PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Usually I write about some piece of pop culture and I find a way to tie it into my message for the month. This month I was going to discuss the books I read this year and which ones I think the congregation might enjoy (and yes I will reach the 120 books for the year). Instead I feel compelled to write about something I never thought I would have to write about – the rise of antisemitism, often called the oldest hatred in the United States.

The past two weeks have seen Kanye (now known as Ye) and Kyrie Irving both use their very public platforms to spread antisemitism. At least three different cases occurred afterwards, where people unfurled banners that said Kanye was right. It took a few days for the Brooklyn Nets to suspend Kyrie Irving for his promotion of a video that denies the Holocaust. I was left wondering if he had posted a video that promoted Jimmy the Greek’s theory that African Americans were better athletes because of the way they were bred during slavery, if it would have taken that long. The first weekend of November saw almost all of the synagogues go on high alert as the FBI reported a credible threat against synagogues in New Jersey. Make no mistake about it, antisemitism is on the rise. Antisemitic attacks are on the rise as well.

Before we go any further, let us break down a distinction that I think often gets lost in our society. The right to freedom of speech is there to protect you from the GOVERNMENT punishing you for your speech. It does not mean you are free of consequences of your speech from private companies and from private individuals. If Adidas decides to drop Ye (which they did) and they do so within the legal parameters of his contract, they are perfectly allowed to. If Elon Musk and Twitter decide to ban you, once again they are totally within their right (it is a privately held company answerable only to Mr. Musk). I think this is important to say because all too often people throw out continued on page 3
From Rabbi Kogan
When 51% Is Not Enough, or How to Read Election Results
Dear Friends of Hillcrest Jewish Center,

As I write these words, the Soccer World Cup is about to begin. The World Cup is the most prestigious association football tournament in the world and every four years, those of us who enjoy the beautiful game get reenergized by 32 teams (including The U.S. and Argentina) competing for the ultimate glory. Also, those of us who like sports (not only soccer) know that all you need to achieve this moment of glory is a one goal difference – just one.

Now imagine the following exchange between a husband and wife: “Honey, when I think about all the years we have been married, I realized that I really loved you during 60% of all these years.” Winning your spouse’s affection 60% against 40% wouldn’t make most of us happy. In other words, in relationships, numbers are not enough; the parts involved need to make the relationship work.

How do elections compare with the above two different scenarios? I would like to suggest that we can think about winning an election as somewhere in between the sports scenario and the relationship one.

Like in the sports scenario, all you need to win an election is one more point than the other candidate. In most states, getting more votes than your opponents will give you a seat in Congress or the Senate.

However, not totally unlike the relationships scenario, to successfully run a country, a state, a city, a congregation, or a family, it is not enough to win by the minimum margin. Successful leaders understand that 51% of the votes, or 60% of the votes only gives an opportunity to create consensus and make a difference for 100% of the population, be it the population of a country, a state, a congregation, or a family.

In sports, when you win by the minimum margin, you can lift the cup and celebrate in a triumphant parade. When you win an election by 55%, let’s say, and you are a good leader, you must think: what can I do to reach out to or to connect with the other 45% who didn’t vote for me.

Our country is extremely divided, if not 50/50, close enough. It will take true leaders and “wise” winners in both parties to be gracious in their victory and use their new gained power to reach out to those who think differently, to create consensus among their constituents, and to build bridges around common interests.

I pray that Hashem who is One, and whose name is One, will grant wisdom to the leaders of our country, the State of Israel, and the world, to bring unity where there is dissension, to build bridges where there is disconnection, and to strive to create consensus and lead with kindness and compassion.

It may be too much to ask, but who knows, we may all be surprised.

Rabbi Manes Kogan

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
The Board of Trustees met on October 20, 2022. A large part of the meeting was devoted to the continued negotiations for the sale of our building, with a provision for us to lease back the portions of the building that we use the most. The prospective purchaser with whom we are negotiating, David Murdkhayevev, met with the Board in person to introduce himself and answer any questions that Board members may have. Mr. Murdkhayevev explained that he and his family have lived in the neighboring community for twenty years, and plans to use the ballroom to host catered events. Before the catering takes place, he will do extensive renovations. He understands our absolute right to use the space that we will be leasing back as we see fit, without any noise or other disturbances. He recognized Board members’ concerns about security, and suggested that alarmed doors can help ensure that visitors to catered events do not intrude on HJC space. Mr. Murdkhayevev is willing to keep the Hillcrest Jewish Center name on the outside of the building, and to allow us to have shared use of the parking lot.

