

# CONGREGATION SCHOMRE ISRAEL

## *Bulletin*

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## Message From the Rabbi



For my dear Schomre Israel Family and Friends,

They say of a story that occurred during the Poughkeepsie Jewish Community's days of olde. One afternoon, the rabbi was emersed in his studies when the ball playing of the local youth kept distracting him. Looking out the window he called out to the lads, "Have you heard? There is a two-headed one-eyed purple goat on the other side of the bridge, eating potato kugel". The youth dropped what they were doing and started running towards the bridge. "Finally", the rabbi thought, "some quiet for my studying". A few minutes later he hears a commotion outside his house. Looking outside his window, he sees many Schomre members running towards the bridge. "What is going on?" he called out to them. "Haven't you heard? There is a there is a two-headed one-eyed purple goat eating potato kugel on the other side of the bridge." The rabbi quickly donned his coat. "Who knows", he mused, "If everyone is saying it than it must be true".

Yes, a silly story, but one that summarizes some of the aspects of post-modern American Antisemitism.

There was a much-discussed news story that transpired with our neighbors in the north, at Bard College, where they recently introduced a class titled "Apartheid in Israel-Palestine".

Now before I continue, I would like to offer the following disclaimer: The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views or positions of Schomre Israel, its board, affiliates, subsidiaries, employees, or sponsors.

I personally believe that one has the right to express views that are contrary to my opinion and the truth. And people are protected to say whatever they want, as long as they do not incite violence or harm, regardless about how hateful or antisemitic it is. However, to remain silent when antisemitism runs rampant is a crime that history has taught us cannot be tolerated. On the other hand, to scream "antisemitism" every time we feel like it when no actual antisemitism is being displayed would be destructive as well. So, is Bard's class antisemitic in nature, which should elicit a protest from us, or not?

As I was writing this article, a very hate-filled and ugly event started unfolding in another college. On May 12 the City University of New York invited a student speaker to address their Law School's graduation. I will not disgrace my article by quoting what she said (you can easily watch or read it on the web), but she went into a very libelous hate-spewed deceitful tirade against the USA, NYPD, capitalism, Zionism and Israel. As a rule, regardless of the topic, graduation is a time for optimism and hope and should never be used as a platform for destruction, especially one full of hatred and lies. And this low-down used this opportunity, this platform that was given to her, to promote hatred and antisemitism. Yet the real tragedy of the event, is that not only did not a single faculty or student walk out to protest, but they also cheered every lie that she spewed. And even worse, the CUNY Law school Dean walked over after she concluded to applaud her and her speech.

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One would assume that for this lady to talk so arrogantly against the United States and Israel, she must have been wronged by them. But alas, the exact opposite is true. She was born in disease-ridden Yemen, where the Houthis, Iranians, and Saudis were busy killing and tormenting the people there. Do you know which country had nothing to do with their hardships: Israel. And it was the United States that offered her and her family a safe refuge. Yet her unfounded hatred was so strong that those two countries became her enemies and the target of her hatred..

“Well obviously”, I can hear you thinking, “The President and leadership of the College right away stood up and condemned it.” Not at all. Even after the next day when she tweeted her pride in “praying for the death of the USA on a public platform” the College rushed to her defense, gushing about how accepting and proud they were to have her talk. It was only after Representative Lawler introduced legislation to strip federal funds from antisemitic colleges did CUNY, two weeks later, offer a lukewarm half-apology.

Well, you may ask, are the college’s leadership really to blame because of the statements of one student? Unfortunately, the answer to this as well is yes. Purportedly, the Law College’s leadership pre-approved her speech before she gave it. And even if they didn’t, her multitude of hate and anti-Jewish remarks from previous years (such as her 2021 tweet that “every Zionist burn in the hottest pit of hell”) should automatically brand anyone that would allow her to speak at their institution as an abettor for her hate. However, the biggest indication of their accessory for anti-Jewish and Israel hate speech is the glaring fact that this is not the first time that they allowed and encouraged a student’s hate to be promoted during their Law school graduation. The previous year, the Law School allowed another hater to speak at their graduation, one who before-hand had explicitly stated that Israel be wiped off the map. And these actions are a product of their many anti-USA, anti-Israel and Anti-Jewish classes and teachings through the last few decades.

Which leads me to a similar story that occurred a few years ago, which from its analysis one can see an obvious path to combat this unfounded hatred.

In 2019, University of North Carolina hosted a three day “Conflict over Gaza”, an initiative which was part of the US Department of Education’s \$235,000 grant to the Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies. Unedited videos showed a professor explicitly stating that people have the right to punch and knockout unsuspecting Jews to retaliate against the oppression, amid a host of other very anti-Jewish sentiments. The video that attracted the most attention, was an auditorium packed with people singing very antisemitic lyrics with a rapper (who was not funny and not much of a rapper). They joined in as he stated, “I need your help. I cannot be antisemitic alone.”

And where was the outrage? The initial statements from the University denied any antisemitism, claiming that they had the rights for open speech, and no one should have taken videos. It was only after Representative George Holding wrote to Secretary DeVos that the University issued a formal apology. And after much pressure the University eventually returned the grant back to the DOE.

While I cannot say for certain, I do not think that I have heard of any major University-sanctioned antisemitism in UNC. The reason: bad PR and the threat of losing state or federal funds.

And here lies our course of direction. Colleges and universities will cower their antisemitism under the guise of free speech. Regardless about the fact that if one whispers anything negative about other minorities, they will rush to condemn it. However, for some reason that pursuit of respect and social justice does not emerge when Jew-hatred raises its ugly head. The only time that they allow themselves to open their ears is when their funding is being threatened.

When an event such as the ones that occurred in CUNY or UNC takes place, the colleges’ leadership must understand how this is completely unacceptable. Maybe, if the law firms would grow some guts and proclaim that they would consider the hatred level of the school that the applicant graduated from during the hiring process then the schools would open their eyes. While CUNY’s law school is a bottom tier school to begin with (154 out of 200), I am sure that they would take a dip in their ratings seriously.<sup>1</sup>

What can we do? Glad you asked. As mentioned earlier, history has taught us that we cannot remain silent to such base hatred. For hatred flourishes in inconsequentiality and apathy. Many decades ago I had my property vandalized with antisemitic writings in CCBC because of an Israeli flag that I had on my car. When I went to report, the initial response of the security was one of disbelief and incredibility. When I finally convinced him to check it out, he was in shock about what had occurred. I do not know if he initially refused to believe me because of ignorance, reputation, laziness or antisemitism, but the message is the same: ignore antisemitism, don’t report it.

