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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Passover is here! Recently I discovered a humorous script for a commercial advertising karpas, one of the symbols on the Seder plate.

Announcer: Are you tired of the same old Passover foods? (On screen, we see a table set for the Seder with a plate of matzah and a bowl of charoset, but no karpas.)

Announcer: Add some excitement to your Seder with karpas – the delicious greens that add flavor and symbolism to your Passover celebration. (On screen, we see a close-up of a bunch of fresh karpas, with water droplets glistening on the leaves.)

Announcer: Karpas represents the bitterness of slavery, and dipping them in salt water adds to the rich history and meaning of the holiday. (On screen, we see a hand taking a sprig of karpas and dipping it into a bowl of salt water.)

Announcer: So don't just stick to the same old foods this Passover. Add some flavor and significance to your celebration with karpas. (On screen, we see a shot of the Seder table, now set with the matzah, charoset, and a bowl of karpas. The camera pans out to show a happy group of people gathered around the table.)

Announcer: Karpas – the perfect addition to your Passover Seder!

All of us have childhood memories of family Seders with different vegetables being used for karpas. We dip the karpas in salt water and say the blessing, בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הָאֲדָמָה, *who creates the fruit of the earth*. Which vegetable do you use in your home for karpas? It might be a leafy green like parsley or celery. Some of us may use root vegetables such as potatoes, radishes or onions.

At a recent planting lesson taught by the organization Grow Torah at our grandson's school, the fourth graders and grandparents planted parsley seeds to grow micro-greens in time for their Seders. Microgreens can be a good

symbolic choice for *karpas* on the Seder plate, particularly when traditional fresh herbs are unavailable. Representing the spring season and renewal, the plant is fast growing and offers a vibrant, nutritious and tender green option for observing the ritual. To harvest, you use a pair of scissors to snip just above the soil line.

The children learned about the concept of *l'ovdah ul'shomrah*, "to work the soil and guard/tend it." In the Book of Genesis (2:15), God places man in the Garden of Eden (לעבדה ולשמרה), *to till it and tend it*. From this verse we are taught that Hashem decided it would be better for us to take responsibility for the world we live in, to protect and preserve the integrity of God's creation, so that its diverse species, including humans, can thrive.

A zissen Pesach to all!

B'Shalom, *Helene Jacob, President*

SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, April 1 – Siyum – Fast of the First Born (Erev Pesach)... 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.

Stop eating Chametz by 10:51 A.M.

Sell and Burn Chametz before 11:55 AM

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

Candle Lighting (Pesach starts) 7:03 P.M.

First Night Community Seder by reservation only..... 7:15 P.M.

Thursday, April 2– 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..... 7:00 P.M.

Light candles from pre-existing flame..... after 8:03 P.M.

Second Seder at Home

Friday, April 3 – Second Day of Pesach..... 9:00 A. M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 22:26-23:44, Numbers 28:16-25

Haftarah: 2 Kings 23:1-9, 21:25

Mincha..... 6.45 P.M.

Kabbalat Shabbat & Maariv..... 7:00 P.M.

Light Shabbat candles from pre-existing flame..... 7:05 P.M.

Second Day Pesach ends and Shabbat Starts 7:05 P.M.

Saturday, April 4 – Shabbat Chol Hamoed Pesach 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Exodus 33:12-34:26, Numbers 28:19-25

Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Kindershul 10:30 A.M.

Mincha..... 6:30 P.M.

Shiur/Seudah Shlishit 7:00 P.M.

Maariv 7:45 P.M.

Shabbat ends 8:05 P.M.

Sunday, April 5 – Chol Hamoed Pesach 8:30 A.M.

Evening Minyan..... 7:00 P.M.

Monday, April 6 – Chol Hamoed Pesach 7:00 A.M.

Evening Minyan..... 7:00 P.M.

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CENTER FAMILY

Congratulations to:

Brona Hammer on the marriage of her granddaughter Esther to Dovi.

Flo & Bob Gropper on the marriage of their granddaughter Esther to Dovi.

Rabbi Manes & Silvia Kogan on the marriage of their son Ilan to Sara Merkin.

