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The Shofar



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D'Var HaRav (The Rabbi's Message)

Lights, Camera, Action – Yontif!

This issue of the Shofar should arrive just before the High Holidays. Rabbis, cantors, choirs, and other Jewish spiritual leaders are frantically writing sermons, reviewing the liturgy, practicing their singing, rehearsing their Torah readings. Task Force members are rushing to finalize their COVID protocols, making arrangements for hiring guards to provide extra physical security, testing video telecommunications equipment, sending out Yizkor forms, soliciting donations. Board members are frantically organizing onegs, purchasing floral arrangements, cleaning the building, hiring greeters. But what is the **congregant** to be doing as we approach the solemn Days of Awe? Maybe just plan to show up on Rosh HaShanah to enjoy (or endure) the show?

In fact, the most important player in the entire High Holiday experience is you! Too often, we think of the worship service as a performance, with the congregants as the audience. But in actuality, the prayer leader is the prompter, the congregants are the “actors,” and ***God is the “audience.”*** The days leading up to the holidays are our rehearsal time, and we would all be wise to spend some time learning our lines, i.e., reflecting on what questions we want to ask of ourselves and what practices we want to follow during the services to dig within our own souls for answers – to kindle the Divine sparks we each nurture. Why are we here, what is the purpose of our lives, how can we live them meaningfully, how did we do over the past year and what can we redirect in our behavior in the coming year? These are just some of the existential queries we may want to focus on during this year’s High Holidays.

Whatever topics you choose to emphasize as you “act” during the High Holidays, I look forward to seeing you either live or on Zoom beginning this year on Monday, September 6th at 7 PM. Break a leg!

B’shalom, Rabbi Jack



Member Spotlight *Bennett Leselrod*

Bennett Leselrod, son of Mike and Lorna and little brother to Edward, reached the age of bar-mitzvah in May. Proud grandparents are Joyce and Mark Schweibish and Judie Greenspan.

Bennett is a student at Eastport Middle School, and will be going into the eighth grade in the fall. Bennett and his family (including six cats and two dogs) live in Manorville. Bennett and brother Ed take care of walking the dogs.

At school, Bennett finds math and all kinds of science very interesting. Pressed for a favorite science, he says “if I had to pick one, I’d go with biology.” This past year the focus was on earth science. He loves Spanish class, and modestly said he’s doing “okay” with Hebrew. And, following in his father’s computer-savvy footsteps, Bennett says “I really like [computer] programming, general computer stuff, and playing video games.”

A double-instrument musician, Bennet is a saxophone player in the school’s Jazz band, and plays oboe as part of the general band. It’s almost like having to learn two different instruments, Bennett explained, since the sax is a single reed instrument while the oboe is a double reed. Bennett enjoys playing tennis and basketball, and sometimes plays chess with the after school chess club. The family had a fun Fourth of July this year, with backyard fireworks. Otherwise, it’s been a fairly quiet summer; the ongoing concerns over Covid-19 put some crimps in the family’s plans.

Highlights from the Jewish year include Chanukah, “because you get all the presents,” and matzah ball soup, “delicious, my favorite!”

Advice from Bennett about being a younger brother: “It’s not that hard to get along, you just have to try for it.”

Bennett’s bar-mitzvah ceremony and celebration, originally planned for this spring, have been postponed due to the pandemic; stayed tuned for a date in 2022.



October, 2021

The following are names of individuals whose yahrzeits are memorialized by plaques in the sanctuary and the dates of the Friday evening services on which their yahrzeits will be observed and Kaddish recited in their memory:

October 1	Katie Helfant
October 8	William Ringe
October 8	Edith Berkowitz
October 8	Philip Rudnetsky
October 15	Morris Messinger
October 15	Alfred S. Schwartz
October 15	Sylvia Swire
October 15	Herbert Schwartz
October 15	Eve Anne Helfant
October 15	David Cohen
October 15	Sidney Schlansky
October 15	Joseph Harris
October 22	Benjamin Laube
October 29	Isidore Hirschenfang

Worshippers who are observing a yahrzeit and who would like any additional name mentioned at the time of Kaddish are asked to present that name in writing to the Rabbi prior to the service.

