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Ticket Prices

Patrons \$118 (Front Reserved Seating & Dinner with artist, Mordechai Rosenstein)



Premier Reserved \$54
General Reserved \$36
Student \$25 (under age 18)



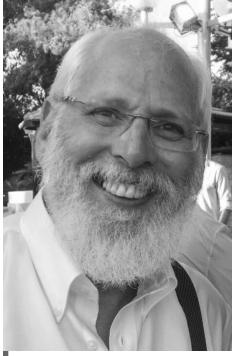
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A FEW WORDS FROM RAV BARRY

Jewish Numbers Count (for the whole family)



Jews really love their numbers. In fact there's a whole Book of the Torah named "Numbers". It actually opens with counting the number of the Israelites in the wilderness.

While others count calories, we count the number of hours we have to wait for that scrumptious ice cream sundae after eating a juicy beef burger. We are so much into numbers that we even sing a numbers song at the end of the Passover Seder. It was written long before Dr. Seuss's "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish."

As the song goes, we have three patriarchs and six books of the Mishnah. We also have four species on Sukkot.

We have 12 tribes, ten Commandments, and 613 Mitzvot. We circumcise our sons when they are eight days old, something we didn't do in the 40 years we spent in the desert.

We had two Temples and we have one Temple Mount: the focal point of our t'fillot and the place we visited on the three pilgrimage festivals. But since we brought up "t'filla" (davening), don't forget the number 10 because without those 10 Jewish adults, we wouldn't have a Minyan to daven three times a day.

Now when it comes to seven, the sky's the limit—after all there is "seventh heaven". Shabbat is the seventh (day of week), as is the month of Tishrei (the seventh month of the year), the month of the High Holidays. The Sabbatical year appears every seven years and let's not forget the "sheva

mitzvot bnei Noach", the seven basic Noahide commandments.

Hey, we would be remiss if we didn't exclaim "eights are great" because we light eight Chanukah candles, celebrate Shmini Atzeret on the eighth day after Sukkot and eight is the number of pieces of clothing worn by our Kohen gadol (the High Priest).

So, "to life, to life; l'chaim!" which brings us up to chai which is 18.

And it's obvious that twice chai is 36, from which if you subtract three, you get 33, a day good for bonfires, bows, arrows, haircuts, and weddings.

So when it comes to numbers—they really count. But so do we! Consider the following riddle:

Would it count if I missed one day of counting, knowing that you counted on me and would hold me accountable?

What am I talking about? Know the answer? Send me an email at ravbarry@shareshamayim.org.

Looking forward to seeing you in shul on the 50th day for our annual Sinai Mountain camp reunion, when we sit in shul and reminisce about the old days when we were encamped at the foot of Mount Sinai receiving the Torah.

Kol Tuv,
Rav Barry

JOIN OUR MORNING MINYAN

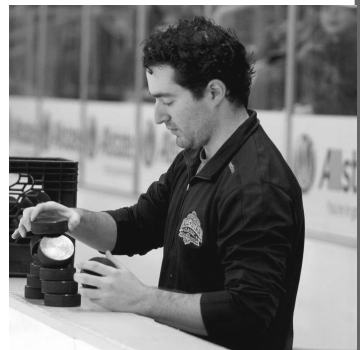
**7 AM MONDAY TO FRIDAY &
8AM ON SUNDAY**

KVELLER KORNER

We invite you to let the office know if you have something to share that we can include in our monthly newsletter. Please send happy announcements to Debbie@shareshamayim.org. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie in the office.

Congratulations to Jason Berger, son of Reneé & Ken Berger, who will be going to the 2017 Maccabi games in Israel in June. Jason will be the Equipment Manager for Team USA, Ice Hockey in the Youth, Open, and Masters Divisions.

For more information, visit their website at www.maccabiusa.com.



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Wanted: Great "Followers"/Volunteers

Many leadership courses focus on leadership traits and skills. Rabbi Joshua Rabin, Director of Innovation, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism offered a different perspective to synagogue leaders this week as he forwarded an article that looks instead at the traits of good "followers".

"Follower" may sound like a negative word to you, but as used here it is respectful and positive. Other words for follower are: team player, participant, doer, volunteer. Good followers are creative, caring, and want to contribute to a principle or purpose outside themselves.

The article opens with the example of Sara, who applied to Vassar College in 1934. Sara's father described his daughter as a "follower" rather than a "leader". That was fine with Vassar, who commented that it already had accepted enough leaders.

Although we are obsessed by leaders in today's culture, what if there were only leaders and no followers? Who would want to see an orchestra with only a conductor? Who would watch a sports team with just coaches? What would our synagogue be with no volunteers?

