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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

L'dor v'dor is an expression we see in our daily prayers. It translates into from generation to generation. I am taking it to mean we give what we have learned to our children and grandchildren. From one generation to the next.

We get married to someone who has the same morale. We have children. We live our lives trying to be fair and just. We work hard. We respect other people's thoughts and beliefs. Along the way we infuse our children with our experiences and similar beliefs. It could be a vocation or a love for something other than work. Or it can be showing our children by example how we live our lives by trying to be fair and just.

The story now moves on to our children. They marry and have children of their own.

We see how they are with their spouses and their children. And we think...did we do that? And now we wonder how on earth we did not screw all of them up.

I have one son and my son has one son who is now 8 years old. Through these 8 years, I have watched my son with his son. It is a wonderment to me to see them together. When they walk side by side it's like seeing a before and after. Father and son. They play together. He shoots baskets with his son in our back yard. Just like I did with him. They argue together. Most of the time the father wins. But his son gets his 10 cents in.

I look and I say to myself this all looks familiar. I did not write anything down. It appears my son learned by the example I set and is following in my footsteps (with some variations.)

We live our lives, and whether we know it or not, what we do is seen by our children and grandchildren. It shows them who we are and what kind of people we are. And what hopefully they will be.

But here it is. *L'dor v'dor*. From one generation to the next.

Gerry Lewis Vice President

SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

Monday, February 2 – Tu B'Shevat

Friday, February 6

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv	5:00 P.M.
Candle Lighting	5:02 P.M.

Saturday, February 7 – Yitro – Tu B'Shevat Seder

Torah Reading: Exodus 18:1-20:23 Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6, 9:5-6	9:00 A.M.
Junior Congregation and Teen Minyan	10:30 A.M.
Mincha	4:45 P.M.
Shiur	5:15 P.M.
Maariv	5:45 P.M.
Shabbat ends	6:03 P.M.

Sunday, February 8 – World Wide Wrap

Friday, February 13

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv	5:00 P.M.
Candle Lighting	5:10 P.M.

Saturday, February 14 – Mishpatim – Shabbat Shekalim

Birkat HaChodesh	9:00 A.M.
Torah Reading: Exodus 21:1-24:18, 30:11-16 Haftarah: II Kings 12:1-17	
We welcome the new month Adar	

Rosh Chodesh is Tuesday and Wednesday, February 17 and 18

Kinders hul	10:30 A.M.
Mincha	5:00 P.M.
Shiur	5:30 P.M.
Maariv	6:00 P.M.
Shabbat ends	6:11 P.M.

Monday, February 16 – Presidents' Day

<i>Building closed except for services</i>	8:30 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.
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Friday, February 20

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv	5:00 P.M.
Candle Lighting	5:19 P.M.

Saturday, February 21 – Terumah

Torah Reading: Exodus 25:1-27:19 Haftarah: I Kings 5:26-6:13	9:00 A.M.
Junior Congregation	10:30 A.M.
Mincha	5:00 P.M.
Shiur	5:30 P.M.
Maariv	6:00 P.M.
Shabbat ends	6:11 P.M.

Friday, February 27

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv	5:00 P.M.
Candle Lighting	5:27 P.M.

Saturday, February 28 – Tetzaveh – Shabbat Zachor

Torah Reading: Exodus 27:20-30:10, Deuteronomy 25:17-19	9:00 A.M.
Haftarah: I Samuel 15:2-34	
Kinders hul and Teen Minyan	10:30 A.M.
Mincha	5:15 P.M.
Shiur and Snacks	5:45 P.M.
Maariv	6:15 P.M.
Shabbat ends	6:36 P.M.

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CENTER FAMILY

Congratulations to:

Rabbi Manes & Silvia Kogan on the marriage of their daughter Abby to Yoni Bierig.

Condolences to:

Ruth Rosenhaus on the passing of her mother Stella Schaffer Kluger.

Helen Morris Wild on the passing of her father Joel Terry Morris.

Michael Brofman on the passing of his father Howard Brofman.

Marcia Karsch on the passing of her husband Sol Karsch.

Sela Zellman on the passing of her sister Frances Hury.

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

THE HJC BOARD NEEDS YOU!

We will be electing members for the 2026-2027 year at the general membership meeting in March.

If you would like to become a member of the board, please send your contact information to the nominating committee via the HJC office.