Antisemitism is becoming worse and worse in colleges and universities. When I worked at Columbia University, a Jewish coworker told me that she no longer feels safe walking there at night. This is a University that invited Gaddafi and

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Ahmadinejad to speak under the pretense of Free Speech while concurrently closing down the ROTC. And this is only a drop in the bucket.

While the US Constitution does give people the free right to be and openly express antisemitism and idiocy, as decided upon during the 1977 Skokie Affair, the people also have the right to protest those who are financing such antisemitism and idiocy. So who are the ones financing CUNY Law School and its longstanding antisemitic faculty, staff and speakers? YOU ARE. According to CUNY's official website: "The State of New York is the principal funding source of the University." To the tune of over 276 million dollars a year.<sup>2</sup>

The reason why CUNY has expanded its Jew-hatred to incorporate it into a long and much applauded graduation speech was because the year before, when a smaller-scale anti-Jewish graduation speech elicited almost no protests. And that speaker was allowed to speak because of the decades long policies of antisemitism practiced and promoted by CUNY's staff and faculties. Antisemitism follows the old French teaching, "*L'audace, toujours l'audace* – audacity, always pursue audacity". When antisemitism becomes accepted as normal, even those proposing to be against it will follow its lead. We will be having progressive Jew-hatred at such an alarming rate, that what was considered extreme hatred just a few years before will become normalized in a short amount of time.

We cannot remain silent. We must promote the idea that if you want to be antisemitic then you do have the right to be so; but not on our money. I have written to my representatives to protest the antisemitism at CUNY and to not allow their hatred to go unchallenged. And I encourage everyone to do the same. We should not be forced to pay for such hatred, and yes evil, in our midst. And we should encourage those who have been bold enough to take on this fight, to let them know that we are on their side.

We cannot remain silent.

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Schomre Israel has recently started to upgrade its Siddurs and Machzors, to include Artscroll Machzors (Birnbaum will still be available for those wishing to use it).

There are still dedication opportunities (your name and/or the names of those who you dedicated them for will be displayed inside of each Machzor/Siddur):

For Pesach, Sukkot, and Shavuot: \$320 for each holiday set

For half of Rosh Hashanah Machzors: \$360 for a set (thank you Gordon for the first half)

For Yom Kippur: \$720 for a set

Siddurs: \$360 for a set

For Hospital Libraries: \$400 each for a set

For Schomre's Library - Any Amount

PARTIAL DEDICATIONS WILL BE UTILIZED AS WELL

Please make your check payable to Congregation Schomre Israel, indicate in memo which Siddur or Machzor you wish to have dedicated.

### **PLEASE INFORM THE RABBI**

Congregants are urged to call Rabbi (845.454.2890) if you hear, Heaven forbid, of any member who is ill. It is a great Mitzvah to visit the sick and very often we just don't get to hear of a member's indisposition. Your help in this endeavor is much appreciated.

### **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

If you would like to make a donation to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, congregants are urged to make the check out to:

**Rabbi Krasner's Discretionary Fund,**  
in order to avoid confusion. Thank You.

## CALENDAR FOR JULY – AUGUST 2023

845.454.2890 - schomre1@aol.com - www.schomreIsrael.org

**PLEASE NOTE:** THE BELOW TIMES HAVE BEEN CALCULATED FOR 12603. OTHER LOCATIONS MAY NEED TO MODIFY THE TIMES BY A FEW

DATE	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING			MINCHA	TORAH PORTION	SHABBAT CONCLUDES
	Earliest	In Shul	Latest			
June 30	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	8:15 PM	7:10 PM	Chukat - Balak	9:17 PM
July 7	6:59 PM	7:30 PM	8:14 PM	7:10 PM	Pinchas	9:15 PM
July 14	6:56 PM	7:30 PM	8:11 PM	7:10 PM	Matot - Masei	9:11 PM
July 21	6:53 PM	7:20 PM	8:06 PM	7:00 PM	Devarim (Shabbat Chazon)	9:06 PM
July 28	6:48 PM	7:20 PM	7:59 PM	7:00 PM	Va'etchanan (Shabbat Nachamu)	9:00 PM
Aug. 4	6:41 PM	7:20 PM	7:52 PM	7:00 PM	Eikev	8:52 PM
Aug. 11	6:34 PM	7:20 PM	7:43 PM	7:00 PM	Re'eh	8:43 PM
Aug. 18	6:26 PM	7:20 PM	7:33 PM	7:00 PM	Shoftim	8:33 PM
Aug. 25	6:17 PM	7:20 PM	7:22 PM	7:00 PM	Ki Tetze	8:22 PM
Sept. 1	6:08 PM	7:11 PM	7:11 PM	7:00 PM	Ki Tavo	8:10 PM
Sept. 8	5:58 PM	6:59 PM	6:59 PM	7:00 PM	Nitzavim - Vayeilech	7:58 PM

### DATES TO REMEMBER . . .

July 6	Fast of Tamuz (FAST BEGINS (12603) 4:15 AM – FAST ENDS 9:15 PM)
July 10	Board Meeting
July 19	Rosh Chodesh Av
July 27	Tisha B'Av (FAST BEGINS (12603) 7/26 8:19 PM – FAST ENDS 7/27 9:02 PM)
August 2	Tu B'Av
August 7	Board Meeting
August 17 and 18	Rosh Chodesh
September 9	Selichot



Everyone is invited to attend Rabbi Krasner's Live and/or Zoom classes . . .

### WEEKLY PROGRAMS

#### MONDAY

Chair Yoga with Suzanne Turrisi - 10:00 AM

#### TUESDAY

We will study **The Collected Writings of Maimonides, Writings of the Rambam** - 10:30 AM. This class is presented in a hybrid form. Maimonides has been considered one of the greatest Jewish Philosophers, Fundamentalists and Teachers of all time. What made Maimonides and his teachings so respected and cherished throughout all of the ages. Join us as we discuss the Maimonidean philosophy, and study together his classic works. This class is a live (and ZOOM) class.

