

# The Scroll



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**W**e have a friend in the palace. We shall see the downfall of our enemies. G-d is controlling events behind the scenes. Everything can change in a moment. These central lessons of Purim inspire us each year as we read of the great miracle done for us in those days, and our joy carries over to our sharing mishloach manis, charity, and a festive meal with food and much wine. On this holiday more than any other drinking to intoxication has become part of regular observance. Yet why should that be? Why should getting drunk be a mitzvah at all, let alone to the point of fulfilling the dictum found in the Babylonian Talmud:

“One is obligated on Purim to a drunkenness so stout that one is unable to differentiate between the blessed Mordechai and the accursed Haman”! Such wild reveling seems out of step with the Jewish way of joyous yet sanctified celebration.

In these fortunate time, regardless of one’s political views we know that we have many friends in “the palace”. Even before the new administration entered The White House the Jewish presence and influence in United States politics has never been greater, and our State of Israel has never been so secure. Many of our enemies are tied up with internal concerns or have become allies. It has never been easier to

have faith that G-d is controlling events to our favor. We have seen sudden change, how in just days in 1967 our State of Israel went from the threat of destruction to long-term viability.

Now place yourself in Babylonia/Iraq in the fifth century. You are one minority among many, with no special influence in the halls of power. The

land of Israel is in decline as a center for the Jewish People, who are still building a diaspora-based Jewish consciousness. All hope of a renewal of sovereignty in Israel are dashed, haunted still by the disastrous failure of Bar Kochba. G-d has exiled us and we can only

wait for a redemption that will almost certainly not come in my lifetime. For this Babylonian Jew the promise of Purim seems so remote.

In Babylon, in the ghetto, in the shtetl and for the 1,800 years from Bar Kochba until modern Zionism, how could we feel hope against all appearances? Why, you would have to be drunk to believe!

We are so Blessed to live in a time when the almost unbelievable is now the almost undeniable.

**Respectfully Yours...**

**from the desk of**

**Rabbi Weinbach**

The Almost Unbelievable Story

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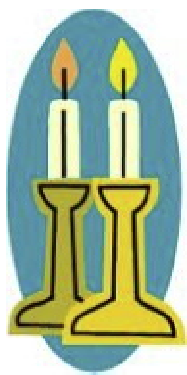
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Date	Light Candles	Shabbat Ends
3	5:32	6:37
10	5:40	6:45
17	6:47	6:52
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31	7:02	8:07

Purim--Saturday, Sunday, March 11 & 12

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## From the Editor's Desk...

**W**hat a shul! Unfortunately Marvin has just gone through a major medical situation. The outpouring of cards, calls and e-mails for concern for his situation was amazing. We so much appreciate all the sincere inquiries made by you, our CSI Family.

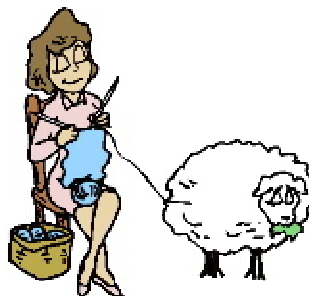
That's what we're all about. Congregation Shaarey Israel is there for each of its members. Hopefully, it is there to share in the good times...simchas, births, engagements, but unfortunately the shul members, the Rabbi, the Cantor and the various arms are there for support and true concern in times of crisis.

This is what being a part of the CSI family is all about. A place to daven, *definitely*, but an extension of your family for support when needed is what it's all about.

I thank everyone for the outpouring of concern. I know your prayers helped Marv and your being there *certainly* helped me.

SHALOM

Roberta



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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Bill Bradin

**S**halom Congregation Shaarey Israel Family, I hope that as I write my article, everyone is healthy and doing well.

We left February on a very high note. This year's Tu B'Shvat holiday was truly magical. Our Hebrew School led us in the Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv Services. A well-attended Shabbat/Tu B'Shvat dinner followed. We entered the social hall appropriately designed with trees for Tu B'Shvat. Thank you Jennifer Rodriguez for lending us your talents in helping make the evening the success that it was.

Spring symbolizes a time of renewal, rebirth, and exciting things. I look forward to exciting times, events and happenings in our shul community. March is already here. We will be moving the clocks forward, and the countdown to spring begins. March usually marks the month of Adar. You know that means that Purim is just a few short weeks away. I look forward to Rabbi & Yocheved Weinbach's first Purim with us. It is really going to be a special holiday, as it always is at Shaarey Israel. I thank the Chazzan for reading Megillat Esther on both Saturday evening and on Sunday morning as well. I encourage all of us to take an active role in all the holiday activities. There is the Mitzvah of Mishloach Manot. Our Sisterhood is providing us with an excellent way of fulfilling this Mitzvah. The Sisterhood Mishloach Manot program is not only a big fundraiser, but also adds to the exciting anticipation of Purim. Let's strive for a 100% participation this year and every year moving forward. This year's Purim's theme is "Star Wars". Star Wars was and is relevant across generations. Let's all costume up accordingly. I promise you that children of all ages will have a blast! After the Megillah reading on Sunday morning, we will all enjoy a Se'udat Purim brunch. "May the force be with us all!"

