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### HIWP Supports Israel

#### White Plains Joins the March for Israel in Washington, DC

by Lisa Kahn Kriegel

Since the October 7th attacks, the Jewish community has been living with a dark cloud over its head as we have struggled to process the magnitude of the atrocities perpetrated against our people. But on November 14th, we finally saw a small ray of light. In an inspiring display of unity, nearly 300,000 people descended on Washington, DC to demonstrate against anti-Semitism, to rally in support of Israel, and to insist on the safe return of the hostages. It was the largest Jewish march in United States history. Among that enormous group of 300,000 were over 600 people from White Plains, representing our five local synagogues, with 90 of those individuals from HIWP. What a showing!



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help our Jewish brothers and sisters. Others shared that it was heartening to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Jews and non-Jews alike, all of whom care

The White Plains delegation ranged in age from very young children to older adults. Like everyone else who attended the 11/14 march, the White Plains crew cancelled whatever plans they had made previ-



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## From The Rabbi's Desk

by Rabbi Chaim Marder

### Chanukah in the Shadow of War

Maimonides (Rambam) ends the laws of Chanukah with the following ruling (4:4):

*If [a person has the opportunity to fulfill only one of two mitzvot,] lighting a lamp for one's home [i.e., Sabbath candles] or lighting a Chanukah lamp - or, alternatively, lighting a lamp for one's home or reciting kiddush - the lamp for one's home receives priority, since it generates peace within the home. [Peace is of primary importance, as reflected by the mitzvah requiring] God's name to be blotted out to create peace between a husband and his wife. Peace is great, for the entire Torah was given to bring about peace within the world, as [Proverbs 3:17] states: "Its ways are pleasant ways and all its paths are peace."*

In the Gemara, the discussion of limited resources engages first in this question of insufficient oil for both home and menorah (home wins). Following that, it engages the question of limited money forcing a person to choose between Chanukah lights and Kiddush wine (Chanukah wins). Rav Iddo Pechter notes that Maimonides intentionally changed the order of the discussion of limited resources to have the menorah-kiddush question first (4:3), and the home lights question be the closing (4:4). As he sees it, Rambam thus reframes the entire discussion of Chanukah. By concluding with this halachah, Rambam wanted us to know that **the essence of Chanukah was peace, not war.**

Although on Chanukah we speak about the miraculous victory in battle of the few Hasmoneans over the many Greeks, **it's not really victory which we celebrate. It's the result of that victory that matters.** Thus, as Rambam explains the events themselves(3:1):

*...until the God of our ancestors had mercy upon them, delivered them from their hand, and saved them. The sons of the Hasmoneans, the High Priests, overcame*



*[them], slew them, and saved the Jews from their hand. They appointed a king from the priests, and sovereignty returned to Israel for more than 200 years, until the destruction of the Second Temple.*

What matters most is the result- 200 years of sovereignty and relative peace that follow the victory.

As we celebrate this Chanukah, in the shadow of an ongoing war with Hamas, we know this about ourselves. The State of Israel has called upon an army of our young men and women in these difficult days to wage war against a terrible enemy against its will, in response to the existential threat that Hamas has posed. It has stated that it will continue this until the enemy is no longer able to bring harm to the citizens of Israel. Yet it's not victory that it seeks. We are peaceful and peace seeking people, not a fighting people. Israel seeks to live in peace and to provide peace. Peace for the innocents currently held in captivity, that they may know the peace of life, returned to the embrace of loved ones back in Israel. Peace for the residents of the southern communities who have experienced what they have, and deserve to return to their homes without the fear of future rockets and horrors. Peace for people throughout Israel. Peace with one another, and with our neighbors.

As we kindle the Chanukah lights, let us pray for this peace. And may Hashem bring it to all His people, the house of Israel.

*Rabbi Chaim Marder*

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### A Message from Co-President Michael Kellman

On October 7, we found ourselves thrust into a world of grief and anxiety as Israel faced the greatest loss of life in its 75-year history. When faced by this kind of existential attack, many of us turn to God for solace and answers. As Ishay Ribo and Omer Adam sang at the rally in Washington:

*And only You know how to approach my heart*

*You lessen any pain within me*

*You heal my heart*

But there is another way to respond to the pain that we are all feeling, exemplified by a Midrash in Bereishit Rabba. In trying to understand God's original exhortation to Avraham in Parshat Lech Lecha, R. Yitzchak recounts a parable of a man passing by a castle who sees it alight and asks who is responsible for it. In response, the owner says: I am the master. In the same way, R. Yitzchak says, when Avraham looked at the world and wondered who was responsible, God responded and said: I am the creator.

This image of a castle alight can be read in two ways; with wonder at the light of a sunset or with horror at witnessing a building on fire. R. Jonathan Sachs interprets it like the latter and reads the midrash as a call for humanity to step up and act. God tells Avraham: I created this world, but humans have set it on fire and now you must act to put it out.

This has been the response that we have seen over the last 2 months. We saw it in the awe-inspiring, unimaginable responses of ordinary Israelis on the day of the attack: grandfathers rushing to help grandchildren trapped in shelters; a young woman

organizing her kibbutz's defenses against their attackers. And we saw it again in the outpouring of logistical, financial, volunteer support from the people of Israel who waited in line for hours to give blood, who gave up their day jobs to focus 24-7 on helping others, who put aside their real political differences to make a difference in this time of need.

We've seen it in our own community. None of us have had to put our lives on the line, but in our own ways, we have mobilized as well. In the first days of the war, synagogue leadership was overwhelmed - not because people were asking us for help or direction, but because so many people were taking the initiative to start their own projects. Whether it was gathering supplies for soldiers and getting them to Israel; raising money for worthy organizations; organizing efforts in our community to help people process their grief and show their support for our loved ones in Israel; or mobilizing in the hundreds with only days of notice to rally in Washington.

This is our response to a world on fire. We don't see the burning and continue walking - we look for ways to help, we throw ourselves into the fight in whatever ways we can, and, by supporting each other, we find ways to continue the never-ending work of healing the world. Follow the HIWP Israel Response Page to find organizations that need your continued financial support; write to our elected officials to make your voice heard; call out on behalf of the hostages until they are all returned home; and continue to support one another and our brothers and sisters in Israel.

חזקו ואמצו!



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### HIWP Provides Online Resources:

An Israel Emergency Response page has been set up on the HIWP website:

[hiwp.org/israel-emergency-response](http://hiwp.org/israel-emergency-response)

Topics covered are:

- Trusted charitable organizations for donation
- Events/rallies/gatherings in support of Israel
- Contact information for national and local politicians
- Additional Tefillot relevant to current circumstances
- General information for supporting our families, local community and brethren in Israel

The page is continually being updated, so please check in frequently.

In addition, Rabbanit Atara has been regularly sending emails to the HIWP community on upcoming local (White Plains and Westchester) events to support Israel.

### No Hostage Will Go Unknown:

HIWP members are asked to "adopt" a family or an individual. With this effort, our tzibbur together can have each individual person in captivity in mind. Here are a list of things you can

and should do once you have signed up:

- Learn about the family/ individual by searching online
- Post about the family/ individual on social media, telling their story
- Have them in mind in your daily and weekly prayers
- Insert their name(s) when we say the prayer for captives on Shabbat
- Give Tzedakah on their behalf
- Light an extra candle before Shabbat on their behalf
- Write and call relevant political representatives telling their story specifically. Putting an individual face and story is a powerful way to advocate. (Phone calls are more effective than emails.)
- Write letters to the individuals in captivity and their families.

Resources to find out more about the individual people in hostage:

[Bring Them Home Webpage](#)

[Those We Are Missing | The Times of Israel](#)

[N12 List of Captives](#) (Hebrew)





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## Day of Global Kindness at HIWP By Rabbanit Atara Lindenbaum

October 22, 2023 was designated as a day of Loving Kindness. The idea arose from Yeshiva University students hoping to inspire a million acts of kindness globally on one day: Olam



Chessed Yibaneh - the world is built on kindness. While so much around us has been shattered, we must assert that the building blocks of a society are comprised of kindness and good deeds.



The HIWP downstairs lobby and open office space was the site for this festival of good deeds. Four boxes of food were collected for

the Westchester Food Bank, delivered by Rena Fredman to the drop-off location later that week. Six boxes of coats and boots, for local individuals needing warmer clothing, were taken to Hope New Rochelle by Baruch Seff. A bake sale organized by Becky Nadis, Shoshie Botrowski, and Deena Blanchard raised \$1400 for charities in Israel. Susan Silkes, along with two HIWP children, delivered baked



goods to the White Plains Police Department in thanks for being vigilant and protecting us.

Cards were made for soldiers in Israel. Alex Kahn subsequently traveled to Israel, hand-delivered these cards, and reported that the recipients were very touched by the care and love displayed in the Hebrew messaging and beautiful pictures. Video messages were also prepared, for shul members to wish the soldiers in the



IDF well as they fight to protect Jews in Israel and beyond. The video is posted on the HIWP website and was sent to our chayalim.



Another initiative was "Cups of Kindness", in which both children and adults decorated cups and filled them with treats – tea bags, hot chocolate packets, chocolates. The participant then delivered cups to anyone of their choice, be it a neighbor, a bus driver, a friend or family member.

Finally, the Thrift Shop stayed open an hour later that day and donated half its proceeds to charities in Israel.





