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Okay, you simply never know what you're going to find on Google when you're looking for something else. I am not referring to the incredible ability of the nearly omnipresent search engine's frightening ability to surround search results with unrelated ads that happen to be a derivative of every previous search you have done and every web site you have visited. I intend something more along the lines of when you discover that there are four popular music bands that are so named. And so, when looking for examples of counting up toward something, namely the counting of the *omer* between Passover and Shavuot, I discovered that a popular subtraction method taught in schools is to count up from the lower number to the higher number. If the equation is 49-35, it is very simple to count on your fingers starting with 36 (the lower number plus one) and when you get to 49 you have the answer. (For an application of this methodology for larger numbers visit the following website:

<http://everydaymath.uchicago.edu/teaching-topics/computation/sub-counting-up/>).

One is naturally lead to wonder why it is that for the counting of the *omer* we count up from 1 instead of down from 49. I believe in general when we are looking forward to a

special day, like a birthday, we think of it as 10 days left until our birthday as opposed to 355 days towards our birthday.

Perhaps the answer can be found in the

linkage of Passover and Shavuot. Counting up implies that we are building upon something. This is particularly significant with the counting of the *omer*, as we are building up from our freedom from Egypt on Passover towards its ultimate goal of

worshiping G-d and receiving the Torah on Shavuot. Although we generally assume when counting in a series that item one is the beginning, according to some authorities the first day of Passover is day zero – the very ground in which all that follows is rooted. This is why, although we count seven weeks of seven days for total of 49, the Torah also refers to this counting period as 50 days. Counting from 49 down would discount the significance of the first day of Passover.

There's also an interesting relationship between the question of counting up or down for the *omer* and the lighting of the menorah on Hanukkah. The Talmud presents a debate between the school of Hillel and the school of Shammai

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**Respectfully Yours...**

**from the desk of**

**Rabbi Weinbach**

**Counting up is great for  
subtraction and addition**

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| Date | Light Candles | Shabbat Ends |
|------|---------------|--------------|
| 6    | 6:54          | 7:59         |
| 13   | 6:59          | 8:04         |
| 20   | 7:04          | 8:09         |
| 27   | 7:09          | 8:14         |

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## From the Editor's Desk...

**C**oxymorons... We've all heard and used such expressions as jumbo shrimp, genuine imitation, working holiday, unbiased opinion, zero tolerance, to

name a few. How do you like the new one I've come up with: enjoyable exercise?

I was never one who enjoyed exercising. Back when I was a junior high school student, I remember that I was required to complete the physical fitness requirements set down by President Kennedy's Physical Fitness Program. I survived by buddying up with a classmate who felt a similar resistance, our job being to test each other on the number of sit-ups and push-ups required to complete the course obligation. (I must come clean and admit that we would cheat by counting by twos so that we would suffer with only a modified charley horse the next day.)

Fast forward to today. Aside from the dexterity of my fingers because of all the knitting, crocheting and typing I do, I can think of no other area of my body with a similar talent. The fact that it is the only limber part of me forced the realization that I need some help. This resulted in my becoming a weekly participant in an exercise class given on Wednesday mornings in our Clubhouse Ballroom. The instructor is wonderful. She is very caring, and realizing that we are an older group, she modifies her program to meet our needs. I do go to every class but must confess that what I look forward to is meeting with the women and enjoying the background music when we do the routines, but I do not look forward to the actual exercises. I much prefer my "finger" exercises.



**SHALOM**

*Roberta*



Submissions for the May issue are due by April 10<sup>th</sup>. Please **promptly** send in any articles or flyers, via e-mail, to be included in the issue.--ED.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jonathan Meister

It is said that everyone is looking for the Fountain of Youth. If you have been to our shul in the last month then you have been witness to what we have been looking for all these years. What we have seen in just three events which are the focus of this article should serve as a roadmap for our future as a Congregation.

First is Purim. We need to thank Ditzza Bradin and her committee of dedicated members for creating an exciting and well attended event. The energy in the sanctuary from reading the *megillah* spilled into the hallways and the ballroom as we all celebrated together surrounded by friends and family and especially children. There is nothing better in looking toward the future then seeing Jewish children engaged and enjoying what is in their DNA and a part of our history/heritage. It is important to channel this energy going forward and tell everyone we know about how our Congregation is open and warm and embraces families and youth. I received many messages and spoke to many people during and after our Purim celebration who told me what a wonderful time they had and how they look forward to similar events going forward.

