

CONGREGATION SCHOMRE ISRAEL

Bulletin

Rabbi Shlomo Krasner

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Message From the Rabbi



For my dear Schomre Israel Family and Friends,

Finally, after the conclusion of a winter of bitter cold Shabboses, I found myself lolling lazily in the grass. I was watching the soft clouds glide across the inky-blue sky when a spicebush swallowtail alighted on my nose. As the butterfly gazed into my eyes, I stared back into the deep recesses of its eyes wondering what it must be like to be like a butterfly - to emerge from a caterpillar-created cocoon, to become a creature of beauty and awe, to be able to flit around dancing from flower to flower. This thought replaced my daydreaming, and I started to contemplate what it would be like to emerge fresh, transforming into a life of beauty and frolic.

But, I am who I am, how would it be possible to become more than that? Is it possible that I could live a life richer than the life I am currently living? I think that this ability can be attained if one focuses on the following two ideas that occurred during the Pesach story.

Right before the seventh plague, the hailstorm of fire and ice, Moshe warns the Egyptians of the impending doom. Those “who feared the word of Hashem” brought their people and flocks indoors, and they survived. How does one become one who is in awe of Hashem? We see people who are on a hike and feel inspired. We see people at a Shabbos table and feel holy with the awe of Heaven in their hearts, but how do we reach that?

I think that the most poignant answer can be learned in a lesson that Rabbi Avigdor Miller¹ used to teach. He would explain that many fathers and mothers assume that their children would automatically grow up with love and connection to Hashem, as if just by going to schul or school, one will soak it in. Yet that is often not the case. “When you are home at the Shabbos table, as you are eating enjoyable food, tell your children how we must love Hashem. Tell them to focus on all of the blessings and to enjoy the myriads of pleasures that life has to offer. Tell your children how much you love Hashem and why they should follow in the ways of Hashem.”² When you are on a hike, enjoying a beautiful sunset, or watching the waves crash on the shore and become enveloped in a cocoon of serenity; enjoy it, and tell your children to thank Hashem for this moment and all moments that He gives you. For only then will they understand why and how to love and be in awe of Hashem. To quote another famous teacher, “Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.”³

When one opens his heart to the reality of the majesty of Hashem, the multitude of miracles that enable him to enjoy even the simplest things - his love will turn to awe, and his awe will turn to love. And, when he verbalizes

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this to his friends and children, he will be placing that love and awe on his heart. He will start not only building a real connection to his Creator, but he will also likewise start appreciating every blessing, basking in every moment of goodness, and minimizing the bumps on the road. Every day will be another present, every breath another gift, a way to live and a way to give thanks.

Yet this love is so much greater than just the physical blessings with which we are graced.

If I were to ask you, “What is the most important Mitzvah in the Torah?”, what would you answer? To some extent this is a trick question, as all of the commandments of Hashem are equally important, priceless, and infinite. Yet, what Mitzvah would you think should be the first Mitzvah that would be given over to the Jewish people? The Mitzvah that would lay the foundation, be the bedrock for all the other Mitzvos? “I am Hashem your G-d”, “Respect your parents”, “Shma Yisroel”? One might think that these Mitzvos would all be in the running for the first mitzvah, yet none of these were the Mitzvah with which Hashem started his pact with His people. What was the first Mitzvah given to the nation? “*Hachodesh hazeh lachem* – This new month will be for you, it is the first for you for the months of the years.” Look at whenever there is a new moon to start the month. When you count the months you should start with this month, the month of Nissan. The question that begs to be asked, why of all the Mitzvos did Hashem decide to start the entire Mitzvos of the Torah with this Mitzvah?

If you look at this Mitzvah carefully, you will have a deeper understanding and appreciation, not only of this Mitzvah, but of all of the Mitzvos of the Torah. For in this Mitzvah is the foundation of the entire Torah.

The Ramban⁴ explains that included in this Mitzvah is a Mitzvah to start the counting of the months from Nissan, in order to constantly point out the miracle that Hashem had taken us out of Egypt. When we state that Sivan is the third month, we are implicitly stating that this is the third month from the time of being taken out of slavery into being the nation of Hashem. What Hashem is telling Moshe and Aharon, “Even if I created the world on Rosh Hashana, the first of Tishri⁵, that is not how I want you to count the months. For that world was destroyed. I had created the world with a purpose that man would be able to come close and connect to me, and within three generations, led by Enosh, people started worshiping the gods. When Noach came around, the world had sunken into the depths of deprivation. And there were two people who changed the trajectory of the world: Avraham and Sarah. They built a nation, and now their nation was at its birth into becoming a people.” Hashem was telling them that while the world was created at another time, the purpose of that world had collapsed. He further explained that the destiny and purpose of the world was going to be actualized, His people whom He cherished were going to be freed, and then was when the world was actually starting. “Now, at the birth of the world’s destiny, you should start counting the months.”

And that is why this Mitzvah is a foundation for the next 609 Mitzvos to come. I think that this Mitzvah is here to teach us that the Torah is not similar to the IRS or the government. We pay our taxes and follow the laws because we do not want to end up in jail and because we understand the necessity of a civil society. Yet no one enjoys paying taxes. Hashem wants us to know that this is not the purpose of the Torah. The Torah is a relationship, a connection, an actualization of the love between Hashem and His people. For in it Hashem actualized the destiny of the world, with His people. When His people started their nationhood, that was His most important day.

The Rambam explains that included in this Mitzvah is what the Torah tells us - that we should set up the holidays in their proper times⁶. We can add a month toward the end of the year in order to ensure that Pesach will be in the Spring. Yet it is up to us make that decision, and we can use that ability even if we just want to postpone it to ensure that the roads are passable or the trees are blossoming. As the Torah tells us, “These are my holidays, my meeting times, the ones that you call them to be holy; these are my holidays.” Hashem will not come to the Pesach seder until we invite Him; Hashem will not sit on His throne on Rosh Hashanah until we call it Rosh Hashana and welcome him. We set the seasons; we set the holidays. This may be the reason why Hashem started with this Mitzvah - to let us know that the Torah is not just a bunch of laws. It is a way of living with a real connection. It is a give and take relationship. It is a religion that when we scream out *Shma Yisroel*, Hashem basks in pride and states, “*Mi Kiamcha Yisroel* – Who is like my nation Israel.” The entirety of the next 609 Mitzvos have a purpose to enable us to fulfill our destiny and create an affiliation and friendship with Hashem, not just stuff that we are compelled to keep.