“The memory of the righteous is a Blessing”



November, 2021

The following are names of individuals whose yahrzeits are memorialized by plaques in the sanctuary and the dates of the Friday evening services on which their yahrzeits will be observed and Kaddish recited in their memory:

November 5	Ilene Ellis
November 5	Karen Foster
November 9	Sidney Edel
November 12	Lillian Rudnetsky
November 12	Leo Moscovitz
November 12	Celia Pick Juskowitz
November 12	Lynda Zelda Boker
November 12	Dr. Philip Willner
November 19	Isidore Scharf
November 26	Ray Levine Schulman
November 26	Lillian Levine

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December, 2021

The following are names of individuals whose yahrzeits are memorialized by plaques in the sanctuary and the dates of the Friday evening services on which their yahrzeits will be observed and Kaddish recited in their memory:

December 3	Murray Bernstein
December 3	Roza B. Erdos
December 3	Gussie Steiner Abeloff
December 3	Gusta Lipsman
December 10	Rueben M. Kwares
December 10	Joan Gottlieb
December 10	Alex M. Safier
December 10	Ellen Jane Freund Schwartz
December 10	Eugene Ash
December 17	Yetta Zion
December 17	Katie Stark
December 17	Belle Weissman
December 17	Sigmond Lantz
December 17	David Zion
December 17	Emilie Sheren
December 24	Florence Cooper
December 24	Yetta Heller
December 24	Bennett Steiner
December 24	Regina Lantz
December 24	Hyman J. Lipsman
December 31	Seymour Steiner
December 31	Michael Fisher
December 31	Bennett Jacob Stark
December 31	Rose Miller
December 31	Ann Foster

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Upcoming Events

BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting will be Sunday, October 3rd at 10am. We'll discuss ***The First Mrs. Rothschild by Sara Aharoni***. We are planning to meet in person, outdoors if possible.

FAMILYHOOD NEWS

We hope that summer was enjoyable for everyone! We had our first in-person planning meeting on June 27, 2021. As much as we appreciated the ability to stay in touch with each other via Zoom, it was so wonderful to meet in-person. Unfortunately, our Dinner at the Beach event was cancelled because of some windy weather. Upcoming events will include Rummage Sale, High Holiday Greeting fundraiser, Book Club, and some kind of social gathering this fall. Our two biggest fundraisers are coming up soon -- Rummage Sale and High Holiday Greeting. We appreciate your support with these two events and hope to see you soon in-person.

Our next planning meeting will be on Sunday October 3, 2021 at 11:15am (immediately following our Book Club).

Jennifer Heitman & Janet Bossert
Co-Presidents

Sponsor an Oneg!

Want a nice way to celebrate a special birthday, an anniversary, or a graduation? Would you like to memorialize a loved one around the time of their Yahrzeit? Consider sponsoring an erev Shabbat Friday night oneg. Challah, wine, grape juice and basic snacks are provided by the Jewish Center. You can add additional "special treats" (certified kosher, please), or flowers if you like. Leave a message at the general temple phone number, and Sherry Schwartz or another Familyhood member will get back to you.

Recent special occasion onegs were sponsored in honor of Steve Schwartz' special birthday, and in memory of Augusta Jacobowitz.

**BLAST FROM
THE PAST!**

Thanks to Mort & Gwen Stark and Larry Kiss for identification of people in the photo, and to Nan Peel for supplying an additional name from information found in a 1966 article from The Long Island Advance. Thanks, Nan for helping research and document JCM's past.



(People in photo identified with thanks to Mort and Gwen Stark, and Larry Kiss.)

#1 - Mort Stark

#2 - The Honorable Perry B Duryea Jr, Assemblyman First District

#3 - Harold Robinson (Marty's father and original owner of Slater's Pharmacy in Center Moriches)

#4 - The Honorable Charles R Dominy, Supervisor Town of Brookhaven

#5 - The Honorable H Lee Dennison, Suffolk County Executive

#6 - Stanley Abrams, Superintendent Center Moriches Public Schools

#7 - Arthur Bergman, Newsday Political Columnist

#8 - Nathan Bley (local chicken farmer)

#9 - Unrecognizable

#10 - Rabbi Nussenbaum

#11 - Frederick ("Rick") Foster

#12 - Al Spector of Mastic Beach



TEAM ISRAEL VS TEAM NYPD

The Israeli Olympic baseball team--"Team Israel"-- played the NYPD team in an exhibition game at Long Island Ducks Stadium in July, before heading to Tokyo. Familyhood organized a group outing to the game. Notice the Magen David (Star of David) on the pitcher's baseball cap.