Rabbi Krasner will be giving an **Introduction to Hebrew Reading Class** at 6:00 PM and a **Conversational Hebrew Class** at 11:45 AM and repeat at 7:00 PM. These classes are live (and ZOOM). We will have classes during July.

**Please note:** Tuesday classes will be taking a summer break. We will be deciding when the break will begin.

#### THURSDAY

Chair Yoga with Suzanne Turrisi - 10:00 AM

**Discussion of contemporary halachic topics** - no July classes. We will meet on August 31, September 7 and September 21 at 7:00 PM. This class is a live (and ZOOM) class. What goes into a Halachic Torah decision. While some answers are pretty straightforward ("no, you cannot kill him") there are some which are exceedingly complex. Every Thursday night we will take a contemporary topic and question which has vexed laymen and scholars alike, and then analyze and debate the approach until we come out with the Torah's approach. We will resume classes on October 19. See schedule on page 6.

### MONTHLY PROGRAMS

#### SUNDAY

**4K** (Kvetching, Kvelling, Kibbitzing, Koffee) **Club** will resume in the late fall.

#### THURSDAY

**Yiddish Club** - Will resume on October 26 at 11:00 AM. If you want to speak *a bisele*, to *chap a nosh*, to *shmooze then this club is for you*. The Yiddish club will be a nostalgic trip to the times and culture of our *bubbies* and *zeydies*, mixed with Yiddish music, Yiddish comedy, Yiddish *lernin*, Yiddish *Hanae* as well as a look at how Yiddish is faring in contemporary times. As with all events and programs spearheaded by Schomre Israel, this is intended to be open to all in the community. You don't need to be fluent in the language.

Let us know you are joining us by contacting [schomre1@aol.com](mailto:schomre1@aol.com) or [rabbishlomok@gmail.com](mailto:rabbishlomok@gmail.com).

#### **SAVE THE DATE ...**

Scholar in Residence July 25, 2023 at 4:30 PM  
Rabbi Klein from Torah U'Mesorah  
Topic to be Determined

Please watch for emails from Rabbi Krasner and/or go to our website [www.schomreisrael.org](http://www.schomreisrael.org) for current information on all events and programs



## SCHOMRE ISRAEL IS EXCITED TO LAUNCH TWO NEW THURSDAY CLASSES FOR THE COMING 5784 (2023-2024) YEAR

**A Window into Yesteryear: The lives they lived, the Torah they taught -**  
*We will be examining what it was like living Jewish during different eras and lands, with a focus on their leaders.*

### ***Hands on Judaism for the Foodie –***

*We will take an inside look into the mitzvos and practices of kosher foods (with matching dinners)*

A sample Itinerary (subject to change)

October 19 - France 1000s [Rashi]

October 26 - Kosher animals and kosher shofars



November 2 - Portugal and Constantinople 1500s [Doña Gracia]

November 9 - Israel 100s [Rabbi Akiva]

November 16 - Poland 1900s [Sarah Schenirer]

November 30 - Kosher Birds



December 7 - Jerusalem 1500s [Rabbi Yosef Cairo]

December 14 - New Jersey 1900s [Rabbi Aharon Kotler]

December 21 - Israel 1000bce [Devorah]

December 28 - The Job of the Mashgiach



January 4 - Poland 1500s [Rabbi Moshe Isserlis]

January 11 - Jerusalem 1900s [Rebbetzin Rachel Krasner]

January 18 - Northern Europe 100s [The Tosafot]

January 25 - The Kitoress



February 1 - England 1800s [Yehudis Montefiore]

February 8 - Babylon 100s bce [Hillel]

February 15 - Morocco 1800s [Solica Hachouel]

February 22 - Nehardia 200s [Shemuel]

February 29 - Kosher Alcohol and Challah



March 7 - New York 1900s [Rebbetzin Hinda Helfgott]

March 14 - Hamburg 1700s [Rabbi Yehonason Eybeshitz]

March 21 - Pumbedisa 900s [Rav Sherira Gaon]

March 28 - Kosher Fish



April 4 - Baltimore 1900s [Rabbi Yaakov Weinberg]

May 16 - Lizhensk 1700s [Reb Elimelech]

May 23 - Egypt 1100s [Rambam]

May 30 - Preparation of Kosher Meat

June 6 - Vilna 1700s [Rabbi Eliyahu Kramer]

June 20 - Catalonia 1200s [Ramban]

June 27 - Baltimore 1800s [Rabbi Rice]



## Tisha B'Av 2023/5783 at Schomre Israel



### Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>:

**Fast begins:** 8:19 PM

**Mincha:** 8:00 PM followed by **Maariv** and **Megillat Eichah and Kinot**

### Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>:

**Shacharit:** 8:30 AM - during davening a dozen Kinot will be chosen to discuss the historical and mourning context

5:30 PM - Special Tisha B'Av video presentation for Youth (TBD)

6:30 PM - Inspirational Tisha B'Av video for adults (TBD)

**Mincha:** 7:30 PM with Tallit and Tefillin

**Fast ends:** 9:02 PM

## THE SIGNIFICANCE OF TISHA B'AV

The saddest day of the year, Tisha B'Av, commemorates several tragedies. These include:

- A. The Hebrew spies returned from their reconnaissance of Israel, filling the Jewish people with negative reports. The Jews cried that night against Hashem which caused that generation to be denied access into Israel and started a night full of tears for generations.
- B. The destruction of both the first and second Temples in Jerusalem (420 B.C.E. and 70 C.E.).
- C. The fall of Bethar in the Bar-Kochba rebellion (135 C.E.).
- D. This disaster marked the end of all Jewish aspirations for freedom from Rome. To signify the destruction of the Jewish people, the Romans plowed over the Temple Mount.
- E. In later centuries other sad occurrences were associated with this day. Among them the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492.

