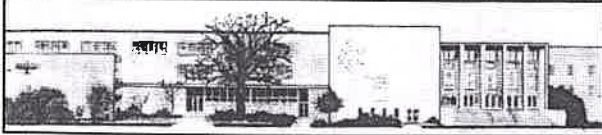




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"They say that these are not the best of times, but they're the only times I've ever known."

Summer Highland Falls-Billy Joel

Very often when I write my articles inspiration comes from random places, but when it comes from Billy Joel, it is never random. My first memory of Billy Joel is from Kadima encampment at a time when encampment (a USY activity that took place at the end of every summer at Camp Ramah) routinely attracted 500-600 kids. Shockingly, if you put a bunch of Jewish teenagers from Long Island together for a week, a lot of Billy Joel is played. Most of you know that Hillcrest and USY played a major part in my teenage years and much of what I have become is due to them.

One of my major goals as President has been to set Hillcrest up for the future, and that is why this particular lyric is important. The simple fact of the matter is that my children, your children or grandchildren, will not experience Hillcrest or USY the same way I did. This has always been a fact of life as people experience things differently. USY in New York City was very active when Myles was a teenager (by the time this article comes out he will be weeks away from no longer being a teenager) but that does not mean he experienced USY the same as I did. Jonah has even less of an opportunity to do so as USY is no longer the vibrant organization it was when Hillcrest hosted 200 teenagers just a few years ago. We are no longer in the best of times.

I know that sounds depressing but to me that is not the meaning of the lyrics. To me Billy Joel is reminding us that even if to you these are not the best of times, they are still the only times he's ever known, so to him these are the best of times. I think he is asking us to change our perspective and realize that we need to make the times we are in, the best of times, no matter what is going on. It is our job to

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SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

Friday, March 3

Teen Minyan Service and Dinner	5:30 P.M.
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv	5:30 P.M.
Candle Lighting	5:31 P.M.

Saturday, March 4 – Tetzaveh – Shabbat Zachor

Torah Reading: Exodus 27:20-30:10, Deuteronomy 25:17-19	9:00 A.M.
Haftarah: I Samuel 15:2-34	

Junior Congregation	10:00 A.M.
Teen Minyan	10:45 A.M.
Mincha/Shiur/Maariv	5:15 P.M.
Shabbat ends	6:31 P.M.

Monday, March 6 – Fast of Esther – Erev Purim

Fast begins	4:57 A.M.
Morning Service	7:00 A.M.
Early Mincha/Maariv	5:15 P.M.
Hamantaschen Making, children of all ages	5:45 P.M.
Fast ends	6:20 P.M.
Megillah Reading and Purim Celebration	6:45 P.M.

Tuesday, March 7 – Purim

Morning Service – Torah Reading: Exodus 17:8-16	7:00 A.M.
Megillah Reading	8:00 A.M.
Mincha/Maariv	7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, March 8 – Shushan Purim

Friday, March 10

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv	5:30 P.M.
Candle Lighting	5:39 P.M.

Saturday, March 11 – Ki Tissa – Shabbat Parah

Torah Reading: Exodus 30:11-34:35, Numbers 19:1-22	9:00 A.M.
Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16-38	

Mincha/Shiur/Maariv	5:30 P.M.
Shabbat ends	6:39 P.M.

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday March 12. Turn clocks ahead one hour.

Friday, March 17

Candle Lighting	6:46 P.M.
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv	7:00 P.M.

Saturday, March 18 – Vayakhel-Pekudei – Birkat HaChodesh

Torah Reading: Exodus 35:1-40:38, 12:1-20 Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-46:18

We welcome the new month Nisan - Rosh Chodesh is Thursday, March 23

Kindershul	10:00 A.M.
Teen Minyan	10:45 A.M.
Mincha/Shiur/Maariv	6:30 P.M.
Shabbat ends	7:46 P.M.

Friday, March 24

Candle Lighting	6:54 P.M.
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv	7:00 P.M.

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CENTER FAMILY

Congratulations to:

Executive Director Rose Sigler on the birth of her first grandchild Matti Simon.