Immediately after Purim, we get into the Pesach mode. I am happy to announce that Shaarey Israel will once again have a community 2nd Seder, led by Menachem & Chana Bazian. If you have participated in the past, you know how much fun they are. If you have not, then this year is a great opportunity to join us and see for yourselves. We will do everything to make sure that the food arrives as it should; so as not to have a repeat of last year's almost fiasco.

This year, our shul will be working on a very important project pertaining to our 2nd Seder. Bill Farber approached me and asked if we would be

willing to invite the Jewish War Veterans and JWF widows who do NOT have their own Seder to attend or who cannot afford to have a Seder of their own. I told Bill that would be a very big honor and an even bigger Mitzvah to have them be part of our Seder. The JWF will cover 50% of the cost for them to join us. As a congregation, this is a real *gemilut chasadim* (good deeds). I anticipate this to be a wonderful opportunity for our shul to give back to the community. I thank Bill Farber for this beautiful initiative. Anyone in our community who can and would like to help out in covering the costs, please contact me.

I am elated to announce that **SY & MIMI MARENBERG** have been named our Congregation Shaarey Israel Honorees at our **Annual Journal Dinner-Dance**. **LOIS PRICE** is our Eshet Chayil. This is great and winning team. Our Journal Dinner Dance is a wonderful opportunity to recognize them for their selfless contribution to our shul community and family throughout the years.

We are already working diligently on our Journal Dinner Dance. The festivities will take place on **Sunday, June 11, 2017**. Many thanks to Mimi Marenberg and Barry Haberman for chairing this extremely important fund-raiser for our shul. Please, mark your calendars accordingly. Let's have 100% participation in this event. See you there.

This June 2017 marks the 50 Anniversary of the re-unification of the capital or our Jewish Homeland in the State of Israel. On **June 4th, 2017**, Congregation Shaarey Israel will be marching up 5th Avenue as part of the **Celebrate Israel Parade**. Gadi Klebanov, along with Kathy Abrams & Alan Tokarski are the Parade Committee. Let's fill up 2 buses from our shul this year. Upon arriving back at the shul, we will continue the celebration. It is not too early to sign up.

We can plan and dream about ways to make our shul community grow, be vibrant, be exciting, and be meaningful. The success is dependent upon all of us. I am asking all of us to take an active role in making all of this happen. Come to Minyanim. Come to Shabbat and Holiday Services. Participate in our shul adult education opportunities. Become members of the shul's Men's Club and Sisterhood. If we all do our part, we can accomplish so much together.

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## THE CANTOR'S CLOUD by Cantor Menachem Bazian The Day After Tomorrow



Yesterday, I walked outside without a jacket, basking in the deliciously warm sunshine of an unusually warm February day. It was glorious. The sky was blue and I could almost feel the promise of an early spring in the air.

Today, I am sitting at my desk at home. The district is closed and my space heater is going full blast as snowpocalypse reigns supreme outside. The forecast is for over a foot of snow which, as soon as I am done with this article, Chana and I will have to shovel.

What a difference a day makes, eh?

This radical change between two days got me thinking at how quickly our circumstances can change. One moment we can be flying atop the world and the next moment it can come crashing down. Take Haman, for example. One day he is invited to a dinner party by the queen. He was pretty happy about that. "And Haman left that day happy and with a light heart," the Megilla tells us. He was on top of the world.

When you think about it, he had good reason to be happy. He had successfully convinced the king to exterminate an entire race within his kingdom. He did a masterful job of slandering the Jewish people and convincing the king that the Jews in the Persian kingdom were not only subversive but also worthless. As the Talmud tells us (Tractate Megilla, Page 13b), Haman's statement covered all of the King's potential arguments. Here's what Haman said to the King:

"There is a certain people, scattered and dispersed among the other peoples in all the provinces of your realm, whose laws are different from those of any other people and who do not obey the king's laws; and it is not in Your Majesty's interest to tolerate them."

meant that their population won't be missed. Their laws are different meant that they won't eat with us or marry us. They do not obey the king's laws meant that they are always idle saying it's Shabbat or a holiday. That's a lot of slander in just a simple statement.

So, from Haman's perspective, he was having a pretty good couple of days. The king is in his pocket, the queen is inviting him to parties without any other member of the nobility, and the hated Jews are headed for the chopping block. Not bad for a few days work, no?

Well, within 24 hours it was all over. Instead of riding high, he was hanging high on a 75 foot gallows and his plans were toast.

History is rife with similar examples. During World War II, for example, many military historians believe that Germany was inches away from winning the war. Somehow, at a few critical moments, decisions were made by the Nazi dictator (whose name I will not mention; I'll just refer to him as the dictator of Germany or DOG) that immolated his chances at world domination. During the battle of Dunkirk, he stopped his assault for a crucial few days thus allowing the British Expeditionary Force to escape. Had the Germans destroyed the BEF, Britain may have been knocked out of the war right there. The battle for Russia would have been a one front war with quite likely a different outcome.

During the battle for Russia, DOG diverted troops from the push to Moscow in a maneuver that many consider to have been futile. The German attack was stopped about 11 miles short of the Kremlin. Without that diversion,

## THE CANTOR'S CLOUD *(continued)*

Germany takes Moscow and quite possibly wins the war against Russia right there.

