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Shmooze with The Word Mavens

Joyce Eisenberg & Ellen Scolnic
authors of the *Dictionary of Jewish Words*

A hilarious program from two ladies who know the difference between a dreidel and a draykop. Come reminisce about your favorite Jewish holidays, compare rugelach vs. schnecken and learn a bisssel Yiddish.

Thursday, January 25th @ 7pm
\$5.00 per person

The Dictionary will be for sale (\$18) and you can have it autographed by the authors

Light refreshments will be
served RSVP to the
synagogue office



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RABBI'S STUDY



From the Babylonian Talmud we read the following:

Once Honi was walking along the road when he saw a man planting a carob tree. Honi asked: "How long before it will bear fruit?" The man answered: "Seventy years."

Honi then asked: "Are you sure that you will be alive in seventy years to eat from its fruit?" The man replied: "I found this world filled with carob trees. Just as my ancestor planted for me, so shall I plant for my children."

How many times have you read an article about Israel and wished you could do something to help Israelis? If you are like me, I am sure that you think about this a great deal of the time. The fact is that you can do something to help our brothers and sisters in the Land of Israel, and it is directly related to what many American Jews refer to as "Jewish Arbor Day."

I am, of course, referring to "Tu B'Shevat," the Fifteenth of Shevat, which is the New Year for Trees. The Talmud refers to Tu B'Shevat as the new year with respect to tithing one's agricultural harvest (10%) to G-d. As time passed, our sages determined that because it is at this time of the year that the fruit of the trees of the Land of Israel begins to form as the sap rises in the trees' branches, Tu B'Shevat would be known as the New

Year for Trees. On this day, it is customary to eat one or more of the following fruits or grains grown in the Land of Israel: almonds, dates, figs, pomegranates, olives, carob, wheat, or barley. With the establishment of the State of Israel, one more "minhag," one more custom, has been added to this minor holiday.

You may ask: "Rabbi, how is Tu B'Shevat related to my being able to help Israel?" The answer is that on Tu B'Shevat it has become the custom for American Jews to make a donation to the Jewish National Fund (JNF) in order to plant a tree/trees in the Land of Israel. At this time, the JNF is also helping to increase the critical shortfall in the water resources so desperately needed for a successful growing season.

So, if you lament the "fact" that you believe you cannot do anything for our people in the Land of Israel, I strongly urge you to consider making a donation to the JNF on Tu B'Shevat in order to help make life easier for our people. By doing so, you will personally help to ensure that "Am Yisrael Chai!" - "the People Israel lives!"

Bivrachat Shalom...With a Blessing of Peace, I am...

Rabbi Reuben Israel Abraham

CONDOLENCES

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

Condolences are sent to Mitch Raisman on the loss of his wife, Lynne Raisman.

The Congregation mourns long-time member, Lillian Geboff.

The Congregation mourns former member, Tola Kozuch.

Condolences are sent to Charles Shestack on the loss of his sister, Evelyn Shestack Perlstein.

Condolences are sent to Phyllis Fertik Schifreen on the loss of her father, Leon Fertik.

Condolences are sent to Florence Bellman on the loss of her husband, Albert Bellman.

Condolences are sent to Barry Saunders and Matt Saunders on the loss of their wife and mother, long-time CSS bookkeeper, Fran Saunders.

Condolences are sent to Edward Simon on the loss of his wife, Goldie Simon.



Earn cash for our school with Box Tops

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

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago we honored our Past Presidents with a beautiful Tribute Brunch. I hope you were able to join us for this special event where we met with old friends (some of whom we haven't seen in years!), reminisced on the good memories of our community, and celebrated the leaders that have guided us to where we are today. My favorite moments from that morning are when many of our Past Presidents stood up to share memories with us. There was a common thread of love and dedication to our community which was very inspiring.

I loved those messages and I thought you might like hearing from some of our other congregation leaders.

