Please RSVP to [VPadulthoodeducation@g-h-c.org](mailto:VPadulthoodeducation@g-h-c.org).

"Shtisel", the Israeli drama about a Haredi family, is binge-worthy TV. It won several Ophirs (Israeli Emmys) and is about to start its third season. Why are people on four continents streaming it? What makes it so enticing? How does a program about orthodox Jews have such universal appeal -- or does it? Rabbi Stein invites us to analyze the series with him in his three-part dialogue, **The Shtisel Effect**, which will take place on Sunday mornings, November 10, November 17 and November 24 from 10:15 to 11:15.

We've arranged a private, docent guided tour of **Auschwitz: Not Long Ago. Not Far Away**, at the Museum of Jewish Heritage on Sunday, December 1 at 2:00. We're fortunate to have an opportunity to see this acclaimed exhibit as it tours the world. Tickets are limited so please complete the form on the flyer and send your payment to the office as soon as possible.

**Book Club** will discuss "Threading My Prayer Rug: One Woman's Journey from Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim", by Sabeena Rehman. Publishers' Weekly said she ".....lends a light heart and an open mind to the process of becoming a multi-cultural 'hybrid'." This month's meeting is on Thursday, October 24 at 10. Subsequent meetings are on Tuesdays, November 26, December 24, January 28, February 25, March 24, April 28, May 26 and June 23.

**GHC's Fifth Night at the Opera** on January 18 featuring "Porgy and Bess" is sold out!

**Shul Stitchers** will continue regular sessions at GHC on Thursdays, October 17, November 21, December 19, January 16, February 20, March 19, April 23, May 21 and June 18. We're planning to build on the success of last year's program, **Shul Stitchers and Friends**, which we did in conjunction with teens at the Mann Center, a residential treatment center in Hawthorne. This program included going to the Mann Center to teach the teens how to knit and crochet and to incorporate their handiwork into blankets we knit and crocheted for them. If you'd like to be a Shul Stitcher just bring your needles and come on a Thursday. You can work at home as well as in shul. You can bring/buy your yarn or we can furnish it. We'll let you know when we have worked out the logistics to schedule our sessions with the students at Mann.

**Empty Nesters and Wanna Be's** are considering a monthly **game night** for intermediate canasta and mahjong players. Please let Rhonda and Howard know if you're interested. [empynesters@g-h-c.org](mailto:empynesters@g-h-c.org)

In response to popular demand for an **Introduction to Conversational Hebrew**, we hope to have a six week session in place for the spring.....just in time for GHC's trip to Israel!

Lynne Ecker, [VPadulthoodeducation@g-h-c.org](mailto:VPadulthoodeducation@g-h-c.org)



# ISRAEL BONDS<sup>AND</sup> Greenburgh Hebrew Center INVITE THE COMMUNITY TO An Israel Bonds Breakfast with



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## FUNDRAISING

We are looking forward to a New Year, filled with fun and exciting programs to share with all!

Our Kol Nidre Appeal is well underway and the generosity and support of our congregants and friends continues to be exemplary.

Thank you ALL so much for helping to assure that GHC remains the vibrant and inclusive spiritual home that we have come to know and love.

### SAVE THE DATE for GHC COMEDY NIGHT

**Saturday evening OCTOBER 26, 2019 at 8:00 PM**

Come and join us for a fun and exciting evening where we can enjoy each other's company, relax and share many laughs.

We are all in for a special treat, as HEADLINE Entertainment will delight us with three of their top comedians!

We welcome your creative ideas as we move forward with planning the coming year's events.

Join us, share your thoughts on programs, and most of all, attend events and enjoy each other's company.

Wishing all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!!

Rebecca Lazar, VP Fundraising

*Thank You to all who helped to  
make the Kiddush in honor of  
our wedding anniversary and  
Marty's Bar Mitzvah so special!*

*Natalie and Marty Frankel*

## MEMBERSHIP

Since the recent passing of my father, the word community has meant more to me than ever before. A community is someplace you can go when you need help, a shoulder to cry on, people to listen, or just someone to give you a big hug. This is what we have at GHC, a community comprised of members who go out of their way to support each other. Thank You!

