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PRESIDENT'S HIGH HOLY DAYS MESSAGE 2025/5786

It is my privilege and honor to deliver my first High Holy Days speech to you, and, of course, my wish is for all to have a sweet and healthy 5786. G'mar Chatima Tova, "May you be sealed for a good year" in the Book of Life, in which we are inscribed on Rosh Hashanah and sealed on Yom Kippur.

We will soon rise for the Bar'khu prayer – the Call to Worship Together – and begin the service amidst our community. You may have read that our theme for this year is **Come Together**.

הנה מדה טוב ומה נעים שבת אחים גם יחד
**How good and how pleasant it is for
friends to be together in unity.**

(Paraphrasing Psalm 133)

Allow me to share a short Hasidic Tale.

Rabbi Hayim of Tzanz used to tell this parable. A man or woman, wandering lost in the forest for several days, finally encountered another. He/she called out: "Brother, show me the way of this forest." The man replied: "Brother, I too am lost. I can only tell you this: the ways I have tried lead nowhere; they have only led me astray. Take my hand, and let us search for the way together." Rabbi Hayim would add: "So it is with us. When we go our separate ways, we may go astray. Let us join hands and look for the way together." On Yom Kippur we pray communally as we examine our lives over the past year.

**How good and pleasant it is for friends
to be together in unity and prayer.**

Hillcrest Jewish Center has a long history and legacy thanks to the vision and support of many volunteers, past presidents, Rabbis, congregants and friends. In the face of our current challenges, we are resilient and continue to thrive as a unified community.

As we enter these sacred last hours of the Days of Awe, we reflect on the year that has passed, our accomplishments and our challenges. At Hillcrest we do the same.

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SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

Friday, October 31

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv	5:30 P.M.
Candle Lighting	5:35 P.M.

Saturday, November 1 – Lech-Lecha

Torah Reading: Genesis 12:1-17:27	Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27-41:16	9:00 A.M.
Mincha		5:00 P.M.
Shiur/Third Meal		5:30 P.M.
Maariv		6:15 P.M.
Shabbat ends		6:34 P.M.

Sunday, November 2 – Daylight Saving Time ends – Turn clocks back one hour

Friday, November 7

Candle Lighting	4:27 P.M.
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv	4:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 8 – Vayera

Torah Reading: Genesis 18:1-22:24	Haftarah: II Kings 4:1-37	9:00 A.M.
Kindershtul		10:30 A.M.
Junior Congregation		10:30 A.M.
Teen Minyan		10:30 A.M.
Mincha		4:00 P.M.
Shiur and Snacks		4:30 P.M.
Maariv		5:15 P.M.
Shabbat ends		5:26 P.M.

Sunday, November 9 – Kristallnacht Remembrance Program

Friday, November 14

Candle Lighting	4:20 P.M.
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv	4:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 15 – Chaye Sarah – Birkat HaChodesh

Torah Reading: Genesis 23:1-25:18	Haftarah: I Kings 1:1-31	9:00 A.M.
We welcome the new month Kislev – Rosh Chodesh is Friday, Nov. 21		
Mincha		3:45 P.M.
Shiur and Snacks		4:15 P.M.
Maariv		5:00 P.M.
Shabbat ends		5:21 P.M.

Sunday, November 16 – Cantor Rachel Black Installation Ceremony and Celebration

Friday, November 21 – Rosh Chodesh Kislev

Candle Lighting	4:15 P.M.
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv	4:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 22 – Toledot

Torah Reading: Genesis 25:19-26:22	Haftarah: Malachi 1:1-2:17	9:00 A.M.
Kindershtul		10:30 A.M.
Teen Minyan		10:30 A.M.
Mincha		3:45 P.M.
Shiur and Snacks		4:15 P.M.
Maariv		5:00 P.M.
Shabbat ends		5:17 P.M.

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CENTER FAMILY

Congratulations to:

Gwen Jones-Cintrón & Chris Cintrón
 on the birth of their grandson in Israel.

Condolences to:

Silvia Surazski Kogan on the passing
 of her mother Fanny Koza de Surazski.

Michael Weiner on the passing of his
 father Martin Weiner.

Nina Kohn on the passing of her
 brother George Israel Kohn.

