



Hillcrest



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President's Installation Message

Shabbat Shalom!

Today I am being installed as President of our synagogue – a synagogue that has been blessed with wonderful clergy, dedicated leaders and caring congregants. I am humbled and grateful that you have placed your trust in me to lead our congregation.

In my first message as President, I would like to tell you about myself, why I became involved in our shul, and my commitment to its future.

I am a proud Queens girl who grew up in the Pomonok Houses on Kissena Boulevard, just a stone's throw from here. I walked across the street to attend college at Queens College. I became a classroom teacher, a staff developer, an assistant principal and then a principal. Through the luck of the draw, I became the principal at PS/IS 499, a K-8 school on the Queens College campus. As you can see, I have not strayed far from my roots.

In 1981, Howard and I moved into the neighborhood and soon joined Hillcrest Jewish Center. Our daughters, Ariela and Elana, "grew up" in our synagogue, attended its nursery school and weekly junior congregation services, became B'nei Mitzvah, and graduated from the Solomon Schechter School of Queens and Long Island.

My involvement at Hillcrest was a natural evolution from my prior experiences as a young adult volunteer. After college, through my childhood synagogue's resettlement program, I taught English to newly arrived immigrants from the Soviet Union. I became an active member of UJA's Young Leadership Development Division, chaired its annual Shabbaton and fund-raised as a Board member.

My first involvement at Hillcrest was creating a Friday morning Shabbat program for toddlers with my friend, Aviva Peress. Since then, I have served on numerous committees, on the Board of Trustees, on the Sisterhood Board, and

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SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

Thursday, May 1 – Yom Ha'atzmaut – Program begins 5:15 P.M.

Friday, May 2

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

Candle Lighting 7:35 P.M.

Saturday, May 3 – Tazria-Metzora 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 12:1-15:33 Haftarah: II Kings 7:3-20

Kindershtul 10:15 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:15 A.M.

Teen Minyan 10:30 A.M.

Mincha 7:00 P.M.

Shiur/Third Meal 7:30 P.M.

Maariv 8:30 P.M.

Shabbat ends 8:40 P.M.

Friday, May 9 – Tea and Schmooze **7:30 P.M.**

Candle Lighting 7:43 P.M.

Saturday, May 10 – Aharei Mot-Kedoshim 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 16:1-20:27 Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15

Bat Mitzvah: Gabby Kohen, daughter of Karen and Slomi Lirin Kohen

Mincha 7:00 P.M.

Shiur/Third Meal 7:30 P.M.

Maariv 8:30 P.M.

Shabbat ends 8:48 P.M.

Friday, May 16 – Lag Ba'Omer

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

Candle Lighting 7:50 P.M.

Saturday, May 17 – Emor 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 21:1-24:23 Haftarah: Ezekial 44:15-31

Kindershtul 10:15 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:15 A.M.

Mincha 7:15 P.M.

Shiur/Third Meal 7:45 P.M.

Maariv 8:45 P.M.

Shabbat ends 8:56 P.M.

Friday, May 23

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

Candle Lighting 7:56 P.M.

Saturday, May 24 – Behar-Bechoukotai – Birkat HaChodesh 9:00 A.M.

Celebrating Cantor Rachel Black's Graduation and Ordination

Torah Reading: Leviticus 25:1-27:34 Haftarah: Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

We welcome the new month Sivan – Rosh Chodesh is Wednesday, May 28

Kindershtul 10:15 A.M.

Junior Congregation 10:15 A.M.

Mincha 7:15 P.M.

Shiur/Third Meal 7:45 P.M.

Maariv 8:45 P.M.

Shabbat ends 9:03 P.M.

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CENTER FAMILY

Congratulations to:

Karen & Slomi Lirin Kohen on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Gabby.

Jennifer & Ivan Tarazona on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Alexander.

Cantor Rachel Black on her graduation and ordination from the H. L. Miller Cantorial School at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Condolences to:

Regina Damon on the passing of her husband Mark Damon.