Condolences to:

The family of long time HJC member Peggy Peress.

Jeffrey Rosenstock on the passing of his mother Anita Rosenstock.

Marianne Halpern on the passing of her husband Sid Halpern.

The family of long time HJC member Florence Farkas.

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

February Milestone Anniversaries:

Eva & Thomas Sarkany (50)

Deborah Siegel-Baker & Gary Baker (35)

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

When the Founding Matriarchs and Patriarchs of Hillcrest Jewish Center wrote our synagogue's Constitution, they provided for a Nominating Committee to recommend a slate of candidates each year to serve as officers and trustees. The Board of Trustees is required each January to choose the members of the Nominating Committee, which must consist of four congregants who are not currently serving on the Board of Trustees, four members of the Board, and the Chair of the Board. At our meeting on January 17th, the Board of Trustees fulfilled this duty, choosing Rina Kagel, Iris Schachter, Monte Shulkes and Susan Straus as the non-Board members and Richard Meyer, Jeffrey Rosenberg, Ginger Schulman, and Walter Winter as the

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From Rabbi Kogan

Dear Friends of Hillcrest Jewish Center,

Hopefully you read your emails and by now are aware that I am back from Chaplain School in South Carolina.

As a quick update, let me share with you that I am back at Hillcrest, that the New York State National Guard told me that they still need me and my clergy skills, and that while I reevaluate my future involvement as a military chaplain, I continue to serve with my unit in Troy, NY.

While I won't reiterate what I wrote in my email, I would like to share with you some thoughts on the responses I received to that email from members of Hillcrest Jewish Center. The responses were private, only addressed to me, and I must say that the overwhelming outpouring of love, support and empathy I received from everybody, truly comforted me and warmed my heart.

Some of the emails and phone calls were focused on my health: "Rabbi Kogan, try to rest and get your strength back!" Other emails highlighted the "good news" that I was back: "Welcome home! The Army's loss is Hillcrest's gain." Yet, other emails focused on the fact that I gave it a try, and reminded me how much I mean in their lives: "Yascher Koach on giving it your best shot!"

One congregant wrote: "Despite returning home under circumstances unforeseen, you are to be commended for your effort and courage. Hold your head high, you have nothing to feel low about. I think of the famous quote, by Tennyson, 'Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.' To fall short of goals or expectations is not a weakness, it is a strength. Because, although you may have fallen short at this particular moment, the success you will have in future endeavors, will be that much more rewarding. You will always have my respect and appreciation, not just as Rabbi, but as a man, a father, a son, a mentor to many, and to me, a dear friend. Looking forward to seeing you soon."

What all the emails and phone calls I received have in common is your love, kindness, compassion, and empathy.

As your rabbi, not only do I feel comforted by your words, but I feel very proud of you as well. Love, kindness, compassion, and empathy are wonderful character traits we shouldn't take for granted.

The same email I sent to you could have encountered harsh judgment, criticism, or indifference. The fact that it didn't, may speak a little about me and my being your rabbi for 17 years, but it speaks volumes about you.

Many times in the past, I shared with you that the first obnoxious question a rabbi is being asked when meeting other rabbis is "how big is your congregation." The unspoken intention of the person who asks that question is to assert that "mine is bigger than yours," hence, I am better than you. Most rabbis are not interested in how much Torah, prayer, kindness and meaningful connections are created in a particular shul. Perhaps it is not easy to quantify friendship, love and compassion.

For whatever my opinion is worth, I know better.

While Hillcrest Jewish Center and non-Orthodox Judaism in New York are facing demographic challenges, our shul continues to thrive and grow in what really matters. We should all remember that living lives of love, kindness, compassion, and meaning, is the most important treasure we can leave to those who come after us, more than a building, or an endowment fund (and I don't underestimate the connection that people have to a physical place and the importance of the shul's financial sustainability).

This email started about me, but it is actually about all of you, about all of us. I wanted to tell you how proud I am of you, and how blessed I feel to be your rabbi.

