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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June marks the 60th anniversary of Rabbi Mowshowitz (z"l)'s trip around the world. He and the rebbetzin would hit up Japan, Thailand, India, Afghanistan, Finland, Norway, and Russia. All of these visits were detailed in four September weekly shul bulletins (available upon request), plus lost-to-history Shabbat morning sermons. I can only imagine this was all meticulously documented to ensure that, at worst, the whole trip would be tax-deductible – or at best, that he figured out how to get HJC to pay entirely for what sounds like the trip of a lifetime. G-d bless Jewish accountants!

Rabbi Mowshowitz (z"l) would go away every summer for two months like clockwork. Back then, over the summer, Eastern Queens would empty out faster than a Shabbat kiddush lox plate. For the past half century, we've mostly been spoiled.

This year, though thankfully for just two weeks, Rabbi Kogan will be away – this time not for leisure, but in service of our country (and maybe a little bit for sermon material). Of course, we will miss him – but we are also incredibly proud of him and the important work he is doing. While no one will pretend that filling his tallis is easy, I have full confidence that our community will rise to the occasion, just as we always do. We thank our minyanaires, our dedicated members, our entire board (except for one of the vice-presidents – he knows who he is), and our new full-time cantor, Rachel Black – who, talk about timing, is getting thrown right into the lion's den!

In the spirit of pitching in while Rabbi Kogan is away, I've been thinking about how I can contribute during this brief rabbinic vacuum. I looked into a smicha program, but Schlomo's Car Repair and Online Rabbinical Ordination doesn't quite meet our standards.

So maybe I have to actually do something. I plan to show up a little more, lend a hand where I can, and make it to more than the morning minyans I currently try

SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

Friday, July 4 – Independence Day

<i>Building closed except for Services</i>	8:30 A.M.
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv	7:00 P.M.
Candle Lighting	8:12 P.M.

Saturday, July 5 – Chukat

Torah Reading: Numbers 19:1-22:1 Haftarah: Judges 11:1-33	9:00 A.M.
Mincha	7:30 P.M.
Shiur/Seudah Shlishit	8:00 P.M.
Maariv	9:00 P.M.
Shabbat ends	9:20 P.M.

Friday, July 11

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv	7:00 P.M.
Candle Lighting	8:10 P.M.

Saturday, July 12 – Balak

Torah Reading: Numbers 22:2-25:9 Haftarah: Micah 5:6-6:8	9:00 A.M.
Mincha	7:30 P.M.
Shiur/Seudah Shlishit	8:00 P.M.
Maariv	9:00 P.M.
Shabbat ends	9:16 P.M.

Sunday, July 13 – Fast of the 17th of Tammuz

Fast begins 3:44 A.M. and ends 9:00 P.M.	
Shachrit (with Torah reading) Exodus 32:11-14, 34:1-10	8:30 A.M.
Mincha (with Torah and Haftarah reading) and Maariv	7:30 P.M.
Exodus 32:11-14, 34:1-10 Haftarah: Isaiah 55:6-56:8	

Friday, July 18 – Tea and Schmooze

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv	7:30 P.M.
Candle Lighting	8:06 P.M.

Saturday, July 19 – Pin'chas – Birkat HaChodesh

Torah Reading: Numbers 25:10-30:1 Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:1-23	9:00 A.M.
We welcome the new month Av – Rosh Chodesh is Saturday, July 26	
Mincha	7:30 P.M.
Shiur/Seudah Shlishit	8:00 P.M.
Maariv	9:00 P.M.
Shabbat ends	9:11 P.M.

Friday, July 25

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

Saturday, July 26 – Matot/Massei – Rosh Chodesh Av

Torah Reading: Numbers 30:2-36:13, Numbers 28:9-15	9:00 A.M.
Haftarah: Jeremiah 2:4-28:34	
Mincha	7:15 P.M.
Shiur/Third Meal	7:45 P.M.
Maariv	8:45 P.M.
Shabbat ends	9:00 P.M.

in the morning, I'm congratulated for making the minyan – which tells you two things:

1. People are genuinely surprised when I show up, and
2. I'm habitually late.

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CENTER FAMILY

Congratulations to:

Bertha Strauss on the birth of her great-granddaughter Clara Isabel Sterling.

Condolences to:

The family of longtime member Robert Rumack.