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

May Milestone Anniversaries:

Judith & Randy Stein (45)

Ilana Slaff-Galatan & Albert Galatan (30)

Merle Askenas-Kaplan & Bernard

Kaplan (20)

Lili Nicenboim & Hugo Beibe (20)

MERCAZ Voting Initiative

Voting ends on May 5th. The 2025 World Zionist Congress (WJC) elections are happening now, and the stakes could not be higher. It is imperative that every Jewish person in the U.S. vote in this election. To ensure the voice of Conservative/Masorti Judaism is heard, vote MERCAZ USA – slate 17.

The WJC and its affiliates provide millions of dollars in funding and support the programs that enrich our community and Jewish life in the U.S.

The last day to vote is May 5th. Go to VoteMercazUSA.org and encourage your friends, family and neighbors to do the same.

Helene and Norman Zipkin

From Rabbi Kogan

Dear Friends of Hillcrest Jewish Center,

Below are the words I shared on the first morning of Pesach. I hope you find them meaningful.

The Passover Haggadah tells us that the Torah relates to four types of sons – one who is wise, one who is wicked, one who is simple, and one who does not know how to ask.

The wise son, what does he say? “What are the testimonies, the statutes and laws, that the Lord our God commanded you?”

The wicked son, what does he say? “What is this service to you?”

The simple son, what does he say? “What is this?”

And the one who does not know how to ask, you must open [the story] for him, as it is said: “And you shall tell your child on that day, ‘Because of this the Lord acted for me when I came out of Egypt.’”

I hope you are all familiar with the replies to the *four sons* of the Haggadah (I just gave you the reply to the one who does not know how to ask).

Throughout my life I thought about myself as the son who didn't know how to ask, especially when I was a child and my grandfather, my father, and my teachers “opened it” for me, explaining to me the foundational story of my people.

I also went through a period in which I was the wicked son, maybe not completely wicked, but rebellious and disconnected.

Then, I entered rabbinical school, and the wise son took over. I wanted to know – and teach – all the laws pertinent to the holiday, all the details, all the traditions, all the insights, all the customs.

Somehow, the simple son had never caught my attention until a few days ago, when I participated in a shiur organized by the New York Board of Rabbis on the Passover Haggadah, with Rabbi Avi Weiss.

Rabbi Weiss started his shiur by saying: the older I become, the simpler I want it!

I pondered his words. While I don't see myself as an old person, I can relate to his simple words. I also want life to be simpler. I can remember a time in my life when I cherished drama, when I embraced the exhilarating thrill of ups and downs, of surprises and eventful occurrences.

Now, I have learned to value simplicity. Less stuff, less complications, less drama, and less turmoil. I look forward to the predictability of each day following the previous one. I wish our world (including Israel) had less thrills, and more certainty. I have come to enjoy simpler answers, shorter explanations, easier solutions, and less sophistication.

A scholarly mind (also an idea from Rabbi Weiss) wishes to know what the meaning of the text is, what the ritual means. The simple son is less interested in the meaning of the text or the ritual and is more interested in how the text or the ritual can add meaning to his life.

The wise son wants more, the simple son, wants less. I like to believe that the simple son became wiser with the passing of time and now understands that there is wisdom in simplicity.

The truth is that the simple son has been underrated. His question consists of two words in Hebrew and three in English: *mah zot?* – *what is this?* The answer is also simple: “*With a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the grip of slavery.*”

Perhaps this is all we need to know. Perhaps the simple son is trying to teach us that we should try to keep the story of our lives simpler, to allow time to enjoy the important gifts of life: our family and friends.

May Hashem, in His simple unity, bless all of us with a simple, yet meaningful life; a life in which we all travel lighter and reach our Promised Land. *Rabbi Manes Kogan*

From the Executive Director's Desk

Spring has finally arrived, and I couldn't be more thrilled! There's something so special about the blooming flowers, the warmer weather, and the longer daylight hours. I had a wonderful time in West Palm Beach, Florida celebrating the start of Passover with my father, brother, his wife and in-laws, my niece and nephew, and 1500 of our closest friends! (We were at a hotel that's made kosher for Pesach, hence the large crowd!)