Finally, DOG did not have to declare war on the United States. When congress declared war on December 7, 1941, it was only against Japan. Had DOG not declared war, Roosevelt would not have been able to do so against Germany in 1941. Without the United States in the war in Europe, that could have put a dent or even an end to Lend Lease and that could have tipped the war to Germany.

I am frequently amazed at how much can happen in one moment of time. We make decisions that can set off a sequence of events that can change our entire lives. That's why our sages teach us (Tractate Tamid, 32a), "Who is wise? He who sees what is about to come to pass." Our sages tell us that the essence of wisdom is to think things through and see what can come of our actions and decisions because life, and sometimes even the world, can change in just one instant.

It is, perhaps, ironic that I see two radically opposite lessons in this single truism of life. If life can turn on a dime, it is incumbent upon us to make the most of each moment. *Hashem* has given us a limited amount of time on this earth. It is up to us to use that time wisely and not to squander it. Our motto in life should be *carpe diem*, seize the day. We should look for every opportunity to learn more, do more, love more, and experience more. We waste too much time on silliness and not enough time on what matters. We spend too much time at work and not enough at home or at play; too much time criticizing and not enough enjoying; too much time gathering and not enough time sharing. Life has so much to offer us if we just reach out and grab it when we can.

Part of the beauty of being traditional Jews is that we are part of a people that understands

this. We know that each opportunity to do a *Mitzvah*, to learn *Torah*, and to spend time with our spouses, children and grandchildren is precious and cannot be overlooked. We have only this time to fill our lives with good, and we have to make the most of it.

On the other hand, if every decision we make can have such far reaching consequences, we have to bear the future in mind too. Life cannot just be about right now. Sometimes we will have to think and choose our actions, our words, our decisions very carefully. Being Jewish is about understanding that there is a future and, while the world is in *Hashem's* hands, we have to do our part as well. So, we should do our best to protect our loved ones, to forgive them as we would want to be forgiven, to foment brotherhood amongst ourselves by keeping the simple thought in our minds that what we do or say today can have great effect on the future.

Live in the moment, but always consider the future.

Chana and I would like to wish you all a Happy Purim!

*P.S. Shaarey Israel is planning some really great events for Purim. Invite your kids and grandchildren to join us for what will no doubt be an incredibly fun time. See you there!*

**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](mailto:njChazzan@gmail.com).*

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## SISTERHOOD MESSAGE

It's Purim Time!

Julie Feldman, President

**B**y the time you have this edition of **The Scroll** in your homes, we will be putting together our Shaloch Manos baskets. If you've ever participated in "Pack Out", you know what fun it can be. We run around like crazy picking items and placing them in gift bags, adding colorful tissue paper and ribbons, hoping to make it look artful (or at least not a total disaster). At the end of the evening, you can take home your Shaloch Manos gift and any extras that you ordered. If you're unable to make it to Pack Out, you can pick up your gift after the Megillah readings.

This is the first year I actively participated in the Shaloch Manos Committee, and now I know what a "big Megillah" it is to do. I'd like to thank Roberta Leitner for coming up with this year's theme and directing the rest of the committee. They include Sandra Chaitin, Eleanor Donath, Esther Ingber, Stacie Podos, Dale Smith and Barbara Weisel. If I do say so myself, I think we did a bang-up job!

By now you have been introduced to our new Congregation logo. That means that the Sisterhood Fundraising Committee has begun to work on tee shirts with the logo, which will be for sale in the coming months. We are also planning a "Movie Night" to be held in the Synagogue, Bingo and discount shopping at a major department store. Our Programming Committee will wrap up the year with a talk by a nutritionist in May and then we will have our annual Installation and Donor event on the second Thursday evening in June.

We are still looking for volunteers to (occasionally) drive a congregant to a service or event, and for congregants who need a ride. Please fill out the form included in this **Scroll** and send it in to the office. We want to do everything possible to give members access to all that our Synagogue has to offer!

When you receive the next **Scroll**, Passover will be right around the corner. I am so glad that Cantor and Chana Bazian will again be

leading our Second Night Seder in the Shul. I go every year, and it is absolutely, always a fun and educational evening in the tradition of the seders we all grew up attending. I go because I have no family to speak of who are living in this region, but that doesn't matter, because I'm sharing this night with my other family...my CSI family. I hope you'll come too, because I look forward to seeing everyone there!



### WHO'S WHO IN SISTERHOOD 2016-2017

If you need to contact any of us, please speak to Peggy and she will put us in touch with you.

Position	Name
President	Julie Feldman
Treasurer	Lois Bashoff
Vice Pres., Fundraising	Phyllis Polovsky
Vice Pres., Membership	Evie Maher
Vice Pres., Programming	Sandra Chaitin
Corresponding Secretary	Eleanor Donath
Financial Secretary	Audrey Meister
Recording Secretary	Esther Ingber
Special Functions	Deanna Simon
Women's Service	Diane Leifer
Parliamentarian	Barbara Weisel





# CSI HEBREW SCHOOL

Danielle Maroff, Educational Director

Our CSI Hebrew school students enjoyed learning about the story and the customs of this fun, happy and exciting holiday. We discussed the special mitzvot that connected with the holiday of Purim and the importance of fulfilling them with kavanah (intent/commitment).



