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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are delighted and excited that in one month Cantor Rachel Black will be assuming her new role at Hillcrest Jewish Center as our fulltime Hazzanit and Director of Engagement. We give a warm welcome to her.

During these past two years, Student Cantor Rachel has shared her love of nusach and tefillah, when davening at Shabbat and holiday services. She brings energy and spirit to whatever she does!

Student Cantor Rachel showed her extraordinary talents as a performer and songwriter at last year's spring concert and most recently at the Yom HaShoah commemoration. Cantor Rachel's roundtable is always full, and participants are eager to sing a niggun, prayer, or song. She has exhibited her passion for community building through music. As our fulltime Cantor, she will continue to help our congregation grow musically and spiritually through prayer and song. She will assist Rabbi Kogan in meeting the religious, spiritual, and pastoral needs of our congregation.

It is no accident that Cantor Rachel has achieved her dream of becoming a Hazzanit. It all started at the Berklee College of Music, where she focused on vocal training and songwriting. While living in Lawrence, Kansas she served as cantorial soloist, composer, religious school director, and more. Five years ago, she took a big step in her journey by beginning her studies at the H.L. Miller Cantorial School at the Jewish Theological Seminary; first remotely, and then in-person when she, Eric and Cora moved to New York. Hillcrest Jewish Center is so fortunate to be a part of her musical journey!

As Director of Engagement, Cantor Black will focus on membership development and outreach, in particular with our youth and their families through Shabbat and holiday services, dinners and programs, and much more. She will offer musical classes and programs, such as the current Hazzanit Roundtable.

SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

Sunday, June 1 – Erev Shavuot – Tikkun Leil Shavuot (see page 3)

Mincha.....	6:15 P.M.
Candle Lighting.....	8:03 P.M.
Maariv.....	9:00 P.M.

Monday, June 2 – Shavuot First Day..... 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Exodus 19:1-20:23, Numbers 28:26-31

Haftarah: Ezekiel 1:1-28, 3:12

Mincha/Maariv.....	8:00 P.M.
Candle Lighting (from pre-existing flame).....	after 9:12 P.M.

Tuesday, June 3 – Shavuot Second Day..... 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Deuteronomy 15:19-16:17, Numbers 28:26-31

Haftarah: Habakkuk 3:1-19

Yizkor Memorial Service.....	approximately 11:00 A.M.
Mincha/Maariv.....	8:15 P.M.
Yom Tov ends.....	9:13 P.M.

Friday, June 6

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv.....	7:00 P.M.
Candle Lighting.....	8:07 P.M.

Saturday, June 7 – Naso..... 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Numbers 4:21-7:89 Haftarah: Judges 13:2-25

Kindershtul.....	10:15 A.M.
Junior Congregation.....	10:15 A.M.
Mincha.....	7:30 P.M.
Shiur/Third Meal.....	8:00 P.M.
Maariv.....	9:00 P.M.
Shabbat ends.....	9:15 P.M.

Friday, June 13 – Tea and Schmooze

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv.....	<u>7:30 P.M.</u>
Candle Lighting.....	8:10 P.M.

Saturday, June 14 – Beha'alotcha..... 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Numbers 8:1-12:16 Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14-4:7

Junior Congregation.....	10:15 A.M.
Mincha.....	7:30 P.M.
Shiur/Third Meal.....	8:00 P.M.
Maariv.....	9:00 P.M.
Shabbat ends.....	9:19 P.M.

Thursday, June 19 – Juneteenth

Office closed.....	Services: 8:30 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.
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Friday, June 20

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv.....	<u>6:30 P.M.</u>
Candle Lighting.....	8:13 P.M.

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It is an exciting time at Hillcrest Jewish Center as we begin a new chapter with Cantor Rachel Black. Join us weekly at Shabbat services to sing and pray with our Hazzanit. Your neshama will be lifted!