Nora Kozuch on the birth of granddaughter Eliana Ruth Santos.

Condolences to:

The Mowshowitz and Orenstein families on the passing of Sylvia Orenstein.

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

April Milestone Anniversary:

Andria Grundman Cooper & Scott Cooper (45)

YOM HASHOAH

Monday, April 13 – 7:00 PM

The guest presenters for this year's Yom Hashoah program will be writer/illustrator Karen Leon, classical pianist Laura Leon and songwriter/composer Nina Leon. Aside from being quite successful in their chosen fields, they have an interesting story to tell.

Their mother, renowned columnist Masha Leon and their grandmother were Holocaust survivors. Chiune Sugihara, a Japanese diplomat stationed in Kaunas, Lithuania in 1940, gave these two women, and over 3,000 other Jews from Nazi-occupied countries, transit visas to Japan, thus saving all their lives.

Please join us to experience this little-known, heroic episode in our history.

The Holocaust Committee

From Rabbi Kogan

Dear Friends of Hillcrest Jewish Center,

Last month I was trained over a three-day period on an assessment tool called PsychoGeometrics.

PsychoGeometrics is a communication system and behavioral science framework developed by Dr. Susan Dellinger in 1978. It uses five geometric shapes to identify personality traits and communication styles, helping individuals understand how they relate to others in both professional and personal settings.

The training involves the *Shapes Assessment*, a 15-minute online test that identifies your primary and secondary shapes, revealing your natural strengths and communication challenges; *Shape Flexing*, the skill of intentionally adapting your behavior to another person's shape style to improve communication and reduce conflict; and *Strategic Shaping*, a methodology for choosing the right "shape order" of communication—what to say and how to say it—to be more effective in leadership, or coaching.

I became familiar with PsychoGeometrics through my Army experience, and I already know it will have a positive influence in my congregational work as well as my personal life.

While a big part of the training was technical, I learned a wonderful insight, which I would like to share with you. It involves the difference between *the Golden Rule* and what the developers of PsychoGeometrics call the *Platinum Rule*.

All of you are familiar with the Golden Rule: treat others the way you wish to be treated. We could agree that if the entire world embraced the Golden Rule, we would all be in a better place.

So, what is the Platinum Rule?

The *Platinum Rule* brings a minor, but very meaningful twist to the Golden Rule. It states: *treat others the way they wish to be treated*.

You see, people are different, want different things, have different styles of communication, and get excited, and upset, by different things.

I, for example, enjoy cigars and playing golf. Now, it would be a big mistake if, for our wedding anniversary, I were to give Silvia a box of cigars and a round of golf at a fancy course, just because this is how I wish to be treated. In order to treat Silvia the way she likes to be treated, for example, I need to learn what she likes, what she enjoys, what she prefers (believe me, I am working on it).

You like to hug and kiss people? That's wonderful. Just remember that not everyone is a hugger or a kisser, so before you show your affection to others, it might be a good idea to apply the Platinum Rule. You enjoy loud music? That is great! Just know that not everyone does.

These are just a couple of examples, and hopefully you get the idea.

If you live your life by the *Golden Rule*, you are better off than 73.8% of humanity (I just invented that statistic). Now you may want to challenge yourself by incorporating the *Platinum Rule* to your life. Of course, it will take some effort and adjustment, and the obvious realization that, while everyone likes to be treated with love, respect, kindness, and consideration – love, respect, kindness, and consideration may look different to different people.

Being mindful of what is important and meaningful to the person next to you will make you into a better person, and the community of which you are part, a better one.

Rabbi Manes Kogan

From Executive Director Nadine Kochavi

Annual Conference of North American Association of Synagogue Executives

I am grateful for the opportunity to attend the recent conference of the North American Association of Synagogue Executives (NAASE) this past February in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, Texas. The gathering brought together synagogue executive directors from across North America to learn from one another, share experiences, and strengthen our professional network. The conference theme, "**Embrace Tradition and Build for Tomorrow,**" focused on recognizing what is changing in synagogue life while strengthening the values and practices that endure.

