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RABBI'S STUDY



The word “Shavuot,” the name for the late spring festival of the Jewish year, literally means “Weeks.” It is called this because from the second day of Pesach through Erev Shavuot, we count every day of seven weeks.

Shavuot is also known as “Pentecost,” because it is the fiftieth day after we begin counting. Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah by God to the Jewish people. The Bible tells us that God gave the Torah to us at Mount Sinai. The Torah spells out the details of the Covenant that God made with the Israelites when He took them out from the bondage of the Land of Egypt into freedom. For Jews, the Revelation at Mount Sinai is much more than receiving the Torah – it is the direct experiencing of God by each and every Jew that was, is, and will ever be.

A number of customs have arisen with the observance and celebration of Shavuot. One of the oldest customs is the decorating of the synagogue and the home with flowers, green plants, and even trees. The most common explanations for this custom are:

- The area surrounding Mount Sinai was green and lush with vegetation, for the Bible tells us that the Israelites were not to “let the flocks and herds graze” at the mountainside.
- According to Jewish tradition, Shavuot is the “Day of Judgment” for trees (as opposed to “Tu B’Shevat,” which is the “New Year” for trees). Special prayers are recited in the hopes that God will cause all trees to yield their produce (e.g. - fruits, dates, nuts).
- Because Shavuot also marks the first harvest of the spring, the floral motif is a reminder of the decorations that adorned the baskets of the first

fruits that were brought to the Temple on that day.

- The plants remind us of the baby Moses in his basket of reeds floating on the Nile. Our tradition teaches us that Pharaoh’s daughter found and “rescued” the baby Moses on Shavuot.

There is a Rabbinic legend that tells of how, after the Israelites fainted from fear when God began to pronounce the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai, God revived them with fragrant spices. Another legend teaches us that as God gave the Israelites each commandment, the entire world was filled with the fragrance of wonderful spices. There is a custom that has developed for the sexton of the congregation to scatter spices around the synagogue in order to “recreate” this legendary fragrance. Another custom is for every congregant to receive a stick of fresh myrtle.

One of the flowers we use on Shavuot is the rose. It is a favorite because of the playful interpretation of the following verse contained in the Book of Esther: “And the law was proclaimed in Shushan.” The Hebrew word for “rose” is “shoshan,” thus the play on the word “Shushan.” Because of the symbol of the rose, the custom of decorating the synagogue and home with paper cuts containing the design of roses and flowers became very popular.

Just as the rose is filled with a sweet fragrance, so, too, are the words of the Torah and the Bible. My wish for all of us is that we breathe in the sweet-smelling fragrance of the teachings of our tradition so that we may continue to enjoy the wonder and beauty of all of God’s creation.

Im Birchat Shalom...With a Blessing of Peace,
I am

Rabbi Reuben Israel Abraham

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

Get rid of unused medications at the 7th District Police Station. A box is provided specifically for this purpose. Please do not flush old or unused medication down the toilet as it can contaminate the water.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

You may have seen the recent survey that concluded that America's memory of the Holocaust is fading. People who took the survey demonstrated dramatic ignorance of events and impacts on world Jewry during World War II.

As contact with survivors diminishes due to illness and death, how do we keep the memory alive?

As we observe Holocaust Remembrance Day, I was asking these questions: Is the news all bad?

As I share conversations with two of our incredible young congregants, grandchildren of survivors, I believe you will find some reason to be inspired for future generations.

Many of you met Rebecca Shefcyk when she spoke at Yom Kippur. She was proud to remember her grandparents who survived the Holocaust, and she spoke movingly about her family connection to synagogue and Judaism.

I remembered her wonderful speech, so I asked her about the stories shared by her grandparents and their impact on her. Rebecca told me about hearing her grandmother's story. In Rebecca's own words, "Every time it happened, it was a powerful moment. It showed me her strength then as well as in that moment. I always can hear her voice of her struggles during the Holocaust as well as immediately after when they were freed but had to trek back on foot to look for other survivors and loved ones. They are moments that connect me to my family as well as being Jewish."

Board member Julie Herskovitz also shared some incredible stories with me beginning with a powerful photograph of her (great) uncle, grandfather, and great grandfather as they arrived at Auschwitz. An aunt visiting the Holocaust museum in Washington DC happened to be looking through a book and spotted familiar faces in the photograph. While she wasn't sure, she bought the book. It was their family!