The severity of Tisha B'Av equals that of Yom Kippur in that both fast days commence on the previous evening. The atmosphere in Shul is gloomy, the lights are dimmed, the curtain is removed from the Ark and most worshipers sit on low stools or on the floor. The Book of Lamentations (Megillas Eichah) is read, and the special Kinot (prayers of lamentations) are recited.

Among other Halachic injunctions observed on Tisha B'Av are:

1. Complete fasting.
2. No bathing.
3. No conjugal relations.
4. No leather shoes are worn (rubber or canvas shoes are allowed).
5. It is even prohibited to study Torah on this day because Torah study is considered a very great joy and happiness. (There are certain texts that are permitted).
6. It is not customary to greet people with the usual greetings such as "hello" or "good morning". However, if you are greeted by someone who doesn't know the law, you should answer in a soft voice in order not to offend or hurt their feelings.
7. One should try to avoid business transactions or important decisions on this day if possible. Needless to say, in all cases where health is an issue the law is very lenient. The Rabbi should be consulted in all such cases.

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Which takes us back to Bard College.

Is the course that they teach antisemitic? Should we protest against it?

I was cautioned against weighing in on this topic, as I have not gone to the class and do not know what is taught. And this is true, I do not know whether or not the course itself is antisemitic. However ...

As a general rule, (not necessarily applicable here) I feel that there are a few indications whether a speaker or action is or allows antisemitism. The terms of “from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free” or “erase Zionism from the map” is a call for the genocide or expulsion of 6.8 million Jews. Anyone accepting or allowing anyone who makes that comment to address an event or talk, is antisemitic. Anyone that will not allow for the production or the sale of their product in Israel while allowing it to be sold in countries which are *Judenfrie* or genocidal, are antisemitic. Anyone who promotes open lies and falsehoods, such as the fact that Israel is indiscriminately slaughtering thousands of innocents, is antisemitic. Any group or entity that does not allow a Jew to join based on their beliefs, is antisemitic. Anyone who gives out candy or celebrates when innocent Israelis or Jews are murdered, is antisemitic. Anyone who distorts history, such as statements that the Holocaust never happened, that the Jews never historically lived in Israel, that the Kotel was never part of the Temple, that the Arabs welcomed Israel during the War, etc, are antisemitic. Anyone who singles out Jews in a derogatory way either falsely or when other groups are worse, are antisemitic.

So, what about Bard’s “Apartheid in Israel-Palestine” course. While yes, I have not been to the course, and yes, I do not know what is being taught, I am going to give my opinion anyways. When one creates a course title which is insidious, even if the material itself offers views all sides and teaches an objective explanation, the projection of the class and its real intent will be interpreted as intended. If there were to be a class titled, “The many problems of the United States caused by <<place any minority here>>”, even if the class itself goes on to explain how it is not minority’s fault, it would rightfully so be considered racist. And if that minority would not be Jewish, would be condemned and blocked by everyone at Bard.

Is it possible that Israel is actually apartheid, and therefore the class itself, with its title is actually justified? The term apartheid comes from South Africa, where various minorities were not allowed to be hired or share facilities that other groups had access. Israel on the other hand, allows Israeli Muslims and Arabs to be voted into the Knesset, even allowing them to form a very powerful voting bloc, allows them to go to any of the Israeli classes and courses, to work anywhere, live anywhere, attain any political position, go as a patient, nurse, or doctor at any hospital, have any religious worship that does not encroach on other religions, and enjoy any entertainment equally as well.<sup>3</sup> So yes, calling Israel Apartheid when many of her neighboring countries and provinces will not allow a Jew to walk in their streets alive, is antisemitic. So, to the Bard leadership who approved this class: Shame on you.

So, what should we do about this? As it is a class that does take on another viewpoint, one which I do fault the leadership as singling out a country of Jews and therefore find antisemitic, formal classes that have been approved do have the right to teach. What I think is so important is for the community, and yes, the politicians, to let Bard know that we are concerned, that we are watching. We must engage with them and explain why antisemitism and hatred are so painful and wrong. They must know that we will not allow the teaching of antisemitism to go unchecked, and if they start allowing more and more antisemitic rhetoric and policies, we will be there to let the governments know that there may be better places to allocate our tax dollars.

For if we truly remain silent, and I hope I am wrong, it will not be long before Jews feel uncomfortable, and Bard will start looking more and more like CUNY Law School.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>I have to tell over a true story. When I lived in Riverdale, I would often pass by an unusual, coned building towering over the 87. One Sunday I veered off to check it out and found myself at the “Hall of Fame for Great Americans”. I went over to the CUNY library and asked the librarian about the history of that building. And, I kid you not, this was her response: “It is a very old building, predating the time that the college was located here. It was used during WWI, WWII, and I think even during WWII”. This ends up being the result when a college has a greater love for hatred than for knowledge.

<sup>2</sup>Besides for the financial aid which likewise comes from the federal and state coffers.

<sup>3</sup>In fact, Israel, to the best of my understanding, is the only country that allows members in the Knesset who have called for its destruction. While it does limit the travel restrictions on those who are not Israeli citizens, it only started that after they created an intifada to harm Israelis. And while it a matter worth discussion, imho, they are not citizens of Israel, and have formed their own government (which has in their charter the destruction of Israel) which absolves any necessity to require that Israel allow them in.

<sup>4</sup>Much appreciation to Chatgpt for writing this article.



## 4K - May 16, 2023, Making Perfect Scones for Shavuot with Arnold Kaghan



Studying with Rabbi Krasner

## MITZVAH NOW: HANUKKAH IN AUGUST

### Morse School Clothing Equity Drive - August 1 - 31, 2023

Join our community in raising funds so we can provide sweatpants, socks, underwear and, of course, school supplies for kids 6-11 who need our help. We will shop for you and maximize every shekel!

\$18.00 outfits one  
Morse School Student

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All donation amounts  
welcome!

Send donations to: Jewish Federation of DC  
PO Box 2525  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Make checks payable to Jewish Federation of DC  
and write "*Morse Mitzvah Project*" in memo

**THE MORSE SCHOOL CLOTHING EQUITY DRIVE** is a joint Tzedakah project of: Jewish Federation of Dutchess County; PJ Library; and the Jewish Social Action Coalition members: Congregation Schomre Israel; Congregation Shir Chadash; Temple Beth El; Vassar Temple; and the Harding Club.