First, I asked our Men's Club Co-President, Barry Leiber, who was recently honored by the Mid-Atlantic Region Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs as "Man of the Year". Barry shared his favorite memory: attending the Men's Club convention last year with Paul Kaplan. "Forging new connections with so many Men's Clubs and synagogues, it motivated us to continue growing the CSS Men's Club," he said. "There was a full schedule of seminars, speakers, and program ideas. It was a great time meeting with other Men's Club officers with similar interests." (Note: A hearty

Yasher Koach to Barry and to the Men's Club).

Former Sisterhood President Shelli Krevitz told me her favorite memory of being Sisterhood President was greeting the over 100 Sisterhood members for the Membership Dinner and everyone coming together for that special night. "I felt very supported," she shared with me, "While the Sisterhood Presidency came with much responsibility, there was always someone there."

These stories have one thing in common: connection. The connection that we feel toward our synagogue, our members, friends, and leaders—past and present—is what makes our community special. It unites us.

I feel that connection everywhere! It is in the kitchen, in the hallways, with our students, and in the office. It runs through our events.

Come and get connected! You'll see.

More leadership stories are coming. I am still out there learning and I am learning every day. Thanks to all of you for being a part of Shaare Shamayim and making our synagogue a wonderful place to be.

Fran Gabriel

FrancesGabriel@comcast.net

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.



TZEDAKAH CHALLENGE

Join in this contribution challenge!

Irving and Shirley Feldbaum made a meaningful donation to Shaare Shamayim to benefit our shul.

He challenges YOU to make a similar contribution this holiday season!

MITZVAH COMMITTEE

Thank you for your continued support of our congregants through your donations to the Mitzvah Fund. The Moe and Dot Davis Memorial Garden provided a great bounty of fruit and vegetables all last summer. Your generous donations helped supply fresh produce to those in need until the next growing season.

During the cold of winter, we may need to help a family by paying a heat or electric bill. You will not know who was helped by your mitzvah, as help is given quietly and respectfully. The highest form of Tzedakah is when the giver doesn't know who he or she has helped, and the recipient doesn't know who has given. Please continue to think of those in need this winter. Thank you.

The Ladies of the Mitzvah Committee

TEVET 5778

JANUARY 2018

SH'VAT 5778

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	14th of Tevet 2 New Year's Day	15th of Tevet 3 YIDDISH GROUP 12:30PM	16th of Tevet 4 MEN'S CLUB BOARD MTG 7PM	17th of Tevet 5 4:31p Candle lighting Traditional Service 4:35PM Conservative Service 7:45PM	18th of Tevet 6 4:31p Candle lighting Traditional Service 4:35PM Conservative Service 7:45PM	19th of Tevet 6 Tues. Services 9AM & 5:40PM Conserv. Services 9:30AM
7 20th of Tevet 8	21st of Tevet 9 SISTERHOOD BABY SHOWER 1PM	22nd of Tevet 10 EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG 8PM	23rd of Tevet 11 Rosh Chodesh Shvat	24th of Tevet 12 4:36p Candle lighting Traditional Service 4:40PM Conservative Service 7:45PM	25th of Tevet 13 4:36p Candle lighting Traditional Service 4:40PM Conservative Service 7:45PM	26th of Tevet 13 Tues. Services 9AM & 5:50PM Conserv. Services 9:30AM
14 27th of Tevet 15 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MTG 7PM	28th of Tevet 16 KNITTING GROUP 1PM	29th of Tevet 17 Rosh Chodesh Shvat	1st of Shvat 18 Rosh Chodesh Shvat	2nd of Shvat 19 4:46p Candle lighting Traditional Service 4:50PM Conservative Service 7:45PM	3rd of Shvat 20 4:46p Candle lighting Traditional Service 4:50PM Conservative Service 7:45PM	4th of Shvat 20 Tues. Services 9AM & 6PM Conserv. Services 9:30AM BAGELS AND BIBLE 12PM
21 5th of Shvat 22	6th of Shvat 23 SISTERHOOD BOARD MTG 1PM	7th of Shvat 24 SISTERHOOD BOARD MTG 1PM	8th of Shvat 25 CONGREGATION BOARD MTG 8PM	9th of Shvat 26 4:51p Candle lighting Traditional Service 4:55PM Conservative Service 7:45PM	10th of Shvat 27 4:51p Candle lighting Traditional Service 4:55PM Conservative Service 7:45PM	11th of Shvat 27 Tues. Services 9AM & 6:05PM Conserv. Services 9:30AM TU B'SHAVAT SEDER & LUNCH
28 12th of Shvat 29 TU B'SHAVAT MUSIC & DANCE 10AM	13th of Shvat 30	14th of Shvat 31 Tu B'Shvat	15th of Shvat			

