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Message

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THE FOREST HILLS JEWISH CENTER



SUNDAY MARCH 4 | NOON—2:30 PM

FHJC Youth Department Purim Carnival Games, Music, Prizes, Food and more!

WEDNESDAY MARCH 7 | EREV PURIM

6:15 PM—Crafts for Children

7:00 PM—Ma'ariv, Purim Shpiel, Costume Parade, Megillah Reading (6:30 PM— Minha, Ma'ariv and Accelerated Megillah Reading in the Little Synagogue)

THURSDAY MARCH 8 | 6:15 AM

Megillah Reading— Little Synagogue



YOM HASHOAH

Holocaust

Day of Remembrance



Estelle Laughlin

Holocaust Survivor:

Memory is what shapes us.

Memory is what teaches us. We

must understand that's where our redemption is. (USHMM)

ANNUAL YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 | 7:30 PM | BOKSER SANCTUARY

We honor the survivors and remember the victims of the Holocaust.

Presiding Rabbi Gerald Skolnik— Hazzan Henry Rosenblum

Participating— Holocaust Survivor Reneé Wehrmann

Nagilah, the choral ensemble of the Forest Hills Jewish Center and the students of the FHJC Hebrew High School.

Zimriyah



GALA ZIMRIYAH FOR YOM HA'ATZMAUT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 | 7:30 PM | HELLER FAMILY BALLROOM

In an intimate café atmosphere, we'll enjoy *Shira B'Tzibbur*, singing together! Whether you're a singer, a hummer, a dancer, or a silent participant, you'll be showing your love and support for Israel! Please be there.

Enjoy delicious refreshments at our Israeli Café. There is no charge for this event.

This evening is sponsored by *Nira Avidor, Leora, Josh, Maya, and Arielle Rezak* in loving memory of husband, father, and grandfather, *Arie Avidor*.

Celebrating Israel's 64th Birthday

From the Rabbi's Study

Rabbi Gerald C. Skolnik

Moving Towards Liturgical Change



For some time now, the need for our synagogue to change to a new and more contemporary *Siddur* and *Mahzor* has been on my mind.

The Shabbat and High Holiday prayer books that Rabbi Bokser, z"l, edited were published in the late 1950's, and they have been the prayer books and *mahzorim* that we have used here in the Forest Hills Jewish Center since then. I say that with pride. Rabbi Bokser was a distinguished scholar

and liturgist, and his insights into the experience of Jewish prayer were as rich as any one of his contemporaries.

But here we are in 2012, more than fifty years later. The Jewish community has changed, synagogues have changed, Judaism has changed, societal values have changed, spoken English as a language has changed... nothing today is quite as it was more than fifty years ago. And, of course, the prayer experience has changed as well.

For all of these reasons, the idea of changing our prayerbooks has been on my mind, and not mine alone. Many have spoken to me of their desire to see us move towards liturgical publications that more accurately reflect current sensitivities. With all due respect to Rabbi Bokser's writings—and I have a great deal of respect for both the man and his writings—I agree with them.

The logical move, given the number of days that they are used, would be to begin by replacing our Shabbat and Festival Prayer Book, and not the *High Holiday Mahzor*. After all, we use the *Siddur* every week, and the *Mahzor* but a few days a year. True enough.

But in 2010. The Rabbinical Assembly published *Mahzor Lev Shalem* (A Full Heart) to enormous critical acclaim—such great ac-

claim, in fact, that there is now a full-speed-ahead project to create *Siddur Lev Shalem*, the *Mahzor's* companion volume. It will be ready in a few years, most probably 2015. It is foolish to invest now in a siddur like *Sim Shalom*, which has been the movement standard for decades, when an outstanding *Siddur* is in production.

In cognizance of this, the Ritual Committee met recently and, by an overwhelming margin, voted to authorize our change over to *Mahzor Lev Shalem* for use on the High Holidays. The recommendation was brought to the Board of Trustees, and there was little opposition. In order to accommodate our need at this time, the synagogue will be purchasing one thousand copies of the *Mahzor*.

As you well know, purchasing one thousand copies of this *Mahzor* is not an inexpensive proposition, particularly for a synagogue like ours, which runs on an extremely tight budget. We are, therefore, encouraging our members to dedicate copies of the *Mahzor* for \$36 apiece—a modest price. If you can see your way to dedicate at least two or maybe more *Mahzorim*, we will hopefully be able to replenish our expenditure this year. We already have two families that are dedicating one hundred copies apiece, and a few others that are dedicating a significant number in honor of or in memory of someone. Robin and I are planning to dedicate five in memory of our parents, and another five in honor of our children. Three hundred sixty dollars; a fine Jewish number! Together, we can make this happen!

This is not a fundraising campaign, and it is in no way intended to be viewed as such. It is, rather, an effort to upgrade the nature of our religious services, without damaging our financial well-being. I hope and trust you will understand it that way. I should also mention that, hopefully before the summer, the Hazan and I will be teaching a workshop designed to familiarize you with this new *Mahzor*.

One final note... change is difficult. Change in religious institutions is even more difficult. Moving away from Rabbi Bokser's prayer books is even more difficult than that. He was much loved and respected, and his writings have nourished and sustained us for decades. But the time has come to move on, even as we resolve to treasure his memory and keep it alive. I dedicate myself to that sacred task.

Rabbi Gerald C. Skolnik

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Notes from the Hazzan

Hazzan Henry R. Rosenblum



During the course of the next two weeks in February, Rabbi Skolnik and I will have the joy and privilege of officiating at the installations of new members of the clergy. He will have the amazing opportunity of installing his own son, Hillel, as the Rabbi of Southwest Orlando Jewish Congregation. (It is an experience that I had three years ago when I installed our daughter Leora's husband Jesse Holzer as the Hazzan of the Jacksonville

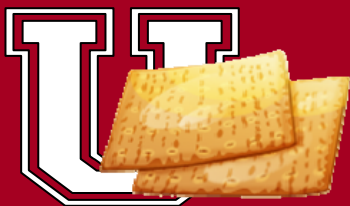
Jewish Center.) What a thrill to be able to see your own child establishing him or herself as a leader of a congregation, beginning the journey of service to the Jewish community that you yourself embarked upon many years earlier. We all join in wishing Gerry and Robin many years of "nachas" as they watch Hillel become one of the leading Rabbis of our people. We wish them a heartfelt Mazal Tov, as well as to Hillel, Sharon, Dafna and Liav.

Next Shabbat, Susan and I will be in Scottsdale, Arizona, where I will serve as scholar-in-residence at Congregation Or Chadash and officiate at the installation of one of my former students, Hazzan Melissa Berman. Melissa graduated from Duke University with a B.A. in Music, specializing in classical voice and completed her cantorial studies at the H.L. Miller Cantorial School in May of 2010. While at JTS, she also earned an additional M.A. in Jewish Education at the Davidson School and today is also fol-

lowing her passion for chaplaincy work as she pursues certification as a professional chaplain. It is a personal thrill to see how someone who struggled over the years with the choices of how best to serve the Jewish community could find a shul that truly appreciates all of her many talents. Melissa personifies the very best of what the Cantor of the 21st Century is: someone who touches people through her voice, her love of music, her intellect and her humanity—and Or Chadash was wise enough to see this and want it for themselves.