High Holidays



High Holiday Survey

Thanks to all who responded to JCM's High Holiday survey. The survey was sent out by email, and was also available (via JCM volunteers) to those who preferred to answer the questions by phone. The vast majority of survey respondents reported that all members of their family aged 12 and over are vaccinated. Overwhelmingly, our congregational family responded that they would like JCM to require proof of vaccination for those attending High Holiday services in person in the building. Many people are still feeling uncomfortable coming to services in person. JCM has continued to offer a Zoom option for Shabbat services and we will also be offering this option for High Holiday services.

High Holiday Tickets

Please note that no physical High Holiday tickets will be printed this year. All members are entitled to attend High Holiday services as a membership benefit; your name will be on the High Holiday list at the door. Non-members, as usual, can purchase "tickets" (no physical tickets this year) – cost is \$175 per person. Contact Judy Hean at 631-878-0466 for non-member tickets. Please be aware that because of Covid-19, all non-members wishing to attend services must purchase tickets prior to the holiday. Thank you for your understanding. You can also participate in High Holiday services via Zoom (no charge; donation requested).

High Holiday Machzors (prayerbooks)

Once again, machzors will be available for loan for the duration of the holidays. If you're planning to attend some of the services via Zoom, we encourage you to borrow a machzor. And if at any time you're feeling ill during the holidays, we ask that you stay home and participate via Zoom.

Being friendly without befriending germs

Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic is still with us. Even though many of us are fully vaccinated, we still have many members in the community who feel vulnerable. We have members and friends above age 50, people with underlying health conditions, and households with children under age 12 who are not yet eligible for vaccination.

PLEASE:

Refrain from physical contact with non-family members:

NO handshaking, kissing, hugs

YES waving hello, big smiles, fist bumps, elbow-to-elbow greetings

We are SO sorry to have to ask this, but please understand that catching even a little sniffle is sending people anxiously to their doctor or to get tested for Covid. Thank you for your cooperation in helping all of us feel safe at synagogue!

Idea: Bring a personal-size sanitizer with you to services, and use as needed.

2021 High Holy Days Schedule 5782

Friday night service with Selichot following oneg	Friday	8/27	7:30 PM	IN PERSON & Zoom
Rosh HaShanah Eve	Monday	9/6	7:00 PM	IN PERSON & Zoom
Rosh HaShanah--1st Day	Tuesday	9/7	10:00 AM	IN PERSON & Zoom
--Children's Service	Tuesday	9/7	2:30 PM (half hour)	Zoom only
--Tashlich & Shofar	Tuesday	9/7	4:00 PM	IN PERSON & Zoom
--Evening Service	Tuesday	9/7	7:00 PM	Zoom only
Rosh HaShanah--2nd day	Wednesday	9/8	10:00 AM	IN PERSON & Zoom
Shabbat Shuva evening service	Friday	9/10	7:30 PM	IN PERSON & Zoom

Shabbat Shuva and 9/11 commemoration service	Saturday	9/11	10:30 AM	IN PERSON & Zoom
Kever Avot Visiting the graves at Mt. Pleasant	Sunday	9/12	11:00 AM	IN PERSON ONLY
Kol Nidre	Wednesday	9/15	6:30 PM	IN PERSON and Zoom
Yom Kippur Day	Thursday	9/16	10:00 AM	IN PERSON and Zoom
--Yizkor	Thursday	9/16	1:30 PM	IN PERSON and Zoom
--Children's Service	Thursday	9/16	2:30 PM (half hour)	Zoom only
--Mincha/ <u>Ne'ilah</u>	Thursday	9/16	6:00 PM	IN PERSON and Zoom
--Holiday Ends, Break-the-Fast	Thursday	9/16	7:45 PM	IN PERSON and Zoom – Grab and Go

Thank You Donors!