Followers are critical for successful teams. In fact, there is a whole discipline in organizational psychology called "followership".

We cannot exist without our volunteers, those critical CSS followers. Being a volunteer is a great way to meet new people and to learn more about CSS. If you have a spare hour or a spare 20 hours, find your voice with us.

We celebrate our many volunteers whose daily efforts have supplemented and strengthened the CSS team. We rely on everyday heroes for so many things including new and innovative program ideas, making minyan, cooking for friends, cooking for hundreds, gardening, helping our children, fixing things, running a dynamic and viable library, doing tasks in the building, running crucial errands, helping in the office, and so much more.

There is a job for everyone who has a little time, and we are happy to train our volunteers. Throughout this Scroll, you will see a myriad of ways that you can get involved including jobs in Sisterhood or Men's Club, the new Cook for a Friend Garden, supporting upcoming programs, volunteering with PTA, volunteering with young family programs, helping at services, and more. Email me, call the office, get involved. There is no team without our volunteers. Help make CSS an even better place and a warm and thriving community for all. We want your voice.

Fran Gabriel
Francesgabriel@comcast.net

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

Join Rav Barry for a Semi-All-Nighter of Torah Study
Tuesday, May 30

Starting at 10:30PM
At Rav Barry and Shira's Home

Volunteers are encouraged to teach a subject of their choice. Please contact Rav Barry with topics or questions at 215-677-1600 or at ravbarry@shareshamayim.org

Congregations of Shaare Shamayim

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 (5 of Iyyar) Yom HaZikaron 20th day of the Omer	2 (6 of Iyyar) Yom Ha'atzmaut 21st day of the Omer	3 (7 of Iyyar) 22nd day of the Omer	4 (8 of Iyyar) 23rd day of the Omer	5 (9 of Iyyar) 24th day of the Omer 7:42p Candle Lighting Traditional Service 6:45PM Egalitarian Service 7:45PM	6 (10 of Iyyar) Parshat Acharai Mot- Kedushim 26th day of the Omer Trad. Service 9AM & 7:55PM Egal. Service 9:30AM Jr. Congregation 10:45AM SING A LONG SHABBAT 10:45AM
7 (11 of Iyyar) 26th day of the Omer	8 (12 of Iyyar) 27th day of the Omer	9 (13 of Iyyar) 28th day of the Omer SISTERHOOD GENERAL MTG 7PM	10 (14 of Iyyar) 29th day of the Omer MEN'S CLUB BOARD MTG 7PM EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG 8PM	11 (15 of Iyyar) 30th day of the Omer MOTHER'S DAY SHABBAT DINNER 6PM	12 (16 of Iyyar) 31st day of the Omer 7:48p Candle Lighting Traditional Service 6:45PM Egalitarian Service 7:45PM	13 (17 of Iyyar) 32nd day of the Omer Parshat Emor Trad. Service 9AM & 8:00PM Egal. Service 9:30AM Jr. Congregation 10:45AM
14 (18 of Iyyar) Mother's Day Lag B'Omer 33rd day of the Omer	15 (19 of Iyyar) 34th day of the Omer EDUCATION COMMITTEE MTG 7PM	16 (20 of Iyyar) 35th day of the Omer	17 (21 of Iyyar) 36th day of the Omer MEN'S CLUB NEW YORK TRIP	18 (22 of Iyyar) 37th day of the Omer	19 (23 of Iyyar) 38th day of the Omer 7:55p Candle Lighting Traditional Service 6:45PM Egalitarian Service 7:45PM	20 (24 of Iyyar) 39th day of the Omer Parshat Behar-Bechukotai Birkat Hachodesh Trad. Service 9AM & 8:05PM Egal. Service 9:30AM Jr. Congregation 10:45AM
Israeli Art, Music, and Dance Festival						
21 (25 of Iyyar) 40th day of the Omer PTA MTG 9:15AM NEIL BERG'S PIANOMEN 3:30PM	22 (26 of Iyyar) 41st day of the Omer	23 (27 of Iyyar) 42nd day of the Omer SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S DINNER 6PM	24 (28 of Iyyar) 43rd day of the Omer CONGREGATION BOARD MTG 8PM	25 (29 of Iyyar) 44th day of the Omer MEN'S CLUB GENERAL MTG 7:30PM	26 (1 of Sivan) Rosh Chodesh 45th day of the Omer 8:01p Candle Lighting Traditional Service 6:45PM Egalitarian Service 7:45PM	27 (2 of Sivan) 46th day of the Omer Parshat Bemidbar Trad. Service 9AM & 8:15PM Egal. Service 9:30AM Jr. Congregation 10:45AM
28 (3 of Sivan) 47th day of the Omer MOMMY/DADDY AND ME 11AM	29 (4 of Sivan) 48th day of the Omer	30 (5 of Sivan) Erev Shavuot Shacharit 7:00AM Traditional Service 8:00PM Egalitarian Service 7:45PM	31 (6 of Sivan) 1st day of Shavuot Shacharit Trad. 9:00AM Shacharit Egal. 9:30AM Trad. Evening Service 8:10PM Egal. Evening Service 7:45PM Candle Lighting 9:11PM			
		TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT 10:30PM				