The honor of officiating at these installations is something that Rabbi Skolnik and I do not take lightly. It is a moment that is filled with both sanctity and pride. We are honored that these two outstanding young people have chosen us to serve at their installations not just because we are family (Melissa always treated me as a *confidant* and surrogate parent), but because we were there to help them on this path of service. I'm sure that Gerry echoes my sentiments when I say that this opportunity to truly live the words of "Lo Aleha Ham'lakha Ligmor," ("It is not incumbent upon you to finish the work") gives great meaning and fulfillment to our life's work. As we are beginning to prepare ourselves for Pesach, I pray that we all be blessed with times of spiritual beginnings that help us create sacred moments for us and our loved ones.

B'Shalom and Hag Sameah,
Hazzan Henry R. Rosenblum



PESACH UNIVERSITY

Choose the classes that pique your interest!
Choose the classes that fit your schedule!

Pesach University mini-mester begins on Shabbat afternoon, March 10th, and continues for the next three weeks. Nineteen separate opportunities exist for you to learn more about Pesach and to help you make the best Seder you can!

Many members of our congregation and as well as Rabbi Skolnik, Hazzan Rosenblum and Lynn Lyncaster, will present a wide variety of topics. Topics will range from the music of the Seder to the Talmudic origins of the Haggadah; from making your own Matzah cover to studying text about Miriam and water in Hevruta; from memories of the Sephardic Pesach in Egypt, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan to making Pesach Gluten free.

Check the course catalog that is available online (there will be a link from our website), or pick up a paper copy (you can ask to have one mailed to you.) And please **register in advance**. We need to have class counts so we use the correct rooms, and have enough materials for all participants.

Judy Gostl, Chancellor of Pesach University

Enroll Now!

A PROGRAM FOR THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION
MARCH 10—MARCH 29

The President's Pen



I would like to thank all of you who have contributed to making the Journal campaign a success. Joining together to honor Pauline and Mark Raphael, our most deserving honorees, we also raised important and necessary funds to enable us to continue the services and high level programs that have been a strong tradition at FHJC for over 80 years.

It's heartwarming to see the activity in the building and the seeds of our efforts. Together with our Religious School students, we celebrated Tu B'Shevat, the New Year for trees, a time dedicated to observe our duty to protect our environment. We observed it by reaffirming our religious duty of creating a sustainable environment and learning how to do it. The Pesach University which is approaching, is designed to bring our traditions and the understanding of them, closer to all of us.



Our Family Services, which occur periodically through the year, are an opportunity for people who are less familiar with the customs and traditions of the prayers, to learn them together with the Rabbi in a comfortable and inviting environment.

Honoring Mark and Pauline is a personal opportunity to thank two dear friends. They are extraordinarily generous with their time and money, and their hearts lie deep in the heart of FHJC. As President, Mark successfully brought us through some of the most difficult financial times faced in generations. His heart in this work continues. It is matched by Pauline, who has worked tirelessly in many capacities to make the programs and events at our shul welcoming and beautiful.

Your continued support allows us to grow this community. But your personal involvement enriches us in many more ways. Creative ideas, cooperative support, time and assistance are what make us a great community.

Best wishes for a Happy Purim and a ziszen and kosher Pesach.

Sincerely,

Joe Fox, President

*In The Spirit of Hiddur Mitzvah,
Beautifying A Mitzvah*

**Day and Evening Sisterhoods'
TORAH FUND LUNCHEON
SUNDAY, MARCH 18 | 11:30 AM**

Join us as we honor our Woman of Achievement and support the important work of the Torah Fund Campaign.

**Our Woman of Achievement is
Miriam Chait**

Miriam has been an active member of the Forest Hills Jewish Center community for more than 30 years. In addition to being Sisterhood Treasurer, a position she has held for 18 years, and Torah Fund Co-chair for twelve years, Miriam held a leadership position in the Mr. & Mrs. Club and was a member of the Youth Activities Committee.

Torah Fund Campaign Co-Chair:
Anise Parnes

(For more information about the Torah Fund Campaign, please see page 8 of the Message.)

Membership Update



We just completed a couple of amazing months. We had a couple of cold days during January and February but inside the FHJC it was always warm and welcoming. In January, we had another very

entertaining "Coffee House" in which our congregants showed off their "professional" talents. Thank you, performers and volunteers who made this a successful, enjoyable event. This event was followed later in the month by the Men's Club "Grand Slam Luncheon" featuring former Met's player, Art Shamsky. Thank you, Men's Club, for hosting this outstanding event which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

In February, for Tu B'Shevat, (15th of Shevat) the New Year for Trees, the Par-

ents' Association hosted "15 Ways to Change the World." Our religion teaches us that we must save fruit trees, even in wartime. Well this event taught us what else we can, and need to do, to pass a cleaner, healthier world on to future generations. For anyone who did not attend this event, you missed out on something very special. Thank you, PA, for hosting a very educational and helpful event. As a follow-up to this event, bins have been placed in the building for old clothes, eyeglasses and electronic items. Any proceeds received for these items will go to various organizations helping to make this planet "Green."

Well if it's March, then it must be Purim and time for the Youth Activities' Committee annual Mishloach Manot Campaign. Please help YAC by honoring your friends with a Mishloach Manot basket. Also, for Purim we will be reading the Megillah with some costumed strangers and entertained by our children in a Purim

Shpiel. In April we will be celebrating Pesach together for the Second Seder. Please plan to join your friends and neighbors for this seder, led once again by the Drazen Family. Between Purim and Pesach we have brought back, by popular demand, Pesach University. However, this year, instead of the University being open for only one day, it will be spread out into a mini-mester over a few weeks. Each class will be led by one of our professionals or a member with special expertise in an area pertaining to Pesach. Please see the course catalog and sign up for all the classes that interest you.

Plans are underway for the post-Pesach events, which include observing Yom Hashoah and then later in the month getting together for the always delightful and entertaining Zimriyah.

Al Krieger
Vice President-Membership

Religious School Reflection

Lynn Lancaster



I am fortunate enough to be writing this from Jerusalem, having spent the last ten days with the Leadership Institute and Jewish Educators' Assembly, listening to my Israeli colleagues' stories, seeing their programs, and listening to experts in various fields of Jewish education exploring what our future looks like. It is a lot to take in over a short period of time. A myriad of stories, experiences and perhaps most importantly, conversations, need to be processed and thought about in the context of the educational programs at the Forest Hills Jewish Center. I am fortunate that Susan Rosenbaum, our Early Childhood Director, shared many of the same and similar experiences with me. Together next week, when we are both back in Forest Hills, we will be able to use these common experiences to create even stronger and more creative Jewish programs for all of our learners.

Over the past year, the Religious School staff and lay leadership have been focused on the subject of belonging. Our Lomed

grant has helped us integrate the concepts of whole person learning. Head, hands, heart, and feet—knowing, doing, believing and belonging—all of these pose their own challenges. This year we have focused on perhaps the most difficult and critical of the four, belonging. Belonging to the Jewish people, belonging to the synagogue community and belonging to our school community, are all important. Lomed has helped us to find tools. We worked with Ron Wolfson this summer as we explored the whys and whats of creating communities that welcome newcomers and nurture those who are already there. We met in homes this fall and listened to each others stories. In the comfort of a welcoming home the power of those stories transformed a group of strangers into a group of new friends exploring their commonalities. In early winter we gathered around tables in restaurants across New York and experienced the role of conversation, open and exciting, to further these relationships. Perhaps most importantly, we took what we learned through these experiences and began experimenting at home.