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THE LIBRARY SHELF



Dear Readers,

If you borrow books from the Free Library of Philadelphia, the Huntingdon Valley Library or the Abington Library, you sign out your books and you may only keep your books for an allotted time.

I tend to be more lenient. I usually tell you that you may take your time reading. Occasionally I will ask you to return your book in two or three weeks. You are always welcome to sign out books but it is imperative that you sign a card with your name and phone number and leave it on my desk.

You can borrow books if I'm not present, but be courteous enough to sign for them and return them in an acceptable time span. Please look around your home for copies of *The Dovekeepers*, *The Measure of a Man* and *The Nightingale* and return them to the library so that others may use them as well.

Thank you and happy reading,

Rosalie Cohen

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Omission from December:

12/25 M/M Jerrold & Rochelle Epstein

1/7 D/M Kenny & Karen Simansky

1/7 M/M Norman & Barbara Stein

1/11 M/M Eugene & Mira Klein

1/12 M/M Arnold & Eleanor Levin

1/13 M/M Louis & Raelene Sandberg

1/22 M/M David & Sonia Racher

1/22 M/M Mark & Shirley Davis

1/27 M/M Sol & Ruth Brandspiegel

MAHJONGG CARDS

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is time to order your Mahjongg cards again.

Please send me your list with your check and phone number in case I have a question.

Thanks,

Marion Lober

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1/1 Judith Shapiro

1/2 Rita Abrams

1/2 Rose Oberfeld

1/3 Carole Feldman

1/3 Rena Frank

1/3 Toby Lundy

1/3 Rose Ginsberg

1/4 Miriam Kall

1/4 Chloe Poland

1/4 Ruth Rabinowitz

1/5 Beverly Lyons

1/6 Evelyn Goldberg

1/6 Eleanor Levin

1/6 Joshua Kanner

1/6 Sarah Meller

1/6 Florence Brownstein

1/6 Claire Greene

1/7 Glenn Levin

1/7 Irene Goldberg

1/7 Auram Benoff

1/8 Linda Hershman

1/8 Marcia Weinberg

1/8 Crystal Kanefsky

1/11 Richard Rubin

1/14 Jake Rubin

1/14 Matthew Charles

1/14 Howard Morris

1/16 Rita Malenbaum

1/18 Marilyn Figlin

1/19 Raelene Sandberg

1/19 Mildred Lurie

1/19 Sunny Gold

1/20 Robert Spivak

1/21 Lynn Wolk

1/21 Jacquelyn Bader

1/22 Raymond Poliner

1/22 Selma Sherman

1/22 Phyllis Forman

1/24 Howard Goodman

1/24 Judith Hersh

1/24 Andrea Wolf

1/25 Michael Feldsher

1/25 Elinda B. Fishman Kiss

1/25 Marla Askin

1/26 Alan Gurmankin

1/26 Vivian May

1/27 Joseph Sands

1/28 Anita Ross

1/28 Jill Delfiner

1/30 Shirley Jenet



Congratulations!

Our 2017 Lottery Calendar Winners!!

(See the flyer on the next page to find out how YOU can add your number to our 2018 Lottery Calendar!)

