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Wednesday Evening, April 11, 2018

**Please light your Yom Hashoah Yellow Candle in memory of the
six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust.**

**The act of kindling this flame reminds us what happened to our
people not so long ago.**

RABBI'S STUDY



In one of my 30+ trips to Israel, I traveled as part of a 12-person group of the organization known as “Friends of the Israel Defense Forces” (FIDF) visiting different bases throughout the Land of Israel. Our visits included the Golani Brigade

Training Base built by the United States to replace the base lost with the ceding of land to the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank; the Headquarters of the 8200 Unit, the Central Intelligence Unit of the IDF equivalent to our NSA; the City of S’derot, which has received over 40,000 rocket attacks from the Gaza Strip at the hands of Hamas; the Re’im Base, the new home of the Gaza Division Headquarters; Pikud EDOM, the general command of the Edomite Region of Southeastern Israel located near Eilat; the Karakal Infantry Regiment, the pioneer combat regiment that is the first to incorporate women whose primary mission is that of combat soldiers; the Kochav Shalosh Installation along Highway 443, a main artery connecting Tel Aviv and Jerusalem; Beit Morasha, the IDF Educational Facility in Jerusalem where IDF Officers and NCO’s are taught the moral and ethical considerations in warfare and asymmetric warfare; Jerusalem’s Border Police Installation at the Western Wall; and the Headquarters of “Yamas,” the IDF/Police undercover unit that infiltrates Palestinian groups with the mission of capturing terrorists and their leaders.

Among the people we met were Major General Yair Naveh, the current IDF Deputy Chief of Staff; Major General Benny Gantz, the immediate past IDF Chief of Staff; Major General Moshe Kaplinsky, the IDF Deputy Chief of Staff in 2005; Lieutenant General Moshe Alon, Israel’s Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Strategic Affairs and IDF Chief of Staff in 2005; Benny Begin, son of the late Prime Minister Menachem Begin and current member at large without portfolio of the Israeli Knesset appointed by the Prime Minister; and high level members of the staff of Danny Ayalon, Deputy Foreign Minister and Former Israeli Ambassador to the United States. We were unable to meet with both Danny Ayalon and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as scheduled due to the uprising in Egypt.

The main goal of this mission was to visit IDF members known as “Lone Soldiers.” Lone Soldiers are those Jewish and non-Jewish young men and women from all parts of the world who come to Israel on their own to join the ranks of the IDF for 2-3 years to serve with their Israeli counterparts in order to protect the nation, its people, and the interests of all freedom-loving nations, especially those of the United States. These young men and women are basically on their own, financially and emotionally, during off-duty time periods. They have the love and backing and support of all native-born Israelis as was most evident in August of 2006. During the IDF incursion into Lebanon to uproot Hezbollah, Michael Levin, an American Jew born in Holland, Pennsylvania, was a Lone Soldier serving in an IDF combat brigade. He was killed during the operation, and so great was the outpouring of love and grief by the State of Israel that he was afforded the honor of being buried in the Military Cemetery on Mount Herzl, the same place where, among other dignitaries, the assassinated Prime Minister Yitzchak Rabin is buried. To say that Lone Soldiers are beloved in Israel is to make a vast understatement of their value to both the People and the State of Israel.

I am telling you about this particular trip, because during the month of April we commemorate the loss of those who “gave their all” while serving in the IDF as well as those who have perished at the hands of terrorists on the day known as Israel Memorial Day – Yom HaZikaron. On the very next day, Israel Independence Day, Yom HaAtzma’ut, we celebrate the birth of Medinat Yisrael, the State of Israel. This year we celebrate the 70th Birthday of Medinat Yisrael, and I am blessed to be able to be there to join in the festivities. While it may seem peculiar to some that these two days are commemorated and celebrated one after the other, we must remember that we thank HaShem for both the bad and the good that happens to us in this world.

May none of us ever forget all who sacrificed their lives for the re-creation of our homeland, and may all of us celebrate another year of its miraculous existence.

With a Blessing of Peace, I am...