As we begin the year, I want to welcome all the new members to our community and let them know that they will be treated with all the warmth that I have felt in my years of being a member here at GHC. I look forward to meeting you all and hope to see you at our activities and programs throughout the year.

Nothing happens in a vacuum, and our membership committee was hard at work all summer planning the Member Appreciation BBQ and Simcha Shabbat Celebrations. I cannot thank the committee enough for the BBQ and all the work that went into it. The weather didn't cooperate, but it was an amazing success.

The Membership Committee is also actively working on developing new programs and activities to support and enhance the membership experience, and overall to continue to bring our community together.

Please join us in all that GHC has to offer, our services, educational opportunities, social events, committees and activities.

From my amazing membership committee and from my family as well, I wish you Shanah Tovah Umetukah, A Happy and Healthy New Year.

Elyse Milun



### **Welcome to the GHC Religious School 2019 – 2020 School Year!**

There are several meaningful (and fun!) ways for parents to be involved through our Religious School and GHC's Social Action/Tikkun Olam (SATO) Please see below and check off what you are interested in!

If you have any questions or ideas, please reach out to Karen Greenberg [karenecker@optonline.com](mailto:karenecker@optonline.com) or Shara Sheinberg [shararab@gmail.com](mailto:shararab@gmail.com).

Please scan or take a photo of this sheet once complete and email it to one of us.

Thanks so much! We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

Karen & Shara, RS PTA

Please check off below what interests you!  	<b>Name:</b>  <b>phone number:</b>  <b>email address:</b>
	<b><i>Ongoing throughout the year:</i></b>
	Host the families in your class for a social gathering at your home
	Help to organize a Parents' Night Out or Sunday brunch for RS families
	Help in your child's class with their class mitzvah project
	<b><i>Specific dates/events:</i></b>
	<b>November 24, 2019, 10am – 12pm</b> Help at our annual "Turkey Drop" where we collect and deliver turkeys and fixings to needy families in the Gorton High School (Yonkers) community
	<b>December 8, 2019, 10am – 12pm</b> Through the Interfaith Caring Community, help to prepare meals to be delivered <i>The Sanctuary</i> , a Children's Village-affiliated shelter for teens, located in Valhalla
	<b>December 8, 2019 – December 20, 2019</b> Take a "leaf" off our "Giving Tree" located in GHC's atrium to purchase a holiday gift for children in residential treatment at Children's Village and The Jewish Board, Hawthorne Campus
	<b>December 15, 2019, 9:30am – 12pm</b> Help our RS with preparing and serving during our annual Chanukah Celebration
	<b>January 20, 2020 (time and location TBD)</b> MLK Day of Service with UJA Federation Westchester/Shames JCC
	<b>January, 2020 (Sunday date TBD)</b> Help organize and facilitate making "soup in a jar" with the RS to be donated to the Bronx Jewish Community Council (BJCC) for the homebound elderly
	<b>March, 2020</b> Help organize Miss Chocolate Passover Candy Fundraiser
	<b>March 8, 2020, 10am – 12pm</b> Volunteer at the Purim Carnival! Various ways to be involved with helping at the game booths and <i>Mitzvah Makers</i> table (** volunteers are also needed for the night before after Shabbat ends on March 7 <sup>th</sup> for setup. Please specify if you are interested in this)
	<b>March 29, 2020, 9:30 – 12pm</b> Help our RS with set-up, preparing and serving during our annual Passover Celebration
	<b>April, 2020 (date/location TBD)</b> Help with organizing a community clean-up day in honor of Earth Day
	<b>May, 17, 2020, 9am – 12pm</b> Help with Last Day of RS BBQ including set up, grilling, serving and cleanup

## KIDDUSH



### In-House Catering

For many years Lori Sloane and Sherry Padva created delicious Kiddush/lunches to be enjoyed after Shabbat morning services. The congregation greatly appreciates their time and dedication. In June Sherry and her husband, Ira, moved to North Carolina which left the congregation in a quandary: do we want to continue to have Kiddush/lunch and if so, how could we make that happen?

