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**T**his year is going to be different; really! No time in the year is more filled with resolution for a better future than where we stand now. On the heels of an inspiring High Holiday season, everyone is making plans to make this the best year yet.

This might be more inspiring if not for the fact that we felt the same way a year ago as well. We had resolutions for a better future and plans to exceed our previous levels of success. Maybe we should simply accept that we are only so good, only so capable, and not invest our energies misleading ourselves that significant change is possible.

Fortunately for all of us, the research indicates otherwise. Dr. Carol Dweck and the leading researchers in the field of Positive Psychology have amply demonstrated that there are two types of mindsets. The first is the one most of us grew up on – the fixed mindset. Each of us has only so much ability—think of the IQ test—and try as we may we can only do so much with it. Among the many negative consequences of this approach is the assumption that when we fail at something, it must be a lack of ability and there is nothing we can really do to improve upon it. At some point we have maximized our ability, and if we don't seem to have what it takes to do better then we might as well give up. The competing mindset is the growth mindset.

Research has proven time and again that a combination of hard work and effective strategies is what leads to achievement, and that setbacks

and failures are usually linked to either insufficient effort or ineffective strategies or both. Thus, the optimist creed that if you don't succeed at first try, try again, combined with an

adjustment for constantly improving the strategies we employ for success, is in fact true! We really can do better!

The research of positive psychology merely confirms what the

*teshuvah*/personal growth process of this time of the Jewish year has taught us for millennia. The mere existence of Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur is testimony to Hashem's belief that change is possible in all people. Furthermore, Maimonides has taught that the *teshuvah* process requires not only an apology but a commitment to do better in the future, which can only effectively be done by having a new strategy so that we might succeed tomorrow at that which we failed yesterday.

As the holidays ebb away and a better future beckons, let's bring the blessings of positive psychology to our lives on a daily basis. This mindset can be at the core of our religious lives as we strive to increase our attendance at the synagogue, participation in our many wonderful classes and events, and to deepening our relationship with G-d. Together let us look forward to making mistakes, resolving to improve, and through hard work and effective strategies become the best that all of us can be.

**Respectfully Yours...**

**from the desk of**

**Rabbi Weinbach**



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Date	Light Candles	Shabbat Ends
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5	6:13	7:18
12	6:02	7:07
19	5:51	6:58
26	5:41	6:46



## From the Editor's Desk...

**a**n editor's lot is not a happy one!

Not only am I stressed out to meet the demands of the holidays--the shopping, cooking, entertaining and shul-going, but also I am under pressure to meet printing schedules. Not only is it hard for me but also for those who get their articles to me for inclusion in each issue of **The Scroll**. Deadlines for the October issue (in September) have been particularly hard to meet.

Please note that in addition to the information you receive in **The Scroll** you can check the weekly Shabbos notes sent out each Friday by Peggy in the CSI office for pertinent information for Shabbos and the week to follow.

Please bear with us--we'll get back on a better schedule and the commotion associated with the holidays will abate and peace and tranquility will once again reign and I will become happier.

## SHALOM

Roberta



Submissions for the November issue are due by October 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

**F**raternities have similarities to synagogues. Yes, I just said that but hear me out. In my four years at the University of Pennsylvania I was a proud member of Alpha Epsilon Pi, in fact I was President. That time frame of my life left me with many invaluable lessons, unforgettable experiences and lifelong friendships. Before I left for college I will admit that I was looking for the "fraternity experience." My father, Z"L" was a wholehearted fraternity member and the first Jewish President of the Inter Fraternity Council at the University of Wisconsin. Besides regaling me with stories that were not so far off from what Hollywood portrayed fraternity life to me I will never forget him telling me that you could also classify a fraternity as a "House of Purchased Friendship." Some would say the same of synagogues, but not our beloved Congregation Shaarey Israel.

We have just concluded the high holiday season and let me say it has been a memorable and enjoyable experience. The reason I bring up the theme of "fraternity" is that one of the joys of being a member of the congregation, its President, and sitting on the bimah is that there is a special bond that exists, much like I experienced in college. The biggest difference, and most important in this case is that the experience while one of tremendous bonding amongst some of my friends, colleagues and clergy on the bimah is that there is also an "elevated spirit", one of true holiness and closeness to our creator. Yes, many of us have "partied" together in the course of the last weeks, we have eaten and shared drinks together but most importantly we have come together as a community, davened together and been "raised up" together.