As we begin to transition from the past year and look ahead, it's a time for reflection and gratitude. I'm deeply thankful for the opportunity to work alongside Simeon Saturn as president and for all his kindness and support as I began my role at HJC. I also feel incredibly fortunate to have Helene Jacob as our new synagogue president. I'm confident that under her leadership, we will continue to grow stronger with each passing year.

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then as a vice-president on Simeon's team.

Each generation of Hillcrest leaders has dealt with different issues to ensure the survival of the shul. We are at a crossroads in the history of Hillcrest Jewish Center. As your new president, this is my vision going forward for Hillcrest.

Mission statements are meant to communicate a message that mobilizes people to pursue their work together. Let's strengthen our mission of Torah, Avodah (prayer), and Chesed (acts of kindness) through *your* involvement. Our dynamic duo, Rabbi Kogan and Cantor Rachel, have already enhanced the spiritual and educational components of our synagogue. And there is even more to come!! I am asking *you* to lend us a hand, come for services and participate in the many programs and classes offered. In other words, be actively involved in Torah, Avodah and Chesed. (And, of course, let's celebrate the success of our classes and programs to date!)

Synagogues help to foster relationships and community by finding ways for people to engage with each other. Whether it is by attending and supporting the daily minyan (7 AM and 7 PM), leading or engaging in one of the small groups, prepping or staying for a friendship kiddush, studying with Rabbi Kogan, singing with Cantor Rachel, attending Men's Club and Sisterhood activities, sharing pizza and Torah with your teen friends, delivering food for holiday meals, or planning an event – there are many ways to be a part of the Hillcrest family.

A more difficult goal, in the face of the demographic changes in our neighborhood, is to grow our membership roll. I am asking each of you to become a Hillcrest ambassador. Encourage members who we have not seen in a while to return to services. Invite a non-member friend to a Shabbat service or program. Be sure to welcome our new member families – make space at your kiddush table! I encourage everyone to be members of Sisterhood and Men's Club and to support our Youth and Family programming. Spread the word about our caring and kind family!

I will work with the officers and the Board of Trustees to meet our challenges. Together we can find ways to sustain and strengthen our community. When Moshe assembled the community of Israel to contribute materials and skills to the building of the Mishkan, the sacred Tabernacle, it could not be built by one person, one leader, or one tribe. The completion of the Mishkan was only

possible through communal effort – a lesson that remains relevant for us today.

Simeon, on behalf of the congregation, we appreciate all the hard work you have done over the last two years and your skillful guidance of the shul through this complicated time for Conservative synagogues in general. I look forward to continuing our working relationship as you remain involved in an advisory capacity. *Helene Jacob, President*

Executive Director *cont. from page 2*

I hope many of you have had the chance to explore our new synagogue website and log into your membership account. If you need any assistance with either, please don't hesitate to reach out!

You'll soon notice some changes in the lobby when you enter through the Robert's door. To optimize the space, we will now have our beautiful flyers displayed on the wall. We encourage you to take one with you and share the details of any class, program, or event with your family and friends!

A quick reminder: synagogue membership statements were mailed out in March. If you haven't received yours, please contact the synagogue office as soon as possible, and we'll be happy to send you a new one. We truly appreciate your prompt payment.

I hope you'll continue to join me each month in this column. If there's anything you'd like to hear about, feel free to reach out to me directly. *Nadine Kochavi*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Here are some highlights from our March meeting.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made to close out 2 unused special funds and was passed unanimously. There will continue to be a 3% fee charged when using a credit card. There are no fees for checks, ACH transfers and debit cards.