Just a few days later we celebrated as a Congregation *Shabbat Across America*. Over one hundred people attended this event but what we will remember most is the presence of approximately twenty high school students from the Abraham Joshua Heschel High School in Manhattan. These students who perform as The Heschel Harmonizers brought something special to our shul. There were many takeaways from the weekend that I can share with those who were and weren't present. Rabbi Weinbach showed me a note on Friday night at dinner that had been written to him by one of the students which was rather moving. This student wrote a personal note to thank him for inviting the students to spend a Shabbat "together" and

with people who may not be necessarily of the same background but definitely had one thing in common and that is being Jewish. This student was so happy to just be able to celebrate Shabbat with a community meal with fellow students, fellow friends and even strangers, all who had the common link of wanting to dive in to a weekend of spirituality. In fact, this is what we got on Shabbat. The choir Friday night, to quote one of our congregants, "sang like Angels." The students "camped out" in the shul for Friday night and Saturday all day due to weather conditions forcing them to stay over in the classrooms. Having seen them and their enthusiasm on Friday afternoon, evening and all day Saturday is very touching. To top it all off however I will never forget Saturday night *havdalah*. The Heschel Harmonizers gathered on the *bimah* and below the *bimah* with Rabbi Weinbach in the center. Singing the ritual of Havdalah with its accompanying wine, candle and *besomim* I only wish it could have been recorded and shared with the world on YouTube. It was a moving moment that we haven't seen in our shul in years and something again that presented itself as a vision of the future for which to strive.

One week later the shul was filled again. This time with a Bar Mitzvah. The Bar Mitzvah boy, a student in our Hebrew School, read a significant portion of the *Torah* portion of the week. The sanctuary was filled with children and their parents, many of whom were former Hasidim who hadn't stepped foot in a synagogue in years. However, in talking to some of the families during the lovely *kiddush* sponsored by the Bar Mitzvah family, some of these people made it clear that having attended Purim a few weeks before and now the Bar Mitzvah they were so happy to have experienced the warmth displayed by our shul and our members. Children were running around, parents were conversing, people were eating with friends and family (including some amazing *babka* made by

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the mother of the Bar Mitzvah boy) and frankly this is what we strive for and should look to build on for the future.

There are times when we think in a very negative way about our Congregation. To be honest, we have our struggles whether it be getting people to turn out for a minyan or turn out for an event. The month of Adar has just passed and as we say Adar is the time to be happy. In fact it has been a happy time in our Congregation, filled with events of joy, love, laughter. Age is just a number and yes we have seen events which have been geared and centered around youth. At least in the month of Adar we found the Fountain of Youth. However, it doesn't end in Adar. If we continue to be who we are, the caring and warm congregation that we have always been, then there is the opportunity to grow and become younger whether in actual age of the Congregation or figuratively in the sense that we take what we have, build on it and attract people who are looking for the type of joyous events which we have just experienced.



## CALLING ALL MEN...



Come help sustain our  
daily morning and evening  
minyons.

We need **YOU!**

## Schedule of Passover Services March-April 2018

Have You Sold Your Chametz?

**Thursday, March 29: Search For The Chametz** -  
7:30 p.m.

**Friday, March 30: Siyum B'chorim** - following  
7:00 a.m. morning minyan

**Friday, March 30:** finish eating Chametz  
before 10:55 a.m.

**Friday, March 30:** Burning Chametz  
at a community location before 11:56 a.m.

### CANDLELIGHTING TIMES:

Friday evening, March 30 - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday evening, March 31 - after 8:01 p.m.

Thursday evening, April 5- at 7:08 p.m.

Friday evening, April 6- after 7:08 p.m.

### SERVICES

Friday evening

March 30 at 5:45 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday mornings,

March 31 & April 1: at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday & Sunday evenings,

March 31 & April 1: at 7:10 p.m.

Thursday & Friday evening,

April 5 & 6 : at 6:30 p.m.

Friday & Saturday mornings,

April 6 & 7 at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday evening

April 7 at 7:15 p.m.