What prompted me to think of the fraternity theme a bit was the bonding that goes on, particularly from the perspective of the bimah during the holidays. I want to thank Rabbi Weinbach, Cantor Bazian and Marsel Amona for being a part of a spiritual connection that I felt while we were all together in prayer. To sit in the big seat on the bimah is a special experience and an honor. Until you sit there you may not understand all of what I have just written. However, to stand together with these fine gentlemen was an honor and a privilege. When we stand with the *Sifrei Torah* in all their glory in front of us I must tell you it is a bond like no other. It was our special Yom Tov fraternity in my mind. This feeling continued as many of the

friends I have made over these last five years came up to the bimah for honors either by themselves or with their children and grandchildren. Throughout those moments I was reminded of what a special Synagogue we have and our special "membership."

Congregation Shaarey Israel is not a "House of Purchased Friendship." Instead we are a community of friends who come together for the purpose of glorifying *Hashem*. What we have is one of the most beautiful shuls you will find as well as a beautiful spirituality and friendship. Yes we pay "dues" in the sense that there is a cost to belong but in essence that cost doesn't mean much from a budgetary standpoint. What keeps us going is the faith in each other and the fact that we find the financial means to continue to be together in a meaningful way. Yet there is a financial price to pay, it should not be ignored. To maintain this special place requires some financial sacrifice. My fraternity house at 3940 Spruce Street looked nothing like 18 Montebello Road. Believe me, in that realm there are no similarities. That property in Philadelphia was by no means a testament to anything holy. However, 18 Montebello Road is a testimony to all that is good and right about our Congregation and our community.

As I mentioned briefly in my appeal on Yom Kippur, we read and learn on the High Holidays about sacrifices and tributes brought to the Temple. While the Temple will someday be rebuilt in Jerusalem, the best we can do at this time is make sacrifices for its substitute in Montebello. I ask in follow-up to that appeal that everyone remember that there is a price to pay to join our "fraternity", we have physical needs as well. The lights don't come on, the water doesn't run, the food doesn't appear without someone making a contribution. 18 Montebello Road and Congregation Shaarey Israel provide a lifetime bond, spirituality and meaningful experience for all of those who want it and you too can have the same memories and experiences that I have had as well. Everyone, men, women and children can "pledge" this "fraternity", our beloved Congregation Shaarey Israel.



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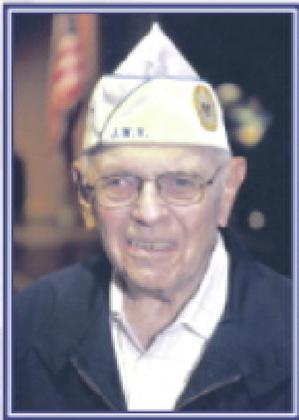
Chana Bazian on the loss of her beloved mother

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Friday evenings: 6:30 pm



## THE CANTOR'S CLOUD by Cantor Menachem Bazian

### The Lonesome Rose

**M**y father-in-law was an incredibly gentle man. In all the years I knew him, I cannot recall a single time when I heard him raise his voice. His favorite phrase was *Mazel Ibruche Tzi Di Gantze Mishpuche* (Fortune and blessing to the entire family.) He had a wonderful smile and, in my mind's eye, I can see him standing at the head of his table making his unassuming Friday night kiddush and then presiding over a table filled with his children, their spouses and his grandchildren.

My mother-in-law always seemed to be his opposite. Where he was gentle, she was strong. She was a former sergeant in the *Tzva Hagana L'Yisrael*, the Israel Defense Forces. She ran an efficient household. Yet, strong though she could be, she was a loving and caring person who loved to laugh. I shared many a joke with her over the years. For example, I always called her my "mother-out-law" because the difference between in-laws and outlaws is that outlaws are wanted. She used to laugh when I called her that and she would repeat that line to all her friends.