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Candle Lighting and Services Schedule

Tuesday, May 30, 2017	EREV SHAVUOT	
	Shacharit	7:00AM
	Mincha/Ma'ariv (Egalitarian)	7:45PM
	Mincha/Ma'ariv (Traditional)	8:00PM
Wednesday, May 31, 2017	FIRST DAY OF SHAVUOT	
	Shacharit (Traditional)	9:00AM
	Shacharit (Egalitarian)	9:30AM
	Mincha/Ma'ariv (Egalitarian)	7:45PM
	Mincha/Ma'ariv (Traditional)	8:10PM
	Candle Lighting	9:11PM
Thursday, June 1, 2017	SECOND DAY OF SHAVUOT	
	Shacharit (Traditional)	9:00AM
	Shacharit (Egalitarian)	9:30AM
	Yizkor	approx. 10:30AM
	Megilat Ruth followed by Mincha/Ma'ariv	7:45PM

ADULT EDUCATION

REGRETS

Did you ever have an opportunity to attend an event and then decided for one reason or another not to go? After the event happened, you heard from friends that you missed an outstanding opportunity. You then resolve to attend the next time you have the opportunity to attend a similar event.

Our Israeli Art, Music and Dance Festival featuring acclaimed artist Mordechai Rosenstein as the Artist-in-Residence, is a once in a lifetime event at Congregations of Shaare Shamayim. There will be several luncheons, discussions, drawing with Mr. Rosenstein at a wine and painting event, watching him create an original piece of art for our Congregation, and Israeli Dancing with Rak Dan. Yes, we will have many more luncheons and we will probably have other opportunities to dance with Rak Dan. However this will likely be your only chance to work with Mordechai Rosenstein. The Festival begins on Wednesday, May 17th and culminates on Sunday, May 21st, when Mr. Rosenstein will be the Guest of Honor at the Neil Berg Pianomen Concert. So please do not have any regrets and plan on joining us at the Israeli Art, Music and Dance Festival. Please refer to page 12 of the Scroll for all the details of this wonderful event, which is funded

by a grant from Federation. Reservations are a must for many of the events so please make your reservations for those activities that interest you. We would love to see you at as many events as possible. There is *a la carte* pricing available or a discounted price of \$36.00 if you are attending all of the events. Keep in mind that pricing for Neil Berg is not included in the discounted price.

YOM...

Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, Yom Ha'atamut, Yom Yerushalayim and Lag B'Omer are various days that we have heard mentioned in the past. This year learn what they really are and how to observe/celebrate them by joining Rav Barry for classes and events associated with each of the 'Yom's' and Lag B'Omer. Check the Scroll or weekly e-mails for dates and times.

Be sure to check the Scroll and weekly e-mails for Rav Barry's continuing education classes. If you have any questions, you can either call the office or contact me at 215-677-9218 for further information. Respectfully,

Denise Ellner
Adult Ed Chairperson



Mother's Day Shabbat Dinner **Friday, May 12 at 6 PM**

**Celebrate Shabbat with a traditional
Shabbat dinner.**

**\$12/adult \$6/child \$30 maximum for parents
and their children**

Friday evening services and Oneg Shabbat will follow

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YOU Won't Want To Miss This HUGE Sale!

50% off regularly priced items

20% off wine

**10% off sale items and
mezuzah scrolls**



Gift Shop temporarily located in the Coat Room

THE LIBRARY SHELF



Dear Friends and Readers,

It's May; it's Spring! I'm actually looking at the future. I am writing this at the end of March and you all know what this period of time is like. Pesach is in two weeks. Yes, as you read this, the holiday will be over until next year.

So I hope you understand that time is limited for me. I have not had much time to sit down and lose myself in a book. I just purchased "Lilac Girls." More about that next month.

Summer is almost upon us. The "visiting" season is almost here. If you are expecting guests, remember the library. Children outgrow books just as they do clothing. Our library, your library, contains books suitable for toddlers thru adults. There are old classics as well as current books. Drop in and see what we have for hours of reading pleasure.