On Purim we read the Megillah twice (once in the evening and on the following morning), we give gifts to the needy, prepare mishloach manot to friends and relatives and enjoy a festive meal- seudat Purim.

In preparation for Purim, we will bake our own hamantaschen and use different fillings to fill them. We learn new Purim songs and play games using the concepts and vocabulary of the holiday.



## SISTERHOOD OF CONGREGATION SHAAREY ISRAEL



Sisterhood is beginning an initiative to help bring Congregants to services, meetings and activities. You can help by volunteering to drive someone from your area. If you're willing to participate in this mitzvah, please fill out the form below and mail it to the Synagogue, attention: Sisterhood/Drivers.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Available (circle): morning afternoon evening Shabbos

Can drive (circle): All Rockland Orangetown Clarkstown Spring Valley Chestnut Ridge/Tallman Pomona Wesley Hills/New Hempstead Monsey/Airmont Suffern/Montebello No. Rockland All Bergen Wanaque Paramus Mahwah

If you need a ride for a service, meeting or activity, please contact the office as soon as possible with the following information:

Name(s)

Address

Phone Number(s)

What activity you need a ride for

If you require transport of a cane, walker, wheelchair or other device.

You will be contacted by a member of Sisterhood to arrange for your transportation.

Thank you to all our wonderful members who are willing to take the time to join in this important initiative.

## THE MEN'S CLUB MESSAGE...

Mark Pfeffer

The Men's Club **Calendar Sweepstakes** is on the launching pad and the final countdown is being marked off with the launch imminently approaching. This lottery is commencing March 1st and continues through June 30th. You don't want to miss any of the chances to win sums of money and for one entry of \$10.00 per number you are entered, with chances to win money each night for six nights a week for four months. Your number is re-entered repeatedly, and you get a chance to win numerous times. For your best odds don't delay in getting your tickets. If you've already bought one you can still pick up more for yourself, your friends, and your family. Get the checks in as soon as possible and indicate on the check "Calendar Sweepstakes". Remember, "You've got to be in it, to win it."

The beginning of March signals the coming of Spring which is just around the corner. You all know about the numerous religious events that occur in the springtime, but the Men's Club is looking forward to creating a number of social events to launch us into the festive spring season and give us something to look forward to. We, as the men of the Men's Club, along with the Ladies of the Sisterhood have been trying to collaborate on a number of fun and social enterprises. We wish to encourage grandparents, parents, children and grandchildren to go outside and get together, with such things as a picnic day at a nearby park where we'll supply a number of activities and you come and have a fun experience. A few nearby parks and similar places have been suggested, and we are exploring what fun events we can do together. Some tentative ideas have included a day out at Van Saun Park in Paramus, or an outdoor movie night, or a trip to SplashDown Beach in Fishkill, NY, as a fun-filled family day. If you have any ideas we'd love to hear them. Contact myself as Men's Club head, or Julie Feldman as the Sisterhood President.

A change that must be made...An exciting Estate and Antique Road show event must be re-scheduled for it conflicts with other activities and our auctioneer is unavailable on that date. The event will still be happening but stay tuned for a new time and date. We have an auctioneer who will teach us about the collectables we have, and we will bring items to be evaluated, but we need more firm details from our appraiser. We'll have more solid information very soon. Stay tuned.

This March, be on the look out for a letter from the Men's Club to all members concerning the "The Yom HaShoah, Yellow Candle

**Project".** As we have done in the past, we are urging all of our members and friends, to remember the Holocaust by purchasing and lighting the Yellow, Yahrzeit, Yom HaShoah Candles. This day is known as "Holocaust Remembrance Day" to commemorate the lives and heroism of the six million Jewish people who were murdered in the Holocaust between 1933 and 1945 as well as the five million others who perished in the Holocaust. The money that we receive from your purchase of the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candles gets divided up so that a portion goes to the Synagogue, a portion goes the Hebrew School, and a portion gets donated back to the Holocaust Center, to further their educational programs. It's an important job and you can help by purchasing a Yellow Candle. We are hoping for one hundred percent participation for this worthwhile project. The Yom HaShoah Memorial Service Celebration falls on the 27th day of Nissan, the first month of the Jewish year. It is customary to light a Yahrzeit candle and recite the Kaddish, for those who died. This year it is marked on the evening of Sunday April 23rd and is observed on the day of April 24th 2017. We wish all families to "Light a Candle, Preserve a Memory".

We want your opinions and input on the programs we are contemplating for the upcoming months. We will be able to do exciting and dynamic programs only if your input can be heard. Get in touch with members of the Men's Club or better yet, come down and express your ideas and a way of helping. We schedule Men's Club Board Meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, and we encourage you to come down, and join us, as we plan out these upcoming events. The March meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7th, 2017. We invite all the men of the congregation to come down to help us plan and join us. We welcome your ideas, and suggestions.