Executive Committee Report: There was a meeting to discuss the lease agreement for the building sale. There were a few minor items which will be discussed in another few weeks. High Holiday seating is being reviewed by the special committee. There are enough seats in the main sanctuary to accommodate the number of people that attended last year, while closing the ballroom. They are also looking at future renovations (new seats, carpeting, etc.) when funds become available.

Executive Director's Report: ERC granted HJC 2 payments for keeping our personnel employed during COVID. The

boiler installation has been approved, and we are awaiting the permit. There was a detailed report on our insurances covering liability, etc. A motion was made to renew our current policies that was unanimously approved. An additional motion was made and passed to obtain cyber insurance. We have a quote from American Stair Lift for a minimum of \$17,000 for a chairlift. Jeffrey also donated a chair which Alan is trying to use parts of to get our chair to work. A motion was made and passed to spend up to \$20,000 for a new lift. As per the constitution, dues will increase by 2.5% next year. A new camp group wants to rent the gym on an hourly basis. It was approved.

Sisterhood Report: Thanks to all who supported the Mishloach Manot Project.

Men's Club Report: Men's Club will sponsor a congregational breakfast on May 4th. Men's Club Shabbat is on June 21st and the fishing trip is on June 29th. They are planning to see the Mets play at Citi Field on a date to be selected.

Youth and Family: Many activities are planned. Cantor Rachel will work more closely with the group in July as per her contract.

Old Business: The next BOT meeting will be on April 22nd, due to the Passover Holiday. The Cantor's Graduation Kiddush will be on May 24th.

Good and Welfare: Congratulations to Debbie and Mark Solkoff on the birth of their grandson Ethan David Prince-Solkoff. Kol HaKavod and thank you to the outgoing board members. A good Passover to all. Refreshments and cake were provided in appreciation of Simeon Saturn's service as President. Thank you to Monte Schwartz for filling in for Monte Shulkes by taking minutes at this meeting.

Mark Solkoff, Board Chair

FROM THE HJC OFFICE**Beware of Scams**

The office has been informed that several individuals received fraudulent emails claiming to be from Rabbi Kogan. They came from officemail20846@gmail.com and included vague messages like "Do you have a brief moment for a quick request?"

Please know that these emails are NOT from Rabbi Kogan and should be ignored and deleted.

Rabbi Kogan's only official email address associated with Hillcrest Jewish Center is: rabbikogan@hillcrestjc.org.

If you are ever unsure about an email, contact the HJC office directly at 718-380-4145. *Help to protect our community from scams.*

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood is delighted to honor Rebbitzin Libby Mowshowitz z"l with the Libby Mowshowitz Breakfast/Lecture on Sunday morning, June 1st at 10:00 am.

Rabbi Israel and Rebbitzin Libby became our spiritual leaders in 1948. They continued in that role until 1983 when they retired.

Libby (Liba) was born in Belarus and came from a very long line of prestigious rabbis. She was a dominant figure in Sisterhood even when she became Rebbitzin Emerita, until her passing in 1998.

Each year we select a speaker whose topic is relevant to her interests. This year our guest is Florence G. Wolpoff. She is the Women's League Observer at the United Nations. Reservations are **required to attend**. All members of Hillcrest Jewish Center are welcome. The cut-off date is Thursday, May 22nd.

Our other special June event is the BQLI Women's League Achievement Award Gala. Our honoree is Helene Jacob. The event will be held at Temple Beth Shalom in Roslyn on Thursday evening, June 12th. This is also a **Reservation only** event. Please look for our flyer and the information in the Daily Digest.

The Membership mailing for our new year, June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026 will be made in the next few weeks. You must be a member of Hillcrest Jewish Center to become a member of Sisterhood. Thank you for your dedication to keeping Sisterhood strong.

Congratulations to our Student Cantor Rachel Black – who shortly after you read this will become our Cantor Rachel Black.

Karen Rothman, Sisterhood President

TEA AND SCHMOOZE

Friday, May 9th at 7:30 pm: Deborah Tartell, Shireinu Choir of Long Island.