Throughout the conference, participants explored how synagogues can meet the evolving needs of their communities while remaining rooted in Jewish tradition.

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One highlight was a full-day learning session dedicated to the **informational, ethical, and practical uses of Artificial Intelligence in synagogue life**, led by keynote speaker Dr. Sarah Rubinson Levy. The AI Summit, titled **“Leading the Future Without Losing the Human,”** explored how technology can support synagogue leadership while remaining guided by our core values.

The day was organized around three key areas:

- **Tradition Meets Tomorrow** – Understanding what AI is and what it is not: a tool that can support efficiency, strategy, and creativity, but not replace human leadership or community.

- **Keeping AI Human** – Examining the opportunities and risks, including privacy, bias, transparency, equity, and responsible governance.

- **AI Sandbox** – Hands-on experimentation where participants explored practical applications, drafted guidelines, and discussed next steps for responsible implementation.

The message throughout the day was clear: **technology will continue to evolve, but our values must remain constant.**

I look forward to bringing these insights, tools, and ideas back to Hillcrest Jewish Center as we continue working together to strengthen our community and honoring our traditions while thoughtfully building for tomorrow.

Nadine Kochavi, Executive Director

**Celebrate
YOM HA'ATZMAUT
at Hillcrest
TUESDAY, APRIL 21
5:15 to-7:00 PM**

**Celebrate Israel's
78th Birthday
with song and dance,
food and conversation.**

*Join us as we extend our love
to our brothers and sisters
in Israel and stand with them
during these difficult times.*

**See Daily Emails
RSVP REQUIRED**

Miriam Feldman & Samuel Bahn

SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

Tuesday, April 7 – Sixth Day of Pesach	7:00 A.M.
Mincha/ Maariv	6:30 P.M.
Candle Lighting (7th Day of Pesach starts)	7:09 P.M.
Wednesday, April 8– 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	
Mincha/ Maariv	7:00 P.M.
Candle Lighting (from pre-existing flame).....	after 8:10 P.M.
Thursday, April 9 – 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.....	7:15 P.M.
Yom Tov ends.....	8:11 P.M.
Eating of Chametz permitted after 9:30 P.M.	
(to allow time for the Chametz to be bought back)	
Friday, April 10	
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv.....	6:30 P.M.
Candle Lighting	7:12 P.M.
Saturday, April 11 – Shemini – Birkat HaChodesh	9:00 A.M.
Torah Reading: Leviticus 9:1-11:47 Haftarah: II Samuel 6:1-7:17	
We welcome the new month Iyar	
Rosh Chodesh is Friday and Saturday, April 17 and 18	
Youth Services – Spring Shul	10:30 A.M.
Mincha.....	6:45 P.M.
Shiur/Third Meal.....	7:15 P.M.
Maariv	8:00 P.M.
Shabbat ends.....	8:13 P.M.
Monday, April 13 – Yom Hashoah Program	7:00 P.M.
Tuesday, April 14 – Holocaust & Heroism Remembrance Day	
Friday, April 17 - Rosh Chodesh	
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv.....	6:30 P.M.
Candle Lighting	7:19 P.M.
Saturday, April 18 –Tazria-Metzora – Shabbat Rosh Chodesh	9:00 A.M.
Torah Reading: Leviticus 12:1-15:33, Numbers 28:9-15	
Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-24	
Kinders hul, Junior Congregation and Teen Minyan.....	10:30 A.M.
Mincha.....	6:45 P.M.
Shiur/Third Meal.....	7:15 P.M.
Maariv	8:00 P.M.
Shabbat ends.....	8:21 P.M.
Monday, April 20 – Yom HaZikaron – Israel Memorial Day begins at Sundown	
Tuesday, April 21 – Yom Ha’Atzmaut – Israel Independence Day	
Program begins	5:15 P.M.
Wednesday, April 22 – Yom Ha’Atzmaut – Israel Independence Day	
Torah Reading: Deuteronomy 7:12-8:18 Haftarah: Isaiah 10:32-12:6	
Friday, April 24 - Rosh Chodesh	
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv.....	6:30 P.M.
Candle Lighting	7:27 P.M.
Saturday, April 25 –Acharei Mot-Kedoshim	9:00 A.M.
Torah Reading: Leviticus 16:1-20:27 Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15	
Mincha.....	7:00 P.M.
Shiur/Third Meal.....	7:30 P.M.
Maariv	8:15 P.M.
Shabbat ends.....	8:30 P.M.
Sunday, April 26 – Cantor’s Installation	