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Every Jewish Community has been touched by the Shoah.  
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**April 24, 2017**

Congregation Shaarey Israel Men's Club  
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## THE ALEPH BETs OF HEBREW by Bill Bradin

Hebrew is not such a difficult egg to crack. Each month, I plan to try and define Hebrew words and expressions that we commonly use in our daily vernacular.

This month we welcome the Hebrew month of Adar. You know what that means; Purim is right around the corner. One of the mitzvot of Purim is to partake in a **SE'UDAH**. So, let's take a look at the word **se'udah**.

The word **se'udah** simply means "feast, banquet, or meal". The root of the word (**samech-ayin-daled**). **Se'udah** is derived from the infinitive **Lis'od** and means "to dine". We need to differentiate the word **se'udah** from **arucha**. A **se'udah** is a much bigger and more serious meal than **arucha** (breakfast – lunch – dinner). We typically use **se'udah** when speaking about Shabbat, Holiday/Festival, or a big celebration. We often use the word **se'udah** when eating a big meal in a restaurant. As a matter of fact, the word for restaurant is **mees'adah** and is derived from the same root (**samech-ayin-daled**).

On Shabbat, we eat 3 meals. We eat the Friday evening meal after services, we eat a bigger lunch; with cholent (chamin), and then we eat our third meal between Shabbat Mincha and Ma'ariv at the conclusion of Shabbat. We refer to the third meal by a few different names:

(1) **Shlosh Se'udot** – which really means 3 meals. Please notice that **se'udah** takes on its plural form.

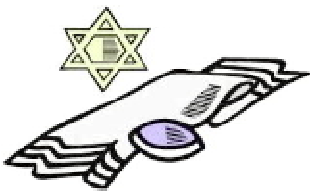
(2) In Ashkenazit, we call the third meal **Shasash Soodis** – which just a variation of number (1).

(3) **Se'udah Shlishit** – which in Hebrew means the 3rd meal and happens to be my personal preference. This version leaves the noun **se'udah** in its singular and feminine form and adds the **shlishi** to it. We are all familiar with the word **shlishi** because the third Aliya to the Torah (after the Cohen & the Levi) is **shlishi**. In the case of **se'udah**; because it is a feminine word it picks up the additional "t" (**taf**) at the end of the word.

Pertaining to Purim, there are four Mitzvot that we are commanded to fulfill. The first is to hear the reading of the Megillah, the second is to hand out Mishloach Manot so that those not so fortunate can put together a meal. The third is to give alms to the poor so that those not so fortunate can have a **se'udah**. The fourth Mitzvah is to actually eat at a **Se'udat Purim** (a Purim feast).

**Se'udat Purim** is an example of two nouns working together. In Hebrew the 2nd noun modifies the first. When the 1st of the two nouns is feminine and ends with a hay. The hay converts to a taf to connect between the two.

Bottom line **se'udah** with slight variations means the same thing. Here's to a Happy Purim and wishing everyone the opportunity **lis'od** at a **Se'udat Purim** this year and every year going forward.



### Minyons

Weekday evenings: Sunday-Thursday: 8 pm  
Weekday mornings: Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:10 am  
Sunday mornings: 9 am  
Friday evenings: 6:00 pm



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Malcolm L Hoenlein  
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*Topic:  
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Is the Special Relationship Still Intact?*

*Sunday Morning, March 19, 2017  
10:15 am*

*Community Synagogue of Monsey  
89 West Maple Avenue  
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*Brunch following lecture*

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**Save the Date**

*CSI Annual  
Journal Dinner Dance*

*Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>*

*Mimi & Sy Marenberg  
honorees*

*Lois Price  
Eshet Chayil*

## Participants in the 2017 Calendar Sweepstakes

Is your name on the list below? These are the participants in the 2017 Calendar Sweepstakes (as of the deadline for this issue). If you don't see your name, you still have time to join in the fun. It takes \$10 for each number and you have multiple times to win.

**Remember...*you gotta be in it to win it!***

No.	Name	No.	Name
1	Trubitz, Joyce	143-147	Cohen, Joseph
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90	Frankel, Eric	188	Lieman, Marc
91	Frankel, Paulette	189	Lieman, Gina
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93-102	Folb, Edward	191	Lieman, Ira
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*A long time ago in  
Persia far far away...*  
**Mordechal & Esther  
Saved the Jews!!**



**Join Congregation Shaarey  
Israel  
as we celebrate**

**PURIM WITH THE FORCE**

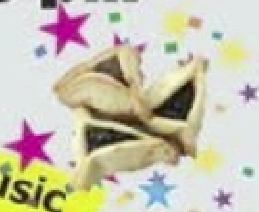
**Saturday, March 11, 2017**

**Megillah Reading 7 pm,**

**Star Wars, Food & Party at 8 pm**



Darth Vader



**Pizza for all**

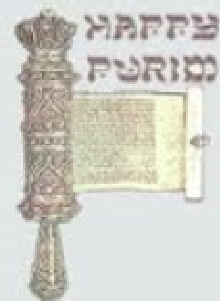
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In the Costume  
Parade.  
"ALL WIN PRIZES"**