May Hashem bless you with all the best. From my heart,

Rabbi Manes Kogan



BOARD OF TRUSTEES *cont. from p. 2*
Board members. The Founding Matriarchs and Patriarchs could not have hoped for a finer committee. The Nominating Committee met on January 29th and chose an extremely well-qualified slate of candidates.

In order to continue the high quality of accurate and euphonious Torah readings that we have all been enjoying, the Board also voted to increase the rate at which we pay our Torah readers.

Finally, the Board voted on a motion to purchase 50 tickets at a bulk rate of \$36 each for a concert by the Israeli vocal group Kol Esperanza on April 30th at Queensborough Community College. The concert will be a great way to celebrate Israel's 75th birthday, which is the same week. The tickets will be sold to congregants at cost.

Richard Kass, Board Chair

PRESIDENT *cont. from page 1*

to make the best of the hand we are given and to judge our times not against what used to be, but against what is. Yes, we used to have high holiday services in the sanctuary and the gym and the Prince Room and the Moreida, but now we don't. How do we make the services we have the best of times right now? Programs that used to attract 150 people attract fewer than that? So what? Let us make sure we are running the best programs for the people who are here. When you are at a party, which group is the largest? The group that is having the best time – not the best time of all time, but the best time at that moment. I truly believe that if we at Hillcrest stop worrying about our past, put a plan together for the future but live for the now, we will thrive and grow in ways we can't imagine. My grandfather made a toast at Heidi's and my wedding that goes as follows, "May the happiest days of your past be the saddest days of your future." He was telling us that as we grow and age we should always strive to just be a little happier each day. I think that with your help this will be Hillcrest's future.

This is the last article I will be writing as President of Hillcrest Jewish Center, and I want to take a moment to thank everyone for their support during what has been a tumultuous two years. As you know this has been a dream of mine since I was a child (I was a weird kid I guess) and fulfilling it has been a wonderful experience. I want to especially thank Heidi, Myles and Jonah for understanding that my time was not always my own for the past two years.

I know that over the past two years I have been asking us to look at what feels like an increasingly bleak future. I want to end with one more song lyric that truly explains how I feel about Hillcrest's future. It's from Three Little Birds by Bob Marley. "This is my message to you, don't worry about a thing, cause every little things gonna be all right." Thank you for everything and in case I don't see you, good afternoon, good evening and good night.

Matthew Resnick, President

SISTERHOOD

"How Jewish women launched the now ubiquitous OU symbol 100 years ago"

How did East Coast Jewish women in 1910 know their food was kosher? They did not need hechshers. They purchased meat from a kosher butcher, fruits and vegetables from a greengrocer, baked goods from a kosher bakery, and milk and eggs were delivered to their homes. By the 1920s as packaged goods became available, it wasn't as obvious which were kosher.

Find out how some members of the New York Women's Branch (i.e. Sisterhood) of the Orthodox Union took matters into their own hands. They suggested a discreet seal, a U inside an O, barely noticeable on the label.

Join us on Zoom, Monday, March 20th at 12:30 PM. Our guest speaker will be Maggie Anton, a Talmud scholar with expertise in Jewish Women's history. Maggie is an award-winning author of *The Choice* and *Rashi's Daughters*. She has lectured about the research behind her books at venues throughout North America, Europe and Israel.

Sisterhood thanks everyone who participated in our Shalach Manot 2023 fund-raiser. We look forward to making some enhancements in the look of our Center in the coming months.

Nothing happens without a working committee. Thank you to our Shalach Manot committee members, Iris Schachter, Joan Hausmann, Karen Rothman, Kathy Lewis, Susan Beberfall, Barbara Resnick, Natalie Nussbaum, Fredda Chodrow-Goldberg, Edna Harris, Adele Rothstein and Helene Brander for buying the food, putting labels on 200 bags, packing the bags and distributing them. Thank you also to our hardworking office and custodial staff.

Sisterhood and Hillcrest are preparing a week-long celebration in honor of Israel's 75th Anniversary. As part of the celebration, Hillcrest reserved orchestra seats at Queensborough Performing Arts

Center on Sunday, April 30th for a 3 o'clock performance of Kol Esperanza. Seats are on a first come-first served basis. Don't be left out. Call the Center at 718-380-4145 before all the seats are sold.