B'Shalom, Helene Jacob, President

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CENTER FAMILY

Congratulations to:

Cantor Rachel Black on becoming Hillcrest Jewish Center's fulltime Cantor.

Debbie & Mark Solkoff on the birth of their grandson Ethan David Prince-Solkoff.

Brona Hammer on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter Zoe Binstock.

Condolences to:

Janet Daar Liebman on the passing of her sister Eileen Daar.

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

May Milestone Anniversary:

Roberta & Leslie Sufrin (60)

June Milestone Anniversaries:

Helene & Norman Zipkin (50)

Helene & Howard Jacob (45)

Ginger James Schulman & Jonathan Schulman (25)



Rabbi Kogan was honored with awards and proclamations for his work in the Fresh Meadows community, by the Sol Weprin Democratic Club at their annual awards dinner at Temple Hillel. It was attended by many of our local politicians. Rabbi is pictured with David Weprin.

From Rabbi Kogan

Dear Friends of Hillcrest Jewish Center,

I was honored to be one of the two people Cantor Rachel chose to deliver a charge at her Cantorial graduation this past May 22nd.

You might be surprised, or not, to learn that I received precise instructions from the leadership of JTS on what was expected from me. The main instruction was only one: no more than 80 words. The instruction reminded me of a well-known joke:

After services one Shabbat, Rabbi Cohen is approached by Larry Levy, the famous TV producer. "Rabbi Cohen, that sermon was amazing! I want to put you on my talk show on national TV."

"Oh my, I'm so flattered," says the rabbi. "That would be wonderful!"

"Here's the thing, Rabbi. TV audience attention spans are much smaller. You can't do a 25 minute sermon on TV."

"Oh, I see. Well, I could take away the opening anecdote about my trip to Brazil. That would chop it down by a few minutes – bring it down to 18 or 19 minutes."

"Yeah, Rabbi, that's still too long."

"Instead of five examples of the teaching, I could do it with three. That would make it twelve minutes."

"Now we're cookin', Rabbi, but it's got to be shorter than that."

"Well, really I just need one strong example. Beginning, middle, end, with a nice takeaway. I could do the whole sermon in five minutes flat."

"So, Rabbi, why didn't you?"

The truth is that when forced to condense our elaborate thoughts into 2 minutes or 80 words (closer to 1 minute), we are able to do it. Although it was challenging, I was able to come up with exactly 80 words, which I shared with Cantor Rachel on the day of her ordination, and now I would like to share them with you. This is what I said (feel free to count the words).

Dear Cantor Rachel,

I wish someone had shared with me on my ordination day, the words I am about to share with you.

We are all on a journey. The best way I can think about this journey is between where we are and where we ought to be.

May HaShem bless you with a meaningful journey. May you find good fellow travelers along the way, and may you arrive at your own Promised Land, the one waiting for you.

Now, the reason I am sharing these words with you, in my newsletter message, has to do less with Cantor Rachel (she heard the words already), and more with each of you, with each of us.

The truth is that knowingly or unknowingly, we are all in a similar journey, albeit tailored for each of us. The journey always bridges two points: where we are and where we ought to be. Sometimes we move one step forward and two steps backwards. Sometimes it seems we are not moving at all.

The reason I chose this short message to share with Cantor Rachel – and with you – is, as I said in the message, because I wish someone had shared this simple truth with me. Perhaps my journey would have been a different one, or perhaps it would have been more purposeful.

The good news for me, for Cantor Rachel, and for all of us, is that it is never too late. All we need to do is to be mindful of where we are standing in our spiritual, intellectual, and moral journey, and to ponder where we ought to be. Once we have the two points, it is a matter of setting small, achievable goals, and to start traveling the distance.

With God's help, not only Cantor Rachel, but each of us, will make it to the Promised Land, which is waiting for us at the end of the journey.