Congregation Schomre Israel takes this opportunity to wish  
**Jack Gruberg**  
 mazel tov, on the occasion of his  
**103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday** on June 16<sup>th</sup>.  
 May G-d bless you with good health and happiness 'biz 120'.

### Congregation Schomre Israel extends a hearty Mazel Tov to . . .

**Rabbi Neal Loevinger** on receiving a Doctor of Ministry from Hartford International.



Schomre Israel Sisterhood fundraiser...

### Flower Centerpieces for the Holidays

We will be ordering centerpieces from Hudson Valley Gardens and Florist for Rosh HaShanah 5784 for all members and non-members in the community who wish to have a beautiful floral centerpiece for the holiday. The cost per centerpiece will be \$36.

Prepaid orders should be made by August 30, 2023. Please complete the form below and mail with your check (payable to Schomre Israel Sisterhood) to the shul at 18 Park Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

Pick up will be at the shul on Friday, September 15, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM.

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PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of centerpieces: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR OFFICE USE

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_





**Mazel Tov** to Cassia and Stephan Brown on the marriage of their son Teddy to Samantha



## CPR Class at Schomre Israel





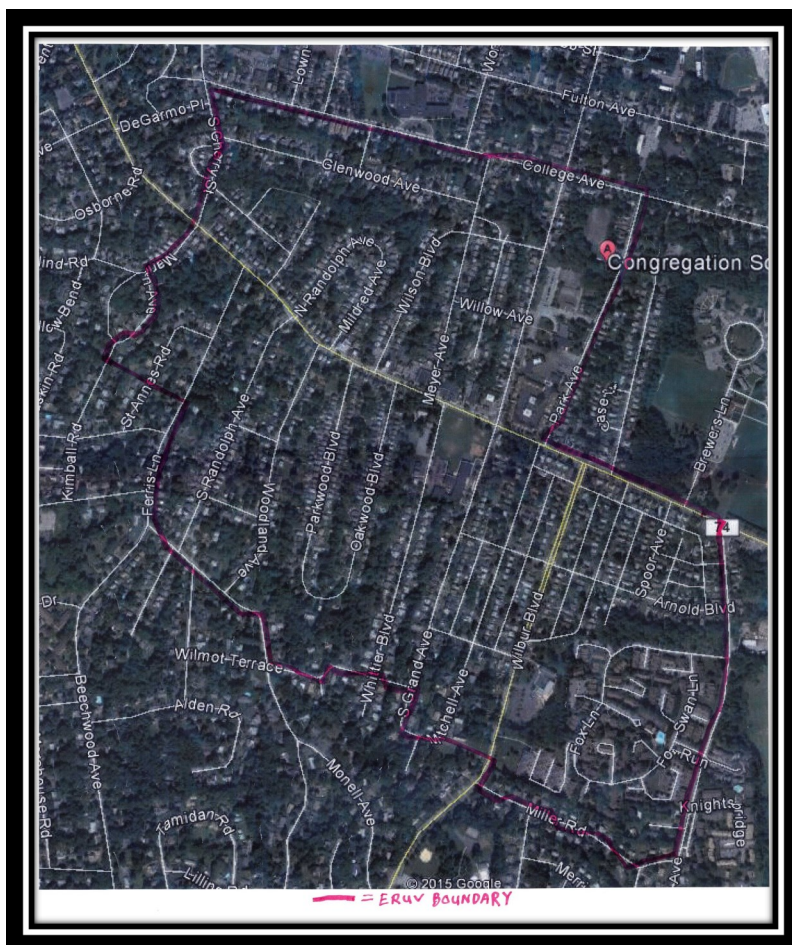
***“The problem with Nostalgia is that it isn’t what it used to be anymore”***

## **A Walk down Schomre Israel’s Memory Lane – all the way back to 2017**

### **Eruv**

The shul completed implementing a community wide Eruv during April 2017. The status of the Eruv is updated weekly and listed on the home page of our website, [www.schomreisrael.org](http://www.schomreisrael.org). Any questions about the Eruv may be directed to [haroldwrpr@aol.com](mailto:haroldwrpr@aol.com) or Rabbi Gavriel Bechhofer of Monsey, who served as our Eruv consultant and insured that the Eruv met Halachic requirements.

The implementation of the eruv was supported by a grant from the Frances Davis Foundation. In recognition of this support the eruv was dedicated as the Frances Davis Memorial Eruv.



# THE **algemeiner** JOURNAL

## After 130 Years, Poughkeepsie's Jews Get an Eruv \* April 25, 2017



In the rich, nearly 130-year history of the organized Jewish community in Poughkeepsie, NY, pushing a stroller or carrying any possession in public areas on Shabbat — without violating the laws of the day of rest — was out of the question.

The observant Jewish community of New York State's Mid-Hudson Valley isn't the super-sized Jewish experience of New York City or its suburbs, but you could still find a weekly Torah class, immerse in a beautifully maintained mikvah or attend a Jewish War Veterans meeting — and, now, after a six-year effort, you can also find have an eruv.

The project was led by a dedicated force of nature named Harold Warren, a retired court stenographer and the second vice president of Poughkeepsie's historic Congregation Schomre Israel.

Warren decided Poughkeepsie needed an eruv — the halachically-required boundary allowing Jews to carry in public spaces on Shabbat — when he noticed that many young couples were leaving, in part because the city lacked.

As Poughkeepsie's younger Jews “became more educated than their grandparents, [they] expected more infrastructure” for the local community, Warren told *The Jewish Link*, and when they found none, they left.

When Warren and his wife became more observant some 10 years ago, he delved into the daunting tangle of red tape involved in eruv construction (in modern times, an eruv is typically wires mounted on telephone poles). This included dealing with utility companies, municipal rules and local officials — in addition to educating the mostly non-Jewish residents of the city about this foreign concept.

There was a lot of “jumping through hoops,” Warren recalled, as he worked at this project for more than half a decade.