Karen Rothman, Sisterhood President

MEN'S CLUB

The HJC Men's Club continues to make every attempt, where feasible given the COVID situation, to provide our congregation with quality on-site social events. While attendance has been somewhat lower than hoped for, those who have attended have expressed praise with the organization and camaraderie demonstrated each time we've met.

Though not technically Men's Club sponsored, February 5th's edition of Pickleball brought active combatants to the professionally laid-out courts in the Moreida Auditorium. Complimentary bagels, cream cheese, danish, juice, tea and coffee were a-plenty. More paid-up Men's Club members are encouraged to participate. And, if not yet a member, ALL events are great times to pay your \$45 yearly dues. You can also submit a check payable to Men's Club or mail it to the Center office.

Saturday evening, February 11th featured Military Bridge in the Moreida, bringing sharp-witted men and women to demonstrate their tactical card-playing maneuvers in conquering their rivals. Winners were Sandy & Bernie Neuman, Sy Kaplan and Judith Guttman. Whether you won or not, all involved had a great time.

And the following morning, February 12th, immediately following the World Wide Wrap service held in the Main Sanctuary, Men's Club sponsored a scrumptious lox, bagel, cream cheese, coffee and tea breakfast.

Movie Night on March 26th will feature "The Zookeeper's Wife" and June events will be Men's Club Shabbat and our annual Men's Club sponsored Fishing Trip on June 11th. Watch for emails and flyers for exact details.

Joel Berkowitz, Co-VP

HILLCREST COLLEGE STUDENTS Purim is Coming

Register your college mailing address to receive Purim greetings from
Rabbi Kogan and
Hillcrest Jewish Center
Call Carol Kantro 347-235-4105
Email: Kantro2@gmail.com

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

We had a beautiful Junior Congregation Friday Night Dinner on February 3rd with a great group of children in attendance. We first met at the synagogue where the children participated in Kabbalat Shabbat services and then we walked over to the Rabbi's home where we had a lovely dinner and spoke about Tu B'Shevat and ate special foods related to the holiday. The children had a wonderful time and had lots of fun.

This past dinner was graciously sponsored by Sheila Rubin in memory of her mother's tenth yearzeit, Marcia Parker - Masha bat Simcha Tuvia v'Rachel. Thank you so much to Sheila for sponsoring. If anyone would like to sponsor youth events in the future, please reach out to hjcyouth@gmail.com.

We will be having our Teen Minyan dinner on March 3rd at 5:30 PM and Hamantaschen making for children of all ages on March 6th at 5:45 PM.

All the best and Happy Purim!

Abby Kogan

OHR CHADASH

Lessons in Humanity

and Environmental Preservation

With the beginning of the secular New Year, Ohr Chadash relocated to its home for the second half of the school year, Congregation Etz Hayim at Hollis Hills Bayside. On our initial day of classes at CEHHHB, the students and teachers were warmly welcomed by Rabbi Wise and Rabbi Greene.

On Sunday, January 15th, Morah Judy conducted our annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Program, which explored the Jewish connection with this renowned civil rights leader. Our children learned about the roles of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, a prominent professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) for more than a quarter of a century, and Rabbi Joachim Prinz, who served as President of the American Jewish Congress (AJC), for nearly a decade. Rabbi Prinz was an outspoken supporter of the nascent Jewish homeland and an ardent Jewish voice for the American civil rights movement.

Both Rabbi Heschel and Rabbi Prinz had witnessed first-hand the bigotry and devastation caused by unrestrained hatred in 1930s Europe with the rise of Nazism. They drew upon their experiences to openly combat the bias existing in the United States against African Americans.

Rabbi Prinz spoke before Reverend King on August 28, 1963, during the historic March on Washington, just prior to the famous "I Have a Dream" speech. Rabbi Heschel strode side-by side and arm-in-arm with Dr. King in March 1965, during the famous Selma-to-Montgomery protest march.

