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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I made my first trip to Israel in February, along with a group of fellow synagogue executive directors. This trip was originally scheduled as a professional conference. Following October 7th, it transformed into a mission. From the moment I stepped off the plane, I saw a country in mourning. From the airport to the sides of buildings were prayers for the dead and the demand for the immediate return of the hostages.

A priority of our mission was to bear witness. We began one morning listening to the recount of a resident of Moshav Netev HaAsara, a community 100 meters from Gaza's border. The man's wife and children were woken by the missile warnings from the IDF's alert system and stayed sheltered in their home for hours that day before escaping. He said that he has lived under rocket fire from Gaza for 23 years and doesn't know if his family will return. Ultimately 22 members of his community were murdered by roughly 35 Hamas terrorists who entered by paragliders and pickup trucks.

We also visited the site of the Nova Music Festival. Some 3,000+ young people attended this multi-day rave that took place in a large field. Around 7:00 AM, Hamas terrorists dressed in soldier uniforms, driving trucks, motorcycles and even arriving by paragliders, proceeded to massacre over 360 individuals and took 64 hostages. People tried to hide behind trees, bushes, and in the various bomb shelters, but there was no safety. Those who reached the road were killed, as militants fired at vehicles, and bomb shelters had open ends into which the terrorists threw hand grenades, while others were executed at point-blank range as they crouched on the ground. This site has become a memorial with pictures of the dead and missing. My group led a small healing service and said kaddish. At the site we continued to hear the bombing.

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SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

Friday, April 5

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 7:00 P.M.
Candle Lighting 7:07 P.M.

Saturday, April 6 - Shemini - Shabbat HaChodesh - Birkat HaChodesh 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 9:1-11:47, Exodus 12:1-20

Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-46:18

We welcome the new month Nisan - Rosh Chodesh is Tuesday, April 9

Mincha 6:15 P.M.
Shiur/Seudah Shlishit 6:45 P.M.
Maariv 7:45 P.M.
Shabbat ends 8:08 P.M.

Friday, April 12

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 7:00 P.M.
Candle Lighting 7:15 P.M.

Saturday, April 13 - Tazria 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 12:1-13:59 Haftarah: II Kings 4:42-5:19

Guest Speaker: Sam Fried, IDF Soldier

Mincha 6:30 P.M.
Shiur/Seudah Shlishit 7:00 P.M.
Maariv 8:00 P.M.
Shabbat ends 8:16 P.M.

Friday, April 19 - Last Day Delegation of Authority Sale of Chametz to Office

Friday, April 19

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 7:00 P.M.
Candle Lighting 7:22 P.M.

Saturday, April 20 - Metzora - Shabbat Hagadol 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 14:1-15:33 Haftarah: Malachi 3:4-24

Junior Congregation 10:00 A.M.
Mincha 6:45 P.M.
Shiur/Seudah Shlishit 7:15 P.M.
Maariv 8:15 P.M.
Shabbat ends 8:24 P.M.

Sunday, April 21 - Bedikat Chametz, Search for Chametz in evening

Monday, April 22 - Siyum - Fast of the First Born 7:00 A.M.

The fast applies to the first born of either a mother or father. It is customary, after Shacharit, to have a Siyum, completion of study of a tractate of rabbinic literature. A "Seudat Mitzvah" follows after which all first born may eat.

Monday, April 22 - Stop Eating Chametz by 10:36 A.M.

Monday, April 22 - Biur Chametz, Burning of Chametz. Remaining Chametz is burned before 11:45 A.M.

Monday April 22 - First Night of Pesach - First Seder

Mincha/Maariv 6:30 P.M.
Candle Lighting 7:25 P.M.
Community Seder by reservation only 7:30 P.M.

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Dorit & Yaron Gershovsky (50)

Michele & Ira Lilien (40)

Analee & Emanuel Sternberg (35)

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One was so loud and felt so close that a woman near us dropped to the ground fearing we were being fired upon. It's hard to describe the feelings we all shared. The pain was visceral. We cried together and were largely silent. We all imagined what could have been the fate of our own children or grandchildren who would have attended this festival if they had had the opportunity.

Our visit to Kibbutz Kfar Aza, another border community, was the most gruesome. Hamas rampaged house to house, killing the residents or taking hostages and blowing up homes. This was the third time we heard that the terrorists came to these communities with site plans, knowing who and how many people lived in each home, and even where weapons were stored.