**The Adult Education Committee
presents
KOREA,
THE HOLOCAUST AND
DOWNTOWN FLUSHING
with
DR. ARTHUR FLUG
Sunday, May 3**



Long after WWII, a chance meeting took place in Bayside, Queens between members of the Korean community and two Holocaust survivors that would have international repercussions and bring a sense of justice to almost 200,000 Korean women victimized by the Japanese army during the war.

Dr. Arthur Flug, former Executive Director of the Kupferberg Holocaust Center in Bayside, will introduce this little-known incident in world history and the role played by our community in memorializing this event.

Dr. Flug has served in several leadership positions including the New York City Board of Education, the U.S. House of Representatives and the New York City Council. He is the author of the Laidlaw Brothers Social Studies Reading Series and the recently published *Untermenschen: A Series of Targeting others for Hatred, Inequality and Suffering*.

A light breakfast will be served at 10:00 A.M. followed by the presentation at 10:30 A.M.

R.S.V.P. to the Hillcrest office (718-380-4145) is required. This event is free for HJC members. There is a \$5 charge for non-members.
Kathy Lewis

SISTERHOOD

Thank you to all who participated in our Shalach Manot fundraiser. Your continued support of Sisterhood – “The Heart and Soul” of Hillcrest, is much appreciated. That title, by the way, was given to Sisterhood decades ago.

It takes several months to prepare for one night – planning, mailers, shopping, driving, collecting boxes, putting labels on 200 bags, packing and distributing. Thank you to all who helped out – Iris Schachter, Elaine Steinberg, Adele Rothstein, Joan Hausmann, Lisa Hochstein, Ellen Hochstein, Helene Brander, Carol Greenberg, Beth Ritter, Marty Resnick, Barbara Resnick, Rami Carmeli and Steve Gorochow, the office staff and our maintenance staff. I was happy to work with all of them.

Congratulations to Rabbi Kogan on his appointment as the only Jewish Chaplain for the NYC Police Department.

Mazal Tov to Nora Kozuch on becoming a grandmother to a beautiful baby girl.

Sisterhood has made donations this month to: Hatzolah of Queens/Great Neck, Masorti, Magen David Adom, and to Hillcrest Jewish Center in memory of Sylvia Mowshowitz Orenstein.

Happy Passover to all.

*Karen Rothman,
Sisterhood President*

MEN'S CLUB

On May 4th, Men's Club is planning, along with Youth and Family, and anyone else who wants to participate, a Lag B'Omer bonfire within the confines of H.J.C.'s parking lot, as we have done for the last several years.

Check out what we call the Men's Club “Coffee House” on Sunday afternoon, May 17th. It will be an extravaganza talent event showcasing musical talents, instrumental and vocal group arrangements, and solo acts. Contact director-in-charge, Ronald Moskowitz at rmbm@att.net, or 917-217-3682 for an interview.

The time of our fishing expedition out of Captree State Park, on Sunday, June 28th, has **been changed to our regular starting time of 8:00 A.M.**

Check flyers, e-mails, text-messages, phone-alerts, and Shabbat Service announcements for specifics, **and R.S.V.P.** as soon as possible. Contact Men's Club President Marty Guttman with questions or comments on these, or any other activities.

See you at shul. We need you!

The Men's Club wishes everyone a sweet and joyous Pesach.

*Joel Berkowitz,
Co-Vice President, Men's Club
joelberkowitz50@gmail.com*

RABBI KOGAN, NEW JEWISH CHAPLAIN NYC POLICE DEPARTMENT

Rabbi Kogan has been appointed the next and only Jewish Chaplain for the New York City Police Department. He will be stepping into the position long held by Rabbi Alvin Kass who died in October.