Two weeks later, on January 29th, our Ohr Chadash students were able to Zoom with children's author Laurie S. Klein, as she shared her book, *Will Abby See Whales Today?* with them. The book taught them about endangered creatures and how we, as human beings, can be more humane towards our fellow inhabitants of planet Earth. Our children posed very astute inquiries and voiced commentaries during the Q&A session which followed the reading of the book, which indicated their heartfelt concerns about preserving our world's ecosystem. This experience put our students in the proper frame of mind for the next week's event.

Tu B'Shevat, the New Year or Birthday for Trees, is a post-Biblical celebration which expresses our gratitude for the bounties of our planet, which include a multitude of fruits that provide essential sustenance to all creatures. On February 5th, the student body formally expressed its gratitude in a multi-faceted program, which included a Seder, an environmentally oriented songfest, an informative video celebration of the holiday, and individually planting flower and bean seeds.

We look forward to Zooming with author Alan Silverberg and reading his book, *Meet the Hamantaschen*, and his teaching our children how to be cartoon artists.

The Ohr Chadash Annual Kosher for Passover Candy Sale is underway, and we hope everyone will participate. Forty percent of the monies raised are used to underwrite the cost of special programs which enhance our students' learning experience. All orders must be placed before Friday, March 3rd.

When our students return from Presidents' Week vacation on Sunday, March 5th, they will be in full Purim mode. They will be able to enjoy the Ohr Chadash Carnival, a costume contest, and hamantaschen galore.

We wish everyone a Joyous Purim.

Morah Shari

SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

Saturday, March 25 – Vayikra	9:00 A.M.
Torah Reading: Leviticus 1:1-5:26 Haftarah: Isaiah 43:21-44:23	
Mincha/Shiur/Maariv	6:45 P.M.
Shabbat ends.....	7:54 P.M.
Friday, March 31	
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv	7:00 P.M.
Candle Lighting.....	7:01 P.M.
Saturday, April 1 – Tzav – Shabbat Hagadol – Installation Shabbat ...	9:00 A.M.
Torah Reading: Leviticus 6:1-8:36 Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-24	
Junior Congregation	10:00 A.M.
Teen Minyan	10:45 A.M.
Mincha/Shiur/Maariv	6:45 P.M.
Shabbat ends.....	8:02 P.M.

SPRING 2023 SMALL GROUPS – DESCRIPTIONS

Exploring New Paths Together led by Aviva Peress

Thursdays, March 23 & 30, April 20, May 11 & 18, June 1 – 11:30 AM

Various Parks: First meeting at the north end of Kissena Lake in Kissena Park (Park entrance near 164th Street and Lithonia Avenue) Covid Policy: No Policy

Do you like to walk and perhaps discover new routes? Then, consider joining our group as we meet in different parks in the area for an hour walk and shmooze.

Our first meeting will be at the north end of Kissena Lake in Kissena Park. This is where Hillcrest does tashlich every year. There is usually plenty of parking on 164th street. Enter the park by the playground and walk to the north end of the lake. I am interested in suggestions for your favorite places to walk. We will share ideas and decide together how to plan for the other dates. I am looking forward to sharing our walks and getting to know you better.

For more information, please contact Aviva Peress at Peressal@gmail.com.

SMALL GROUPS *continued***Back to the Movies! led by Gail Keren**

Wednesdays, March 22, April 19, May 10 & 24, June 14 & 28

The first showing, is usually 1:00 PM

North Shore Towers Cinema, 272-40 Grand Central Pkwy. Bldg. 2, a spacious single screen theater with lots of free parking.

Covid Policy: Masks required while with Gail indoors.

Join me at the North Shore Towers movie theater to catch up on our movie viewing. Feel free to join me afterwards, if you'd like, for coffee and to discuss the movie, outside at the Dunkin' Donuts near Cunningham Park on Union Turnpike.

Movies are \$10 each.

For more information, please contact Gail Keren at gailkeren57@gmail.com or 917-470-6967.