From Rabbi Kogan

Dear Friends of Hillcrest Jewish Center,

What do they have in common: a 90-year-old Holocaust survivor born in Germany, a third-generation American accountant, a custodian born in Peru, a rabbi from Argentina, an office administrator born in Ecuador, and a Catholic security guard born in Poland?

What they have in common is that they all are part of the Hillcrest Jewish Center community.

We are all familiar with the categories of members/non-members/former members, Jews/non-Jews, employers/employees, paid people/volunteers, klay-kodesh/professional staff/ custodians/security guards.

The above categories might be useful when we think about Hillcrest Jewish Center as a congregation. However, when we think about Hillcrest Jewish Center as a community, the above categories become irrelevant.

A congregant makes soup for custodians, a security guard brings chocolates and coffee for the staff, a custodian brings a small present to the rabbi, a staff member participates in a small group, paid employees call volunteers to check on them, and everyone feels cared for. These are real examples of community building blocks at Hillcrest Jewish Center.

While a synagogue is a building, and a congregation a legal association, a community is a living entity that transcends space and categories.

Of course, not every member of Hillcrest Jewish Center is interested in the community aspect of our shul, but I like to suggest that the promise of a sense of community, is the biggest asset we can offer to everyone who enters our doors, to join or to visit, to work, to volunteer, to learn, and to worship.

In a few months, it will be 20 years since my family and I came to Hillcrest Jewish Center. Throughout these years, many potential members asked me: "What will Hillcrest Jewish Center offer me if I join?" "We are shul-shopping," they continued.

What I told them is that if they do their part, they will become part of a wonderful community of caring people, and when that moment comes, they will realize that belonging to such a community is something no money can buy.

Of course, community is something you build, something we build. If you feel the sense of community at Hillcrest Jewish Center, you know what I am talking about. If you are not there yet, come and see me, let's have a coffee, or a tea, and let's see where our conversation takes us. It is never too late.

With love and blessings, *Rabbi Manes Kogan*

SECURITY UPDATE

Dear Friends,

Our theme for the year 5786 is *Come Together*. Paraphrasing Psalm 133 we read,

הִנֵּה מַה-טוֹב וְיָמָה נִצְעִים שָׁבֵת אֲחֵים גַּם-יַחַד

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

At Hillcrest Jewish Center it is our goal to enable our congregants to *come together* to pray, to learn, to sing, and to share in a **safe space**.

We are fortunate to have a security company watching our doors seven days a week. Our community can safely attend services weekdays at 7 AM and evening minyan at 7 PM; Shabbat Friday evening and Shabbat morning and afternoon; and attend classes, programs, events, and small groups.

If a security team member does not recognize you, asks your name, your purpose of being at Hillcrest, etc., please be receptive and cooperate. This enables the security guard to effectively do the job. Thank you and I am looking forward to seeing you in-person at Hillcrest Jewish Center.

B'Shalom, *Helene Jacob, President*

From the Executive Director

CREATING A LEADERSHIP VISION

Several years before I came to Hillcrest, I served as a synagogue consultant with USCJ (United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism). Under the guidance and leadership of Robert (Bob) Leventhal, z"l, my colleagues and I traveled across the country working with synagogue boards that sought to articulate a clear and purposeful vision for their leadership and their communities.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Bob taught that effective, strategic leadership begins with clarity of vision. He challenged board members to reflect deeply by asking important questions: What do you want to think, do, and feel as leaders? What do you hope to accomplish during your time on the board? What should be expected of you, and what are your responsibilities in moving the vision forward?

Recently, I was saddened to learn of Bob's passing. Although I had not worked with him for over nine years, we remained in regular contact, and I continued to regard him as both a mentor and a friend. Bob's impact on the synagogue world is immeasurable. Over the course of his career, he trained, mentored, and inspired hundreds of synagogue boards, leaving a lasting legacy within the Jewish community.

I am deeply grateful to the HJC Board, under the presidential leadership of Helene Jacob, for embracing this ongoing journey of leadership, learning, and action. Using the *Sulam* tools and resources Bob created, the Board is developing a clear leadership vision and establishing meaningful goals that outline how it seeks to lead over the coming years.

Guided by this vision and in partnership with our outstanding clergy, Hillcrest is well positioned to continue to thrive. I look forward to continued growth, learning, and collective action in the months and years ahead.