January

Harry & Susan Schmidt
Missy & Ephraim Salzberg

February

Shelli Keeny
Sunny Silver
Lynn Ratmanskyy
Gary Krimstock

March

Fran Saunders

April

Linda Korsin
Judy Roberts
Linda Keiman
Josh & Carol Hecht

May

Judy Hersh
Rhoda Stein
Ellen & Jerry Frost

June

Steven Kalchman
Rachel & Frank Coates
Samantha & Evan Rosenberg

July

Evelyn Goldberg
Nancy & Kevin Blitz
Maria Topel
Rhoda Stein

August

Toby Lundy
Richard Rubin

Perla Fischer

Bobble Slosberg

September

Joan Hecht
Jacques Lurie
Bobble Slosberg
Charlotte & Allen Rosenthal

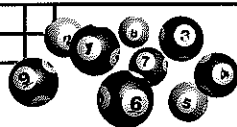
October

Selma Dubrow
Don & Phyllis Stoltz
Lynn Ratmanskyy

November

Richard Rubin
Lynne Kramer





2018 Lottery Calendar

A \$36 lottery calendar is a great Chanukah gift for the whole family and a great way to help our synagogue!

Last year, we had multiple winners every month and even one multiple winner to date!

Fill out the form below and send it to the office with your check (please add "Lottery Calendar" to the memo line)

It's just that EASY!!

We are now selling numbers for our 2018 Lottery Calendar!

2018 LOTTERY CALENDAR

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!

THANK YOU

If you were fortunate enough to join us at the Tribute Brunch honoring our Past Presidents, you would have experienced a remarkable afternoon. We had 43 Past Presidents or their representatives attend, and were able to express to them the respect we have for their legacies. The event committee, chaired by Denise Ellner, did an extraordinary job.

From honorees receiving flowers and Past President pins, a Tribute Book produced, an Honor Roll established, personal photos taken, a chance to speak publicly, and finally, installation of permanent plaques recognizing the 147 Past Presidents we have been able to identify, it was nothing short of a "love fest".

I thank Denise Ellner for agreeing to chair this fundraiser and welcome our future collaborations.

With gratitude and so much appreciation,

Karen Simansky
Vice President of Ways and Means

As the year 2017 ends and we enter into 2018, I would like to send a tremendous Thank You to Marci Blitz for our successful Lottery Calendar fundraiser. Marci brought this concept to us one year ago, initiated the development and process and then shepherded it's rollout into a well-oiled machine. She has been tasked with validating daily lottery numbers, informing our winners, and of course, making sure winners received their checks. She took on the responsibilities so that you, our members, did not have to track or concern yourselves with being watchful. Marci assured me she enjoyed this immensely, but has decided it is time to pass the reins to someone else.

As we welcome Rich Raisman to oversee the easy transition to this position, we send our gratitude and sincere appreciation to Marci for her devotion to CSS.

Karen Simansky
Vice President of Ways and Means

As chairperson of the Tribute to Past Presidents Brunch, I would like to thank everyone who helped to make Sunday, December 3rd such a successful day. Our dedicated committee did a wonderful job of planning and executing the many details that helped to make the day so great. A special thank you goes to our MC, Michael Bittman, and to our historian for the morning, Barry Pogach.

The committee heard lots of positive reviews from those in attendance. Some of the compliments came in person, some via phone calls, some via text messages or e-mail and some come as a response to a posting on 'Growing Up Jewish in Northeast Philly', which is a facebook page.

I would like to paraphrase an e-mail that I received after the event. The writer wanted to compliment the committee and myself for "the wonderful event on Sunday". He went on to say that he saw people he had not seen in years and also saw some of the children of the Ner Zedek Past Presidents that he had closely worked with over 30 years ago. He continued by saying that he was surprised that after all these years, he would be remembered and honored for serving as President of Congregation Ner Zedek-Ezrath Israel. He concluded with a remark that I completely agree with and can only best relay his message by quoting him directly. He said, "I wish the Congregations of Shaare Shamayim the best and lets hope and pray CSS will continue to be a vibrant House of Prayer and Learning for the Jewish community for many years to come." With your continued support for Shaare Shamayim, his words will ring true.