I think that Hashem set this idea up particularly with the Mitzvah of sanctifying the new moon. The new moon waxes and wanes, like His people. There are times when we reach the pinnacles of the nations, when the whole world respects us, and there are times that when we scorn the Mitzvos and reach the very depths of hell. Yet whether Hashem is shining His countenance toward us or He is admonishing us, we are His people. He loves us, and we love Him as well.

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Let us take a look at our people when they are financially well and focus on the energies that they use to do the Mitzvos. They spend hours cleaning their houses for Pesach, to fulfill the words of Hashem and ensure that there is no chometz on this anniversary of our becoming Hashem's people. They spend large amounts of monies with joy for Matzah and Esrogs⁷. They pour their hearts with repentance on Yom Kippur, and their souls dance with gratitude on Shavuot, the anniversary of the Torah.

And during the hells of our history, we likewise went out singing *Shma Yisroel*. They interviewed a survivor of Auschwitz, who mentioned that she was once awaiting roll call, when she heard someone in a sing song voice calling out to her in her Yiddish name with a hearty "Good Shabbos". She looked around trying to figure out who would be wishing a good Shabbos when she spots her teacher, Rebbetzin Tzila Orlean⁸, smiling at her. "How can you wish me a good Shabbos there is nothing good about it," she asked.

"As long as we are above ground, it is a good Shabbos," Rebbetzin Tzila replied. "As long as we are us and not them, it is a good Shabbos." There are those amongst Hashem's special people who have transcended to the essence of angels, and as a nation we recognize that we are always His people.

We have that pride in the best of times, and yes, we have that pride in the worst of times.

The waxing moon represents royalty, King David, and the zenith of the Jewish people. The waning of the moon represents us when we are sinking. Yet the New Month represents us. It represents the pride and the love of and for the Jewish people will never disappear. Even if it wanes and looks like it will disappear, it will refresh itself and go stronger again.

We have just concluded a beautiful Pesach of freedom, yet like many others, I was left feeling incomplete with a thirst for more. I found myself yearning to open my wings like a butterfly, to transform into something new. As I laid there in the grass, I started thinking about how fortunate I am to have all of the blessings that Hashem has bestowed onto me, and I started placing that love onto my heart. I started appreciating all the good that I have and placed that on my soul. When I started understanding how great Hashem's love is and how much He cherishes and each and every one of us, I felt my spirits soaring with the eagles. Pesach is a time of our freedom, but when we utilize and build from that freedom, we are enabled to blossom and to transform. Hashem loves us and blesses us; we are His children and His vision. As we spend these weeks leading up to Shavuot, growing each day of the *Omer*, counting our blessings, appreciating our closeness with Hashem, cherishing the love that he cherishes for us, and understanding how that love is an eternal love; we can feel ourselves emerging from the cocoon of mundaneness. Then we can open our intellect and heart afresh, to a new world, a beautiful world. This will enable us to receive the Torah properly on Shavuot and to transform into someone greater, freer, and more beautiful than what we ever imagined.

May Hashem bless us to enjoy life and its blessings and to use those blessings to build a bridge from our heart and soul to His love and mercy.

Rabbi Shlomo Krasner

¹ Noted Rabbi, Ethicist, and Teacher Baltimore 1908 – NYC 2001

² Definitely not a direct quote

³ Dr Seuss, *The Lorax*, 1971

⁴ Rabbi Moshe bar Nachman 1194 Spain –1270 Israel

Commentary on Shmos 12 2, and in his Drasha on Rosh Hashanah – **Note:** this is also not an exact quote

⁵ Technically, the 25th of Elul, as man was created on the sixth day was created on Rosh Hashanah

⁶ See Ramban (*Hasagos Hamitzvos 153*) who understands these as two unique mitzvos

⁷ As the saying goes: I have four friends, one sells matza, one sells esrogs, one sells sheitels, and the fourth is just a regular thief

⁸ Rebbetzin Tzila (Orlean) Sorotzkin, an ardent follower and student of Sara Schenirer, known as the White Angel of Auschwitz <https://breslev.com/265596>

CALENDAR FOR MAY - JUNE 2023

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

DATE	SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING			MINCHA	TORAH PORTION	SHABBAT CONCLUDES
	Earliest	In Shul	Latest			
May 05	6:30 PM	7:20 PM	7:39 PM	7:00 PM	Emor	8:42 PM
May 12	6:36 PM	7:20 PM	7:47 PM	7:00 PM	Behar - Bechukotai	8:49 PM
May 19	6:41 PM	7:20 PM	7:54 PM	7:00 PM	Bamidbar	8:56 PM
May 26	6:46 PM	7:20 PM	8:00 PM	7:00 PM	Yizkor - Shavuot	9:02 PM
June 02	6:51 PM	7:20 PM	8:06 PM	7:00 PM	Naso	9:08 PM
June 09	6:55 PM	7:20 PM	8:10 PM	7:00 PM	Beha'alotecha	9:12 PM
June 16	6:58 PM	7:30 PM	8:14 PM	7:10 PM	Sh'lach	9:15 PM
June 23	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	8:15 PM	7:10 PM	Korach	9:17 PM
June 30	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	8:15 PM	7:10 PM	Chukat - Balek	9:17 PM
July 07	6:59 PM	7:30 PM	8:14 PM	7:10 PM	Pinchas	9:15 PM
July 14	6:56 PM	7:20 PM	8:11 PM	7:00 PM	Matot - Masei	9:11 PM

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 KRASNER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

KINDLY NOTE:

When making a donation to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund congregants are urged to make the check payable to:
Rabbi Krasner's Discretionary Fund.

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).

THURSDAY

Chair Yoga with Suzanne Turrisi - 10:00 AM

Discussion of contemporary halachic topics - 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.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

SUNDAY

4K (Kvetching, Kvelling, Kibbitzing, Koffee) **Club** meetings are usually held the last Sunday of each month. However, our May meeting will be on Tuesday the 16th at 7:00 PM. We will be **Making the perfect Shavuos Scones** with Arnold Kagan. On Wednesday, June 14 at 5:30 PM there will be a **Fishing Excursion** on a private lake. You must RSVP, we have a 10 person limit. This club meets in-person only.