Our negotiations are continuing, and by the time you read this newsletter a Letter of Intent will hopefully have been signed that will guide the negotiations over a detailed contract of sale and lease. As a reminder, the main terms are as follows:

- The building and land will be sold.
- HJC will continue to own the Rabbi’s house and the cantor’s house. Those buildings are not part of this deal.

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hateful comments and say they are exercising free speech and therefore cannot be punished.

Either way, what can we do about the rise of antisemitism? Well, the first thing we can do is speak out when we see hatred wherever it is. If the block is on fire, I need to help my neighbor with his fire as well as my own, to prevent the fire from coming back. That being said, there is something to be said for what flight attendants say with the safety instructions…take care of yourself before the children. They are basically saying if you do not protect yourself, you cannot protect anyone else, and I think that is very important. Speak up for everyone, but you MUST speak up for the Jewish people. Do not let a silly joke slide. Do not say, well they have always been friendly so they can’t mean anything by it. Act like everything is the canary in the coal mine and call out every incident, because every incident is important.

Another thing we can do (and I truly cannot believe I am writing this) is not fall into the trap we have fallen into numerous times. We can believe that the majority of people in this country are not antisemitic, but remember two things: the first is that the Nazis took power without a majority, and the second is this — if someone tells you who they are, believe them. Ye has said he is an antisemite. I see no reason not to believe him and act accordingly. A loud vocal minority in this country are showing us who they are and I think we better believe them. In other words, do not think we are safe here just because we have always been. For the first time in a long time I have made sure that my family’s passports are readily available and that we have traveling cash just in case. I know we don’t need them, I know we probably will never need them. But better to not need them and have them, then need them and not have them.

I do not want to seem alarmist, but sometimes you have to be the first one screaming from the rooftops. I was taught that the major miracle of Hanukkah was not that the oil burned for 8 nights, but that the Maccabees won a war they should not have. I believe that if we are vigilant and use our voices it will not come to that again. Join with me in speaking out against all forms of hate, but especially against the oldest hatred.

Matthew Resnick, President

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- We will lease back the sanctuary, the Moreida, and all the rooms (offices, kitchen, library, conference room, store, bathrooms, hallway, etc.) between those spaces, for a period of at least 20 years.
- We will pay rent during the 20-year lease. This is to provide us with leverage over our landlord, to ensure that all our rights under the contract are respected. If the landlord breaches the lease, we will have the right to withhold rent. When the present value of the rent is subtracted from the purchase price, the net proceeds of the deal for HJC will be a bit more than the amount stated at previous meetings and required by the Board’s resolution — enough to keep HJC financially healthy for at least 20 years.
- We will have outdoor space for a Sukkah, and the right to use the ballroom for the High Holidays.
- The whole deal will be subject to a vote of the entire congregation after the detailed contract is negotiated. Congregants will have an opportunity to review the contract of sale and lease agreement before the vote. The New York State Attorney General will also have to approve the deal.
- The Board also conducted some other business. We voted to install new windows for the Rabbi’s house. The current windows are original to the house. HJC is well-known for having a warm Rabbi, and we want to keep him that way.
- The Board rejected a proposal for hiring a temporary rabbinical intern who would work during the time that Rabbi Kogan is away at his basic training for the National Guard in early 2023. Other options will be considered at the Board’s November 15 meeting, which will already have taken place by the time you read this.
- Rabbi Kogan is entitled to Sabbatical time under his contract, and he has chosen to use some of that time for his military training.

Richard Kass, Board Chair

SISTERHOOD

We have arranged an IN PERSON social afternoon at Hillcrest for Monday, December 12th.

We invite you and your friends to play Mah Jongg, Rummikub, Scrabble, cards and any other board games that you enjoy. Card tables will be set up in the Moreida. Please bring your games and we will provide refreshments. Have lunch at home, as no outside food will be allowed to be brought into the building.

The date again is Monday, December 12th at 12:30. In order to ensure that we have enough tables set up, please call the office at 718-380-4145 to let us know you plan to attend.

Our Sisterhood Gift Shop is now displaying Hanukkah items as well as a variety of gifts for all other occasions. The Gift Shop is open after services on Shabbat. To make an appointment for another time, please call the office to make the arrangement.

We must stop assuming that a thing which has never been done before probably cannot be done at all.

Happy Hanukkah.