Despite their differences, there was no doubt that they loved each other. I didn't know them growing up, of course, but they always seemed to be a great couple to me.

Chana and I spent many Shabbos and Yom Tov meals at her parents' table. When we first married, we lived half a block away from my in-laws so we were constantly there for meals. Chana's sister Bluma and her family lived on the second floor so the Shabbos and Yom Tov tables were always filled with family. When we moved away, we could not be there as often but we still made an effort to be with them as often as we could. It always seemed to me that Chana's parents revelled in their grandchildren. It wasn't until Chana and I experienced the joy of our own grandchildren that I truly understood the glow in their faces when the grandchildren would walk in the door.

I can distinctly remember the Passover seders we shared, both at their home in Brooklyn and then at their condo in Florida. In over 30 years of marriage, we spent nearly every Passover at their table. Even after my father-in-law passed, we would still go to Florida and spend Passover with my mother-in-law. After Chana and I joined Shaarey Israel, and we could no longer go to Florida, my mother-in-law began to join us at our Passover seder table. I will always treasure the Passovers and other holidays that we spent together over the years.

My father-in-law used to love working in his garden where he grew flowers and vegetables. He used to putter around there for hours on end tending the garden with loving care. It was his pride and joy.

In the garden, my father-in-law planted a rose bush. He used to show me that bush when it would bloom in the summer. I can vividly recall the smile on his face when he showed me the beautiful flowers that bush produced.

My father-in-law left us on March 14, 2011 and was laid to rest the same day. When the family returned home to sit Shiva, they noticed that a single rose had bloomed in the backyard rosebush. No one noticed the rose prior to that day but there it was: a single rose in full, glorious bloom whereas the rest of bush was dormant. There was a lot of discussion at the time about what that rose might mean. We reasoned that it could be a simple coincidence but it also could have a deeper meaning.

My mother-in-law left us on September 7, 2018. She passed on a Friday morning and was also laid to rest the same day. Chana and her sisters



DER CHAZZAN'S  
CH' MAREH

## THE CANTOR'S CLOUD

(continued)

went back to her parents' home to sit *Shiva*. Much to our surprise, once again a single rose, perhaps even the same rose, was in full bloom whereas the rest of the rosebush was bare.

For me, I can only conclude that both roses indeed had deeper meaning. I now firmly believe that the first rose was a message by my father-in-law to his grieving family that all was well. I think he was telling his beloved wife that she should be consoled from her devastating loss, that he was there, that his love, as expressed by a beautiful flower in his treasured garden, would always be with her and that he would extend his protection in G-d's domain over his family, like the expanding petals of the rose.

The second rose, it seems to me, is a statement from my father-in-law that his beloved wife had safely arrived to her final destination and their love and protection continued. I also think it is a message of consolation to their grieving children by presenting the visual and aromatic beauty of the rose.

As a thinking, believing Jew, I believe that the soul is everlasting. Our existence on this world is merely a temporary sojourn where we are meant to accrue what *mitzvot* we can while we are here. I have seen *Hashem's* guiding hand so often in my life that I do not hesitate to acclaim to the world that He exists and His glory fills this world.

I find the symbol of the rose to be so significant to me. It reinforces my belief that there is more than we see here in this world. But, more importantly, it gives me the hopeful and consoling message that love is truly eternal and is part of our soul. My in-laws, apart for 7 years, are now together and I believe their love continues to shine.

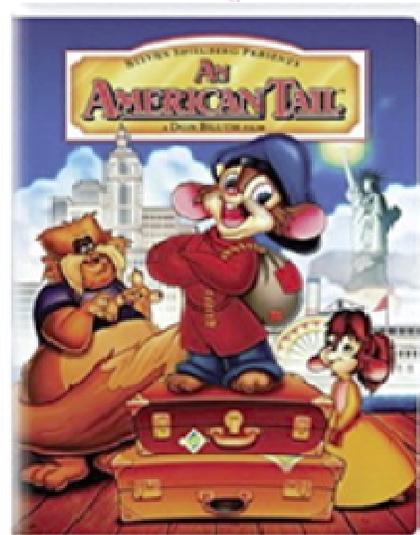
The lonesome rose is not so lonesome anymore.