Quickly it was decided that yes, we wanted them to continue. Not only do we enjoy the food, but it also has created a wonderful community where 40-60 people enjoy spending time together. It has provided an atmosphere where after lunch 25-35 people gather with Rabbi Stein for lively discussions during "Power Strong". When visitors come to GHC, they usually comment on how warm and welcoming we are. Part of that is due to our delicious kiddushim.

We have now formed a committee of women and men who take turns creating the kiddushim. **We need more help. We need you!** We prepare on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings. We especially need help Fridays 1:00-3:00 PM. We also need assistance Saturdays at 9:30 AM.

**Can you help us?** We have fun cooking, talking and creating. Recently a woman who had volunteered for the first time commented "The kitchen is a lot of fun! I was quite nervous this morning!" In fact she had helped to create beautiful dessert platters. Often when asked to assist me, people reply "I'm no good in the kitchen." I respond "Can you copy me?" A few minutes later the person is smiling and feeling proud of the lox platter that he or she has decorated. Our volunteers are quite different and include people who love to cook as well as those who don't, folks who come to services as well as those who avoid going to services, people who are frequently at GHC as well as those who rarely come into the building, parents of future bat/bar mitzvah kids and the future

bat/bar mitzvah kids, young children, seniors and all ages in between. Have you gotten the message that everyone is welcome and needed?!

**Come join in the fun! If you are able to help us or willing to give it one try, please contact Leslie Liss at [leslieliss25@gmail.com](mailto:leslieliss25@gmail.com)**

## BNEI MITZVAH

Bat Mitzvah  
Sari Barnattan  
November 9, 2019  
Lech-Lecha

January 8, 2007, marked a very special day for Chad and Michele Lachs Barnattan. Their first child, a daughter they named Sari Cecelia, was born. Sari, now almost thirteen years of age, will become a Bat Mitzvah at GHC this November. This is especially meaningful because GHC has been the synagogue home of the Lachs family for three generations with Sari now being the fourth. Sari's mother, uncle, aunt and two of her cousins celebrated their B'nai Mitzvah at GHC.

Sari is a 7th grader who loves fashion, Instagram, shopping, and spending time with her friends. She is the elder of two children, with younger sister Dahlia (age 8) who loves being around her big sister and doing whatever she does. Sari's favorite sport is volleyball. She plays on a travel team and spends many of her weekends, when not with her friends, playing in tournaments all over the tri-state area.

Sari is an excellent student. She loves English Language Arts and Science and, as of now, would like to study physical therapy in college. Sari loves spending her summers at Camp Nockamixon where she truly lives "10 months for 2". She has spent many months, including those at sleepaway camp, preparing for her Bat Mitzvah. Sari's parents are very proud of her, not just because she is a good student who works hard, but also because she is well respected by her peers for treating others fairly and being kind and inclusive.

For her mitzvah project, Sari will be collecting new and gently used, as well as new pajamas and slippers to donate to The Sally and Anthony Mann Center, a residential treatment facility in Hawthorne, NY.

The Barnattan and Lachs families welcome the entire congregation to join them for a celebration of Sari's Bat Mitzvah at services and the kiddush luncheon to follow.



Join the Greenburgh Hebrew Center's

# TRIP TO ISRAEL

August 2020

## Highlights:

- 🕒 Tree planting
- 🕒 Palmach Museum
- 🕒 Bullet Factory - Machon Ayalon
- 🕒 Kabbalt Shabbat at the Tel Aviv Port
- 🕒 Caesarea
- 🕒 Druze Village
- 🕒 Kfar Kedem Ancient Village
- 🕒 Rafting down the Jordan River
- 🕒 Meet a Kabbalist in the Mystical city of Tsfat
- 🕒 Explore the Golan Heights
- 🕒 Jeep Ride
- 🕒 Chocolate Workshop
- 🕒 Archaeological Dig
- 🕒 Scavenger Hunt in the Old City of Jerusalem
- 🕒 The Western Wall
- 🕒 Caliber 3 anti-terror training
- 🕒 Culinary Tour
- 🕒 Masada
- 🕒 Dead Sea
- 🕒 Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum
- 🕒 Final Banquet Dinner

