



# Hillcrest



## JEWISH CENTER BULLETIN

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### *Thoughts for a New Year*

"A religious man is a person who holds God and man in one thought at one time, at all times, who suffers harm done to others, whose greatest passion is compassion, whose greatest strength is love and defiance of despair."

- Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

The year 5770, to which we soon bid farewell, was a very good year for Dee and me and our family. Our lives were brightened on the second day of Rosh Hashanah by the birth of our granddaughter Briana. Those who were in shul at 10:15 that morning probably remember seeing the frantic Hillcrest president running off the bimah and out the door, as I made my way to the hospital to be there at her birth. It was a wonderful moment holding that new life in my arms and feeling the awesome responsibility and joy that HaShem had given our family.

After leaving the hospital, I returned to Hillcrest. I was met at the door by Laurie Spear who asked me how everything went and then asked me why I had returned. I clearly remember my answer: Where else should I go to say thank you?

5770 has not necessarily been a great year for America, for Israel or for the Jewish people in general. We are mired in a recession which threatens or has already destroyed the livelihood of many Americans. Israel has suffered from more demonstrative pressure from the world to resolve issues in Gaza and the West Bank and its relationship with the U.S. government has been strained. Jews around the world have seen an increase in incidents of anti-Semitism.

Our Hillcrest family has not been immune to the struggles around us, with many of our members straining under economic woes. Yet, as a family, just like in my family, we have grown and prospered in ways that truly matter. How have we accomplished that - simply by

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### SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

**Thursday, September 2 - Rosh Hashanah Meditation, Cantor Fuchs 7:30 P.M.**

**Friday, September 3**

Candle Lighting ..... 7:05 P.M.

Mincha/Maariv ..... 6:30 P.M.

**Saturday, September 4 ..... 9:00 A.M.**

Rabbi Kogan will speak on the sedra Nitzavim-Vayelech

Torah Reading: Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30 Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10-63:9

Bar Mitzvah: Raphael Kiss, son of Sanita and Stephen Kiss

Shiur - Around the Rabbi's Table ..... 6:00 P.M.

Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Maariv ..... 6:30 P.M.

Shabbat ends ..... 8:08 P.M.

**Joint Selichot @ ICCJ (167-11 73rd Avenue, Flushing)**

Pre-Selichot Collation ..... 8:45 P.M.

Selichot Service ..... 9:15 P.M.

Selichot Program ..... 10:00 P.M.

**Sunday, September 5 - Men's Club Paid Up Barbecue and**

**Monday, September 6 - Labor Day - Building Closed except for Services**

**Wednesday, September 8 - Erev Rosh Hashanah 5771**

Candle Lighting ..... 6:55 P.M.

Mincha/Maariv ..... 6:30 P.M.

**Thursday, September 9 - First Day Rosh Hashanah 5771 ..... 8:30 A.M.**

Junior Congregation..... Prince Room ..... 10:00 A.M.

KinderShul..... Ferkauf Chapel ..... 10:30 A.M.

Mincha/Maariv ..... 7:00 P.M.

Candle lighting from pre-existing flame ..... 7:55 P.M.

**Friday, September 10 - Second Day Rosh Hashanah 5771 ..... 8:30 A.M.**

Junior Congregation..... Prince Room ..... 10:00 A.M.

KinderShul..... Ferkauf Chapel ..... 10:30 A.M.

Rosh Hashanah ends, light Shabbat candles from pre-existing flame .... 6:57 P.M.

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat & Maariv ..... 6:30 P.M.

**Saturday, September 11 - Shabbat Shuvah ..... 9:00 A.M.**

Rabbi Kogan will speak on the sedra Ha'azinu

Torah Reading: Deuteronomy 32:1-32:52

Haftarah: Hosea 14:2-10, Joel 2:15-27, Micah 7:18-20

Junior Congregation..... Ferkauf Chapel ..... 10:00 A.M.

KinderShul..... Library ..... 10:30 A.M.

Shiur - Around the Rabbi's Table ..... 6:00 P.M.

