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JANUARY 2020

Tevet/Shevat 5780

OUR CHANUKAH PARTY

Our Chanukah party held on December 26, the 5th Chanukah night, was a big success. We had close to 40 people in attendance.

Sabrina Heit and Misha Martinson helped serve the delicious potato latkes. Neil Harrow was the Master of Ceremonies. We took in \$154 in raffle monies. Marcy Harris and Rebecca Gritz helped run the raffles.

The Six Raffle Prizes were:

- ...\$50 Food Dynasty Gift Card
- ...\$25 Riverdale Judaica Store Gift Certificate
- ...Latke Serving Plate with Applesauce Bowl
- ...Gourmet Chocolate Candies Tray
- ...Pair of Linen Placemats & Double set of Chanukah Spreadable Knives
- ...Harvey Megila dancing Rabbi

All proceeds from the raffle benefit the Van Cortlandt Jewish Center

The donuts were donated by Solomon Schwartz at Dunham Paint. Stu Harris brought the latkes and vegetables. Five Chanukah candles were lit. Stu and Marcy Harris lit the first one, then Ken Siva, followed by Michael Stoller, Sabrina Heit and Laura & Bob Gillman.

Music was performed by Chaim Zadok. Everyone sang along and had a great time.

We thank everyone for helping and participating in this wonderful party.

VCJC ANNUAL BAZAAR & CARNIVAL

The VCJC's 15th annual Bazaar & Carnival was held on December 8. I would like to send a hearty thank you to those who participated in whatever way they could.

A big thank you to our loyal volunteers, to those who donated merchandise and to those who participated in the auction and/or raffle. Many thanks as well to our office staff, Roberta and Claire, and to our caretaker Ismael, and to all of you who supported this event and thereby the Van Cortlandt Jewish Center.

We thank our generous sponsors: Food Dynasty, Louis Hirsch & Sons/Garlick Funeral Homes, Van Cortlandt Cooperative Federal Credit Union, Garden Gourmet, LCD Elevator & Mr. Anonymous.

Everyone who came seemed to enjoy themselves, having a cup of coffee and a bagel or some hot food and just sitting around and talking. A good number of people bought merchandise from our bric-a-brac table. Some stopped at our information tables and had their blood pressure taken and picked up some giveaways and bought some early holiday gifts at our nine vendor tables. Some were just happy hanging out with family, neighbors and friends.

We are looking forward to our next fundraising event which will be in March at Amalgamated Vladeck Hall. Stay tuned for the exact date and who the entertainment will be – we are working on getting something great, as usual!

*Marcy Gillman-Harris
Fundraising, Chair*

JANUARY CANDLE LIGHTING SCHEDULE



<u>Candle Lighting</u>		<u>Shabbos Ends</u>
Fri. Jan. 3	4:23	
Sat. Jan. 4		5:27
Fri. Jan. 10	4:29	
Sat. Jan. 11		5:33
Fri. Jan. 17	4:37	
Sat. Jan. 18		5:41
Fri. Jan. 24	4:45	
Sat. Jan. 25		5:49
Fri. Jan. 31	4:54	

Kindle the Sabbath Lights

VAN CORTLANDT VILLAGE NOTES JANUARY

► REFUAH SHLEMAH

. . . Arnold Geismar, Miriam Gollop, Neil Harrow, Elliot Kaufman, Saul Lieman, Marilyn Newman, Jules Rubinstein, Mayer Sodden, Renee Stoller, Michelle Sullivan, Al Tenenbaum.

► MAZEL TOV

. . . Phil Friedman on the marriage of his grandson, Yisroel Friedman to Michal Abramchik. Mazel Tov to Yisroel's parents, Elliott & Lorey Friedman, his five siblings, Grandmother Marilyn Axel, Uncles Marvin & Marc Friedman and the entire Abramchik family.

. . . Ceil & Larry Hartstein on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Emunah Tefirith in Chicago on December 26. Mazel Tov to parents Rabbi Jeremy & Dina Hartstein and siblings, Gershie, Ariella, Ahuva & Orly also Mazel Tov to Uncles Matthew & Brett and Aunt Rachel.