*Yizkor on Saturday, April 7 approx. 10:30 a.m.*

*Passover ends on Saturday, April 7 at 8:09 p.m.*

**PLEASE WAIT UNTIL 8:30 P.M. FOR THE  
RABBI TO RE-PURCHASE THE CHAMETZ.**

### Condolences to...

Barbara Golubock & Family on the loss of their  
beloved husband & father, Harvey

## THE CANTOR'S CLOUD by Cantor Menachem Bazian Heritage

As I write this, the month of Nisan is just hours away and with it will come Passover. In my mind's eye, I see my mother cleaning the house and pushing us lazy kids to get our rooms cleaned. I think of her *Geshtelte Borscht* (a borscht she made from scratch that fermented an entire month in the basement) which she put up the day after *Purim*. I remember her cooking that *Borscht* on *Erev Pesach* with fresh beets and how we kids fought over who would get to sample those beets after the cooking was done. I can so clearly envision the seder table with the white table cloth, the round *Matzah* cover, the seder plate at the head of the table, the silver *Becher* (wine goblet) at each place and the heirloom silverware that was only used on Passover. And, of course, I remember the *Seder* which my father would lead and my mother would pull out delight after delight for the family and guests. These are amongst my most treasured memories.

I was thinking today of those memories and how my parents shaped my life. That got me thinking of how we are built on a foundation established by those who preceded, paved the road and gave us the firmament and early experiences upon which we are based.

The Jewish nation is also the product of those who came before us. Without the great minds and characters of yesteryear, there would be no Jewish people; we would have passed into the ash heap of history as have so many empires, nations and cultures. The Mayans and the Incas were wiped out. The ancient Romans, Greeks, Amalekites, Egyptians, and Mesopotamians are all gone. Their languages are extinct (how many people do you know that speak Latin or Ancient Greek?). All that is left of most of these ancient civilizations are fragmented artifacts requiring scholars to decipher and interpret. The laws and practices of the pre-Greek civilizations are, to a great degree, matters of speculation based on a spartan body of evidence. They have passed from general memory to the

realm of legend, academia and special study.

The Jewish people are different. Throughout the generations, we have always had sages dedicated to learning, understanding and teaching the *Torah's* sacred teachings. The scholars of old not only preserved the *Torah*, they expanded our knowledge and understanding through countless works. Very few people may speak Latin but millions speak Hebrew and hundreds of thousands are conversant in the ancient Aramaic of the *Talmud*. We may not know how the pyramids were built but we do know how the Temple was built. We have access to our rich body of language, knowledge and wisdom because those who came before us treasured it, nurtured it and made sure to pass it on to the future generations.

When I think of everything we have been through, I am truly in awe of our continued existence. No other people on earth has endured what the Jewish people have over our millenia of existence. We have been exiled many times, scattered among the nations, been the subject of crusades, pogroms, blood libels, the Holocaust and a continuing cycle of hatred that continues to this day.

And yet, in our darkest days, Jews stubbornly held on to their faith and *Torah*. Many pictures abound of the *Torah* learning that took place each and every day in the Warsaw Ghetto just to name one example. During the crusades, entire communities refused to convert even under the threat of the sword. That kind of *Mesirat Nefesh* (self sacrifice) is not something I can comprehend truly, but it was because of the dedication of these giants who gave their all that



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we have this rich and beautiful thing we call *Yiddishkeit*.

Jews always sacrifice for the next generation. We are a strange people who are inextricably tied to our past and yet forward thinking. We see the past not as an anchor chain holding us back but rather as a beacon that lights our way. We have something the rest of the world doesn't: divine guidance that allows us to navigate the treacherous waters of a world that still has not come to grips with the reality that we Jews are here to stay.

The generation that survived the Holocaust had every reason to run away from *Yiddishkeit* and yet the vast majority stuck with it. They rose up out of the ashes to rebuild their lives, families and nation. Some of these few survivors came to the United States and became nobel laureates, business people, great scientists, *Torah* scholars and so much more. Others went to Israel and fought to re-establish our ancient homeland and to provide a single place on earth where Jews would always be accepted. They helped build a vibrant, truly democratic nation that has risen above the blatant bias and animus of an entire planet to become a leader in technology, science, power, water reclamation, *Torah* and so much more.

Israel's success would not have happened without their continuous sacrifice. They fought and built not only for themselves and for six million who couldn't, but for Jewish children that they would never know, the generations that would follow them.

This is the Jewish way. Those who come before light the way for those who come after.

If there is any living metaphor of this core aspect of Jewish life, it is the *Chag of Pesach*. When we sit at the *Seder*, we look to the past and celebrate our journey from bondage to freedom. But, when we look to the past, we are told to do so with our future before us. As the *Mishna* in the

tractate *Pesachim* (10:4) tells us, "They pour a second cup of wine. And here the child questions his father. And if the child has insufficient understanding to question, his father teaches them to ask." Whereas most of the year children do not have an official role in performing *Mitzvot*, the *Seder* centers around the children. The essence of the *Mitzvah* is, as the *Torah* commands us (Ex 13:8), "and you shall explain to your son on that day, 'It is because of what the LORD did for me when I went free from Egypt.'"