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## Rabbi Marder's Israel Mission

Rabbi Marder spent a week in Israel, participating in a rabbinic mission meant to show support for the soldiers, bring solace and comfort to the bereaved, the injured and the families of the hostages, and provide assistance to the many Israelis displaced by the conflict. He brought with him \$25,000 in donations from the HIWP community aimed at helping Israelis in need at this time. He also conveyed many letters and cards with greetings, well wishes and messages of solidarity to the people of Israel. The congregation was kept up-to-date on his trip through daily video reports.

Rabbi Marder also got together with many of the HIWP youth who are studying in Israel this year, and even spent time with two of the HIWP young people serving in the Israeli armed forces.

Separately, HIWP has donated funds to ZAKA, the emergency relief organization in Israel which provides paramedic, search-and-rescue and burial (Chesed Shel Emes) support.



## March for Israel

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None of this could have happened without the extraordinary leadership of our very own Yael Slonim, the Executive Director of Temple Israel Center, as well as Dean Ungar, the Israel Action Committee Chairperson. As one bus captain exclaimed when it was all over: "This was a logistics miracle!" Indeed, this statement could not be more accurate, especially given the large numbers of people who required transportation and the brief amount of time the organizers had to prepare. We owe a debt of gratitude to Yael, to Dean, and to everyone who made the effort to show up for this historic event.

Am Yisroel Chai!





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### Report from Tel Aviv by Rob Blum November 17, 2023

How does one look back at the past five weeks and absorb it all?

In early October, contemplating a post-High Holiday return to Israel, our biggest concern was whether an outdoor, festively public Simchat Torah would be disrupted by radical secularists in Tel Aviv, as had happened there during Yom Kippur (BTW, most Tel Aviv secularists are not radical); perhaps we would opt for a less stressful Simchat Torah with friends in Warsaw, Poland (of all places). That was the state of Israeli social division before October 7th.

Delayed by the cataclysm of October 7th, I arrived alone in Israel on October 23rd, Joanna following a couple of weeks later. Since I arrived, there have been multiple -- but a declining number -- of rocket attacks on Tel Aviv; many, many more, however, closer to Gaza. Over the years, we have lived through many of these attacks (20? 30? more?), but when the sirens go off, each one feels just as serious.

The same afternoon that Joanna arrived from the US, she went on a walk to the Shuk HaCarmel to re-stock our apartment, whose food supplies had been made pitifully barren by my bachelor lifestyle. While she was out, I heard the nearest red alert siren go off. Suddenly I thought: "Where is Joanna?" At that moment, she sent me a WhatsApp message that she was OK. When the sirens sounded she was returning down Bialik Street. She ducked into the first open apartment building to huddle under the staircase, getting acquainted with some of the residents and their families until all was clear.

I experienced something similar while volunteering at an army base. With some French Sar-El comrades, I was performing the most mundane, but emotionally fulfilling and tangible task: inspecting, rolling and packing 500 winter sleeping bags for soldiers. Suddenly we came under rocket attack and scurried outside to squeeze into a shelter. This is life here during wartime.

The most important thing I have seen here since I arrived is the immediate cohesion of Israel society, after so much American-style, near-violent tribal divisiveness over the judicial reform issue earlier this year. Regard-

less of politics, 110% of society is behind this war to destroy Hamas and make the South safe to live in again. (It is truly offensive to Israelis when foreign political leaders warn Israel of excessive "rage" -- this is about making all of Israel a safe place to live, without threat by its enemies.) In the immediate aftermath of the Oct 7th Hamas genocide, as if overnight, a light switch went on - the country is one, period. The slogan "beyachad nenaztech" -- 'Together we will be victorious' -- is everywhere (and on the more religious, rightward leaning Channel 14, that slogan is prefixed with "b'ezrat hashem..." -- 'with the help of G-d').

Israelis are a peculiar people -- disorganized, cacophonous and almost constitutionally incapable of long-term planning. But when a crisis hits, they all fall into line instantly on a common mission. Perhaps it is due to military training; or else the widely-held belief that all Israeli governments are useless and the people must act for themselves, instead of waiting for help from Jerusalem.

Despite sympathy and support from overseas, for which Israel is immensely appreciative (Biden is very popular here now), Israelis, like American Jews, are shaken by the antisemitic reactions to this absolutely savage genocide and the resulting war, especially as seen on American college campuses and in cities as varied as Paris, London, New York and Daganstan, Russia. More than one Israeli has asked me if, after this is over, there will be a big aliyah of young people from the US to escape antisemitic college environments. My response is: "hopefully".

Many Israelis are optimistic that this war will regenerate a country that has become static, comfortable and divided, and that there will be a great rebirth of Zionism among American Jewry. I hope so. A Rabbi friend has said to me what many think quietly -- that this horrific disaster was brought upon us by act of G-d to unify us, both in Israel and the diaspora. Perhaps.

Every day on Israeli TV and social media, the subjects are the soldiers and the hostages. Sad and horrible stories of loss seem to be in endless supply; as casualties mount, each has



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a face and a story that is told to all of us. We also hear of bravery by soldiers and ordinary civilians alike on October 7th and afterwards. There are also happy stories of high military morale, surprise weddings of soldiers, and interviews with young and not-so-young soldiers committed to making the country safe again. Newscasts have featured brave female Caracal battalion soldiers who, under intense fire and with casualties, managed to kill over 100 terrorists alongside other units. Acts of heroism by Arab and Bedouin soldiers, whose communities have been solidifying behind Israel's mission, have also been featured. Not so well-known outside of Israel, 24 Bedouin men, women in hijabs and children from the Negev were murdered by Hamas terrorists (full-well knowing who they were) and 6 more were taken hostage. In a culture of long memories, there is little doubt these acts will shape Negev Bedouin attitudes for generations.

The commitment of the Haredi community in this war has been stereotype-shattering. Their charity work to help fellow Jews and the State is immense at a time when even the most secular among us are giving religion a bit more attention. Over 3,000 Haredi men have volunteered for IDF service. It has been reported that yeshiva students are tying and dying green tzitit for (mostly secular) soldiers as quickly as they can be made. Even I find myself laying tefillin almost every day, no longer able to ignore the growing number of sidewalk tefillin tables, always busy with everyone from traditional French Moroccans to Tel Aviv hipsters. This is a war supported by a mostly united Jewish people. While it is not a religious war per se, "there are no atheists in foxholes".

People here have lost the sense of security that existed before the war. On the beach and the streets of Tel Aviv, soldiers in uniform, in civilian clothes or even in bathing suits carry their M4 or TAVOR bullpup assault rifles, each loaded with a magazine, unlike before the war. While recently the streets are somewhat more lively than before, there is little public music and it is considered untoward to be boisterous or talk politically divisively. The common reply to this type of behavior is: "lo achshav", not now.

With 150,000-200,000 internal refugees from evacuated communities in the South and the North, you see these Israelis -- our people -- walking around

with suitcases and shopping bags of clothing and supplies, going to the next hotel or relatives' homes to crash. They might be luckier or less lucky than the 60,000 'Gaza envelope' internal refugees now encamped in hotels in Eilat. Last week I visited Eilat along with 30 international journalists on a trip organized by HonestReporting/MediaCentral to help tell our story to the world. (I am chairman of HonestReporting, the media bias monitoring organization based in Jerusalem.) We listened to the testimony of the refugees, how they have temporarily recreated their shattered communities, including schools, in those hotels. And with the amazing help of Israid, how they are dealing with their material and psychological trauma. It leaves you speechless.

For those interested, I have posted some of this testimony on [YouTube](#).

The war is hurting the economy, and no one knows how bad it will be going forward. Right now, approximately 18% of the workforce is temporarily dislocated -- either due to being called up to the army, the closure of businesses in the South, or the absence of tourists. With the slaughter, capture and dislocation of Israeli farmers and their Thai and other field workers near the Gaza border -- in Israel's "vegetable basket" -- there is an urgent need for volunteers to help harvest vegetables and fruits NOW.

So this is a time for action by all of us -- with our hearts, in prayer, and in more concrete ways. Get educated on the issues from sources like [Honestreporting.com](#) and support Israel online (where we are outnumbered 100 to 1) and in conversation with people you know, politicians, journalists. Contact friends, family and acquaintances in Israel, tell them "we are with you" and make them aware of what's being done on their behalf. Support Israel financially.

Above all, plan your trips to Israel, trying to include a volunteer component -- the economy and the people need you.



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### Israel Action Committee Update

By Dean Ungar

The Israel Action Committee of the Five Synagogues of White Plains was born in the midst of the second Intifada, the brain child of John Lightstone, z"l. It was one of John's great passions to bring Jews of all persuasions together; what better way than in support of Israel, and with great persistence John got buy-in from all the shuls. It is a great testament to John that more than 20 years later, with many new cast members, the committee continues to function.

The current committee consists of myself (Dean Ungar) and Sara Marko Rait from the Hebrew Institute of White Plains; Alan Septimus from Bet Am Shalom (also now a member of HIWP); Jen Mittelman of Temple Israel Center; Rachael Arenstein of Kol Ami; Lawrence Askowitz, Aitana Perlmutter and Michael Sevi of Young Israel of White Plains. In response to the tragic terrorist attack of October 7, something needed to be done quickly and the IAC jumped into action. We obtained the cooperation of all five synagogues, as well as the support of Shachar Liran-Hanan, our Shaliach, Rabbanit Atara Lindenbaum, and many others.

The first action was to arrange a successful community Zoom briefing on the war from Herb Keinon, senior political commentator for the Jerusalem Post. That event was effectively sold out -- we reached the maximum on our Zoom subscription. We followed that up with the procurement and distribution of lawn signs, at the suggestion of HIWP member Rob Blum. With incredible help from Rabbanit Atara's husband Jeremy and daughter Dahlia, a design was agreed upon and 250 signs were distributed. Below can be seen one of the signs proudly displayed on a White Plains lawn.