We also visited Hostage Square, a large makeshift memorial outside a government building in Tel Aviv. We listened to a story from a man whose 80-year-old parents were both taken hostage. With 200,000 reservists called into action and many farm hands unable to cross the borders, we did our part to volunteer. We picked kohlrabi and beet root from the field, packed food for distribution, and even donated blood.

From Rabbi Kogan

Dear Friends of Hillcrest Jewish Center,

As you already know, last month I returned from a week-long trip to Rome, where I attended at the Vatican, the conference: *Human: Meanings and Challenges*, organized by the Pontifical Academy for Life. The conference was meaningful and dealt especially with the intersection between artificial intelligence (AI) and ethics.

The conference was attended by about 150 top academics from the entire world, and our small group of about 15 participants (among them 7 rabbis and 8 lay people). At the last minute, our small group was invited to join the main participants of the conference at a meeting with Pope Francis, through the diligence and connections of the leadership of the Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano in Buenos Aires.

To say that meeting the Pope and exchanging a few words with him in Spanish was a moving and meaningful experience, is an understatement. You could feel the excitement in the air, adding to the fact that the meeting took place in a palace-like room, decorated with centennial frescos and paintings. My own excitement made me ponder why the experience was so meaningful to me. I guess part of it was because we were face to face with the head of the Roman Catholic Church, the largest Christian church, with 1.4 billion Catholics worldwide. This fact has played a prominent role in the history and development of Western civilization. This is what I would call "meeting the celebrity."

In addition, for someone born in Argentina, meeting the first Argentinian Pope holds an extra meaning. There is a sense of pride, added to the exchange of Argentinian Spanish greetings (I addressed the Pope in the formal 2nd person Spanish, but he talked to me in the more casual 2nd person). After introducing myself, the Pope asked me where I was living. I gave him a copy of my commentary to the Book of Esther in Spanish and a blessing, and while holding my hand, he asked me to pray for him. I only wish my parents were alive for me to tell them about the experience, although I believe they know, somehow.

Finally, recalling the centuries of Christian persecution and antisemitism, including the Inquisition, the crusades, and the blood libels, it made me appreciate the extraordinary fact of being welcomed and greeted by the Pope, both as rabbis and as Jews, with genuine interest, kindness, dignity, and respect. These are not easy times for Jews worldwide; and while the Vatican's agenda is not exactly 100% aligned with the one of Israel and the Jewish people, we shouldn't take these small tokens of dialogue and fruitful exchange for granted.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon and telling you more about this meaningful and unforgettable experience.

Wishing all of you a happy, kosher, and meaningful Pesach, *Rabbi Manes Kogan*

As I mentioned, this was my first trip to Israel. Walking the pathways of my ancestors, touching and seeing sites I've only read about, was an amazing experience. Praying at the Kotel – touching its stone – was such a spiritually meaningful experience. I also ate my weight, way across Israel – shawarma, falafel, schnitzel, jahnun, kaneff. Oh, my goodness, I was on sensory overload! Ben Yehuda Street and Mahane Yehuda are now my two favorite places to eat.

Going back to the beginning, I don't know how this war will end. As I write this, there are presently 153 hostages, of whom at least 30 are presumed dead. Hamas refuses to negotiate on reasonable terms, while people throughout the world are calling for an unconditional cease fire, which would be devastating for Israel, and a catastrophe for the Palestinians who could finally be freed from Hamas' terrorist regime. Meanwhile, antisemitic crimes have quadrupled in New York State with a synagogue being spraypainted with hate speech less than two miles from our doorstep. At this time we must do more than just pray for peace and the wellbeing of Israel. We must speak out against Jewish hate: in our neighborhoods, in Hollywood, in our own government, and across the world. Each of us must do our part. Am Yisroel Chai! *Jamey Kohn, Vice President*

Upcoming Passover Food Drive

Annual City Harvest city-wide Kosher Food Collection

Non-perishable sealed or packaged kosher for Passover foods are acceptable. Most needed foods are shelf-stable, kosher sources of protein such as tuna, salmon, sardines, gefilte fish, grape juice, peanut butter and matzoh. Deliver to HJC office.

Check the Daily Digest for more information.