The conversations among our staff were deep and exciting, as we looked for opportunities to create these same sorts of experiences for our learners. We took the learning out to places as diverse as The

Museum of Jewish Heritage, Key Food, and a kosher food pantry. We found places in our own building that felt more like home. The Rabbi's and Hazzan's studies were the locations for families to have breakfast together, sprawled in chairs and on couches. They talked, ate, and sang together all the while building relationships with each other and the leaders of our community. A group of fifth graders and their families joined me for a book group in one of their homes, followed by dinner. Who knew that "The Diary of a Wimpy Kid" had so many Jewish themes? We celebrated not just Shabbat morning together but also an afternoon of games, fun and yes, conversation, followed by Havdalah under the stars. Children and their families from religious school and day school are building their connections to FHJC and each other. We have experimented, we have succeeded and we will continue to experiment and learn. This is exciting work.

For now I am still in Israel soaking up the sun, breathing the air and listening to the stories. They are everywhere and I am blessed to be able to listen to them. I look forward to bringing them home with me to FHJC where I have no doubt that they will enrich my conversations with all of you.

News from Nursery School

Susan Rosenbaum



I recently heard a remarkable story which I would like to share with you. A well-known Israeli Rabbi was on a public bus. The Rabbi was sitting next to a teenager.

At the next bus stop, an older woman entered the bus. The teenager didn't flinch, or move: he was so proud to be sitting next to the venerable Rabbi. Much to the teenager's chagrin, the Rabbi, in an instant, scolded him and rebuked him to either give up his seat for the older woman, or he, himself would gladly do so.

We don't have to travel 6,000 miles to experience what was just described. We

are often on subways or buses and confronted with similar opportunities. Do we take advantage of such mitzvot when faced with them?

It takes little effort to hold a door open for another, give up your seat, help a seeing impaired person cross Queens Blvd, or just smile "hello".

Tikun Olam, repairing the world, requires baby steps. We can start by setting examples for our children and encouraging them to do the same. We want our children to be part of a larger community and to engage in some meaningful ways. These Jewish values help inspire this.

On May 16th, at 6pm, the FHJC Nursery School and Kindergarten, will host our inaugural Mitzvah Fair. Each class has already begun learning about a specific

mitzvah. The children will present themed artwork. There will be interactive Mitzvah projects, and specific charity drives to benefit needy children. Look out for further details. I would love the students of the FHJC Nursery School and Kindergarten to be able to make a difference in our world.

**Nursery School &
Kindergarten Registration is
upon us for the
2012-2013 School Year**

**Please contact Susan Rosenbaum
at (718) 263-7000 ext. 220 or
SRosenbaum@fhjc.org**

Catch the Early Bird Specials

Youth Department News



Hey there FHJC! Did you know that there are amazing things going on in the Youth Department?

In the past month we've made snow globes for the winter, competed in the Food Olympics, had a Sunday Slumber Party, ate yummy Tu B'Shevat goodies and participated in the METNY Regional Kallah. I, along with the FHJC advisors Oren and Kati, spent the weekend with 400 USY and 8th graders (including several from FHJC), all packed into the Huntington Hilton. We davened together, studied together and even had a little time for dancing and fun. We're looking forward to being able to do it all over again in May at the METNY USY Regional Convention.

Right now we're gearing up for Purim and our incredible Purim Carnival – taking place this year on March 4th. All of our Youth Group kids are excited to participate and run the booths and we can-

not wait to see you all there. But don't worry—after Purim is over we still have a lot to look forward to.

At the end of March, we'll be participating in the USY Kiryah Divisional Spring Kinnus, taking place at Hillcrest JC. And it's not just USYers this time--the 8th graders are invited to join us as well, to prepare them for what's to come next year. Our goal is to have more kids attending than any other chapter so everyone needs to sign up! Keep an eye on your email for the link to the application.

If that wasn't enough, Passover follows shortly after and we'll be making Kiddush cups and matzah covers for everyone to use at the seder. At some point we'll definitely be trying to fit in another Teen Shabbat. And Yom Ha'Atzmaut is just around the corner. What a wonderful opportunity for all of our kids to celebrate Israeli culture, music and food with a party!

Thanks to everyone for all of their support each week. Looking forward to seeing you soon at our events.

—Mara



Mara Silver-Smith

Parents' Association Highlights



PA has lots planned as we look forward toward spring. Purim is right around the corner, and we can't wait! Crafts and sing along activities will be available for young children, followed

by our annual Purim Shpiel. Don't miss the world-premier of our newly revamped show, starring 4th and 5th grade students from both SSSQ and our own FHJC Religious School! Our annual basket raffle and silent auction cap off an eve-

ning of fun, frivolity, and fund raising.

Pesach follows (very) closely on the heels of Purim, and PA is thrilled to be sponsoring The Matzah Factory as part of Pesach University. If you've never had a chance to see just how much your kids can do in 18 minutes, you'll be amazed as they race the clock to get the matzah in the oven before it rises!

As always, we welcome ideas and energy from anyone interested in enriching the educational and religious lives of all our children.

Shoshanna Segal, PA President

The FHJC Youth Department is broken into three age groups, each of which meets weekly:

- Tseerim** – 3rd through 5th grade meets Sundays from 12:30 to 2 pm
- Kadima** – 6th through 8th grade meets Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 pm
- USY** – 9th through 12th grade meets Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 pm

Mazal Tov! March-April S'machot

Brandon Glick

Bar Mitzvah
March 17, 2012

Brandon Glick is a 7th grade student at the Baccalaureate School for Global Education. He is an honor student who demonstrates an ability to excel while helping those around him achieve. He works hard in school and on the athletic field. He is a dedicated athlete. He has been involved with Forest Hills Little League and the Forest Hills Basketball League since he is five years old. His focus, competitive nature and his wonderful sportsman like behavior has always made him a great teammate. He is an amazing son and wonderful brother to Sam. He and Sam are best friends as well as brothers. The love they have for each other is unique and treasured by them both. Brandon is looking forward to sharing this special time in his life with his family and close friends.



Dina Beizer & Moshe Kook

Aufruf
March 31, 2012

Dina is engaged to Moshe Kook, son of Arthur and Linda Kook of Englewood, NJ. A friend introduced them about a year and a half ago. Dina graduated from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. She is currently employed as an analyst at ING. Moshe graduated from Yeshiva University and is working for Yodle, an online advertising company. After their wedding on April 22, they will be living on the Upper West Side.



Jill Wexler & Josh Fox

Aufruf
March 10, 2012

Jill Wexler and Josh Fox will be celebrating their aufruf with the Forest Hills Jewish Center community on March 10, 2012. Jill and Josh met on their first day at Brooklyn Law School in August 2007. Jill is a 2nd year corporate associate at Cahill, Gordon & Reindell, LLP. Jill is a 14th generation American Jew on her maternal side whose family helped found Congregation Sheareth Israel (The Spanish Portuguese Synagogue) on the Upper West Side in Manhattan and remain active members. Josh has been a member of this synagogue and our community his entire life. He is a 1st year associate at Proskauer Rose LLP. Jill and Josh are to be married in Philadelphia on March 17, 2012.