THURSDAY

Yiddish Club - It will be held inside on the last Thursday of the month (May 11, June 29) 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 or rabbishlomok@gmail.com.

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

Map

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Shabbos Parsha
30	1 Yoga 10am *Board Meeting (7pm / 7:30pm)	2 *Rambam 10:30am *Conversational Hebrew – 11:45am *Reading Hebrew 6pm *Conv Hebrew 7pm	3	4 Yoga 10am *Class In-depth Halachic Topic 7:00pm <i>A Politically Incorrect Discussion about Disney</i>	5 Pesach Sheni Matza Breakfast M – 7:00pm CL – 7:20pm (e-6:30/l-7:39)	6 Emor SC – 8:42
7 Mitzvah Day	8 Yoga – 10am	9 Lag B'omer *Rambam – 10:30am *Conversational Hebrew – 11:45am Log Baomer Celebration *Reading Hebrew – 6pm *Conv Hebrew – 7pm	10	11 Yoga – 10am Yiddish Club – 11am *Memorial for Cantor Stamler – 7pm	12 M – 7:00pm CL – 7:20pm (e-6:36/l-7:47)	13 Behar- Bechukosai Teddy's Aufruf NCSY Shabbaton SC – 8:49
14 Mother's Day	15 Yoga – 10am	16 *Rambam – 10:30am *Conversational Hebrew – 11:45am *Reading Hebrew – 6pm 4K - Making the Perfect Shavuot Scones 7pm *Conv Hebrew – 7:30pm	17	18 Yoga – 10am	19 Yom Yerushalayim M – 7:00pm CL – 7:20pm (e-6:41/l-7:54)	20 Bamidbar SC – 8:56
21 Rosh Chodesh Sivan	22 Yom Hamiyuchas Yoga – 10am	23 *Rambam – 10:30am *Conversational Hebrew – 11:45am *Reading Hebrew – 6pm *Conv Hebrew – 7pm	24	25 Shavuot eve Yoga 10am Candlelighting: 7:20 (earliest 6:46) Maariv at Rabbi's House, followed by a festive dairy meal and Torah Discussion	26 Shavuot See page 11 for the complete Shavuot schedule	27 Shavuot Yizkor SC – 9:02
28	29 Yoga 10am	30 Rambam 10:30am Conv Hebrew – 11:45am Reading Hebrew – 6pm Conv Hebrew 7pm	31	1	2	3

All Times are for Poughkeepsie:

M - Mincha; CL- Candle Lighting; e- earliest; l – latest; SC – Shabbat concludes.

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June

2023

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28	29	30	31	1 Yoga 10am *Class In-depth Halachic Topic 7:00pm	2 M – 7:00pm CL – 7:20pm (e-6:51/l-8:06)	3 Nasso SC – 9:08
4	5 Yoga 10am *Board Meeting (7pm / 7:30pm)	6 Evergreen Delivery *Rambam 10:30am *Conv Hebrew – 11:45am *Reading Hebrew – 6pm *Conv Hebrew – 7pm	7	8 Yoga 10am *Class In-depth Halachic Topic 7:00pm <i>Using Art as Jewish Philosophy</i>	9 M – 7:00pm CL – 7:20pm (e-6:55/l-8:10)	10 Bahaloscha SC – 9:12
11	12 Yoga 10am	13 *Rambam 10:30am *Conv Hebrew – 11:45am *Reading Hebrew – 6pm *Conv Hebrew 7pm	14 4K Fishing 5:30pm **	15 Yoga 10am Chaveirim – 7pm	16 M – 7:10pm CL 7:30pm (e-6:58/l-8:14)	17 Shlach Australian Meal in honor of Shabbos ~12:30pm SC – 9:15
18 Fathers Day	19 Rosh Chodesh Tamuz Yoga 10am	20 Rosh Chodesh Tamuz (Breakfast after davening) *Rambam 10:30am *Conv Hebrew – 11:45am *Reading Hebrew 6pm *Conv Hebrew 7pm	21	22 Yoga – 10am *Class In-depth Halachic Topic 7:00pm <i>Of Clones & Golems</i>	23 M – 7:10pm CL 7:30pm (e-7:00/l-8:15)	24 Korach SC – 9:17
25	26 Yoga 10am	27 *Rambam 10:30am *Conv Hebrew 11:45am *Reading Hebrew 6pm *Conv Hebrew 7pm	28	29 Yoga 10am Yiddish Club 11am *Class In-depth Halachic Topic 7:00pm <i>A Halachic Approach to Outreach</i>	30 M – 7:10pm CL – 7:30pm (e-7:00/l-8:15)	1

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** 4K Fishing Excursion – Boating at a Private Lake, limited to 10 people, must RSVP

Mazel Tov to...

Debbie and David Sullum on the birth of their new grandson, Eitan Rafael Barzilay.

Hinda and Irving Baum on their retirement and move to Monsey.

Lucy and Rabbi Langer on the birth of their great grandson, Avraham Azarya. Avraham is the son of Sophie and Muttu Pogrow and grandson of their daughter, Shana.

Sandy and Lee Corwin on the birth of their new grandson, Ziv Corwin.

Congregation Schomre Israel takes this opportunity to wish

Ros Fox,

a heartfelt mazel tov on the occasion of her

100th Birthday on May 13th.

May G-d bless you with good health and happiness 'biz 120'.

Congregation Schomre Israel

Yizkor Booklet

We are collecting information for our annual Memorial Booklet. If there are any names that you wish to add or change, please inform the Office, schomre1@aol.com or 845.454.2890, no later than **June 15**.

A suggested donation of \$2.00 per name will help to defray publishing costs.

MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023

We take this opportunity to wish all
**Mothers, Grandmothers,
Great-Grandmothers and
Great-Great Grandmothers**
a very happy Mother's Day!

FATHER'S DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023

We take this opportunity to wish all
**Fathers, Grandfathers and
Great-Grandfathers**
a very happy Father's Day!