Julie's grandparents did not talk about their experiences until they spoke to the Shoah Foundation. Julie, who was 12 at the time, remembers her family gathering in the next room during the taping, hearing the story for the first time.

How has growing up the grandchild of survivors

shaped her life? In Julie's words, "the quiet impact this has had on my outlook on life is two fold: work ethic and family. We grew up with a strong emphasis on family and a focus on spending time together and supporting each other, yet at the same time, we also were raised to be self reliant with a strong emphasis on work values and the importance of financial independence."

For many of us, our knowledge of the Holocaust came not from home, but from books. Most of what I learned came from Hebrew School and from reading every Holocaust book in the Beth Emeth library.

Mrs. Rosalie Cohen, our CSS librarian, was happy to share information about our excellent collection of books on the Holocaust.

When should we introduce a child or grandchild to Holocaust books? Rosalie had an answer. She noted that "Second or third grade is really the earliest. I start with the book, *Terrible Things*. It's an allegory of the Holocaust using animals."

She then proceeded to tell me the story of *Terrible Things*. In just 10 minutes, I was hooked by this wonderful story!

"We have books on all levels from Sunday School to adults. Biographies to serious texts. Fiction and non fiction." Stop by!

As for Rebecca and Julie, I am so inspired by their strength and by the power of family in their lives.

Let us be inspired to keep our community strong!

Fran Gabriel

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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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 31st day of the Omer YIDDISH GROUP 1PM SISTERHOOD BINGO 6PM	2 32nd day of the Omer	3 18th of Iyyar Lag BaOmer 33rd day of the Omer MEN'S CLUB BOARD MTG 7PM	4 19th of Iyyar 34th day of the Omer 7:40p Candle lighting Traditional Service 6:45PM Conservative Service 7:45PM	5 20th of Iyyar 35th day of the Omer Trad. Services 9AM & 7:40PM Conserv. Services 9:30AM
6 21st of Iyyar 36th day of the Omer	7 22nd of Iyyar 37th day of the Omer	8 23rd of Iyyar 38th day of the Omer SISTERHOOD GENERAL MEETING 7PM	9 24th of Iyyar 39th day of the Omer MEN'S CLUB NEW YORK TRIP 8AM CRASH COURSE IN JEWISH HISTORY 10AM	10 25th of Iyyar 40th day of the Omer	11 26th of Iyyar 41st day of the Omer 7:47p Candle lighting Traditional Service 6:45PM Conservative Service 7:45PM TOT SHABBAT 4:30PM	12 27th of Iyyar 42nd day of the Omer Trad. Services 9AM & 7:45PM Conserv. Services 9:30AM BAGELS AND BIBLE 12PM
13 28th of Iyyar Yom Yerushalayim 43rd day of the Omer	14 29th of Iyyar 44th day of the Omer EDUCATION COMMITTEE MTG 7PM	15 1st of Sivan Rosh Chodesh Sivan 45th day of the Omer KNITTING GROUP 1PM	16 2nd of Sivan 46th day of the Omer SISTERHOOD NEW YORK TRIP	17 3rd of Sivan 47th day of the Omer	18 4th of Sivan 48th day of the Omer 7:53p Candle lighting Traditional Service 6:45PM Conservative Service 7:45PM	19 5th of Sivan Erev Shavuot 49th day of the Omer 8:57p Candle lighting Trad. Services 9AM & 7:50PM Conserv. Services 9:30AM & 7:45PM
20 6th of Sivan Shavuot I 8:57p Candle lighting	21 7th of Sivan Shavuot II	22 8th of Sivan SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S DINNER 6PM	23 9th of Sivan CRASH COURSE IN JEWISH HISTORY 10AM CONGREGATION BOARD MEETING 8PM	24 10th of Sivan MEN'S CLUB GENERAL MEETING 7:30PM	25 11th of Sivan 8:00p Candle lighting Traditional Service 6:45PM Conservative Service 7:45PM	26 12th of Sivan Trad. Services 9AM & 8PM Conserv. Services 9:30AM
27 13th of Sivan	28 14th of Sivan <u>Memorial Day</u>	29 15th of Sivan	30 16th of Sivan CRASH COURSE IN JEWISH HISTORY 10AM	31 17th of Sivan		

THE LIBRARY SHELF



Today's topic is "deselection." It is a subject most people neither understand nor do they like it when an explanation is given. Every library whether large or small shares this one difficulty: limited space. Congregations of Shaare Shamayim has a beautiful but

small library, a room. Yet, even large libraries have a limited amount of shelf space.