Rabbi Manes Kogan

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Shalom fellow congregants. Here are some highlights from our April meeting:

Nominating Activities: The following board members were nominated and elected: Mark Solkoff, Board Chair; Harold Moskowitz, Vice Chair; Lisa Hochstein, Secretary. Two replacement board positions were nominated and elected: Kathy Lewis for a 2-year position and Arnie Schweitzer for a 1 year position.

Team building activity: The entire board participated in a team building activity during which time people spoke about their passion for Judaism and how we can enhance that passion at Hillcrest Jewish Center.

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Treasurer's report: The financial report ending June 30, 2024, was discussed and approved.

Executive Committee Report: Welcome new members to the Board! Thank you, Men's Club, for providing candles for Yom HaShoa. All synagogue committees will be reviewed and updated as well as chairs of the committees. Reminder to vote Mercas in the WZO elections. Policy on advertising events from other synagogues: this was discussed last Fall and we agreed to advertise if the event is not in conflict with our events unless it involves another synagogue's Sisterhood or Men's Club. There needs to be reciprocity in advertising. A Task Force was appointed to come up with further recommendations.

Executive Director's Report: The boiler was repaired. Membership dues for 2024-2025: there is about \$130,000 outstanding. Invoices were sent out. Streaming on Shabbat and Holidays has been fairly stable except for one weekend. Volunteers have been put in place to check the system before Shabbat starts. Upcoming events: we will host the Queens DA Jewish Heritage Month on 5/21. "Judaism is about love" with Shai Held will happen on 9/14. It will be a large event.

Sisterhood Report: Their annual Libby Mowshowitz Breakfast will take place on Sunday, June 1st at 10:00 AM. The BQLI Region Women of Achievement Gala is honoring Helene Jacob on Thursday, June 12th at Temple Beth Shalom in Roslyn Heights.

Men's Club Report: The May 4th breakfast will include a speaker/author on Jewish boxing legends. Men's Club Shabbat is on June 21st. The fishing trip is on June 29th.

Youth and Family: There were 37 people for the Y&F Passover dinner on April 18th. Future dinners are planned for May 20th and June 30th. Teen Keshet will take place on May 4th. There will be a program on May 15th with Men's Club.

Old Business: The Chairlift is currently working and a replacement is not necessary at this time. Sale of the building: our lawyer is dealing with their lawyer regarding the final details of the lease. A rider is needed to spell out how the shared areas will be used. We will need to check the calendar for any activities for which common areas are needed. This needs to be in writing. The high holiday seating committee is meeting in May and will bring its recommendations to the Exec. Board and the Board of Trustees. Michelle Kaplan will become the PTA representative to the

Board. Tech Update--No one should be using the HJC secure network except for employees. Everyone else should be using the guest network.

Good and welfare: Rabbi Kogan will be honored by the Saul Weprin Democratic Club at Temple Hillel in North Woodmere on May 4th. Jeffrey thanked everyone for their kindness while sitting shiva. The first Tea and Schmooze of the season will be held on May 9th with guest speaker Deborah Tartell of Shireinu, the Long Island Jewish Choir. A hearty Mazal Tov to Cantor Rachel Black on her upcoming graduation and ordination.

Mark Solkoff, Board Chair

SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

Saturday, June 21 – Shelach – Birkat HaChodesh

Men's Club Shabbat 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Numbers 13:1-15:41 Haftarah: Joshua 2:1-24

We welcome the new month Tammuz

Rosh Chodesh is Thursday and Friday, June 26 and 27

Kindershtul 10:15 A.M.
Mincha 7:30 P.M.
Shiur/Third Meal 8:00 P.M.
Maariv 9:00 P.M.
Shabbat ends 9:21 P.M.

Friday, June 27 – Rosh Chodesh

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

Candle Lighting 8:13 P.M.

Saturday, June 28 – Korach

Torah Reading: Numbers 16:1-18:32 Haftarah: I Samuel 11:14-12:22

Mincha 7:30 P.M.
Shiur/Third Meal 8:00 P.M.
Maariv 9:00 P.M.
Shabbat ends 9:22 P.M.