Shop with gift cards (scrip)

Please submit your completed order form to the shul office, with your payment, by either the 1st or 15th of the month. The shul will consolidate all orders and purchase the scrip cards. The shul will maintain some scrip in the office to reduce the order time. They are: ShopRite, Stop & Shop, Adams, Price Chopper, Barnes & Noble, Lowes, CVS, Rite Aid, and Walgreens. Others will be added as demand warrants. More information and order forms are available on the website.

5783 Schomre Sisterhood Purim Dinner...





Sunday May 7, 2023

HQ @ Congregation Schomre Israel (18 Park Ave, Poughkeepsie)

Questions contact Pam: (845) 471-9811
or admin@jewishdutchess.org

Breakfast at 8:30am

For more information and to register for a project visit:

www.jewishdutchess.org/events

- **Children's Home of Poughkeepsie *#**
 - Nature trail, cleaning fallen brush & trees, wood chips to fill in some areas along the trail with the use of wheelbarrows.
 - Simple flower planting by the buildings.
 - Location: Poughkeepsie area
- **Grace Smith House *#**
 - Gardening & clean-up of the yard for the outdoor space of their housing community. Indoor activity if inclement weather.
 - Location: Poughkeepsie area
- **Pershing Ave Historical Cemetery #**
 - Clean up a historical cemetery, garbage bags will be provided to remove debris.
 - Location: 37 Pershing Ave. Poughkeepsie
- **Cereal Counts & Personal Hygiene Collection**
 - Bring new boxes of cereal & personal hygiene items (shampoo, conditioner & soap)
- **Cereal Counts**
 - Boxing up donated cereal to distribute to food pantries.
 - Location: Headquarters
- **PJ Corner**
 - Various children's activities, including making Mother's Day cards for Grace Smith House, a special story time, and an Israel birthday board game.
 - Location: Headquarters
- **Baking for The Lunch Box ***
 - Baking cookies for The Lunch Box appropriate for all ages.
 - Location: Temple Beth-El, 118 S. Grand Ave, Poughkeepsie
- **Crafting Corner**
 - Making cards & kids gifts for the residents of Grace Smith House, appropriate for all ages.
 - Location: Headquarters.
- **Blankets for Cancer Patients**
 - Making blankets to distribute to cancer patients, appropriate for all ages.
 - Location: Headquarters

KEY:

* - A project great for families

- For outdoor projects bring your favorite rake, shovel, work gloves, sunscreen, sunhat, bug spray and boots.

Thanks to collaboration with: BHA, Congregation Shir Chadash, Congregation Schomre Israel, PJ Library, The Harding Club, Temple Beth-El, & Vassar Temple.

Shavuot at Schomre Israel

Shavuot Eve - Thursday, May 25

Eruv Tavshilin *

8:00pm Sharp - Mincha /Maariv at 60 Whittier Blvd

8:00pm - Candlelighting - 8:00pm (earliest 6:46)

**There will be a Community Shavuot meal,
where we will discuss the *Principles of Jewish Faith***



Shavuot, first day - Friday, May 26

9:00am - Shacharit with the 10 Commandments

Followed by a light Dairy Luncheon and Class **

The Story of Ruth, Conversion in History and Practice

7:10pm - Mincha & Maariv

7:20pm - Candlelighting (earliest 6:46 / latest 8pm)

Shavuot, second day - Shabbat, May 27

9:00am - Shacharit with the Book of Rus

~10:30am Yizkor

**Join us for a Knish Kiddush as we continue
with the *Principles of Jewish Faith***

after 9:02 - Yom Tov Concludes (Havdallah)



*** For the Thursday Eruv Tavshilin:**

Take a cooked and baked item, pronounce the blessing of:
*Baruch ata Ado-noi Elo-heinu Melech ha-olam, Asher kid-shanu
bi-mitzvo-tav, Vi-tzee-vanu al mitzvat Eiruv*
and pronounce:

By Means of these Eiruv foods, we will be permitted to bake, cook,
keep foods warm, light candles, carry, and do all that we need on Yom
Tov for Shabbat.

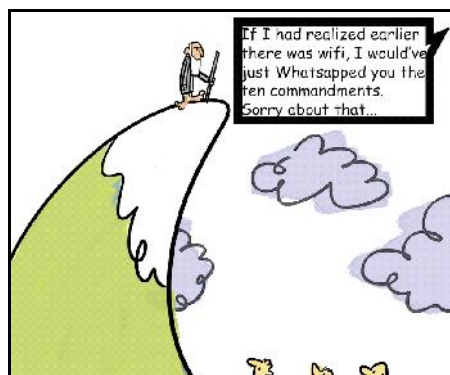
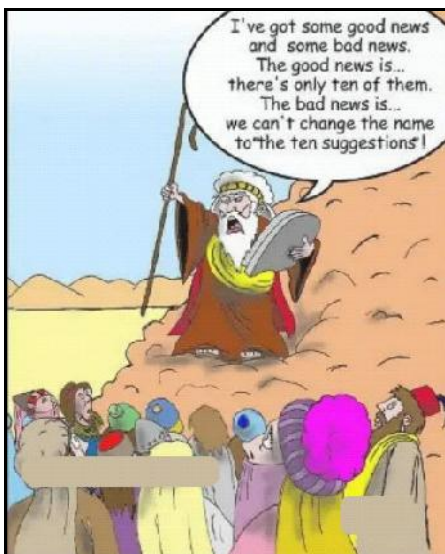
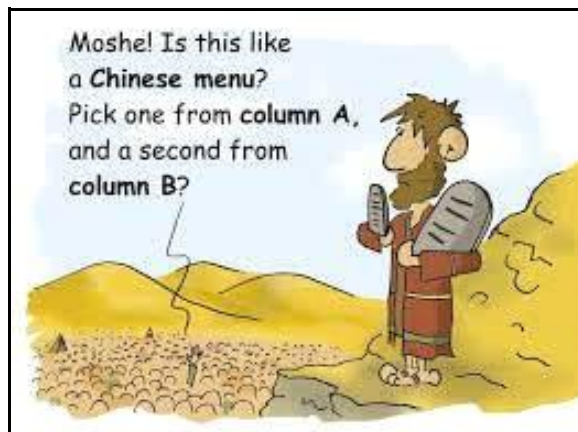
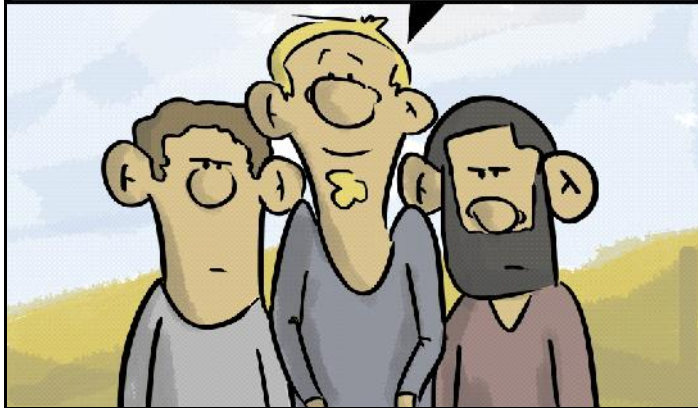
**** So we can plan accordingly, please RSVP if you can join us for the Kiddush
Schomre1@aol.com or 845-454-2890, by May 15**