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

November Milestone Anniversary:

Jennifer & Russell Zitron (25)

Welcome New Member:

Lisa Pollard and son Simon (11)

From Cantor Rachel

HJC's Youth and Family has been abuzz with youth services for all ages, Shabbat dinners for the whole family, park dates, shofar blowing, sukkah hops, and Torah dancing. I am using this space to highlight our fantastic team of educators at Hillcrest Jewish Center. This month's Youth and Family Spotlight is on Yaffa Reichwald, our new addition to the Teen Keshet program.



From Rabbi Kogan

Dear Friends of Hillcrest Jewish Center,

What are the most important days in the Jewish calendar?

The answer to this question, of course, depends on who you ask. As I mentioned in my d'var Torah on the Shabbat after Yom Kippur, many rabbis believe that the most important days in the Jewish calendar are the 10 days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, also known as the Days of Awe. While every rabbi gets extra busy during these days and the few days leading to them, there are many rabbis who build their entire shul-year as a crescendo towards the High Holy Days. After all, these are the days on which most congregants attend services and they present us with a unique opportunity to showcase our synagogues, the work we do, to engage potential new members, and to fundraise for the year ahead. Many of these rabbis "rehearse" services, bring special speakers, and micromanage every single detail to achieve "perfect services."

How do I know so much about these rabbis? Because I used to be one of them. Especially in Argentina, when I was a rabbinical student in charge of a congregation or even during my first couple of years as a congregational rabbi, I spent hours of meetings, rehearsals, and planning for the three most important days in the Jewish calendar.

When we returned to classes after the High Holy Days were over, Rabbi Marshal Meyer, the founder of the Seminario Rabínico Latinoamericano, welcomed us with "tell me about your success!" Both during classes and on one-to-one conversations with colleagues, we shared stories of how successful our services were, how many people attended, how long our *tekia gedolah* was, and how many nice ladies cried because of our meaningful sermons.

This was me over 25 years ago. While I don't look back at those years with regret, it is not where I have been for many years now.

Today I understand that the most important days in the Jewish calendar are the 344 days between Yom Kippur and the next Rosh Hashanah. In other words, for me as a rabbi, the most important days on the shul calendar are the days I spend building the yearly routine of Hillcrest Jewish Center. I measure success not by how many people attended Yizkor, or how long my *tekia gedolah* was at the end of Yom Kippur (actually I believe it was pretty awesome). The truth is that I measure success by how many more people have been joining us for Shabbat, how many people come to minyan, how many of our members know how to lead services, how many successful small groups we have, and how kind our congregants are.

For the few rabbis who belong to this smaller group, the question we ask when we meet after Yom Kippur is not "how successful were you?" but "how did you survive the holidays?" For those who know me it is not a secret that the High Holy Days are a stressful time for me. Yes, these 10 days are important, but only because of the seeds I can plant for the other 344 days that follow.

So, now that I told you about the most important days of the Jewish calendar for me, I hope you really believe that the High Holy Days at Hillcrest Jewish Center were successful, and even more important, that through your involvement, your prayers, your learning, and your acts of kindness (*chesed*), you help us make the next many days leading to the next High Holy Days, even more successful.

With many blessings, *Rabbi Manes Kogan*

Yaffa was born and raised in Jamaica Estates and has extensive experience working with Jewish youth organizations including Emet Outreach, Chabad on Campus, and Hillel. Yaffa holds a degree in Cognitive Neuroscience and Education from Adelphi University and is currently pursuing her Masters in Neuroscience and Education at the Teacher's College of Columbia University. Yaffa is excited about the Keshet program this year and is looking forward to meeting HJC's teens!

Yaffa's Fun Facts: She has 8 nieces and nephews, and her favorite food is sushi!

Cantor Rachel

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 EVENTS

10:00 AM – Congregational Meeting

4:30 PM – Kristallnacht Remembrance Program

From Exec. Dir. Nadine Kochavi**Hello, hello? Is this the right number?
Is anyone there?**

Much of our communication is sent via email and through regular mail. However, it's been a very long time since we last asked for updated information. In this day and age, we recognize that addresses, emails, and phone numbers (both cell and home) can change frequently. We also understand that other information we have on file – such as Yahrzeits, addresses, family members, etc. – may have changed over the years.

During the month of November, you will receive a mailing from us requesting that you update your household information. You can do this either by logging into your online ShulCloud membership account or by returning the printed form included in the mailing. We would greatly appreciate receiving your updates by **December 1st**.