**\$4,181**  
Per person, based on  
double occupancy  
with a minimum of 25  
paying participants

## Details:

- 🕒 Meet & Greet at Ben Gurion Airport upon arrival
- 🕒 Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv
- 🕒 Hagoshrim Hotel, Golan Heights
- 🕒 Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem
- 🕒 Full buffet breakfast every day at hotel
- 🕒 Porterage in all hotels
- 🕒 11 days with licensed English speaking tour-guide
- 🕒 Transportation in luxury bus for 9 days
- 🕒 6 Dinners, 5 Lunches
- 🕒 Bar and Bat Mitzvah Celebration at Robinson's Arch
- 🕒 Entrance fee into all sites per itinerary
- 🕒 Bottles water daily on the bus
- 🕒 Full backing Israel Maven support staff to ensure smooth running of the trip



For more information contact: Rabbi Jay Stein - rabbijaystein@gmail.com



## CARING COMMUNITY

### CALLING ALL CARING COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Dear Friends,

As you have heard by now, we are compiling a new list of Caring Community volunteers. For various reasons, this is the perfect time to replace the old list with a new list. In fact, I am so pleased to report that many of you have already joined us.

We are already on our way to an amazing new list!

If you have been a volunteer since 2012, we thank you for all you have done and hope you can continue. Kindly let us know!

If you have been a volunteer but are no longer local or able to help, please know how grateful we are for your past service to GHC. Very appreciated!

If you are not currently a CC volunteer but have heard about our good efforts on behalf of GHC and want to be a part of it, we will be thrilled to have you!

We also thank each of you who have supported our efforts by donating money to our Hesed fund. You have made many good deeds possible!!

Our Caring Community team at GHC is dedicated to assisting our members when and if help is needed. We are grateful for each volunteer and hope you will consider becoming a CC volunteer starting right now. Please let us know at [caring@g-h-c.org](mailto:caring@g-h-c.org); email us with your full name, preferred email and best phone number. We can only do what we do because of you. We always do better together!

Thank you for caring,

Sheila Greenwald on behalf of the Caring Community

## CAMP

### IS YOUR CHILD GOING OR THINKING OF GOING TO RAMAH? WHAT ABOUT A JEWISH SLEEP AWAY CAMP?

#### WHAT ABOUT ISRAEL?

If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, we may have something special for you!

All GHC member children who attend a Jewish non-profit sleep away camp or any Ramah Camp may be entitled to a stipend from one of 2 funds. The '**Jewish Education Fund**' supports GHC member children who attend any Ramah Camp or any USY Summer program or trip, including Encampment. A second fund, '**The Julia B. Chazen Camp Fund**', supports GHC member children attending Jewish Non-Profit sleep-away camps, other than Ramah camps. Examples include camps sponsored by other Jewish denominations, Young Judea, B'nai B'rith, JCC's, etc. If you want to know if your camp is covered by one of these funds, please check the Foundation for Jewish Camp website, <http://www.jewishcamp.org> for a comprehensive list of Jewish Non-Profit camps.

All of the Ramah Camps (including Ramah Sports Academy in Connecticut, Ramah in the Rockies) and USY Summer programs (USY Pilgrimage to Israel or Eastern Europe, USY Encampment, and Wheels trips) are incredibly well run and offer enriching experiences. We fully endorse them and they provide an educational component that you can't find anywhere else!

If your teen wants to spend the summer, a semester or a year in Israel, please let us know! The year can take place during high school, as a gap year, or even during college!! Another fund, the **Harry and Anna Singer Scholarship Fund**, supports GHC member teens and young adults going to Israel to study or tour with a non-profit organization, such as USY. If you need help picking a program, let us know! Thank you Fran and Saul Singer for initiating this fund.