See you soon,

Rosalie Cohen

MITZVAH COMMITTEE

We thank you for the generous donations that were made last month, in April. You helped make Pesach a little more special for many individuals. The need for food and clothing does not end in the spring, but continues throughout the entire year.

Helping one person at a time,

The Ladies of the Mitzvah Committee

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

On Sunday morning, April 2nd, the entire Religious School, Mechina through Hei classes celebrated the holiday of Passover with a Model Seder. Thanks to our teachers, Andi Miller and Helene Covone, who organized the entire program.

The morning started with a rich variety of arts and craft activities, decorating Kiddush cups, frog masks, and a bag of the various plagues. Each student participated in the seder, either in Hebrew or English. Throughout the entire morning the children were asked questions about significant parts of the Hagaddah. Each child received a prize for correctly answering a question and as a reward for finding the Afikomen. The morning ended with delicious refreshments topped off by sweet desserts and reciting the Birkat HaMazon. A **great** time was had by all!

We are looking forward to the last weeks of the school year—preparing for the Aleph Consecration, celebrating Shavuot, and the Hei class graduation!

Jack Belitsky

STUDENT TRIPS TO ISRAEL

Do you have a teenage or young adult student planning a trip to Israel? If so, contact the shul office. The Jeffrey Allen Memorial Fund is set up to help students fund their trips to Israel.



Earn cash for our school with Box Tops

Bring your box tops for education to the Office so we can redeem them!

Yiddish Discussion Group and Cooking Group Leader Wanted

The Northeast NORC and Congregations of Shaare Shamayim is forming two new adult groups: a Yiddish Discussion Group and a Cooking Group. Group leaders are needed to lead monthly meetings. NORC coordinators help with meeting set-up, reminder calls, etc.

The purpose is to keep older adults active, engaged, and connected to the community.

If you would be interested in leading these or any of the below groups, please contact Volunteer Coordinators: **Marcia Gross** mgross@jewishphilly.org or **Jason Jankovic** jjankovic@jewishphilly.org or call: 215-320-0351.

Peer Interest Group Leaders are also needed to lead these monthly groups:

- Crafts
- Current event discussions
- Movie talk
- Needle work
- Photography



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Marcia Gross, will be available to answer any questions and support the host or hostess with publicity, roll sheets, reminder phone calls, and more.

The volunteer leaders would also be enrolled by the Northeast NORC in RSVP Philadelphia and would be eligible to attend volunteer appreciation events hosted by NORC and by RSVP including an annual spring luncheon at the Philmont Country Club.



Chaverim Presents

Jazz Café in June

With

Michelle Lordi

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Price of admission includes: Live jazz, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, 1 glass of wine per person

Sunday June 11 @ 7PM

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\$30 per person

PTA

As this school year comes to a close, the PTA is looking for some new members to carry on the important duties and services we offer to the Religious School children—*your* children. Many PTA board positions are available for the 2017/2018 school year and we are looking for a few good Moms, Dads, Aunts, Uncles or Grandparents. It's a great way to make new friends and show your children your commitment to their Jewish education. Join us at our final PTA meeting on **Sunday, May 21st** at 9:15am. If you have suggestions or event ideas or even just looking to schmooze, come and check out what the PTA is all about.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all the current members (and volunteers) of the PTA for their efforts and enthusiasm. I would also like to thank Jacques Lurie who 5 years ago talked to me about taking on a PTA position for the following school year, "I think you'll really like it." He was right! I've had the honor of being PTA Treasurer for the last 4 years and Co-president this year. My son, Tyler, will be graduating from Hei class this year, so my time on the PTA has come to an end.... for now. I look forward to hearing about the exciting ideas and events the new PTA team will plan for the next school year.

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

—A.A. Milne (*Winnie-the-Pooh*)

Carolyn Sweeney
PTA Co-President

MOE & DOT DAVIS COOK FOR A FRIEND

Thanks to the talents of Susan Anmuth, Karen & Chuck Dickter, and Jerry Gabriel, this Spring we have built our own vegetable garden located out on the Cardonick Pavilion. This garden will be underwritten and supported by the Dot & Moe Davis Cook for a Friend Fund. The labors of our love will help supply the Mitzvah Pantry at Klein Life & our community. We expect to harvest peppers, tomatoes, eggplant, beans, zucchini, kale, and cucumbers.

The Preschool and Kindergarten will be digging in the dirt too, learning about the importance of eating vegetables, sustainability, and the environment.