Rabbi Reuben Israel Abraham

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

Why is Passover my favorite holiday? Most of you know how exciting and challenging it is to prepare for Passover. You also know about the cleaning, cooking and moving everything from tables, chairs, and boxes in and out. You have seen the cashiers' amused expressions as we come through the market lines with \$30 worth of margarine and hundreds of dollars of everything else.

It is one very big, expensive busy week. A week that is worth it for the meaning it brings us...

For me, Passover is about the memories, the traditions, and about hope for the future. My earliest memories of Seders gone by involve tables full of family and friends, my grandfather telling the story of Passover, and lots of food. As the youngest in my family, I always sang Ma Nishtana, the Four Questions. Of course, there was the yearly contest against my brother to find the Afikomen first.

These days at my own table, I recreate the traditional recipes from my childhood: my mother's chicken soup knaidelach, and charoset—honoring our family traditions in our Seders.

In a nod to the new, I love to switch out and

change up recipes using, for example, a Sephardic charoset from the Exponent, Adeena's fabulous brisket, sponge cake by BFF Terry, Parisian fish from Joan Nathan. You get the idea.

Of course it is about more than the recipe. With every passing year, we create new memories with new friends and family at our table. There are new little people singing Ma Nishtana and looking for the Afikomen. New family means new Seder traditions. We close the Seder with hope for our Jewish future as we say, "Next Year in Jerusalem".

As we prepare to embrace the tradition and hope of Passover, I wanted to show you our mission statement here at CSS. "While respecting tradition, we are continuously reimagining and updating our practices to be innovative, approachable, and relevant to 21st century Jews and their families."

May all of us enjoy the traditions and celebrate the hope of the future at Passover!

May all of us continue to celebrate our traditions and the future of the Jewish community at CSS

Fran Gabriel

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The office is now taking membership payments for next year. Please contact the office for assistance.

STUDENT TRIPS TO ISRAEL

Do you have a teenager 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.



BUY A BULB CHALLENGE

Our Buy A Bulb Campaign is an ongoing effort to replace every lightbulb in the synagogue with an efficient LED bulb. One generous family will give the synagogue the amount we will need to change all the lights in the Karff Auditorium if we can get enough pledges from our congregants to completely convert the Sanctuary to LEDs.

You will find the form needed for the Buy A Bulb Campaign on page 21. Please fill it out and send it into the office with your check today.

Thank you for supporting our environmental and energy saving initiatives.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Pesach II 1st day of the Omer	2 Pesach III (CH"V) 2nd day of the Omer	3 Pesach IV (CH"V) 3rd day of the Omer YIDDISH GROUP 12:30PM	4 Pesach V (CH"V) 4th day of the Omer PASOVER BBQ 6PM	5 Pesach VI (CH"V) 5th day of the Omer 7:11p Candle lighting	6 Pesach VII 6th day of the Omer 7:12p Candle lighting Traditional Service 7:15PM Conservative Service 7:45PM	7 Pesach VIII 7th day of the Omer Trad Services 9AM & 7:15PM Conservative Services 9:30AM
8 8th day of the Omer	9 24th of Nisan 9th day of the Omer	10 25th of Nisan 10th day of the Omer SISTERHOOD GENERAL MEETING 7PM	11 26th of Nisan 11th day of the Omer LIGHT YELLOW CANDLES AT SUNSET	12 Yom HaShoah 12th day of the Omer	13 28th of Nisan 13th day of the Omer 7:19p Candle lighting Traditional Service 6:45PM Conservative Service 7:45PM	14 29th of Nisan 14th day of the Omer Trad Services 9AM & 7:20PM Conservative Services 9:30AM
15 Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 15th day of the Omer CONGREGATION BRUNCH 10:30AM	16 1st of Iyyar Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 16th day of the Omer	17 2nd of Iyyar 17th day of the Omer KNITTING GROUP 1PM	18 3rd of Iyyar Yom HaZikaron 18th day of the Omer SISTERHOOD HIGH TEA 1PM	19 4th of Iyyar Yom HaAtzma'ut 19th day of the Omer BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP 12PM	20 5th of Iyyar 20th day of the Omer 7:26p Candle lighting Traditional Service 6:45PM Conservative Service 7:45PM	21 6th of Iyyar 21st day of the Omer Trad Services 9AM & 7:30PM Conservative Services 9:30AM
22 7th of Iyyar 22nd day of the Omer	23 8th of Iyyar 23rd day of the Omer	24 9th of Iyyar 24th day of the Omer SISTERHOOD BOARD MEETING 7PM	25 10th of Iyyar 25th day of the Omer CONGREGATION BOARD MEETING 8PM	26 11th of Iyyar 26th day of the Omer	27 12th of Iyyar 27th day of the Omer 7:33p Candle lighting Traditional Service 6:45PM Conservative Service 7:45PM MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT 7:45PM	28 13th of Iyyar 28th day of the Omer Trad Services 9AM & 7:35PM Conservative Services 9:30AM
29 Pesach Sheni 29th day of the Omer	30 15th of Iyyar 30th day of the Omer					