The family of longtime member Elaine Hauser.

Anne Hosansky on the passing of her brother-in-law Eugene Hosansky.

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

July Milestone Anniversaries:

Dee & Michael Brofman (50)

Louise Derzansky-Cohen &

Paul Cohen (30)

2025 BQLI WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD JUNE 12, 2025



Helene Jacob accepts the award from Women's League regional and international presidents.

From Rabbi Kogan

Dear Friends of Hillcrest Jewish Center,

Last June 1st, at the Libby Mowshowitz breakfast, her son, Sol, shared a few words about his mother. His reflections highlighted one of the principles that has guided my rabbinate, namely, that no particular issue is more important than the unity of the congregation. While this is true about congregations, it applies the same to families, communities, and the Jewish people in its entirety.

I asked Sol permission to share his words. I hope you will find them as meaningful and inspiring as I did.

Many blessings, Rabbi Kogan

Dear Friends:

First of all, I want to congratulate Helene for her upcoming honor at the Region Woman of Achievement Gala on June 12th. I can vouch personally for her marvelous leadership; in organizing this event, checking all the boxes, getting everyone working together, and herding our family cats.

There was once a Chassidic Rebbe in a small *shtetl*. So small that the train ran through the town without so much as a whistle stop. Yet every day, precisely at 3:17 PM, he would stop whatever he was doing, walk down to the railroad tracks and watch the train race through town. After many years, his Chassidim got the courage to ask him what the spiritual significance of this practice was. He told them: "I go down to watch the train every day, because that train is the only thing in this town that moves, that I don't have to push."

Thank you, Helene, for your pushing.

Before Bertha introduces our distinguished speaker, I want to channel my Mother a little, and give a message I hope she would have endorsed.

We have to stick together!

In *Iggrot Moshe*, a book of responsa by the renowned *posek* (decisor of Jewish Law) Moshe Feinstein, he tends to focus on cases out of the ordinary.

One such case in the late 1950s was of an Orthodox Young Israel congregation that was in an uproar. Members of the congregation had placed two flags, one of the United States, the other of Israel, on the *bimah* on each side of the Holy Ark. Some members of the congregation were pleased, but others were horrified. This is idolatry, they said, and demanded that the flags be removed. The others got defensive. They said: We are not idolaters, and if you take those flags out, we will leave the congregation and form another shul. They took their dispute to Moshe Feinstein.

His answer is a masterpiece of political savvy.

First, he said, it is not idolatry (calming the ones accused of it). By placing the flags there, people are merely expressing their affection for the political entities represented by the flags. Nobody is worshipping the flags or the political entities. On the other hand, it is not a good practice, and (here's the key phrase) if you could sneak the flags out of there **without dividing the congregation**, *mah tov* – well and good. But if it divides the congregation, then *shoyv*, leave them there. They got the message and removed the flags.

What message was that? Congregational unity was more important than the issue that divided them.

I recall now some unpleasant history of Hillcrest. For a time, long after Dad had retired, and before Rabbi Kogan came, the congregation was bitterly divided into factions for and against increased participation of women in communal ritual. On *Shabbat*, the two factions alternated meeting in the Sanctuary and downstairs. Mother, I remember, adamantly refused to take sides. She sat in her regular seat in the Sanctuary no matter which faction's *shabbas* it was. The division in the congregation made her heartsick, as did all divisions within the Jewish community. She was a champion of *ACHDUT*, unity. She loved all Jews: Rich and poor, Ashkenazi and Sephardi, Democrat and Republican, religious and secular.

As some of you know, in 1919 in Elizabetgrad (now called Kirovograd), Mom survived her own October 7th, a pogrom in which 3,000 Jews – more than one third of the Jewish population – were murdered in two days, and she didn't even come to hate goyim, and who could blame her if she did?

Mom was brilliant. She could have been a great mathematician, and she chose to become a rebbetzin. But it was in loving that she most excelled. Sylvia and I won the Mother lottery. All of you who knew her understood that you were loved. It's not a mistake that she was named Liebe! (love).