If you want to discuss further or apply for a stipend from any of these funds, please contact Rabbi Stein or Robin Rosenberg. In addition, the funds available come from the generous contributions of our congregants. Please remember the JEF, Chazen and Singer funds when considering making a contribution in memory of a loved one or to honor a family simcha.



# Jr. Congregation

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## GREEN TEAM

### Who by Fire, Who by Water Barney Wolff

We say it every year: "On Rosh Hashanah it is written and on Yom Kippur it is sealed," followed by a list, mostly, of ways to die. "But penitence, prayer and good deeds can annul the severity of the decree." As I write, the Amazon is burning and Dorian is storming. Are these "Acts of God?" That phrase seems to me rather unfair to God, because it's only used for negative surprises, never for lucky breaks. Still, we can ask, are the fires and the floods solely the result of natural forces, beyond our influence?

For the Amazon (and central Africa, and Indonesia) fires the answer is clearly no, they've been deliberately set, to clear land for growing crops or pasturing. And if sometimes those fires get out of control, that's no surprise. Burning down rainforest is doubly awful: Not only does it produce a big pulse of CO<sub>2</sub>, it takes that area out of the business of absorbing it, probably for a very long time. Some recent studies also raise the possibility of a tipping point, where areas that have not been burned start dying because of reduced rainfall. As with all the other potentially disastrous tipping points, we don't know enough to say how close we are to the edge. Before we blame the Brazilians, Africans and Indonesians, we should note that the cleared land will not even be used to feed their own populations, but to produce beef, palm oil and other stuff for export. So much of the real fault seems to lie with China, Europe and us. Earth's atmosphere is very well mixed, so CO<sub>2</sub> emitted anywhere has effects everywhere.

Closer to home, fire season in the western continental US has been relatively quiet this year, after two terrible summers, but Alaska is burning. Wildfires in the US are not usually set, but result from carelessness, accidents or overloaded powerlines that sag into overgrown brush. Warming dries out the ground and vegetation, making every spark a likely disaster. Again, the impact from human activity is clear.

No human effort can produce (or stop) a hurricane. Climate scientists are working to better understand the effect of global warming on hurricanes. Current consensus is that overall frequency is not affected but there are likely to be more severe storms. Our president claimed never to have heard of a category 5 hurricane, but in fact Dorian is the fourth such storm since he took office. There have been 13 cat 5 hurricanes in the last 20 years; only 5 in the 20 years before that. According to NOAA, five of the ten strongest Atlantic storms have occurred since 2016. That's all suggestive but by no means definitive. If the theory is correct though, fire does lead, indirectly, to flood.

Penitence and good deeds seem appropriate. And prayer surely would not hurt. We might also remember a very old adage that does not actually appear in the Bible: God helps those who help themselves.

## PRODUCTION CHANGE—PLEASE NOTE

Beginning with the November – December Issue  
**The Hamvaser** will be published bi-monthly.  
To keep up with what's happening at GHC you can subscribe to:

### GHC NEWS

Rabbi's Listserve  
Cantor's Listserve  
President's Listserve  
Men's Club Listserve  
Sisterhood's Listserve  
and more...

To do so, go to the GHC Website, click onto the first green banner on the left that reads  
"Sign up for the new GHC Weekly News", follow the directions and you are in!!

## WELCOME

GHC is delighted to welcome our newest members  
into our Kehila

Ben and Jed Ilany, June and Isaac

Howard and Andrea Anger, Caleb and Levi

Evan Bender

Noah and Stephanie Strote, Rafael

David and Sara Wolkoff, Jacob, Alexander and Benjamin

David Sherrin and Lea Dias, Ariel, Gabriella and Daniel

Karen Menzie, Nate and Emma

Benjamin and Melanie Robbins, Noah, Samuel and Penelope

## GHC NEWS

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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:

Beth Brivic for the passing of her beloved father Herbert Bernstein

Zelda, Beth (Figman) and Mark Neustadt for the passing of their beloved husband/father Paul Neustadt