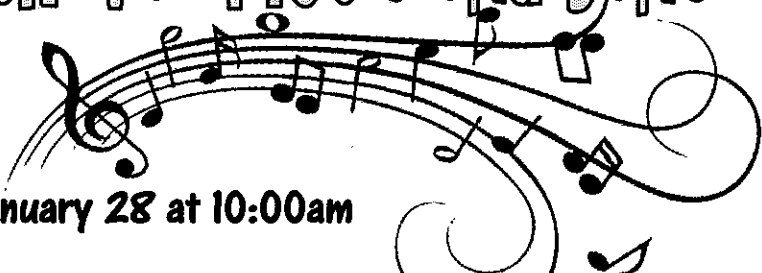
Once again thank you to all who helped make the day a success either by being on the committee, placing an ad in our Tribute Book, attending the event or in a combination of ways.

Sincerely,
Denise Ellner
Tribute Chair

Congratulations to two marvelous people who provided a wonderful afternoon of entertainment at the Past Presidents' Tribute Brunch. Kudos and a round of heartfelt applause to Michael Bittman, our Master of Ceremonies, and Barry Pogach our humorist and historical narrator. With thanks,

Karen Simansky
Vice President of Ways and Means

Tu B'Shevat Music and Dance



Sunday, January 28 at 10:00am

Join us as we once again transform our lobby for a fun Tu B'shevat program. This time into an Arctic tundra.

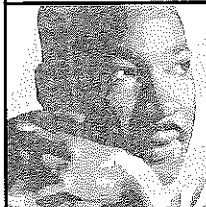
Our guest performer, Sagit Zilberman will get us all singing and dancing along with her and her variety of special and rare instruments that connect us to nature and our Jewish heritage.

Instruments include the digeridoo, hand-pan (metal drum), saxophone, and recorder.

Activities and audience participation for all ages.

No charge. All are welcome.

Please RSVP to the synagogue office at 215-677-1600.



LIFE'S MOST PERSISTENT
AND URGENT QUESTION IS:
**WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
FOR OTHERS?**

DAY OF SERVICE

Monday, January 15th, 10:00am to 4:00pm

Volunteers will meet at the NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) office:
8546B Bustleton Avenue, Philadelphia

Volunteers will be helping homebound seniors with minor maintenance such as changing lightbulbs, smoke alarm batteries, wiping down cabinets, and any other small tasks. Volunteers will be provided with supplies.

If you are interested in volunteering, but need transportation, please contact the synagogue office at 215-677-1600.

CONGREGATIONS OF
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PIANO PRIMAVERA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28
6:00PM

Join Chaverim at CSS featuring music from the Great American Songbook and much more. Four course Italian Feast included.

Cost: \$30 per person (checks made payable to CSS, "music" on the memo line)

Starring: Charles deMets, staff Pianist at the Walnut Street Theater from 1985 to 1995, and pianist for the National Touring Company of Beauty and the Beast.

Starring: Stu Weitz, well known vocalist, Cabaret singer, and Band Leader with a Sinatra style & comedic personality.

For more information or for reservations, contact Lynn Ratmanský at 215-357-3599.

RSVP required by January 25.

ADULT EDUCATION

This January, Adult Education will be taking a brief hiatus while I explore some new options that might be of interest. However, Yiddish group will continue once a month as will the Knitting group. Be sure to check your weekly e-mails or contact the synagogue office to find out the days and time. Also check to see the dates for our new Book Review group and to see what is currently being read. Jack Belitsky is still conducting Hebrew Across America on Sunday mornings.

On Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 7:00PM there will be a program entitled "Shmooze with the Word Mavens". Joyce Eisenberg & Ellen Scolnic are authors of the *Dictionary of Jewish Words*. Join the ladies for a hilarious discussion regarding their book, which can be purchased (and autographed) for \$18.00. Light refreshments will be served. Please be advised that there is a nominal charge of \$5.00 per person. RSVP to the CSS office so we know how many guests to prepare for.

If anyone has program suggestions, please feel free to call me at 215-677-9218 or leave a message at the office and I will return your call.

Denise Ellner
Adult Education Chair

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.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Our Mechina and Sunday School students completed our study of Shabbat culminating with a Model Shabbat Dinner.

The Aleph to Hei classes stained glass suncatchers to commemorate Kristalnacht. They learned to remember the past as they put the pieces back together, symbolizing building a better future.