After obtaining a foundation grant for the eruv, he started the process of explaining the Jewish legal concept to the region's Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. as well as Verizon. Then came meetings with two different municipal government agencies: the City of Poughkeepsie and the Town of Poughkeepsie. The city consists of some 25,000 residents, while the town is comprised of unincorporated villages and is home to more than 140,000 people.

Each time elected offices changed hands, Warren would need to again explain the eruv concept to new officials who were unfamiliar.



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Throughout the process, Warren worked closely with Rabbi Yosef Gavriel Bechhofer from Monsey, NY, an expert in eruv construction and planning.

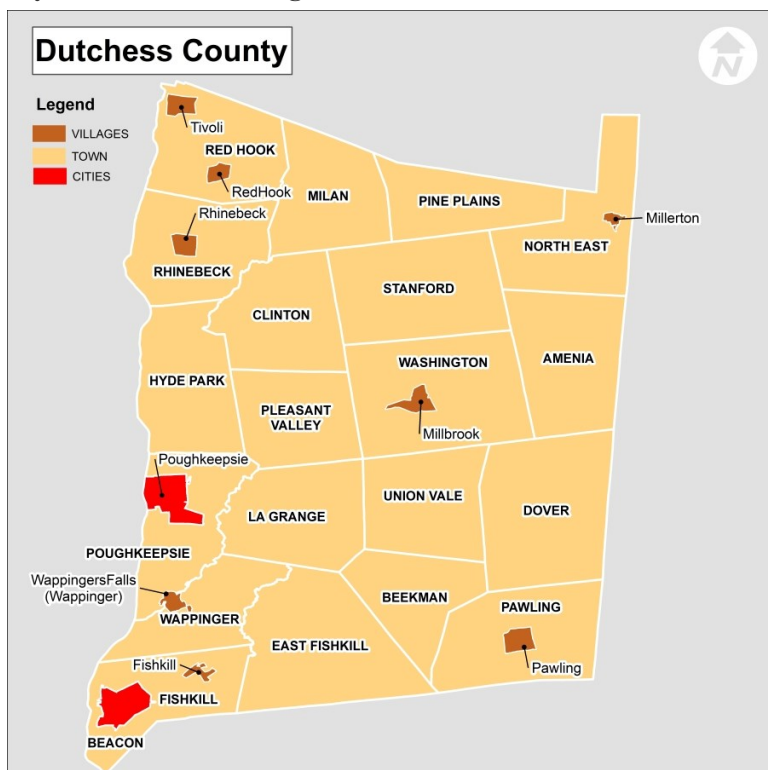
Finally, with the utility companies on board and the municipal officials up to speed on their Jewish knowledge, the eruv received the proclamations and resolutions it needed earlier this month.

Warren said he is excited “to get the word out” about Poughkeepsie Jewry’s major win. “This is the beginning of reviving an old and friendly Orthodox community,” Warren said, adding he’s excited to put Poughkeepsie “on the Jewish map.”

## THE JEWISH ★ STAR

### Poughkeepsie eruv 1st in Mid-Hudson Valley \* April 26, 2017

By Phil Jacobs, JNS.org



It isn't the super-sized Jewish experience of New York City or the Five Towns. But while the Mid-Hudson Valley still has plenty to offer observant Jews (including Orthodox shuls and a mikvah), pushing a stroller or carrying any possession in public areas of Poughkeepsie on Shabbat was out of the question — before Harold Warren began his six-year effort to erect the area's first eruv.

Warren, a retired court stenographer and the second vice president of Poughkeepsie's historic Congregation Schomre Israel, a Modern Orthodox shul, saw many young couples leave the area for several reasons, including the lack of an eruv.

An eruv's boundaries are typically marked by wires mounted on telephone poles. Warren dared to delve into the daunting tangle of red tape involved in eruv construction, such as unknowing utility companies and unfamiliar municipal officials. It's difficult enough to put an eruv together in a larger city, but for non-Jewish residents of a

smaller town like Poughkeepsie, the word “eruv” is absolutely foreign.

As Poughkeepsie's younger Jews “became more educated than their grandparents,” they “expected more infrastructure” for the local Jewish community, Warren told Jewish Link. The area once had a Solomon Schechter

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Day School (affiliated with Conservative Judaism), but it closed. With no kosher restaurants in the immediate vicinity and no eruv, young Jews started leaving.

“It became more difficult to keep people here,” Warren said. “My wife and I became more observant, and we joined Schomre Israel 10 years ago. I said that we needed an eruv. We needed an eruv first, so we could start a day school.”

After obtaining a foundation grant for the eruv, Warren started the process of explaining the Jewish legal concept to the region’s Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. as well as Verizon. Then came meetings with two different municipal government agencies—the City of Poughkeepsie and the Town of Poughkeepsie. The city consists of some 25,000 residents, while the town is comprised of unincorporated villages and is home to more than 140,000 people.

Warren worked closely with Rabbi Yosef Gavriel Bechhofer from Monsey, an expert in eruv construction and planning. There was a great deal of “jumping through hoops,” Warren recalled. Over the course of six years, when elected offices changed hands, Warren would need to repeatedly explain the eruv to new officials who were unfamiliar with the concept.

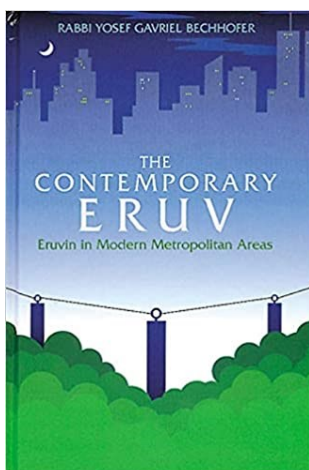
Finally, with the utility companies on board and the municipal officials up to speed on their Jewish knowledge, the eruv received the proclamations and resolutions it needed earlier this month. The new task, according to Warren, is “to get the word out” about Poughkeepsie Jewry’s crucial rite of passage.

“This is the beginning of reviving an old and friendly Orthodox community,” he said.

The synagogue vice president moved his family to Poughkeepsie because he always found New York City “too crowded and fast-paced,” and was offered a job in Poughkeepsie.

“It’s a nice small town with a couple of local theaters and golf courses. The Mohawk Preserve is a lovely place for hikes,” said Warren, who expressed the desire to ensure Poughkeepsie is “on the Jewish map.”