Our June 13th Tea and Schmooze program is right around the corner. We have an author named Jeremy Goldstein who writes fantasy novels. You can find him on socials@jsgoldauthor. Fantasy has been a constant companion throughout his life. By day, he teaches history to high schoolers who hopefully remember it. He lives (and jokes, and dances, and sings) with his wife, daughter, son and two cats on Long Island. In conjunction with our own HJC member Matthew Resnick, they will lead us in an interesting discussion about the world of fantasy novels and how Judaism plays a major role. The book, *The Sanhedrin Chronicles*, is available online from amazon.com.

Debbie Solkoff, T&S chairperson

SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day

Building closed except for Services 8:30 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

Yom Yerushalayim – Jerusalem Day

Friday, May 30

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

Candle Lighting 8:02 P.M.

Saturday, May 31 – B'midbar 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Numbers 1:1-4:20 Haftarah: Hosea 2:1-22

Bar Mitzvah: Alexander Tarazona, son of Jennifer and Ivan Tarazona

Mincha 7:30 P.M.

Shiur/Third Meal 8:00 P.M.

Maariv 9:00 P.M.

Shabbat ends 9:10 P.M.

MEN'S CLUB

The Hillcrest Jewish Center Men's Club proudly presents "Jewish Boxing Legends" and a **Congregational Breakfast** on Sunday, May 4th at 10:00 A.M., in the Moreida Auditorium. Speaking on this topic is our very own Mike Silver, an internationally respected boxing historian and author. He has appeared on HBO and has written several books on "The Sweet Science." Please sign up early, as this is expected to be a very well-attended event, and our planning committee needs to arrange for seating (tables, chairs, table-settings, food and drinks). **RSVP is absolutely required no later than Monday, April 28th** via the HJC Daily Digest or phoning the Office: 718-380-4145. This event is absolutely FREE for Men's Club members and their families, as well as students. A suggested contribution for all others is \$5.00. Men's Club yearly membership dues of \$45.00 will be accepted at the door.

Also on the docket is **MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT** on Saturday, June 21st. Brunch will follow services. More information will be forthcoming. (And again, **RSVP early**.)

One week from then, Sunday morning, June 29th, Men's Club will hold its annual excursion to Captree State Park for a day of fishing. Equipment is included at no extra charge. Please check flyers and announcements soon for particulars. (Oh! And by the way, **RSVP early**.)

Flash! Hot off the wires! Announcement soon on an afternoon or evening NY Mets baseball game at Citi Field.

Joel Berkowitz, Men's Club Co-V.P.

SELLING THE CHAMETZ BEFORE PESACH



City Council Member James Gennaro met with a number of our local rabbis, including Rabbi Kogan, in order to accept over 1,000 Delegation of Authority Sale of Chametz forms. He has been performing this service for the Jewish community for many years now.

JOIN US ON MAY 24

CANTOR'S INSTALLATION SHABBAT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES INSTALLATION

Dear friends of HJC,

I understand that Frank Diaz, our security guard, took a picture on his phone during Installation Shabbat of the people being installed and leaving the Board of Trustees. Without setting a precedent, I asked Joan to reproduce the picture in the Bulletin with words of appreciation both to the incoming members of the BOT and those who are leaving it, after many years of dedicated service.

Rabbi Kogan

**YOUTH AND FAMILY HOCKEY – TEL AVIV vs. JERUSALEM
MARCH 23, 2025**



Passover is now behind us. We had a lovely Shabbat family dinner on April 18th, at the end of Passover. The dinner was subsidized by Elaine Steinberg, Edgar Schwartz and an anonymous donor. We thank them for their generous support.

Looking forward, as we wrap up this year before the summer, there are still 2 dinners for our children scheduled for May 30th and June 20th. If you would like to sponsor one of these dinners, please let me know.

Our last Teen Keshet program/party will be with Abby Kogan on May 4th.