We could use your help if you have time; the garden needs watering, the dirt turned, additional planting, weeding, etc. Please call the office if you are able to volunteer. If you are interested in hands-on learning about growing vegetables or gardening in general in our vegetable garden, please contact Karen Dickter at Dicktereble@aol.com.

Even if you don't have a green thumb, your financial support is always appreciated. Send your check to the office & earmark it for Cook For A Friend Garden.

Tobi Levin

CSS has a new website!

Did you know there are a huge number of things you can do with our new website including:

- Make donations online
- Register and pay for select synagogue events
- Find Shabbat and holiday service schedules and candle lighting times
- See our entire calendar of events
- See the Rabbi's weekly "A Few Words From Rav Barry" in the Rabbi's Corner
- Take a virtual walk though both of our Sanctuaries
- Find contact information for clergy, staff, and leadership
- Subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter

If you need assistance or have any questions about using our website, please contact Debbie in the office at 215-677-1600.

WWW.SHAARESHAMAYIM.ORG

Volunteer Opportunity with NORC

The Northeast NORC is looking for volunteers to help with several projects including drivers to deliver grocery orders once or twice a month for older adults who are unable to shop for themselves.

Also, be a "Fix For A Friend" volunteer to help eliminate hazards in the homes of our older adults with things they can't easily do for themselves such as tightening up loose hinges; changing toilet flappers, filters, light bulbs, smoke detector batteries; and doing seasonal yard work.

Please contact Volunteer Coordinators: Marcia Gross at mgross@jewishphilly.org or Jason Jankovic at jjankovic@jewishphilly.org. Phone: 215-320-0351



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The Men's Club of the Congregations of Shaare Shamayim

A Day in New York City

**Wednesday May
17, 2017**

\$37 Per person
(bus driver's tip included)



Go shopping around town!
Get discounted theater tickets
Visit museums, the U.N., quaint shops
Huge choice of restaurants
Take a seaport cruise or sightsee



Round-trip bus leaves from C.S.S. at 8:00 am
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Return Bus leaves New York at 5:30 pm

For reservations please call
Sheldon Stein
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Sunday, May 28
11am-11:45am
With Julie
Herskovitz

MOMMY AND ME
WITH A JEWISH TWIST

Parachute, songs, story time, lap rides, an animal theme, and more.

Please RSVP by calling 215-677-1600 or at shareshamayim.org

Recommended for
ages 1 to 3 1/2
(older and younger siblings
welcome)

Members: \$3 per child, Non-members: \$5 per child
Enjoy a Dairy Lunch afterward for an additional \$3 per person

ALL ABOUT SHAVUOT

Custom:

Shavuot falls on the sixth and seventh days of the Hebrew month of Sivan. (The festival is observed only on the sixth of Sivan in Israel.) Like Sukkot and Passover, it is a multi-dimensional holiday, embracing profound historical, spiritual, and agricultural aspects.

From the agricultural perspective, Shavuot marks the end of the counting of the Omer that began on Passover, but it is also referred to in the Torah at Numbers 28:26 as Yom Ha-Bikkurim (the day of first fruits) and at Exodus 23:16 as *Chag HaKatzir*, the harvest festival.

In Israel, especially on the agricultural kibbutzim, much has been made of this aspect of the festival, and elaborate ceremonies involving the first fruits of the harvest season have been developed. Outside of Israel, many synagogues attempt to incorporate this theme by adorning their sanctuaries with flowers or other symbols of the fertile earth.

The historical dimension of the festival has to do with the receiving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, which, according to the tradition, (see the Talmud, Tractate Shabbat 86b-88a) took place on the sixth day of Sivan. This theme is especially prominent liturgically, as Shavuot is repeatedly called *z'man mattan torateinu* (the time of the giving of our Torah).

It is customary to start the evening services of the first night later than usual. This is to satisfy the implication of the Biblical verse (VaYikra 23:15) which states that we count the omer until we have completed all of the seven weeks (to the minute). Therefore, we wait to daven Ma'ariv until the 49th day has been completed (see the Shulchan Aruch, Orach Chaim 494, comment by the Magen Avraham).

It is an ancient custom for Jews to remain awake for the entire first night of Shavuot to study Torah. Legend tells that the children of Israel slept so soundly the night

before the giving of the Torah that they had to be awakened by thunder and lightning. We, on the contrary, are up all night and need not be awakened. The more obvious reason is that we review and study the Torah to celebrate the anniversary of its giving.