**Join us Tuesday,
May 16 @ 7pm,
Making the
Perfect Shavuot
Scones with
Dr Kagan**

from the 4K Club

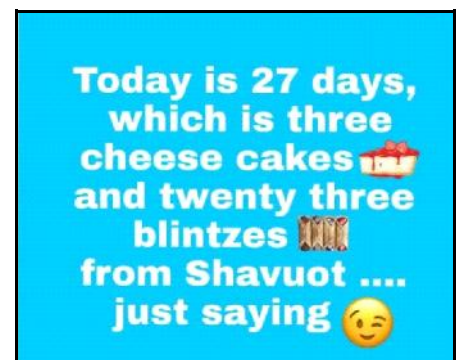
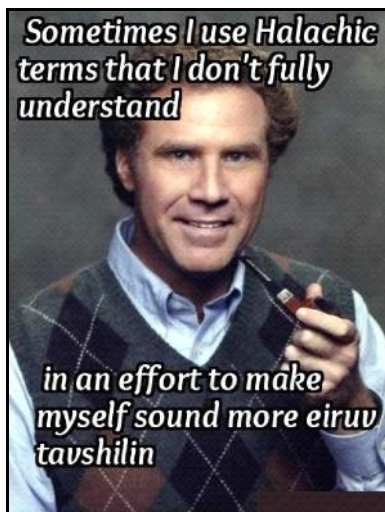
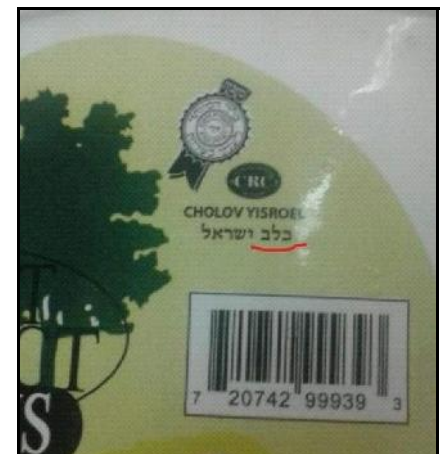
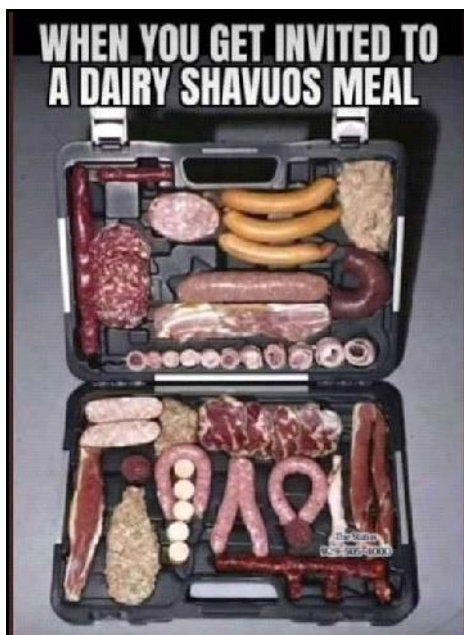
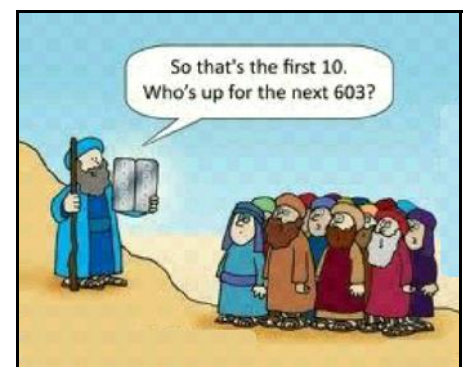
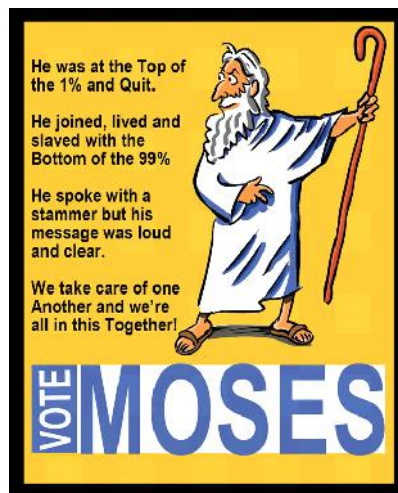


Guys, did you hear what I just heard?! Ten commandments! Only ten! I was getting worried about this whole Judaism thing, but only ten, How hard can that be, am I right?



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Our Founders

עֲטָרַת זְקֵנִים בְּנֵי בָנִים וְתַפְאֶרֶת בָּנִים אֲבוֹתָם

*The crown of the elders are their grandchildren,
while the glory of children are their fathers.*



How can one start to describe the founding fathers and mothers of our community, a community and schul which has carried high, and continues to carry, the flag of Hashem and His Torah for over 135 years? The sweat, time, energy, and money that must have been poured into the creation of our schul must have been colossal, and their merit, no doubt, has watched over us, and will continue to watch over us for many generations.

Over the past year, a few of the great-grandchildren of four of the families came to visit Schomre Israel and the resting places of their fathers and mothers. While there were many families and individuals who can be credited with the building and growth of Schomrie Hadass, Children of Israel, and Schomre Israel, this particular walk-through history will focus on those particular four families.