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

Guest Speaker: Shira Hecht-Koller

Shira Hecht-Koller is an educational entrepreneur, attorney, writer, and mom of four curious people. She brings with her two decades of experience teaching Judaic Studies and designing interdisciplinary curricula in the classroom and in immersive learning environments, to learners of all ages and backgrounds. She is currently studying for semicha, rabbinic ordination, at The Shalom Hartman Institute as a member of the pilot cohort for its Beit Midrash for a new North American Rabbinate. She teaches, writes and speaks globally on topics of Bible, Jewish law, family life and creativity and her work appears in both scholarly and popular publications.

**Shavuot Dinner sponsored by Susan Asch, Ellen Rothstein and Mark Rothstein
in memory of their parents Sally and Edward Rothstein**

Sunday, June 1

Mincha (Erev Shavuot) 6:15 P.M.
Tikkun Leil Shavuot Program with Shira Hecht-Koller 6:30 P.M.
Italian-Style Dairy Dinner (*previous RSVP required*) 7:30 P.M.
Candle lighting available at HJC 8:03 P.M.
Shavuot songs with Cantor Rachel Black 8:30 P.M.
Maariv (1st day Shavuot) 9:00 P.M.
Coffee, cake and mingling 9:15 P.M.

Monday, June 2

Services (kiddush & cheesecake) 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
Mincha/Maariv 8:00 P.M.
Candle lighting from pre-existing flame after 9:12 P.M.

Tuesday, June 3

Services (kiddush & cheesecake) 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
Yizkor approximately 11:00 A.M.
Mincha/Maariv 8:15 P.M.
Shavuot ends 9:13 P.M.

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood is in the planning process for programming beginning in September. If you would like to become a member of that committee, or have any suggestions, please let us know.

Now is the time to renew your membership in Sisterhood. Our year begins June 1, 2025 and ends May 31, 2026. Membership applications were mailed the beginning of May. If you do not have one, flyers are available in the office. Your membership allows Sisterhood to provide programs, speakers, lunches, and to make donations to worthy causes, especially of course, to Hillcrest.

If you would like to make a donation to Sisterhood, in memory of, or in honor of someone, please leave your check, payable to **Sisterhood Hillcrest Jewish Center**, along with the name, address, and occasion for the card, in the Sisterhood mailbox in the Center office. We will send a beautifully designed card to the recipient. The minimum donation is \$18.

Please visit our Gift Shop and browse through all the new items. For an appointment, call the office at 718-380-4145.

A donation was made to Sisterhood by Adele Rothstein in honor of her grandson Jonathan Rothstein's college graduation.

Congratulations to Sheila Chustek on receiving a certificate from The Guinness Book of Records for having the largest collection of Sesame Street memorabilia – 1200 different items.

Have a great summer!

*Karen Rothman,
Sisterhood President*



MEN'S CLUB

Boxing aficionados know about **The Rumble in the Jungle** along with **The Thrilla in Manilla**. Compliments of Men's Club, we now have experienced **The Breakfast at Hillcrest**. Close enough! The Author-Laureate, our own boxing historian, **Marvelous Mike Silver**, enunciated his expertise of star Jewish champions of the squared-circle on Sunday morning, May 4th at a very well-attended forum in the Moreida Auditorium. Thank you, Mike, for this excellently presented social history.

Let's Go Mets! An important announcement is forthcoming with regard to an HJC Men's Club-sponsored visit to Citi Field in the very near future. Keep your eyes and ears open.

On Saturday, June 21st, plan to be a part of Men's Club Shabbat in the Main Sanctuary. Following a morning of prayer there will be scrumptious eats. Emails, text-messages, flyers and announcements are in the offing.

And finally, prepare for Men's Club's venture to Captree State Park on Sunday, June 29th, as we set sail for a day of fishing. Amenities are included. **RSVP ASAP.**

Men's Club wishes all a happy summer.

