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Our high holidays are over, and what a season it was. Beautiful services, inspiring words of Torah, and a Simchas Torah celebration with over 150 in attendance. Yet now it will be months until our next holiday. This is a period so devoid of celebration that the Hebrew month between the holidays has a nickname-mar Cheshvan, bitter Cheshvan.

Notwithstanding a Thanksgiving turkey dinner (or as is the tradition in my family, Chinese take-out), it's a long way until potato latkes. On a more serious note, with Hannukah so far away how do we build upon the momentum of the holidays to enrich our Jewish lives even further.

The *Beit Yosef*, author of the **Code of Jewish Law**, writes in the name of his brother Rabbi Yehudah that the three festivals *Pesach*, *Shavuot*, and *Sukkot* correspond to the patriarchs Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yaakov. How so? When the angels visited Avraham, he told Sarah, "Hurry! Three *se'ahs* of meal, fine flour! Knead it and make cakes!" (Genesis 18:6). According to great commentator Rashi the visit took place on *Pesach* and the cakes she baked were actually *matzot*. Since it was *Pesach*, he

wanted her to prepare the dough and not the servants so she might guard against leavening. *Shavuot* commemorates the giving of the Torah and corresponds to Yitzchak because the receiving of the Torah was heralded by the blast of the *shofar*, which according to a Midrash came from the very ram which, at the *akeidah*/binding of Isaac, was offered in Isaac's

stead.

Sukkot is for Yaakov, as the *pasuk* says, "Yaakov journeyed to Sukkot and built himself a house, and for his livestock he made shelters; he therefore called the name of the place 'Sukkot'" (ibid. 33:17). The name

"Yaakov" spelled in Hebrew has the numerical value of one hundred and eighty-two. Since *Sukkot* is in his honor, in Temple times one hundred and eighty-two sacrifices were offered during the festival.

Furthermore, each of the patriarchs were the archetype of an essential Jewish trait. Yaakov, who is the Patriarch of Sukkos, is described in the Torah as "A wholesome man, abiding in the tents" and thus the archetype of Torah study.

During the saga of Chanukah the Syrian Greeks endeavored to detach the Jews from

Respectfully Yours...

**from the desk of
Rabbi Weinbach**

Why Be Bitter? Be Better!

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Date	Light Candles	Shabbat Ends
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25	4:12	5:17



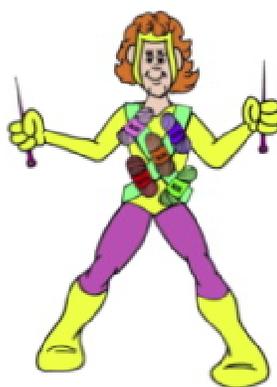
From the Editor's Desk...

I can't help but feel somewhat depressed during the High Holiday season. It is

difficult to come to services and not let my mind take me back to a place in time when our children were sitting next to us, as figety as they might be, and my parents were with us as well. It is hard to go home to holiday dinner not having the *entire* family together. I intellectually know that time does not stand still but yet sometimes my heart hurts from the absence of those I love.

As hard as it is during the Holiday Season, this year I was able to see hope in our Congregation. There seemed to be a spirit in the sanctuary that I felt was lacking for a number of years. I, along with many others I spoke with, felt a positive force emanating during services.

Yasher Koach to Rabbi Weinbach, Cantor Bazian and all those who helped make these holiday services meaningful to our Shaarey Israel family and may their presence continue to give meaning to future yom tovim.



SHALOM

Roberta

Submissions for the December issue are due by January 10th. Please **promptly** send in any articles or flyers, via e-mail, to be included in the issue.--ED.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bill Bradin

Shanah Tovah! I hope that this article finds everyone well and in good spirits. The Holidays of the Hebrew month of Tishrei are now behind us. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur were very spiritual, meaningful and very well attended. We had the best Simchat Torah ever!!! That can easily be attributed to the great clergy team that we have in place. Rabbi Elchanan Weinbach and Chazzan Menachem Bazian did a tremendous job working together that helped make the Holy Days as successful as they were. Having the honor and privilege of being on the Bima was truly a very moving experience for me.