As our spiritual leader these past twenty years, Rabbi Kogan's devotion to our synagogue has been unwavering. He has brought dedication and high standards to his roles as our congregational rabbi and U.S. Army Chaplain and his efforts have truly enriched our community.

The NYPD chaplaincy position will not interfere with Rabbi Kogan's congregational duties and responsibilities. At times, Rabbi Kogan will be called upon by the Department to comfort their grieving and counsel their troubled members and their families. He will be invited to stand beside its members through moments of tragedy and triumph.

Join me in wishing our rabbi, Manes Kogan, Kol Ha'kavod on his appointment as the next Jewish Chaplain of the NYPD!

Helene Jacob, President HJC

YOUTH AND FAMILY

Happy Passover everyone! We're so happy to be here and we wanted to thank the congregation for your support of Youth and Family.

We both had no Jewish friends before joining the shul, and through the Hillcrest Teen Keshet program we met other teens at the synagogue. We made many wonderful friends, and when the two of us met, we didn't know we were in the same grade at the same school, Francis Lewis.

We immediately bonded and became instant friends. Through this friendship, we started a Jewish Student Union in our school. There hasn't been a Jewish club since before the pandemic, and we've brought together 60 members through our weekly meetings of learning and activities.

We also met Brianna Ackerman through Keshet, and it was another great connection and friendship knowing we were in the same community, bringing us full circle back to HJC.

We can honestly say that meeting other Jewish teens in our community changed our lives.

We just wanted to thank the congregation. Please keep supporting the Youth and Family programs. It really does

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have a big impact on our lives. It's especially important nowadays where we really need to find each other and grow our friendships and Jewish connections.

Once again, thank you to our congregation for fostering our young community with our teen program and so many other wonderful events that bring us all together!

Lila Weiner and Sabrina Weiler

EXPLORE THE MOWSHOWITZ LIBRARY AT HJC

Our collection includes winners of the National Jewish Book Award, which celebrates the writers, scholars, and storytellers whose work illuminates Jewish life, history, culture, and ideas. The Jewish Book Council's 75th National Jewish Book Award is given to English-language books of Jewish interest published in 2025, which represent the best of Jewish literature and authors and their contributions. Its highest honor, Book of the Year, is **Hostage** by **Eli Sharabi**, with translation by Eylon Levy. Eli Sharabi's memoir chronicles his 491 days in Hamas captivity.

33 Place Brugmann by **Alice Austen** is a Jewish Book Council Finalist for Book Club 2025. The novel is set in an apartment building in Brussels on the eve of World War II, and during the Nazi occupation, and follows the intertwined lives of the residents.

For other recommendations, see a list on top of the card catalogue in the library, or ask either Carol Kantro, Aviva Peress or Susan Beberfall.

Traffic Light Out? Call 911

The traffic signals on Union Turnpike and 184th Street were recently out of commission. The NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) has stated that when any traffic signal is not working, residents or observers **must contact 911** to file a complaint. It is considered an emergency, as it may lead to accidents. 911 then contacts NYPD to ensure that a traffic agent is sent to monitor flow of traffic and prevent accidents. DOT is also contacted to have the traffic signal repaired. Call CB8 with the reference number and they will work with DOT until the traffic light has been repaired. *Marie Adam-Ovide, District Manager Community Board 8, (718-264-7895).*

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Shalom everyone. Here are some highlights from our February meeting:

Members in Good Standing:

At the Executive Committee there was discussion about bringing members up-to-date with outstanding charges. In our Constitution, it says December 31st is the time when dues have to be paid. The general feeling was that anyone in arrears should not be able to continue to charge anything else. A motion was made and passed that individuals in arrears will not be able to charge anything else to their account. Accounts must be up to date in order to have financial stability.

Nominating Committee:

The Nomination sheet was sent to all members by mail. The slate will be voted on at the general meeting on March 1. The slate offered is as follows: President--Helene Jacob; Vice Presidents--Alan Reisner, Monte Shulkes, Mark Solkoff; Treasurer--Edna Greene; Secretary to the Center--Monte Schwartz; Immediate Past President--Simeon Saturn; Trustees for a period of 3 years--Miriam Feldman, Gerald Lewis, Dr. Richard Meyer, Sheila Rubin, Arnie Schweitzer, Esther Tokarz.