While I have your attention: I encourage you to attend the Congregational Meeting on **November 9th**. This is a great opportunity to hear first-hand about the inner workings of the congregation and to learn where you might like to get involved. Please RSVP by completing the registration form found in the daily email, or by calling the synagogue office.

Lastly: If you haven't yet made your pledge to the **Kol Nidre Campaign**, there's still time! Donations can be made online through the Hillcrest website or by calling the synagogue office.

We wish you a very happy Thanksgiving holiday. *Nadine Kochavi*

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We have a dynamic Klai Kodesh duo – Rabbi Manes Kogan and Cantor Rachel Black. For those who haven't heard, Rabbi Kogan is beginning his 20th year as our rabbi and Cantor Black began her dual position this past July as full-time Cantor and Director of Engagement. Rabbi Kogan and Cantor Black have an effective synergy with each other which benefits all of us. Kol Ha Kavod!

This year we qualitatively increased our programs, events, and classes and quantitatively increased participation. A few weeks ago, we re-activated the Anderman Family Lecture series with keynote speaker, Rabbi Shai Held communicating hope and gratitude, to a packed audience. We increased the number of Small Groups with a variety of topics, leaders and participants. We strengthened our focus on Youth and

Family events, Shabbat dinners and children's services, a core value at Hillcrest. We continued our religious school partnership and engaged our teens in Torah learning.

This year's Yom Hashoah program was an especially moving commemoration featuring a dance performance by the ABCDario Dance Company. Our summer Tea & Schmooze series continues to thrive highlighting our own talented members. It is wonderful that many congregants sponsor a Shabbat Kiddush to enable our community to come together after services.

How good and how pleasant it is for friends to break bread together.

Our work is far from done. As I stated in my September bulletin article, let's build on where we are and move forward. We are continuing to work on keeping Hillcrest financially viable so that we are assured of remaining in our beloved synagogue for years to come.

It is paramount at the start of this 86th year of Hillcrest's founding that we work together to achieve our synagogue's goals. Just this past Sunday, the Board of Trustees conducted a retreat with the purpose of developing a more effective board, with an updated vision, goals and cohesive practices. We asked hard questions about leadership, recruitment and training, and accountability. The retreat was a win-win for our board and for our congregation and will support many decisions made in the year to come. I must thank Mark Solkoff, Chair of the Board of Trustees, and Nadine Kochavi, Hillcrest Executive Director, for their commitment and support in bringing this work to fruition.

We are continually addressing the security and safety of our community. We recently held a preliminary drill which educated us about the means of exit from the sanctuary. We will be holding future drills. We thank our security team led by Harold Moskowitz and Alan Reisner and our security professionals.

There will be many ways our congregants and friends can come together this year – our communication strategy covers all fronts - check your daily HJC email, our current website, the monthly bulletin, or our Facebook page. We are especially excited about re-energizing our Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat services. A recently awarded UJA grant will help to kick-off our first Re-Connect Shabbat service and dinner on Friday, October 24th. Watch for details. An important date to save is Sunday, November 16th at 3 PM for Cantor Black's Installation and Concert.

It is my hope in the coming year that each and every one of you will attend one more class, one more event, one more minyan service than you did last year. Find something that interests you (and your family) and be a part of what brings about change for our community. Connect, participate, and give so that next year we will be a stronger community filled with more gratitude, more giving and deeper connections.

Our Kol Nidre Campaign is in full swing. Your generosity ensures that Hillcrest Jewish Center can continue to provide spiritual, educational, and communal nourishment for all of us. We hope that you can once again be as generous as is possible for you to be. We thank you for supporting the 2025 Kol Nidre Campaign. I personally want to thank this year's campaign committee – campaign ambassador, Edgar Schwartz; campaign co-chairs Susan Diamond and Gail Keren; and, campaign solicitors – Andria Grundman Cooper, Miriam Feldman, Joan Hausmann, Eleonora Kogan, Cheryl Meyer, Richard Meyer, Sheila Rubin, Monte Schwartz and Monte Shulkes.

I want to acknowledge my appreciation to the Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, Committee chairs and members, and you for your support and involvement. And, without a doubt, thank you to our incredible clergy, Rabbi Kogan and Cantor Black, for your leadership, guidance, and dedication to our community.