*Shabbat* and *Yom Tov* is a time best spent with those we love. When we sit at a table with our children, grandchildren and even, for those so blessed, great-grandchildren, we have an opportunity to show them our traditions and provide a living example. There is no better way to transmit our *Torah*, faith and culture to future generations because children learn more from what they see than what they hear. Trust me when I tell you that the memories you create with them at these times are your true legacy.

We have a responsibility to let future generations know that to be a Jew is to understand that we are not just individuals in a point of time but that we are part of a larger whole that spans centuries. We must inculcate into our youth the concepts of our *Torah*, values and principles. We must take steps to ensure that the stories of our history, both the good and the bad, are not retold and passed down. That is how we have survived for thousands of years and how we will continue to survive and thrive.

*Chana* and I would like to wish all of you a happy, healthy and kosher Passover.

**Note:** *The opinions expressed in this article are mine and mine alone. Have a comment? Disagree with me? Please let me know. You can email me at njChazzan@gmail.com. © Menachem Bazian, 2017*

## SISTERHOOD MESSAGE

Close to My Heart

Julie Feldman, President

After a year of researching, planning and refining, Sisterhood and Rabbi Weinbach are ready to roll out our new Bikkur Cholim program. The first step in implementing it will be a training session to develop visitors who can go into hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities and private homes, secure in the knowledge that they and those that they are visiting will be safe and that the visits will be effective.

I know that many have questioned the need for this training. Let me respond by saying that healthcare has become very different over the last 25 years. Hospital stays are shorter, nursing homes have turned themselves into places for short-term rehabilitation or other specialty services and convalescence more often than not takes place at home. While many of these changes are for the better, they created other challenges. True, inpatient hospital stays have shortened significantly, but inpatients who do spend more than 24 hours in the hospital are sicker than they were in the past. That combined with the over-use of antibiotics has caused an explosion in hospital-acquired infections, threatening both patients and visitors. This has trickled down into extended-stay facilities and even the homes of those recovering from their time in the hospital.

We want our visitors to be sure that they both stay well and are not an additional source of infection for weakened patients.

Medicine has advanced, allowing for recovery from more and more once deadly diseases. The converse of this is that illnesses that might have once carried off a person (like pneumonia) in a relatively easy death, have been superseded by diseases that can cause terrible and prolonged suffering for both the patient and family. Visitation may now occur in even more emotionally fraught situations. Lastly, we have become adept at maintaining life long beyond the brain's capacity to function. Providing visitation to those who have memory and cognitive impairments requires a different skill set than in our parents and grandparents days.

Having worked in healthcare for nearly 40

them in either hospital or nursing home facilities, I can attest to how important contact with the outside world can be. All too often, I saw patients and residents whose only contact with others was with their caregivers and roommates. I would always be embarrassed when a nursing home resident would kiss my hand because I was the only new face they saw in weeks and I would spend more than a moment or two with them.

Lastly, I have spent too much time (especially in my late teens), on the "other side of the bedsheets". Because of this background, this program is "dear to my heart".

We are going to hold our first-ever class on Sunday, April 22nd at 10:00 am in the Synagogue. If you are interested in becoming a CSI-recognized volunteer, please register with me by phone at 914-319-6276 or via email at [juleeroze@yahoo.com](mailto:juleeroze@yahoo.com).

Thank you, and until next month!



Come One Come All to  
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## THE MEN'S CLUB MESSAGE...

Mark Pfeffer

Congratulations from the Men's Club for making it through a tough winter. Early in March, Congregation Shaarey Israel was treated to a very special musical experience. The group the "Not Ready for Cholim Hamoed Players" under the creation, and direction of David Hurwitz travelled from Cantor Bazian's home synagogue in Passaic, New Jersey to entertain our congregation. The actors from the Jewish Center of Passaic NJ, put on a musical satire loosely based on the play, *Mary Poppins*, called *Married Pops*. The show was a very successful event well attended by both our congregants and guests of all the actors. Cantor Bazian, David Hurwitz, and all of the actors who entertained us must be thanked profusely, for making the trip to us and providing us with an evening of laughter, music and fun. We all had a great time and it was a very successful program. Many, many, thanks to all who were involved in the production.