FHJC
Dinner Dance
March 3, 2012
Honoring
Pauline and Mark Raphael



Forest Hills-Rego Park Communal Passover Seders

Rego Park Jewish Center is having a communal Seder on the first night, while FHJC will be having our Seder on the second night of Pesach. Members of both shuls and their friends are welcome at both Seders.

FIRST PASSOVER SEDER | FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2012

If you are interested in the Rego Park JC Seder, please contact them directly at (718) 459-1000.

SECOND PASSOVER SEDER | SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2012

On the second night of Passover, join your fellow Center members for a lively, family friendly Second Passover Seder led by Center members Rabbi Paul, Susie, Gila and Yoni Drazen. We have a delicious buffet menu planned, including a special children's menu. Bring your own Kosher wine (we'll provide the grape juice!) Minha at 7:15 pm, Ma'ariv at 8:00 pm - Seder immediately following services, Cost: Adults \$45, Children (4-12) \$25, Open to Members of the Forest Hills Jewish Center, Members of the Rego Park Jewish Center, and their guests, RSVP by Friday, March 30 to the FHJC office.

For information, contact Carrie Leifer, (718) 520-8311 CarrLeif@aol.com or Rhonda Israel (718) 575-8120 slphonda@earthlink.net



Day Sisterhood



Welcome back. I hope you have relaxed and enjoyed the winter hiatus and are once again ready and eager to participate in Day Sisterhood activities.

How can I express my gratitude and deep appreciation for your response to my calls for Journal in these difficult economic times? To all those wonderful people in Sisterhood and the Center, I hope a simple "Thank you" will do. As a result of these phone conversations I am the recipient of some wonderful friendships. Todah Rabah!

I hope many of you will be able to attend the elegant Dinner Dance honoring former President Mark Raphael and his lovely wife Pauline on March 3. Another important event taking place in March will be Torah Fund Luncheon on Sunday, March 18th honoring our "Woman of

Achievement" Miriam Chait. Miriam certainly deserves this honor after 19 years as Treasurer of Day Sisterhood as well as twelve years as Torah Fund Chairperson. For the last few years she has shared the chairmanship with Anise Parnes, President of Evening Sisterhood. Anise will chair this important event which raises funds for the Jewish Theological Seminary. Our teachers, Cantors & Rabbis are trained there. Please join us in honoring Miriam who is always there for us when we need her. Look for your invitation.

As I am writing this, plans are being made for our regular meeting on March 26. Be sure to check your mail for this event.

I look forward to seeing you all once again.

Happy Purim!

Ruth Shulim, President

Men's Club



The start of the New Year was quite hectic starting with January 14th Men's Club Shabbat and luncheon. We followed the afternoon with the Annual Coffee House that night and what a

great day and night it was. Thanks to all who participated in Shabbat Services with special thanks to Scott Miller and Jay Luger. Men's Club also thanks everyone who performed and all those who were involved with the Annual Coffee House. We followed a week later, January 22nd, with the much anticipated Grand Slam Luncheon with Art Shamsky as guest speaker and what a great event it turned out be. February 5th we concluded with World Wide Wrap with Hazzan Rosenblum as speaker and teaching us how to put on Tefillin.

So you ask what's next. In April Men's Club will be delivering Yom Hashoah Candles. When you receive your candle we hope that you will make a contribution to the FHJC Men's Club. The Federation of Jewish Men's Club Annual Journal Dinner is in

May. As President of the Men's Club, I was asked to sit on the dinner committee. This year's dinner will take place at the Plainview Jewish Center in Plainview Long Island on May 6th. Our honorees for this year's dinner are Doug Israel and Doug Weiner, Rebecca Leeman and Julie Koeningsberg. Congratulation to this year's honorees. Details will follow shortly. Men's Club is also looking forward to bringing back "Hearing Men's Voices" in the late Spring. Look for more information in the near future.

We are looking for new members. Speak with Hal Berkowitz about the club and events we plan to do in the future. There is an open meeting on March 12; we will be selecting new members of the board. We hope you'll find something of interest and join us.

Hal Berkowitz, FHJC Men's Club President



Torah Fund Campaign

The Torah Fund Campaign, originated by Women's League of Conservative Judaism, supports The Jewish Theological Seminary (New York), Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies (Los Angeles), the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies (Jerusalem), and Seminario Rabinio Latinamericano (Buenos Aires). Through your generosity, we are able to enhance and sustain these remarkable institutions, and the future of Conservative/Masorti Judaism.

Evening Sisterhood



We began 2012 with an entertaining presentation of melodies and trends within today's Ashkenazi synagogue music. Thank you Hazzan Rosenblum! We're looking forward to hearing part two.

Debra Weil helped us put our best feet forward, again, as we polished-up our Israeli dance steps in preparation for the Annual Dinner Dance. Thank you, Debra!

Speaking of the Dinner Dance, thank you for supporting this year's Journal with your generous responses to Ruth Shulim's solicitations.

Have you enrolled in Rabbi Skolnik's Pesach University class devoted to *Shir HaShirim, Song of Songs*? It's one of the many Pesach University offerings, and Evening Sisterhood is pleased to sponsor this special study session.

Lastly, you should have received your Torah Fund luncheon invitation by now. I hope you'll join us when we honor Miriam Chait, a dedicated member of Sisterhood and the Center, as this year's Woman of Achievement. Thank you for supporting the goals of the Torah Fund Campaign with your donations and card purchases.

More information about these and future programs will be in Shabbat Shalom, on the ListServ, around the Center and by contacting sisterhood@fhjc.org.

See you at the Torah Fund luncheon!

Anise Parnes, President

Book of Remembrance

On the eighth day of Pesach, as on all other designated holidays
when Yizkor is recited, Rabbi Skolnik will read the names of those inscribed in the ***Book of Remembrance***.