SISTERHOOD PROGRAM

Monday, April 8
12:30 in the Moreida
"MY ROAD TO HISTORY"

**Edwin Black**

We are delighted to have as our guest speaker Edwin Black, an award-winning New York Times bestselling international investigative author of 200 award winning editions in 20 languages in 190 countries.

Mr. Black's work has focused on human rights, genocide, organized hate, corporate criminality and corruption, government abuse, oil addiction, alternative energy and historical investigations.

Some of his numerous books are *IBM and the Holocaust*, *Financing the Flames*, *Nazi Nexus*, *Banking in Baghdad*, *The Plan* and *The Transfer Agreement*. Editors have submitted his work fourteen times for Pulitzer Prize nominations. His speaking tours include hundreds of events in dozens of cities each year, appearing at prestigious venues from Library of Congress, United Nations, Simon Wiesenthal Center, London's British War Museum, Amsterdam's Institute of War Documents, Munich's Carl Orff Hall and now at Hillcrest Jewish Center.

Edwin Black lives in Washington, D.C. but his family is here at Hillcrest, Cantor Rachel, Eric and Cora.

Register for this event. The form is available through the flyer in the Shabbat Shalom, or call the office to let us know you will be attending.

Please join us as Mr. Black speaks about how he decided to follow this path. Questions and answers to follow.

Save these dates for our upcoming programs:

Monday, May 13th trip to American Merchant Marine Museum in Kings Point.

Monday, May 20th our speaker will be Cheryl Sperber, Hadassah Chair of Zionist Education and Advocacy Division.

Donation to Sisterhood: Joan Hausmann thanked Sisterhood for her get-well food package.

HAPPY PASSOVER TO ALL.

Karen Rothman,
Sisterhood President

MEN'S CLUB

Hello, Fellow Congregants! Let's pray that by April 1st, Mother Nature doesn't pull a fast one on us with winter-like weather. (Father time pulled his own annual traditional prank to our weekday morning minyanaires by making us arrive at shul in total darkness.

Presumably, Hillcrest Jewish Center's Purim celebration on Saturday evening, March 23rd had a vast turnout of members and guests of ALL ages. A chorus-line of costumed characters decorated our Main Sanctuary as the Megillah was read by Rabbi Kogan and selected officials. An encore presentation was held the following morning, Sunday, March 24th, immediately following morning Shacharit, capped off with a scrumptious breakfast, graciously sponsored by the HJC Men's Club.

FLASH! Karaoke at Hillcrest is set for Sunday afternoon, May 5th. Final preparations are being made now. Here again, costumes are encouraged. Festivities are open to ALL HJC members and their guests. Keep tuned via emails, texts, flyers, robo-calls and Shabbat Service announcements for particulars (RSVP information, time, and cost).

Remember, early bird discounts are awarded to all Men's Club members and their significant others. So, if you haven't joined yet, *now's the time to do it at just \$45 for the year.*

Other Men's Club events on our agenda throughout the spring and summer seasons include Men's Club Shabbat, fishing expedition, movie presentations. Labor Day barbeque....and more.

ZISSEN PESACH!

Joel Berkowitz,
Men's Club, Co-VP

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

The Talmud reports that in the Second Temple there was a wonderful musical instrument called a "magrefah." One tradition says that it had ten holes, each of which could produce ten different sounds, for a total of one hundred sounds. Another tradition said that each of the ten holes could produce one hundred different sounds, for a total of one thousand sounds (B. Arakhin 11a).

Hillcrest Jewish Center has not been able to track down a magrefah, but we have found the next best thing – the combination of our Cantor Rachel Black and our congregant, the renowned pianist, arranger, composer, and producer Yaron Gershovsky. Mr. Gershovsky will play a piano with 88 keys, each of which can

produce one sound, for a total of 88 different sounds. Cantor Black has only one larynx, but it produces an infinite number of delightful sounds. Accordingly, at our February 20th meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a budget for a concert featuring Cantor Black and Mr. Gershovsky, to be held on Sunday, April 14th. Everybody come!

At the same meeting, the Board also passed the following measures. We agreed to rent out the Prince Room for one day to a filmmaker for a fee of \$700, including security and cleanup costs. (The filmmaker later decided that that price was too high.) We decided not to permit an outside camp to rent out our pool for 80 children this summer, because of security concerns and possible conflicts with the HJC camp. We agreed to hire a professional grant writer to write proposals to the state and federal governments for grants to enhance our security. We approved new insurance policies. Finally, we voted that at future Synagogue events where non-members are invited, non-members will be charged higher fees than members.