In order to keep any library current, deselection must take place. Deselection takes nerves of steel and a goal. Deselection is the careful, thoughtful removal of books from circulation. Influencing factors include but are not limited to the age of the book, its physical condition, the appropriateness of the material in our time frame, and the number of copies on the shelf. The list continues on. There are exceptions. After a book is chosen to leave out library several things may happen. It may be placed in bins near the library door where a person can choose a book to keep permanently or can pass

it onto another reader. It may be given to another library or it may be recycled. Recycle is just what it sounds like. The book goes into a bin with newspaper, mail, etc. and is remade into new clean paper which can be used for cards, books, writing paper and more.

I was told by a librarian that years ago books that were deselected were destroyed, never to be passed on or reused. They were actually ripped in half. At least now most books are repurposed.

If you intend to bring books to the library, be sure to let me know first. Keep in mind that the books may be recycled,

On the other hand, there may be treasure included. Call the synagogue office to let them know what you are planning. I'll be delighted to call you back to talk about your donation.

Happy Reading,

Rosalie Cohen

Yahrzeit Plaques

Remember your loved ones with a yahrzeit plaque.

Bronze and Interactive plaques are available.

For more information or to order a plaque, please call the synagogue office, 215-677-1600

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

After our Passover break, our Mechina and Sunday School students will complete their study of Shabbat with a model dinner. We will be learning about the 70th birthday of Israel and the holiday of Shavuot and the giving of the Ten Commandments next. It has been a great learning year for our yeladim! Thanks to everyone who made it possible.

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.

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Candle Lighting and Services Schedule

Shabbat B'midbar

Friday, May 18, 2018	Evening Service—Traditional	6:45PM
	Evening Service—Egalitarian	7:45PM
	Candle Lighting	7:53PM

Erev Shavuot

Saturday, May 19, 2018	Shacharit—Traditional	9:00AM
	Shacharit—Egalitarian	9:30AM
	Evening Service—Traditional	7:50PM
	Evening Service—Egalitarian	7:45PM
	Candle Lighting	8:57PM

Shavuot First Day

Sunday, May 20, 2018	Shacharit—Traditional	9:00AM
	Shacharit—Egalitarian	9:30AM
	Evening Service—Traditional	7:50PM
	Evening Service—Egalitarian	7:45PM
	Candle Lighting	8:57PM

Shavuot Second Day

Monday, May 21, 2018	Shacharit—Traditional	9:00AM
	Shacharit—Egalitarian	9:30AM
	YIZKOR—Traditional	approx. 10:30AM
	YIZKOR—Egalitarian	approx. 11:20AM
	Mincha—Traditional (with reading of Ruth)	7:45PM
	Yom Tov Ends	9:21PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reneé & Ken Berger and Lois & Joe Solomon announce the birth of their granddaughter Sarah Rose Berger. Proud parents are Rachel & Eric Berger and big brothers are Matthew & Ryan.
 Sherri & Jerry Herschfeld announce the engagement of their son Ryan Agger to Alexandra Fernandez-Diaz.



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

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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!

7TH DISTRICT POLICE DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Beginning in April, 2018, Medicare beneficiaries will receive a new Medicare card with a unique Medicare beneficiary identifier and without their social security number. The new card will be mailed to each Medicare beneficiary at no cost.

SEPTA will be phasing out the use of Medicare cards as ID for older adult riders. During March and April, SEPTA Key Ambassadors continued to be at the following locations to assist customers in obtaining the new SEPTA Key Card for identification.

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

5/1 D/M Irving & Greta Shore
5/2 M/M Alan & Crystal Kanefsky
5/2 M/M Kenneth & Rochelle Krevitz
5/3 M/M Edward & Elaine Benoff
5/3 M/M Steven & Deborah Greene
5/11 M/M Scott & Joanne Wolf
5/18 M/M Jack & Barbara Duniec
5/19 D/M Irvin & Nadalee Farber
5/21 M/M Elliot & Beryl Drexler
5/22 M/M Robert & Lynn Wolk
5/23 M/M Albert & Marci Polekoff
5/24 D/M Martin & Judith Hersh
5/27 M/M Stephen & Ela Britchkow
5/27 M/M Stephen & Leona Polekoff
5/29 M/M Norman & Debbie Marks
5/29 M/M Sheldon & Ilene Sackner
5/29 D/M Eric & Ivy Ross
5/31 M/M Steven & Mindy Levit

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All ages 6 and up are welcome.