The family of our beloved member Sally Sadin on her passing

Elyse Milun for the passing of her beloved father Marvin Podnos

Jeanie Lehr for the passing of her son

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](mailto: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 914-693-6277 or Bruce Segall 914-693-6109 or [Bruce-Segall@gmail.com](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## SISTERHOOD

Shanah tovah! We are now officially in year 5780 and as you are reading this, you are probably thinking about Yom Kippur, about what it means to you. I recall that when we started attending GHC instead of my parents' synagogue for the High Holidays, I always called my parents after the conclusion of Neilah. Of course I waited until I ate to wish them a good year, and to make sure that everyone was okay. I think that the phone call also signified to us that we were all going to make it successfully through another year. Now I am trying to get our daughters to do the same.

Thank you to everyone who supported our major holiday projects: Holiday greetings card, honey sale and baked goods sale. Not only do these projects enrich our holiday experiences, but they also provide additional funding for all of the work Sisterhood does for GHC. We appreciate your continued support.

Unfortunately we've had a number of shiva meals to deliver these past few months. Thank you to Enid Lotstein and Naomi Rosenberg for helping out with this mitzvah. We are looking for additional volunteers to help deliver a meal. This is an easy mitzvah, especially if you are already planning to attend a shiva; you pick up the meal and deliver it when you go. Even if you aren't planning on making a shiva call to a particular congregant, you can still deliver the meal and express your condolences in a timely fashion. Sisterhood orders and pays for the meals from Eden Kosher, so all you have to do is pick it up and deliver it.

Thank you also to Suzy Neuburger who diligently arranges for the flower arrangements from Carlson's Florist for the bima for the High Holidays and festivals of Sukkot, Pesach and Shavuot. These arrangements always look beautiful! Thank you also to Suzanne Newman for her design expertise and help in producing our membership brochure and flyers. Everything Suzanne creates is classy and effective!

Sisterhood's major event this month is the paid-up Membership Brunch on Sunday, October 27 at 10 am, featuring Sabeeha Rehman. Sabeeha is the author of, ["Threading My Prayer Rug. One Woman's Journey from Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim"](#), and a public speaker engaging in interfaith dialogue. You can read more about Sabeeha and her accomplishments on the event flyer in this Hamvaser. Sabeeha has spoken at other religious institutions and is active in interfaith work. "Threading My Prayer Rug" will be the GHC Book Group's topic of discussion on Thursday, October 24 at 10

am. You can buy the book just for \$15, a significant discount, by contacting me at: [sisterhood@g-h-c.org](mailto:sisterhood@g-h-c.org). Or just let the GHC office know you would like to purchase a book. Please also bring non-perishable, healthy food for the Bronx Community College Food Pantry to this event or to GHC in the week before and after October 27. The following are some of the items needed: oatmeal packets, granola bars, healthy packaged snacks, canned soup, juice boxes, cereal, crackers (boxed), mac & cheese (boxes). Many college students have very limited funds and are in need of food. Unfortunately the need is great on just about every campus.

Save the date: Sunday, November 17 – for dinner or take out! We are in process of arranging a fundraiser with Ben's of Scarsdale; order whatever you like at Ben's and GHC will benefit. Go with friends or just let me know that you would like to go and we'll arrange for a big table to accommodate GHCers. We will distribute a flyer that you bring with you. Very easy and fun!

Do you need any condolence or Mazel Tov (any type) or Get Well greeting cards? We have plenty! We have new cards for sale, at really reasonable prices, and the proceeds benefit students studying at any of the Conservative Movement's seminaries!

Now is the time of year when we 'take stock' of our lives and possibly set goals for the New Year. I would like to encourage you to set "Join Sisterhood GHC" or "attend a Sisterhood event" or even "volunteer for Sisterhood" as one of your goals! Your life will be enriched and you will be glad. In fact, our Sisterhood membership drive is on and hopefully, you received a membership brochure in the mail. If you need a brochure, please let us know.

So, after the conclusion of Yom Kippur, think about calling loved ones or friends and wish them a long and healthy life. May you all be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life. And we wish you all a joyous, beautiful Sukkot!