For Chanukah, we have learned the blessings, played and learned the rules of Dreidel, and enjoyed eating sufganiyot (jelly donuts), latkes, and Chanukah gelt. The older students also made menorahs and had a special program on olive oil pressing with Tikveh Ajmi.

Mechina studied about Joseph and drew his coat of many colors, while our Aleph to Hei students have been focusing on Hebrew reading with a new program. Ask your child to read some Hebrew to you! It was great learning and enjoying all of these subjects.

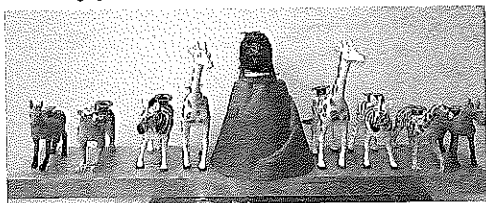
Happy 2018 to all!

CHANUKAH HAIKUS by the Sunday School "B" Class

Light the menorah
Chanukah is almost here
Dreidels, Latkes, gifts!

A Chanukiah
Candles burning so brightly
A great holiday!

Eight bright shining lights
Chanukah is here at last
What a joyful time!



Religious School students made menorahs with these plastic animals.

Movie Afternoon

Wed. February 7, 2018 @ 1pm

Showing: Mamma Mia!

\$5pp (includes popcorn & refreshments)

RSVP to Lynne Kramer

215-637-2409 or

lkramer22@verizon.net



CELEBRATE YOUR NEXT SIMCHA IN YOUR SYNAGOGUE!!

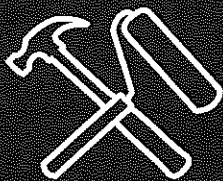
Rent Space for your next private event

Kids parties, bris or baby naming, baby shower, family reunion, formal dinners, luncheons, banquets, graduation and retirement parties.

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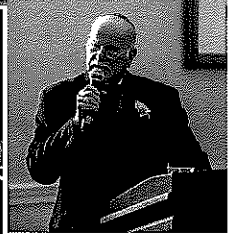
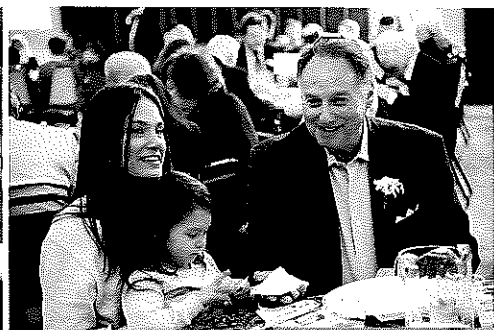
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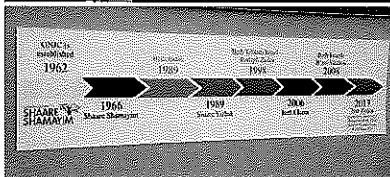


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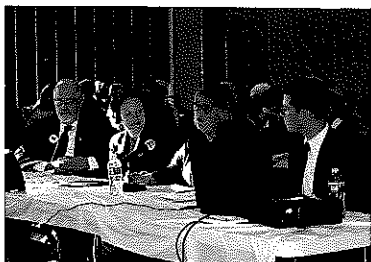
Congratulations

Congrats to our Lottery
Calendar Winners in November!