THE LIBRARY SHELF



Dear Readers,

Now that Pesach is almost over, it's time to think about Summer Reading. I'll be going to Barnes and Noble to seek out some great books for all of us to read. Way back in February while visiting our boys in Berkeley, I wrote this month's

article for the Scroll. The Paper eater devoured it as it sat on the Editor's desk. During that California trip I read many books. Two of my favorites remain in Berkeley but I promise they will be here in time for beach reading. The first is *Mrs. Churchill's Secretary* and the second is *Mrs. Roosevelt's Confidant* by Susan Elia Macmeal. The protagonist is the same in both books. They are both World War II stories. It's fast reading, written for enjoyment and perhaps a little edification.

For many years I enjoyed reading books by Tony Williams. Now his daughters Anne Hillerman has taken over. I like them for several reasons. They are easy reading, provide insight into the Navaho Nation, and they take place where Gary

and I have camped with our children. Right now I'm reading *Rock with Wings*.

So dear readers, plan to stop in our library soon.
Happy Reading,

Rosalie Cohen

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

3/26 M/M Charles & Toby Lundy
4/1 D/M Jerry & Fran Gabriel
4/4 M/M Michael & Marlene Goldinger
4/4 M/M Barry & Lynn Ratmanskyy
4/5 M/M Mark & Rebecca Shefcyk
4/9 M/M Allen & Charlotte Rosenthal
4/13 M/M Harold & Constance Raffel
4/16 M/M Martin & Joan Freedman
4/23 M/M Barry & Sheila Good
4/30 M/M Philip & Helene Sternberg

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4/1 Barry Schwartz
4/1 Elaine Steinberg
4/2 Arthur Loev
4/2 Andrea Liss
4/2 Ruth Schectman
4/2 Mira Brown
4/2 Florence Werlinsky
4/3 Louis Lipsky
4/3 Grace Benoff
4/3 Hannah Zwerling
4/3 Edward Benoff
4/3 Mary Ann Kesilman
4/4 Selma Fliegelman
4/5 Ivy Ross
4/5 Patricia Savrin
4/5 Carl Hoffman
4/5 Phyllis Newman
4/6 Frank Lerman
4/6 Albert Cooper
4/6 Rosalyn Herman
4/6 Marina Bell

4/7 Renée Berger
4/8 Mykali Bader
4/8 Robert Barsky
4/8 Phyllis Cooper
4/9 Daniel Schneider
4/9 Mona Sardarian
4/9 Susan Steinberg
4/11 Marci Polekoff
4/11 Florence Gendler
4/14 Vladimir Golant
4/14 Stuart Shafer
4/15 Barbara Feinstein
4/15 Tracy Kronick
4/15 Itka Zygmuntowicz
4/16 Allen Rosenthal
4/17 Zachary Zimri
4/18 Barbara Denenberg
4/19 Isaiah Levy
4/19 Quivo Tahin
4/19 Meryl Tecosky
4/20 Taffy Yarczower