*Nadine Kochavi,
Executive Director*

**Sisterhood and Men's Club present
WHEN IN ROME with RABBI MANES KOGAN**

Sunday, February 1

Light Breakfast at 10:00 AM Presentation at 10:30 AM

Free for HJC members • \$5 for non-members

Contact the office immediately to see if there is available seating



Join us for a slideshow presentation by Rabbi Kogan on his last trip to Rome, where he traveled as part of a delegation to participate in the "International Seminar - Nostra Aetate - 60 Years Later." We will hear about his meeting with Pope Leo, his meaningful experience at the Vatican Library, his interaction with religious leaders from different denominations, and a couple of tips for when you plan your next trip to Rome.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

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

Executive Committee Report:

Rotation of Committee Member – We have added term appointments to Endowment Committee members, which has not been done for many years. The Committee will elect a Chair and Vice Chair annually.

Shabbat Greeters – The response has been positive. If you would like to be a greeter, please click on the link in the Shabbat Shalom or daily email.

The Program Guide for Spring has been posted online.

Havdalukah (Saturday, December 20th) has over 120 RSVPs.

The next Shabbat Reconnect will be held on Friday, January 30, 2026. Future dates are being planned.

Leadership Development Follow up – A task force was formed to combine the data we developed during our retreat into a vision statement for the board. An activity related to the outcomes will be presented at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

As of this date, the Center's deficit is currently running under budget. The Financial Statements were presented and accepted by the board.

Executive Director's Report:

Local Law 88 – A vendor was hired to update the building's lighting.

Back of Building Gates – Work began on repairing the two motors.

Cell phone towers – The contract ends in January, and options are being explored.

Sidewalk Cement Repair – Photos were sent to vendors for quotes.

Security Grant for Chanukah Event – \$1,000 was received to cover the extra security costs.

Sisterhood Report:

Monday, January 12th will be a Chinese lunch and a movie, "Bad Shabbos."

There will be a joint program with Men's Club featuring Rabbi Kogan discussing his trip to Rome. Breakfast will be served. Look for the flyers.

March brings Purim and Mishloach Manot, Sisterhood's major fundraiser.

There is a trip to Temple Emanuel on Sunday, April 19th for their 180th anniversary. See the flyers.

Men's Club Report:

The World Wide Wrap is on February 8th. All are encouraged to attend.

The annual fishing trip will take place on the last Sunday in June. *cont. on page 4*

Adult Education Committee

presents the

HJC FILM FESTIVAL

Saturday, February 7:

The Red Sea Diving Resort

Saturday, February 21:

The Wedding Plan

Saturday, February 28:

The Survivor

with commentary by HJC member Michael Silver

All movies begin at 7:00 pm.

Doors open at 6:40 pm.

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Youth & Family Report:

The Friday night program two weeks ago was a success with 9 teens and 14 Junior Congregants. Both dinners were held at the shul because we have outgrown the Rabbi's house. Teen Keshet bowling was attended by 19 kids and adults.

There is a teen lounge program on January 11th with New York Times best-selling author (and Cantor Rachel's father), Edwin Black.

On February 22nd Y&F will attend a hockey game between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

The Chesed program of packing Shabbat lunches for the homebound for Thanksgiving Shabbat was extremely well-received.

On December 26th, we will be going on a trip to the Children's Library Discovery Center.

Old Business:

The sale of the building is progressing further.

The Kol Nidre Campaign will exceed budgeted estimates when all pledges are collected. Thank you and Yasher Koach to all who made this possible!

New Business:

The possibility of donating leftover food from Shabbat Kiddushes was discussed. However, groups like City Harvest only accept packaged food.

Nominating Committee – January is approaching, and it is time to form the nominating committee. In past years, members leaving the board were among those that served on this committee. We will need committee members from the general membership as well.

There was a lengthy discussion about organizing transportation to the numerous rallies that Hillcrest members attend throughout the city. It was suggested that information on who is attending these rallies could be posted on the Hillcrest WhatsApp platform so that people can travel together. If you would like to participate in Hillcrest's WhatsApp platform or the Hillcrest WhatsApp Minyan platform, please contact the office.

Good & Welfare:

Mazal Tov to Maya Solkoff on finishing her student teaching and receiving a Master of Arts in Teaching from Queens College.

Thank you to Monte Shulkes for taking tonight's minutes.

Mark Solkoff, Board Chair

SISTERHOOD

How about relaxing with friends and making some new acquaintances. Join us on Monday, February 9th at 12 noon for a Game Afternoon. A light lunch will be served for all to enjoy.