Sale of the Building:

The Board voted again to move along with the current interested buyer.

Executive Committee:

The Shir Chadash service and dinner was wonderful despite the cold weather.

The agenda for the Congregational meeting on March 1st will be sent to the congregation via email and will appear in the Daily Digest. Members must register to attend in person or on Zoom.

A motion was made and passed to settle an on-going lawsuit with Autoflor regarding a dishwasher.

The budgets for Shabbat Across America and the Passover seder were approved by the board.

The Endowment Committee's new terms as prescribed by the Constitution will begin on April 1. The committee includes the following members: Chair: Monte Shulkes; 3-year term: Les Sufirin, Len Zimmerman; 2-year term: Scott Cooper, Gail Keren, Monte Schwartz; 1-year term: Monte Shulkes, Simeon Saturn.

Executive Director's Report:

The boilers are working. We are looking at bids for total new roof rather than patching. There are presently no active leaks.

The cell phone tower owners want a 5-year commitment.

We are looking into purchasing a new (safer) oven for the kitchen.

Many members have reported that they are not getting the phone dialers from HJC. A new company will be hired beginning in March.

Sisterhood Report: On February 23 we will pack Mishloach Manot for Purim and on March 9 we will have a Purim Shpiel. Thank you to all who have participated in the Mishloach Manot program.

Men's Club: Although it was a frigid morning, the World Wide Wrap had 17 participants. Men's Club Shabbat will take place on June 20. We are trying to plan a karaoke night with Youth and Family.

Youth and Family: Although we had a hockey game planned for February 22, it was cancelled due to the blizzard. February 27 will be the Teens and Junior Congregation dinner. On March 13, all families are invited to participate in Shabbat Across America with Y&F. March 29, Teen Keshet will meet.

Old Business: Cantor's Installation Update--Printed invitations will be mailed with 4/15 as the RSVP deadline. All attendees must register. The program is free, but sponsorships are welcome on the following levels: \$36 Nigunim, \$54 Piyyutim, \$72 Kavanah, \$180 L'cha Dodi, \$360+ Ahava Raba.

New Business: Due to overwhelming security costs, an assessment is once again necessary to offset a small part of the funds needed. Amounts will remain the same as the previous assessment, \$200 per family and \$125 per individual member beginning April 1, 2026.

There is a need for tech support at adult education and other weekend events. Board of Trustees members will assist with these presentations.

This year's Israel Bond Breakfast will take place on March 15. Iris Schachter and Esther Tokarz will be the honorees.

Good and welfare: Mazal tov to Rabbi and Silvia Kogan on the marriage of Ilan to Sara. Mazal tov to our bookkeeper Brona on the marriage of her granddaughter. Refua shleyma to Claire Rubenstein, mother of Debbie Solkoff.

Getting ready for Pesach, Mark Solkoff, Board Chair

Installation and Concert Cantor Rachel Black

*A celebration of music, prayer,
and welcoming our new Cantor*

**SUNDAY - APRIL 26
3:00-5:00 PM**

Collation to follow

RSVP and Sponsorship Deadline is April 15

SISTERHOOD PRESENTED THE PURIM SHPIEL

It was a wonderful fun and spirited presentation performed by our very own HJC members, featuring a lively retelling of the Purim story with laughs and familiar characters.



(L-R) Iris Schachter, Narrator; Nora Kozuch, Haman; Rami Carmeli, Queen Esther; Carol Greenberg, Mordechai; Elaine Steinberg, Ahasuerus; Joel Berkowitz, Vashti. *Photo by Lisa Hochstein*

ISRAEL BONDS BREAKFAST MARCH 15 HONORING IRIS SCHACHTER AND ESTHER TOKARZ



Brian, Rafal, Esther and Aaron Tokarz, Iris Schachter and Renita Horowitz.

Photo by Gerry Lewis

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:

Mimi & Alan Frank extend a hearty Mazal Tov to Flo & Bob Gropper on the marriage of their granddaughter.