Joel Berkowitz, Co-VP, Men's Club

TEA AND SCHMOOZE

Tea and Schmooze is off to a great summer start! We began in May with the wonderful speaker Debbie Tartell who captivated us with stories of being a choir director. We had 80 people attending!

T&S is excited to have our next speaker on **June 13th at 7:30 pm, author Jeremy Goldstein**, who writes fantasy novels with a Jewish twist. Fantasy has been a constant companion throughout the author's life. By day, he teaches history to high school students. Along with Matthew Resnick, he will lead an interesting discussion into the world of fantasy novels. If you would like a preview of his book, *The Sanhedrin Chronicles*, it is available online from Amazon.com or socials@jsgoldauthor.

Here is an introduction to our **July 18th** speakers. First, **Janet Ingber Hammelbacher** and her family are long time members of HJC and between 2015 and 2017, she was the second female president at HJC. Janet has a Masters degree in Music Therapy from NYU. She is a Licensed Creative Arts Therapist in New York State and a nationally Board Certified Music Therapist. Janet has written numerous articles and blog posts for AccessWorld, a technology publica-

tion from the American Foundation for the Blind. She has written books and guides for the iPhone and Mac for National Braille Press. She was the lead author of "Parenting with a Visual Impairment," a book published by American Printing House for the Blind. She also does testing on various apps and websites to determine if they are accessible to people who are blind. This year, Janet joined the board of directors of Guide Dog Users of New York. She is a member of the advocacy committee of Guide Dog Users, Inc., which is the parent organization of Guide Dog Users of New York. Janet will be bringing Pete, her guide dog, to the T&S program and will educate us on how guide dogs for the blind are utilized in everyday activities of daily living.

Next, **Dr. Ilana Slaff-Galatan** and her family are members of HJC. Along with Janet, Ilana brings a service dog to the synagogue regularly. Ilana's service dog is not used for the same purpose as Janet's guide dog. Her dog is an emotional support animal for people with Autism. She is a board-certified psychiatrist who has identical twin brothers and a daughter with autism. She has completed an autism research fellowship at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York and works with individuals with developmental disabilities. Dr. Slaff-Galatan is the author of "Don't Medicate—Educate! One Family, Three Cases of Autism, Safe Treatment for Dangerous Behavior." Dr. Slaff-Galatan also assisted editing the chapter "Complementary and Alternative Therapies for Autism" in the Clinical Treatment Manual for Autism (2007) and has been published in the Journal of Clinical Psychiatry, the Psych Congress Network, the Current Psychiatry Journal and Psychiatric Times. Dr. Ilana Slaff-Galatan also has a private practice for individuals on the autism spectrum. She has also been involved in numerous volunteer activities to assist individuals with disabilities and their caregivers including the training and use for a service dog in everyday activities primarily where people with autism reside. Both dogs will be with us at the program and this will definitely be interesting to all people young and old to hear!

If you are interested in sponsoring a Tea & Schmooze program for June, July and/or August in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact the HJC office for details. For security purposes and setting up enough food and seating, please call ahead and let the office know how many people will be attending in your party.

Debbie Solkoff, T&S Chair

Yom HaShoah at Hillcrest JC

The "Shoah" performance by the Argentinean Abcdario Dance Company at Hillcrest Jewish Center gave special and unusual meaning to the observance of Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. The emotion expressed by the movements of the dancers evoked feelings of both sadness and loss in the audience. Sadness for the memory of all the beautiful lives that had been cruelly snuffed out in the Shoah, and loss for all of us because of the empty stages around the world that would never be filled by those who lost their lives.

But the performance also brought the audience hope and joy. Hope because the Jewish people are continuing to survive, succeed and thrive – in prayer, in dance, in every aspect of human endeavor. And as the dancers moved with feeling, grace and meaning across the stage, portraying the full range of human emotion, they brought all of us, joy as well; joy that the Jewish people can never be kept down, but will always rise up. Yasher Koach to the organizers!

Am Yisrael Chai.