4/20 Elie Rosenblatt
4/21 Perla Fischer
4/21 Philip Chartock
4/22 Lynne Kramer
4/23 Janet Bernstein
4/23 William Gordon
4/23 Greta Shore
4/24 Robert Cleghorn
4/25 Lawrence Needleman
4/25 Karen Simansky
4/27 Poulina Kalushner
4/27 Phyllis Stoltz
4/28 Denise Ellner
4/29 Elen Berenholz
4/29 Susan Lebowitz
4/29 Sienna Shefcyk
4/29 Tobe Dresner
4/30 Susan Anmuth
4/30 Anita Allen



Passover 5778 - 2018

Candle Lighting and Services Schedule

Thursday, March 29, 2018	<i>Bedikat Chametz</i> (Search for Chametz) AFTER	8:29 PM
Friday, March 30, 2018	EREV PESACH	
	Morning Minyan & <i>Siyum</i>	7:00 AM
	Cannot eat Chametz AFTER	10:00 AM
	Chametz must be sold or burnt before	11:00 AM
	Candle Lighting	7:05 PM
	Evening Services	7:00 PM
Saturday, March 31, 2018	Shacharit - First Day Pesach	9:00 / 9:30 AM
	Evening Services	7:05 PM
	Candle Lighting – <i>Havdalah</i> Second Night	8:09 PM
	Start the Counting of the Omer	
Sunday, April 1, 2018	Shacharit – Second Day Pesach	9:00 / 9:30 AM
	Evening Services	7:05 PM
	<i>Havdalah</i>	8:08 PM

Monday April 2, 2018 thru Thursday, April 5, 2018 - Chol HaMoed Pesach Morning Minyan 7:00AM

Thursday, April 5, 2018	Morning Minyan	7:00 AM
	Candle Lighting	7:11 PM
	Evening Services (Traditional)	7:15 PM
	Evening Services (Egalitarian)	7:45 PM
Friday, April 6, 2018	Shacharit – Seventh Day Pesach	9:00 / 9:30 AM
	Candle Lighting	7:33 PM
	Evening Services (Traditional) ¹	7:15 PM
	Evening Services (Egalitarian)	7:45 PM
Saturday, April 7, 2018	Shacharit – Eighth Day Pesach	9:00 / 9:30 AM
	YIZKOR Service – approximately	10:30 AM
	Evening Services	7:15 PM
	Havdalah	8:15 PM
	Sold Chametz can be used AFTER	9:15 PM

¹ Evening Services for the first two nights are combined for the Traditional & Egalitarian Services.

Spring into Action

Plant some luck and watch it
bloom this Spring by getting
your Lottery Calendar! There's
still plenty of chances to win!

2018 Lottery Calendar

Only \$36 for over 250 chances to win \$50-\$100!

Your calendar will be personalized with the number you select. If your number (played straight) matches the 3-digit number drawn at 7:00PM by the Pennsylvania Daily Lottery, you're a WINNER! The cost of the calendar is \$36, and you have a chance to win as many times as your number is drawn for the whole year!

There's nothing else for you to do! We will track all winners, and automatically issue checks on a monthly basis. Winning amounts will be printed on each calendar date. The minimum daily prize will be \$50, and once each month the prize will double to \$100. Multiple calendars may be purchased. Every calendar sold must have a different number assigned; therefore a separate form will be needed for each.

Valid winning numbers begin January 1, 2018. Calendars may be purchased at any time during the year. The cost will remain \$36 regardless of the date purchased, and eligibility to win begins on the purchase date with no previous winning numbers awarded retroactively.

These make great gifts, and we encourage you to share this winning opportunity with your friends, family, and co-workers. A limited number of calendars will be issued, so be sure to get yours now! Please fill out the form below and return it to the CSS office with your payment. You will be contacted shortly to verify your submission and available number.