Richard Rubin
Lynne Kramer

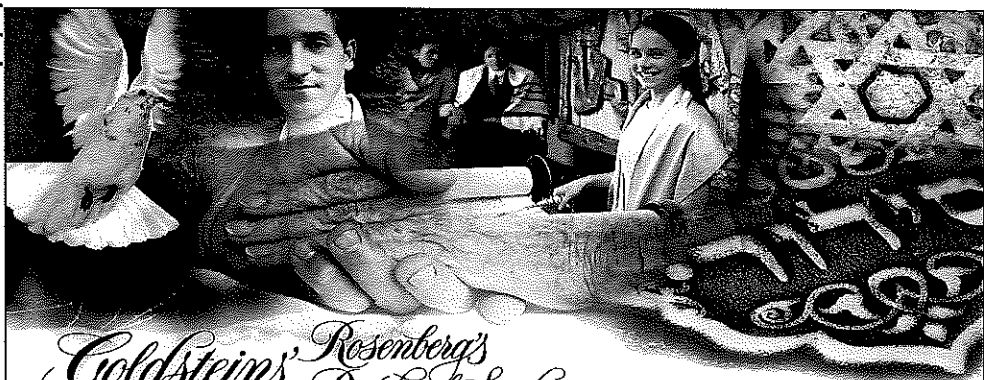


POLICY HEARING: RISE OF ANTI-SEMITIC ACTS



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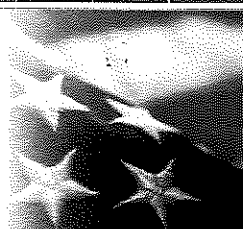
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SISTERHOOD HAPPENINGS



I hope everyone had a Happy New Year. December was a very busy month at CSS. We had a Past President's Tribute, Sisterhood Bingo (which was a huge success), Rabbi Lance Sussman's Revolution, Rock and Roll, the Chaverim visit to the Revolutionary War Museum, the Chanukah Party and the Chinese

Dinner. I don't know about you, but I am ready for a rest. Again, I want to thank everyone who helped in the kitchen, who served, and those who cleaned up. It took everyone to make those events were a success.

January 9 is the annual Baby Shower. It is wonderful to see how generous our members are in donating items for those less fortunate. The tables will be filled with merchandise for boys and girls from infant to about 5 years.

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 is the Movie and Popcorn afternoon, at 1:00PM. The movie is *Mamma Mia*, with the songs from Abba. Of course refreshments will be served. What better way to spend a cold winter afternoon. The cost is only \$5.00. On February 13, the meeting will also be held at 1:00PM.

On Tuesday, March 13 the meetings will return to their regular time at 7:00PM. Tuesday, March 20 at 6:00PM is the next Bingo. We have many events planned through the spring. Please keep your Sisterhood calendar handy.

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Board Meetings

Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 1pm
Tuesday, February 27, 2018, 1pm
Tuesday, March 27, 2018
Tuesday, April 24, 2018
Tuesday, June 26, 2018

General Meetings

Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 1pm
Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 1pm
Tuesday, March 13, 2018
Tuesday, April 10, 2018
Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Special Events

Tuesday, January 9, 2018, Baby Shower, 1pm
Wednesday, February 7, 2018, Movie, 1pm
Tuesday, March 20, 2018, Sisterhood Bingo, 6pm
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

THANK YOU

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the members of our congregation for their thoughtfulness during the funeral and shiva for my wife, Lynne Raisman. Your support was a great comfort to us.

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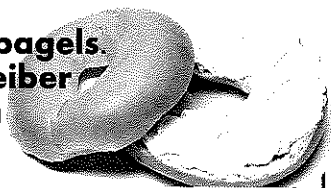
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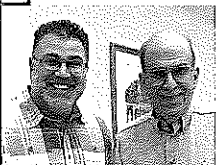
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At 267-237-6718 or bleiber.css@gmail.com



MEN'S CLUB TIME OUT



For those of you that do not know, the CSS Men's Club is a member of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs in the Middle Atlantic Region. Each year, we nominate one of our members to be our Man of the Year. This year we have nominated our very own co-president, Barry Leiber.

If it weren't for Barry, we would not have a club here at Shaare Shamayim as he does an incredible amount of work for our organization. Barry practically lives at CSS for the Men's Club (Sometimes we are not sure if that is good or bad for his wife, Sue!) Besides being the co-president, Barry is also the acting Treasurer, he is the master behind the Yiskor Book, and he is just there whenever someone is needed, which is usually always. We want to thank Barry for all that he does and wish him a Yasher Koach for this very well deserved award.

Thursday, January 4th is our monthly Board Meeting at 7PM.