CONTACT: For more information, please contact Sensei Russ at 267-342-4391 or bennybentell@verizon.net

ADULT EDUCATION

Starting on Wednesday, May 9th Rabbi Abraham will be presenting a “Crash Course in Jewish History” as part of the Sisterhood Education Program. The class is not to be viewed as a lecture but as a “lively give-and-take encounter with what has shaped our people over four millennia”. The course will run for six Wednesdays (no class on May 16th) from 10:30 to 11:30am in the small Chapel. Coffee, cake and conversation will be served starting at 10am. Both men and women are invited to participate in this new series. Cost for the program is \$12.00. Contact Toby Lundy for additional information.

Ongoing programs include knitting with Pitzie Linsky once a month from 1:00 to 2:00pm. The sessions include chatting, snacks and the relaxation that knitting can bring. Check the Scroll for current dates or call the NORC office at 215-320-0351 for further information.

If you enjoy reading, check with our librarian, Rosalie Cohen or one of our Book Club leaders to

find out the book that they will be discussing in May. Book Club is generally held the third Thursday of the month at noon. Lite refreshments are served.

Jack Belitsky, in partnership with NORC, continues to run a twice monthly Yiddish Club from 12:30 to 2:00 on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Light refreshments are served. Jack also teaches adult Hebrew classes on Sunday mornings on both the beginner and intermediate level.

The Bereavement Group that is run by Rivka Powers took a break for the Passover holiday. Contact Ms. Powers at rivkapowers55@gmail.com or call the CSS office to find out when sessions will be resuming.

Denise Ellner
Adult Education Chair



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.

ART OF THE NEGEV EXHIBIT

Congregations of Shaare Shamayim is proud to host the Art of the Negev Exhibit. This art exhibit features work by two artists who live and work in Israel's northern Negev desert. This is part of an ongoing program of Israel engagement through the arts through the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. The art is displayed in the hallway outside the office. Please stop by to see it!

About the Artists:



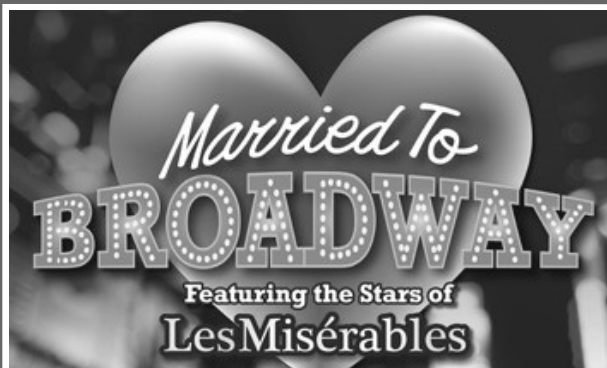
Simcha Even-Haim

A creative artist and art instructor born in 1975, Simcha lives with her husband and children in Yoshviva, a Moshav in Sdot Negev Regional Council. Simcha began her career as a painter in her late youth when she was wondering about life and its existence. "The first works were very much influenced by the art [of India] that I absorbed while traveling there; I was mesmerized by the rich colors...Through the paintings of my face, I actually reached inside, which brought me back to my roots, to my being Jewish."



Yafa Dadon

Yafa paints, creates sculptures, and designs. She combines aquarelle paintings, ceramics, wood, and soft materials. Yafa is resident of the city of Netivot. "My works are inspired by the desert atmosphere and brings together spirit and material aesthetics and femininity." She merges absolute freedom with the breaking of traditions and conventions.



Celebrate this special event by placing a message or advertisement in our Program book to be distributed at the event on June 3, 2018.

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Through the concerted effort of volunteers including Jerry Gabriel, Chuck Dickter, Karen Dickter, our Religious School, Preschool, and more, we created our very own Mitzvah Garden. During the summer months, these volunteers diligently planted and cared for various plants and we collected our crop at the end of the summer including tomatoes, cucumbers, watermelon, peppers and various spices. Everything we collected was given to those in need, either in our own congregation or in the larger community.

Despite the cold spring we've had, the garden will be opening again in the middle of May and we need your help to keep this wonderful program going. Please contact the office to sign up to volunteer. Donations in support of the garden are always appreciated and can be sent to the Moe and Dot Davis Cook For a Friend Fund.