Robin Rosenberg

[sisterhood@g-h-c.org](mailto:sisterhood@g-h-c.org)

## DONATIONS

### **General Fund**

Douglas Abrahams

In Memory of Bertha Aronson

In Memory of Esther Aronson

Patricia Appel

In Memory of Kaye Edelstein

In Memory of Ben Edelstein

Suzanne and Saul Berkowitz

In Memory of Stuart Kessler

Selena and Robert Byron

In Memory of Stuart Kessler

Nancy and Ronald Cohen

In Memory of Stuart Kessler

Renee and David Doynow

In Memory of Stuart Kessler

Dorothea and Carl Durgin

In Memory of Than Durgin

Nettie and Melvin Goldstein

In Memory of Sally Sadin

Greenbarg Family

In Honor of Nathan Okun's Bar Mitzvah

Jonathan Ferman—Donation

Debbie and Andy Jagoda

In Memory of Stuart Kessler, husband of Isabel Kessler

In Memory of Helen Ashkenazy mother of Tina Ashkenazy  
Cornell

In Memory of Paul Neustadt husband of Zelda Neustadt

In Memory of Shirley Sternberg mother of Richard Sternberg

In Memory of Herbert Bernstein father of Beth Brivic

In Memory of Marvin Podnos, father of Elyse Milun

In Memory of Sally Sadin

Jesse Koch

In Memory of Rebecca Koch

Meryl and Kenneth Kupersmith

In Memory of Harvey Kupersmith

In Memory of Rita Winiarz

Bernice and Jerome Lachs

In Memory of Stuart Kessler

Leslie and Jeff Liss

In Memory of Marvin Podnos, father of Elyse Milun

In Honor of Caryn and Alan Kravitz's new grandson

Patricia and Barry Melancon

In Memory of Stuart Kessler

Vivian and Norman Milefsky

Happy Landings and good health to Sherry and Ira Padva on  
their move, we wish you great adventures and much happiness

Wishing Phil and Joyce Sassoon the very best on their move.

May you enjoy the new lifestyle and have a happy life. A

very special thank you to Phil for 5 years of misheberachs  
for Norman at daily minyan and for keeping him in your  
prayers

Thank you to Phil Karmel for keeping Norman in your daily  
prayers

Get Well to Lois Greenwald, we are thinking of you

In Memory of Seymour Ostrager, brother of our member

Nettie Goldstein

In Memory of Marvin Podnos, father of our member Elyse  
Milun

In memory of Jeannie Lehr's son

In Memory of Sally Sadin

Marilyn and Martin Ruskin

In Memory of Stuart Kessler

Robin Rosenberg and Bruce Segall

In Memory of Helen Ashkenazy

In Memory of Stuart Kessler

In Memory of Sally Sadin

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Marvin Strait

In Memory of Stuart Kessler

Bernice and Steven Strauss

In Memory of Stuart Kessler

In Memory of Paul Neustadt

Roberta Wetherbee

In Memory of Helen Ashkenazy, mother of Tina Ashkenazy  
Cornell

Sharon and Andy Weiss

In Memory of Helen Ashkenazy, mother of our member Tina  
Cornell

In Memory of Shirley Sternberg, mother of our member

Richard Sternberg

### **Social Action Fund-**

Beth Brivic

In Memory of Helen Ashkenazy, beloved mother of Tina  
Ashkenazy Cornell



## **DONATIONS con't**

### **Security Fund**

Vivian and Norman Milefsky

In Honor of the graduation of granddaughter, Ashley Lhotan from Carmel High School, now onto college!

In Honor of moving up of granddaughter Jessica Lhotan to Carmel High School, Mazal Tov on receiving foreign language award!