The IAC was actively involved in arranging transportation from White Plains to the national March for Israel in Washington, DC on Nov 14. In conjunction with Yael Slonim and the TIC staff, HIWP co-Presidents Michael Kellman and Gadi Romm, the UJA and Westchester Jewish Council, 12 buses were hired to bring over 600 people to the rally and back, including 90 from HIWP. It was a major achievement, implemented in less than a week.

What's next? The IAC is planning a comedy night fundraiser for the Koby Mandell Foundation (KMF), which helps bereaved mothers, fathers, wid-

ows, orphans and siblings rebuild their lives. After the inhuman savagery of October 7, KMF's services will be needed more than ever to create meaning out of suffering. Please stay tuned for further details on this event.

## Essay

### "GOOD LISTENERS"

By Susan Ross

In today's world, social media has become a dominant form of communication. Technological advances have replaced land phones and handwritten notes and ZOOM has become the means for human contacts.

However, one quality of communication, that should never cease, is the ability to listen effectively. It is important that what we hear is not misunderstood, because we did not listen. Indeed, it not just listening but how well we listen that is significant, so that no messages are misinterpreted.

Then, how relevant is Rabbi Marder's article in the Summer / Rosh HaShanah 5784 / 2023 "BULLETIN" entitled, "Listen. Listen well. Listen better. Listen." Rabbi Marder emphasizes the skills that are necessary for being good listeners so that engagements with others will deepen. While listening requires attention and compassion, we should use our knowledge, whereby we become nonjudgmental in all its forms and tune out any distractions, as we listen.

What do we hear, when we listen? We may hear the voices of love, pain, need, worry, or regret that are spoken aloud or our inner voices that might be too difficult to connect to others. Whether we listen to external or internal voices, the results are the same. We are better for others and for ourselves.

Now and far into the future, may we be blessed to listen better as we become better as people. With these thoughts in mind, we will be good listeners.

## Meet the Simchat Torah Honorees

### Chattan Bereishit Honoree Jon Rosner

I moved into White Plains 15 years ago with my family (where did the time go?!). For many years, I just was another member. Over time, I began actively contributing at the Purim carnival, delivering Mishloach Manot, making a Shiva minyan and occasionally taking a call from the Rabbi to make minyan for Mincha/Maariv. There are many ways to contribute to the warm, diverse HIWP community and I am honored to be recognized as an active member of the community.

### Chattan Torah Honoree Yehuda Cohen

Ever since I joined HIWP, I was struck by its warmth and sense of community. While I came every Shabbos and felt very comfortable, I was mostly a passive member of the shul. With time, however, I became an active contributor. Some of it happened by accident; namely, becoming the head of the Covid committee due to my medical training in infectious diseases. Other activities I took on by choice, whether it was frequently davening for the amud or joining the board. These roles have been fulfilling and have helped me grow as an individual as well. I appreciated the opportunity to give back to the community that had so generously welcomed me. I also realized that I had a responsibility to give back, as that is essential to being a part of a community.

I was very honored (and surprised) to be the Chatan Torah on Simchat Torah, and I see it as an incentive to continue to give of myself to the shul and community. HIWP is a unique place and I hope that it continues to inspire its members to step up — to help and contribute in any way that feels natural or doable for them. In doing so, we can all continue to create a wonderful shared sense of community and purpose.

### Oraitta\* Honoree Talia Metson

\*Oraitta is the Aramaic word for Torah

While the horrific attacks of October 7th have rightly placed our community's focus on Israel, I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to thank the Hebrew Institute of White Plains community for the privilege of receiving the Oraitta Honor on Simchat Torah this year. While certainly a strange day with a lot of uncertainty and speculation, I felt incredibly lucky to be going through all of the many emotions of that day with my HIWP community.

I grew up in a family of active lay shul participants and remember saying goodnight to my father as he headed out to shul board meetings or hearing stories of my grandparents' role in starting their own synagogue. As a result, when we moved to White Plains I knew I wanted to get involved with the shul and have relished the opportunity to serve on the HIWP Board of Directors, as well as in the role of Program Officer, New Member Outreach/Welcoming Committee and Board Secretary over the years.

These experiences have afforded me insight into the inner workings of the shul and nurtured strong relationships with shul members and staff. I feel incredibly lucky to have the opportunity to grapple with important issues on behalf of our community with such thoughtful, smart and caring individuals, and look forward to continuing to watch the HIWP community grow and flourish while maintaining its trademark warmth and openness.





## A Message from the *Youth Directors* Devora & Noam

### HIWP YOUTH - FALL 2023

Happy Fall y'all! We are off to an amazing start of another year of youth programming! Since the summer we have already had:

- End of summer ice cream truck
- Erev Rosh Hashana Challah bake
- Erev Sukkot Sukkah decorations and candy Sukkahs
- SUKKAH HOP!
- Youth leining program on Simchat Torah
- Parshat Noach petting zoo
- Parent/Child Learnings
- Thanksgiving gratitude deliveries to local first responders
- ... and we're just getting started!

We're so excited for what's still to come!  
Noam & Devora



## Meet the B'nei Mitzvah

### Tzipi Kahn

Tzipi Kahn celebrated her Bat Mitzvah at HIWP, on October 21st, parshat Noach. Tzipi leigned the entire parsha like a champ, plus the haftorah.

Tzipi is a 6th grader at Westchester Day School. She loves animals, art, and nature, along with her family and friends.

To celebrate her Bat Mitzvah, Tzipi and her friends volunteered at Cropsy Community Farm, with Grow Torah. The girls painted murals to decorate the barn and made apple cider. During these difficult times in Israel, Tzipi was proud that her Bat Mitzvah created an important moment for solidarity and tefillah.



### Naftuli Neuwirth

Naftuli recently commemorated a momentous milestone in his life—the joyous celebration of his Bar Mitzvah. A dedicated student at SAR Academy, Naftuli distinguishes himself not only through academic excellence but also through his active involvement in various aspects of school life.

As the daily Chazan, he leads with a blend of leadership and devotion, setting an uplifting tone for the school.

Off duty, Naftuli is a passionate fan of the Yankees and the Bills, with a life-sized Stephon Diggs decal transforming his room into a sports haven. Beyond sports, Naftuli is a devoted participant in Mishna Yomit, showcasing his commitment to exploring Jewish wisdom. A formidable chess competitor, he combines strategic acumen with fierce determination in every match. With a strong foundation in his faith, a love for learning, and an undeniable passion for sports, Naftuli is poised to leave a positive mark in both his local community and beyond



### Itai Gottlieb

On Shabbat Nitzavim-Vayelech, Itai Gottlieb celebrated his Bar-Mitzvah. He leyned the double parsha and chanted the haftorah beautifully. He also led musaf and gave a fascinating dvar torah about why several words in his parsha have dots over them. Itai explained that these dots teach us that our obligation

is to fulfill the Torah even though we don't know how everything will turn out in the future. Itai's sisters gave a dvar torah Friday night about how Moshe taught bnai Israel the importance of learning from your mistakes and not losing hope and his brother Zachy led the end of Shabbat morning tefillah. Itai was thrilled to celebrate with family, friends, and the whole community and was the first Bar-Mitzvah in the shul with the new doors for the Aron Kodesh!



Itai is an eighth grader at Westchester Day School. When he is not studying at school or going to minyan, he can be found playing or watching basketball especially his favorite team the Boston Celtics!

### David Rockoff

David Aryeh Rockoff is a 7th grade student at Westchester Day School, and is enjoying his second year as a White Plains resident. He began his journey in Kansas, where he attended Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy, and then moved to Colorado and spent the balance of his elementary school years at Denver Academy of Torah. David Aryeh plays the clarinet, loves to read, and enjoys fencing and playing flag football. In honor of his bar mitzvah, David Aryeh completed Sefer Yirmiyahu with his father and older brother, learned about his namesake (his great grandfather) and is proudly raising tzedakah funds to support the mental health of lone soldiers in the IDF. His proud parents and 3 siblings are excited to see what he will do next!



# What's Cooking with Rhonda Rose

Chanukah is coming, and one of my favorite things to eat are potato latkachs. There are many new and interesting ways to make them with different, colorful vegetables to add some color to your Chanukah table. I prefer the classic potato kind (with applesauce or sour cream of course!), but it's always fun to try new recipes. May this Chanukah season illuminate our world and bring peace and tranquility to all. Enjoy and let me know what you think.

Chanukah Sameach!

## Classic Potato Latkachs

Yield: About 3 dozen



2 large Russet potatoes (about 1 pound), scrubbed and cut lengthwise into quarters  
 1 large onion (8 ounces), peeled and cut into quarters  
 2 large eggs  
 ½ cup all-purpose flour  
 2 teaspoons coarse kosher salt (or 1 teaspoon fine sea salt), plus more for sprinkling  
 1 teaspoon baking powder  
 ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
 Safflower or other oil, for frying

Grate the potatoes and onion. Transfer the mixture to a clean dishtowel and squeeze and wring out as much of the liquid as possible.

Working quickly, transfer the mixture to a large bowl. Add the eggs, flour, salt, baking powder and pepper, and mix until the flour is absorbed.

In a pan over medium-high heat, pour in about ¼ inch of the oil. Once the oil is hot, use a heaping tablespoon to drop the batter into the hot pan, cooking in batches.

Use a spatula to flatten and shape the drops into discs. When the edges of the latkes are brown and crispy, about 5 minutes, flip.