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Choose three 3-digit numbers in the order of your preference:

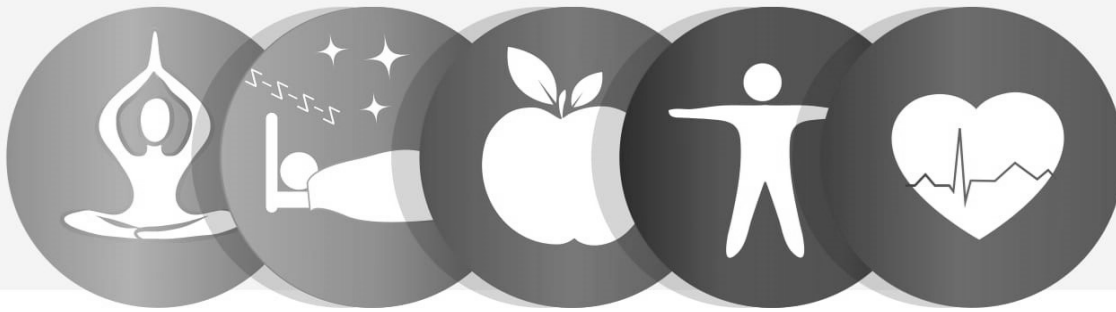
Choice 1: ____ ____ ____ Choice 2: ____ ____ ____ Choice 3: ____ ____ ____

____ I prefer to have only a digital calendar sent to my Email address.

____ I prefer a printed calendar and will pick it up at the CSS office.

____ I would like a printed calendar mailed to the above address.

Thanks for your support. We look forward to sending your winning check soon!



Health and Wellness Series presented by Abramson Medical Adult Day Services

Series Schedule:

- **Thursday, February 22, 2018**
Living an Active Life
1:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, March 15, 2018**
Examining the Purpose in Your Life
1:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, April 17, 2018**
Mindfulness
1:00 p.m.

**All presentations will be at
Congregations of
Shaare Shamayim
9768 Verree Road
Philadelphia, PA 19115**

Join us for a three part Health and Wellness Series presented by Marcy Shoemaker, Psy.D., of the Abramson Center for Jewish Life. Topics will explore how to keep yourself happy, healthy and engaged throughout life's ups and downs. Attend one presentation or all three!

For more information, please call 215-371-2122.

About our speaker: Marcy Shoemaker, Psy.D., is a clinical psychologist who has treated patients in multiple medical settings, including inpatient, outpatient and senior care organizations. She regularly gives talks on healthcare and lifestyle topics and is involved in many community organizations, including Main Line Art, the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, and the Philadelphia Society of Clinical Psychologists.

**Please RSVP to the synagogue office or online at
www.shaarehsmayim.org/**

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MITZVAH COMMITTEE

Pesach is over for another year or at least the hard part of it is done. The families we helped this year were very grateful. As usual I say it's not the committee, it's our wonderful caring congregants. You, out there, have big hearts. We appreciate any size donation, large or small. Your donation is used for food, shelter, and utilities. You help make a difference in the lives of other members of our congregation. They thank you and we thank you. With every donation you truly perform a mitzvah. I would also like to thank the ladies of the Mitzvah Committee for the time and energy you put forth in working for the committee.

Rosalie and the Ladies of the Mitzvah Committee

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Our students celebrated the holiday of Purim with several activities and programs culminating in making hamantaschen.

During the months of March and April, we learned about Passover including the order of the Seder, the importance of Matzah, and the significance of the number four: four questions, four cups of wine, and four sons.

Our students and teachers wish everyone a happy and sweet Pesach!

Chag Sameach!

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COLLEGE OUTREACH

Our college students receive packages from us several times a year. It's a wonderful way to let them know they are still connected to their Jewish community while they are away from home. This project is supported by the William and Lois Gross Memorial Fund and the Sisterhood's Barbara Dratch Fund.

Be sure that we have their current mailing and email addresses. Send the information to gwenlurie@aol.com.



May 6, 2018

12:00PM—5:00PM

Celebrate Israel's 70th birthday all day long with family-friendly festivities, delicious food, special kids' area, and multiple performers including Capiam, a popular Israeli cover band.

Location: Event Center at the Valley Forge Casino Resort: 1160 1st Avenue, King of Prussia, PA 19406

A free bus will be leaving from the CSS parking lot at 11AM. Advanced registration is required. Please call the synagogue office at 215-677-1600.