As I am placing together pieces of our illustrious history from over 135 years, there will obviously be mistakes and discrepancies. I, Rabbi Krasner, ask you for forgiveness in advance, and to please notify me of corrections.

These three families were all related and married into each other, and the father and mother of them were R' Yisroel Weisberger (son of R Elimelech), (d July 26, 1901), pictured above. He was married to Czarna Weiss, and they were the parents of Zlata (Weisberger) Eisner, Rabbi Joseph Eisner's wife. As his monument attests, he was a "Perfect and straight man, one who feared Hashem".



Pictured are some of his descendants gathered to pray near his resting place in Poughkeepsie, on the day of his Yahrzeit.

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Rabbi Joseph Eisner was born to R' Aryeh Tzvi in Razna Hungary in the mid-1800s. He spent his youth studying Torah by many of the Torah leaders in his generation, including the Taplikar Rav, Rabbi Shimshon Aharon Polensky, who gave him his rabbinic ordinance.

As he started growing and was in danger of being drafted by the anti-Semitic Hungarian army, he was advised by the Shinever Rav to move to the United States. While there was always a fear of moving to a country where Torah Judaism required great sacrifice, the Shinever Rav was confident in the R Joseph's righteousness that he would be resolute. R Joseph moved to the great and illustrious city of Poughkeepsie, where, together with Rabbi Avraham Stein, he was the founder of Schomrie Hadass. The schul was started by

Michael Weiss in his home at 510 Main St, and was chartered and established in 1888. R Joseph refusing to be an employee which would force him to either work on Shabbos or be

fired, started his livelihood as a peddler, which he became very successful. It was there that R Joseph officiated as Schomrie Hadass's first president. He likewise was a mohel, a teacher to the Jewish children in the community, and a *Shochet Ubodek*, as well as, one of the founders of the Hungarian break off schul, Children of Israel. R Joseph married Zlata Weisberger, and was blessed with three children, Mrs. Hochman, Moshe, and Yisroel. His oldest two children built the foundation of their families with the guidance of the Torah in North America. Yisroel, however, for a bar mitzvah present requested from his parents to be able to study Torah in Israel. So, when Yisroel was fifteen, Rabbi Joseph and Zlata bid farewell to their beloved Poughkeepsie, and moved to the Batei Ungaran neighborhood of Bais Yisroel,

FAREWELL GIVEN JOSEPH EISNER

Two New York rabbis came to Poughkeepsie on Sunday to speak at the farewell meeting and banquet held at Congregation B'Nai Israel in South Bridge Street for Joseph Eisner. They were Rabbi Fredmesky, chief rabbi of the Bronx and Rabbi Weisberger, of the East Side. Mr. Eisner, who has long been prominent in the Zionist movement in Poughkeepsie is going to Jerusalem to live, and will sail for the Holy Land on Thursday. Addresses were also made by the rabbi of the congregation, Rabbi Wolf, and by M. J. Fessler, a prominent member and trustee.

The children recited and the National Anthem and Hatikvah were both sung. Prayers were offered for President Harding. After the service, a banquet was held, attended by nearly four hundred guests, including visitors from Kingston, Newburgh and New York.



Photograph taken by Moshe (Ralph) Weisberger in Mea Shearim in the 1940s (after WWII)



Zlata (Sera) is the daughter of Israel Weinberger & Czarna Weiss

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When R Joseph settled in Jerusalem, he purchased a home, and then started purchasing multiple houses and renting them, being blessed with much success. He dedicated his wealth and energies to charity and kindness, while living on very basic means. Each Thursday he would take his son, Yisroel, to the various houses of the less fortunate to distribute much appreciated necessities, and he was a large donor and supporter of the Shaari Chesed Kindness Association.

When the Toldos Rebba came to Israel in 1925 for three years, R Joseph gave him a large apartment to live in free of charge. After the Toldos Rebba moved back to Europe, R Joseph retained one of the rooms to be a schul for the Rebba's students. When The Rebba returned ten years later, he continued to daven in that schul. R Joseph likewise gave many apartments to various Torah scholars free of charge.

R Joseph built the Marmarisha Schul above his house, which currently goes by the name Mishkanot Haroim, and is one of the most respected schul's in the Maeh Shearim area.



Standing by the Mishkanot Haroim Schul
(Note the lower schul sign dedicating the schul to Joseph and Zlata Eisner)



Inside



Sanctity of membership, signed by R Zonnenfeld

Hashem blessed R Joseph and Zlata with long years, and R Joseph lived to be 86. Before he passed, he left in his will most of his properties and finances to be used to pay for weddings for the needy of Yerushalayim. This fund is still going strong today, and many young Jewish girls are able to have respectable weddings due to the generosity of R Joseph.



Joseph and Zlata's descendants from Montreal and Monsey visiting Schomre Israel

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Schomrie's humble beginnings started in the house of Michael Weiss at 510 Main St. There twenty five Torah Jews gathered together to draw up Schomrie's charter. They continued in his home until the schul grew to the point that they needed a larger location, to which they then purchased and moved to the Haymarket Building at Clinton Square, where Michael served as Schomrie's second president. Michael married Charna Rivaka (Regina). In 1913 he became the presiding officer to the Children of Israel Synagogue. Many of Michael and Regina's children continue to hold the pride of Torah high, in Lakewood, Baltimore, Silver Springs, and Poughkeepsie itself.



Michael and Regina Weiss's descendants from Lakewood visiting Schomre Israel



"Our Precious and Prominent Father, the Crown of our Heads, One who Fears Hashem and Complete Walked in Perfection, and Worked with Righteousness"

The other partner to incorporating Schomre Israel in 1888 was Abraham and Sarah Stein. Abraham Stein came to New York, moved to Florida, and then returned to Poughkeepsie. In 1903 Avraham started the construction of the Mikvah which was completed in 1905. In 1913, together with Michael Weiss, Joseph Eisner, Isaac Eisner, Joseph Rosman and Benjamin Weisberger, Abraham founded the Children of Israel schul. He continued his service for Schomre, where he served both as its vice president and president. One of his granddaughters, Claire May, continued in her grandfather's footsteps, dedicating much of her life, efforts, sweat, and tears in the perpetuation of Schomre and its organizations.