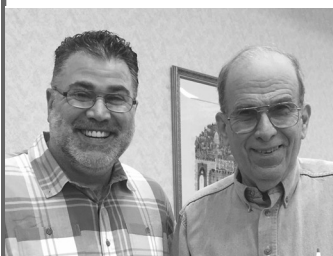
On both days of Shavuot, two Sifrei Torah are removed from the Ark. On the first day, we read about the giving of the Ten Commandments on Sinai (from Parshat Yitro) and on the second day we read about the three pilgrimage festivals. Yizkor is recited on the second day.

We recite the Aramaic hymn known as "Akdamot", which is a praise to God for having chosen Israel and for granting us the Torah. It was written by Rabbi Meir of Orleans, a cantor in Worms, Germany in the 11th century. Akdamot is read responsively before the Cohen Aliya on the first day.

The Book of Ruth is read on the second day of Shavuot. The most quoted reason is that Ruth's coming to Israel took place around the time of Shavuot and her acceptance of the Jewish faith was like Matan Torah for the people of Israel.

It is customary to eat dairy dishes on Shavuot. Many reasons have been given for the custom. One derives it from the verse: "honey and milk shall be under your tongue" (Song of Songs 4:11) which is made to refer to the Torah, implying that the words of Torah are as pleasant and acceptable to our ears and hearts as milk and honey are to our tongues. Another reason is that with the giving of the Torah, our dietary regulations, the Laws of Kashrut were established. Hence, when the people came home from Sinai, they could not eat meat because they had none that was prepared properly. To prepare new meat properly would take too long. They had no choice, therefore, but to eat milk dishes (see Shulchan Aruch, Orach Chaim 494:2).

MEN'S CLUB TIME OUT



Please join us at our next board meeting which will be held on Thursday, May 10th at 7PM.

Thank you to everyone that donated blood during our annual blood drive in March. We really appreciate

you coming out to help during this important cause.

On Wednesday, May 17th, please join us on our spring bus trip to New York City. The cost of the bus is \$37.00 per person. The bus leaves the synagogue promptly at 8AM and will leave NYC at 5:30PM. When you get to New York you can do whatever you'd like. See a show, do some sight seeing, go shopping, the day

is all yours! Please call Sheldon Stein at 215-346-2302 to book your reservation.

Please join us on Thursday, June 15th for our annual Beef and Beer closing event. Back by popular demand, we will once again will be entertained by the wonderful Bob Zisik. Our dinner starts at 6:30PM and the price for the event is \$15.00 for members and their one guest. Prices for any additional guests is \$17.00 per person. Please call Barry to RSVP for the dinner.

Hope to see you in Shul!

Barry Leiber and Howard Rosen
Men's Club Co-Presidents



Congregations of Shaare Shamayim Welcomes

Mordechai Rosenstein as our Artist-in-Residence for our
Israeli Art, Music, and Dance Festival
Registration for Programs

Please return this, with payment for your chosen programs, no later than May 12, 2017 to the synagogue office. Please check as many activities as you would like to participate in with Mordechai Rosenstein!

All events are at CSS and are open to the community.

Artwork will be available for purchase at all times except Shabbat.



WEDNESDAY, May 17, 2017

The History of Creating Jewish Art, 12:30PM

You are invited to meet our artist-in-residence, Mordechai Rosenstein, and view his artwork. The afternoon will include a Mediterranean Luncheon, discussion, and adult coloring. Reservations Required. \$10 per person.

Israeli Dancing with Rak Dan, 6:00PM

☐ I am under 21

Join in this multi-generational Israeli Folk Dancing and a light dinner. Reservations requested. Cost is \$5 per adult. Cost is free for 21 years and under.

Art Becomes Me, 7:00PM

Join Mordechai Rosenstein for this interactive presentation, displaying works that he's created for people all over the world. Refreshments will be provided. Reservations requested. Cost is \$5 per person.

THURSDAY, May 18, 2017

Pinot and Painting, 7:00PM

Enjoy an evening of painting, Pinot, and fun. Create your own art based on the Hebrew Alphabet with Mordechai Rosenstein. Reservations Required. Cost is \$15 per person.