We will be co-sponsoring the Lag B'Omer Bonfire with the Men's Club on May 15th at Hillcrest JC. There will be s'mores and pizza. Save the date!

Our next experiential event is to the Eldridge Street Museum on June 8th at 11:30 AM. We will be having a private tour, so it should be a great time. More information to follow.

Lastly, check the front of the bulletin for all the times and dates for Kindershtul, Junior Congregation and Teen Minyan.

We would love to see you all at our programs!

Esther Tokarz, Youth & Family

**ISRAEL DAY ON FIFTH
PARADE**

Sunday, May 18

*This year's theme is
Hatikvah – "The Hope"*

Show your support for Israel

The date has passed to sign up to be a marcher in the parade, but spectators can also show support for Israel.

Questions? Contact Steven Gorochoff or the HJC office

A NOTE OF THANKS

Hello Rabbi Kogan,

I want to thank you and the congregation at Hillcrest for your warm kindness and hospitality during my time visiting with you at the Shabbat service. It was a wonderful experience for me. Please pass along my gratitude to the precious woman whom I sat beside. She helped me fully engage in the service, and I was very grateful for her. I'm sorry that I don't recall her name. I asked her to remind me at the end of the service, and although she did, I think I was so overwhelmed with the experience that I didn't retain it for long. Specifically, I was deeply impacted by the honor of reading the prayer for our country. This is a prayer that I, as an evangelical Christian, share with you on a regular basis, so to have the honor of praying this together with you was something I will always cherish.

May Hashem bless you.

Gary C. Rowland

THE MEN'S CLUB PRESENTS

**MIKE SILVER'S
JEWISH BOXING LEGENDS**

AND

BREAKFAST

SUNDAY MAY 4, 2025

10 a.m.



SEE THE FLYER FOR DETAILS

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THE MEN'S CLUB

GIVE YOUR FAMILY
AND FRIENDS
AN EXCITING DAY



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THE BAY PRINCESS

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025

8 a.m. TO 1:00 p.m.

CAPTREE STATE PARK

SEE THE FLYER
QUESTIONS??

CALL STEVE ZELLMAN -917-916-7032

RSVP Required

**When you see those words on a
flyer, in the text of a Bulletin article,
or in the**

**Daily Digest or Shabbat Shalom...
it is there for a reason!**

**Tables must be set up
and/or food will be served,
and it is necessary to know how
many people will be attending.**

This is a reminder that
**HJC will be celebrating
YOM HA'ATZMAUT**

**in honor of Israel's
77th Birthday**

THURSDAY, MAY 1

BEGINNING AT 5:15 PM

*Flyers were sent out email via the
Daily Digest and Shabbat Shalom.
The RSVP final date was April 24*

**Hillel Student Spotlight:
Building Jewish Community
at Queens College
MEET ABBY KOGAN**

Builder, Educator, Leader

*This article appeared in the Hillel Queens
magazine around Purim time. We thought
you would enjoy reading it.*

This Purim, we celebrate the power of Jewish resilience and leadership. Just like Queens Esther stood proudly for her people, students like Abby are proudly building a stronger Jewish future at Queens College.

Meet Abby Kogan, a junior at Queens College studying Applied Mathematics with a concentration in Economics. You might assume she's all about the books – but Abby's true passion lies in building Jewish life on campus. In fact, when choosing a college, it wasn't just the prestigious Macaulay Honors Program that drew her to Queens – it was the students she met who were already shaping a vibrant Jewish community.

Abby grew up in Queens, surrounded by Torah and Jewish values. During a semester abroad in Italy this past winter, she faced a unique challenge: how to stay connected to Jewish life in an unfamiliar place. She found herself navigating kosher

food, Shabbat observance, and Jewish holidays far from home. With the help of local rabbis and Jewish communities – along with support from Queens Hillel – she discovered a deep appreciation for the power of Jewish connection.