Congregation Brunch

Sunday, April 15, 2018 at
10:30am

Please join us for a delicious brunch

Featuring: French toast casserole, lox & bagels, frittatas,
Mimosas, dessert and more.

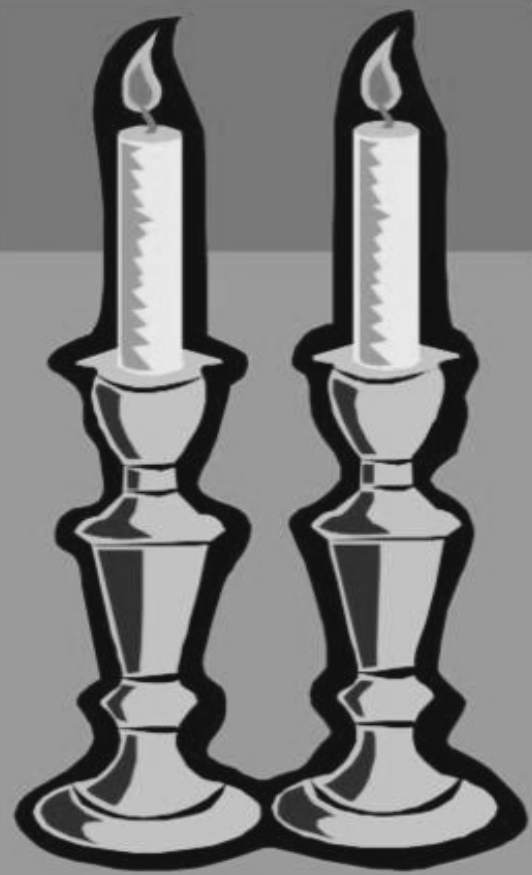


Cost: \$18 per adult, \$9 per child

Join us as Bill Wine entertains us
with his perspective on
Jewish Humor

In his career as a critic, Bill Wine has always been a student of humor, Jewish or otherwise, and has interviewed dozens of comedians and comic actors. He'll explore the psychology of comedy, discuss ways in which Jewish humor is simultaneously unique and still like every other brand of humor, and share his collection of Jewish jokes that have stood the test of time.

RSVP to the synagogue office or online www.shaareshamayim.org



*The Men's Club of the
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Invites You To Our Annual
Friday Night Shabbat Family Service

Annual Family Service
Friday, April 27, 2018
7:45pm

Oneg Shabbat Following Services

Contact Barry Leiber or Howard Rosen for a part
at 215-441-5057

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Passover



Enough Cooking at home?
Join us for our Annual Passover BBQ!
Wednesday, April 4 at 6pm

\$20/adult, \$13/child under 13
Please call the office to RSVP
215-677-1600





High Tea

*You are cordially invited to join
Sisterhood for High Tea*

Wednesday, April 18, 1pm

Cost: \$18 per person

**price includes tea, finger sandwiches,
pastries & entertainment*

"For the Fun of it" Jewelry by Sharon Rovner for sale

**Please send to Gerry Zaretsky at CSS:
9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia**

CSS Sisterhood—High Tea—April 18, 2018

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MURDER MYSTERY



Lois Bittman wins the prize for solving the murder!



Congratulations

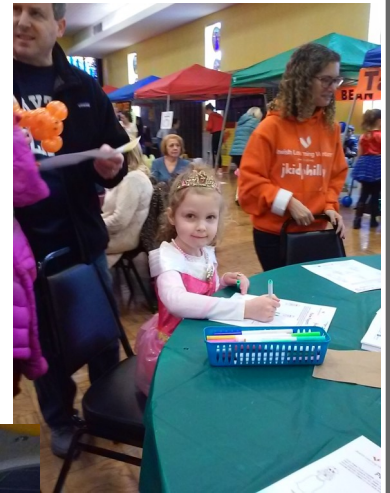
The first quarter of the year has passed but there are still over **250** chances to win. Maybe next month we'll see YOUR name here! Call Richard Raisman at 215-450-7461 to see if your number is still available!