The Board wishes all congregants a sweet and joyous Passover.

Richard Kass, Board Chair

FRIDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

On Sunday, February 25th, Iris Schachter, Tina Schnall, Gail Budiansky and Cheryl Meyer represented the Friday Morning study group that finished Talmud Tractate Horayot. The other members of the group, Judy Samuels and Mark Lieberman were in Florida and Ted Lehmann was at home, under the weather. This group began studying with Rabbi Kogan eighteen years ago and went on to study independently for the last 4 years. The group members decided to take a break from Talmud and are now studying *The Kuzari* by Judah HaLevi. Denise Pintus has joined us and we welcome anyone else who may be interested.



Left to right: Cheryl Meyer, Tina Schnall, Gail Budiansky, Iris Schachter.

Unveiling for Cantor Moti Fuchs z"l

The unveiling is scheduled for
SUNDAY, MAY 19 AT 11:30 AM
NEW MONTEFIORE CEMETERY

We will meet at the grave site. Maps will be available at the HJC Office. Directions are easy: main entrance to first right (Ezra Road). There will be signage for all unveilings to turn here. Proceed to the end of Ezra which is Fourth Street. Turn left. When you pass Washington Avenue the Hillcrest section will be a short distance on your right. Look for the large black grave of Rabbi Evan Radler z"l)

There will be a luncheon at Hillcrest Jewish Center following the unveiling.

Please RSVP to Lesley Fuchs at 609-314-7159 to let her know if you will be attending the unveiling as well as the luncheon.

OHR CHADASH

*It's a very ancient saying,
 But a true and honest thought,
 That if you become a teacher,
 By your pupils you'll be taught.*

Being one of the instructors of the Ohr Chadash teaching staff, these words to the song "Getting to Know You" from the musical "The King and I" never rang truer than when one of our recent graduates, Zachary Hausman, returned to our school on Sunday, February 11th, World Wide Wrap Day, to become a teacher to our students on the art of putting on tefillin.

Since his graduation last year, Zachary has become a regular attendee at morning minyan and has learned to put on tefillin with great proficiency. He offered to impart his knowledge to his former classmates and quite adeptly taught them about the meaning of tefillin, why it is worn, the accompanying brachot recited as the "shel rosh" and "shel yad" are donned, and the justification for the number of times it is wound. Following his teaching, Zachary and Allegra Horn, another Ohr Chadash graduate who assists the teachers on a weekly basis, aided the school's students in properly placing the phylacteries on their arms and heads. Each student who performed this mitzvah for the first time was able to recite the *Shehecheyanu* prayer of thanks for this new accomplishment.

On March 3rd, our students learned about an essential tenet of Judaism, namely Tikkun Olam, repairing the world. Morah Judy conducted the program, eliciting responses from the students about what it means to "heal the world" and what each of them can do to bring this about. Our students wrote letters and drew pictures, which will be sent to wounded IDF soldiers, as part of the Hug A Hero Program.

Since the reestablishing of our Tzedakah Program this year, our students

have taken this project to heart and their generosity and altruism have been quite amazing. So, as part of the Tikkun Olam project, the children were given the opportunity to create their own tzedakah boxes, Noah's Arks for the Shorashim and Kochavim classes and Torah Scrolls for the Giborim and Chaverim students. They brought these treasured keepsakes home and can personally collect monies for their mitzvah contributions.

Although this article will appear after the fact, as of this writing our Ohr Chadash families and staff are looking forward to the annual school carnival, slated for March 24th.

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A Note of Thanks

Dear Rabbi Kogan, Cantor Rachel Black and Nadine.

It isn't everyday we get to celebrate "Shabbat Across America." The joy and contentment was displayed on people's faces. The smiles and laughter rang loud and clear.

The Shabbat services were both meaningful and expressive. How lucky we were to be in attendance for such a beautiful event.

We all appreciate those who coordinated this masterful occasion!

Thank you.