**Fun, Music  
& Dancing**

**Purim Spiel**



**Make your  
own sundae**



**Congregation Shaarey Israel  
18 Montebello Road,  
Montebello, NY**

**RSVP to CSI Office by March 6**

**(We need to know how many pizzas to order)**

**(845) 369-0300**

## ADULT EDUCATION AT SHAAREY ISRAEL, WINTER 2017

### **MONDAYS**

#### **FEBRUARY-MARCH**

**A CRASH COURSE IN HEBREW READING  
with Rebetzin Yocheved Weinbach, 7:00pm.**

Monday, 2/13

Monday, 2/20

Monday 2/27

Monday, 3/6

Monday, 3/13

**TUESDAYS with Rabbi Elchanan Weinbach  
at 7:00pm**

#### **FEBRUARY**

Tuesday, 2/7-**NO CLASS**

Tuesday, 2/14-The Human Moshe

Tuesday, 2/21-The Human Moshe

Tuesday, 2/28 – The Human Moshe

#### **MARCH**

Tuesday, 3/7 – Purim: The Folly of Genocide

Tuesday, 3/14 - From Slavery to Freedom:  
4 Ways to an Easy Passover

Tuesday, 3/21 - 4 Children, 4 Answers

Tuesday, 3/28 - 4 Questions, 5 Answers

#### **APRIL**

Tuesday, 4/4 -Torah Thoughts to Share at  
Your Seder

### **WEDNESDAYS**

**Jewish Appreciation** with Lila Stern 7:00pm

**THURSDAYS** Starting February 16, 11:00 am

**Adventures in Midrash**

with Rabbi Elchanan Weinbach

**TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 8:00 P.M.**

**Israeli Dancing** with Karin Sachs

**IN ADDITION JOIN US FOR THE FOLLOWING  
SHABBAT CLASSES:**

On the following Fridays between 5:30 and  
6:30pm. – **Kabbalat Shabbat for Beginners**

Fridays, February 10<sup>th</sup> and March 10<sup>th</sup>

On Saturday mornings after Morning  
Services (11:45-12:15) -

**Talmud & Cholent**

Saturday, 1/14, 1/28, 2/11, 2/25, 3/11  
and 3/25

**CHECK OUT OUR  
new WEB-SITE:**

[shaareyisraelrockland.org](http://shaareyisraelrockland.org)





### Sisterhood Wishing Well

Sisterhood gathers women's toiletries for gift baskets made for the Center for Safety and Change, (formerly Rockland Family Center).

Drop off any toiletries in the **Wishing Well** located in the **CSI Gift Shop** or call Evie at 201-307-0346

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## HEBREW SCHOOL YOUR KIDS WILL WANT TO GO TO

Congregation Shaarey Israel's Hebrew School is like no other!  
**Innovative • Tech-Centered • Hands-on learning**

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- Optional day of engaging experiential learning (Wednesday)
- Optional Hebrew Immersion program
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### READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?



It has been suggested that titles of books be shared with members of our congregation for their enjoyment. Books with a Jewish theme, fiction or non-fiction, are of special interest.

Please e-mail titles and authors, and a few words about the selected book if you wish. E-mail the info to: [roberta@theliemans.com](mailto:roberta@theliemans.com) for inclusion in the next and future issues.

*Please patronize Sisterhood's Gift Shop (see ad on page 19)*

<p><b><u>Minyons</u></b></p> <p>Weekday evenings Sunday-Thursday: 8 pm</p> <p>Weekday mornings Monday &amp; Thursday: 7:00 am Tuesday, Wednesday &amp; Friday: 7:10 am Sunday mornings: 9 am</p> <p>Friday evenings: 6:00 pm</p>	<b>AT A GLANCE</b>		 <p><b><u>Shabbat Kiddush Fund</u></b> Send donations, payable to CSI, indicate in memo "Kiddush Fund." Planning a Kiddush?</p>
	<p><b><u>Kaddish</u></b> The Rabbi &amp; minyonaires will say yearly Kaddish for members &amp; non-members. Contributions are made payable to: <i>Congregation Shaarey Israel</i>. Call the office, 369-0300.</p>	<p><b><u>Forever Young Seniors</u></b> Meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at CSI. Call Barbara Kleinman 352-0315</p> 	 <p>Coupons from General Mills products can be redeemed for money and used to purchase supplies for our school. Bring coupons to CSI office</p>
<p><b><u>Dedication Opportunities</u></b> Available in honor of/in memory of a loved one. Contact Stacie Podos, Red Avner, Jules Stern or Gary Forman for information on what is currently available.</p>	 <p><b><u>Anniversary Shabbat</u></b> March 3 April 7 May 5</p>	<p><b><u>College Students</u></b> Please call the office with the names and addresses of your college students so that Sisterhood can send them <b>The Scroll</b> and packages for the holidays.</p>	
<p><b><u>Donor Cards</u></b> 3 cards for \$10 or one to be mailed for \$4/card Call Esther Ingber 845-354-3787</p> 	<p><b><u>Gift Shop</u></b> Call Louisa DePaola 533-4069 for your gift-giving</p> 	 <p><b><u>Gates of Zion Cemetery</u></b> 845-352-3102 gatesofzioncemetery@gmail.com</p>	<p><b><u>JNF Trees</u></b> \$12/tree Mail checks (payable to CSI) with all info to: <b>Roberta Lieman</b> 4312 Warrens Way Wanaque, NJ 07465 973-706-5176</p>
<p><b><u>Update your aliyah card info</u></b> Contact the office with up-dates</p>	<p><b><u>Going Green</u></b> In an effort to reduce costs and save the environment, CSI will be reducing the number of mailings. If you have e-mail, please notify the office to receive flyers on line. Only those without e-mail will receive "regular" mail.</p> 		 <p>CSI office 845-369-0300 <b><u>CSI website:</u></b> congshaareyisrael.org</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"><b>The Scroll...15</b></p>