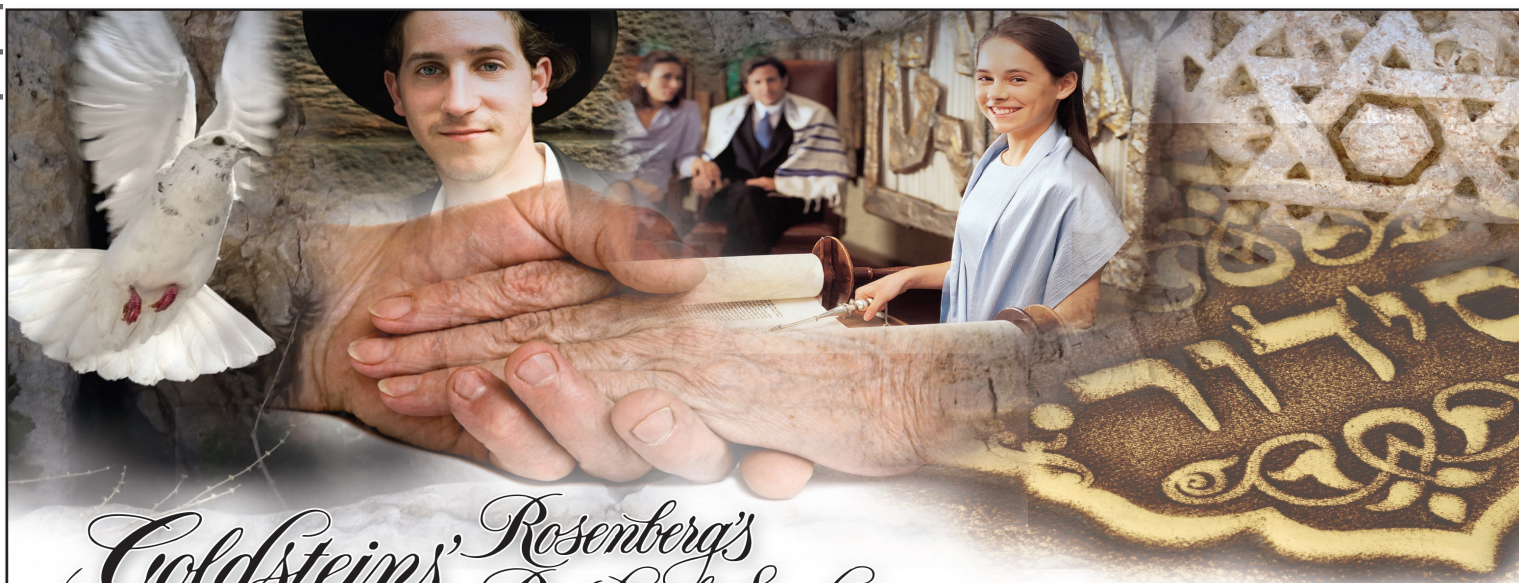
Congrats to our Lottery Calendar Winners in March!

Neysa Samuels
Karen Simansky
Vivian May
Shirley Lieberman



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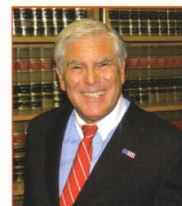
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There are 17 lawyers to serve you which includes my son Steven, my brother Howard, Jeffrey Schmidt, and Cheryl Wolf Applebaum, some of whom are members of the congregation.

Listen to my radio show: "Senator Bob Rovner Talks To The Stars"
every Friday 12 Noon to 1:00 p.m. on WWDB 860 AM
(this show can be heard on my website: www.dial-law.com)

SISTERHOOD HAPPENINGS



March came in with a bang. Rain was predicted, but we got snow. Only three hearty souls and Cantor Bitton attended Friday night services. By Saturday morning it started to melt, and the sun came out. Then we changed our clocks to Daylight Savings Time and the calendar says spring is almost here. Meetings now are back to 7:00PM unless specified. Please check the

schedule below.

Another Nor'easter was predicted, but all that came down for us was a little rain. The General meeting was well attended, not surprising. Everyone knew Cantor Don Samuels was entertaining. The rich, strong voice of Cantor was amazing. We were so glad to have him back.