All members of Sisterhood and Hillcrest Jewish Center are welcome. There will be a \$5 charge for non-members. We will provide several games, but please bring any games you would like to play.

You must register for this program. The cut-off date is Wednesday, February 4th. Return the tear-off section at the bottom of the flyer to the office. We look forward to spending the afternoon with you.

On Sunday morning, February 1st, Sisterhood and Men's Club will be co-sponsoring "When In Rome" with Rabbi Kogan. You don't want to miss hearing about the Rabbi's latest trip to Rome and his meeting with Pope Leo. A light breakfast will be available for you to enjoy. This program is free for all Hillcrest Jewish Center members. There is a \$5 charge for non-members. For THIS program, you must register online or call the Center office.

As a reminder, ALL Sisterhood only programs must be by pre-registration. That means, fill out the tear off at the bottom of the flyer, ALONG with your check, if applicable, made out to **Sisterhood Hillcrest Jewish Center**. Leave all that in the Sisterhood mailbox **no later than the cut-off date. The office does not take call-in reservations for Sisterhood programs**. Thank you for your cooperation.

Donations made to Sisterhood – from Sela Zellman to our Sisterhood Stitchers thanking us for the get-well food package for Steve.

Bertha Strauss for the leaf Sisterhood purchased in honor of her contribution to the Witness Project, "Passing the Torch to the next generation."

**Order Your Shalach Manot
Bags and Purim Cards**

*See the enclosed flyer
in the Bulletin mailing envelope*

**Orders are due
no later than February 18**

*Karen Rothman,
Sisterhood President*

MEN'S CLUB

The month of February is now upon us. Men's Club starts off with a co-sponsored breakfast with Sisterhood immediately following morning Shacharit on Sunday, February 1st, at 10:00 a.m. Rabbi Manes Kogan will report on his recent conference trip to Rome, Italy and meeting with Pope Leo.

The following Sunday morning, February 8th, at 8:15 a.m. is the annual World Wide Wrap. Join men AND women congregants of Hillcrest Jewish Center, and their guests, in the Main Sanctuary as we honor the tradition of wearing tefillin. You say you have not acquired a pair of your own? NO PROBLEM! They will be loaned to you, along with one-to-one instructions for applying and removing them. Following the scheduled 8:30 a.m. minyan, please join us for a scrumptious breakfast.

We've asked you in prior HJC bulletins for your suggestions of possible calendar events for your entertainment pleasure, example being *Pub Night* and *Karaoke*, both in previous years highly interactive outings amongst our Hillcrest Jewish Center brethren. Stay tuned for further announcements.


Attention all Hillcrest Men Congregants – There are many among you who have yet to join our ranks. We want to hear from you. We value your input on how we can offer more to our synagogue. Annual membership dues are only \$45. Please contact Men's Club President, Marty Guttman, at mpguttman@gmail.com with comments or suggestions.

*Joel Berkowitz
Co-Vice President, Men's Club*

JOIN US FOR THE

**WORLD WIDE WRAP
AND
BREAKFAST**

**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 8th
8:15 a.m.**



**ALL MEN, WOMEN & CHILDREN
COME DAVEN WITH US.**

**THE BREAKFAST IS SPONSORED
BY THE HJC MEN'S CLUB**

TEA AND SCHMOOZE PROGRAM

Hello everyone. The summer **Tea and Schmooze program** is approaching quickly, starting in May. If anyone has an interesting topic or story to share or suggestions for speakers, please let me know as soon as you can. If you have a desire to donate towards the refreshments to help keep the program running (in honor of a simcha or in memory of a loved one), please contact the office for details. Mark your calendars with the following dates (May 15, June 19, July 17 and August 21) to attend **Friday night services and the Tea and Schmooze program**.

We are looking forward to a great summer event!

Debbie Solkoff, T&S chairperson
debbiesolkoff@gmail.com

JAMAICA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER LETTER

The Sisterhood Stitchers received this lovely letter, along with a very generous donation to our yarn fund.

Mrs. Barbara Resnick
 Sisterhood of Hillcrest Jewish Center
 Dear Barbara,

On behalf of Jamaica Hospital Medical Center Women's and Children's Services, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the Sisterhood for your generous donation of hand-made newborn blankets. Your compassion and commitment to supporting families brings meaningful comfort to those in our care.