Mimi & Alan Frank wish Sela & Steve Zellman many more happy and healthy birthdays.

Sela & Steve Zellman thank Susan Diamond and the Kiddush committee for the wonderful kiddush they prepared for their birthday celebration.

Rhonda & Herbert Dortch in honor of Rabbi Kogan's new position as Jewish Chaplain of the NYC Police Department.

Aggie & Ted Weisz in honor of Sela & Steve Zellman's birthdays.

Jane Fuerst-Marco wishes Mazal Tov to Rabbi & Mrs. Kogan on the marriage of their son Ilan to Sara.

Jane Fuerst-Marco thanks Rabbi Kogan for his thoughtful article in the recent HJC Bulletin.

Andria Grundman Cooper & Scott Cooper in honor of the marriages of Sara & Ilan and Abby & Yoni.

Elaine Applebaum in honor of Bertha Strauss who is a great person and a great cook.

Elaine Applebaum in honor of Carol & David Zolondek on their 55th Anniversary.

Monte Schwartz for yearzeit of mother Miriam Schwartz.

Inez Levy for yearzeit of father Max Bernstein.

Rochelle Mandell for yearzeit of father Jerry Kupfer.

Mark Solkoff for yearzeit of aunt Jeanne Schulman.

Mark Solkoff for yearzeit of father Fred Herbert Solkoff.

Mark Solkoff for yearzeit of mother Doris Solkoff.

Mark Solkoff for yearzeit of great-grandfather Chaim Solkoff.

Elaine Steinberg for yearzeit of grandmother Lena Steinberg.

Rochelle Mandell for yearzeit of mother Shirley Kupfer.

Nitza Schraeter for yearzeit of mother Bracha Tumer.

Avia Eyllon Fodor for yearzeit of husband Ralph Fodor.

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Avia Eyllon Fodor for yearzeit of mother Sarah Izhak.

Zane Tenenbaum for yearzeit of father-in-law Abraham Ellenbogen.

Sol Kahan for yearzeit of mother Ilona Kahan.

Linda Jaffe for yearzeit of father Bernard Teitelbaum.

Linda Jaffe for yearzeit of mother Janice R. Teitelbaum.

Sandra Jackson for yearzeit of grandmother Lena Steinberg.

Rochelle & Herb Mandell in loving memory of Shirley & Jerry Kupfer who died 17 years apart on the same day.

Rhoda Ellner for yearzeit of husband Martin Ellner.

Rhoda Ellner for yearzeit of brother Arthur Katz.

Rhoda Ellner for yearzeit of father Isaac Wolf Katz.

Michael Cantor for yearzeit of grandfather Joseph Zucker.

Michael Cantor for yearzeit of aunt Rose Guilden.

Michael Cantor for yearzeit of mother Jean Cantor.

Cheryl & Mark Levitt in memory of Sol Karsch.

Michael Silver for yearzeit of father Samuel Silver.

Doris Fried for yearzeit of husband Stephen Fried.

Doris Fried for yearzeit of friend Beverly Zweig.

Laurie Spear for yearzeit of maternal grandfather Isidore Spielman, a 16-year-old immigrant who became a successful businessman and a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Sheila Rubin for yearzeit of husband Gary Rubin.

Nina Kohn for yearzeit of mother Hilda Kohn.

Jerry Kirschbaum for yearzeit of mother Rose Kirschbaum.

Stephen Liebman for yearzeit of father Richard Liebman.

Harriet Rosengarten in memory of beloved mother-in-law Anita Rosengarten.

Joan Hausmann for yearzeit of sister-in-law Marge Raphael.

Edgar Schwartz for yearzeit of father Sigmund Schwartz.

Flo & Bob Gropper in memory of cousin Jeanne Gropper.

Flo & Bob Gropper in memory of uncle Leo Gropper.

Martin Newman for yearzeit of father Kenneth Newman.

Merle Askenas-Kaplan for yearzeit of father Ralph Weiss.

Michael Goldfeder for yearzeit of father Stanley Goldfeder.

Yvette Berkovitz for yearzeit of husband George Bercovitz.