Thank you for your support!



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**Join Sisterhood for their
Annual Spring Bingo
MaY 1, 2018, 6pm**

Cost: \$23pp includes one bingo card, chicken lo mein dinner, and dessert.

***extra bingo cards and
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Contact Gerry Zaretsky for more information or to make your reservation.

CSS Sisterhood—BINGO—May 1, 2018

Name _____

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Total Amount Enclosed\$ _____

RABBI REUBEN ISRAEL ABRAHAM PRESENTS:



Crash Course in Jewish History

“The Spanish-American philosopher George Santayana stated: Those who cannot remember the past are destined to repeat it.” While this may be true, I have always wondered what happens to those who do not know the past in the first place?

Replacing the word “past” with the word “history,” I believe that we, the People Israel, have a rich 4,000 year history that the majority of us do not know let alone appreciate.

All too often when people hear the word “history,” they break out in a cold sweat. But it is Jewish History, the history of the People Israel, that has brought me to where I am today. And I want to share that passion for our People’s history with you, not by a simple regurgitation of facts, but by a lively give-and-take encounter with what has shaped our people over four millennia. Please join me in doing so.”

Rabbi Abraham will conduct classes for six enlightening weeks of discourse.

Wednesdays, May 9th (not on 5-16--N.Y. Trip) thru June 20th

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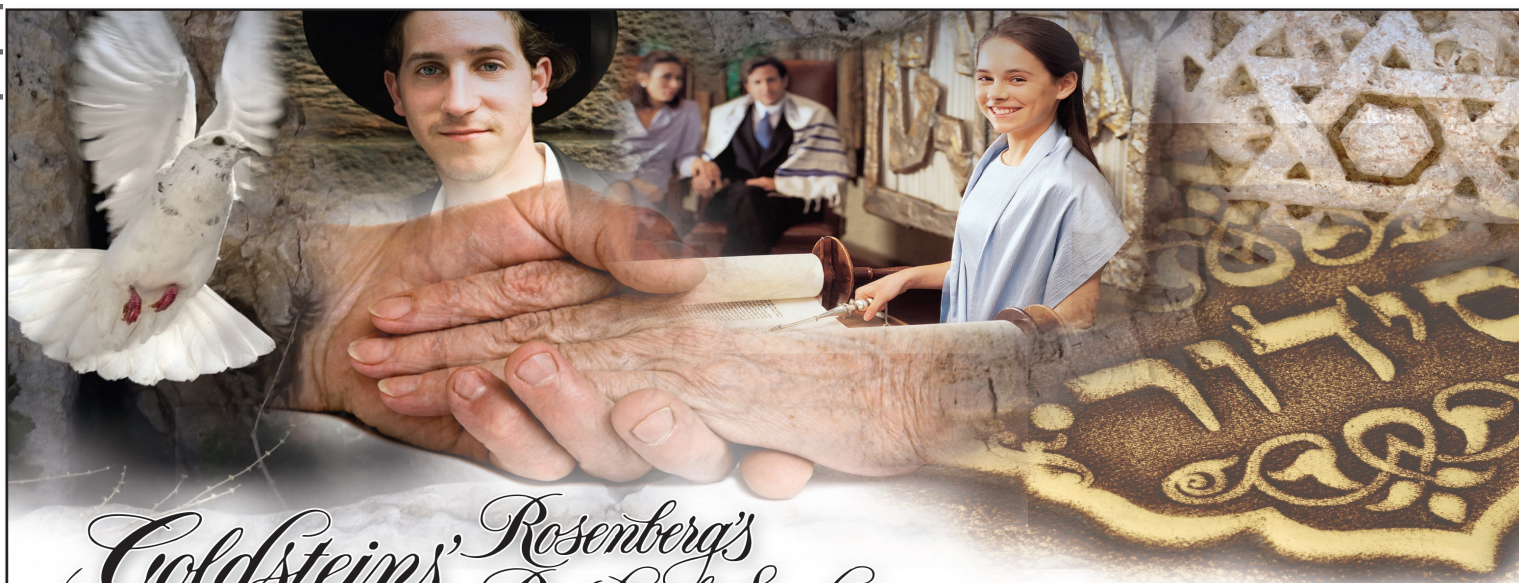
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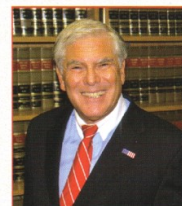
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There are 17 lawyers to serve you which includes my son Steven, my brother Howard, Jeffrey Schmidt, and Cheryl Wolf Applebaum, some of whom are members of the congregation.