Rochelle & Herb Mandell

SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

Tuesday, April 23 - First Day of Pesach – Second Seder (at night)	9:00 A.M.
Torah Reading: Exodus 12:21-51, Numbers: 28:16-25	
Haftarah: Joshua - 3:5-7, 5:2-6:1, 6:27	
Mincha/Maariv.....	7:30 P.M.
Candle Lighting (from pre-existing flame).....	after 8:07 P.M.
Wednesday, April 24- Second Day of Pesach	9:00 A.M.
Torah Reading: Leviticus 22:26-23:44, Numbers 28:16-25	
Haftarah: II Kings 23:1-9, 9:21-25	
Mincha/Maariv.....	7:45 P.M.
Second Day of holiday ends.....	8:29 P.M.
Thursday, April 25 – Third Day of Pesach	
Friday, April 26 – Fourth Day of Pesach	
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv	7:00 P.M.
Candle Lighting	7:29 P.M.
Saturday, April 27 – Shabbat Chol Hamoed Pesach	9:00 A.M.
Torah Reading: Exodus 33:12-34:26, Numbers 28:19-25	
Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:1-14	
Mincha	6:45 P.M.
Shiur/Seudah Shlishit.....	7:15 P.M.
Maariv.....	8:15 P.M.
Shabbat ends.....	8:33 P.M.
Sunday, April 28 – Sixth Day of Pesach	Light candles 7:32 P.M.
Monday, April 29 – Seventh Day of Pesach	9:00 A.M.
Torah Reading: Exodus 13:17-15:26, Numbers 28:19-25	
Haftarah: II Samuel 22:1-51	
Candle Lighting (from pre-existing flame).....	8:34 P.M.
Tuesday, April 30 – Eighth Day of Pesach	9:00 A.M.
Torah Reading: Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17, Numbers 28:19-25	
Haftarah: Isaiah 10:32-12:6	
Yizkor Memorial Service.....	approximately 11:00 A.M.
Mincha/Maariv.....	7:45 P.M.
Yom Tov ends.....	8:36 P.M.
Eating of Chametz permitted after 9:45 P.M.	
(to allow time for the Chametz to be bought back)	

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA AT HILLCREST



Photo by Frank the Security Guard

OHR CHADASH *continued from page 4*

Also planned is a musical performance by our students and a child friendly Megillah reading conducted by our music teacher, Moreh Marc.

On behalf of the Ohr Chadash School Board, much appreciation is extended to everyone who participated in our Kosher For Passover Candy Sale. The monies raised will help defray the expenses of our upcoming experiential programs, which include the carnival, our Passover School Seder, and our end-of-year Lag B'Omer Barbecue.

Wishing everyone a *Zissin* and meaningful Pesach and may the Season of our Freedom free our people from the oppression of the ongoing present-day conflict in our religious homeland.

Morah Shari

Small Groups at Hillcrest

Small Groups at HJC are back for Spring 2024! Join the fun with our familiar groups, now open to new participants, and explore the excitement of new groups led by Gerry Lewis, Aviva Peress and Matt Resnick.

What are Small Groups?

Seeking new connections? Craving engaging discussions or shared activities? Keen to explore fresh interests or cherished hobbies with a group?

Small Groups are the answer to all this and more.

Small Groups are gatherings of 6-10 participants who meet regularly to delve into focused discussions or partake in specific activities. Small Groups aim to strengthen the sense of community, broaden social circles, and foster deeper connections among participants.

The participant limit fosters stronger connections among participants through small group sizes. Small Groups are characterized by their small size, committed attendance, and set number of

meetings, with participants actively contributing to the group's success.

Initially, individuals can join one group, with spots available on a first come, first served basis. If space allows, participation in multiple groups might be an option. Currently, Small Groups are reserved for HJC members, however, if space permits, non-members will also have the opportunity to join.

Arts Engagement: New Exhibitions

led by Helene Jacob

Dates and times for museum visits will be determined based on admission hours/available days. Docent-led tours, when available (possible fee) will be arranged. Most visits will occur on Mondays and Tuesdays and occasional Wednesdays. Be willing to take the express bus to Manhattan, be a driver, pay for van service to Manhattan, carpool to local museums.

For more information contact Helene at crew184@aol.com.

Beyond Oy Vey: Yiddish Conversation

led by Eva Zimmerman

Every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at noon for up to two hours. If you can speak Yiddish a little or a lot, please join us at our Yiddish group get-togethers. No studying, no memorizing, no pressure. Our goal is to come together, have fun and meet other Yiddish speakers as we reconnect with the culture and language many of us grew up with. We have space for new members and would welcome anyone interested in honing their Yiddish conversational skills.