Our next upcoming program event is the **Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Project**. You are invited to join with other members of Congregation Shaarey Israel to light a yellow memorial candle, and remind your family that at sundown on Wednesday, April 11, (the 27th day of Nissan, 5778) we light a candle, in memory of the victims of the Holocaust. Many families have already made this commemoration an important day in their calendar of things to do. To help offset the cost of the project we ask for a small donation. Funds that we receive over and above our program costs go to support Youth Programs and the Holocaust Museum and Study Center. We hope that you will help us with a tax deductible donation in multiples of \$18. Call Bob Leifer if you have any questions. Let the office know how many candles you would like to buy by April 2nd. You can pick up your candles on or after April 5th.

This Mother's Day the Men's Club is planning to honor all of the mothers in our congregation with an extended Kiddush on Shabbat, May 12th, one day before Mother's Day, May 13th. Many of you have told us that

you would prefer to spend Mother's Day with your families, at the homes of your children and grandchildren, and it becomes a struggle to attend the Sunday morning breakfast that we traditionally have hosted. Therefore we will free you up on that Sunday to share with your families. Please come to the Saturday service on May 12 and partake in the special Kiddush the Men's Club is hosting.

As the spring continues the Men's Club is working with the women of the Sisterhood, and also inviting members of our neighbor congregation, Montebello Jewish Center, for a Sunday night get together and to participate in a night of playing Military Bridge. We will let you know of the date as soon as final plans are made.

Now that the winter is over Men's Club meetings will once again be held live, in our Congregation Shaarey Israel classroom. No longer will we attempt to communicate via conference calls, but will now have live, face to face meetings. Please join us, at our next meeting, and offer your participation, your ideas, and your involvement. We meet on the first Monday evening of each month. We look forward to hearing from you, so that you can offer your ideas and your comments. So please join us, and come down to a meeting or attend an activity, and don't forget we are always glad to collect your annual dues of just \$36. Thank you so much.



## Rabbi's article (continued)

as to whether we should light one candle on the first night and an additional candle each successive night (our practice) or whether we should light eight candles the first night and one less each successive night.

The reason given for our practice as the accepted one is the general rule that *ma'alin ba'kodosh v'ain moridin* - we always seek to increase in matters of holiness and never to regress. Perhaps this is reflected as well in the mitzva of counting the *omer*. When counting the moments until New Year's day or the end of a sports competition it's all about how much time is left. When it comes to religious matters however, it is always about building towards a greater and greater connection to G-d.

As we move from the beautiful seders and holiday of Passover towards a renewal of our connection to Torah, let us build upon our successes and sacrifices and continue to move higher and higher up our personal Mount Sinai until, like the Jews that left Egypt, we are crowned as those who both observe and seek to understand, *na'aseh v'nishmah*.

I can't know what date you are reading this, but I hope that from this moment you will count upwards towards our **Tikkun Layl Shavous** program which will be held on **Saturday night, May 19**. We are "counting" on your participation!



## A Note of Thanks...

Dear All:

Purim is a special chag  
A holiday we love,  
The Jews were saved by G-d  
HaKadosh Boruchu, above.

Although in the Megilla  
We don't read His name, we see  
That Mordecai, Queen Esther  
Were part of destiny.

For sometimes things are obvious  
Other times not so,  
But G-d is always present  
And that we surely know.

We move on now to Pesach  
With Moses - as our lead,  
From slavery to freedom  
The Haggadah we will read.

But again G-d is directing  
The miracles that show,  
There's more to every story  
Behind the scenes, we know!

Today Rabah to Rabbi Weinbach, to Cantor Bazian, to Sisterhood and to everyone "behind the scenes" at Shaarey Israel for such a beautiful Purim. We enjoyed every minute and the delicious Shalach Manot, as well.

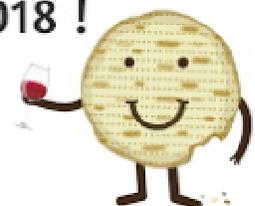
Best wishes for a Sweet and Kosher Pesach to all....

Sincerely,  
Eileen and Jeff Pollack



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# **APRIL 22, 2018**

# **VISITOR**

# **TRAINING**

## **Become a CSI-Approved Visitor!**

Get to know the do's and don'ts of visiting. Keep your patient, yourself and your family safe. Know what to say, when to say it and whom to say it to. Come to our training and feel secure in your abilities as an approved visitor and get your name added to the list of congregants who can be sent out as our representative.