Yvette Berkovitz for yearzeit of father-in-law Nathan Berkovitz.

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

Sisterhood of Hillcrest Jewish Center in memory of Sylvia Mowshowitz Orenstein.

Joel Berkowitz in memory of next-door neighbor and friend Rita Wallace, whose son, court officer Mitchel Wallace died in the World Trade Center on 9/11.

Joel Berkowitz in memory of Marilyn Cohen, mother of Lenore Solomon, friend and neighbor.

Fredda Chodrow-Goldberg for yearzeit of husband Irving Goldberg.

Fredda Chodrow-Goldberg for yearzeit of grandmother Tuba Chodrow.

Inez Levy for yearzeit of husband Paul Levy.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

Aleksej Javich.

Joel Berkowitz in honor of Jaynie Rudick, a good friend who is going through some tough times.

Helene & Howard Jacob wish Mazal Tov to Rabbi Manes & Silvia Surazski Kogan on the marriages of Abby to Yoni and Ilan to Sara.

Helene & Howard Jacob send belated birthday wishes to Susan Straus and Rabbi Kogan.

Abby Belson and Nicole & Erik Goluboff in honor of the marriage of Abby and Yoni.

Abby Belson and Nicole & Erik Goluboff in honor of the marriage of Ilan and Sara.

Judith & Marty Guttman in honor of the marriage of Ilan & Sara, and Mazal Tov to Rabbi & Mrs. Kogan.

Barbara Shalek with gratitude to Rabbi Kogan and his special meaningful classes she attended and for Melissa's help and her kindness.

RoseAnn & Gary Darche wish Mazal Tov to Rabbi Kogan and the entire family.

Rhonda & Herbert Dortch in honor of Rabbi Kogan's new position as Jewish Chaplain of the NYC Police Department.

Mimi & Alan Frank, as the in-laws of a retired NYPD Sergeant, are so happy Rabbi Kogan is the new NYPD Jewish Chaplain.

Elaine Steinberg in honor of Joel Berkowitz, a friend and an excellent driver.

Sela & Steve Zellman congratulate Rabbi Kogan upon becoming Chaplain to the NYC Police Department.

Anne Hosansky wishes Denise Pintus, Melissa Gerstein, and Juana Meythaler Santos blessings for a healthy and happy Purim.

Eleonora & Dmitriy Kogan wish Mazal Tov to Ilan and Sara on their marriage.

Aggie & Ted Weisz in honor of the marriage of Ilan and Sara.

Tina Schnall wishes Mazal Tov to Rabbi Kogan & Silvia on the marriage of Ilan to Sara.

Tina Schnall wishes Mazal Tov to Eva & Len Zimmerman on the engagement of their granddaughter Leah to Eli.

Bertha Strauss wishes Mazal Tov to Rabbi & Silvia Kogan on the marriage of their son Ilan to Sara Merkin.

Joel Berkowitz in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Ilan Kogan.

Barbara & Steven Kasavana in honor of Rabbi Kogan's new position as NYPD Jewish Chaplain.

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Janet Kenler Seligman for yearzeit of grandfather Jacob Goldberg.

Raymond Shanis for yearzeit of brother Thomas Shanis.

Edith & Aaron Goldberg Fund for Youth and College Activities:

Linda & Lenny Jaffe send best wishes to Sela & Steve Zellman on their birthdays.

Prayer Book Fund:

Helene & Howard Jacob send Mazal Tov to Brona Hammer and Flo & Bob Gropper on the marriage of their granddaughter Esther to Dovi.

Helene & Howard Jacob send happy birthday wishes to Sela & Steve Zellman on their special birthdays.

Helene Jacob in memory of beloved mother Frances (Fay) Nathan.

Helene & Howard Jacob send condolences to Carol Kantro on the passing of her husband Manny Kantro.

Helene & Howard Jacob send condolences to Stephen Liebman on the passing of his dear wife Janet Leibman.

Helene & Howard Jacob in memory of Judith Kaufer, sister of Paul Gershon.

Askenas Audio Visual Fund:

Merle Askenas-Kaplan for yearzeit of father Ralph Weiss.