For more information contact Eva at elzimm76@gmail.com.

Book Discussion

led by Matt Resnick

Dates and time to be determined (three meetings with a month in between each.) Come down to discuss three different books that touch Jewish life. Odds are you

have not read them before. The first book will be *The Last Summer at the Golden Hotel* by Elyssa Friedland. Our second and third books will be determined but will also be fiction and will deal with Jewish topics in new and exciting ways. You will be responsible for getting the books and for being ready to discuss them.

For more information contact Matt at mattresnick@gmail.com.

Hebrew Schmooze

led by Aviva Peress

Every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 PM. Would you like to get together and schmooze in Hebrew? Please join us. A rudimentary knowledge of Hebrew is required.

For more information contact Aviva at peressa1@gmail.com.

Israeli Dance for Beginners

led by Iris Schachter

Tuesdays: 5:45 pm to 6:45 pm. 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 contact Iris at ischachter1@gmail.com.

Let's walk. Let's talk. Let's connect.

led by Anna Rottersman

Every Monday: 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Alley Pond Playground parking lot, 76th Ave., just off Springfield Boulevard. It's a new season, and a new opportunity to enjoy the physical and mental benefits of time spent outdoors involved in movement and good conversation. At each session, all members of the group will contribute to the exchange of thoughts and ideas. Wear appropriate, comfortable clothing and sturdy footwear. In the event of inclement weather, the walk will be canceled for that week.

For more information, contact Anna at rot111@aol.com. *continued on page 6*

SMALL GROUPS *cont. from page 5***Talking Baseball***led by Gerry Lewis*

Thursdays: Mar. 28, Apr. 4, 11, 18, May 2, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm (additional dates may be added depending on interest). Many of us have grown up rooting for different teams. What are our memories? Who are the best players? There are many opinions. What are the rules? What are the recent changes? Are they good or bad? Salaries being paid: are they crazy? These and related questions spark great conversations.

For more information contact Gerry at biggg199@aol.com.

Whiskey, Cigars, Torah and Schmooze*led by Rabbi Kogan and Norton Spiel*

Dates: Wednesdays, March 20, April 3 and 17, May 1 from 8:00-10:00 pm in the "smoking room" at Norton Spiel's home, Jamaica, close to HJC. Participants need to commit to attending all or most meetings. Open to men and women, smokers and non-smokers. If smoke bothers you, this small group is not for you! Cost is \$15 per meeting which includes 1 premium cigar per meeting and a selection of Bourbons and Single Malt Scotches.

For more information contact Rabbi Kogan at rabbikogan@hillcrestjc.org.

SYNAGOGUE OFFERINGS

As a member-in-good-standing, you may phone the office with your donation and the amount will appear on your next HJC bill.

Reminder

There is a \$25 minimum donation required for the listing to be printed in the Bulletin (one name per yearzeit listing).

General Fund:

Kathy & Gerry Lewis congratulate Joan Hausmann on the birth of her great-granddaughter Brynn Sophia Saffar.

Tina Schnall in honor of, and to thank, Cheryl Meyer.

Robert & Flo Gropper in honor of Melissa Gerstein and all the hard work she put into the Adult Ed program with Olivia Reingold.

Edna H. Greene in gratitude to Hashem.

Helene & Howard Jacob send a refuah shleimah to Joan Hausmann for a quick recovery to good health.

Aviva & Jimmy Peress wish Joan Hausmann a quick and complete recovery.

Esther Tokarz for yearzeit of father Harvey Schachter.

Arlene Goodman for yearzeit of grandmother Eva Liebowitz.

Rochelle Mandell for yearzeit of father Jerry Kupfer.

Myra Feder for yearzeit of mother Mae Anderman, a woman of valor and forever in our thoughts.

Iris Schachter for yearzeit of husband Harvey Schachter.

Jerry Kirschbaum for yearzeit of mother Rose Kirschbaum.

Phyllis Levitin for yearzeit of father Nathan Levitin.

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

Maxine Fishman for yearzeit of father Isadore Siegel.

Mark Solkoff for yearzeit of aunt Jeanne Schulman.

Mark Solkoff for yearzeit of father Fred Solkoff.

Debbie Solkoff for yearzeit of father Victor Allen Rubenstein.

Rhoda Ellner for yearzeit of husband Martin Ellner.