Dedicated with love to my *Aishes Chayil*, Chana. May you and your siblings, Bluma, Frieda and Sol, only know joy and love. May your roses always bloom.

**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, 2018*



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## SISTERHOOD MESSAGE

President Audrey Meister

### Definition of SISTERHOOD:

1. a: the state of being a sister;  
b: sisterly relationship
2. a community or society of sisters
3. THE SOLIDARITY OF WOMEN BASED ON SHARED CONDITIONS EXPERIENCES, OR CONCERNS.

### DUES ARE DUE

If you haven't already sent in your dues, please join us. Dues are \$36. You can send a check to the attention of Lois Price to the office or call the office if you would like to pay by credit card.

Many exciting programs are available in October and November.

On **Sunday, October 28 at 3:00p.m.** we are sponsoring a family movie. The movie is *An American Tail* by Stephen Spielberg. Pizza and Ice Cream will be served after the film. Bring your children, grandchildren, spouse, friend. A guaranteed fun-fest and enjoyable afternoon for all. Adults \$10, Children \$5.

Coming in November is our **Paid-up Membership Dinner**. This year the dinner is on a **Wednesday, November 7**, because of a scheduling conflict with the County Kristallnacht commemoration. We always have a

Throughout the year we are planning informative and fun programs. If you have any suggestions for a program please contact Elly Egenberg. Look for special flyers and announcements

I have added a special section to my Scroll articles. I call it the P.S. section. Here is my explanation for doing it. I came across a small book, among the hundreds collected by my late husband, entitled *P.S. I Love You*. The book is a series of letters compiled by H. Jackson Brown. It is letters written over 40 years to him and his sister. The best part of the letters was the P.S. section at the end, which they read first. Those were the parts of the letters that meant the most to him and his sister. So, I urge you my "sisters" to read to the end of my monthly Scroll articles. If you would like to include some words of love, wisdom, inspiration, please e-mail me at the beginning of the month in order to be included in the next month's article (ameister@verizon.net)

More to come. Check in November!!



As you may know Rockland Jewish Family Service at the JCC, 450 West Nyack Road, West Nyack, NY provides a Kosher Food Pantry for those in need. Each month a dedicated group of volunteers help pack out and distribute food to the needy. The pantry is staffed only by volunteers and can always use more help. The dates of distribution for the last few months of this year are as follows:  
Sunday October 14, Sunday November 18, and Sunday December 9th.

If you have any questions, concerns or wish to volunteer your time please contact me at 845-727-4199.

Sandra Chaitin

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## Join Sisterhood

**Send in your \$36 dues to  
CSI attention Lois Price  
Paid-Up Membership Dinner  
Wednesday, November 7**



## THE MEN'S CLUB MESSAGE...

Mark Pfeffer

Welcome to the New Year as the High Holidays come to a close, and the Men's Club gears up for an exciting calendar of events for the coming year. First I'd like to remind everyone that the shul and each of its arms have financial needs and today the Men's Club is reminding all of the men reading this article that your \$36.00 annual dues are vitally needed to sustain the life of this organization. So please join us with your dues and your physical presence. Both are of great importance.

This year we hope to host several Breakfast Programs. We are working on getting a well-known author to tell us about the "Last Jewish Gangster" and what it's really like to be an international outlaw. We also are hoping a noted geneticist will come speak to us to teach us about the DNA of the Jewish People. He explains how one can tell if people share ancestors in common and can help to confirm genealogical connections. He is a fascinating speaker.

Men's Club would like to host another blood drive this year since last year's event was such a huge success. We are contemplating offering a Wine Sale commencing before Purim and extending through Pesach into the June wedding season. People need to buy wine throughout the early spring and hopefully many families will be celebrating Simchas. We have a connection with a wine merchant and may host a wine tasting prior to several weeks of a Wine Sale.

We are looking to host a Game Night for people to come, eat dinner and sit together and play board games such as Scrabble, Backgammon, Mah Jongg, Canasta or Poker, as a social night of fun. We have not forgotten the people who love to play Military Bridge and hope to place that back on the agenda for this year. In the spring we will remind people to buy Sweepstakes Tickets. The Yellow Candle Project, which reminds everyone to not forget the Holocaust, will be held again this year, but on a

larger scale.