**10:00 to 11:00 am**

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**Call or email Julie  
Feldman to  
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# CHAT LIGHTS

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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## Mazel Tov on the Engagement of...

Peggy & Marc Cabillis' daughter, Evania to  
Pedro Durate

## Mazel Tov to...

Elise Krakower on the Bar Mitzvah of her  
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11 Henry & Lynda Meyers  
13 Martin & Brenda Bell  
14 Dr. Charles & Esther Schwartz  
20 Loretta & Bob Burton  
29 Melvin & Golde Math



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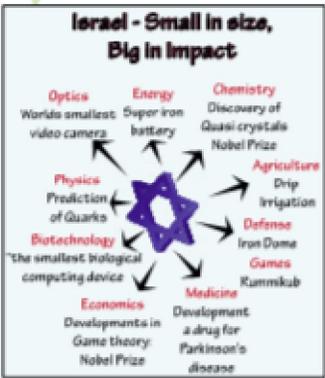
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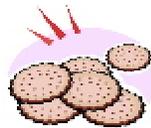


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| Date | Event   | Location        | Time                    | Person Responsible    |
|------|---|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1    | Services  | Sanctuary       | 9:00 am                 | Rabbi Weinbach        |
| 1    | Services  | Sanctuary       | 7:10 pm                 | Rabbi Weinbach        |
| 3    | Men's Club Board  | Room 2          | 7:00 pm                 | Mark Pfeffer          |
| 3    | Sisterhood Board  | Multipurpose Rm | 7:30 pm                 | Julie Feldman         |
| 5    | <b>Complete Holiday Schedule on page 5</b>                                  |                 |                         |                       |
| 7    | <b>Yizkor</b>   |                 | <b>approx. 10:30 am</b> |                       |
| 7    | <b>Passover Ends At 8:09 Pm Wait Til 8:30 For Rabbi To Purchase Chametz</b> |                 |                         |                       |
| 10   | Israeli Dancing   | Multipurpose Rm | 8:00 pm                 | Karin Sachs           |
| 11   | Jewish Appreciation   | Room 2          | 7:30 pm                 |                       |
| 11   | Yoga Class  | Rm 1            | 7:30 pm                 | Jean Gastfriend       |
| 13   | Services & Ann'y Shabbat  | Sanctuary       | 6:30 pm                 | Rabbi Weinbach        |
| 14   | Services  | Sanctuary       | 8:45 am                 | Rabbi Weinbach        |
| 17   | Book Discussion Group   | Daily Sanctuary | 11:00 am                | Paulette Frankel      |
| 17   | Israeli Dancing   | Multipurpose Rm | 8:00 pm                 | Karin Sachs           |
| 18   | Forever Young Seniors   | Multipurpose Rm | 11:00 am                | Barbara Kleinman      |
| 18   | Yom Hazikaron & Yom Ha'atzmaut  |                 | 7:00 pm                 | Bill Bradin           |
| 18   | Jewish Appreciation   | Rm 2            | 7:30 pm                 |                       |
| 18   | Yoga Class  | Rm 1            | 7:30 pm                 | Jean Gastfriend       |
| 19   | S.H. Meeting  | Multipurpose Rm | 7:30 pm                 | Julie Feldman         |
| 20   | Services  | Sanctuary       | 6:00 pm                 | Rabbi Weinbach        |
| 21   | Services  | Sanctuary       | 8:45 am                 | Rabbi Weinbach        |
| 22   | Sisterhood Bingo  | Multipurpose Rm |                         |                       |
| 24   | Israeli Dancing   | Multipurpose Rm | 8:00 pm                 | Karin Sachs           |
| 25   | Jewish Appreciation   | Room 2          | 7:30 pm                 |                       |
| 25   | Yoga Class  | Room 1          | 7:30 pm                 | Jean Gastfriend       |
| 26   | Budget/Finance  | Room 2          | 6:00 pm                 | Joe Moskovic          |
| 26   | Board Of Trustees   | Multipurpose Rm | 7:30 pm                 | Jack Perel            |
| 27   | Services  | Sanctuary       | 6:30 pm                 | Rabbi Weinbach        |
| 28   | Services  | Sanctuary       | 8:45 am                 | Rabbi Weinbach        |
| 29   | Baby Naming   | Lobby           | 11:00 am                | Susan Farber          |
| 29   | Guest Speaker   | Multipurpose Rm | 3:00 pm                 | Helene-Shames Edelman |



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