We now look forward to moving our shul in that direction. We have many exciting programs and events coming up in next couple of weeks. On Saturday evening, **November 12, 2016**, Congregation Shaarey Israel is once again presenting "**Catch A Rising Star**" and headlining Stewie Stone. You should have received ticket ordering information already. There is nothing better than being able to come together as one and laugh together.

On Saturday evening **December 3, 2016**, David Stein of our Men's Club, will be leading us in "**Military Bridge**". Having played this in the past, I can say that it is a lot of fun. You do not have to know how to play bridge to participate in this event.

It is hard to believe that I am already speaking about Chanukah, but I am. Congregation Shaarey Israel will host fundraiser/fundraiser on the **8th Night of Chanukah**. It so happens to be that we light the last candle on **December 31, 2016**. Let's all celebrate together with good eats and good music. Many thanks to Bruce Weinfeld for putting this together. I look forward to enjoying the evening with all of our shul community.

It is upon all of us to come out and support our shul. One excellent way to do so is to contribute to our **Annual Kol Nidre Appeal** which is still going on. These funds allow us to advance our synagogue and community. Marv Lieman has been gracious to coordinate this very important drive once again. Thank you very much to everyone who has participated so far and to everyone who has not yet participated but intends to do so.

Many good things have been taking place at Shaarey Israel. Our **Hebrew School** has taken off to a great start. We have a very enthusiastic education team in place. We have created a positive learning environment for our students. How many Hebrew Schools can say that the students look forward to coming to Hebrew School? It is not too late to enroll children, so if you know anyone who would benefit from a good quality Hebrew education, please contact Rabbi Weinbach.

Attendance at **Shabbat Services** and our daily Minyanim is up. The number of students at Rabbi Weinbach's classes is on the rise from week to week. The Rabbi starts a new 3 part series "**The Binding of Isaac According to Isaac**" which begins on Monday, October 31, 2016 at 7:00 PM. Be sure to mark it on your calendar.

We have new families joining the Shaarey Israel family. There are new children in our Hebrew School. These are very exciting times at Shaarey Israel. We can all take an active role and not miss out. Please --- help out with the Minyanim, come to Shabbat services, attend programs and meetings, and share new ideas.

Here's looking to a wonderful 5777. *L'Chaim!*

THE CANTOR'S CLOUD by Cantor Menachem Bazian
Thand G-d It's Friday

DER CHAZZAN'S
CH' MAREH

Warning! This article contains unrestrained political opinion! Read at your own risk!

Many families have a great custom on Thanksgiving: They go around their table and each person has to name at least one thing they are thankful for. I have stated in prior articles in **The Scroll** that, of all the secular holidays in the calendar, Thanksgiving is one that I believe is most incumbent on every Jew to celebrate. My one disagreement is that I think Thanksgiving should be each and every day. Not in terms of turkey and football. Rather, we should find one thing each and every day that we look to *Hashem* and give thanks for.

In the not too distant past, Jews around the world could be said to have little to be thankful for. As World War II raged, millions were taken, victims of the ultimate hatred that was the essence of Nazi philosophy. Here in the United States, where the Jewish community sat physically safe from the ravages of the European war, efforts to awaken the American government to its basic human duty to try and impede the massacre were thwarted by the base anti-semitism of the US State Department and none other than a leader of American Jewry by the name of Rabbi Stephen Wise. *The Algemeiner Journal* had this to say:

Wise called President Franklin Delano Roosevelt 'Boss' or 'Chief,' and advised President Franklin Roosevelt not to meet with the 400 Orthodox Rabbis that marched on Washington in 1943. To protect their self-interests, Dr. Zohar Segev of Haifa University says Wise and his colleagues "worked actively to tone down any Jewish criticism of the Roosevelt administration." They "used their influence to restrain, limit, and control any efforts towards greater activism." They wanted to maintain the liberal status quo. (Torossian, Ronn. *The Algemeiner*, "The Shameful Legacy of Rabbi Stephen Wise".