"A Perfect and Straight man, A Lover of Torah and its Teachers"
"Our Precious, Prominent, and Modest Mother"

SISTERHOOD NEWS

GIFT SHOP

We have many new items in our Gift Shop. If you need a housewarming gift, shower gift, wedding gift, graduation, or birthday gift check out what the Gift Shop has to offer. It might be time to replace some of the mezuzahs in your home, so please come in and check out what we have.

GOLDEN BOOK and/or SHRUBBERY CARDS

Please note that after twenty years at the same price we are now increasing the cost of Gold Cards to \$5.00. Shrubbery Cards will remain the same. If you wish to send a Gold card (\$5.00, payable to Schomre Israel Sisterhood) or a Shrubbery Card (\$5.00, payable to Congregation Schomre Israel) please call, Marcia Fishman, at 845.471.1241 between 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm (no business during Shabbat). Send payments to the synagogue: Attention; Marcia Fishman/Cards. It is easy to do and everyone appreciates receiving a card. They are appropriate for mitzvot, condolences, get well, etc.

Many thanks to the following members for sponsoring Kiddushes:

Alex Farkas in memory of his mother (March 18 Kiddush)

Jackie Dunn in honor of Marsha Sandy Weiner's birthday (April 29 Kiddush)



Sisterhood baked over 7,800 Hamentashen!

A big thank you to everyone who helped, purchased and/or enjoyed them.

Special thanks to Len Grosman for taking this photo.



Pack and Pick-up
Hamentashen

February 19, 2023



We'll see you in 5784!

CALENDAR - Our next big project will be our annual color Calendar. Your help will make this a very successful project. We need ads from the professional people you meet and the businesses you buy from. Celebrating happy occasions, remembrances can make a good ad. Call Cassia Brown, 845.452.8317, and tell her you will help with our Calendar. All of our Congregation Members, Sisterhood members, and advertisers will receive a copy of the Calendar. Your help is needed with this project. **Ads must be in by June 15, 2023**, see our website for ad pricing and information.

In addition, we will list birthdays, anniversaries, and yahrzeits. The cost is **\$3 per name for the first 5 names** and **\$1 per name after that**. List your birthday as well as those of your spouse, children, grandchildren, etc. Call in your information to Keren Ritz, 845.849.3301, or fill in the coupon below: mail or drop off at the Shul. Save us a phone call. **Submit your names by Thursday, June 15, 2023**.

The annual Calendar is an important fund raiser for Sisterhood. We provide the delicious Shabbat kiddushes, hamentaschen for the hospitals and nursing homes, money to the Shul to make its budget needs. If a major repair or major purchase must be made, Sisterhood is there to help. By helping Sisterhood, you are helping the Shul.



LISTING(S) FOR 5783/5784 SISTERHOOD CALENDAR

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

\$3 per name up to 5 names

\$1 for each additional name

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Anniversary</u>	<u>Yahrzeit*</u>
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E-mail _____

* **For yahrzeit dates:** see [<https://www.hebcal.com/converter/>] or <http://yahrzeit.com/>] or contact Rabbi Krasner

SUBMISSION DEADLINE JUNE 15, 2023

SCHOMRE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD • 18 PARK AVENUE • POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK 12603

For Calendar Communications/Questions: cassia@bestweb.net • 845.452.8317

March 01, 2023

Dear Friend:

The Sisterhood of Schomre Israel is preparing the color **Hebrew Calendar for 5783 - 5784 (2023-2024)**.

We have been providing the Congregation and the Jewish Community this calendar for almost two decades. We hope you will participate in this venture and look forward to seeing your color ads and listings.

This calendar provides our Jewish community with information regarding Jewish holidays, Torah readings, candle-lighting times, and religious and social events that are presented by Congregation Schomre Israel. The calendar raises funds to help support special Schomre Israel functions and many community projects which are sponsored by the Sisterhood. The Sisterhood and Congregation Schomre Israel serve the Jewish Community, patients in local health institutions and hospitals, and the many nursing homes in the area.

Our Congregation was organized in the City of Poughkeepsie in **1888**. We are **135 years old**. We are the **only established Modern Orthodox Synagogue in Dutchess County**.

We are asking for your support by taking out an ad in our calendar.

Please select your desired format - Advertisers will receive a copy of the 2022/2023 Calendar:

Select	Description	Cost *	Size	Notes:
	Full Page - With a Specific Month Placement	\$225	7" x 8"	
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	Quarter Page Vertical	\$65	4" x 3.5"	
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***ALL ADS include a listing on the Professional & Advertisers page**

All submissions due by June 15, 2023.

The following page has tips for submitting your ad.

If you are not sending your copy by email,
please return this letter with your
 CD/DVD Disk, Thumb Drive or Hard Copy File.

Sincerely,
 Cassia Brown,
 Chairperson

SCHOMRE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD
 18 PARK AVENUE POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK 12603
 845.454.2890

SUBMITTING YOUR ADS FOR THE 2023 - 2024 SCHOMRE CALENDAR:

Submitting ads by e-mail:

Send your **e-mail ad** to cassia@bestweb.net E-mail file sizes can be up to 24 megabytes.

The Calendar is printed at high digital resolution. This process produces sharp pictures, clear text, and excellent reproduction of your submitted material.

For those who submit material on disk, or thumb drive:

1.- We can accept ads in any **PC format**, however we **cannot accept** ads in **"PRINT SHOP format."**

Digital Photos submitted should be a **minimum resolution 300 dpi**.

Graphic Images must be a **minimum resolution 600 dpi**.

You may have to include font file(s), if you use special or exotic fonts. *(We will contact you if this condition arises.)*

2.- We can accept ads in **MAC format** - please submit them in either PDF or EPS format only.

3.- **Any PDFs** submitted must have **fonts embedded**, **photos** at a minimum **300 dpi resolution** and graphic images at a minimum **600 dpi resolution**.

4.- Digital files and digital file questions should be e-mailed to cassia@bestweb.net.

Please make the first word **"CALENDAR"** in the subject line.

5.- When submitting an ad by e-mail please add your **contact information**, **day/night time phone number** and where to send the proof, the invoice for the ad, and where to ship the calendar.