B'Shalom.

Helene Jacob, President

SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES**Thursday, November 27 – Thanksgiving**

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

Thanksgiving Friday, November 28 *Building closed except for services.* 8:30 A.M.

Candle Lighting 4:12 P.M.

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma'ariv 4:30 P.M.

Saturday, November 29 – Vayetze – College Homecoming Shabbat ... 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Genesis 28:10-32:3 Haftarah: Hosea 12:13-14:10

Junior Congregation..... 10:30 A.M.

Mincha..... 3:45 P.M.

Shiur and Snacks..... 4:15 P.M.

Ma'ariv..... 5:00 P.M.

Shabbat ends..... 5:14 P.M.

Hillcrest Jewish Center Adult Education Committee Events SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – 4:30 PM

The purpose of the Polish-Jewish Dialogue Committee is contained in its name. Its purpose is to foster better communication between two communities that have a shared history. Many people of Polish descent live in Queens whether they are Jewish or non-Jewish. It is the hope of the Committee to increase the understanding of our common history. To that end, in October, we showed the film "Ida". The second film in this series will be "The Zookeeper's Wife". It tells the true story of how the zookeeper's wife helped rescue Jews during Germany's occupation of Poland during World War II.

Please RSVP to the HJC office (718-380-4145) or via the link in the HJC Daily Digest emails if you plan to attend.

Coffee and cake will be served.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 – 4:30 PM KRISTALLNACHT

The Witness Project: Passing the Torch to the Next Generation

The night of November 9, 1938 is known as Kristallnacht when Jewish homes, businesses and synagogues were attacked by frenzied mobs. This "night of broken glass" marks the beginning of state sponsored terrorism against the Jews of Germany, Austria and the rest of Europe. We recognize this period as the Holocaust.

As World War II ended and the concentration camps were liberated, Jews took up the cry "Never Again." This declaration persists today.

To ensure that a Holocaust never again occurs, it is important that young people are aware of what happened. To that end, Bertha Strauss was involved in the Witness Project with other survivors and college students.

We will be showing the film "Passing the Torch to the Next Generation" about the Witness Project. One of the student participants will be at Hillcrest to speak briefly about the Witness Project and to answer questions.

After the film there will be a special presentation in honor of Bertha Strauss.

This program is sponsored by the Sam and Stella Skura Memorial Fund.

Please RSVP to the Hillcrest office (718-380-4145) or with the link in the Daily Digest if you plan to attend.

Coffee and cake will be served.

Kathy Lewis

RABBI WENDY ZIERLER

Three of the four classes remain on her *Going Out with Knots: My Two Kaddish Years with Hebrew Poetry*. This is a free event. Each class follows minyan on Wednesdays: Congregation Etz Hayim at Hollis Hills Bayside, 8:00 PM on November 5 and 19; Hillcrest Jewish Center on November 12 at 7:30 PM. The course is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to the HJC office.

Helene Zipkin

SISTERHOOD

Do you experience communication procrastination?

Find out if you do, and how to give yourself the courage to speak up. Join us on Monday, November 17th at 12 noon for a light lunch, and learn from our speaker Joan Stenzler. This program is open to all Sisterhood members and Hillcrest members. However, you must RSVP by November 12th. Fill out the tear-off on the flyer and leave it in the Sisterhood mailbox.

On Monday, December 8th at 12 noon, we are presenting a program which is current and important to us all. Our speaker will be Carolyn P. Fitzgerald, Supervisor, Elder Fraud Unit of the Queens District Attorney's Office. A light lunch will be served. This is also an RSVP program. Fill in the tear-off on the flyer and leave it in the Sisterhood mailbox.

If you register for a program, but are unable to attend, we ask that you please let us know. In order to keep the cost of food reasonable, we must plan for the number of people who register for each event. Here's one more request about food. Any leftovers will be brought into the kitchen. ONLY committee members are authorized to be in there. The food is not to be wrapped up and taken home.

Hanukkah is just around the corner. Our Gift Shop has many beautiful gifts for the occasion. Stop in and browse. We are sure you will find something you like.

Just a reminder that Sisterhood sends "Get Well" food packages to our members returning from the hospital or rehab. We send a Tree Certificate to all members who have lost a loved one. We can only do this if we know about each situation. Speak to me or one of our Board Members and keep us informed.