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Nowadays, I do not think that most of us can conceive of the fear and angst of those days. The world was in flames and people were dying by the millions. Families were being destroyed and our nation's legacy was disappearing in the death camp ovens of Auschwitz, Treblinka, Sobibor, Majdanek, Belzec and Chelmno, not to mention countless concentration camps as well. I have tried to imagine the frustration of the leaders of the Jewish communities who were aware of the terrible destruction taking place and yet were powerless to affect any change. May Hashem preserve us from ever seeing such a situation again.

The war ended over 71 years ago and my intent in bringing this up is not to remind us of past tragedies and to mar the joy of the Thanksgiving holiday. On the contrary, it is intended to remind us just how much we have to be thankful for. In the wake of the greatest human disaster ever to befall not only the Jewish people but the entire world, miracles happened. The world's perennial anti semitism was suspended for a brief second and the United Nations, today a bastion of anti semitic policies and pronouncements, voted for the creation of the State of Israel. From the most modest of beginnings, aided by the United States, our beloved Holy Land is now a thriving nation that leads the world in technology, medicine, agriculture and so many other areas. Despite being outnumbered by her enemies many times over, she is here and stands proud in the face of abject and violent hatred from all corners of the Earth.

Here in the United States, we live in the freest, most prosperous nation on earth. Despite our difficulties, and the United States has many, we still live in a land that has been Israel's

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THE CANTOR'S CLOUD (continued)

staunchest ally regardless of any denizen of the White House. We are able to freely practice our religion and we reside in a sanctuary against oppression around the world.

I would argue that Jews today have much to be thankful for.

Yes, there is much to be concerned about. Anti semitism is on the rise around the world. In some areas of Europe, it is not safe for a Jew to walk with a *yarmulka* without possibly being attacked. Radical Islamic Terrorism is a scourge that is a blight on the world and there is great concern about how the United States is, can, and should be fighting this existential threat.

Still, I look at our current presidential election cycle and I have to admit I see something very special. You see, most people I have spoken to about this election cycle have asked a very simple yet powerful question: Out of over 300 million citizens in the United States, these two candidates are the best we can come up with?? I have to say that I agree with that sentiment. Still, I think that is the point. There is no way that something like this can happen on its own. Of all the talented people in politics on both sides of the aisle, that these two people have made it to the top of their respective tickets strikes me as nothing more than divine intervention. To put it bluntly, I think *Hashem* is sending us a clear message: he is the one in charge.

To me, this indicates a clear call to action. We must acknowledge that, at the end of the day, *Hashem* is the ultimate arbiter of what is to be. However, we also have a responsibility to show our gratitude to *Hashem* and to this great nation that has given us a home. How? It is not by cooking massive turkeys and consuming vast quantities of food and drink. The greatest thing we can do to show our simple gratitude is to become informed citizens and then, when the time comes, to exercise the right to vote. Note

that I am not telling you whom to vote for. That is, and must always remain, a personal decision. But you have to educate yourself and then show up and vote. If you do not like either candidate, and cannot choose a lesser of the two evils, write someone in. But show up. By taking the time to be informed of all the issues, weighing them, making a decision and then showing up to register that decision in the form of a vote, you are showing *Hashem* that you are willing to do your *hishtadlut* (personal effort) to better your country, and you are showing your country that you care enough to take the time to make and register an informed decision. Once you have done that, the rest is in the capable hands of the *Ribino Shel Olam* (Master of the World).

I would also like to make one other suggestion. When you sit down to your Thanksgiving dinner, consider bringing an *Artscroll Siddur* with you. Open it up to the Prayer for the Government and recite it at your table.

I thank *Hashem* every day for the United States of America. May He continue to shower His blessings on this great nation, grant wisdom to her leaders and may she ever be prosperous and at peace.

Have a thankful Thanksgiving!

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*

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SISTERHOOD MESSAGE

Commitments

Julie Feldman, President

Here we are with the High Holiday season rapidly fading behind us. It was the latest holidays in my memory, and yet it was unseasonably mild for us. Another difference was the very dynamic and inclusive services that we enjoyed. Normally, after Yizkor on Yom Kippur, the sanctuary empties out, but this year I estimate that 75% of the congregation remained.