Susan & Philip Zigman

Do We Need a Daily Minyan?

While most of us joined Hillcrest Jewish Center for other reasons, I started coming to services only 40 years ago, right after my father, Solomon Weisz (z"l) passed away. I realized at that time that I had a psychological need to honor his life by saying KADDISH. I am not alone in this. I know other HJC members who started their involvement in this synagogue for the same reason. I am telling you, dear Hillcrest members, to remind you that one of the primary functions of a Jewish congregation is to provide a venue for its members, and non-members, to say KADDISH at the appropriate times. Due to the perseverance of a dedicated group of people, we have done very well so far – even during perilous times, like COVID and extreme weather conditions.

However, lately it has become harder and harder to put together ten people. We hear too often that there was no minyan and therefore Mr. X or Ms. Y was unable to say KADDISH for a loved one. Each of these occurrences is very disappointing to the minyanaires. But it is even more disappointing to the mourning member. In other words, we, as members of Hillcrest failed in providing this primary function to our fellow congregants.

So it is time to look inwards and ask ourselves: DOES HILLCREST JEWISH CENTER NEED A DAILY MINYAN? If you say YES, and are able to attend daily minyan, please contact the office or Iris. Otherwise, one of these days you may need to say KADDISH but there won't be a daily minyan.

Ted Weisz



ARGENTINEAN ABCDARIO DANCE COMPANY and CANTOR RACHEL

MOWSHOWITZ LIBRARY

The Mowshowitz Library Committee is looking for volunteers to help us expand the use of our wonderful synagogue library and encourage community engagement with its rich collection.

We're seeking volunteers to help organize materials, be present during open hours, and invite our members to explore all that the library has to offer. This is a meaningful opportunity to support Jewish learning and strengthen our shared connection to books, ideas, and one another. If you are interested in this meaningful opportunity, please contact Carol Kantro, Aviva Peress, or call the HJC office at 718-380-4145.

Thank you for helping us bring more life and learning into our community.

Carol Kantro, Mowshowitz Library Committee Chair

JUNIOR CONGREGATION & TEEN MINYAN SHABBAT DINNERS Friday, June 20

The June Shabbat dinners will take place on Friday evening, June 20th. Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv will be at 6:30 PM that evening.

Grades 2-7 will celebrate Shabbat with Cantor Rachel, followed by dinner.

Grades 8-12 will celebrate Shabbat services followed by dinner with Rabbi Kogan.

A flyer is available, and an RSVP is required. Contact Esther Tokarz for more information or to RSVP.

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BQLI Region Women of Achievement Gala HJC Honoree Helene Jacob Thursday, June 12

There is still time to register for this very exciting event which will take place at Temple Beth Sholom in Roslyn Heights. Registration closes on June 5th. For tickets and registration information go to www.wizevents.com/bqligala2025.

RECENT LEAF PURCHASES ON OUR SIMCHA TREE

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RACHEL HAUSMANN
TO COLLIN IRWIN
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JOAN HAUSMANN
CELEBRATES THE BIRTH OF
GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER
BRYNN SOPHIA SAFFAR
FEBRUARY 13, 2024

IN HONOR OF
JOAN HAUSMANN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY
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& VAN ALSTYNE FAMILIES

ETHAN DAVID PRINCE-SOLKOFF
MARCH 15, 2025

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Hillcrest thanks the Sufrin and Solomon families for the beautiful flowers in front of the synagogue...just like last year.

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:

Inez Levy.

Rabbi Manes Kogan & Silvia Kogan in appreciation to Susan Diamond for her holiday goodies.

Rabbi Manes Kogan & Silvia Kogan with appreciation to Barbara Finger & Sheldon Landesman for their kindness.

Rabbi Manes Kogan & Silvia Kogan wish Mazal Tov to Debbie & Mark Solkoff on the birth of Ethan David.

Muriel & Martin Jacob in honor of the installation of HJC's new president Helene Jacob.