Cook until the second side about another 5 minutes. Transfer the latkes to a paper towel-lined plate to drain and sprinkle with salt while still warm.

## Veggie Latkachs by "Baked by Melissa"



3 Carrots  
 2 zucchini  
 2 large Yukon gold potatoes  
 ½ cup avocado oil  
 4 eggs  
 2 teaspoon baking powder  
 2 ½ teaspoon salt  
 ½ teaspoon black pepper  
 1 cup flour

Shred the carrots, zucchini, onions, and potatoes. (Do the potatoes last so they don't have time to brown. I like to cut larger potatoes in half so they're easier to grip.)

Line a large bowl with a tea towel and add the grated vegetables.

Grab the ends of the tea towel and squeeze the water out of the vegetables into the bowl. (There are a lot of watery vegetables, so there should be a lot of water.)

In a large skillet, heat the avocado oil over medium heat.

To bowl with shredded vegetables, add the eggs, baking powder, salt, pepper, and flour.

## What's Cooking with Rhonda Rose

Mix together with your hands so everything is evenly combined and no streaks remain.

Using a large scoop, carefully add about a 1/4 cup of the vegetable mixture to the hot oil and flatten slightly with a spatula.

Cook the latkes for 2-3 minutes on each side until golden brown. As you cook, you may need to add more oil to the pan since the latkes will soak it up.

Transfer the latkes to a wire cooling rack and season with salt.

Sprinkle with chives as garnish.

### Pull Apart Menorah Pizza by Jamie Geller



12 ounces pizza dough  
 3/4 cup pizza sauce  
 1/2 cup mozzarella, shredded  
 2 teaspoons Za'atar or Italian spice, divided  
 Extra virgin olive oil for brushing  
 1 clove garlic, minced

Preheat the oven to 400°F (200°C).

Roll out the pizza dough into a large circle on a piece of parchment paper. Using a pizza cutter, pastry cutter or knife cut across in half.

Spread the sauce over one half-moon of dough. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese and zaatar or Italian spices. Flip the other half moon over top of the filling. Stretch the dough to cover completely.

Using a pizza cutter or knife, make slices about 1 inch apart from the middle outward to create 5

curved arms on each side, leaving the middle intact.

Pull the outer strips into the center and twist and fold over to create the base. Twist the remaining 4 strips on each side. Fold and twist the middle while pulling up to make the shamash taller than the rest.

In a small bowl, mix olive oil with garlic and remaining zaatar or Italian seasoning and brush over top. Bake for 12-15 minutes.

Note: You can also make this with spinach and cream cheese for a spinach dip pull-apart pizza. Simply combine 5 ounces thawed and drained spinach with 1/4 cup cream cheese, salt, and za'atar. Spread over the dough, sprinkle with mozzarella and top with other half of the dough. Follow instructions above for cutting and shaping.

### Chocolate Marshmallow Dreidels

12 chocolate kisses  
 8 ounces melted semisweet chocolate  
 12 marshmallows  
 12 thin pretzel sticks  
 2 ounces melted white chocolate



Dip bottom of chocolate kiss in melted semi-sweet chocolate. Press onto marshmallow; transfer to a parchment-lined baking sheet. Repeat to make 12 dreidels. Refrigerate for 10 minutes.

Cut a small slit in bottom of each marshmallow; insert 1 thin pretzel stick. Dip dreidels in chocolate, and return to baking sheet. Refrigerate until set, about 15 minutes.

Fill a resealable plastic bag with melted white chocolate; cut a tiny opening in a corner, and pipe Hebrew letters onto 3 sides of each dreidel.

Refrigerate at least 5 minutes or up to 8 hours before serving.

## Areivim Update

### Update from resettlement group ICNAW

submitted by Rena Fredman

Knowing first hand what it is like to live in the midst of terror, our resettled families offered support to Westchester's Jewish community as it dealt with the terror attacks in Israel. We heard from family members expressing their empathy and understanding for all that happened on October 7th in Israel. We are grateful for their support.

During these stressful times finding gratitude is more important than ever. With Thanksgiving season

here we would like to think of all the reasons to feel grateful rather than stressful. Thus, we share a few recent events that raise the spirits of all of us. .

First and most importantly, we are grateful for you - our compassionate, hardworking and generous friends and supporters.

We are also pleased to share with you that Mahnaz Ghafoor became a U.S. citizen in October, a few months after her husband Fardin became a citizen. In September, she and Fardin became first-time homeowners in White Plains. Further, there will be a new citizen in the Taiba and Ali Ahmadi home this spring! After trekking 11,000 miles from Kabul through South America and the dangerous Darien



Gap, and eventually to White Plains, this nascent bundle of joy is nothing short of a miracle.

Also, we helped family members of the folks we've resettled, who were left behind in Afghanistan, find their way through very dangerous and frightening circumstances, to make their way out of Afghanistan to freedom. We are grateful that Fardin's brother-in-law Sayed made it to safety in Germany and is "in process" for his U.S. Visa. And we assisted Taiba's brother and his family to find his way out of Afghanistan to begin a new life in France. Lastly, we are grateful, but not really surprised, that the women of our families are carving out careers of their own here in our Westchester community.

Within each new American citizen and each new life is the possibility that love, kindness and peace will prevail. The families you support are a testament to that aspiration.



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### Rebbetzin Francine Grauer (1924 - 2023)

Francine Grauer, Rebbetzen of the Hebrew Institute of White Plains for 44 years (1952 - 1995), passed away at age 99 on September 25, 2023. Below is a eulogy from her grandson Mati Grauer, additional remembrances from her son Josh, plus further tributes from some long-time HIWP congregants.

#### Mati Grauer Eulogy for his Grandmother

Good morning esteemed rabbis, family and friends.

If you're here today, you likely know that eulogies were my late grandfather's forte, so in his memory I will do my best.

The old saying goes: "Behind every great man is a great woman."

I stand before you on the same bima where I was fortunate enough to have my bris, bar mitzvah, aufruf and earned my license to wreak havoc as a 5 year-old boy on Shabbas morning- that is, until my grandmother arrived. In front of Francine (Temima Bat Yitzchak viBatya), affectionately known as Mimi to her family, we were always on our best behavior. Even as two wild boys who thought they were auditioning as professional wrestlers, Sam and I knew how to turn it off in front of our grandmother. As I packed last night, I glanced at my sneakers and thought to myself: "If Mimi knew I wore those to shul with a suit, she would not be happy. She would ask "IS IT YOM KIPPUR?" I continued to pack and caught the shadow of my scruff. Once again Mimi entered my head, asking "WHERE ARE YOU GOING WITH THAT BEARD?" Mimi, I shaved, prepared dress shoes, and put together some words to share with tears in my eyes. Mimi, Papa gave you your Hebrew name Temima, which means flavorful or good. How fitting and beautiful, the perfect way to describe you, so full of life and with the best laugh. To the rest of the world you were "Rebbetzin Grauer" -- elegant, stylish, the perfect hostess with the perfect marriage. You were "on" nearly 50 weeks/year, but you always managed to prioritize time for family barbecues, beautiful Pesach seders and travel to Israel and your favorite vacation spots.

I have several older first cousins who can attest to elaborate bar/bat mitzvah trips; however, I reaped the many benefits of being a teenager with retired grandparents in Miami Beach. I had the distinct

pleasure of flying down to visit them more times than I can count, and I even gained a shidduch in the process. Not many people know this, but my wife Elana met Mimi and Papa on the beach before we were even dating. She literally met them on her way to meeting me --I would be remiss if I didn't give them some credit.

Sam and I loved growing up in White Plains with Mimi and Papa just a bike ride away for healthy week-night dinners and/or a swim. We spent many years trying to leverage our Grauer name -- it only worked at the White Plains Bake Shoppe, but we tried! I felt lucky when Elana and I moved our family to Florida; for while I was leaving 98% of my family, I had Mimi and Papa close by once again. We enjoyed frequent and regular visits.

While there were moments the responsibility felt heavy, I wouldn't have traded any difficulties for the nachas I received watching Mimi experience near heart attacks as my

kids jumped from the Blue Diamond waterfall and navigated the glass coffee tables in her apartment.

Mimi and Papa -- Rabbi and Rebbetzin Grauer -- were pioneers of modern orthodox Jewry here in Westchester from the 50's through the 90's, and their legacy continues to live on. But I feel confident in saying that their strongest and greatest legacy was their family. You have heard the numbers: 14 grandchildren and 54 great-grandchildren and even four great-great-grandchildren, both here and in Israel.. But Mimi's biggest achievement was that no matter which of us you asked...we all felt as if we were her favorite!

Mimi possessed a way of making us each feel like our successes, our marriages and our children, were the most important thing happening in her life. When we would visit, she informed us who had just come through and who was expected. Mimi let me know that while she valued my 30 minute drive from Hollywood, Ari was coming from New Rochelle! And Michael and Karen were coming from Israel!! And Sam and Annie were bringing the kids from New York City! Mimi, I hope you felt the tremendous love and prayers that we stormed the heavens with. I feel at peace that you are finally reunified with Papa, your number 1. We will try our best to, G-d willing, continue to make you proud as your legacy only grows.

I love you!

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### Tributes to Francine Grauer

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#### Josh Grauer Tribute to his Mother

Mom grew up in a hardworking family; her parents both worked in their children's clothing store for 50 years, and she also worked in the store after school during her youth.

A lifelong pattern of eating out began in childhood at Ratners and Lou G. Siegels, and she never stopped dining out wherever a kosher restaurant could be found in the world.