During this season, I often think of our individual commitments; to ourselves, to others, to Hashem, physical, emotional and moral commitments and more. This year I am also thinking about our communal obligations, specifically Sisterhood's promises to our Synagogue, to our members and to the wider community. I hardly have to mention the support that we give to the Rhoda Bloom Food Pantry of the Jewish Community Center, or the gift baskets, so lovingly put together by Evie Maher, for women in a local shelter. I'm sure that if you are reading this, you have heard, *ad nauseum* about Sisterhood's many activities and learning opportunities. And I know you are aware of the funds raised by Sisterhood to support the many functions of our Congregation.

Now, however, I am going to ask for a commitment from all the women of this Congregation: I ask you to commit to becoming a member of Sisterhood. The dues, which remain \$36, are not included in your synagogue dues. I am asking each and every one of you, personally, to join us. I am asking you to participate in our promises to the Congregation and the greater community. I am asking you to join me and all the women of Sisterhood in a commitment to support and improve the world, both inside and outside our walls.

Many times I have heard these excuses for not joining; "You all keep to yourselves. I'm afraid I wouldn't feel included", "I work all day and I'm too tired in the evening to do anything", "I'm so much younger than most of the members. I'm afraid I wouldn't have anything in

children at home. I don't have time to go out in the evenings". In response, I would just like to say to you, that I give you my person promise that if you come to a Sisterhood event, you will not be left standing in a corner by yourself. As for all the working women, including those with children still at home; I find that even with work plus all my responsibilities as President of Sisterhood, getting out, talking with other like-minded women and experiencing something new invigorates me. Lastly, I believe that doing for others is such a great gift that it is worth the time devoted to it, even if it means a little discomfort. So I *challenge* you to put aside your pre-conceived beliefs about Sisterhood and the time you would have to devote to it. I *challenge* you to make a difference. I *challenge* you to join Sisterhood!

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
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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

During the Month of October, we discussed Tishrei, the first month of the Jewish year. The month that links the end of the summer with the beginning of the fall season. With the start of the New Year in the Jewish calendar the students felt renewed and excited to celebrate the High Holidays.

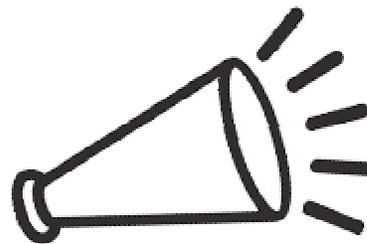
Throughout the month, they found inspiration to connect with many Jewish traditions and customs that make up our heritage. They tasted apples and honey, pomegranate and beets. Made decorations for the *sukkah* and learned about the "Four Species" the *lulav, etrog, myrtle and willow*. Finally, they had the chance to look closely at the Torah Scroll with Rabbi Weinbach who gladly answered many of their questions.



CSI Men's Club

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THE MEN'S CLUB MESSAGE...

Mark Pfeffer

The calendar tells us the new month of Cheshvan starts just as we begin the month of November. The holidays are all over and we can settle in, as we welcome the new month and the familiar stories we know so well that are part of Bereshit. We also spend this month welcoming in new political leaders to govern our country, on many levels. You may be happy with some of the choices or upset with who has been chosen. But just as Bereshit is the beginning of a cycle, the Men's Club is working hard to bring out a succession of exciting events to captivate you and move you to become an active participant and foster the feeling of belonging.

Joining in with Sisterhood and the Congregation to plan events brings out the greatest opportunity for positive results. The first opportunity to actively participate in a fun event is by joining the Congregation in a **Night of Comedy, Saturday November 12th**, when we will be entertained by comic Stewie Stone from 'Catch a Rising Star'. Shortly after that evening, there will be another jointly held event to laugh, and have fun, as you win prizes, enjoy socializing and have light refreshments when you play **Military Bridge**, another jointly sponsored activity of the Men's Club and Sisterhood. That date is set for **Saturday night, December 3 at 7:30 pm**. You don't need to know Bridge to enjoy a fun evening. Just RSVP along with a check for \$18./person and note "Military Bridge", and send it to the Shaarey Israel office, by Nov.29th. Any questions, contact Robert Leifer or Susan Helfgott.