We are sincerely thankful for your continued partnership and support.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Ronnie Ramah, MSN, RN, Clinical Nurse Manager, Mother-Baby Unit

Marge Lilienthal, MS, RN, NEA-BC, Director of Nursing, Behavioral Health, Women & Children's Services

Save the Date

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Shira Chadasha:

Installation of

Cantor Rachel Black

A celebration of music, communal prayer, and formal welcome

More details to follow soon

To My Dear Hillcrest Family

I cannot adequately express my thanks for the outpouring of kindness and support I and my family received from so many of you on the passing of my Dad. Whether through donations, cards, emails or on Zoom, we felt the love which made a difficult time less burdensome. I particularly want to thank Rabbi Kogan, for his guidance and his reassurance in helping me make the difficult decisions as to how to honor my Dad's wishes during his transition. I am so glad you are all part of my extended family.

With Ahava.

Michael D. Brofman

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.

PLEASE RESPOND BY THE

DATE LISTED

ISRAEL BONDS BREAKFAST

March 15, 2026

10:00 AM

honoring

IRIS SCHACHTER and ESTHER TOKARZ



GUEST SPEAKER SAM FRIED
IDF Paratrooper & Activist

An Israel bond purchase is encouraged.

Bonds can be purchased with personal check or online at Israelbonds.com
arnie.schweitzer@israelbonds.com 516-726-2307

RSVP TO BREAKFAST IS REQUIRED

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:

Susan & Paul Diamond in honor of Susan Straus's special birthday.

Rabbi Manes & Silvia Kogan in honor of Susan Straus's special birthday.

Elaine Soffer & Richard Kass wish Susan Straus many more happy and healthy birthdays surrounded by her loved ones.

Elaine Soffer & Richard Kass wish Rabbi Kogan a very happy 60th birthday and wish him and Silvia a very happy anniversary.

Elaine Steinberg in honor of Rabbi Kogan and Cantor Rachel and their families.

Susan & Ralph Straus in honor of Susan Diamond and her committee in appreciation of the beautiful kiddush they prepared in honor of Silvia & Rabbi Kogan, and for us, and all the other kiddushes they prepare to enhance our congregation's Shabbat celebrations.

Elaine Steinberg in honor of her Mah Jongg friends.

Marianne Halpern wishes Mazal Tov to Silvia & Rabbi Kogan on the marriage of their daughter Abby to Yoni Bierig.

Gwen Jones-Cintron in honor of Abby's wedding to Yoni Bierig.

Judith & Marty Guttman congratulate the planners and staff of the Havdalah party who did such a great job.

Iris Schachter in memory of Manny Kantro, husband of Carol.

Iris Schachter in memory of Janet Liebman, wife of Steve.

Raina & Jamey Kohn in memory of Janet Liebman.

Mark Lefkof for yearzeit of father Bernard Lefkof.

Elaine Steinberg in memory of Manny Kantro, beloved husband of Carol Kantro.

Gail & Zvi Keren in memory of Manny Kantro.

Gail & Zvi Keren in memory of Janet Liebman.

Bertha Strauss in memory of Manny Kantro, husband of Carol Kantro.

Mark Solkoff for yearzeit of grandmother Minnie Feldman.

Sheila Rubin for yearzeit of mother Marcia Parker.

Harold Moskowitz for yearzeit of father Irving Moskowitz.

Nancy & Jared Rifkin in memory of Manny Kantro with heartfelt condolences to the family.

Martin Herman for yearzeit of uncle Sam Ingber.

Jacob Schraeter for yearzeit of brother David Schraeter.

Nina Schraeter for yearzeit of grandmother Feigeh Sara Schancer.

Susan & Clifford Hamburger extend condolences to Carol Kantro on the loss of husband Emanuel Kantro.

Susan Hamburger for yearzeit of beloved mother Rose Goldman.

Susan Beberfall for yearzeit of grandmother Ruth Moskowitz.

Sandra Jackson for yearzeit of father George Steinberg.

Sandra Jackson for yearzeit of grandfather Arthur Kornick.

Sherrie Jackson for yearzeit of father Mark Jackson.

Cheryl Meyer for yearzeit of mother Eleanor Wolff.

Kathy & Gerry Lewis in memory of Manny Kantro, husband of Carol Kantro.

Kathy & Gerry Lewis in memory of Janet Leibman, wife of Stephen Liebman.

Kathy & Gerry Lewis in memory of Stella Schaffer Kluger, mother of Ruth Rosenhaus.

Frederic Greene for yearzeit of aunt Sarah Chase.