# CHAI LITES

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

10 Irving & Helen Kaufman  
13 Bruce & Jeryl Weinfeld  
17 Stan & Toby Cherney  
19 Sandy & Beverley Fried  
19 Harvey & Barbara Golubock  
23 Ludovic & Magda Goldstein  
24 Steven & Diana Kadan  
25 David & Natalie Cohen  
28 Michael & Lauri Bernstein



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Danielle Amona  
Eden Amona  
Bridget Bekker  
Eric Bell  
Sophie Olivia Green  
Eric Frankel  
Heather Maher

Beth Weiss  
Eric Wexler



## Mazel tov on the birth of...

Ashley and Jonathan Green's  
son, Marcus



## Condolences to...

Bill Farber on the loss of his beloved sister  
Stacie Podos on the loss of her beloved mother  
Harriet Blecher-Bernstein

## Israeli Dancing

led by Karin Sachs

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the Ballroom

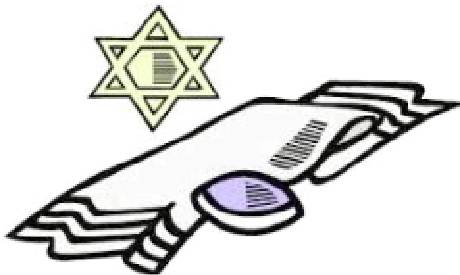


Call the office for more info:


845-369-0300

## Minyons

Weekday evenings:  
Sunday-Thursday: 8 pm



Weekday mornings  
Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:10 am  
Sunday mornings: 9 am  
Friday evenings: 6:00 pm

  
HOLOCAUST  
MEMORIAL DAY

**HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY  
SUNDAY EVENING APRIL 23, 2017  
THROUGH MONDAY APRIL 24, 2017**

Alan Moskin, a WWII JWV and Concentration Camp Liberator, will speak to the Congregation on Shabbat morning, April 22. Plan to attend. He has an amazing story to tell of his experience as a liberator.



## Letters and Info of Note...

### CONGRATULATIONS, AUDREY



**Audrey Meister was Congregation Shaarey Israel's Honoree at the Annual Israel Bonds Rockland County Women's Division Premiere Brunch on Sunday, January 29th. The turnout was great and the commitment to purchase Israel Bonds was even greater! We are all very proud of Audrey for an honor so very well deserved!!!**

To our dear CSI family,

No words can express how meaningful it was to me and my family to have the support of all of you during the recent passing of our mom Harriet Blecher. She knew and loved so many of you. Your thoughtfulness during this difficult time made it that much easier for me to get through it.

With love,  
Stacie and Ken Podos &  
Family

To Rabbi Weinbach, Cantor Bazian and my CSI Family,

Words can't sufficiently express our thanks for the outpouring of concern and prayers for me during my recent medical crisis. Knowing that you all were there for me and Roberta during this time made my recovery somewhat easier.

Hoping to be out and about and back in shul very soon.

Marv Lieman

To my Congregation Family,

Thank you all so much for nominating me as the honoree at the Israel Bond Women's Division Premiere Brunch.

Also I want to thank those of you who attended the event, and those of you who also purchased State of Israel Bonds in my honor.

Since joining our Congregation I have truly felt at home. I have made so many wonderful friends for life and I now have true "sisters" from our Sisterhood to bond with.

With love to all of you,  
Audrey Meister

### PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE...

Cantor Menachem & Chana Bazian

will once again lead us in our

CSI Community Seder

Tuesday night, April 11, 2017.

Details to follow.



## CSI Funds & Contributors...

### *Congregation Shaarey Israel*

In memory of Solomon Forman

Red Avner

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In honor of Audrey Meister Israel Bonds Women  
Division Honoree

Dale & Dr. Norton Smith

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Speedy recovery to Marv Lieman

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Robin & Barry Haberman

A Koren Talmud has been donated to the Daily

Sanctuary in memory of Harper Ayva Fried

Loretta & Bob Burton

In memory of Phyllis & Stan Krasnow's grandson

Caleb Zweig

Red Avner

Mimi & Sy Marenberg

### *Sisterhood*

In honor of Chana Bazian's Birthday

Martin & Helene Shames Edelman

### *Abe & Mildred Dworkin Memorial Scholarship Fund*

Mazel Tov to Audrey Meister on being honored  
by Israel bonds

Joyce Trubitz

Lois Price

In memory other beloved Harriet Blecher-  
Bernstein

Joyce Trubitz

In memory of Gary Mortman

Joyce Trubitz

Mazel Tov to Jonathan and Ashley Green on the  
birth of their son

Joyce Trubitz

In memory of Solomon Forman

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In memory of Caleb Zweig

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Speedy recovery to Deanna Simon