In these terrible times, when many Jews feel that they are forced to choose between being hated and being pitied, between their survival and their values, when their own values are being used as a weapon against them by those who don't share those values, we have to have *rachmones* (compassion) on those who are trying their best to deal with an almost impossible situation for our community, but differ with us on how to do it. *cont. pg. 3*

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By all means, let's advocate and debate ferociously within the peoplehood. There's too much at stake not to. But let's continue to respect and love other Jews despite our differences. With *ACHDUT*, only and truly, *am yisrael chai!*

Solomon Mowshowitz

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I'm like the Schrödinger's cat of minyan-goers.

But why do I deserve praise when others who are literally constants at these minyans and who also made the minyan, get no special recognition? Why am I treated like first-cut pastrami, and they're treated like chopped liver? For the record: I dislike first-cut pastrami and vastly prefer super-fatty second-cut. I also happen to love chopped liver. So clearly my analogy-making ability is about as good as my ability to get to minyan on time, or in more theoretical-physics terminology: "Definitely...maybe."

The point is: our country needs even more Rabbi Kogans than the one we can spare for a few weeks, our "constants" are the true heroes of HJC, and our shul needs a more punctual, reliable version of me – which I plan on becoming. So meet me at morning minyan. Maybe I'll even bring some donuts, which, let's be honest, goes down much better than chopped liver at 8:00 a.m.

Monte Shulkes, V.P.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

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

Executive Committee Report:

Sanctuary seating for High Holidays – There were many empty seats in the sanctuary and ballroom last year. A committee has met and made recommendations to the Executive Board and the Board of Trustees about seating for the 2025 High Holidays. There was much discussion, debate, and conversation. The final decision is still pending. The *Advertising Task Force* met on May 12th to discuss a policy about advertising other shuls' programs if they do not conflict with ours. The task force did a "SWAT" analysis to determine impact. A policy is forthcoming. *Board Committees* – The president is reaching out to current chairs and others who may be interested in current or future committees. Please contact Helene Jacob if you would like to serve on a committee. *Political speaking engagements* – The Executive Committee passed a motion

that current political candidates or their surrogates will not be invited to speak during an election year. The motion was passed by the board. *Kol Nidre Campaign Chairs* – If you are interested in this important committee, please let Helene Jacob know as soon as possible. This is a major source of funding for our shul.

Executive Director's Report: The events of April and May were attended by over 100 people each. Thank you to Men's Club and Youth and Family for sponsorship of the Yom Ha'atzmaut program. It is crucial to RSVP for events by their deadlines to ensure there is enough food, seating, and also for security. It was suggested that the RSVP "boxes" in the daily digest be printed larger to call attention to them. *Membership Dues* – There are about 20-25 families who have not paid for several years and may no longer live in the area. The office is looking into this. Please pay your dues in a timely manner. *Fire extinguishers* – \$2,400 was allocated to update fire extinguishers in order to be in compliance with fire department regulations. *Local Laws 88 and 97* – We continue to work on compliance before our extended deadline is reached. *Save the date* – We are looking into a possible trip to Israel with another congregation next March. Look for a survey coming soon.

Sisterhood Report: Trip to the Holocaust Museum took place in May. The Libby Mowshowitz Breakfast took place on June 1st. BQLI Woman of Achievement Gala was on June 12th honoring Sisterhood Board Member and congregation President Helene Jacob.

Men's Club Report: The Lag B'Omer celebration took place on May 15th and was attended by over 100 people. June 21st was Men's Club Shabbat. June 29th was the annual fishing trip. July 22nd is a NY Mets game versus LA Angels. Sept. 2nd is the Men's Club barbeque.

Youth and Family Report: June 7th and June 22nd were the last dinners of the season. June 8th was the Eldridge Street Synagogue visit.

Old Business: Sale of building – The buyer was sent our version of the lease, and they sent back some changes. The committee will meet soon to review the very few sticking points.

New Business: Members attended Cantor Rachel's Graduation/Ordination on livestream and in person. We celebrated Cantor Rachel's achievements at a kiddush on May 24th where she was given a special musical art piece from the

congregation. May 28th was the Mental Health Initiative with people from Zucker Hillside Hospital speaking about their services. The Updated fee schedule for 2025-2026 was presented and approved. The Updated salary schedule for 2025-2026 was presented and approved. Jeffrey Rosenberg would like to give a computer class to any congregants. If you are interested, contact the office. If you would like an honor during the High Holidays, note it on the ticket form.

Good and Welfare: Congratulations to Myles Resnick on his graduation from Binghamton University. Congratulations and much success to Cantor Rachel on her graduation and ordination.