Barbara & Alan Bialek in honor of RoseAnn Darche's birthday.

Roxanne & Arthur Solarsh wish Happy Birthday to dear friend RoseAnn Darche with love and good wishes always.

Roxanne & Arthur Solarsh say thank you and wish Chag Sameach to Susan & Paul Diamond.

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Lag Ba'Omer Celebration



Photo by Esther Tokarz

General Fund continued:

Steven Gorochow in honor of Helene Jacob with congratulations on being named a BQLI Region of Women's League Woman of Achievement Award winner.

Steven Gorochow in honor of Rabbi Manes Kogan with congratulations on being named an honoree at the Saul Weprin Democratic Club Annual Awards dinner.

Jane Fuerst congratulates Helene Jacob on becoming President of HJC and may your leadership bring continued strength and harmony to the congregation.

The family of Jane Fuerst and Larry Marco z"l wish Mazal Tov to Helene Jacob on becoming President of the synagogue.

Sela & Steve Zellman congratulate Helene Jacob upon receiving the Woman of Achievement Award, an award well earned.

Susan & Ralph Straus congratulate Helene Jacob on becoming president of HJC and being honored at the BQLI Region Women of Achievement event.

Kathy & Gerry Lewis congratulate Rabbi Kogan for being honored by the Saul Weprin Democratic Club.

Yvette Bercovitz congratulates Helene Jacob on becoming president of HJC and being honored as a Woman of Achievement.

Susan & Ralph Straus wish a hearty Mazal Tov to Cantor Rachel upon her graduating from JTS and receiving her Cantorial Ordination, and we are thrilled to have you at HJC as our full-time Cantor.

Batyah Gottschalk on the occasion of HJC's Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration with many thanks to all those who put this wonderful program together.

Bertha Strauss wishes Mazal Tov to Cantor Rachel on her graduation, and we are very proud of you.

Sisterhood congratulates Rabbi Kogan on receiving a special honor from the Saul Weprin Democratic Club.

Sela & Steve Zellman congratulate Miles Resnick upon graduating from Binghamton and may he have much success in life.

Sherry & Alan Reisner congratulate Rabbi Kogan on being honored as a revered spiritual leader at the Saul Weprin Democratic Club Annual Awards dinner.

Judith & Marty Guttman in honor of Helene Jacob with wishes for a successful presidency.

Judith & Marty Guttman in honor of Simeon Saturn. Yasher Koach on a memorable presidency.

Judith & Marty Guttman in honor of Cantor Rachel on her graduation.

Iris Schachter for yahrzeit of mother-in-law Esther Schachter.

Reesa Ackerman for yahrzeit of mother-in-law Roz Ackerman.

Reesa Ackerman for yahrzeit of sister-in-law Nina Landau.

Joseph Cohen for yahrzeit of mother Estelle Cohen.

Joseph Cohen for yahrzeit of father George D. Cohen.

Analee Sternberg for yahrzeit of mother Doris Bernstein.

Sam Bobrow for yahrzeit of father-in-law Charles Salzman.

Harriette Wittenberg Saturn for yahrzeit of mother Molly Reff.

Steven Zellman for yahrzeit of mother Rose Zellman.

Steven Zellman for yahrzeit of father Isaac Zellman.

Steven Zellman for yahrzeit of sister Francine Leib.

Michele Lilien for yahrzeit of mother Rachel Michelov.

Cheryl Meyer for yahrzeit of father Milton Wolff.

Renita Horowitz for yahrzeit of mother Esther Schachter.

Linda Morris for yahrzeit of mother Margaret Bohm.

Ellen Rothstein, Mark Rothstein and Susan R. Asch for yahrzeit of beloved mother and grandmother Charna Spike.

Marlene Bufferd for yahrzeit of father Chester Bufferd.

Clifford Hamburger for yahrzeit of father Eugene Hamburger.

Harriet Kaplan for yahrzeit of grandfather Israel Dworetsky.

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