Mincha/Seudah Shelishit/Maariv ..... 6:30 P.M.

Shabbat ends ..... 7:55 P.M.

**Sunday, September 12 - Fast of Gedaliah - Tashlich Service (see p. 3) ... 5:00 P.M.**

Mincha/Maariv ..... **6:30 P.M.**

### DAILY SERVICES IN THE FERKAUF CHAPEL

Monday through Friday mornings ..... 6:45 A.M.

Sunday and Holiday mornings ..... 8:30 A.M.

Sunday through Thursday evenings ..... 7:00 P.M.

Manes Kogan ..... *Rabbi*  
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**CENTER FAMILY**

**Congratulations to:**

Lillian & Joseph Krochak on the marriage of their son Steven to Susan Berger.

Sanita & Stephen Kiss on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Raphael.

**Wishing Good Recovery to:**

Evelyn Edwin, Joseph Fruchter, Simon Gold, Lillian Berger Goldberg, Gerson Greene, Herb Mindlin, Cheryl Schack, Alberto Schejtman and Miriam Silver.

**Condolences to:**

Janice Feinstein on the passing of her mother Matilda Schulman.

Robert Kenler on the passing of his mother, long-time Hillcrest JC member Hannah Kenler.

May the families be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

**RUTH AND ARTHUR COLLER  
 MEMORIAL BREAKFAST FORUM**

Sunday, October 3  
 at 9:30 A.M.

**Speaker**

**CYRUS VANCE, JR.**  
 District Attorney of NY County

**Topic:**

**"The D.A.'s Role in Fighting Terrorism"**

**From Rabbi Kogan...**

**A STORY (by Mark Inhaber)**

Last month a woman came into the office with one of the "Goodies for Shabbat" cards with wishes from Rabbi Kogan, Cantor Fuchs and the congregation. She wanted to know how she and her husband happened to receive flowers and the nice card before Shabbat. The woman's name was Mrs. Pandey and I did not find her in our membership database. I called Rabbi Kogan, who was vacationing in Asbury Park, but he did not recognize the name either. Rabbi Kogan spoke to Mrs. Pandey for a while, had some laughs, and suggested that I call Carol Greenberg. With Mrs. Pandey present, I called Carol, who knew exactly the reason for the flowers. She relayed her story to us on a speaker phone. Mrs. Pandey's husband is an ophthalmologist with an office in Fresh Meadows, and residence in Jamaica Estates. During a Shabbat Kiddush a member of HJC had told Carol about this wonderful and generous doctor in our community, who makes house calls to several Hillcrest elderly members who have difficulty getting to his office. The "Goodies for Shabbat" committee decided to recognize Dr. Pandey's menshlichkeit by delivering flowers to his office in the name of Hillcrest Jewish Center. Esther Topol found the phone number, and Rene Horowitz and Joy Leffler delivered the flowers and the note. Mrs. Pandey was very touched by this. She told me that she is really impressed with the way our congregation pays honor to individuals in our community who are not even members. We can be proud!

*Mark Inhaber*

**AFTERTHOUGHTS (by Rabbi Manes Kogan)**

Indeed: we should be very proud!

We should be proud of how our shul has started being recognized in the community as a place where good things happen, where kindness is the rule and not the exception, and where people come to make friends and not to fight.

We also should recognize that this change didn't take place overnight and that it is the product of a team effort, a team that includes professionals, lay leaders, volunteers with initiative like Carol Greenberg and the members of the "Goodies for Shabbat" committee, and the Hillcrest Jewish Center community at large, who go the extra mile (figuratively and literally) to make a difference. We need to keep up the good work, remaining appreciative and humble when someone points out our achievements to us.

Yasher Koach! May HaShem bless all of us and our families with a good, sweet and healthy year.