The Men's Club, Sisterhood, and Congregation are planning an extravaganza of an event, as we **Celebrate the 8th Night of Chanukah**, with an exciting celebration as you are invited to our **December 31st, End of Year Party**. You will have a chance to dance the night away with a fabulous Dee Jay, and a dancer who will get you moving off of your chairs and onto your feet, with social dancing, line dancing, and a great exciting time is promised for all. We will have scrumptious BBQ food,

consisting of ribs, brisket, wings and lots of surprises. In addition to the food we'll have adult beverages, and lots of opportunities to have fun with no need to clean up your own home afterwards. We encourage reservations for groups to come so reserve a table, as soon as possible. For more information leave a message at the CSI Office at 845-369-0300, with your phone number and Bruce Weinfeld will call you back.

For next year we are working on other activities coming up, such as a night with an **antique auction appraiser**, who will tell us the worth of all those collectibles we have been storing in our basement, for so long. We would like to encourage people to go out to a night at a hockey game as we watch **West Point play college hockey**. They have an outstanding hockey team, and it would be a fun night out to liven up the winter.

Men's Club planning sessions, also known as Board Meetings take place on the first Tuesday of each month. Come down and join us with your ideas, and suggestions. Even if you don't have time for our planning sessions, it is still time for you to become an active member of the Men's Club for the 2016-2017 year. We need your involvement and your dues are only \$36.00 for the entire year. Please note on your check 'Men's Club Dues'. We welcome your support and involvement.

Minyons

Weekday evenings:
Sunday-Thursday: 8 pm

Weekday mornings:
Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am
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Sunday mornings: 9 am
Friday evenings: 6:00 pm



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3) Ushers for Shabbat and Yom Tov.
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(Rabbi's article continued from page 1)

Torah study, which is compared to light.

Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, is thus the holiday in which we celebrate our renewed opportunity to engage in Torah study. Thus, as we leave Sukkot, the festival associated with Yaakov (the prototype of Torah), it is the study of Torah that carries us through the "bitter" Cheshvan, and from Sukkos to Chanukah.

At Shaarey Israel we have many opportunities over the next two months to advance our connection to Torah. Beginning November 28th, I will be presenting a course entitled "Three Jews, Four Movements" which explores how we got

from a single Jewish people to the multiplicity of expressions of Jewish life we see today, along with some suggestions for how our people might develop further. Also in November is our first installment of the Crash Course in Hebrew Reading, a five-session primer that will have anyone reading fluently in no time at all. If you missed it this time around, keep your eyes open for the future. We also study Mishnah every evening at 8 o'clock before our services, and each Wednesday night at 7:30 Lila Stern presents her long-running Jewish Appreciation class. The weather is getting colder, and it might be a long time until the next holiday, but *why be bitter when we can be better!*

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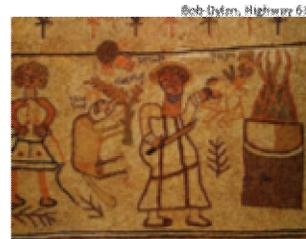
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On November 9, 1938, the German Nazi government destroyed Jewish homes, businesses, synagogues and families. There were over 30,000 Jews arrested, 91 Jews brutally murdered and hundreds more injured. Kristallnacht foreshadowed the terror and destruction of the Holocaust.

For additional information, please call 845-574-4099 or email holocauststudies@gmail.com www.holocauststudies.org

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G-D SAID TO ABRAHAM "KILL ME A SON"