Karen Rothman, Sisterhood President

MEN’S CLUB

Another call-out to our Hillcrest brethren with suggestions for professional sports/entertainment outings in 2023 with the Men’s Club. Make your feelings known: Rangers, Islanders, Knicks, Nets, Mets, Yankees…even the WWE (now there’s an idea)! Contact President Marty Gutman at mpgutman@gmail.com with your thoughts.

Yes, 2023 is just around the corner. Mark your calendars! On Saturday evening, February 11th, we invite everyone to the Moreida Auditorium for Military Bridge. The following morning, February 12th, is the World Wide Wrap in the Main Sanctuary, followed by breakfast in the Moreida. Please check future emails and flyers for details.

Please advise our executive board of any video presentations (Jewish-related movies, documentaries, biographies, etc.) in your home libraries which could be included in future HJC Men’s Club Movie Nights.

On behalf of our executive board, Happy Hanukkah one and all!

Joel Berkowitz

OUR SUCCESSFUL BONFIRE EVENT

Seventy people came out on Saturday night, November 12th for Hillcrest’s second annual Bonfire Havdalah. After Rabbi Kogan conducted Havdalah, the fire was lit and s’mores were made.

The weather was unusually warm for November and everyone had a great time catching up and eating pizza and chips.

Could this be a new yearly HJC event? Maybe!
HILLCREST SMALL GROUPS

The Small Groups initiative is off to a great start. There are currently six groups with approximately 43 participants. Group members are happily working (on Shabbat and on weekdays), Scrabbling, memoir writing, cooking, and visiting and discussing art. While engaging in these activities, they are getting to know each other and are forging friendships.

We want to thank the current group leaders: Silvia Kogan, Caroline Kazdan, Analee Sternberg, Eva Zimmerman, Susan Diamond, and Helene Jacob for being the pioneers in this endeavor.

We are already looking ahead to the next round of Small Groups. We want your suggestions. The ideas can be related to Judaism or not. They can involve activities or discussions. They can be conducted in-person or on Zoom. Anything that would interest you might very well attract enough people to be the basis for a small group, so don’t be shy about sharing your ideas. Call or email us with your suggestions and/or to volunteer to be a leader.

Please help to make the Small Groups initiative successful so that Hillcrest Jewish Center can become an even stronger, more welcoming community.

Melissa Gerstein, 718-380-4145
melissa@hillcrestjc.org
Elaine Soffer, 917-697-1918
soffere@gmail.com

IRA CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

The Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) has been permanently extended. This allows IRA owners and beneficiaries over age 70 to tell their IRA institutions to make a specific dollar amount payment directly to the charities of their choice. This applies to traditional and Roth IRAs.

This is very important! The QCD must be made directly from the IRA to the charitable organization. Any qualified charity is permitted, but does not include donor advised funds, a supporting organization, a private foundation, or a split interest charitable trust.

The QCD amount will not be included in the taxpayer’s income and is not deductible on the taxpayer’s return. It does lower the adjusted gross income on your tax return.

The QCD will count toward the IRA owner’s required minimum distribution from his IRA. It is limited to $100,000 per year, and husband and wife are treated as separate entities.

Les Sufrin

Save on your 2022 Taxes

Just a reminder to send in all contributions before December 31, 2022 to take advantage of any deductions on your 2022 tax return. Your check payable to Hillcrest Jewish Center is the most economical way to make your payment. HJC has MasterCard, Visa, Amex and Discover available to assist you, but there is a 3% service charge if credit cards are used. Please see Juana, Melissa or one of the other office personnel.

VISIT BY BOROUGH PRESIDENT’S QUEENS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On September 21st, members of the Borough President’s Queens General Assembly came for a visit to Hillcrest Jewish Center for a truly memorable experience. Rabbi Kogan brought our guests into the sanctuary where he spoke to everyone about Jewish traditions, blew the shofar, opened a Torah to demonstrate how the words are chanted. The group was then invited into the Moreida for fruit salad and pastries and an "Ask the Rabbi" session. There they heard about how being Latino and Jewish are two important aspects of Rabbi Kogan’s identity, and how he recently became a Chaplain in the U.S. Army.