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★ SCHEDULE OF SERVICES ★

Please Attend & Guarantee our Minyanim

Morning Services:

Saturday	8:45
Sunday	8:30
Monday & Thursday	6:50
Tues., Wed., & Friday	7:00
Wed. Jan. 1 New Year's Day	8:30
Tues. Jan. 7 Fast of Tevet	6:45
Mon. Jan. 27 Rosh Chodesh Shevat	6:30

► The office will be OPEN Monday, Jan. 20

Martin Luther King Day ◀

Evening Services

Friday, Jan. 3	4:25
Saturday, Jan. 4	4:15
Friday, Jan. 10	4:35
Saturday, Jan. 11	4:20
Friday, Jan. 17	4:40
Saturday, Jan. 18	4:30
Friday, Jan. 24	4:50
Saturday, Jan. 25	4:40
Friday, Jan. 31	5:00

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Office Assistant	Claire Haime



January 2020 4 Teveth - 5 Shevat 5780



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4 TEVES New Year's Day Morning . . 8:30 (Office closed)	2 5 TEVES Morning . . 6:50	3 6 TEVES Morning . . 7:00 Evening . . 4:25 Candles 4:23	4 7 TEVES Vayigash Morning . . 8:45 Evening . . 4:15 Shabbos ends 5:27
5 8 TEVES Morning . . 8:30	6 9 TEVES Morning . . 6:50	7 10 TEVES Fast of Tevet Morning . . 6:45	8 11 TEVES Morning . . 7:00	9 12 TEVES Morning . . 6:50	10 13 TEVES Morning . . 7:00 Evening . . 4:35 Candles 4:29	11 14 TEVES Vayechi Morning . . 8:45 Evening . . 4:20 Shabbos ends 5:33
12 15 TEVES Morning . . 8:30	13 16 TEVES Morning . . 6:50	14 17 TEVES Morning . . 7:00 Board meeting 7:00 pm	15 18 TEVES Morning . . 7:00	16 19 TEVES Morning . . 6:50	17 20 TEVES Morning . . 7:00 Evening . . 4:40 Candles 4:37	18 21 TEVES Shemot Morning . . 8:45 Evening . . 4:30 Shabbos ends 5:41
19 22 TEVES Morning . . 8:30 Sisterhood meeting 11 am	20 23 TEVES Martin Luther King Day Morning . . 6:50	21 24 TEVES Morning . . 7:00	22 25 TEVES Morning . . 7:00	23 26 TEVES Morning . . 6:50	24 27 TEVES Morning . . 7:00 Evening . . 4:50 Candles 4:45	25 28 TEVES Vaera Morning . . 8:45 Evening . . 4:40 Shabbos ends 5:49
26 29 TEVES Morning . . 8:30	27 1 SHEVAT Rosh Chodesh Shevat Morning . . 6:30	28 2 SHEVAT Morning 7:00	29 3 SHEVAT Morning . . 7:00	30 4 SHEVAT Morning . . 6:50	31 5 SHEVAT Morning . . 7:00 Evening . . 5:00 Candles 4:54	

☆ *Yahrzeits* ☆

<u>January</u>		<u>Tevet</u>
1	Murray Rosen	4
1	Joseph Lutnick	4
1	Philip Milgrom	4
1	Anna Satosky	4
2	Jacob Jack Chast	5
2	Sarah Alterowitz	5
3	Richard Farrago	6
3	Dinah Winokur	6
5	Matthew Schoeck	8
5	William Roswick	8
5	Henry Barnett	8
5	Joseph Ronai	8
5	Ida Ethel Miller	8
5	Manny Rothman	8
6	Beverly Rosenberg	9
8	Marvin Glenn Schnur	11
8	Bertha Linn	11
9	Joseph Tillman	12
9	Clara Voyticki	12
9	Oscar Sugin	12
10	Arlene J. Casabianca	13
11	Mary Spivack	14
11	Anna Grossman	14
11	Esther Korn	14
11	Lillian Ross	14
11	Wolf Rosenblatt	14
12	Bernard Gassman	15
12	Rivka Cooper	15
12	Jack Buchhalter	15
12	Ida Osovsky	15
13	Mollie Fader	16
13	Anna Barnett	16
13	Minnie Schuster	16
14	Philip Margolin	17
15	Deborah Weinstein	18
16	Rose Bander	19
17	Nathan Seif	20
17	Harry Lieman	20
17	Morris Klein	20
17	Lillian Sturmak	20
17	Milton Prince	20
17	Dorothy Kaplan	20
18	Murray Blaiwas	21
18	Peter Blaiwas	21
19	Isidor Gerson	22
19	Joseph Lieber	22
19	Sam Weinstein	22
20	Beatrice A. Kreppel	23
20	Izi Strongwater	23