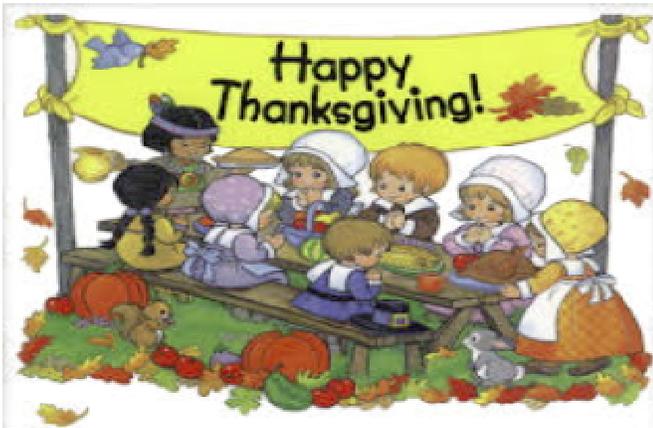


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October 31 – "And They Went Together": Isaac Carries the Load
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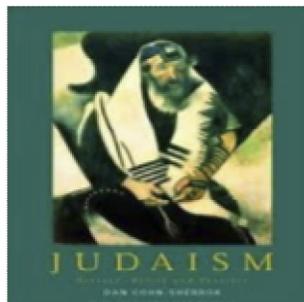
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October 31st & November 7th and 14th at 7:00 pm

NOVEMBER 21st - No class

"THREE JEWS FOUR MOVEMENTS -

HOW WE GOT HERE AND WHERE TO NOW"

November 28th, December 5th and 12th - 7:00 pm

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BOLD SCHEMES AND BROTHERS' DREAMS

December 19th & 26th, and January 2nd at 7:00 pm

January 9th - No Class

ON MLK DAY, January 16th at 7:00 pm

Rabbi Herschel & Dr. King - Brothers In Arms

TUESDAYS



Rebbetzin Yocheved Weinbach

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WEDNESDAYS



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SATURDAYS

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30 minutes after services

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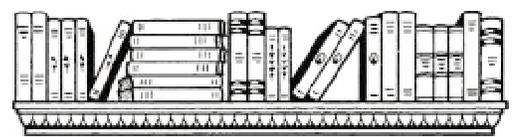


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It has been suggested that titles of books be shared with members of our congregation for their enjoyment. Books with a Jewish theme, fiction or non-fiction, are of special interest.

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 for inclusion in the next and future issues.

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

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 let's examine the word **Aliya**, which is pronounced **ah-lee-yah**. If pronounced correctly, the emphasis should be on the 3rd syllable.

The word **Aliya** is most commonly used when we are being called up to the Torah. The root of the word **Aliya** is from the infinitive **La'alote** and means to go up. Depending upon the preposition that is used after the word helps define the meaning of the word. When one goes up to the Bima for an honor, he is elevating himself both spiritually and physically.

The Hebrew language is built on 3 letter roots (shoresh/im). The root for **Aliya** is (**ayin-lamed-hay**). The word "**oleh**", which in this case is a verb, and is used whenever we go up on something such as a ladder. The word "**Oleh**", when used as a noun, refers to one who makes the move to live in Israel.

In Hebrew and in Judaism when one is called up to the Torah. This is called **Aliya LaTorah**. **Aliya** is also the action of fulfilling the mitzvah of moving to our Jewish Homeland in the State of Israel. In English, we call that making **Aliya**. In truth, one does not "make" **Aliya**. They just **Oleh** to Israel.

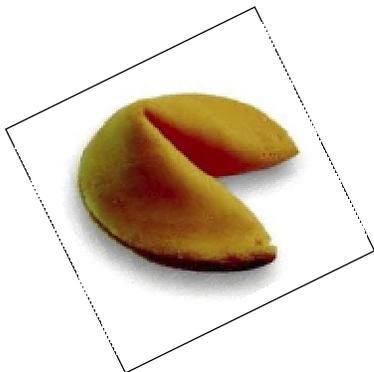
Coming out of the Tishrei Holiday season, it is interesting to know that if one lives in Israel or "**oleh**" to Israel, he/she is only obligated to observe one day of the three festivals on both ends.

You see, **Aliya** has its benefits.

Watch for more details for

Annual Chinese and A Movie

Saturday night, December 24th



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Minyons

Weekday evenings: Sunday-Thursday: 8 pm

Weekday mornings

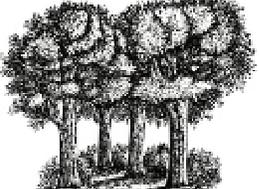
Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:10 am