Happy summer.

Mark Solkoff, Board Chair

SISTERHOOD

Just a reminder – If you want to have your name appear on our High Holiday Greetings List, your dues check must be received by August 15th.

Our Libby Mowshowitz Breakfast/Lecture was very successful. Our speaker, Florence Wolpoff, Women's League Observer at the United Nations, gave a very updated and disturbing report on the Middle East.

Our Committee, Ellen Hochstein, Helene Jacob, Nora Kozuch, Adele Rothstein, Ellen Rothstein, Susan Straus and Bertha Strauss spent hours preparing, including ordering the food. As the registration continued to increase, we ordered additional platters. Unfortunately, there were too many on that list that just did not show up. In the future, if you register for one of our programs and you are unable to attend, please give us a call so we can prepare accordingly.

Thank you to the one woman who called to make sure her name was on the list – as she knew it was disrespectful to "just show up."

We are planning our fall programs. If you are interested in participating on that committee or if you have any suggestions, please let Bertha, Nora or me know.

Congratulations to Bertha Strauss on becoming a Great-Grandmother to a beautiful baby girl.

Congratulations to Helene Jacob, receiving the "2025 BQLI Woman of Achievement Award".

Thank you to Connie Solomon for her generous donation to the Stitchers Yarn Fund.

Karen Rothman, Sisterhood President

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*If your name has been omitted
or if it appears in the wrong
category, please contact the
HJC office promptly.*

MEN'S CLUB

The "I"s have been dotted, and the "T"s have been crossed. Tuesday evening, July 22nd, the New York Mets and Los Angeles Angels lock horns at Citi Field in mortal combat...and it's only \$30 per ticket (parking extra). Don't miss out on your chance to be caught on the "Kiss-Cam" as our own Harold Moskowitz and Lilly had that grand honor last year. Please reserve by Tuesday, July 8th. Make checks payable to **Men's Club, Hillcrest Jewish Center**. Questions??? Contact Men's Club President, Marty Guttman at mpguttman@gmail.com, or 917-825-5498.

Joel Berkowitz
Co-VP, Men's Club

HJC RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

As the representative of the Hillcrest Jewish Center Religious School Partnership with Forest Hills Jewish Center, I've had the unique opportunity to see firsthand the positive results of this year's partnership. As the mom of a 10-year-old, I've seen my daughter grow in confidence and curiosity.

Starting in September, we immediately felt a warmth, purpose, and community. The staff is dedicated, and the learning environment is engaging, and students are excited to attend. In addition to Tuesday afternoon and Sunday morning classes, there were thoughtfully organized gatherings during holidays and family-oriented events for both parents/guardians and students.

While Hillcrest is our home, being a part of the Forest Hills community opened a new range of opportunities for involvement and learning. From a class trip to the Jewish Museum in NYC, to attending the Purim Festival at FHJC, to being part of the school-wide Yom HaShoah commemoration program, there is an opportunity for engagement at different levels.

Students learn Hebrew, discuss current events, and explore Jewish holidays and traditions in a supportive environment. It is an opportunity for personal growth and friendship-building. If you are looking for a Jewish learning experience for your child or children, the HJC Religious School Partnership with FHJC is worth exploring. Contact HJC Executive Director, Nadine Kochavi at (718) 380-4145.

Michelle Kaplan

HJC MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE



On May 28th, the HJC Mental Health Initiative hosted professionals from Zucker Hillside Hospital for a special program: Resources, Support & YOU.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We're Looking Forward to Seeing You at Hillcrest

We're so glad that so many of our members regularly attend Hillcrest events. What you may not see is the tremendous amount of planning that goes into each gathering – from securing engaging speakers and arranging space, to ordering food, creating publicity, and more.

Our dedicated volunteers and staff work behind the scenes to make sure every event runs smoothly. Whether it's the Adult Ed film series, the Sisterhood Mowshowitz Breakfast, the Men's Club Bar-B-Que, our Annual Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration, or Youth and Family Shabbat dinners – it all comes together, thanks to their hard work and care.

We truly appreciate how many of you are registering for events in advance (though there's always room for improvement!). **Registration helps us plan better – especially when it comes to food and seating.**

Of course, we understand that plans can change. ***If you're unable to attend an event you've registered for, we kindly ask that you let us know.*** Call, email, or text someone at the synagogue or the event organizer. If you're not sure who to contact, simply email us at info@hillcrestjc.org.