Events get planned and they always involve food. Whether it is Sisterhood or Congregation food doesn't get prepared without help and the Shabbat Across America Dinner was no exception. I must thank those who worked tirelessly to make the dinner a success,

Sisterhood Calendar 2017 – 2018

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

Board Meetings

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

General Meetings

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Special Events

Wednesday, April 18, 2018, Sisterhood Tea, 1pm

Wednesday, May 16, 2018, New York Trip

Tuesday, May 22, 2018, President's Dinner, 6pm

Tuesday, June 5, 2018, Donor Dinner, 6pm

Tuesday, June 12, 2018, Installation, 6pm

Shelli Keeny who shopped more than once for all we needed, Denise Ellner, Lynn Whitman Azoulay, Mordechai Azoulay, Zelda Oslon, Jerry Oslon, Linda Korsin, Harriet Davis, Fran Gabriel, Steve Albert, Phyllis Fertik, and Gita Farbman. Some worked in the kitchen, set tables, watched the ovens, served and cleaned up. We were like a well oiled machine.

We delayed our bingo due to the weather forecast. We will enjoy the bingo and chicken lo mein dinner until May 1 at 6:00PM. There's still time to sign up. It is \$23 per person which includes one bingo card, dinner and dessert. Please send your check to the synagogue office.

April 18 at 1:00PM is the High Tea. A variety of teas, sandwiches, pastries and the Sisterhood Players will be there. Sharon Rovner's "For The Fun of It" jewelry will be for sale. Please come early and shop. Doors open at 12:30PM. What a wonderful way to spend an afternoon.

Don't forget Congregations' big fundraiser for the year, Married to Broadway, June 3, at 3:30PM. Tickets are on sale. Call the office for information.

Have a Zissen Pesach.

Mindy Poliner

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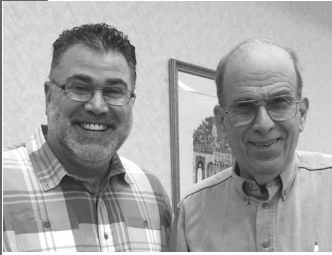
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MEN'S CLUB TIME OUT



Thursday April 12th is our monthly Board Meeting at 7:00PM.

Once again, for the third consecutive year, we will be participating in the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program. This is a

project of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. Please check your mailboxes for your candle sometime towards the end of March. We are asking that you please send back a donation in a multiple of \$18.00 (Chai, which means life) in the envelope that will be provided. Funds received over and above the cost of the candle and shipping charges will go directly to Tzedakah. Light the candle and place it in your window the evening of Wednesday, April 11th. We hope that once again you will support this worthy cause.

Thank you to Paul Kaplan and Jerry Gabriel for their help with our Annual Blood Drive on March 11th.

Please mark your calendars. Friday night, April 27th will be our annual Men's Club Family Shabbat Service. Please contact either the synagogue's office, Barry or Howard if you wish to participate in the service. Hebrew and English parts are available. Please let us know which you prefer.

Wednesday, May 9th is our Spring bus trip to New York City. The cost of this event is \$38.00 per person (this includes the tip for the bus driver). This is always a very popular event, so make sure you contact the office to sign up for a fun filled day. We leave the synagogue at 8AM sharp and we leave New York at about 5:30PM with an estimated time back in Philadelphia at about 8PM. Once we arrive in NYC, you are on your own. Go to a museum, go shopping, or go see a show. The day is yours and you can do whatever you want.

We want to wish everyone a Zissen Pesach!

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

Men's Club Calendar 2017 – 2018 ***All meetings are held at 7pm unless noted**

Board Meetings

Thursday, May 3, 2018

Special Events

Friday, April 27, 2018, Family Shabbat Service, 7:45pm

Wednesday, May 9, 2018, NYC Bus Trip, 8am

General Meetings

Thursday, May 24, 2018, 7:30pm

Thursday, June 14, 2018, Closing Affair: Beer N' Beer, 6:30pm

CONDOLENCES

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

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