To do some of these projects we hope to connect with some of the neighboring synagogues. Breakfast programs are not nearly as successful unless most of the available seats are filled. To achieve this end, we wish to invite some other local neighbors, in nearby synagogues, to join us. Won't you join us to make these events successful ones.

Each year at the Yizkor Service we mention the men and women who helped make this organization great. Past Men's Club Presidents and other notable men include such names as: Harvey, Herbie, Stan, Norman, Lee, Bob, Irwin, Gil and Harold. This is not an inclusive list but only touches on a small sample of the many men who made this organization great. Men's Club is a social organization. We need you to join us, so let's get together and plan some fun social activities. Your ideas and your comments are vital to the success of what we do.

Don't forget to help us with your annual dues of just \$36.00. Won't you please join us, come down to a meeting and attend an activity. Thanks for supporting us and thanks for your help in the up-coming year.



### CALLING ALL MEN...



Send in your  
Men's Club dues.

Make your \$36 check payable  
to CSI Men's Club.

Join us for our activities.

**J**t's difficult for me to remember when Israel was not a part of my adult life. I did not grow up with a Zionist background, therefore, I only began to understand the importance of Israel as she quietly, cunningly, and subtlety became a part of my life.

I got involved with Israel Bonds almost by accident. I did not know how to say no, so when approached to become a part of the Women's Division Board in Rockland County, I found myself saying yes and then began to wonder, what did I do? With five kids, I could not imagine myself part of an organization and was so afraid to speak up, to ask others for money, or to speak in public, so I agreed to address all the Israel Bonds envelopes for invitations. I had good handwriting, and this was long before printed labels.

My first trip to Israel was before travelling with an Israel Bonds delegation. Standing before the Kotel for the first time I had an epiphany, and I knew instantly I would never be the same. Israel was now a part of my life and would remain so forever.

Each Bond Delegation helped to create new awareness not only of the country but of the organization. Zionism became part of my every being, and my life found a direction which would change me forever.

Imagine, meeting with not only all kinds of incredible leaders of the organization, Sam Rothberg, Alice Pearce, Sol Volchok, Ira Miller and so many more. Listening to Roberta Peters singing for us in Israel. Climbing Masada for a barbecue, and what I believed to be "A Sound and Light" show as we were seated at the top, that the sound and light show turned out to be the sun setting. Extraordinary and unbelievable is all I can think of watching nature take over for those of us seated there. A memory etched in my brain forever, followed by us walking the path down from Masada with lighted torches.

Then there was that trip to Austria before traveling to Israel. My first experience visiting a concentration camp, a camp called Mauthausen. Standing in the freezing cold bundled up with

layers of clothing, yet still freezing, and then thinking of those who had to stand there with no clothes on and I felt ashamed. A gentleman by the name of Sol Goldstein, a survivor addressed us and suddenly it began to snow. He looked up and said "ladies and gentlemen look, it is almost as though G-d is crying. Another experience to further my understanding of what it meant to be Jewish.

There were trips on the March of the Living, alongside young and old teaching the meaning of why we are here, and what we must do to protect our heritage and of course the state of Israel.

Privilege is the only word I can think of. Privilege to see and meet with Prime Ministers of the State of Israel, Golda Meir, Menachem Begin, Yitzhak Shamir, Yitzhak Rabin, Shimon Perez, Ehud Barak, Ariel Sharon, and of course Benjamin Netanyahu. And of course the presidents of Israel during those years.

Traveling to Israel during the Gulf War and being handed a gas mask. As we looked around us and saw the people of Israel walking with gas masks, small portable ribs encased by plastic with an opening for the parents to reach in to stroke their frightened children. Sitting in a safe room with the surreal experience of watching and listening to Nachum Shai tell us where the rocket was and where it was about to land.

Another morning being awakened at 4, to meet a plane load of Russian immigrants, coming to settle in Israel. Awesome as we watched a 70-year-old man escort his 90 year old mother Esther of the plane. Coincidence? Esther coming to Israel on Purim, I do not believe in coincidences, never have. You judge for yourself.