Finally, thank you. Your participation is what makes Hillcrest the vibrant, welcoming community we all love. And a special thanks to our Board Members, committee chairs, clergy, staff, and volunteers – you make it all happen.

We can't wait to see you at our next event! *Nadine Kochavi, Executive Director*

FROM THE DESK OF THE HJC MOWSHOWITZ LIBRARY

Grab a Bag of Summer Reading

Calling all Hillcrest Jewish Center bookworms! Looking for the perfect summer reading adventure? The HJC Mowshowitz Library invites you to participate in our annual Grab-a-Bag of Summer Reading program!

Fill a free Mowshowitz Library tote bag with library books to enjoy over the summer – and return them in September. It's a great way to explore our library collection and keep your reading going all season long.

Here's how it works:

1. Check in at the Hillcrest Jewish Center main office.
2. Browse and select books from the Mowshowitz Library.
3. Check out at the main office by signing the borrower card.
4. Receive your complimentary tote bag at the office.
5. Return the books in September!

Whether you're heading to the beach, the park, or just your favorite chair, we've got the books to keep you company. Happy reading!

The HJC Mowshowitz Library Committee

GETTING READY TO MARCH IN THE ISRAEL DAY PARADE ON SUNDAY, MAY 18



BQLI WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT GALA - JUNE 12



Awaiting the awards ceremony are some of HJC's 50 attendees. What a great turnout to honor Helene Jacob.

Todah Rabah!

Todah Rabah to the Hillcrest Jewish Center Sisterhood for honoring me with the 2025 BQLI Woman of Achievement Award. I am proud to have been one of the twenty-seven Sisters recognized for their leadership and commitment to their Sisterhoods and synagogues. *Todah Rabah* to everyone who came to support the work of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. Additionally, *todah rabah* to the Hillcrest Jewish Center family and individual congregants for recognition of my honor with an ad in the Gala journal. And *todah rabah* to those members who donated to HJC in my honor.

Helene Jacob

TEA AND SCHMOOZE

Our next Tea and Schmooze will take place on Friday, **July 18th**. Remember that Friday evening services begin at 7:30 PM, followed by T&S. Last month's Bulletin introduced both of our speakers.

Janet Ingber Hammelbacher and her family have been long time members of HJC, and between 2015 and 2017, she was the second female president here. Janet will be bringing Pete, her guide dog, and will educate us on how guide dogs for the blind are utilized in everyday activities of daily living.

Dr. Ilana Slaff-Galatan brings a service dog to synagogue regularly. 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.

Both dogs will be with us. The program will definitely be interesting to all people, young and old, to hear. 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.

SYNAGOGUE OFFERINGS

As a member-in-good-standing, you may phone or email 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:

Jordan Beloosesky.

Gwen Jones-Cintrón wishes Mazal Tov to Cantor Rachel Black in honor of her graduating from Cantorial School.

Sherry & Alan Reisner congratulate and wish Mazal Tov to Cantor Rachel Black upon her graduating from JTS and receiving her Cantorial ordination.

Andria Grundman Cooper in honor of Lesley Fuchs who knows how to maintain friendships.

Abby Belson, Nicole & Eric Golubuff in honor of Cantor Rachel upon receiving her cantorial ordination.

Marianne Halpern congratulates Helene Jacob for receiving a well-deserved Woman of Achievement award.

Elaine Soffer & Richard Kass congratulate Helene Jacob on becoming president of Hillcrest and on her well-deserved Women's League Woman of Achievement Award.

Elaine Soffer & Richard Kass congratulate Cantor Rachel on her graduation and ordination.

Lorraine Milkowski in honor of Lesley Fuchs.

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Gail Keren in memory of beloved paternal grandmother Molly Friedman.

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Arthur Flug for yearzeit of father Sam Flug.

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Debbie Solkoff for yearzeit of grandmother Jean Bleiweiss.

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Bruce & Rosanne Ross in memory of parents Lazar & Lilly Farkas, and Bill & Marion Ross and sister Carole Lanzer.

Prayer Book Fund:

Roberta & Les Sufrin honor the life of their nephew Howard Brown whose life was taken much too soon.