Mazal Tov to Joan Fuhrman on birth of her great-granddaughter in Israel

Mazal Tov to Gloria Charny on her special 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

Mazal Tov to Linda and Zvi Markowitz on the birth of their grandson Parker, brother of Hudson

Mazal Tov to Nettie Goldstein on Torah Fund honor

Mazal Tov to Rhonda and Howard Baskin on becoming grandparent

Mazal Tov to Leslie and Jeff Liss on all the happy events

Mazal Tov and good luck to Naomi Feinkind on assuming the presidency at GHC

Mazal Tov to Andy Goldstein for becoming VP of Religious Affairs and for being Norman's doctor

Wishing Robbie and Herb Goldberg the very best on their move to NJ. We wish you the best possible health and times  
Best wishes to Eleanor Heller on her move to Florida, Enjoy the hot/warm weather and all the activities

In Memory of Helen Ashkenazy, mother of Tina Ashkenazy Cornell

In Memory of Muriel Dolinsky, mother of Diane Dolinsky-Pickar

In Memory of Evelyn Goldberg, mother of Steven Goldberg

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

In fond memory of long-time member Paul Neustadt, beloved husband of Zelda Neustadt

Claire Robin

In Memory of David Antonowsky

### **Yahrzeit and Yizkor Fund**

Elaine Karpel

In Memory of Max Malin

In Memory of Sharon Kleiman

Vivian and Norman Milefsky

In Memory of Vivian's beloved parents, Tillie and William Glasberg

In Memory of Norman's mother and father, Beatty and Solomon Milefsky

In Memory of beloved aunts—Rose Schuman, Esther Rosenfeld and Ann Ballin

In fond memory of Norman's brother, Stanley Miles

In Memory of Annabelle Balgley, Evelyn Lewis, David Heller, Hal Glantz

In fond memory of Sheila Goldstein, long time hard working member of GHC; past Sisterhood President, who worked on so many project with Vivian

## **MIDNIGHT RUN**

# THANKS THE FOLLOW- ING INDIVIDUALS FOR



## PATICPATING IN The September MIDNIGHT RUN

Robin Rosenberg and Bruce  
Segal

Nathan Hemmerdinger\*

Leslie Liss

Nora and Jonathan Contact

Naomi Feinkind

Willys Kals

Sheila Greenwald

Joseph Goldstein

Alan Shapiro

\*First time participant



Once the High Holidays are over,  
it's time for . . .

## **Sangria and Snacks in the Sukkah!**

Join us for a fun, grown-up evening  
in the Sukkah catching up with old  
friends and making new ones

Thursday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

This event will be held rain or shine—  
indoors if needed

Please RSVP to [VPadulteducation@g-h-c.org](mailto:VPadulteducation@g-h-c.org)



# *Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Brunch*

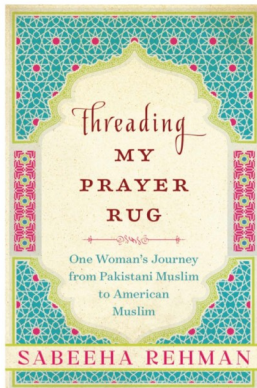
**Sunday October 27 @ 10:00 am**

## **GHC Sisterhood Presents: Sabeeha Rehman on "Being Muslim in America"**

Sabeeha Rehman is author of the memoir, "Threading My Prayer Rug. One Woman's Journey from Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim," and a public speaker engaging in interfaith dialogue. The book was Short-Listed for the 2018 William Saroyan International Prize for Writing, received Honorable Mention in Spirituality by the San Francisco Book Festival Awards 2017, and was listed as Top 10 Religion and Spirituality Books 2016; Top 10 Diverse Nonfiction Books 2017, by Booklist. Excerpts of the book were featured in the Wall Street Journal, Salon.com, and Tiferet. She is a contributor to the Houses of Worship column of the Wall Street Journal.



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**Free for all current Sisterhood members  
or \$18/non-member adult**

To RSVP and to reserve Childcare: email Robin  
at [sisterhood@g-h-c.org](mailto:sisterhood@g-h-c.org) by October 22

Please bring non-perishable food to be donated to local college food pantry. See Event Page on the GHC website for a list of requested food.

"Threading My Prayer Rug" will be discussed on Thursday, October 24, 10 am, at the GHC Book Club. You can purchase the book from GHC for \$15 by contacting Robin at [Sisterhood@g-h-c.org](mailto:Sisterhood@g-h-c.org).



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