Melinda Gros for yearzeit of mother Isabel Gros.

Susan Varga for yearzeit of mother Mina Srebrolow.

Michael Brofman for yearzeit of grandfather Benjamin Finkel.

Lisa Hochstein for yearzeit of mother Sarah Hochstein.

Ellen Hochstein for yearzeit of mother Sarah Hochstein.

Renita Horowitz in memory of beloved brother Harvey Schachter.

Miriam Feldman in memory of Harry Black, beloved grandfather of Cantor Rachel Black.

Aviva & Jimmy Peress send heartfelt condolences to Cantor Rachel and family on the passing of her grandfather.

Gwen Jones-Cintron sends condolences to Cantor Rachel Black on the passing of her grandfather Harry Black.

Susan & Paul Diamond in memory of Cantor Black's grandfather Harry Black.

Rabbi Manes Kogan for yearzeit of beloved father Jose Kogan.

David Mack in memory of mother Ruth Kaufmann Mack.

Jacky Almog Mizrahi for yearzeit of mother Miriam bat Yael.

Nancy Rifkin in loving memory of mother Evelyn Feinroth, upon her yearzeit.

Dr. Jared Rifkin in loving memory of father Samuel Rifkin, upon his yearzeit.

Merle Askenas-Kaplan for yearzeit of father Ralph Weiss.

Robert Gottfried for yearzeit of father Norman Gottfried.

Ari Goldberg for yearzeit of mother Emily Goldberg.

Paula Schoen for yearzeit of grandfather Isidor Schoen.

Paula Schoen for yearzeit of grandfather Samuel Pollack.

Paula Schoen for yearzeit of uncle Bruce Powers.

Paula Schoen for yearzeit of aunt Frieda Steinberger.

Larry Schonfeld for yearzeit of father William Schonfeld.

Aviva & Jimmy Peress in memory of beloved uncles Sam and Jacob Neubauer.

Aviva & Jimmy Peress in memory of beloved aunt Miriam Frosh.

Aviva & Jimmy Peress in memory of beloved mother and grandmother Sophie Bruner.

Sandy Mattes-Schwartz for yearzeit of father Benjamin Mattes.

Elaine Soffer for yearzeit of mother Norma Soffer.

Nitza Schraeter for yearzeit of mother Bracha Turner.

Nitza Schraeter for yearzeit of father Elisha Turner.

Eva Zimmerman for yearzeit of mother Betty Greenberg.

Len Zimmerman for yearzeit of father Benjamin Zimmerman.

Zane Tenebaum for yearzeit of wife Sima Tenenbaum.

Zane Tenenbaum for yearzeit of father David Tenenbaum.

Milton Nathanson for yearzeit of mother Mary Nathanson.

Shirley Goldfeder for yearzeit of father-in-law Herman Goldfeder, brother-in-law Stanley Goldfeder, and cousin Sheldon Goldfeder.

Stanley Katz for yearzeit of father-in-law Sammy Fuchs.

Richard Meyer in memory of father Louis Meyer.

Gary Darche for yearzeit of brother Al Darche.

Ronald Moskowitz for yearzeit of mother Alice Moskowitz.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

Carl & Phyllis Gruber.

Stuart Zaikov.

Susan & Ralph Straus thank Rabbi Kogan for all that he does.

Natalie Nussbaum in memory of husband Stanley Nussbaum.

Askenas Audio Visual Fund:

Merle Askenas-Kaplan for yearzeit of father Ralph Weiss.

SISTERHOOD PROGRAM

Monday, April 8 at 12:30 PM

Edwin Black – “My Road to History”

See Sisterhood column on page 3 for further information

Important April flyers enclosed in the mailing envelope

SPRING CONCERT

Sunday, April 14 at 3:00 PM

with Cantor Rachel Black and

Pianist Yaron Gershovsky of the Manhattan Transfer

\$25 for members, \$35 for non-members, students under 18 are free
Sponsorship \$180 includes 2 free tickets and post-concert reception

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

For Sale of Chametz (Leavened Products)

This form must be in the office no later than Friday, April 19, 2024

COMMUNITY SEDER – FIRST NIGHT OF PASSOVER

Monday, April 22 at 7:30 PM

Led by Rabbi Manes Kogan and Cantor Rachel Black

See flyer for rates and response form

This form must be in the office no later than Tuesday, April 16, 2024