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SISTERHOOD HAPPENINGS



Passover is over. Our kitchens are back to normal. My daffodils have been blooming since the last Nor'easter. Trees are budding. Spring is in the air. What a wonderful time of year.

Bobbi Kraft, a member who came to us with the Ner Zedek merger, took us on a trip to Israel.

Bobbi's knowledge of Israel's many museums, historical sights and places of interest is quite extensive. She was a delight to listen to.

Sisterhood is always looking for new members. If you know of anyone, please let us know.

With spring came the annual High Tea. Tea sandwiches, desserts, assorted teas, hats, jewelry and the Sisterhood Players. What an enjoyable afternoon it was. We had hats of all types and sizes. Some even wore gloves. It's an afternoon everyone looked forward to.

The Bingo that was postponed due to snow, will be held May 1. Our callers, Steve Korsin, back from visiting his daughter in Berlin, and Dave Slosberg, back from visiting his daughter in Israel. The chicken

lo mein will be delicious as usual. Thanks to Jerry Gabriel for donating one of his famous cut out pictures. I encourage everyone to enter that raffle. Many other items were on the Boutique Table.

May 16 will be our second New York Trip. Escape to Margaritaville is a lively and entertaining show. Tickets are sold out, but there is a waiting list.

The Donor Dinner is Tuesday, June 5 at 6:00pm. Make sure you get your donor dollars on the books. See Bobbie Slosberg if your last name begins with A to M, or Denise Ellner for N to Z. You don't want miss the dinner.

Installation will be June 12, at 6:00pm. A light dinner will be served. Please RSVP.

Don't forget Congregation's big fund raiser, Married to Broadway, June 3 at 3:30pm. Contact Bobbie Slosberg or the office for tickets.

Mindy Poliner
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Sisterhood Calendar 2017 – 2018

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

Board Meetings

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

General Meetings

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Special Events

Tuesday, May 1, 2018, Bingo

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

MITZVAH COMMITTEE

We have received many thank you messages and cards from congregants who needed help, especially for Passover. I always say it is not necessary to thank me. I'm the go-between. It's our generous congregants who should be thanked. So I am thanking all of you who help make our Mitzvah Committee as beneficial and available as it is.

Rosalie and the Ladies of the Mitzvah Committee

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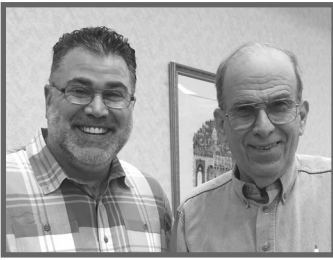
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MEN'S CLUB TIME OUT



Please join us Thursday evening, May 3rd for our monthly Board Meeting at 7pm.

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 a 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 have a meeting scheduled for Thursday

evening, May 24th at 7:30pm. Our topic is still in development, so please look out for a future flyer for details.

Please join us Thursday evening, June 7th for our monthly Board meeting at 7pm.

Our annual closing event, our Beef & Beer dinner will be held on Thursday, June 14th at 6:30pm. Our speaker this year will be sports write Mike Kern. Mike is a Philadelphia Daily News sports columnist. The price for the dinner is \$18.00 for members and their spouse (per person). Any additional guests is \$20.00 per person. Please come out and join us. Reservations are required.

Thank you,

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

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Board Meetings

Thursday, May 3, 2018

Special Events

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

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

General Meetings

Thursday, May 24, 2018, 7:30pm

CONDOLENCES

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

Condolences are sent to Eleanor Levin on the loss of her husband, Arnold Levin.

The Congregation mourns long-time member, Alvin Feldman.

The Congregation mourns long-time member, Irene Yanovitz.

Condolences are sent to Paul Kaplan on the loss of his mother, Marion Kaplan.

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Sun-Thur evenings 7:45 pm

Fri & Sat evenings varies with sunset

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Sat mornings 9:30 am

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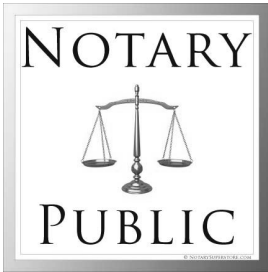
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