It calls to mind while writing this, a quote by Ruth Gruber, another friend, from her book *The Haven*. "Even though we are born Jewish, there is a moment in our lives when we become Jewish."

I believe there have been so many moments that I am unable to identify one. Thinking back, celebrating the 50th, 60th, and

## REFLECTIONS *(continued)*

just recently the 70th Anniversary of the State of Israel. Maybe those were the moments. I do know, however, none of these moments would have been possible without my involvement in Israel Bonds. They truly were my moment, I think. It all started with addressing envelopes, who would believe, as I write this abbreviated journal of my life, how different my life would have turned out.

The most significant part of that epiphany has been the outgrowth of watching our children and grandchildren live, study, and visit Israel. Several have participated in Israel Bonds missions, mitzvah projects and Gap year programs. Marty and I have enjoyed many different family vacations to Israel and have been to Israel over 60 times. I would venture to say most of these trips have been with Israel Bonds, most recently chairing the Israel Bonds delegation to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the State of Israel. Being a part of this special occasion seemed to bring my Bonds experience full circle.

I remember travelling on dirt roads from one part of the country to the other years ago. Today I am in awe of the technology, the road system, and the challenges she has overcome to make this country one of the most admired in

the free world. A country that shares her technology to help improve other countries. A technology that helped in the rescue of those twelve children and their soccer coach trapped for 12 days in a cave in Thailand. Max Tech's device that can communicate wirelessly between one another.

I am and will forever be grateful to the organization who helped point the way for me to Israel and my Zionist involvement. I was privileged to become part of the Israel Bonds National organization, serving as National Women's Division Chairperson and ultimately National Chairman. Looking back over the decades of my involvement with Israel Bonds, it is with great pride that I accepted the honor of being designated as the permanent Israel Bonds representative to the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations.

I hope that reading about my odyssey can inspire other young leaders to recognize the outgrowth that awaits them through their involvement with Israel Bonds. I would have never in my wildest dreams thought that some 40 years ago when I was addressing those envelopes that one small act would lead to the journey of a lifetime.



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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Joshua Bekker	Sara Rose Koreen
Danielle Cohen	James Polovsky
Ezardan Koreen	Haley Tokarski

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

13 Ilan & Annbeth Nifco  
14 Jeff & Pamela Zweibel  
15 Dr. Seymour & Susan Gorelick  
17 Ira & Barbara Scheinson  
23 Al & Elaine Bernstein  
23 Jonathan & Beth Meister  
27 Steve & Jamie Dranow  
30 Dr. Gabriel & Esther Gustin

## Mazel Tov on the Engagement of...

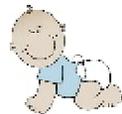
Red Avner's granddaughter, Erica Salmirs  
Joyce Trubitz's daughter, Michele to Jay Green

## Mazel Tov on the Marriage of...

Mara Lewin & Lew Glantz' daughter,  
Adena Lewin & Neil Berrenholz

## Mazel Tov on the Birth of...

Ditza & Bill Bradin's and to Sam  
Bradin's grandson and  
great-grandson



## Welcome to our New Members...

Rabbi Alvin Bobroff  
Eugene & Inna Novak

## CONGRATS TO THE GRADS!!!

Erica Salmirs, granddaughter of Red Avner is  
going to MIT on a 2 year scholar-  
**The Scroll...12** arship for a business degree



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**Congregant of the Month**  
**Our Professor...Jack Perel**  
by Julie Feldman

**M**any of you know Jack Perel as our Chairman of the Board and as one of our Shabbos Gabbais, but there is much, much more to learn about him. Jack joined Congregation Shaarey Israel when Congregation Shaarey Tfiloh joined with the Monsey Jewish Center to form CSI. In fact, Jack was the President of the Shaarey Tfiloh Congregation at the time of the merger. It was he who contacted Jules Stern about a potential union, liked him and liked the philosophy of MJC. Jack and I had a fascinating discussion (which got me to start reading James Joyce's *Ulysses* again). Below are some highlights.