For those who submit copy for scanning [pictures, graphics, and text.]:

A.- Please provide clean copy of your ad. **Do not submit any screened copy.**

B.- Submitting business cards -

**PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE , DO NOT USE paperclips to attach your business card(s),
 AND Please enclose two business cards!**

C.- Embossed or raised lettering on stationary or business cards that will be **used for Ads** can create a **lower quality image (reproduction) for your ad**.

D.- We'll make every effort to **"clean up"** your COPY.

E.- You can sketch a layout of your ad, provide us with the copy, photo and graphics and we will create the ad for you. We can scan pictures and graphics, you will get a proof before printing.

**Got an idea for an ad? Talk to us ... We can create it for you.
 Business and Personal Ads graciously accepted.**

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

In memory of her beloved mother, Millie Davis
Stephanie R. Davis.

In honor of Hinda and Irv Baum for all the years of
dedication to Schomre Israel and wishing them the
best in their new home
Sharon Dolinko.

In memory of his father, Frank Goldwitz
Brian Goldwitz and Tracy Forlini.

- In honor of Hinda and Irving Baum
- In memory of their family and friends...
Leah Alweiss
Fannie Horowitz
Minnie Mednick
Marge Robles
Gertrude Schreibman
Kathy Wieselmann
Joseph Wieselmann
Evelyn and David Horowitz.

In memory of Rita Kaplan
Anne Lescher.

In memory of her beloved mother, Celia Danto
Rita Meier.

In memory of their beloved parents, Tillie Kantrowitz
and
Mason Kantrowitz
Hal Kantrowitz
Rena Miller.

In memory of their parents, grandparents, aunts and
uncles
Michael and Shelley Rosenblatt.

In honor of Hinda and Irving Baum
Phyllis Rosenfield.

In memory of Phyllis Dreifus, beloved mother of
Marion Pesacov
Rose, Brion, Joshua Shapiro and Annaliese

Wishing Hinda and Irving Baum the very best!
Rita and Dr. Lew Sims.

In memory of their grandfather, Harry Berman
Rena Miller
Roberta Stoller.

In honor of their new grandson, Eitan Rafael Barzilay
Debby and David Sullum.

- Happy Birthday wishes to...
Rabbi Krasner
Lee Klein (5/28)
Steve Kaplan (6/2)
Michelle Klein (6/30)
Michael Ritz (7/20)
Stacey Gamberg (7/23)
Linda Skolnik
Sharon Warren (8/20)
Eliana Ritz (8/25)
- Happy Anniversary to...
Hal and Sharon Warren (5/18)
Stephan and Cassia Brown (6/9)
Lee and Sandy Corwin (6/22)
Irving and Hinda Baum (8/17)
- Wishing Evelyn and Dave Horowitz and Roberta
Grosman continued good health
- In memory of her beloved...
brother, Alan Stewart Weiner
father, Yosef Yisroel Weiner
grandmother, Lena Dombush
uncle, Leo Dombush
Marsha Sandy Weiner and Jackie Dunn.

We received a note...

*Hinda and Irving Baum wish to thank
you for all your good wishes on their
retirement.*

GOLDEN BOOK CARDS WERE SENT TO:

Mr. Stuart Graff and Family - Condolences on the loss of your beloved wife, June, and also a beloved mother and grandmother
Cassia & Stephan Brown.

Hinda & Irv Baum - Wishing them much nachas in their new home.
Marcia Fishman.

Evelyn Horowitz - Thinking of you and sending best wishes
Ros Fox
Linda Skolnik
Holly Hummel
Roberta & Len Grosman
Marcia Fishman.

Cassia & Stephan Brown - Mazel Tov on your son Ted's marriage
Evelyn & David Horowitz
Marcia Fishman
Del & Barry Kricheff
Ellie & Marty Korfman
Shelley & Michael Rosenblatt
Debby & David Sullun
Natalie & Ron Markowitz
Linda Skolnik
Sharon & Hal Warren
Barbara & Irwin Lifshy
Jane Friedland
Stephen Kaplan
Stacey Gamberg
Holly Hummel
Roberta & Len Grosman
Myra Stoner
Ros Fox
Marsha Weiner & Jackie Dunn.

Helene & Larry Price - In memory of their beloved son, Steven Price
Evelyn & David Horowitz.

Illana & Paul Shenk & Family - In memory of Kathy & Joe Weiselman
Evelyn & David Horowitz.

A reminder...

You can support the Shul by purchasing:

Chair Plaque	\$175
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Yahrzeit Plaque:	
Member	\$300
Non-Member	\$325

Tree of Life:	
Leaf	\$175
Apple/Acorn	\$550
Crested Apple	\$750
Crested Acorn	\$750
Golden Apple	\$950
Golden Acorn	\$950

Siddur	\$60
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Chumash	\$60
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Mezuzah Parchment	\$50
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Shrubbery Card	\$5 (payable to: Schomre Israel)
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Golden Card	\$5 (payable to: Sisterhood)
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IN HONOR OF or IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE.

Other options...

- Gift Cards (scrip)
- On-Line Shopping (Goodshop, Artscroll) through our website under the "Support Us" menu item.

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 appreciate your understanding.

YAHRTZEITS FOR MAY 2023

04	Rose Siegel
05	Max Pastreich
10	Leah Alweiss
13	Irving Fuhrer
14	Josef Silber
15	Regina Chernys Regina Weiss
16	Joseph Wieselmann
18	Carl Ben Ezra Samuel Millman
19	Albert Chick
21	Pearl Charlotte Levine Alan Stewart Weiner
23	Ida Schlossberg
27	Fannie Horowitz
28	George Dorfman Ida Tulin
29	Max Eisner

YAHRTZEITS FOR JUNE 2023

01	Harold Gollin Arthur Mendel
02	Abraham Fruchter Esther Korfman
03	Julius Meier
05	Tzipporah Dina Pastreich
06	Pauline Klein
14	Gertrude Schreibman
19	Beatrice Fishman
20	Marge Robles
21	Marci Bennett
26	Robert Ben Ezra
30	Solomon Nussbaum

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences
are extended to
Marion Pesacov and family
on the loss of her beloved mother,
Phyllis Dreifus.

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Lee Miller and Nancy Lerner,
on the loss of their beloved mother,
Rose Miller.