*Rabbi Manes Kogan*

**JEWISH MEDITATION with CANTOR MOTI FUCHS  
 AHAVA LOVE**

**Rosh Hashanah Meditation  
 New Year, New Beginnings...**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 at 7:30 P.M.  
 Joyous Meditation & Healing Circle**

**THE HILLCREST YOUTH CHOIR PERFORMS AT  
 "CELEBRATION 2010 - HILLCREST AT 70"**



**SELICHOT 2010**

**A Season of Renewal:**

**Spiritual Preparation for the High Holidays**

This year's Selichot program, sponsored by Israel Center of Conservative Judaism and Hillcrest Jewish Center, will take place on Saturday, September 4th at ICCJ, 167-11 73rd Avenue.

A reception will take place at 8:45 P.M. with the Selichot Service, led by Cantor Moti Fuchs beginning at 9:15 P.M. A Selichot Program, led by Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin and Rabbi Manes Kogan will begin at 10:00 P.M.

Following services, join us as we watch and discuss the Simpsons' episode "Like Father, Like Clown." This is the sixth episode of The Simpsons' third season. In the episode, Krusty the Clown reveals to the Simpson family that he is of Jewish heritage, and that his father, Rabbi Hyman Krustofski, disowned him for pursuing a career in comedy. Krusty is emotionally upset and Bart and Lisa decide to try to reunite Krusty with his long-estranged father.

This program is geared for people of all ages.

**TASHLICH SERVICE**

On Sunday, September 12th, at 5:00 P.M., Hillcrest Jewish Center will be holding a Tashlich Service at the Kissena Park pond, located near 164th Street and Oak Avenue. A carpool is recommended.

Directions: Take Horace Harding Expressway westbound and turn right at 164th Street. Drive for just under a mile and turn left at Oak Avenue. We will meet by the pond. Contact Silvia Kogan for more information (718-969-5777).

*The Officers and Board of Trustees,  
Rabbi Kogan and Cantor Fuchs and their families,  
Executive Director Mark Inhaber,  
and the Staff of the Center  
extend to all members  
their wishes for a New Year filled with  
good health, happiness and peace*

**BABYSITTING FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS**

*presented by The Hillcrest Youth & Family Life Center*

**ROSH HASHANAH                      SEPTEMBER 9 & 10**

**YOM KIPPUR                              SEPTEMBER 17 & 18**

*Babysitting will be available from the end of KinderShul  
until the end of Services, and for all of Kol Nidre*

Take advantage of this FREE service and have peace of mind  
when you come to Temple!

- Please note:
- You must be a ticket holder for High Holiday Services and
  - Your child **MUST** be potty trained in order to use this service
  - Return form by September 1st. (No child admitted without this form)

**Babysitting form - must be in office by Sept. 1, 2010**

Parents Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Dates you will use the service \_\_\_\_\_

**GET READY FOR SUKKOT  
ORDER YOUR LULAV & ETROG**

*Please note that HJC does not make a profit on this order. Rabbi Kogan will personally choose the Lulav and Etrog from this price category. This service is provided by Rabbi Kogan*

Sukkot begins Wednesday evening,  
September 22nd

Cut off date for ordering is  
Friday, September 17th at 9:30 A.M.

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**Return form and check to Hillcrest**

**Lulav & Etrog @ \$40 per set**

**Optional plastic zipper bag @ \$5**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of sets \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**High Holiday**

**Machzors**

*are available in the office  
for \$50 each*

**"STICKS AND STONES"**

"Sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never harm me." How often have we all said or heard these WORDS as children? As adults we know better, that words can harm you.

They can be the basis of bigotry, aimed at race, color, religion, physical appearance, etc. And as the words get louder, they turn into RAGE, which can produce in others fear, poor self esteem, or even hate. All of these feelings are sins of the "rager" in the eyes of G-d.

Furthermore, G-d says people are to show KINDNESS, an important WORD that the Chumash defines as "loyalty or fidelity, the type of act that can be expected between parties in a relationship such as spouses, other family, friends and even strangers."

WORDS can have so much power that can evoke all types of feelings and/or actions of others. Just listen to the news and see what feelings you have in response to those words.

So the next time you go to speak, think first. Put yourself in the other person's place and think before the words come out of your mouth. How much better would our world be if people learned to use the power of WORDS for the good of mankind.

*Sandra Jackson*