Additional New Year's Greetings from Rina Kagel, Raina Kohn and Phyllis Rosenthal.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving.

Karen Rothman, Sisterhood President

MEN'S CLUB

Forty-or-so Men's Club members, their families and guests, congregated at Hillcrest Jewish Center on Thursday, October 9th, for "Pizza in the Sukkah" (see photos on page 5) and a movie (shown in the Moreida Auditorium). The satiric black comedy-drama feature film, JOJO RABBIT (an Academy Award winner for Best Screenplay), focused on a 10-year-old male youth who befriended a Jewish girl hidden by his mother in their attic. He must then question his beliefs related to the politics of war.

Future in-house movie events are in the offing. Please be in touch with Men's Club with any suggestions of specific movies or documentaries that would perk interest to our congregation.

Coming up... details pertaining to other Men's Club-sponsored events like **Karaoke and Military Bridge**.

Happy Thanksgiving one and all!!!

Joel Berkowitz
Men's Club Co-VP

SHANAH TOVAH

I want to thank the following people who made phone calls to all the members of Hillcrest Jewish Center to wish them a happy New Year:

Joel Berkowitz
Helene Brander
Judith Guttman
Ellen Hochstein
Rene Horowitz
Jennifer Keren
Nora Kozuch
Inez Levy
Kathy Lewis
Rochelle Mandell
Lili Nicenboim
Aviva Peress
Elaine Steinberg
Roberta Sufrin
Esther Tokarz
Susan Varga

Hope the year started off well for you and that it continues.

Iris Schachter

**HJC's next
ISRAEL BONDS
BREAKFAST
will be in
MARCH 2026**



Photos by Karen Kaplan

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

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

Executive Committee Report:

At this point, High Holiday seat reservations are slightly below last year's number, but there may be more sales. Screens will be placed in the back of the ballroom. Many have moved into the sanctuary. As of our meeting, 120 accounts have pledged for Kol Nidre. Calls will be made. There have been some increases from last year.

We will have a Board retreat on Sunday, September 28 from 10-1. It is important that all board members attend.

Sanctuary spruce-up: Maintenance has done a nice job. The silver has also been polished.

Reconnect Grant: we received \$3,000 to be used after the High Holidays to encourage people to participate in our events. The first Friday night service on October 24 will be a musical program and dinner.

Dispelling rumors and hearsay, Hillcrest JC is not going anywhere! When the building is sold, we will be leasing it back for at least another 20 years. Our strong programming proves that we are active and vital.

Board members are ambassadors for the shul (name tags will be worn by Board members during the High Holidays).

The Non-member Engagement Committee met and recommended establishing a fee schedule for events attended by people who are not members, such as ongoing classes, small groups, adult education programs, etc. The Board voted in favor of the creation of this fee schedule. The committee will meet and report to the board.

Executive Director Report:

Security on holidays: Volunteers, in half hour shifts, will assist with acknowledging members as they enter the building during the High Holidays. This will be a trial to see if we will continue this activity on Shabbat during the year.

Roof repairs: inspection showed some issues with the roof. The warranty needs to be examined before repairs are made.

There will be a Security Drill on Saturday, September 20 for

about 20 minutes. Frank Diaz will discuss scenarios that may emerge.

A motion was made and passed to purchase 2 computers to act as replacements.

There needs to be annual maintenance on the boilers for safety's sake and to avoid any violations. A motion was made and passed to fund that maintenance.

Sisterhood Report: The Paint and Sip program was very successful. The paid-up membership luncheon with Cantor Rachel will take place on October 27 and the Empowering Women session will take place on November 17.

Men's Club Report: The annual Barbeque was well attended. On Thursday, October 9 there will be pizza in the sukkah and a movie is planned.

Youth and Family Report: September 5 was the first family dinner with 44 participants. November 7 will be a dinner for the children. There will be sukkah decorating on October 5 and a program called "Sundaes in the Sukkah" with Cantor Rachel. We have new leaders for Shabbat youth services: Eliana for teens, Avery for Junior congregation and Elizabeth for Kindershul. Teen Keshet will take place on October 12 led by Yaffa Reichwald. Additional programs have been scheduled through December.

Old Business: The sale of the building is moving along though things were slow this summer. We hope to have lease information available by the November congregational meeting.