In addition to Rabbi Kogan and Sherry Reisner, those attending were QGA leader Susie Tanenbaum of the Borough President’s office, colleagues Tim Chubindzic, Vanessa Ordonez and Steven Mendivelso, and QGA members Kavish Batra, Bob Cereli, Lourdes V. Hartrick and Dustin Joyce. Photo by Atiq Quadri

PICKLEBALL

On October 30th for nearly 2-1/2 hours, the Moreida was transformed into 2 pickleball courts. A good time was had by both novices and expert pickleballers. Members new to the game learned the rules and got a taste of what it felt like to compete. We had a delicious bagel breakfast. Tables were set up in the upper Moreida and it was nice to talk and catch up with each other at an in-person event. We meet again on December 4th. Esther Tokarz

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS OF HJC

Children of Hillcrest Jewish Center members who are attending college, away from home or living at home, are eligible to receive mailings, gifts and invitations supported by the Edith and Aaron Goldberg College Outreach Fund.

The list of eligible recipients is generated by the parents of the college students. Register your children by submitting their name and college or home address for this semester. Email the information to Kantis2@gmail.com or phone Carol Kantro at 718-969-7784.
OHR CHADASH
Celebrations Galore and More in Store

Normally, Heshvan is a month of respite between the holiday-laden month of Tishrei and Kislev’s eight-day Festival of Lights, Hanukkah. As of this writing our students are still awaiting the commemoration of the Maccabees victory over the Syrian Greeks, but the saga of the Ohr Chadashians and their special programs when last we met in this periodical’s pages is a noteworthy tale which merits relating.

On Sunday, September 18th, a week prior to Rosh Hashanah, our students welcomed the upcoming Jewish New Year with traditional individual dipping of apple slices in honey and cinnamon and fruit Danish to start 5783 off with extra sweetness.

After a hiatus on September 25th to prepare for Yom Tov, school resumed on October 2nd, with Rabbi Kogan providing insight into the holiest day on the Jewish calendar, Yom Kippur. The children kept the rabbi on his toes, posing thoughtful and pointed questions about the Tishrei holidays. At Recap Time they watched several videos which concentrated on the importance of Yom Kippur and also humorously recounted to them how difficult it is for some grown-ups to fast and get their minds off food, even if it’s only for one day.

The following Sunday, October 9th, our students learned how to assemble the components of the lulav: the aravot (willows), the hadassim (myrtle) and the palm branch. Waving the lulav with the etrog (lemon’esque citrus fruit), after saying the appropriate brachot (blessings), the students were now ready for the upcoming Sukkot holiday.

Rabbi Kogan then provided our students with the ten-dollar tour of the Main Sanctuary of Hillcrest Jewish Center. As he unlocked the ark, our youngsters stood awestruck at the magnificence of the display of Torahs. The Rabbi then opened the scroll and the magic of the sacred writings was revealed to the children.

At day’s end, some of our students assisted in the decoration of the Hillcrest sukkah, while the remainder of the school watched videos of the actual construction of a sukkah from the ground up and the marching through the streets of Jerusalem with a conga line of participants shaking their lulavim and etrogim.

On Hoshanah Rabbah, October 16th, Ohr Chadash combined with the Hillcrest Jewish Center morning minyanaires to form the processions of Hoshanot (seven circuits around the sanctuary), as those in line waved lulav and etrog and chanted the holiday prayers. Upon conclusion of the last procession, each student was given a willow branch to beat upon the pews until the room was covered with a carpet of leaves.

After classes, the children retired to the sukkah and were joined by Rabbi Hillel Lavry-Isreali, ICCJ’s new spiritual leader, with guitar in hand. The Rabbi led the students and teachers in song, building up energy and whetting their appetites. Pizza from Benny’s and beverages replenished their vigor, which had been exhausted by the day’s activities, and the children completed the school day with questions posed to the Rabbi and more songs.

As of this writing, the month of October is concluding and our students are practicing Shabbat prayers and melodies with Morah Lynne for the school-wide November 6th special Shabbat program. We are also happily anticipating a Thanksgiving book celebration on Sunday, November 20th.

Our school commemoration of Hanukkah is slated for Sunday, December 18th, with day-long programs to welcome the holiday, which begins that evening. We want to wish all our Ohr Chadash families and our staff a warm and wonderful celebration and may the menorah’s light brighten your days with joy and contentment.

With Love,
Morah Shari

Daily Services
Monday-Friday mornings..... 7:00 AM
Sunday & holiday mornings ... 8:30 AM
Sunday-Thursday evenings..... 7:00 PM

Attention Snowbirds
Continue to receive mail from HJC. Notify the office, in writing, of your winter address, the start and return dates, and we will make the mailing list changes. Please also advise Sisterhood. Thank you.