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### *Gertrude Maharar Memorial Fund*

In memory of Harriet Blecher-Bernstein

Ann and Dr. Bill Klein & Family

The following people will be happy to accept your donation to one of our many funds

**DEANNA SIMON (368-2641)**

Sunshine Fund (\$10 minimum)  
dedicated to Bikor Cholim  
Sisterhood (\$10 minimum)

**SYNAGOGUE OFFICE (369-0300)**

CSI In Memory or In Honor of Donations  
(\$10 minimum)

CSI Kiddush Fund and Oneg Fund  
(\$18 minimum)

Building Maintenance Fund (\$10 minimum)

Hebrew School Fund (\$18 minimum)

Prayer Book Fund (\$50)

Chumash Fund (\$60)

Shabbot Dinner Fund (\$10.00 minimum)

Candy Fund (\$10.00 minimum)

**JOYCE TRUBITZ (352-2928)**

Abe & Mildred Dworkin Memorial  
Scholarship Fund

**MEN'S CLUB CALENDAR SWEEPSTAKES**

first drawing is March 1st

Remember to send in your \$10 for each  
ticket you want.

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**Gates of Zion Cemetery**

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**CSI SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP**

**Something for everyone**

**New line of Men's Suede and Knitted**

**Kippot. Theme yamulkes: Toy story,**

**Batman, Mickey Mouse etc. Baby**



**kippot with ties.**

**Special orders on embossed  
kippot for your party.**



**New line of jewelry "BELLE  
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**"Fun for Kids" section: wooden "paper" dolls to  
color, bat & ball, sticker books, games and  
puzzles.**

**Hostess gifts: Teapots, serving dishes,**

**honey pots for Rosh**



**Hashannah, pedestal**



**plates, baking sets, candles and more.**

**20% off on all Judaica jewelry:**

**Star of David, Hamsas & chains.**

**Come in and take a look.**

**Call:**

**Louisa DePaola - 845-533-4069**

**[louisad10964@gmail.com](mailto:louisad10964@gmail.com)**

## Thank You

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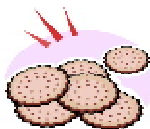
### **Sponsor a Shalosh Seudos**

**In memory or in honor of a loved one**

**All it takes is a  
\$150 donation to CSI  
and a call to the office**



### **RHODA BLOOM KOSHER FOOD PANTRY**



CSI is collecting cookies  
for the food pantry

Call Sandra Chaitin 845-727-4199

Sisterhood is selling  
Shop-Rite Gift Cards



Good At Any Store ~ No Expiration Date

Great For Your Grocery Shopping!  
Handy when you don't have time  
to go to the ATM!

For ShopRite cards call:  
the Office 845-369-0300 or  
Evie Maher 201-307-0346



## *DONOR CARDS*

3 for \$10 or  
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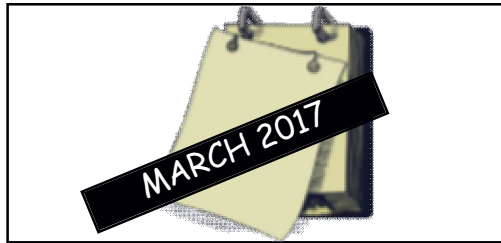


## *Forever Young Seniors*

meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month

For information on events call:  
Barbara Kleinman 352-0315





<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>
1	Forever Young Seniors	Multi purpose Rm	11:00 am	Barbara Kleinman
1	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	Lila Stern
2	Sisterhood Board Meeting	Multi purpose Rm	7:30 pm	Julie Feldman
3	Services & Ann'y Shabbot	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
4	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
6	Crash Course In Hebrew	Room 2	7:00 pm	Yocheved Weinbach
7	Purim: The Folly Of Genocide		7:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
7	Men's Club Meeting	Room 2	7:00 pm	Mark Pfeffer
7	Israeli Dancing	Multi purpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
8	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	Lila Stern
9	Fast Of Esther		4:56 am--6:23 pm	
10	Kabbalat Shabbat	Sanctuary	5:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
10	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
11	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
11	Talmud & Cholent		11:45 am	
<b>11</b>	<b>Purim Megillah Reading &amp; Purim Party</b>		7:00 pm	
12	Megillah Reading		9:00 am	
13	Crash Course In Hebrew	Room 2	7:00 pm	Yocheved Weinbach
14	Four For Passover	Room 2	7:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
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16	Adventures In Midrash	Room 2	11:00 am	Rabbi Weinbach
16	Board Of Trustees	Multi purpose Rm	7:30 pm	Mimi Marenberg
17	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
18	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
19	Sisterhood Lunch & Learn			
20	Budget/Finance Meeting	Room 1	7:00 pm	Joe Moscovic
20	Crash Course In Hebrew	Room 2	7:00 pm	Yocheved Weinbach
21	Private Room Rental	Multi purpose Rm	6:00 pm	Muller
21	Four For Passover	Room 2	7:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
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27	JFS Arc Model Seder	Multi purpose Rm	6:00 pm	Marsha Forman
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