When she returned to campus, she wanted to give back. Last semester, Abby worked with Hillel's Springboard Fellow, Casey, to create a six-week chavurah (Jewish learning group) called Fables and Philosophy. Each session explored Jewish fables from the Talmud and Midrash, sparking deep conversations about ethics, values, and identity. Abby was intentional about including students from diverse Jewish backgrounds, encouraging unique perspectives in every discussion. Thanks to Queens Hillel's support, she was able to turn an idea into a meaningful learning space for her peers.

Now a leader in the Queens Hillel community, Abby continues to inspire others with her dedication to Jewish life on campus. Whether she's studying for a midterm, planning the next big event, or sharing conversation over coffee at Hillel, Abby is shaping the kind of Jewish community that she once sought out for herself.

Queens Hillel is proud to support students like Abby as they take ownership of their Jewish journeys.

Thank you for making this possible. Your support ensures that our students continue to have the resources, mentors, and opportunities to build a thriving Jewish community on campus.

In gratitude,
Queens Hillel

**HJC Sisterhood invites all
to the
ANNUAL LIBBY MOWSHOWITZ
BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, June 1
at 10:00 am**

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
BY THURSDAY, MAY 22**

**Guest Speaker
FLORENCE WOLPOFF
Women's League Observer**

**At the
United Nations**

*This event is free to all
Hillcrest Jewish Center Members
pre-registration is required*

SYNAGOGUE OFFERINGS

Reminder

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

General Fund:

A heartfelt thank you to Rabbi and the wonderful HJC congregation for their beautiful warm wishes, blessings and support during the naming of our baby girl Leyla Melania. Your love and kindness made this day truly special for all of us! Rose, Arvin, Dmitriy, Eleonora, Elizabeth and Eva.

Raina & Jamey Kohn in honor of Helene Jacob becoming President of Hillcrest Jewish Center.

Raina & Jamey Kohn in honor of Simeon Saturn for all his hard work as President of Hillcrest Jewish Center.

Helen, Jay and Samuel Wild thank Rabbi Kogan and the synagogue for helping them.

Sela & Steven Zellman thank and congratulate Simeon Saturn upon the completion of his successful presidency.

Sela & Steven Zellman congratulate Helene Jacob and wish her Mazal Tov on becoming President of HJC.

Carol & Dave Zolondek with love in honor of a very special friend, RoseAnn Darche, on the occasion of her special birthday.

Andria Grundman-Cooper & Scott Cooper with thanks to Jeffrey Rosenberg who always remembers who can do what, when.

Janet & Stephen Liebman congratulate Helene Jacob on assuming the presidency of HJC.

Janet & Stephen Liebman congratulate Howard Jacob on reciting the Haftarah.

Joel Berkowitz sends many, many thanks for everybody's well-wishes and assistance, when asked upon throughout this "eye" wrenching time of his life.

Elaine Steinberg wishes Joel Berkowitz a Refuah Shlemah so we can see "eye to eye."

Abby Belson in gratitude for the support Hillcrest has provided.

Lawrence Feinstein for yearzeit of mother Sara Feinstein.

Phyllis Mindlin for yearzeit of father Jerome Velaney.

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

Aviva & Jimmy Peress in memory of Sam Schweitzer.

Richard Kass for yearzeit of father Seymour Kass.

Elaine Soffer for yearzeit of father Herbert Soffer.

Merle Askenas-Kaplan for yearzeit of mother Theresa Weiss.

Ellen Rothstein and Mark Rothstein for yearzeit of beloved mother Sally S. Rothstein.

Susan, Don and Jared Asch for yearzeit of beloved mother and grandmother Sally S. Rothstein.

Carl Gruber for yearzeit of father Stanley Gruber.

Phyllis Gruber for yearzeit of father Samuel Marvald.

Monte Schwartz for yearzeit of mother Miriam Schwartz.

Monte Schwartz for yearzeit of wife Judith Schwartz.

Stephen Liebman for yearzeit of father Richard Liebman.

Doris Fried for yearzeit of husband Stephen Fried.

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