Frederic Greene for yearzeit of grandfather Harry Sandler.

Frederic Greene for yearzeit of father Joseph M. Greene.

Frederic Greene for yearzeit of brother Andrew Elliot Greene.

Elaine Soffer & Richard Kass express heartfelt sympathy to Stephen Liebman on the passing of his beloved wife Janet.

Ralph Straus for yearzeit of father Leo Straus.

Ralph Straus for yearzeit of mother Hertha Straus.

Ellen Buchbinder-Berman for yearzeit of grandmother Mary Silberstein.

Elaine Steinberg for yearzeit of grandfather Arthur Kornick.

Elaine Steinberg for yearzeit of father George Steinberg.

Edith Jarnow for yearzeit of mother Regina Jarnow.

Sheila Rubin for yearzeit of father Aaron Silver.

Neal Schack for yearzeit of mother Cheryl Schack and grandmother Bernice Berliant.

Steffi Weiss for yearzeit of mother Sylvia Weiner.

Silvia Surazski Kogan for yearzeit of grandmother Rebecca Laster de Koza.

Eva Sanders for yearzeit of father Bela Witt.

Eva Sanders for yearzeit of mother Renee (Regina) Witt.

Judith Ross for yearzeit of husband Charles Ross.

Hilda Dorf for yearzeit of mother-in-law Yetta Dorf.

Sheldon Leffler for yearzeit of father Louis Leffler.

Jerry Kirschbaum for yearzeit of mother-in-law Sarah Lubinsky.

Jeffrey Weinberg for yearzeit of father Barry Weinberg.

Elaine Steinberg in memory of Howard Brofman, beloved father of Michael Brofman.

Fredda Chodrow-Goldberg for yearzeit of grandfather Hersh Leib Chodrow.

Elaine Applebaum for yearzeit of husband Stanley Applebaum.

Raina & Jamey Kohn in memory of Howard Brofman, beloved father of Michael Brofman.

Alan Brudner in memory of Stanley Klein.

Tina Schnall sends sincere condolences to Michael Brofman and family on the loss of his father Howard Brofman.

Ellen Rothstein in memory of longtime member and associate member Sol Karsch.

Ellen Rothstein in appreciation of those who answered the call to minyan in honor of the yearzeits of her father Edward Rothstein and grandfather Max Rothstein.

Ellen Rothstein, Mark Rothstein and Susan R. Asch for yearzeit of grandmother Yetta Rothstein.

Eugene Gurr for yearzeit of mother Ruth D. Lamb.

Ari Goldberg for yearzeit of grandmother Sophie Messing.

Ari Goldberg for yearzeit of grandfather Bernard Messing.

Ari Goldberg for yearzeit of aunt Barbara Borrok.

Ari Goldberg for yearzeit of grandfather Philip Goldberg.

Miriam Feldman in memory of Janet Liebman, beloved wife of Stephen Liebman.

Iris Schachter in memory of Michael Brofman's father Howard Brofman.

Iris Schachter in memory of Sol Karsch, husband of Marcia Karsch.

Iris Schachter in memory of Sela Zellman's sister Frances Hury.

Harriet Kaplan for yearzeit of mother Ruth D. Lamb.

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Yvette Bercovitz extends deepest condolences to Sela Zellman upon the passing of her sister Frances Hury.

Beth & Freddie Kotek in memory of Sol Karsch.

Rita Schuldiner in memory of Sol Karsch.

Marianne Halpern in memory of husband Sidney Halpern.

Marianne Halpern sends condolences to Sela Zellman on the passing of her sister Frances Hury.

Sheila Karsch and Bob Steupp in memory of Sol Karsch.

Rita Barrison for yearzeit of mother Estelle Shapiro.

Diane & Steve Karsch in memory of Sol Karsch.

Gladys Krulik in memory of Sol Karsch.

Michael Cantor for yearzeit of father Harold Cantor.

Robin Cantor for yearzeit of father Stan Breitner.

Bertha Strauss in memory of Sol Karsch.

Carol & Jay Greenberg in memory of Frances Hury.

Andria Grundman Cooper & Scott Cooper in memory of Frances Hury, sister of Sela Zellman.

Phyllis Mindlin for yearzeit of husband Herbert Mindlin.

Shara Weisser for yearzeit of father Arthur Weisser.

Bertha Strauss in memory of Frances Hury, sister of Sela Zellman.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

Sheila Chustek sends best wishes to Rabbi Kogan on his 60th birthday.