☆ *Yahrzeits* ☆

<u>January</u>		<u>Tevet</u>
21	Morris Kreppel	24
21	Mollie Kleinman	24
21	Joseph Cooper	24
22	Bernard Gollop	25
22	Joel Rothbart	25
22	Bertha Zemlowitz	25
23	Fannie Mitzner	26
23	Robert Belsky	26
23	Dora Rosberg	26
24	Harry Garber	27
25	Jacob Najman	28
26	Bessie Margolin	29
		<u>Shevat</u>
27	Ilana Ronai	1
27	Elsie (Ellen) Soboloff	1
27	Flora Smerling	1
27	Charlotte Levitt	1
28	Seymour Pockler	2
28	Florence Strumlauf	2
29	Nathan Olk	3
29	Harry Schlonsky	3
31	Reubin Starr`	5
31	Tima Zemsky	5



**Remember to light a
yahrzeit candle the night
before**



The **10th day of Tevet,**
January 7 - is observed as a
day of fasting, as it is one of
the annual fast days. It is also a
day designated as a "general
kaddish day" for the victims of
the Holocaust.

🌸 **SISTERHOOD NEWS** 🌸

On Sunday, December 15th Sisterhood had a very productive meeting. Only eight women out of 17 members were in attendance, but, despite the small number, we accomplished a lot, Sharon Godlewicz our treasurer, gave her financial report. Due to increased dues from new members and our Bagels and Books event in November we have a balance of over \$1000 in our bank account. Since our last event was so well received and profitable, we will be having another one in January.

Sunday, January 19th, Sisterhood will **sponsor a Family History Project and Breakfast.** A make-up date if necessary, will be Sunday, January 26th. We will be sharing family stories about our grandparents, parents and other relatives who either immigrated to the United States or had an interesting history to relate. If you have photos or documents that would enhance your story we encourage you to share them as well. All cultures are welcome and we hope that you can attend this event. A breakfast of bagels, cream cheese and lox along with coffee and dessert will be served. The price for the breakfast will be \$10. Breakfast will be served at 11:00 AM in the Game Room. We hope that you will join us for this interesting event. Please invite your friends and all are welcome! A flyer will be mailed out shortly with all the details.

In last month's News Article I mentioned that we would visit the Hebrew Home to see Renee, Miriam & Al. Unfortunately that did not happen. I want to apologize to them and let them know that we will reschedule a visit and hope that they are well! **Sisterhood wishes everyone a very Happy, Healthy & Prosperous 2020!**

Ceil Hartstein, President

VAN CORTLANDT JEWISH NOTES - continued

► WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBER:

. . . Sherri L. Plotkin

► SINCERE SYMPATHY

. . . Bob Baker, sons Douglas & Eric & families on the loss of wife and mother, **Dorothy "Dottie" Baker**. She was a long time resident of Van Cortlandt Village. Both Douglas & Eric attended Hebrew School here.

. . . Dina, Keith & Ira Saxe on the loss of their mother, **Pearl Saxe**. Pearl was past president of the VCJC Hebrew School Parents Association. She was a tireless supporter of VCJC for decades before moving to Forest Hills. Dina, Keith & Ira all were graduates of VCJC. Pearl has 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Her husband Leon Saxe passed away last year.

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► The **Shalosh Seudos** (third meal) is a light meal held every Shabbos afternoon between the mincha (afternoon) and maariv (evening) services. The menu can be customized but usually consists of sliced gefilte fish, tuna fish or egg salad, other light foods, fresh fruit, cookies or pastries, challah and crackers, and soda. The cost of sponsoring is approximately \$50 depending on the final menu. \$10 of this amount is a donation to the VCJC.

► The **mini-Kiddush** is held every Shabbos morning in the Boyarsky Hall immediately following services. It consists of wine and grape juice for reciting the Kiddush, accompanied by a variety of pareve pastries and cookies. The cost to sponsor is a more modest \$25.

► A **third option** is sponsoring one of the monthly lectures held between January and June. Preceding each lecture, we serve a light breakfast of bagels, cream cheese and lox along with coffee. Sponsorship costs \$100.

► If you wish to be a **sponsor** for any of these events, simply contact the office to book the date, preferably at least two weeks in advance. The office staff will take care of making all the arrangements. We look forward to your participation in these programs.

The Van Cortlandt Jewish Center thanks all those who make donations to our synagogue throughout the year

AND

We hope that you continue to support our future events and fundraising efforts so that we can remain a viable institution for many years to come

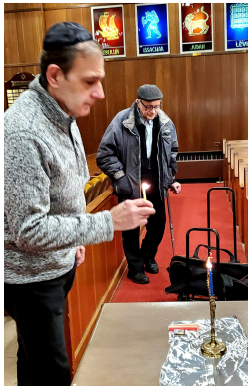
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