Sunday mornings: 9 am

Friday evenings: 6:00 pm



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	<p><u>Kaddish</u> The Rabbi & minyonaires will say yearly Kaddish for members & non-members. Contributions are made payable to: <i>Congregation Shaarey Israel</i>. Call the office, 369-0300.</p>	<p><u>Forever Young Seniors</u> 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>
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<p><u>Donor Cards</u></p>  <p>3 cards for \$10 or one to be mailed for \$4/card</p> <p>Call Esther Ingber 845-354-3787</p>	<p><u>Gift Shop</u> Call Louisa DePaola 533-4069 for your gift-giving</p> 	 <p><u>Gates of Zion Cemetery</u></p> <p>845-352-3102 gatesofzioncemetery@gmail.com</p>	<p><u>JNF Trees</u> \$12/tree Mail checks (payable to CSI) with all info to: Roberta Lieman 4312 Warrens Way Wanaque, NJ 07465 973-706-5176</p>
<p><u>Update your aliyah card info</u></p> <p>Contact the office with up-dates</p>	<p><u>Going Green</u> 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 <u>CSI website:</u> congshaareyisrael.org</p> <p style="text-align: right;">The Scroll...15</p>

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NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

5 Ben & Helen Simon
 7 Norman & Lenore Schlissel
 19 Jack & Christal Katz
 20 Harry & Sonia Kaner
 22 Stanley & Tobi Weisel
 24 Paul & Sue Fields
 27 Dr. Myron & Barbara Bloch



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jessie Bezborodko	Deborah Maher
Meryl Fields	Harry Meister
Jarad Klein	Samuel Nifco
Andrew Kohn	Zachary Silber
Michael Kroog	Jared Strasser
Joshua Kwilecki	



Check for \$12/ tree made out to CSI Sisterhood.

Include who the recipient's name and address, the occasion for the tree and the sender of the tree.

Send all this to:

Roberta Lieman
4312 Warrens Way
Wanaque, NJ 07465
or call her at 973-706-5176

To all my Friends at
 Congregation Shaarey Israel,

I want to apologize
 for taking so long to say
 thank you for your support,
 cards, gifts and especially
 the love I felt at my Bat



Mitzvah. A special thanks to Cantor Bazian who
 helped me by tutoring me from miles away. I
 have been traveling a lot since that wonderful
 day and I am sorry that it took so long to say
 how grateful I am to all of you and how much
 you mean to us. I am sorry we couldn't be with
 you for the holidays but my family and I wish
 you all a Happy New Year.

Thank you again,
 Gabby

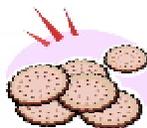
(Gabriella Price's Bat Mitzvah was in June)

Condolences to...

The Rudnick & Steinklein Family on the loss
 of their beloved mother, Hilda Steinklein
 Karin Sachs and family on the loss of her
 beloved husband, David Sachs



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Come share a
 L'Chaim on Shabbos
 See Mitch for details



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**Jointly Sponsored by
Men's Club and Sisterhood**

**Saturday December 3 , 2016
at 7:30 pm**

\$18 per person

You don't need to know Bridge
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Win prizes, enjoy refreshments
and socialize.

Please *RSVP*
and include a
check for \$18/person to CSI.
(Must be Received by Nov. 29)
Mail to CSI Office and mark
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Cantor and Chana Bazian thank you for all your kindness have a Happy New Year

Tanta Lo

Rabbi and Yocheved Weinbach thank you for being who you are have a Happy New Year

Lois Price

Mazel tov on the Bat Mitzvah of Charna and Bill Weissman's granddaughter

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Mazel Tov on the birth of Ditzza and Bill Bradin's granddaughter