She met Rabbi Grauer through his cousin Roslyn Kurz, a campmate of hers at Camp Rena in Palmer, MA. The rest was a whirlwind of Miami, White Plains and back to Miami.

She adored her life in White Plains. In her final weeks we spoke about shul members whom she recalled perfectly with great affection.

My memories include Jane and me being taken by plane and two trains to St Moritz for cross country skiing with Rabbi and Rebbetzin.

Never in my life have I seen a grandmother with so many close relationships with grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Everyone wanted to be with my mom. She was named Mimi by grandson Michael and the name fit. She was always very grateful for everything good in her life, and it was always on her mind that everyone she knew should have more than her. Her life is one to be celebrated and missed with a smile. Family happiness for each and every child, grandchild, and great-grandchild was her *raison d'être*. She could never give - in every sense of the word - enough to each and every one of us. We made her happy. We wanted her approval. We were always proud of the way she carried herself. Until the very end she looked wonderful. We should move forward with the knowledge that our matriarch had a very long wonderful life and left a legacy to be cherished and passed on with the same joy and humor that she displayed. In addition to Sheri z"l (and Stanley Raskas), Josh (and Jane), David (and Amy) and Debbie (and Richie Finkelstein), she is survived by 14 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

#### From Debbie Guthartz

As a young mother with a very young family, joining a small synagogue with much older congregants,

Rabbi and Fran Grauer welcomed Marc and I with an extremely warm embrace. They went out of their way to get to know us a little better and definitely made us feel included. They were thrilled to introduce us to their sons and daughters-in-laws, hopeful that we would stay in the community and become friends.

As adults, paying our own synagogue dues, Fran Grauer was our first Rebbetzin, and she was nothing like the ones we had known growing up. Early on in our association with HI, I was very happy to receive an invitation from Mrs. Grauer, but it was not for Marc and I and it was not for a shabbat lunch, but for an inter-generational water exercise class in her backyard pool! She thought it would be a nice way for new, young women (all 3 or 4 of us at the time), to meet those who had been members longer. Once I got over my surprise at the invitation, I have to admit, it really was a lot of fun and went a long way towards breaking down any barriers, and as I got to know Mrs Grauer, I would learn just how important staying fit was to her! She had invited us all to join her in something she loved to do!

#### From Malka Shalit

When she and Shimon moved to White Plains in 1969, they knew no one. On their very first Shabbat there, Fran and Rabbi Grauer came to visit their house on Winslow Road, and immediately made them feel at home in the community.

When the 1973 Yom Kippur War broke out, Shimon flew to Israel at once to provide his services and expertise as a surgeon. The Grauers provided invaluable support for Malka, left at home with her five children.

At Fran Grauer's urging, Malka became involved in shul volunteer activities. She was particularly active in Sisterhood (where Fran wanted her to become president).

For their enduring friendship and support over so many years, Malka and Shimon remember Fran and Rabbi Grauer with great respect and love.

#### From Norma Hurwitz

I recall how gracious Fran was when she willingly opened her home for AMIT meetings and other such gatherings.

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### From Carol Heller Corbin

A fourth-generation member of the Hebrew Institute, HIWP has always been an important part of my life. Most significantly since 1951, when Rabbi and Fran came to White Plains and became not only our Rabbi and Rebbetzin but extended members of the Robi-nowitz-Heller family.

Officiating at all our family's simchas and times of sorrow, nothing can more express the impact Rabbi had in my life than the letter (shared with me by Jane from the Grauer archives) my father, Frank Heller, wrote to him the day after Herb and I were married in 1963.

"In a very large measure, you Rabbi gave to Carol and Herbert's wedding the dignity, meaning and execution for which Grace and I will be forever thankful...No other Rabbi could have awakened in Carol an awareness of the traditions of her people."

Since the time Rabbi and Fran moved permanently to Miami, not a Rosh Hashanah or Passover began without our calling to wish each other a Good Yontif and sharing family stories, travels, recipes, etc. After Rabbi's passing in 2018 this tradition continued after Fran moved to Monsey. Speaking with Fran was inspiring as she described how she was celebrating the holiday and details about each of her children, grandchildren and newly born great-grandchildren. When asking about our family, Fran remembered everyone's name and information I had shared during our last conversations.

Rosh Hashanah and Passover will never be the same for me, but the memories of our conversations will always remain.



### Leah K. Weitzman (1920—2023)

Long-time HIWP congregant Leah Weitzman passed away on September 24, 2023 at the age of 103. She was a prominent, active member of the community, volunteering for many committees and events over her 55 years in White Plains. Below are eulogies from her son, Mark Weitzman, and daughter, Hadassah Weitzman Bennett.

#### Leah Weitzman Eulogy by Hadassah Weitzman Bennett

Intellectually -- We knew this day would come but we are never prepared. Emotionally -- We are so very sad, but we also acknowledge and thank G-d for the tremendous blessing we received all these years.

You have all come to honor my mother Leah Kremer Weitzman who has died *ובשיבה טובה* the fullness of years. A woman in some ways ahead of her time...She always signed her name with that K in the middle.

I want to share a little about her life. And then one or two of the many lessons we learned from her.

Thinking of my mother, some words that come to mind: fiercely independent (stubborn or steadfast in her ways); the importance of personal relationships - with friends and, foremost above all, family.

She lived her life in Brooklyn and then White Plains, with large chunks of time in Israel.

She was born in Brooklyn NY, in Williamsburg, the youngest of four siblings to Paul and Sarah Kremer - two immigrants to the United States - and lived there until she married. She was educated at local public school and after-school Talmud Torah, and graduated Eastern District High School and Mar-shalia (a supplementary Hebrew high school). While her formal education was truncated, she had a keen inquisitive mind, exceptional mathematical and business skills, and was a voracious reader until the end of her days. One of her pastimes was to call us and talk about articles in that day's newspaper that were relevant to us.

She was a child of the Depression and had to help support her family from an early age. This was

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the beginning of her tremendous drive for self-sufficiency and independence. World War II was obviously a major event in her life. She was very proud that during the war she was accepted as a civilian volunteer at a secret plane spotting facility - a fact that she was happy to share with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She met my father at a Manhattan Zionist organization event in 1947 and they moved to the Mapleton Park area of Brooklyn - where they lived until they came to White Plains in 1968.

She always worked .... and at each place she became a presence. She made her first mark at Wasserstein Brothers, a firm that made ribbons. Those of you who were lucky enough to have received gifts from her now know where she learned the right way to tie bows and curl ribbons. She managed the office at the Syrian Synagogue on 67th street in Brooklyn, and so endeared herself to one of the Chachams that he wanted to marry her off to his son. For many years she ran the Ladies Auxiliary office at the Yeshiva of Flatbush - and became a presence in the lives of many of our friends. In White Plains she made her mark at Martino Plumbing, and only left when they went out of business about 20 years ago.

She was very proud of the fact that she and my father made many sacrifices to send Mark and me to Hebrew day school - me as the first girl in our family to do so.

In addition to working full time, she always managed to find time to volunteer and participate in various ways at every school or shul with which her family was involved.

Earlier I mentioned relationships - one of the major lessons I have learned from her is the importance of family, and how to cultivate close relationships with all generations by connecting and being interested in their lives. She has and will always hold a very special place in all my children's and grandchildren's lives. This was reinforced during the past several years when flying became difficult for her - not content to have telephone relationships, they independently arranged to fly and visit her, sometimes multiple times. This included Matan, my grandson in the Israel army, who took his ten day vacation to fly

and visit her in July, and Ayala, my granddaughter in the army, who also got permission to visit her just a few weeks ago. In addition to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, who are sharing their sadness and love for her, so also are her nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and even some great-greats... and all of them are speaking from the heart. She noted each and everyone's birthday and often called them, and always knew to ask about things relevant to them in their lives.

She also warmly welcomed any married-ins to the family. If that person made the blood member happy, they were in!

Her connectedness also extended outside our family. Friends of ours and of our children adopted her as their own, often causing some territorial issues.

We have been told that she is somewhat of a legend in White Plains. My parents flourished in White Plains and they helped White Plains grow. They were part of a small but close-knit group that helped boost the Hebrew Institute to where it is today. Among others, that group included the Berkowitzes, the Besdines and Anita Rosenstock, who thank G-d are still with us. My father was the gabbai, first with Israel Kurz z"l and then with Bert Rosenstock z"l. My mother was on the committee that helped bring Rabbi Marder to this community.

Here I must say a special thank you to Rabbi Marder, who - over the years, but especially in the last few years - has been there for my mother and us. My mother had a special spot in her heart for you and you deserve it.

I wrote this on the plane and I didn't mention all her friends in White Plains who are no longer part of the community. Of course, Rabbi Grauer and Fran were an important part of that group. When I landed, I found out that through an amazing bit of unexplainable irony, Fran is also being brought to rest today - and they will once again be neighbors. Condolences to the extended Grauer clan.

I would like to share a personal story that in many ways epitomizes my mother:

From a psychological perspective, being Leah Weitzman's daughter was not always simple. As a result, I never tried to compete. Her culinary skills were legendary. I do bake and cook, but not all her specialties. I was really thrilled and content to watch her pass these recipes on to my children and grandchild-

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dren, who actively follow them. The first year she couldn't come to Israel for Pesach she supervised the cooking session in my kitchen via FaceTime. One of her specialties was her honey cake which she made this time of year - and if she wasn't with us in Israel, it was delivered there by Harvey, me or any other available family member. We were resigned that this year it was not to be. Two weeks ago, Harvey and I walked into her apartment and found her standing at the counter - with great effort - with a Hebrew Institute cookbook open to my grandmother's recipe, stringently supervising Pauline as she measured out the ingredients of a honey cake. We were only able to convince my mother to sit down after we promised to finish the cake. So I, together with Harvey, finished baking my first honey cake. Later my mother called me two or three times to tell me how happy she was with what we did - and that now I know how to bake a honey cake! I didn't know that she knew - but she did - and made a superhuman effort to teach me, and in the process gave me an incredible gift.