Davora Abraham	Sherry Sue Goldenberg	Jack Krumholz	Jonathan Rosenblum
Yakov Hassid Abraham	Lola Joy Goldman	Mera Krumholz	Dr. Louis Rosenblum
David Abrahams	Celia Goldman	Rose Krumholz	Seymour Rosenthal
Madeline Abrahams	Norman Peter Goldman	Philip Kule	Sidney Roth
Barney W. Adler	Abraham Goldsmith	Isidore Kulichefsky	George Rozsa
Henrietta K. Adler	Harold Goldsmith	Jennie Kulichefsky	Toni Pernitz Ruda
Esther Anopolsky	Mary Goldsmith	Herbert Kupferberg	Sabina Safier
Samuel Anapolsky	Benjamin Goldstein	Cantor David Kusevitsky	Simon A. Safier
Arthur Ball	Dave Goldstein	Elaine Kusevitsky	Gladys Salup
Otto Josef Baruch	Herb Goldstein	Patricia Lily Kusevitsky	Abraham Salzmann
Berthold Bear	Nettie Goldstein	Harry B. Lader	Elizabeth Samuel
Lisa Bear	Rita Goldstein	Helen J. Lader	Siegfried Samuel
Martin Bear	Cantor Isaac Gorsky	Dorothy Lapin	Irving Savitz
Toni Bear	Sylvia Gould	Samuel Lapin	Ruth Savitz
Victoria Benghiat	Ann Grossman	Edward Lehem	Jack Schaeffer
Ida Benghiat	Gertrude B. Gruenberg	Fortuna Lehem	Lillian Schaeffer
Sol Berley	Jascha Gurewitz	Marco Lehem	Leo Schain
Sydell Berley	Fred Hahn	Palomba Lehem	Martha Schain
Robert Blum	Celia Haims	Sol Lehem	Harold Schantz
Abe Blumstein	George Haims	Charles Leibler	Elias Segal
Rabbi Baruch Micah Bokser	Joseph Haupt	Frieda Leibler	Mildred Segal
Rabbi Ben Zion Bokser	Celia F. Heiferman	Abraham Lerner	Malvin Sevin
Kallia Bokser	Cooky Heiferman	Clara Lerner	Albert Shaw
Aaron Broder	(Esther Rose Signet)	Maurice Lerner	Annette Silberman
Jennie Broder	Solomon G. Heiferman	Joseph Lestz	Ruby Silberman
Sylvia Broder	Jean Claude Heilberg	Leon Levin	David Skolnik
Milton Bruck	Ray F. Heitner	Charles Levy	Lillian Skolnik
Ruth Bruck	Solomon Heitner	Pearl Levy	Edward Skornicki
Dora Butnick	Anna Heller	Ludwig Loewenstein	Natalie Skornicki
Milton Butnick	Arthur Heller	Margaret Loewenstein	Mildred F. Smith
Irving Cahn	Jesse Heller	Dr. Jack London	Deena Soloway
Hugo N. Cahnman	Morris Heller	Dr. Edward Mahlab	Joseph Stark
Elaine Charap	Albert Hirsch	Suzette Mahlab	Katalin Stark
Hyman Sid Citron	Herta Hirsch	Lionel Malamed	Pearl Strauss
George Depinna	Sybil Hyman	Leopold Lipot Mayer	Amy Lisa Sturm
Marcia Depinna	Nathan Hyman	Rose Guttman Mayer	Judith Susan Sturm
Abram Dykerman	Eva Lea Jaari	Theodore Mayer	Ida Sumerfeld
Alfred Dykerman	Lochem Avichai Jaari	Michael Mayorowitz	Meyer Sumerfeld
Erna Dykerman	Julius D. Kahn	Gertrude Mayorowitz Lukacs	Fred Theise
Herman Dykerman	Kate Kahn	Harry Mesard	Leslie Ticker
Ester Dylewski	Frances Kalikow	Lily R. Mesard	Marvin Ticker
Lola Eckstein	Morris Kalikow	Chaskel Morgenstern	Max Troper
Helene Falik	Nathaniel Saul Kane	Irene Morgenstern	Jack Vogel
Estelle Feiner	Benjamin B. Katz	Carl J. Moskowitz	Bessie Walker
Abraham Obiedzinski Fink	Haskel Katz	Charlotte Moskowitz	Ellen Bea Walker
Philip Fogelman	Helen F. Katz	George Moss	Joseph Walker
Rose Fogelman	Miriam Katz	Irving Moss	Leon Walker
Stella Frank	Morris M. Katz	Jack Nelson	Marie M. Walker
John Steven Fuchs	Fred E. Katzner	Ruth Nelson	Rose Walker
Josef Samuel Fuchs	Gladys Kenner	Abraham Okun	Jacob Wallach
Dr. J. Savin Garber	Max Kenner	Celia Okun	Raoul Wallenberg
Philip Garfield	Herman Kingsley	Harvey L. Perlstein	Stanley Weg
Benedicto Geber	Marion Kingsley	Jeanne S. Perlstein	Alfred A. Weinberg
Marta Geber	Sophie Kohn	Isidore Platkin	Selma Weinberg
Feiga Rosa Ginsburg	Louis Kohn	Shep Porter	Anna Weiner
Albert Glazer	Aaron Korn	Taub Potik	Morris Weiner
Cecelia Glazer	Lillian Korn	Yefim Potik	Isidore Weinkselbaum
Clara Glazer	Fortuna Kovalsky	Raphael Raphael	Jennie Weinkselbaum
David Glazer	Max Kovolick	Irwin Reich	Jerry Weinkselbaum
Gussie Glazer	Adolph G. Kraus	Stephen Reich	Herbert Weiser
Arnold Glick	Samuel Kravitz	Feiga Remetier	Milton Winograd
Fannie Glick	Abraham Krumbein	Frank E. Riesenfeld	Estelle Zafran
Irving Glick	Sarah Krumbein	Sylvia Rolnick	Ira Zalbe
Max Glick	Benjamin Krumholz	Carolyn Rosenblum Lubin	Abraham Zwick
Helen Goldenberg	Henry Krumholz	Howard Rosenblum	Dora Feldman Zwick

PREPARATIONS FOR PASSOVER

The Rabbinical Assembly Pesah Guide was prepared for the Rabbinical Assembly Committee on Jewish Law and Standards by Rabbi Mayer Rabinowitz. It was accepted by the Committee on December 12, 1984. The last paragraph of the introduction as well as Parts A and C under "Permitted Foods," have been amended to reflect more recent decisions of the Committee affecting the status of peanuts, peanut oil, certain cheeses and canned tuna.

The Torah prohibits the ownership of hametz (leaven) during Pesah. Therefore, we arrange for the sale of the hametz to a non-Jew. The transfer, mekhirat hametz, is accomplished by appointing an agent, usually the rabbi, to handle the sale. It is valid and legal transfer of ownership. At the end of the holiday, the agent arranges for the reversion of ownership of the now-permitted hametz. If ownership of the hametz was not transferred before the holiday, the use of this hametz is prohibited after the holiday as well (hametz she-avar alav ha-Pesah).

Since the Torah prohibits the eating of hametz during Pesah, and since many common foods contain some admixture of hametz, guidance is necessary when shopping and preparing for Pesah.

During the eight days of Pesah, hametz cannot lose its identity in an admixture. Therefore, the minutest amount of hametz renders the whole admixture hametz and its use on Pesah is prohibited. However, during the rest of the year, hametz follows the normal rules of admixture, i.e. it loses its identity in an admixture of one part hametz and sixty parts of non-hametz (batel be-shishim). This affords us the opportunity to differentiate between foods purchased before and during Pesah.

What follows is a general guideline. However, your rabbi should be consulted when any doubt arises. Kosher le-Pesah labels that do not bear the name of a rabbi or one of the recognized symbols of rabbinic supervision, or which are not integral to the package, should not be used without consulting your rabbi. Prohibited foods include the following: leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereal, coffees containing cereal derivatives, wheat, barley, oats, spelt, rye, and all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol.

Most Ashkenazik authorities have added the following foods (kitniyot) to the above list: rice, corn, millet, legumes (beans and peas; however, string beans are permitted). The Committee on Jewish



Law and Standards has ruled unanimously that peanuts and peanut oil are permissible. Some Ashkenazik authorities permit, while others forbid, the use of legumes in a form other than their natural state, for example, corn sweeteners, corn oil, soy oil. Sephardic authorities permit the use of all of the above. Consult your rabbi for guidance in the use of these products.

Permitted Foods:

A. The following foods require no kosher le-Pesah label if purchased prior to Pesah: unopened packages or containers of natural coffee without cereal additives (However, be aware that coffees produced by General Foods are not kosher for Passover unless marked KP); sugar, pure tea (not herbal tea); salt (not iodized); pepper; natural spices; frozen fruit juices with no additives; frozen (uncooked) vegetables (for legumes see above); milk; butter; cottage cheese; cream cheese; ripened cheeses such as cheddar (hard), muenster (semi-soft) and Camembert (soft); frozen (uncooked) fruit (with no additives); baking soda.