PUB NIGHT IS BACK
We are welcoming back an old favorite: Pub Night! Join us on Saturday, January 7th at 7:00 PM for food, fellowship and fermented beverages. Jamey Kohn and Raf Tokarz are already planning what beers to try this year. Let us know if you have a unique favorite that you want to introduce to others.

Everyone 21 years and older is invited to attend. The cost is $25 per person which will include all food and drinks, or $15 for anyone not drinking. In order for us to have a proper supply of food, please RSVP before December 29th to family@hillcrestjc.org.

We hope to see you there. Cheers!
Rina Kohn and Esther Tokarz

YOUTH SERVICES & MORE
In the past few months, youth services and programming at Hillcrest have been off to a great start! Twice a month, we have youth services on Saturdays for children of all ages, ranging from 1-18 years old. During the High Holidays, we saw even more young faces that we’re looking forward to seeing more often during the year as well. Before Sukkot, some of our younger members helped decorate our beautiful communal sukkah! In addition, we have had our Teen Minyan and Junior Congregation Shabbat dinners which were such a fun and meaningful experience for all who attended. At the dimers, we sang Shabbat songs, ate a delicious meal, played some games, chatted, and made new friends. There are plenty more exciting events on the horizon so keep your eyes open for updates on programming and services.

Please check the weekly Shabbat Shalom to see if there are upcoming dimers. Drop off and pick up times may vary. Youth services are listed on page 1.

For any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at hjcyouth@gmail.com!
We look forward to continuing these exciting events with full participation for the rest of the year.

Happy Hanukkah! Abby Kogan
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 yahrzeit listing).

General Fund:
Elizabeth & Steven Bacharach.
Mimi & Alan Frank.
Judith & Marty Gutman wish a Yasher Koach to Michael Brofman for stepping up to do the haftarah for Men's Club Shabbat last June.
Judith & Marty Gutman wish a Yasher Koach to Kathy & Gerry Lewis for another successful golf outing.
Iris Schachter wishes Mazal Tov on the marriage of Samantha Nusbaum to Michael Rippe, granddaughter of Renita Horowitz and Shirley Golde.
Rosalie Weiner thanks Melissa for enabling her and Nora Wizenberg to see Ushpizen.
Raina & Jamey Kohn in appreciation of Rabbi Kogan.
Beth Ritter for yahrzeit of husband Gene Ritter.
Beth Ritter for yahrzeit of aunt Barbara Cassell.
Harriet Rosengarten for yahrzeit of mother Lillian Horen.
Aviva & Jimmy Peress in memory of beloved sister Iris David.
Aviva & Jimmy Peress in memory of beloved niece Avital Peress.
Rabbi Manes Kogan for yahrzeit of great-grandmother Yehudit Zelikovitch de Josid and great-grandfather Menacham Manes Akster.
Louise Derzansky-Cohen for yahrzeit of mother Aliza Derzansky.
Paul Cohen for yahrzeit of sister-in-law Gloria Cliftords.
Paul Cohen for yahrzeit of father William Cohen.
Joel Berkowitz for yahrzeit of grandmother Sheindel Peltz.
Jeanette Kent for yahrzeit of father-in-law Morris Kantrowitz.
Paula Schoen for yahrzeit of father Martin Schoen.
Jessica Tinianow for yahrzeit of uncle Arthur Rath.
Claire Pressman for yahrzeit of husband Murray Pressman.
Yvette Bercovitz for yahrzeit of mother Mildred Mittler.
Marcia & Sol Karsch in memory of Arthur Farkas, beloved husband of Florence Farkas.
Marcia & Sol Karsch in memory of Sylvia Weprin.
Carole Krull for yahrzeit of father Eli Kitai.
Paula Schoen for yahrzeit of mother Julia Schoen.
Michael Cantor for yahrzeit of grandmother Fannie Zucker.
Sela Zellman for yahrzeit of father Philip Eisenstat.
Steven Rosenhaus for yahrzeit of brother Jay Rosenhaus.
Ida Bobrow for yahrzeit of brother Hyman Muss.
Martin Herman for yahrzeit of father Jack Herman.
Sheldon Lorber for yahrzeit of father Harry Lorber.
Susan Beberfall for yahrzeit of mother Flora Beberfall.
Ruth & Steven Rosenhaus in memory of Cheryl Dockser, sister of Samuel Bahn.
Merle Askenas-Kaplan for yahrzeit of father-in-law David Askenas.
Sally Rothstein for yahrzeit of husband Edward Rothstein.
Edna Greene in memory of Elly Gross.
Iris Schachter in memory of Elly Gross, mother of Aggie Weisz.
Iris Schachter in memory of Sylvia Weprin.
Iris Schachter in memory of Arthur Farkas.
Andria Grundman Cooper & Scott Cooper in memory of Millie Seidman, mother of HJC Camp Director Howie Seidman.
Bernard Spear for yahrzeit of mother Gussie Spear.
Priscilla Nathanson for yahrzeit of mother Helen Harris.
Dorothy & Larry Schonfeld extend condolences to Aggie & Ted Weisz on the loss of Elly Gross.
Florence & Robert Gropper in memory of Sylvia Weprin.
Sam Levine for yahrzeit of father David Goldberg.
Sherry Klein for yahrzeit of mother Myra Liebowitz.
Mark Klein for yahrzeit of mother Margaret Klein.
Kathy & Gerry Lewis send condolences to Aggie Weisz on the passing of her mother Elly Gross.
Bertha Strauss in memory of Elly Gross, a very special woman.
Fredda Chodorow-Goldberg for yahrzeit of grandfather Abraham Chodorow.
Joan Hausmann for yahrzeit of mother-in-law Stella Hausmann.