Finally, I want to thank all of you who maintained that connectedness with my mother these past few years. Whether a visit or a phone call, she was invigorated by them all and happily relayed many of the details to me. I also want to thank Pauline, who made these past few months so much more bearable for my mother.

My mother always told me that she told people that she and my father were blessed with four children - Mark and Elaine and Harvey and me. She truly believed that. I will leave it to Mark to speak of Elaine...but ... Harvey - as your wife I have to say publicly what an incredible son-in-law you have been. You truly behaved as the son she considered you to be, and in turn that supported me.

Mom - All of us tried really hard together (with our different strengths and weaknesses) to follow your guidance and wishes - even in the last few more challenging months. I am sorry if it couldn't be 100%, but I am so grateful that for the most part we did it, and you were able to live as you wished.

Mom, we love you. We will miss you so much in so many ways. Among other things, I already feel the lack of the daily (sometimes more) phone calls and updates... but we know you deserve a rest. We hope you are at peace together with Dad, who you missed so much. And we will, with G-d's help, have so much to do for many years to try in some way to begin to fill your shoes. It's a huge challenge.

תהא נפשך צרורה בצרור החיים

### Leah Weitzman Eulogy by Mark Weitzman

"You People"!

That is how my mother would frequently begin addressing us, particularly when she was cross - some of you might even recognize that. But today, I think she would look out and say "You People" in an entirely different tone, shocked and gratified that so many have turned out to express their respect, honor and love for her.

It is simply incredible that Leah Weitzman and Francine Grauer, two women who embodied the life of the Hebrew Institute, wives of the longtime Gabbai and Rabbi, and the deepest of friends for about 55 years, should be going to Olam Haba together. The relationship between my parents and the Grauers was deep, strong and based on shared values, mutual admiration and strong commitment to Judaism, and in particular HIWP. When my parents moved here in the late 1960s the shul had only a small core of learned and Shomer Shabbat members. Recognizing what they had in common, the Grauers reached out and the friendship was quickly struck; as was the enduring friendship she had with Marilyn and Ezra Berkowitz, who thank God are able to be here today. My mother and Mrs. Grauer were in touch almost until the very end, and they each looked forward to their regular conversations. All I can add is that in some way it is fitting to say

ובמותם לא נפרדו.

Throughout her long life she shunned the spotlight, even walking out of the surprise 45th anniversary party that my father planned for her in our house. And in case you didn't know her, she was a really strong woman with really strong opinions, and was stubborn and impossible to move when she made up her mind.

Her personality was formed by both nature and circumstance. Her father Paul O. Kremer was an extraordinarily powerful personality, whose influence on his children was long-lasting. Her mother Sara was a silent partner in the family. My mother was born in Williamsburg in 1920. The family suffered reverses in the Depression and she told me stories of the difficult times growing up and the impression it left on her. She graduated from public high school with a Hebrew school education and was extremely

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popular, telling us stories of all the future prominent rabbis whose advances she turned down (including those whom she rejected because they used their studies to avoid military service in WWII). Together with her future sister-in-law, Bernice (Kremer nee Goldberg), she served as a lookout for enemy planes approaching the New York shores during World War II. She was extraordinarily effective in that – New York was never threatened by air (submarine, yes)!

She met my father Harry, z'l at a dance of the Manhattan Zionist club (ironically, his military service in the Coast artillery was a similar but more active version of hers). They married in 1947 and lived in apartments in Brooklyn for the next 23 years. I vividly remember the years we lived on the same floor as my father's parents. My mother was an amazing daughter-in-law, providing support whenever needed. She told me many times of the unique and special relationship with my grandfather, her father-in-law, whom she described as a man that no one could say a bad word about. (Micole, Rebecca – I hope you're taking notes here). Life was not always easy for them, and my mother went to work as the Secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Yeshiva of Flatbush so Hadassah and I could go there. But she didn't just work there - she made friends that lasted for their lifetimes.

Her work there reflected my parents' joint commitment to ensuring that Hadassah and I had the best Jewish education possible. They also modeled that commitment to learning throughout their lives. As Rabbi Marder can attest, my mother was a regular participant in his weekly Zoom Chumash class until the end, and she even recently tried another Zoom class on Israeli poetry that her niece Ruth Krasner recommended. But her interests were not limited to Jewish issues alone; she was a daily reader of the New York Times, and read The New Yorker regularly - until she switched to The Atlantic two years ago because she found "their articles to be better written". She also devoured novels and non-fiction and was constantly on the lookout for new titles.

But what made her really special was her remarkable ability to relate and connect with people as individuals, regardless of age, gender, background, occupation etc. This ranged from the doorman in her build-

ing, who told me how Mom used to chat with him, to her grandchildren's friends. This applied even more so to her family, particularly her grandchildren (Adina, Elana, Elie, Eytan, Yaron and Ilan, Giora, Erica, Micole and Rebecca) and her 14 great grandchildren. It's a cliché to say that each is special, but my mother transcended the cliché by actually relating to them on their own level. Whether through cooking or asking about the finances of pro basketball she was able to tap into their individuality. She had high standards and strong opinions but was always ready to listen to them and accept them as they are. One of her favorite stories was being told by the late Professor Yaffa Eliach that she learned from my mother the value of spending time with each grandchild and learning how to relate to each of them as individuals.

She applied the same principle to her extended family as well – although extended is really a misnomer here because for her family was... well, family, and everyone was close; no one was extended (even when she was angry at them). These roots were built through her extremely strong relationship with her siblings, particularly her sister Joan and brother Abe.

But the dominant relationship was with my father. Her love for him continued until her last day. There never could be anyone else after him -- her highest praise was an emotional "Dad would have been so proud", usually referring to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was also my greatest supporter through my childhood. When times were difficult, she encouraged me and provided unconditional love. She put up with a great deal through my non-conventional moments, including my unique academic path, my sense of humor and my philosophical resistance to authority (including my father). Yet later on she let me know how proud she was of my career and my books, which I often found out from others. She was never one to let people get too full of themselves!

She loved and treated Elaine as a daughter, which is also cliché that again is based on truth. And Elaine also loved her and stepped up for her, particularly in later years as her needs increased. They engaged on all sorts of levels, from what to wear, which clothes and gifts to buy for the children, to financial and practical advice, leading to a relationship built on love and respect. When I was

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(frequently) overseas, Elaine was the one responsible for my mother's care and was always ready to step up when necessary.

And I want to thank my brother-in-law Harvey who became a son to her and a brother to me. He took the time to fit everything from "marketing" to medical advice and care for her into his schedule despite commuting back and forth to Israel. This was also an extraordinary expression of love and respect that my mother greatly appreciated and relied upon.

Hadassah has described her perspective – all I will add is that the strength of their relationship was evident in the way distance made it grow even stronger after her Aliyah to Israel. The mutual effort that it took to overcome that distance was clearly built on the strong love that they shared.

My mother lived a long and blessed life. She embodied the rabbinic phrase

“איזהו עשיר? השמח בחלקו”.

For her, wealth was measured in relationships and values. She was elegant, not as a follower of glossy magazine fads but with a timeless classic style and personality, similar in construction to an elegant sentence or thought. Elaine has often told the story of her entering the Inbal Hotel in Jerusalem (her happy place) and seeing the entire staff rush and greet her as if she was some international VIP – which was a response to her personality and character, and certainly not to her tips!

I'd like to think she passed with only two regrets – not to have been able to see this magnificent new shul to which she and my father had given so much of themselves and were so involved with; and even more, not to be able to observe and share in the future achievements and s'machot of her family, particularly her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

My mother was not a perfect woman, as she would sometimes admit. But her love and concern for those she cared about was her dominant characteristic.

She had high expectations of those she cared about because she recognized their potential to reach those levels; that, together with her strong sense of self, her opinions and her love, left the vivid impression that will remain strong and be a

model for all who were privileged to know her.

לברכה זיכרונה תהי

### **Sandra Greenwald (1953 – 2023)**

Sandra M. Greenwald passed away peacefully on September 21 at age 70, with her best friend Glenda Lilling by her side. Sandra grew up and attended public schools in Yonkers NY. As an only child, she was very close to both her parents, but her mother passed away when she was a teenager.

Her father Robert Greenwald was a teacher for many years, and Sandra always aspired to teach grade school. She was passionate about reading and history. Initially attending college in Michigan, she later received both BA and Masters degrees in teaching in Westchester. Unfortunately, various serious illnesses prevented her from pursuing her career to the fullest extent. She held service jobs at JC Penny and Lord & Taylor over the years and was able to volunteer at schools through a program called Reading Buddies. She also did private tutoring in reading whenever she could. Her business card had a lovely header that read: "Helping students reach their full potential".

She loved to travel and took many trips both when she was young and again as an adult. She met her best friend Glenda on a trip to the Bahamas about 30 years ago. My mother, Harriet Jaffe Greenwald, cared for Sandra through a difficult illness; Sandra lived for a time with them (her father and my mom). Sandra and I grew very fond of each other; Sandra came out to visit me in San Francisco and I would see her in Manhattan almost every time I traveled there for business.