Thursday, January 25th—Mark this date on your calendar as you won't want to miss it!! Our guests for the evening will be The Word Mavens. Joyce Eisenberg and Ellen Scolnic, authors of the *Dictionary of Jewish Words* will be at the synagogue to make us laugh. This is a hilarious program from two ladies who know the difference between a dreidel and a draykop.

The program will start at 7PM. The price for the evening will be \$5.00 that can be paid at the door and light refreshments will be served. They will also be selling their dictionary after the event for \$18.00

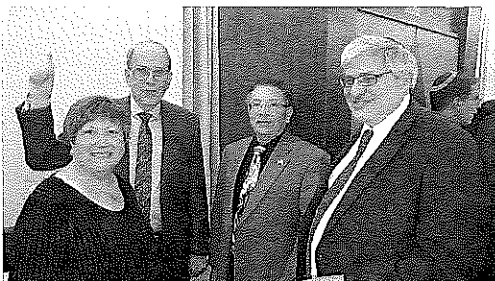
and will autograph it for you too! Everyone is invited.

Please mark Sunday, February 4th on your calendars. We will be hosting the Federation of Men's Club's World Wide Wrap at 9:30AM. Come learn to put on Tefillin and participate in morning services. A light breakfast will be served.

Our annual Red Cross Blood Drive will be taking place on Sunday, March 11th from 8:30AM—2PM. To set up your appointment to give blood, please contact Jerry Zwerling at 215-677-4560, or you can contact the synagogue's office.

We want to wish you all a very happy and healthy 2018 and Go Eagles!!!!

Howard Rosen and the Man of the Year, Barry Leiber
Men's Club Co-Presidents



*Man of the Year Celebration Dinner
From left to right: Susan Leiber, Barry Leiber, Paul Kaplan,
Jacques Lurie*

Men's Club Calendar 2017 – 2018

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

Board Meetings

Thursday, January 4, 2018
Thursday, March 8, 2018
Thursday, May 3, 2018

General Meetings

Thursday, January 25, 2018, 7:30pm
Thursday, March 22, 2018, 7:30pm
Thursday, May 24, 2018, 7:30pm

Special Events

Sunday, February 4, 2018, World Wide Wrap
Sunday, March 11, 2018, Blood Drive, 9am-2pm
Friday, April 27, 2018, Family Shabbat Service, 7:45pm
Wednesday, May 9, 2018, NYC Bus Trip, 8am
Thursday, June 14, 2018, Closing Affair: Beer N' Beer, 6:30pm

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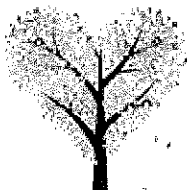
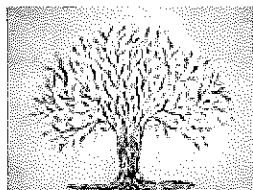
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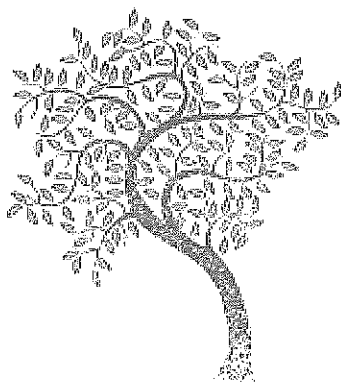
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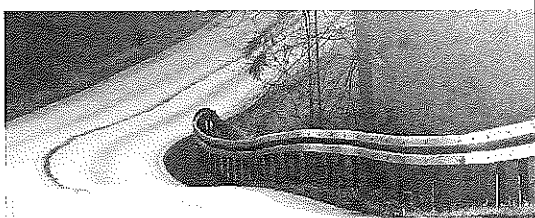
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TIME VALUED DATED MATERIAL

Sisterhood Baby Shower

Annual Community Mitzvah Project to
benefit those in need in our community.

Tuesday, January 9 @ 1pm



Items needed but not limited to:

- New clothing for babies through age 5
- New bedding
- Diapers, bottles, formula
- Bathing supplies
- Toys



**Can't make it but would like to
make a donation?**

**Bring your items to the
synagogue office starting
January 2**