B. The following foods require no kosher le-Pesah label if purchased before or during Pesah: Fresh fruits and vegetables (for legumes see above), eggs, fresh fish and fresh meat.

C. The following foods require a kosher le-Pesah label if purchased before or during Pesah: All baked products (matzah, cakes, matzah flour, farfel, matzah meal, and any products containing

matzah); canned or bottled fruit juices (These juices are often clarified with kitniyot which are not listed among the ingredients. However, if one knows there are no such agents, the juice may be purchased prior to Pesah without a kosher le-Pesah label); canned tuna (since tuna, even when packed in water, has often been processed in vegetable broth and/or hydrolyzed protein--however, if it is known that the tuna is packed exclusively in water, without any additional ingredients or additives, it may be purchased without a kosher le-Pesah label); wine; vinegar; liquor; oils; dried fruits; candy; chocolate flavored milk; ice cream; yogurt and soda.

D. The following processed foods (canned, bottled or frozen), require a kosher le-Pesah label if purchased during Pesah: milk, butter, juices, vegetables, fruit, milk products, spices, coffee, tea, and fish, as well as all foods listed in Category C.

DETERGENTS: If permitted during the year, powdered and liquid detergents do not require a kosher le-Pesah label.

MEDICINE: Since hametz binders are used in many pills, the following guidelines should be followed: If the medicine is required for life sustaining therapy, it may be used on Pesah. If it is not for life sustaining therapy, some authorities permit, while others prohibit. Consult your rabbi. In all cases, capsules are preferable to pills.

KASHERING OF UTENSILS: The process of kashering utensils depends on how the utensils are used. According to Halakhah, leaven can be purged from a utensil by the same process in which it was absorbed in the utensil (ke-voleo kakh poleta). Therefore, utensils used in cooking are kashered by boiling, those used in broiling are kashered by fire and heat, and those used only for cold food are kashered by rinsing.

A. EARTHENWARE (china, pottery, etc.) may not be kashered. However, fine translucent chinaware which has not

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PREPARATION FOR SEDER

A. Haggadot—For a meaningful and inspiring Seder, it is very helpful to use a *Haggadah* with interesting commentaries on the text. While it is sometimes easier to follow when everyone's *Haggadah* is the same, some prefer to use different editions so the diverse commentaries enliven the discussion around the table.

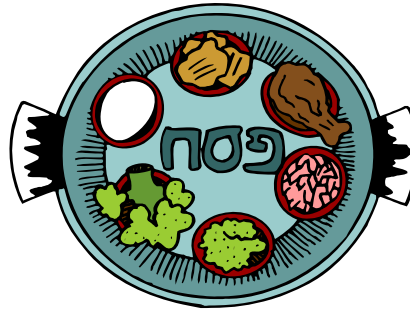
B. Setting the Table—Now that the home is ready for Passover, the festival table should be set. This is a gala occasion in our lives, and we use our choicest linens, silver and dishes which we have provided for Passover. Flowers in honor of the Spring are usually used as a centerpiece. Two candles are on the table ready for the blessing. At each setting there is goblet for wine. Cushions are provided for participants to recline upon, as a symbol of our freedom.

On the table we find the special symbols of Passover:

Matzot—Three *matzot* separated by doilies, or in a special case for this purpose, are set one on the other. These signify the three categories in the Jewish community of today: The *Kohen*, the *Levi*, and the *Yisrael*.

The K'arah—The Passover Plate. This is a distinctive decorative platter on which are placed the symbols of Passover in a prescribed order. The symbols are as follows:

- a. Maror** (Bitter Herbs) — to remind us of the bitter hardships which our forefathers suffered in Egypt.
- b. Haroset** (A mixture of fruits, fresh or dried, chopped nuts, spices and wine. The recipe differs according the culture European or Sephardic) — resembles the mortar which our forefathers used in building the mighty cities of Egypt.
- c. Zeraa** (Roasted Shank Bone) — is a symbol of the Paschal offering at the Temple.
- d. Betzah** (Roasted Egg) — is also a reminder of a Temple offering.
- e. Karpas** (Parsley) — is the agricultural symbol of Passover, the green produce of the earth which God gives to us with the coming of Spring.



f. Salt Water — a symbol of the crossing of the Red Sea, or of the tears shed in Egypt.

Cup of Elijah — In the center of the table, we also place a large goblet of wine which is meant for the prophet *Elijah* who is the symbol of hope and faith. On Passover eve, according to tradition, *Elijah* visits every Jewish home. During the Seder ritual, at a designated point, the door is opened to welcome this honored guest.

Wine — *The Arbah Kosot* — Enough wine must be provided to fill each one's cup four times. These four cups are drunk to recall the four words used in the Bible to describe freedom from slavery. God says, "I shall bring forth, I shall deliver, I shall redeem, and I shall take."

CONTEMPORARY ADDITIONS TO THE PASSOVER SEDER

Throughout the struggle to free the Jews of the former Soviet Union, a fourth *matzah* was added by many families to the Seder plate. It was called *the Matzah of Hope*, and it represented our fervent wish that Soviet Jewry might be redeemed to a life of freedom. Thankfully, we have lived to see the redemption of Soviet Jewry. We are painfully aware, however, that there are Jews throughout the world who remain in peril, most especially Jews in Arab countries. Additionally, the growing economic and political instability in Argentina has placed the Jewish community there in considerable peril and distress, and anti-Semitism has reared its ugly head in France as well.

Though the original reason for the prayer no longer applies, there is ample reason to retain the ritual of the *Matzah of Hope*, for all of those Jews who are

imperiled, and, in a more universal spirit, for all people who are enslaved and in need of redemption. The leader of the Seder should explain its presence when reciting the *matza zo* paragraph in *Maggid*.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE SHOAH

Most contemporary *haggadot* make some reference to the *Shoah*, and it is entirely proper to do so on the Seder night. The most appropriate juncture for including the *Shoah* is during the ritual of *Elijah's cup*, when the door is opened to greet the harbinger of the Messiah, and we traditionally recite *Sh'foch Chamat'cha*, a prayer for retribution against our enemies. Though many are uncomfortable with the sentiments expressed in *Sh'foch Chamat'cha*, it is precisely that discomfort which can provide the grist for meaningful discussion about the nature and significance of our freedom after Auschwitz, and how it is that we are to relate to our painful past.

IN CELEBRATION OF ISRAEL

At the very conclusion of the Seder, it is customary to sing *L'shanah Haba'ah Bi'rushalayim Hab'nuya; Next year in a rebuilt Jerusalem!* Obviously, the theme of enslavement and redemption resonates deeply as we contemplate the existential significance of Israel's creation after the *Shoah*. Now more than ever, with Israel challenged at every turn, we should end our celebration of the Seder with a rededication to both the ideal and the reality of the Jewish state.

Passover Greetings

The traditional greetings for *Pesah* in both Hebrew and Yiddish carry the important implications of this holiday of freedom and redemption. Using the Hebrew word *Hag* immediately tells us that Passover is one of the three pilgrimage festivals, while *kasher* reflects the importance of the stringent rules of Kashrut applied at this joyous season, reminding us of our bondage in Egypt.