Sandra was a great fan of Star Trek and attended Star Trek conventions. She also adored the Beatles and knew all their music; in fact, we played the song "Imagine" at the close of her graveside service.

She was very close to her cousin Marty Brown growing up. He and his wife Ellen and their children were a great comfort to Sandra during her last years. Also, thank you to Rabbi Marder of The Hebrew Institute of White Plains for his attention to Sandra during her final illness.

She is at rest now. I will miss my calls to her each week, always ending with love.

- Written by Anita Jaffe, stepsister of Sandra M Greenwald

# Family News

(August 29– November 29, 2023 )

## Mazal Tov and Notables

Caralyn Bierman & Seth Gross on their marriage

Ilana Rosenberg & Michah Gottlieb on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Itai Gottlieb

Marilyn Kneller & Neil Rimsky on the birth of grandson. Proud parents are Rebecca Rimsky & Daniel Stecker

Joyce & Ted Besdine on the birth of a great grandson born to Aviva & Steven Balter. Proud grandparents are Gail & Bruce Bukeit

Cari & Simon Rosenberg on the birth of a grandson born to Molly & Isaac Hefez. Proud paternal grandparents are Leslie & Mordechai Hefez

Jamie Schneider-Schwartz & Kivi Schwartz on the birth of a baby girl, Rosie Hallel Schwartz born on September 26, 2023. Paternal grandparents are Debbie Schwartz, Cedarhurst NY and Robert & Sherry Schwartz, Boynton Beach FL. Maternal grandparents are Susan & Bruce Schneider, Scarsdale

Rena Fredman & David Lichtenstein on the engagement of their daughter Maia Lichtenstein to Danny Richmond. Proud parents are Mary & Les Richmond of Toronto Canada

Joyce & Ted Besdine on the birth of a great grandson born to Elisheva Bukiet & Nathan Ziegler. Proud grandparents are Gail & Bruce Bukiet

Mazal Tov to Our Simchat Torah Honorees

Chattan Torah: Yehudah Cohen

Chattan Bereishit: Jon Rosner

Oraitta\* Honoree: Talia Metson \* *Oraitta is the Aramaic word for Torah*

Alex & David Kahn on the occasion of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Tzipi

Devora & Noam Lubofsky on the birth of their son, Rami, born on October 15, 2023. Maternal grandparents are Dr. Sharon Millen of Nanuet, NY and Rabbi Yehuda Millen of Silver Spring, MD. Paternal grandparents are Yael and Stephen zt"l Lubofsky of New Rochelle

The following people completed Mishnayot Seder Moed: Judah Steinberg, Aaron Steinberg, Matan Braunstein, Molly Bressman, Gabriella Bressman Avital Pollak, Adina Rosenblum, Noam Lubofsky

David Zimbalist & Beverly Fainer on the marriage of Sophie Zimbalist and Harry Kosowsky

Sharona & Dovid Kotkes on the birth of a son

Liz & Ben Pasternack on the birth of a daughter

Brina & Teddy Stalbow on the birth of a baby girl. Proud grandparents are Tami & Joey Stalbow and Judy & Jeffrey Tretin. Proud great grandparents are Marliyn & Ezra Berkowitz

Jessica & Jeremy Rosenblum on the occasion of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Adina

Ayala Zolton & Dani Rockoff on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, David Rockoff (offsite)

Deena Blanchard & Akiva Novetsky on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, AJ Blum (in Israel)

Elana & David Steltzer on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Etai

Ellen & Dean Ungar and family on the engagement of their son Jacob to Julia Lustig. Daughter of Rachel Brody & Michael Lustig. Niece of Michelle Brody & Hal Blumenfeld

Cari & Simon Rosenberg on the birth of their granddaughter, Ellie Dafna Rosenberg. Proud parents are Sarah & Michael Rosenberg

## Milestones

Briana & Mark Schwartz share the news of the marriage of their son Zachary to Jesse Lender

## Yasher Koach

Rabbanit Atara for leading and hosting the youth oneg/ Parent Child Learning session

Dan Steinhauer and Rhonda Rose for editing another great Summer edition of the bulletin

Diane Bloom for making the shulcan covers for the bimah

Rabbi Marder, Rabbanit Atara and our guest speakers Rabbi Annie Tucker of Temple Israel Center, Rabbi Lester Bronstein of Bet Am Shalom and Rabbi Jason Fenster of Congregation Kol Ami for a successful Community Elul Evening of Study

Hosts Norma Hurwitz and Judy Grant along with facilitator Sharon Rothman for leading the HIWP Book Group for Code Name Sapphire

Special thank you to our security team for their hard work to keep us safe while we experienced the high holidays together

Rabbanit Atara for organizing and those who participated in the rain for the Women's Shabbat Shuva musical Seudah Shlishit and Havdalah. Special thanks to the Boim-Wildman Family for the use of their home

Guest baal tefillah Yisrael Portnoy Rabbi Marder in the main sanctuary and Rabbi Marc Wolf with Rabbinat Atara in the beit midrash for leading Kol Nidre services

## Family News

Rabbi Shlomo Ressler for his recent publication of *The Daily Aliyah*, a collection of practical and relevant thoughts on every Aliyah of every single Parsha! All proceeds go to Daily Giving.

To the Battalion, Greene, Mirsky, Rockoff, Rosenstock and Wasserman Families, Rabbi Marder and Rabbi Greenberg who participated in the annual Sukkah Hop

Talia Metson, Rabbi Marder and Noam Lubofsky for coordinating the New Members Meet and Greet. Many new members and their children came to get acquainted in the sukkah!

Rabbanit Atara for leading the 1st monthly Golden Age learning with brunch in the shul sukkah. The group meets on first Wednesday of the month

Solidarity with Israel Kiddush Sponsors for their generous contributions for Israel

Dean Ungar and the Israel Action Committee for organizing the zoom briefing on Israel from Herb Keinon of the Jerusalem Post

The Israel Action Committee of the Five Synagogues of White Plains created lawn signs calling for the return of the hostages and in support of Israel. Through efforts by Dean Ungar, IAC Chair, over 250 lawn signs were distributed by HIWP and the other synagogues. Thanks to Dahlia Bressman who participated in the lawn sign design

Israel Portnoy, Rabbi Marder, Jon Madof, and others for the meaningful Motzei Shabbat Kumzitz

Team Portnoy Worenklein who circled Manhattan to raise money as part of Bike MS last Sunday: Marni Bessler, Herbert Block, Michael Kellman, Kenny Sadinoff, Leah Portnoy Worenklein

The Areivim Committee and ICNAW for the Virtual Panel Discussion on the future of women and girls in Afghanistan

Rabbanit Atara for organizing the Day of Kindness and the volunteers who helped make the event a huge success. Volunteers include: Seff Family, Menashe Family, Cooper Nadis Family, Blanchard Novetsky Family, Noam Levy, Judith Block, Metson Family, Karla Olson, Rena Fredman, Susan Silkes, Shira Goldman, Labaton Posner Family, Charlie Rosen

The Thrift Shop has generously donated 50% of their sales on Day of Kindness for Israel charities

Daniel Bendavid, Lisa Birnbaum and Rabbanit Atara for Parshat Noach Petting Zoo. Special thanks to the Nussbaums for hosting the petting zoo

Rabbi Marder for leading zooms with our college students

Sara Labaton and Rebecca Wolf for organizing the Guest Speaker Michal Bar-Asher Siegal Shabbaton. Special thanks to Lara & David Siegel and Arielle & Yehuda Cohen for hosting the onegs

Rabbanit Atara and Noam conducted a Yachad and HIWP

Youth Sensitivity Training session for teens in grades 7-12, In addition to the training, they made cholent to be served at teen minyan

Special thanks to Yael Slonim and Israel Action Committee Chair Dean Ungar for enabling the 5 Synagogues to travel together to the March for Israel at the Capital. UJA Federation significantly subsidized the buses from White Plains Thank you Michael Kellman for getting hats printed for the group

Norma Hurwitz for hosting the zoom HIWP Book Group to discuss *Dressmakers of Prospect Heights* by Kitty Zeldis

Rabbanit Atara for participating in the 8th annual Night of Jewish Learning presented by Westchester Board of Rabbis and Westchester Jewish Council

Thrift Shop volunteers who stayed late for a special Student Pre- Holiday Shopping Event and helped our young members with their purchases

Noam, Daniel Bendavid, Rabbi Marder and all families who came together last week to prepare Thanksgiving Gratitude deliveries to our Local Heroes at the police, fire and ambulance corp stations

### Tzeitchem Leshalom!

To Judy & Gil Grant as they make "half-aliyah" and head to their Tel Aviv home

### We Extend Heartfelt Condolences To:

Gadi Romm on the passing of his father, Rabbi Leonard Romm

Mark Weitzman and Hadassah Bennett on the passing of their mother, Leah Weitzman

Josh Grauer on the passing of his mother, Rebbetzin Francine Grauer

The Family of Sandra Greenwald, on her passing

Jamie Feit on the passing of her father, Barry Beyer

Michael Stein on the passing of his father Herman Stein

The Family of Leon Greenspan, former president of HIWP, on his passing

Rabbi Shmul Greenberg on the passing of his mother, Rebbetzin Evelyn Greenberg

Liz Katz on the passing of her mother, Deanna Evans

Audrey Reich on the passing of her mother, Mary Zeltzer Unger

David Bessler on the passing of his father, Sigi Bessler

## Gifts and Contributions

(August 29—November 29, 2023)