New Business: Each committee needs to have a volunteer to check-in people registered for their events. This is not a job for security.

November 9 is the membership meeting.

Good and welfare:

Refua Shlema to Alan Reisner.

Shabbat shiva meals were sent to the Kogans in memory of Silvia's mother.

Rabbi and Silvia are very happy with the work that was done on their house.

Thank you to the staff for their prep for the High Holidays.

Enjoy the Fall weather.

Mark Solkoff, Board Chair

NEW YORK CITY BINS

It was announced by the Mayor, Dept. of Sanitation and Department of Finance, that owners of one- and two-family homes who receive the Basic or Enhanced School Tax Relief (STAR or E-STAR) credit or exemption will receive a check to pay for the cost of their official NYC Bin. Eligible homeowners will not have to do anything to receive the checks, as Finance will automatically be sending them.

As of November 12, 2024, our local properties are required to use bins, 55 gallons or less, with secure lids for trash set out. Those residents who already use a bin of similar size may continue to use it only until June 2026, when they will be required to use the official NYC Bin.

Homeowners who have already purchased their NYC Bin online or by phone will automatically receive a check. Those who have not yet purchased their NYC Bin can purchase their bin online or by calling 855-692-2467 and they will automatically receive a check within 30 days of making their purchase. Those who have purchased or will purchase their NYC Bin in person at Home Depot will receive a voucher code that they can use online, with a proof of purchase, to request their reimbursement check.

TO ALL OUR MEMBERS, YOUNGER AND OLDER

*I just received this from AARP...
Another rate hike looming for
Con Edison customers?*

Con Edison recently raised your utility rates, and now they want to increase them again so they can rake in an additional \$2 billion next year. That would mean a 19% increase in the average customer electric delivery bill and a 25% increase for gas. Call the NYS Department of Public Service at 800-335-2120 and tell them to reject Con Edison's proposed electric and gas rate hikes (reference cases 25-E-0072 and 25-G-0073 in your message).

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Election Day or Early Voting

When you go to vote, you will find 6 ballot proposals on the back of your ballot. There are notable concerns regarding Proposals 2 to 6.

Ballot Proposals 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 represent a coordinated effort to strip power from local communities, the City Council, and the Borough President, centralizing control in the hands of unelected bureaucrats and any future

Mayor. By dismantling checks and balances, they weaken your voice in decisions that impact your neighborhood. *The proposals undermine the fundamental checks on City Hall:*

Proposals 2, 3, & 4 bypass your elected City Council and Community Boards by fast-tracking land use and creating a small, centralized board to override local legislative decisions.

Proposal 5 removes local mapping and control from the Borough Presidents, centralizing essential functions in a Mayoral agency.

Proposal 6 merges City elections with the national Presidential cycle. This change risks drowning out critical local issues beneath the noise of federal politics, meaning your local needs and concerns get lost in the fray of a national campaign.

VOTE NO!

Joan Hausmann

Dear HJC friends

Thank you so much for all your support upon the passing of my mother.

Your visits, goodies, emails and phone calls were greatly appreciated and were a source of comfort.

Silvia Kogan

SYNAGOGUE OFFERINGS

As a member-in-good-standing, you may phone the office with your donation and the amount will appear on your next HJC bill.

Reminder

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

DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF SILVIA KOGAN'S MOTHER FANNY KOZA DE SURAZSKI

Due to the large number of donations made in memory of Silvia Kogan's mother, we are only listing the names of the donors. Be assured that the notices sent to Silvia by the office included your complete wording.

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General Fund:

Susan & Barry Smith with thanks for the Shai Held program.

Jamey & Raina Kohn in honor of Jeffrey Rosenberg.

Gina Friedlander & Alan Bloom wish Gwen Jones-Cintron & Chris Cintron Mazal Tov on the birth of their grandson in Israel.

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Gina Friedlander & Alan Bloom wish Mazal Tov to Rabbi & Silvia Kogan on the engagement of their daughter Abby to Yoni Bierig and their son Ilan to Sara Merkin.

Aviva & Jimmy Peress send a Mazal Tov to Dorothy & Larry Schonfeld on the birth of granddaughter Elodie Pearl.

Susan & Cliff Hamburger wish Mazal Tov to Rabbi Manes & Silvia Kogan on the engagement of their son Ilan to Sara Merkin.

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