In Hebrew: (*Hag Kasher V'sameah*)

Or simply: (*Hag Sameah*)

In Yiddish: (*A Zissen Un Kosherin Pesah*)

Schedule of Services

Unless otherwise indicated, our regular schedule of services is as follows:

Shaharit: Weekdays.....7:00 AM
 Shabbat9:00 AM
 Sunday, and legal holidays.....8:20 AM

Minha/Ma'ariv Weekdays.....7:30 PM
 Friday Kabbalat Shabbat.....please see calendar
 Saturday night, Sunday, and legal holidays....Sundown

Schedule of Children's Services
 Junior Congregation & Clubs.....10:00 AM - Noon— Little Synagogue
 Kids Kongregation.....10:45 AM - 11:30 AM—Room M4
 Junior Congregation is led by Aaron Yavelberg and Rabbi David Siegel at 10 AM in the Little Synagogue.
 Kids Kongregation is led by Scott Sharinn and other parent volunteers, at 10:45 AM in M4.

Congregational Kiddush Hosts
 March 10, Helaine and Joe Fox in honor of the upcoming marriage of Josh to Jill Wexler.
 March 17, Lori and Howard Glick in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Brandon.
 March 24, Esther Feigenbaum in honor of the baby naming of her granddaughter.
 March 31, Matt and Judy Beizer in honor of the upcoming marriage of Dina to Moshe Kook.

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Shabbat

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				1 7 Adar Rabbi's Talmud Class USY/Kadima	2 8 Adar 5:29 Candles 5:30 Kabbalat Shabbat	3 9 Adar <i>Tetzaveh/ Shabbat Zachor</i> Journal Dinner Dance 5:30 Minha
4 10 Adar Purim Carnival	5 11 Adar	6 12 Adar School Board Mtg* Men's Club Soccer Open Bridge Yarncraft	7 13 Adar Exec. Bd Mtg EREV PURIM	8 14 Adar PURIM Rabbi's Talmud Class USY/Kadima	9 15 Adar 5:37 Candle Lighting 5:35 Kabbalat Shabbat	10 16 Adar <i>Ki Tisa</i> Aufruf of Jill Wexler and Josh Fox 5:30 Minha
11 17 Adar Pesach University Tseerim	12 18 Adar Pesach University*	13 19 Adar Pesach University* Men's Club Soccer Open Bridge Yarncraft	14 20 Adar Yoga	15 21 Adar Rabbi's Talmud Class Board of Trustees* USY/Kadima	16 22 Adar 6:44 Candle Lighting 6:30 Kabbalat Shabbat	17 23 Adar <i>Vayakhei-Pikudei/ Shabbat Parah</i> Bar Mitzvah of Brandon Glick 6:45 Minha
18 24 Adar Torah Fund Luncheon Tseerim	19 25 Adar Pesach University*	20 26 Adar Pesach University* Men's Club Soccer Open Bridge Yarncraft	21 27 Adar Yoga	22 28 Adar Rabbi's Talmud Class Pesach University* USY/ Kadima	23 29 Adar 6:52 Candle Lighting 6:30 Kabbalat Shabbat	24 1 Nisan Vayira/ Rosh Hodesh Nisan 6:50 Minha
25 2 Nisan Matzah Baking Zimriyah Tseerim	26 3 Nisan Sisterhood Open Mtg	27 4 Nisan Men's Club Soccer Open Bridge Yarncraft	28 5 Nisan Yoga	29 6 Nisan Rabbi's Talmud Class USY/Kadima	30 7 Nisan 6:59 Candle Lighting 6:30 Kabbalat Shabbat	31 8 Nisan <i>Tsav/ Shabbat Ha-Gadol</i> Aufruf of Dina Beizer and Moshe Kook 7:00 Minha

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When Pesach Begins on Friday Night

Because the first night of Pesach coincides with the onset of Shabbat, any cooking for the first Seder must be completed before candle lighting. Food preparation for the second Seder may not begin until the conclusion of Shabbat. In advance of the second days of Yom Tov, an Eruv Tavshilin must be prepared, in order to allow cooking for Shabbat on the last day of Pesach.

For the latest guidance on Passover preparation from the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards from the Rabbinical Assembly, please visit <http://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/sites/default/files/public/jewish-law/holidays/pesah/>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat
1 9 Nisan Tseerim	2 10 Nisan	3 11 Nisan Men's Club Soccer Open Bridge	4 12 Nisan Exec. Bd Mtg Yoga	5 13 Nisan Rabbi's Talmud Class Fast of the First Born USY/Kadima	6 14 Nisan First Seder 7:07 Candle Lighting 7:00 Kabbalat Shabbat	7 15 Nisan <i>1st Day of Pesach</i> Second Seder Communal Seder 7:15 Minha 8:09 Candle Lighting 8:00 Maariv
8 12 Nisan <i>2nd Day of Pesach</i> 8:10 Havdallah	9 13 Nisan <i>Chol HaMoed Pesach</i>	10 14 Nisan <i>Chol HaMoed Pesach</i> School Board Mtg* Men's Club Soccer Open Bridge	11 15 Nisan <i>Chol HaMoed Pesach</i> Yoga	12 16 Nisan <i>Chol HaMoed Pesach</i> Rabbi's Talmud Class 7:14 Candle Lighting	13 17 Nisan <i>7th Day of Pesach</i> 7:14 Candle Lighting 7:15 Kabbalat Shabbat	14 18 Nisan <i>8th Day of Pesach</i> 7:15 Minha
15 19 Nisan Minyan Club Tseerim	16 20 Nisan	17 21 Nisan Men's Club Soccer Open Bridge	18 22 Nisan Yom HaShoah Program Yoga	19 23 Nisan Yom HaShoah Rabbi's Talmud Class Board of Trustees* USY/ Kadima	20 24 Nisan 7:21 Candle Lighting 6:30 Kabbalat Shabbat	21 25 Nisan <i>Shmini</i> Family Shabbat 7:20 Minha
22 26 Nisan Rosh Hodesh Iyar Minyan Club Tseerim	23 1 Iyar Rosh Hodesh Iyar	24 2 Iyar Men's Club Soccer Open Bridge	25 3 Iyar Yom HaZikaron Yoga	26 4 Iyar Yom HaAtzmaut Rabbi's Talmud Class USY/Kadima	27 5 Iyar 7:29 Candle Lighting 6:30 Kabbalat Shabbat	25 2 Adar Tazria-Metzorah 7:30 Minha
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LIFE CYCLES

PULPIT FUND

Louis Jaari—in honor of the birth of **Sue Finkelstein's** grandchildren

Louis Jaari—in honor of **Kim Trigiboff** passing the Bar exam

Anita & Murray Miller—in honor of **Pauline & Mark Raphael** being honored by FHJC

Anita & Murray Miller—in honor of the marriage of **Ellen Jaffe & Mike Cogan**

Emily, Mark, Linda, Stuart, Shiela & Sid Hochberg—in honor of **Gerri & David Kule's** 70th wedding anniversary

Daralyn, Zachary & Sasha Goodman—in honor of **Judy Beizer** for a special aliyot received

Lana Subes—in gratitude to **Dan Werlin** for his kindness

Roz Okun—in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of **Sybil Mailman's** grandson, **Max**

Roz Okun—in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of **Ruth Goldschmidt's** granddaughter, **Miriam Greenberg**

Anise & Philip Parnes—in honor of a wonderful anniversary & a special milestone for **Gerri & David Kule**

Grace Schartzberg—in honor of the upcoming marriage of **Helaine & Joe Fox's** son, **Josh to Jill Wexler**.