### MAZAL TOV:

**Marilyn Kneller & Neil Rimsky on the birth of a grandson**

Paula & Evan Gilder

**Joyce & Ted Besdine on the birth of a great grandson**

Paula & Evan Gilder

**Lisa & Terence Schwartz on the engagement of their daughter**

Barbara & Martin Marks

**Rena Fredman & David Lichtenstein on the engagement of their daughter**

Evan & Paula Gilder

**Debbie & Marc Guthartz in honor of the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter, Stella Guthartz**

Jane & Josh Grauer

**Alex & David Kahn in honor of the bat mitzvah of Tzipi**

Barbara & Martin Marks

Rena Fredman & David

Lichtenstein (Women's Tefillah)

Audrey & Alan Schulman (Capital Fund)

**Devora & Noam Lubofsky in honor of birth of their son, Rami**

Rena Fredman & David

Lichtenstein (Youth Programming)

### IN HONOR OF:

**Norma Bellman, who is on the road to recovery**

Pamela Mund & Jon Bellman

(Rabbis Discretionary Fund)

**Talia Metson for receiving the Simchat Torah Oriatta Honor**

Aliza & Avi Sadiky

Kay Cohen (Capital Fund)

Barbara Gottlieb (Reno Fund)

**Gary Katz on his 55th birthday**

Audrey & Keith Reich

**Rabbanit Atara In thanks for learning Gemara with Nava this summer**

Brooke & Rabbi Yossi Pollak

**Jana & Gadi Romm Congrats on joining the silver anniversary club!**

Teri Kopp (Capital Fund)

**Jerry Hurwitz on his birthday**

Bennet Silverman

### RECOGNITION OR THANKS:

**Rabbi Marder for learning with Sammy and Marcus for their B'nei Mitzvah**

Rhonda & Gerard Rose

**Suzie & Rabbi Marder in gratitude for gracious dinner in the sukkah**

Marilyn & Ezra Berkowitz

**Mimi Zohar in gratitude for gracious dinner in the sukkah**

Marilyn & Ezra Berkowitz

### IN MEMORY OF:

**Gadi Romm in memory of his father Rabbi Leonard Romm**

Audrey & Keith Reich

Lisa Kahn & David Kriegel

Teri Kopp

Suzy Toporovsky

Lisa & Terence Schwartz

Adena Laufer & Zachary

Saltzman

Deena Blanchard & Akiva

Novetsky

Gerson Smith

Cari & Simon Rosenberg

Jane & Josh Grauer

Vivian Sager

Audrey & Alan Schulman

(Capital Fund)

Marilyn Kneller & Neil Rimsky

(Capital Fund)

**Gadi Romm in memory of his father Rabbi Leonard Romm**

Jonathan Goodblatt (Rabbi's Discretionary Fund)

Talia & Matthew Crystal (Rabbis Discretionary Fund)

Betsy and Alan Chanales (Rabbis Discretionary Fund)

**Josh Grauer in memory of his mother, Rebbetzin Francine Grauer**

Malka & Shimon Shalit

Lisa Kahn & David Kriegel

Heda Silverstein

Selvia & Leonard Weinstein

Lloyd Lense and Family

Roxanne & Eric Levine

Lorri Nadel

Cari & Simon Rosenberg

Gail & Daniel Kabakoff

Emily and Ira Kirschenbaum

Anita Rosenstock

Amy & Michael Weiner

Jana & Gadi Romm

Mr & Mrs Carl Rosenzweig

Kay Cohen (Capital Fund)

Teri Kopp (Capital Fund)

Audrey & Alan Schulman

(Capital Fund)

Marilyn Kneller & Neil Rimsky

(Capital Fund)

Jonathan Goodblatt (Rabbi's Discretionary Fund)

**Deborah Finkelstein in memory of her mother Rebbetzin Francine Grauer**  
Marin & Eric Carosia

**Mark Weitzman and Hadassah Bennett in memory of their mother, Leah Weitzman**

Lynn Sabat (Helen Epstein's daughter)

Ruth Levine

Joyce & Ted Besdine

Heda Silverstein

Selvia & Leonard Weinstein

Audrey & Keith Reich

Norma & Jerry Hurwitz

Lorri Nadel

## Gifts and Contributions

**Mark Weitzman and Hadassah Bennett in memory of their mother, Leah Weitzman**

Cari & Simon Rosenberg  
Julie & William Levinson  
Gail & Daniel Kabakoff  
Anita Rosenstock  
Jane & Josh Grauer  
Kay Cohen (Capital Fund)  
Teri Kopp (Capital Fund)  
Audrey & Alan Schulman (Capital Fund)  
Jonathan Goodblatt (Rabbi's Discretionary Fund)

**Hadassah Bennet & Weitzman Family in memory of Leah Weitzman**

Natalie Dweck (Bikur Cholim Fund)

**Greenwald Family, in memory of Sandra Greenwald**

Jonathan Goodblatt (Rabbi's Discretionary Fund)

**Michael Stein in memory of his father Herman Stein**

Barbara & Martin Marks  
Jerusha Coltoff & Doug Hirshon (Fund for the Needy)

**Audrey Reich in memory of her mother, Mary Ungar**

Roxanne & Eric Levine  
Lorri Nadel  
Sari Wacks & Nathan Rosenblatt  
Heda Silverstein (Adult Education)  
Kay Cohen (Capital Fund)  
Teri Kopp (Capital Fund)  
Audrey & Alan Schulman (Capital Fund)

**David Bessler in memory of his father Sigi Bessler**

Valerie & Stanley Zalen

**SHIVA MEALS:**

Gerry Angel  
Tali Lando & Alex Aronoff  
Alana Cohen & Ariel Baruch  
Shani & Adam Bensley  
Marilyn & Ezra Berkowitz  
Judith & Herb Block  
Michelle Brody & Hal Blumenfeld  
Shoshana Peyser & Bob Brody  
Pamela Ryan & Sam Calabrese  
Stephanie & Eric Cohen  
Arielle & Yehuda Cohen  
Carol & Herbert Corbin  
Talia & Matthew Crystal  
Doris & Leo Dreyfuss  
Wendy & Brandon Dunn  
Helen Epstein  
Benjamin Gellman  
Ilana Rosenberg & Michah Gottlieb  
Judy & Gil Grant  
Debbie & Marc Guthartz  
Malka & Steven Helft  
Huvitz Family  
Norma & Gerald Hurwitz  
Susan & Micheal Katz  
Lisa Kahn & David Kriegel  
Alice & Mark Lebowitz  
Wendy Leibowitz  
Ruth Levine  
Roxanne & Eric Levine  
Michelle Biller-Levy & Orrie Levy  
Linda & David Lewinter  
Rena Fredman & David Lichtenstein  
Barbara & Martin Marks  
Phyllis & Louis Morris  
Lorri Nadel

Copper Nadis Family

Josh Nissel  
Kara & Jess Olson  
Yehudit & Noam Pollack  
Sara & Eytan Rait  
Audrey & Keith Reich  
Judy & Judah Roher  
Rhonda & Gerard Rose  
Andrea & Jason Ross  
Sara & Kenny Sadinoff  
Roya Samuels  
Brian & Mark Schwartz  
Sandi & Robin Schwartz  
Debbie & Stephen Schwartz  
Lisa & Terence Schwartz  
Ellen & Lewis Siegel  
Shoshana & Jason Silberman  
Bennet Silverman  
Tami & Joey Stalbow  
Adina & Aaron Steinberg  
Juana Toporovsky  
Suzy Toporovsky  
Jaclyn & Greg Tyng  
Ellen & Dean Ungar  
Cara & Charles Wagner  
Ilana & Isaac Wagner  
Tara & Jeremy Wayne  
Deborah & Jay Weinberger  
Tiffany & Michael Weintraub  
Leah Weitzman  
Sally and Bruce Wittenberg  
Valeri & Stanley Zalen  
Rebecca & Richard Zisholtz  
Mimi Zohar



# Calendar of Events

**December 2 Teen Women's Tefillah**  
**December 2 Teen Minyan**  
**December 6 Golden Age Brunch**  
**December 7 1st Candle of Chanukah**  
**December 8-9 Songful Shabbat with Israel Portnoy**  
**December 9 Café Night with Israel Portnoy**  
**December 10 Women's Chanukah Musical Tefillah**  
**December 10 Youth Chanukah Palooza**  
**December 11 Community Menorah Lighting**  
**December 15 Last Candle of Chanukah**  
**December 16 Parent Child Learning**  
**December 17 Antisemitism on Campus**  
**December 24 Blood Drive**  
**January 3 Golden Age Brunch**  
**January 6 Women's Tefillah**  
**January 6 Teen Minyan**  
**January 13 Bar Mitzvah of Ezra Posner**  
**January 13 Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Levy (offsite)**  
**January 19-20 Guest Scholar Shabbat with Rabbis Yonatan Cohen & Frayda Gonshor**  
**January 20 Parent Child Learning**  
**January 21 Tu B'Shvat Chessed Event**  
**January 29 HIWP Book Group**  
**February 3 Teen Minyan**  
**February 7 Golden Age Brunch**  
**February 9-10 Rosh Chodesh Adar 1**  
**February 24 Womens' Tefillah**  
**February 24 Youth Movie Night**

## THE BULLETIN WANTS YOU!!!



Do you have something of interest to impart to the congregation?  
Do you feel the need to express your inner writer self?

We welcome all contributions to the HIWP Bulletin -- send your input to Teri, Dan or Rhonda. Next issue is scheduled for publication in February.

**All events are subject to change!**  
See [HIWP.org](http://HIWP.org) for updated calendar information.

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