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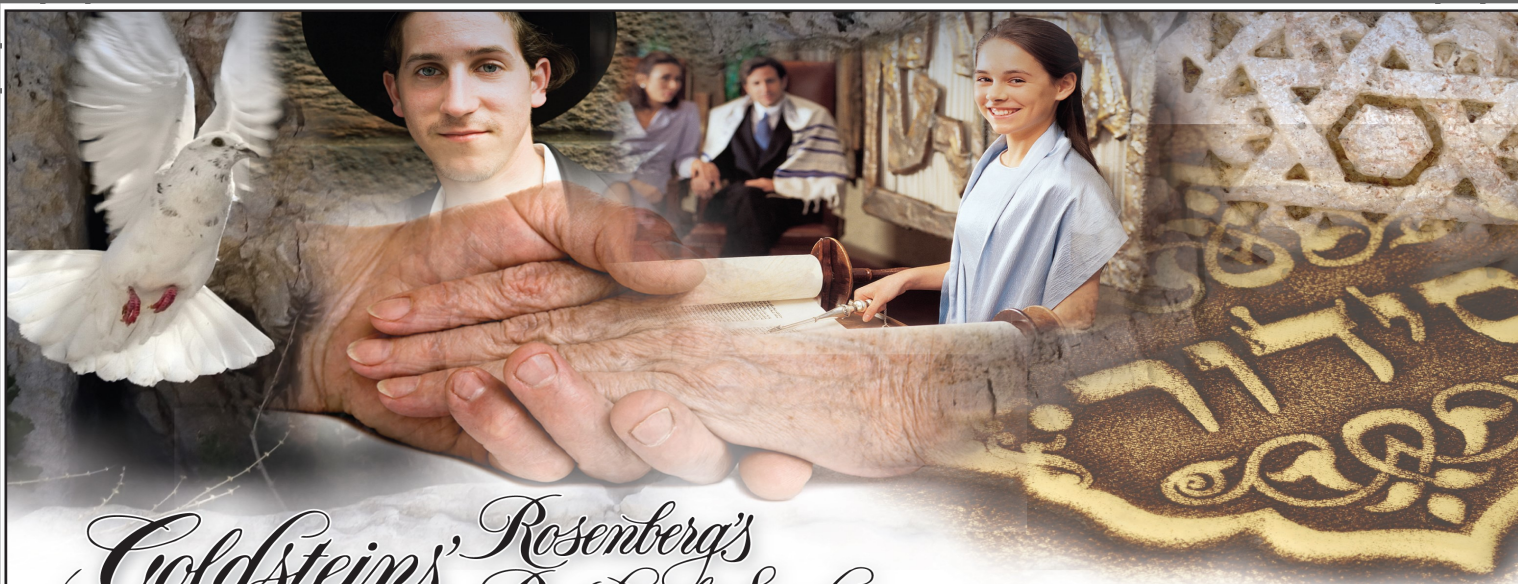
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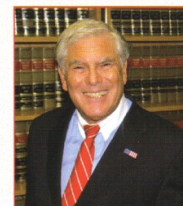
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I reported on our Bingo last month, but I want to thank all those who worked so hard. Thanks to Gerry Zaretsky and Nancy Black for chairing the event. The kitchen "staff" included Denise Ellner, Toby Lundy, Shelli Krevitz, Shelli Keeny, Lynn Whitman, Judy Hersch, Bobbie Slosberg and Fran Gabriel. Without them, dinner wouldn't have happened. Marcie Erlick and Trude

Berkowitz sold raffles. Harriet Malamud, Helen Schultz, Shirley Lieberman and Maxine Pestcoe worked the front desk. Thank you for all your hard work.

Then, just five days later, congregation had the brunch. This was a congregation function, but Sisterhood again worked the kitchen. Sue Lieber made her French Toast Casserole. I made a sugar free French Toast Casserole for those that can't have sugar. Lynn Ratmanský was ill, so Fran Gabriel and Linda Korsin mixed up her Frittata. The kitchen "staff" again came through. Jeff Durbin entertained and we had an enjoyable morning.

Unfortunately, immediately after the brunch, we attended the funeral of long-time Sisterhood member Harriet Barsky. Harriet has held many positions in Sisterhood over the years and was most recently responsible for sending anniversary cards to our members.

Sisterhood Calendar 2016 – 2017

***All meetings are held at 7pm unless noted**

Board Meetings

Tuesday, May 17, 2017

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

General Meetings

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Special Events

Tuesday, May 23, 2017, President's Dinner, 6pm

Tuesday, June 6, 2017, Donor Dinner, 6pm

Tuesday, June 13, 2017 Installation, 6pm

She will be missed. Our thoughts go out to her husband Bob and her two sons.

At the beginning of April we were off to New York to see Cagney. His career spanned decades. The show followed both his gangster roles and his musical career. The dancing was terrific. Everyone came out of the theater wanting to know when our next show will be. Stay tuned.

Passover came and so did the annual BBQ. Chicken and hot dogs on matzoh. What could be better.

Now we are looking forward to our week with Mordechai Rosenstein, culminating with the Neil Berg Pianomen Concert. The Sisterhood luncheon was cancelled due to the luncheon with Mordechai Rosenstein, which was scheduled for the same day.