## Chapter 6:10:



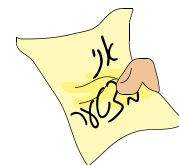
One of the Eruvin I was privileged to help design is the Frances Davis Memorial Eruv of Cong. Schomre Israel of Poughkeepsie, New York. The process was orchestrated by Mr. Harold Warren under the auspices of the Mara D’Asra at the tie, Rabbi Eliezer Langer. Mr. Warren continues to be responsible for the eruv and from time to time sends me outstanding photographs of issues and resolutions. Of the series of photographs included here, only the first one (fig. 79) was invalid on account of the angle. The others are solutions we devised for difficult scenarios. Fig. 84 was the solution for the scenario of Fig. 79

## ELUL SHOFAR BLOWING

Harold Warren will begin blowing the Shofar on behalf of the congregation during the month of Elul on Friday morning, August 18, 2023.



## ROSH HASHANAH 5784 AND YOM KIPPUR ARE FAST APPROACHING



### Rosh Hashanah - September 16 and September 17 Yom Kippur - September 25

#### Selichos - Shabbat Eve, Sept. 8

#### Selichos, Saturday, Sept. 9

10:00 pm - Inspirational Film (TBA)  
11:15 pm - Selichos

#### Sept. 11 - 15

7:00 am - Shacharit with Selichos

#### Rosh HaShanah Eve - Shabbat Eve, Sept. 15

7:00 am - Shacharit with Selichos  
6:30 pm - Mincha/Maariv  
6:47 pm - Candlelighting (earliest 5:48 pm)

#### Rosh HaShanah, First Day - Saturday, Sept. 16

8:30 am SHARP - Shacharit  
10:45 am - Torah Reading  
11:30 am - Sermon  
6:00 pm - Mincha/Maariv  
7:46 pm or after - Havdallah and Candlelighting

#### Rosh HaShanah, Second Day - Sunday, Sept. 17

8:30 am SHARP - Shacharit  
10:30 am - Torah Reading  
11:15 am - Sermon  
\*11:30 am - Shofar  
5:00 pm SHARP - Second Shofar  
5:45 pm - Tashlich  
6:15 pm - Mincha/Maariv  
7:45 pm or after - Havdallah/Yom Tov Ends

#### Fast of Gedaliah - Monday, Sept. 18

5:26 am - Fast Starts for 12603 zip code  
7:30 am - Shacharit with Selichos  
6:29 pm SHARP - Mincha/Maariv  
7:43 pm - Fast Ends for 12603 zip code

\* time is approximate. Please arrive early to ensure you hear the Shofar

**Please Note:** The complete High Holiday Schedule will be in our September - October 2023 Bulletin

#### The Board of Directors approved the following procedures regarding High Holiday services:

- 1 - There will be no charge to a non-member the first time he/she attends High Holiday Services.
- 2 - If the same person/family attends a second year, the charge will be \$100 per person. If the non-member decides to join Schomre Israel, the monies will be credited towards the membership fee. Free for area college students wishing to attend services away from home.
- 3 - Immediate relatives (adult children/parents/siblings) of Schomre members who live within the greater Poughkeepsie area will be charged (see #1 & #2).
- 4 - Immediate relatives (adult children/parents/siblings) of Schomre members who live more than 25 miles from the greater Poughkeepsie area will not be charged.

We encourage members to invite non-affiliated relatives and friends who live in our area to become members of Schomre.  
Membership includes High Holiday privileges.

## SISTERHOOD NEWS

### THIS AND THAT -

- ♥ To make arrangements to sponsor a Kiddush, please call Cassia, 845.452.8317 for pricing and details.
- ♥ If you wish to send a **Golden Book Card** (\$5.00 payable to: Sisterhood) or **Shrubbery Card** (\$5.00 payable to: Congregation Schomre Israel), please call Marcia Fishman, 845.471.1241 between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM week nights (requests should not be made during Shabbos). These cards can be used for any occasion, they are inexpensive and they are always appreciated by those who receive them.
- ♥ Please remember to check out the new items in the Gift Shop. Do you need a wedding gift, hostess gift, or a graduation gift? We might have just what you are looking for. Call Roberta Grosman, 845.471.5105, for special orders or questions. New items appropriate for the High Holidays are arriving daily.
- ♥ **Save the Date -**
  - Chanukah Dinner will take place on December 10
  - Hamentashen Baking will begin on January 7, 2024. Please join us to roll, fill and pinch!

*Many thanks to those who sponsored kiddushes . . .*

Cassia and Stephan Brown on the aufruf of their son Theodore Alexander (May 13 Kiddush)

Marsha Sandy Weiner for the yahrzeit of her brother, Alan Weiner, her father, Yisroel Yosef Weiner, her grandmother, Lena Dombush, and her uncle, Leo Dombush (June 3 Kiddush)

### RECIPE OF THE MONTH from *Chabad.org*

#### **Crunchy Carrot Apple Slaw - Pareve, Serves: 6** By Miriam Szokovski

##### **Ingredients:**

3 cups shredded carrot  
1 1/2 cups green apple matchsticks  
2 celery stalks, finely sliced on the diagonal  
1/2 cup golden raisins

##### **Dressing:**

1/4 cup oil  
1/4 cup lemon juice  
2 tablespoons pure maple syrup or honey  
1 teaspoon dijon mustard  
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder  
1/4 teaspoon celery seed  
1 teaspoon kosher salt

##### **Directions:**

- Place carrots, apples, celery and raisins in a large bowl.
- In a separate bowl, whisk together dressing ingredients
- Pour the dressing over the salad and mix gently to combine. Let sit 30 minutes before serving.
- Season to taste.

Best served within an hour

Time: < 30 Minutes

**MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO  
CONTRIBUTED TO SCHOMRE ISRAEL:**

In honor of the aufruf of Theodore Alexander Brown the son of Cassia and Stephan Brown

Marian and Ralph Schwartz  
Rose and Brion Shapiro and Annaliese  
Linda Skolnik  
Suzanne and Donald Turrisi.

In memory of his beloved father, Albert Chick  
Meri Yallowitz and Jeffrey Chick.