Ellen Cahn—in honor of the marriage of **Ellen Jaffe to Mike Cogan**

Ellen Cahn—in gratitude to **Jay Luger** for taking care of my sick cats

Marian & Martin Krasilovsky—in gratitude to **Dr. Judy Beizer, Dr. Martin Topol & Norman Gursen** for honors received

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Donations have been made in gratitude to **Norman Gursen** for honors received by:

Georgette & Anthony Dankner
Esther Feldman
Linda Farhi

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Esther Wolberger—in gratitude to **Rabbi Skolnik** for his kindness

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Roz Okun—in memory of **Lisa Abrams** father, **Richard Lazerson**
Anita & Murray Miller—in memory of **Anita's** brother, **Philip Sachs** yearzeit

Anita & Murray Miller—in memory of **Anise Parnes' father, Howard Goldman**

Roz & Oskar Matzner—in memory of **Richard Lazerson**

Donations have been in memory of **Anise Parnes' mother, Libbijane Goldman** by:

Teri & Steven Goffner

Rae Theise & Gary Kerzner

Anita & Murray Miller

Gail Port

Arlene Sacks

Lorain & Warren Wankoff

Sylvia Lestz—in memory of beloved father & grandfather, **Hyman Pomerantz**

Sylvia Lestz—in memory of dearest husband, father & grandfather, **Joseph Lestz**

Georgette & Anthony Dankner—in loving memory of his father, **Henry Dankner**

Mena Rokhsar & Family—in memory of **Ebrahim Khalie Rokhsar** (37 yearzeit)

Harris Weinstein & Adolfo Salazar—in honor of **Iris Braunstein's** 100th birthday

Erica Gursen—in memory of **David Sydney's** father, **Stanley**

Arlene Sacks—in memory of **Melanie Krieger's** father, **Leo Jacobs**

The Seitenbach Family—in memory of **Max Seitenbach**, husband, father & grandfather (11th yearzeit)

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND

Helaine & Joe Fox—in honor of the marriage of **Ron & Irene Sternberg's** daughter, **Alison**

Helaine & Joe Fox—in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of **Deborah & Andrew Witlin's** son, **Benjamin**

Joe Fox—in gratitude to **Coach Adam**

for his support of our Center

Louis Jaari—in honor of **Ellen Suz-**

Refuah Shelemah רפואה שלמה

a full and speedy recovery to Gerri Kule and Maurice Miller

Mazal Tov מזל טוב

...to those in our Center family who are celebrating a sim^ha:

Sue Finkelstein on the birth of twin grandchildren

Marian and Martin Krasilovsky on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Rebecca

Gerri and David Kule on their 70th anniversary

Ruth Goldschmidt on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter Miriam Greenberg

Helaine and Joe Fox on the upcoming marriage of their son Josh to Jill Wexler

Matt and Judy Beizer on the upcoming marriage of their daughter Dina to Moshe Kook

Soraya and Frank Baharestani on the marriage of their daughter Heather Rachel to Peter Hopkins

Renee' Glick on the marriage of her granddaughter Lauren to Russell Baker

Hamakom Y'nahem המקום ינחם

...may God grant comfort and consolation to those

who have lost a loved one:

Anise Parnes, on the loss of her dear mother, Libbijane Goldman

Lisa Abrahms, on the loss of her dear father, Richard Lazerson

Andy Bass, on the loss of his dear father, Dr. Richard Bass

Melanie Krieger, on the loss of her dear father, Leo Jacobs

Romi Narov, on the loss of her dear father, Avraham Arieli

We mourn the loss of our dear Center Members and friends

Harry Zielonka, May his memory be for a blessing.

anne Leifer's Bat Mitzvah

Louis Jaari—in honor of **Jordana**

Israel's Bat Mitzvah

Louis Jaari—in honor of **Tess Belzer**

Korn's Bat Mitzvah

Louis Jaari—in honor of **Nathaniel**

Korb's Bar Mitzvah

Louis Jaari—in honor of **Samson**

Cornejo's Bar Mitzvah

Louis Jaari—in honor of **Evelyn Gotlieb's** Bat Mitzvah

Louis Jaari—in honor of **Steven Samuel's** Bar Mitzvah

Louis Jaari—in honor of **Rachel Elyse Manheim's** Bat Mitzvah

Louis Jaari—in honor of **Shira**

Shkedi's Bat Mitzvah

Louis Jaari—in honor of **Benjamin Witlin's** Bar Mitzvah

Louis Jaari—in honor of **Nathaniel**

Korb winning second place in the

Citywide Spelling Bee & first place in the Regional II Bee of the Jewish

Education Project

Pauline, Mark, Melissa & Robbie

Raphael—in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of **Sybil Mailman's** grandson,

Max

Judy & David Zipkowitz—in honor of the upcoming aufruf of **Josh Fox & Jill Wexler**

Erica Gursen—in recognition of **Benjamin Witlin's** Haftorah

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been used for over a year may be used if scoured and cleaned in hot water.

B. METAL (wholly made of metal) **UTENSILS USED IN FIRE** (spit, broiler) must first be thoroughly scrubbed and cleansed and then made as hot as possible. Those used for cooking or eating (silverware, pots) must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned and completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should not be used for a period of at least 24 hours between the cleaning and the immersion in boiling water. Metal baking utensils cannot be kashered.

C. OVENS AND RANGES: Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned. Then, oven and range should be heated as hot as possible for a half hour. If there is a broil setting, use it. Self-cleaning ovens should be scrubbed and cleaned and then put through the self-cleaning cycle. Continuous cleaning ovens must be kashered in the same manner as regular ovens.

D. MICROWAVE OVENS, which do not cook the food by means of heat, should be cleaned, and then a cup of water should be placed inside. Then the oven should be turned on until the water disappears. A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be kashered for Pesah.

E. GLASSWARE: Authorities disagree as to the method for kashering drinking

utensils. One opinion requires soaking in water for three days, changing the water every 24 hours. The other opinion requires only a thorough scrubbing before Pesah, or putting them through a dishwasher.

1. Glass Cookware: There is a difference of opinion as to whether it is to be kashered. One opinion is that it must be kashered. After a thorough cleansing, there should be water boiled in them which will overflow the rim. The other opinion is that only a thorough cleansing is required.

2. Glass Bakeware, like metal bakeware, may not be kashered.

F. DISHWASHER: After not using the machine for a period of 24 hours, a full cycle with detergent should be run.

G. ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES: If the parts that come into contact with *hametz* are removable, they can be kashered in the appropriate way (if metal, follow the rules for metal utensils). If the parts are not removable, the appliance cannot be kashered. (All exposed parts should be thoroughly cleaned.)

H. TABLES, CLOSETS AND COUNTERS: If used with *hametz*, they should be thoroughly cleaned and covered, and then they may be used.

I. KITCHEN SINK: A metal sink can be kashered by thoroughly cleaning and then pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be cleaned and a sink rack

used. If, however, dishes are to be soaked in a porcelain sink, a dish basin must be used.

J. HAMETZ AND NON-PASSOVER UTENSILS: Non-Passover dishes, pots and *hametz* whose ownership has been transferred, should be separated, locked up or covered, and marked in order to prevent accidental use.

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