Carol Pine for yahrzeit of grandmother Tziporah Pinchuk.
Sela & Steven Zellman extend condolences to the Weprin family upon the passing of their matriarch Sylvia Weprin.
Stanley Katz for yahrzeit of son Mitchell Katz.
Alan & Sherry Reisner extend condolences to Aggie Weisz and family on the passing of her beloved mother Elly Gross.
Betty Kaplan on the 24th anniversary yahrzeit for Rose Zsaumer, beloved mother, grandmother and friend.
Priscilla Nathanson for yahrzeit of mother Helen Harris.
Mark Solkoff for yahrzeit of uncle Sydney Solkoff.
Susan Beberfall offers condolences to the Weprin family on the passing of Sylvia Weprin.
Susan Beberfall offers condolences to Aggie & Ted Weisz on the passing of Elly Gross.
Ted Lehnman in memory of grand-father Max Reichenberg who perished on Nov. 5, 1941 (7 Heshvan 5704) in Terezin/Theresienstadt.
Jane & Larry Marco offer deepest sympathy in memory of Elly Gross, beloved mother of Aggie Weisz.
Natalie Nusbaum in memory of beloved mother Sadie Port Lewis, z’l, an independent woman ahead of our time.
Renita Horowitz in memory of Elly Gross.

Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund:
Iris Schachter wishes Mazal Tov to Edgar Schwartz on Chatan Torah and to Esther Tokarz on Kallat Bereishet.
Judith & Marty Gutman wish Yasher Koach to Rabbi Kogan for his inspirational D’Var Torahs.
Iris Schachter in memory of Cheryl Dockser, sister of Sam Bahn.
Ellen & Arnie Schweitzer send condolences to Aggie & Ted Weisz on the passing of Elly Gross.
Judy Samuels in memory of Sam & Sara Samuels.

Edith & Aaron Goldberg
College Outreach Fund:
Judy & Randy Stein in memory of Elly Gross, mother of Aggie Weisz.

Prayer Book Fund:
Aviva & Jimmy Peress in memory of grandparents Shlomo and Libche Neubauer.
Roberta Sufrin for yahrzeit of mother Lillian Shapiro. continued on page 8
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Askenas Audio Visual Fund:
Merle & Bernie Kaplan congratulate granddaughter Julianna Rose Kaplan upon receiving 3rd grade chumash at Solomon Schechter School of Long Island.

Mowshowitz Library Fund:
Robert Sufrin for yahrzeit of mother Lillian Shapiro.

Capital Improvement Fund:
Sela & Steve Zellman extend condolences to Florence Farkas and family upon the passing of Arthur Farkas.

Sam & Stella Skura Holocaust Fund:
Phyllis Orlikoff Flug & Arthur Flug in memory of Sylvia Weprin.
Sela & Steve Zellman mourn the passing of Elly Gross, a true woman of valor.
Patricia Link in memory of Elly Gross.

Once again we have lost a loved one and once again, Hillcrest came to our side and comforted us in our hour of grief. Elly Bercowitz Gross was a very special person and the Hillcrest congregants, our beloved Rabbi and the Hillcrest staff helped us honor her memory with kind words, caring and compassion. Thank you all so much. Aggie & Ted Weisz

HOLIDAY PHONE CALLS
By mistake, Rochelle Mandell’s name was omitted from last month’s listing.