In memory of his mother  
Lou Kogon.

Shavuot Yizkor in memory of their beloved parents  
Shirley and Leon Ladman and Beatrice and David Brown

Cassia and Stephen Brown.

- In honor of Ros Fox's 100th Birthday
- In memory of Betty Fishman  
Jacqueline Solomon  
Marsha Solomon Weiss.
- In gratitude to Hashem and to Rabbi Krasner and all of our friends for their payers and support
- Shavuot Yizkor in memory of their family and friends...  
Leah Alweiss  
Fannie Horowitz  
Rose Josephs  
Bessie Kessler  
Marge Robles  
Sam Robles  
Gertrude Schreibman  
Morris Schreibman  
Evelyn and Dave Horowitz.
- Happy Birthday wishes to:  
Laila Ritz (8/29)  
Cassia Brown (9/9)  
Judith Levine (9/28)  
Jackie Dunn (10/24)
- Anniversary wishes to:  
Michael and Keren Ritz (9/3)
- Mazel Tov to Cassia and Stephan Brown on the wedding of their son, Teddy to Samantha
- Continued good health to Roberta Grosman and Evelyn Horowitz
- Mazel Tov to Lucy and Rabbi Langer on the birth of their great grandson, Avraham Azarya  
Marsha Sandy Weiner  
Jackie Dunn.

Shavuot Yizkor in memory of their families  
Shelly and Michael Rosenblatt.

- In honor of Teddy Brown's aufruf
- The yahrzeit of...  
Steven Levine  
Joseph Levine  
Debbie and Jeff Weinstein.

In honor of the marriage of Teddy and Samantha Brown

Sandy and Herav Brown.

Passover Yizkor in memory of their families and friends

Lavern Sullivan and Marc Spero.

Shavuot Yizkor in memory of his family  
Zachary Altman.

**GOLDEN BOOK CARDS WERE SENT TO:**

Evelyn Horowitz - Wishing her a Complete & Speedy Recovery

Congregation Shomre Israel,  
Rabbi Krasner and the Sisterhood  
Hinda & Irv Baum  
Marcia Fishman  
Roberta & Len Grosman  
Holly Hummel  
Barbara & Irwin Lifshay  
Linda Skolnik  
Sharon & Hal Warren  
Debby & David Sullum  
Sandy & Lee Corwin  
Stephen Kaplan  
Ros Fox  
Stacey Gamberg  
Natalie & Ron Markowitz  
Jane Friedland  
Del & Barry Kricheff  
Helene & Larry Price  
Cassia & Stephan Brown  
Myra Stoner  
Shelley & Michael Rosenblatt  
Arlene Bernstein.

Cassia & Stephan Brown - Mazel Tov on your son Ted's marriage

Phyllis & Sam Wexler.

Mr. Larry Lieberman & Family - Our sincere condolences on hearing of your wife Pat's death  
Evelyn & David Horowitz.



**GOLDEN BOOK CARDS WERE SENT TO** con't:

Rose Shapiro - Our sincere condolences on the recent loss of her Aunt Carmella & Cousin Lorraine

Congregation Shomre Israel,  
 Rabbi Krasner and the Sisterhood  
 Natalie & Ron Markowitz  
 Sharon & Hal Warren  
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Evelyn Horowitz - Wishing her a complete & speedy recovery

Rose & Brion Shapiro.

Rose Shapiro - Our sincere condolences on the recent loss of her aunt & cousin

Ros Fox  
 Holly Hummel  
 Marcia Fishman.

Ros Fox - Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Rose & Brion Shapiro.

We received a note...

*A special thank you to my Schomre family for your good wishes and support. You have all been a blessing.*

*With appreciation,  
 Evelyn Horowitz*

### **Gift Card Fundraiser Support Schomre Israel**

- **NO extra cost to you**
- **Retailers sell cards to us at discounted rates.**
- **You purchase cards and then you shop as usual.**

In addition to using for groceries and prescriptions, the cards make great gifts.

The shul maintains gift cards for: ShopRite, Stop & Shop, Adams, Price Chopper, Barnes & Noble, Lowes, CVS, Rite Aid, and Walgreens. A complete list of retailers is available on our website (click *Support Us*, click *Gift Cards/Scrip*, then "click here" in the second paragraph.

Information and order forms are available on the website ([www.schomreIsrael.org](http://www.schomreIsrael.org)) or, in the shul office.

## YAHRTZEITS

### JULY 2023

03 Gertrude Fuhrer  
 06 Sarah Berman  
     Bessie Kessler  
     Joseph Levine  
 07 Sidney Davis  
     Sylvia Lerner  
 09 Morris Schreiberman  
 10 Clara Budman  
     Esther Kronberg  
     Sam Razon  
     Samuel Robles  
 11 Minnie Grosman  
     William Kaplan  
     Boris Moshkovich  
 12 Anna Gollin  
     Jacob Sacks  
 13 Rose Pastreich  
     Louis Stich  
 20 Harry Koenig  
 21 Israel Korfman  
     Itta Silber  
 23 Louis Feldman  
 24 David Effron  
 25 Shaul Dancour  
 27 Saul Ezikiel  
     Sophia Mollott  
     Morris Spira

### AUGUST 2023

01 Joseph Shapiro  
 04 Helen Goldman  
 06 Jack Goldman  
     Boruch Grossman  
 08 Naomi Koffman  
 10 Henrietta Berkman  
 12 Benjamin Levine  
 15 Estelle Eisner  
     Frances Spira  
 17 Rose Josephs  
 20 Harold Klein  
 21 Harriette Goldstein  
     Ethel Weiss  
 22 Fay Kronberg  
     Doris Wilfond Ruben  
 23 Max Kantrowitz  
 24 Jack Davis  
 25 Benjamin Goldberg  
 28 David Levine  
 29 Libby Jesse Rosenthal  
 30 Efroim Kessler



### CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences  
 are extended to  
 the family and friends of  
 David Cohen  
 on the loss of his father.

### APOLOGY FOR ANY ERRORS IN THE BULLETIN

Every effort is made to avoid errors  
 in our Bulletin. Occasionally,  
 no doubt, errors do occur.  
 We apologize for them and