- David James in memory of Aunt Lillian Rudnetsky
- Judy Hean in memory of Mother Belle Bernstein
- Judy Hean in memory of Mother-in-law Kathryn Hean
- Judy Hean in memory of Cousin Barbara Heller Berkowitz
- Judy Hean in honor of Steve Schwartz 80th Birthday
- Mort & Gwen Stark in memory of Murray Stark
- Donna Ash in memory of Joseph Ash
- Donna Ash in memory of Gertrude Ash
- Lynne Quinn in memory of Mother Lillian Goldstein, Father Lawrence A. Goldstein
- Lynne Quinn in memory of Husband Paul, Bother Lester
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- Judith Minkin in memory of Steve Schwartz's 80th birthday
- Nan & John Peel In gratitude of healing prayers
- Steven & Barbara Summer in General donation to the temple
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- Judy Hean in memory of Uncle Richard Bernstein, Grandmother Fannie H Cohen
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- Armand & Rita Karyo in memory of Norma & Manny Fogelhut, Louise & Isaac Karyo
- Judy Hean in memory of Grandfather Louis Cohn, Grandmother Annie Bernstein, Aunt Mae Laube, Uncle Sam Bernstein

Want to see your name listed?

JCM has many opportunities for you to honor or memorialize that special person or pet: Tree of Life Joyous Events Plaque; Yizkor Memorial Plaque; Pet Memorial Plaque; Plant a Tree in Israel. Contact Janet Bossert for details, 631-909-8821
Your generous donations ensure that JCM is here for all of us.

Congratulations



**Jennifer Heitman:
on being voted in as a
William Floyd School District
Board of Education board member!**

**Farra Isaacson (aka F.M. Isaacs)
on your latest book
"Legacy of the Fox"!**



**We love good news! Please share your good news (births,
promotions, graduations, special birthdays, and
other happy tidings) with the JCM community.**

**Contact the Jewish Center
general phone number, the rabbi, or a board member.**

We Care

**We're sad when you're sad! If you have a death or illness in the
family, please contact Rabbi Jack at 505-500-2668. We can't
extend our sympathies or add a name to the mi sheberach
(healing prayer) list if we don't know what's happening. Your
community is here for you! Please help us in helping give you
support during a difficult time.**

Volunteer Opportunities at JCM

Our community thrives when we all pitch in to help!

*An * means that JCM is currently looking for volunteers to help with these tasks.*

***Hebrew School**

Coordinate with teachers and parents to make sure Hebrew School runs smoothly.

***Cemetery Committee**

The JCM owns cemetery plots in Mt Pleasant Cemetery. These plots are for sale and occasionally someone contacts us to sell back their plot. Selling back plots involves the owner mailing the deed back, and coordinating with JCM's treasurer to send a check to the plot seller. Buying or selling back plots are fairly rare occurrences; usually this comes up once a year.

***Newsletter Team**

Create the "Shofar Newsletter", email it to the printer, pick it up from the printer, mail it. Newsletter format mostly stays the same with each issue. JCM is currently producing four newsletters per year, with one person acting as "editor" (collecting and/or writing newsletter content), another person doing graphic design, and a third person picking up the printed newsletter from the photocopy shop and mailing the newsletters.

***Membership Liaison**

Talk to prospective members when they contact the Jewish Center with questions: explain our programs, services, Hebrew School, and member pricing. This person is the "welcoming contact" that interacts with prospective members.

***Ritual Committee**

Works with the Spiritual Leader to integrate traditional Jewish practices, guidelines, and prayers into Shabbat and festival services, life cycle events, and other JCM activities. Endeavors to make JCM's religious atmosphere welcoming, inclusive, and accessible.

Sunshine Committee

Contacts sick/hospitalized members and sends condolences on behalf of the JCM community.

***Phone "Keep in Touch" Committee**

JCM is looking for a few additional people to join Judy Hean and Rabbi Jack in making "keep in touch" phone calls to community members. Each committee member will be given a list of people to contact on an occasional basis.

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***Building and Ground Committee**

When there is an issue at the JCM that needs fixing, such as the heat or electric, the Building and Ground committee arranges the repair.

***Sanctuary Committee**

The sanctuary committee deal with any issues that are in the actual sanctuary, such as upkeep, renovations, new chairs, etc.

***Correspondence Committee**

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***Website**

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Quarter page: \$25

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