Living After Loss led by Anne Hosansky

Tuesdays, March 28, April 25, May 9 & 23, June 13

7:30 PM for approximately 1 1/2 hours

This program will be Virtual on Zoom

Losing a loved one is a lonely experience. This support group will give you the opportunity to connect with others who are coping with the same challenges you confront. Whether your loss is new or years old, you will gain encouragement for moving beyond grief as members share ways to bring light back into their lives. Discussions will be kept confidential and non-judgmental, guided by a leader who's "been there" herself.

For more information, please contact Anne Hosansky at 718-380-2755 or 917-613-8948.

Let's Scrabble Together led by Analee Sternberg

Mondays, April 3 & 10 and Wednesdays, May 3 & 17, June 21 & 28 Time: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (can run over the 2 hours if participants are interested) at Hillcrest Jewish Center

Covid Policy: Fully Vaccinated/Mask Optional

Come join us for a fun and lively game or two of Scrabble. You'll love playing this stimulating game! Our Scrabble sessions will give us a chance to enjoy each other's company and keep those brain cells alive and kicking. A bonus, you will increase your vocabulary and meet other Scrabble lovers!

For more information, please contact Analee Sternberg at manubear@aol.com.

Let's walk. Let's talk. Let's connect. led by Caroline Kazdan

Mondays beginning March 20 at 9:00 AM for one or two hours Alley Pond Playground parking lot, located on 76th Avenue, just off of Springfield Boulevard Covid Policy: No Policy

It's a new year, a new season, and a new opportunity to enjoy the physical and mental benefits of time spent outdoors involved in movement and good conversation. On Monday mornings at 9:00 AM, a group of Hillcrest JC members will meet at the Alley Pond Playground, located on 76th Avenue, just off of Springfield Boulevard. Every week, a different member of the group will recommend a topic to discuss as we spend an hour hiking the park trails together. At each session, all members of the group will contribute to the exchange of thoughts and ideas. Please wear appropriate, comfortable clothing and sturdy footwear. In the event of inclement weather, the walk will be canceled for that week. As we will be outdoors, there is no Covid policy.

For more information, please contact Caroline Kazdan at ckazdan@nyc.rr.com.

Beyond Oy Vey: Yiddish Conversation led by Eva Zimmerman

Thursdays, March 23, April 20, May 4 & 18, June 1 & 15

Time: 1:00 PM for up to two hours at Hillcrest Jewish Center

Covid Policy: Mask Optional

If you can speak Yiddish, a lot or a little, please join us as we initiate a Yiddish Group at Hillcrest. No studying, no memorizing, nothing arduous. Our goal is simply to come together, meet other Yiddish speakers, have fun, and hone our everyday conversational skills.

For more information, please contact Eva Zimmerman at elzimm76@gmail.com.

Long Form Improvisational Theatre led by Mark Solkoff

Tuesdays, March 14, 21 & 28, Thursday, May 18, Wednesday, May 24, and Tuesday, May 30

7:45 - 9:00 PM at Hillcrest Jewish Center

Covid Policy: Fully Vaccinated/Masks Optional

Participants will learn the basics of improvisational theatre (acting without a script) in order to create scenes using stories from their own histories. The focus will be to create an ensemble group which will be a "safe" place to explore and grow confidence. No previous experience with theatre or improv is needed but full participation is necessary. Comfortable clothing in which you can move around should be worn to each workshop. The group will run with 8-12 participants. Come explore your imagination. Life begins at the end of your comfort zone!

For more information, please contact Mark Solkoff at msolkoff@gmail.com.

Israeli Dance for Beginners led by Iris Schachter

Dates: Tuesdays, March 14, 21, & 28, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, June 6 & 13

5:45 - 6:45 PM at Hillcrest Jewish Center

Covid Policy: Vaccinated/Mask Optional

If you always wanted to do Israeli dances, but never tried, this is your chance. Dancing helps to ward off Alzheimers by jogging your memory, and you get physical activity at the same time.

For more information, please contact Iris Schachter at ischachter1@gmail.com.

Hillcrest Jewish Center
Youth Services presents

HAMANTASCHEN MAKING!

For children of all ages

Join us for a fun and tasty activity, making your own hamantaschen with delicious fillings of your choice!