Next month, June 6 at 6:00PM, is the Donor Dinner. Sisterhood members work all year to be rewarded with good food, good entertainment, and good friends.

Installation is Tuesday, June 13, at 6:00pm. Everyone is invited, but please let us know if you plan to attend.

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CONDOLENCES

May you be comforted among the other mourners for Zion and Jerusalem.

Condolences are sent to Robert Barsky on the loss of his wife, Harriet Barsky.
The Congregation mourns the loss of Shirley Cohen, former long-time CSS Religious School Secretary.
Condolences are sent to Harriet Davis on the loss of her mother, Rissie Zeenberg.

MAZEL TOV

Chloe Poland will be called to the Bimah, as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 27th, 2017. She is the daughter of Susan Poland and sister of Alexis.

Chloe started her CSS Jewish education at four years old. She couldn't wait to begin!

Currently, Chloe is an eighth grade honor student at Louis Farrell Elementary/Middle School. Chloe enjoys playing the violin, and has been playing since 3rd grade. This year Chloe was chosen to audition for All City, and just finished her first All City concert.



white Converse sneakers at her "wedding". That's right Chloe got married at the age of 13, (it was a mock wedding at CSS), what a beautiful bride!!! What sneakers will Chloe wear on that special Bat Mitzvah day? Stay tuned.....

Chloe excels in cell phone usage, and is an expert in Instagram and Snapchatty.

Chloe had so many wonderful learning and fun experiences attending CSS Religious school for the last ten years and is looking forward to being a part of TLC2 and currently attends the CSS Hebrew High School.

Chloe loves sports and this year was her second year on the Farrell Golf team. Even more than golf, Chloe loves playing basketball!! Chloe was the point guard for the Girl's Farrell Basketball team. She was also named MVP and scored a total of 49 points in the six games she played in. Go Chloe!!

Summertime at Ramah Day Camp and Ramah overnight camp was a huge part of the Jewish education that Chloe was exposed to. She loved it and made a zillion friends. Chloe also loves swimming, going to the movies, hanging out with her friends and she especially loves making and playing with SLIME!!!!

Chloe is a sneaker freak and wore a pair of

We would like to thank all of the teachers at CSS who helped Chloe on her Jewish journey!!! We would especially like to thank Cantor Bitton, Rabbi Wolpe and of course Jacques who makes all things possible at CSS!! Thanks Jacques for showing Chloe that having fun and being Jewish are not mutually exclusive.

Alexis and I could not be more proud of Chloe and her accomplishments and the young lady she is becoming. Mazel Tov on achieving this milestone! We love you!!

Mom and Alexis

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Jacob Kuperman announces the birth of his great-granddaughter, Tehila Shira. Proud parents are Moriah & Adam Elfassi.

Cheryl Freedman & Fred Liedman and Rosalie & Gary Cohen announce the birth of their grandson and great-grandson, Bentley. Proud parents are Heather Schimmels Ben Wells.

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Ettie & Jerry Steinberg announce the birth of their great-granddaughter, June Lucy Trobman. Proud parents are Rachel & Jason Trobman.

Lynn & Barry Ratmansky announce the birth of their grandson, Mason Alexander. Proud parents are Rick & Heather Ratmansky.

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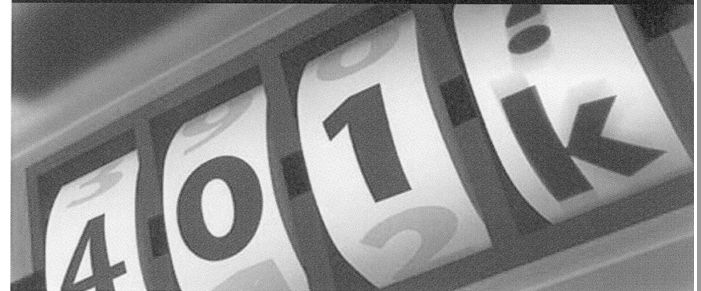
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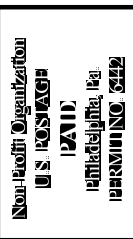
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- ♦ *The History of Creating Jewish Art*, 12:30PM
- ♦ *Israeli Dancing with Rak Dan*, 6:00PM
- ♦ *Art Becomes Me*, 7:00PM
Interactive presentation of Mordechai's work.
- ♦ *Pinot and Painting*, 7:00PM
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- ♦ *The Art Within Shabbat*, 9:00AM Traditional & 9:30AM Egalitarian
Lunch and Learn with Mordechai.

Sign up for all of the above programs for a discounted \$36 total.
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