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art work for sale. Congregant and artist Lee
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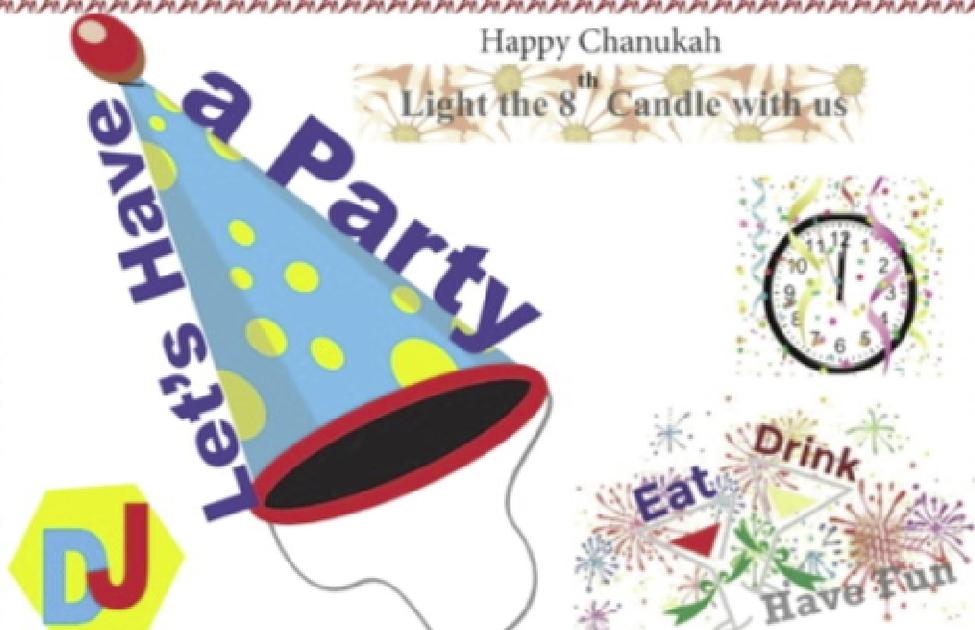
Come in and take a look.

Call:

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Happy Chanukah
Light the 8th Candle with us



**The Men's Club of CSI
invites you to a December 31st Party
Starting 8 pm**

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\$75.00 if reserved by October 15th
\$85.00 until December 14th
After Dec. 14th \$100.00 per person

*For More Information
leave message at CSI Office (845) 369-0300
and Bruce Weinfeld will call you back*

Check must arrive by above dates

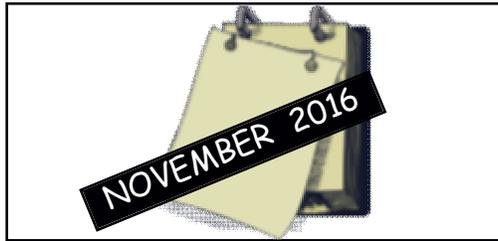


Forever Young Seniors

meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month

For information on events call:
Barbara Kleinman 352-0315





Date	Event	Location	Time	Person Responsible
1	Men's Club Meeting	Rm 2	7:00 pm	Mark Pfeffer
1*	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Karin Sachs
2	Forever Young Seniors	Multipurpose Rm	11:00 am	Barbara Kleinman
2	Jewish Appreciation	Rm 2	7:30 pm	Lila Stern
3	Sisterhood General Meeting	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Julie Feldman
4	Services	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
4	Anniversary Shabbot			
4	Private Shabot Dinner	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Egenberg
5	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
6	Holocaust Museum Brunch	Multipurpose Rm	10:00 am	
8*	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Karin Sachs
9	Jewish Appreciation	Rm 2	7:30 pm	Lila Stern
9	Kristalnacht			
10	Sisterhood Member Dinner	Multipurpose Rm	7:00 pm	
11	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
12	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
12	Comedy Night	Multipurpose Rm	6:00 pm	
14	Budget/Finance Meeting	Rm 2	7:00 pm	Joe Moscovic
15*	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	7:00 pm	Karin Sachs
16	Forever Young Seniors	Multipurpose Rm	11:00am	Barbara Kleinman
16	Jewish Appreciation	Rm 2	7:30 pm	Lila Stern
17	Board Of Trustees	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Mimi Marenberg
18	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
19	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
19	Sister./Men's Doo Whoop	Multipurpose Rm	7:00 pm	Feldman/Pfeffer
20	JWV Breakfast	Multipurpose Rm	10:00 am	Bill Farber
22*	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	7:00 pm	Karin Sachs
23	JWV Meeting	Rm 2	10:00 am	Bill Farber
23	Jewish Appreciation	Rm 2	7:30 pm	Lila Stern
24	Thanksgiving			
25	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
26	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
29*	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	7:00 pm	Karin Sachs
30	Jewish Appreciation	Rm 2	7:30 pm	Lila Stern

*Will be rescheduled at a future date.