**JF: Where did you grow up?**

**JP:** I was born in Poland after World War II. My father was a tailor, and I was born in a small village, but then my family moved to Warsaw. The city had been almost completely reduced to rubble during the war. In 1957, the (communist) Polish government allowed Jews to leave. We could only take 5 tons of belongings with us, and because my father could work in Israel, we went there. I had planned to go into the Israeli Naval Academy, but in 1962 my family moved again, this time to the US. We settled in the Bronx, off of the Grand Concourse. I went to DeWitt Clinton High School and then to Queens College on a soccer scholarship. There I got my Bachelor's and Master's degrees in English literature, studied Russian and Russian literature and became a teacher at JHS 147 in the Bronx. Later on, I became first an assistant principal and then a principal.

**JF: What made you decide to go into your field?**

**JP:** At Queens College, I came under the influence of a professor, Dr. Stoss, who taught education courses. He really impressed and influenced me.

**JF: If you didn't end up doing that, what would you have done?**

**JP:** If we had stayed in Israel, I would have gone into the Naval Academy and become a Captain in the Navy or a Professor of Russian.

**JF: What are your hobbies?**

**JP:** Reading, target shooting, motorcycles, car engine repair and fishing.

**JF: Tell me about a life-defining moment.**

**JP:** Back in Warsaw, when I was in first or second grade, school children had to "participate" in the rebuilding of the city. Then in 1955 or 1956, the Communist Polish government erected a monument in the center of Warsaw to commemorate the Jewish ghetto fighters. My father and I saw the unveiling of the monument. It was bone chilling and because of the history of the ghetto, I developed the strong desire to fight enemies of the Jewish people.

**JF: If you could pick any time period to live in, what would it be and why?**

**JP:** It would be in Medieval Europe and North Africa, specifically with Maimonides. It was a second golden age for the Jews.

**JF: What is your favorite book, movie, song, piece of music, piece of art, etc., and why?**

**JP:** I have two favorite books: *The Brothers Karamazov* by Dostoyevsky and *Ulysses* by James Joyce. I love the language in both of them.

**JF: Please sum up your philosophy of life in one sentence.**

**JP:** You can sit on a chair, you can sit on a bench, but be a Mensch.

**JF: What's the one thing about you that would surprise people?**

**JP:** I'm very open-minded for my age.

**JF: What last thoughts do you want to end this interview with?**

**JP:** We shouldn't politicize the environment, science and truth. We need to be seekers.

*Am Yisroel Chai!*



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Only the best to Marcia Atkin  
Lois Price

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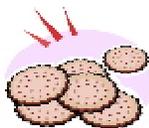


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<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>
3	Forever Young Seniors	Multi-purpose Rm	11:00 am	Barbara Kleinman
3	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
4	Sisterhood Board	Multi-purpose Rm	7:30 pm	Audrey Meister
5	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
5	Anniversary Shabbot			
6	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
7	Possible Room Rental	Multi-purpose Rm	4:00 pm	
8	Men's Club Board	Room 2	7:00 pm	Mark Pfeffer
9	Rabbi's Class	Room 2	7:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
9	Israeli Dancing	Multi-purpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
10	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
11	S.H. General Meeting	Multi-purpose Rm	7:30 pm	Audrey Meister
12	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
13	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
14	JWV Brunch	Multi-purpose Rm	10.00 am	JWV
16	Rabbi's Class	Room 2	7:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
16	Israeli Dancing	Multi-purpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
17	Forever Young Seniors	Trip To Hunterdon Dinner	Theater	
17	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
19	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
20	Services	Sanctuary	8:45am	Rabbi Weinbach
21	Private Room Rental	Mpr/Lobby/Sanctuary	4:00 pm	Punski/Veit
23	Rabbi's Class	Room 2	7:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
23	Israeli Dancing	Multi-purpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
24	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
25	Board Of Trustees	Room 2	7:30 pm	Jack Perel
26	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
27	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
28	S.H. Family Movie	Multi-purpose Rm	3:00 pm	Dale Smith
30	Rabbi's Class	Room 2	7:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
30	Israeli Dancing	Multi-purpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
31	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	