Come in costumes!

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 5:45 P.M.

MEGILLAH READING (6:45) AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

For more information, contact Abby Kogan at hjc youth@gmail.com

SYNAGOGUE OFFERINGS**General Fund:**

Daniel Beloosesky & Yasmine Sanandaji.

Drs. Bobbi & Barry Coller in honor of Mimi & Ed Coller.

Alison & David Rice thank Rabbi Kogan for his illuminating classes.

Sherry & Alan Reisner wish Mazal Tov to Helene & Howard Jacob on the birth of their granddaughter Olivia Paz Rehr.

Aggie & Ted Weisz wish Mazal Tov to Helene & Howard Jacob on the birth of their granddaughter Olivia Paz Rehr.

Joan Hausmann in honor of the birth of Rose Sigler's first grandchild Matti Simon.

Joan Hausmann in honor of Beth Ritter for her incredible Shabbat davening on Yitro morning.

Marcia & Sol Karsch in memory of Laurie Spear's beloved mother Anita Wasserman.

Sisterhood sends condolences to Laurie Spear and Martin Wasserman and family on the passing of their mother Anita Wasserman.

Sherry & Alan Reisner extend condolences to Laurie Spear and family on the passing of her beloved mother Anita Wasserman.

Elaine Soffer & Richard Kass extend condolences to the Kogan family on the passing of Silvia's father Ernesto Surazski.

Elaine Soffer & Richard Kass extend condolences to the family of Leonard Givant.

Elaine Soffer & Richard Kass extend condolences to Laurie Spear on the passing of her mother Anita Wasserman.

Mimi & Alan Frank in memory of Anita Wasserman, mother of Laurie Spear.

Sherry Reisner for yahrzeit of beloved father Jacob Weinthal.

Nora Kozuch & Louis Kleiman in memory of Ernesto Surazski, father of Silvia Kogan.

Marilyn Kirschbaum for yahrzeit of mother Sarah Lubinsky.

Susan Beberfall for yahrzeit of grandmother Ruth Moskowitz.

Anita Kent extends condolences to the Kogan family on the passing of Ernesto Surazski.

Anita Kent extends condolences to Laurie Spear on the passing of her mother Anita Wasserman.

Susan & Ralph Straus in memory of Anita Wasserman, beloved mother of Laurie Spear.

Aggie & Ted Weisz in memory of Anita Wasserman, beloved mother of Laurie Spear.

Judy & Monte Schwartz offer condolences to Laurie Spear on the loss of her mother.

Rabbi Manes Kogan for yahrzeit of beloved father Jose Kogan.

Howard Weisler in memory of Anita Wasserman.

Nancy & Jared Rifkin in memory of Anita Wasserman, mother of Laurie Spear.

Miriam Feldman for yahrzeit of father William Feldman.

Yvonne Germaine Gelbord for yahrzeit of husband Bernard David Gelbord.

Joel Berkowitz for yahrzeit of sister Marcia Berkowitz Bunze.

Kathy & Gerry Lewis in memory of Anita Wasserman.

Iris Schachter sends condolences to Laurie Spear in memory of her mother Anita Wasserman.

Lorraine & Josef Soloway in memory of Anita Wasserman, mother of Laurie Spear.

Marilyn, Jerry, Daniel and Rebecca Kirschbaum in memory of Anita Wasserman, mother of Laurie Spear and Martin Wasserman.

Sela & Steve Zellman send condolences to Laurie Spear and family upon the passing of her mother Anita Wasserman.

Gail Keren in memory of beloved mother Blanche Friedman on her yahrzeit.

Helen & Murray Gruber in memory of Anita Wasserman.

Arthur Anderman for yahrzeit of mother Mae Anderman.

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Toby Wind for yahrzeit of mother Edith Morris.

Melinda Gros for yahrzeit of mother Isabel Gros.

Constance Solomon for yahrzeit of mother Anna Shedlin.

Constance Solomon for yahrzeit of father-in-law Jack Solomon.

Michael Cantor for yahrzeit of grandfather Simon Cantor.