Sheila Chustek sends best wishes to Rabbi & Silvia Kogan on their 32nd wedding anniversary.

Steve Zellman thanks the Rabbi & Silvia, Cantor Rachel & Eric, and all his friends at HJC for all their good wishes.

Linda & Lenny Jaffe wish Mazal Tov to Flo & Bob Gropper on the forthcoming marriage of their granddaughter Estee to Dov.

Linda & Lenny Jaffe wish Mazal Tov to Rabbi & Silvia on their anniversary and birthday.

Deborah & Gregory Arluck in appreciation for Rabbi Kogan's help.

Carol & Jay Greenberg wish the Kogan family a special Mazal Tov in honor of Abby's wedding to Yoni.

Marion & Martin Herman in memory of long-time good friend Stanley Klein.

Norma Frank for yearzeit of mother Betty Levy Gorman.

Sela & Steve Zellman extend condolences to Stephen Liebman upon the passing of his dear wife Janet Liebman.

Linda & Lenny Jaffe send condolences to Sela Zellman on the passing of her sister Frances Hury.

Mimi & Ed Coller in memory of Sela Zellman's sister Frances Hury.

Mimi & Ed Coller in memory of Sol Karsch, husband of Marcia Karsch.

Mimi & Ed Coller in memory of Michael Brofman's father Howard Brofman.

Edith & Aaron Goldberg Fund for Youth and College Activities:

Nancy & Jared Rifkin congratulate their grandson Jackson upon his early admission to Northeastern University.

Linda & Lenny Jaffe congratulate dear friend Susan Straus on her milestone birthday.

Harriet & Seymour Kaplan in memory of Manny Kantro.

Adele Rothstein in memory of dear friend Manny Kantro.

Adele Rothstein in memory of Sol Karsch.

Sela & Steve Zellman extend condolences to Carol Kantro and family upon the passing of her dear husband Emanuel Kantro.

Mowshowitz Library Fund:

Aviva & Jimmy Peress in memory of Manny Kantro, beloved husband of Carol Kantro.

Helene & Howard Jacob send heartfelt condolences to Sela Zellman on the passing of her beloved sister Frances Hury.

RoseAnn & Gary Darche in memory of Frances Hury, beloved sister of Sela Zellman.

Charles Parmet Memorial Fund:

Barbara & Marty Resnick in memory of Carol Kantro's beloved husband Manny.

NEW SIMCHA TREE LEAVES

**Sisterhood Honors
BERTHA STRAUSS
Holocaust Survivor
& Shoah Educator
Proud Jewish Woman
A 2025 role model for us all**

To start a group leaf, simply contact the office and let us know the simcha leaf recipient and the happy occasion. A notice will be shared with the congregation announcing that a group leaf has been started. A minimum pledge of \$25 is required for all participants who wish to be part of the group leaf. Each donor

should contact the office to add their pledge. Once \$360 has been pledged, the leaf will be ordered. As with all leaves, the proceeds will go into the Capital Improvements Fund.

Group Leaf

**In Honor of
BERTHA STRAUSS
Holocaust Survivor
For her courage, wisdom,
& dedication to sharing
her story**

Deborah & Gregory Arluck
Susan Beberfall
Cantor Rachel Black, Eric Moore & Cora Rami Carmeli
Fredda Chodrow-Goldberg
Ed & Mimi Coller
Andria Grundman Cooper & Scott Cooper
Susan & Paul Diamond
Miriam Feldman
Mimi & Alan Frank
Melissa Gerstein
Steven Gorochoch
Florence & Bob Gropper
Judith & Marty Guttman
Marianne Halpern
Janet & Frank and Pete Hammelbacher
Joan Hausmann
Suzy & Marc Heinfliink
Helene & Howard Jacob
Linda & Lenny Jaffe
Gwen Jones-Cintron & Chris Cintron
Merle & Bernie Kaplan
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Gail & Zvi Keren
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Silvia & Rabbi Manes Kogan
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Aviva & Jimmy Peress
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Iris Schachter
Monte Schwartz
Lorraine Schwartz
Ellen & Arnie Schweitzer
Michael Silver
Connie Solomon
Roberta & Leslie Sufrin
Sela & Steven Zellman
Shari & Paul Zuber

Do you have an upcoming special birthday or a milestone anniversary...a child's achievement, or perhaps a new grandchild...honor the event with a leaf on our Simcha Tree.