David Mack for yahrzeit of mother Ruth Mack.

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Beth Ritter sends condolences to Silvia Kogan on the passing of her father Ernesto Surazski.

Richard Meyer for yahrzeit of father Louis Meyer.

Rabin-Friedlander Charitable Fund in memory of Anita Wasserman.

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Martin Herman for yahrzeit of uncle Sam Ingber.

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Benjamin Rosof & family send condolences to Silvia Kogan and the Kogan family upon the passing of father Ernesto Surazski.

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Michael Goodman for yahrzeit of father Lennard Goodman.

Michael Brofman for yahrzeit of mother Phyllis Brofman.

Michael Brofman for yahrzeit of grandfather Benjamin Finkel.

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Michael Silver for yahrzeit of mother Florence Silver.

Stanley Klein for yahrzeit of father Louis Klein.

Reesa Ackerman for yahrzeit of grandfather Jason Benjamin Katz.

Andrea Robin in memory of Anita Wasserman, loving mother of Laurie Spear.

Aviva & Jimmy Peress express deepest sympathy to Laurie Spear and family in memory of her beloved mother Anita Wasserman.

Larry Schonfeld for yahrzeit of father William Schonfeld.

Sara Levine for yahrzeit of mother Emily Goldberg.

Elaine Soffer for yahrzeit of mother Norma Soffer.

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Wendy & Nate Weisbard in memory of Laurie Spear's mother Anita Wasserman.

Sol Kahan for yearzeit of mother Ilona Kahan.

Lisa Hochstein for yearzeit of mother Sarah Hochstein.

Ellen Hochstein for yearzeit of mother Sarah Hochstein.

Lili Nicenboim & Hugo Beibe in memory of Ernesto Surazski, father of Silvia Kogan.

Sheila Rubin for yearzeit of father Aaron Silver.

Debbie Solkoff for yearzeit of father Victor Allen Rubenstein.

Steven Rosenhaus for yearzeit of father Lawrence Rosenhaus.

Miriam Feldman in memory of Ernesto Surazski.

Carol Zolondek for yearzeit of mother Celia Fish.

Inez Levy for yearzeit of husband Paul Levy.

Iris Schachter for yearzeit of husband Harvey Schachter.

Esther Tokarz for yearzeit of father Harvey Schachter.

Iris Mentle for yearzeit of grandfather Max Fier and mother Edith Mentle.

Roxanne & Arthur Solarsh in memory of Anita Wasserman, beloved mother of Laurie Spear.

Pearl & Nathan Halegua in memory of Anita Wasserman.

Ari Goldberg for yearzeit of mother Emily Goldberg.

Lana Berke for yearzeit of husband Hon. Nathan Berke.

Lorelei Hammerman for yearzeit of husband Benjamin Hammerman.

The Regenstreif family in memory of their loving and devoted mother Jeannette Regenstreif,

Elaine & Matthew Gise in memory of Anita Wasserman, mother of Laurie Spear.

Stephen Liebman for yearzeit of mother Elaine Liebman.

Richard Morris for yearzeit of mother Edith Morris.

Susan Hamburger for yearzeit of grandmother Rebecca Gainer.

Susan Hamburger for yearzeit of sister Candee Plotkin.

Nora Kozuch for yearzeit of mother Ruth Rebecca Kushner.

Betty Kaplan for yearzeit of beloved sister Charlotte Teig.

Betty Kaplan for yearzeit of beloved father David Zausmer.

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Aviva & Jimmy Peress express deepest sympathy to Silvia Kogan and family in memory of Ernesto Surazski, beloved father and grandfather.

Roxanne & Arthur Solarsh in memory of Ernesto Surazski, beloved father of Silvia Kogan.

Judith & Martin Guttman offer sincere condolences on the passing of Silvia Kogan's beloved father Ernesto Surazski.

Edith & Aaron Goldberg

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Adele Rothstein for yearzeit of father Hyman Leichter.

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Mowshowitz Library Fund:

Aviva & Jimmy Peress wish Mazal Tov to Helene & Howard Jacob on the birth of granddaughter Olivia Paz