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While the story of Moses' rise to become G-d's messenger and the leader of the Jewish people is captivating and inspiring, one might wonder why things could not have been done a bit more simply. Moses is after all a complex character, brought to the house of Pharaoh as a child and raised as an Egyptian prince, only to rebel against the oppression of his people, flee Egypt and settle in Midian, then be chosen by G-d despite his limited eloquence. Why couldn't G-d have simply not tapped someone in Goshen on the shoulder and said go to Pharaoh, tell him what needs to be said, do what I tell you and the miracles will follow?

There are two keys to understanding G-d's choice of Moses, one political and the other religious.

Despite the frequent comparisons, the slavery of Jews in Egypt is different in many critical ways from slavery as practiced in the United States. The Jews in Egypt were citizens with rights of representation, as is clear from the possibility of their leaders getting an audience with Pharaoh as well as our knowledge of the political and social norms of Egypt at that time. While we were assigned labors that were harsh, and were certainly subject to corporal punishment, things were good enough that the notion of returning to

Egypt was well received by the populace at more than one juncture in their travels from Egypt to the land of Israel. G-d needed a leader familiar with the Egyptian court who could represent the Jewish people; for this job there was only one candidate.

There was a significant religious

consideration as well. Much of the leadership of the Jewish people, and presumably the rank and file as well, had significant doubts about the prophecy claimed by Moses. This is clearly demonstrated after the decalogue as recorded in the book of

Deuteronomy, when Moses recounts how the heads of the tribes and the elders came to him and said, "today we have been shown that G-d can speak to a person and the person can live." As pointed out by the classical commentator Ibn Ezra, more assimilated members of the Jewish community had taken on the Egyptian belief that direct contact with the Divine is impossible, i.e. Moses cannot be talking to G-d. As for the miracles, everyone in Egypt knew that such wonders were possible because Egyptian sorcerers also performed some of them; perhaps to their mind Moses was simply the greatest sorcerer, despite his claims of divine support and guidance. This leads to the question: if a significant portion of the

Respectfully Yours...

from the desk of

Rabbi Weinbach

A Modern Model of the Leadership of Moses

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CANDLELIGHTING FOR...

FEBRUARY 2021

Date *Light* *Shabbat*
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5	5:00	6:01
12	5:09	6:14
19	5:18	6:23
26	5:26	6:31

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26 PURIM

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From the Editor...

During the pandemic ridden, dreary, stay-at-home winter days what would keep me busy?

After knitting countless scarves, a few sweaters and hats once again out came the knitting needles and our family became extended. Presenting... Mr. and Mrs. Snowman and their children who have come to live with us. I also made their relatives to live with our three sons and their families.



Oops! I almost forgot Cora (named for Coronavirus) which I made back in March. She has a complete line of clothing which I change with the season.



Roberta



Submissions for the March issue are due by February 20th. Please **promptly** send in any articles or flyers, via e-mail, to be included in the issue.--ED.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jonathan Meister

It is very hard to find any silver linings in this past year of the COVID pandemic but if there is one for me it has been the opportunity to engage in what has always been one of my passions and that is reading for pleasure. While I have tended in the past few years to stick to popular fiction, particularly mysteries and thrillers, recently I have turned my attention to non-fiction and the most important of the books that I have read in just the last month has turned out to be extremely relevant to our times and particularly some of the concepts therein to the Jewish community. The book which I found so engaging and relevant is *Morality* by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks z"l" who passed away just recently.

One of the concepts that Rabbi Sacks expounds on to a great extent is the need to shift the world's focus and in particular the individual's focus from "I" to "We". It is a natural human tendency to focus on the self but he points out throughout his writing that humanity has always done better when they have worked together for the common good and the particular example that is most relevant to us is that the Jewish community has always done better when there is a commitment among the Jewish people to take care of each other. Studies have shown that those who are members of synagogues or commit to supporting charities have found greater personal happiness .

In the context of our Congregation, the concept of "what is in the best interests of the congregation" is not a hollow concept. We have to remember that whether it be our office staff, building staff, board of trustees and most particularly our clergy, they are doing and are charged with the obligation to do "what is in the best interest of the Congregation."

There is no doubt that we are still in the midst of very difficult times. Yet as I have said at board meetings and to many members of the Congregation with whom I am in touch on an almost daily basis as well as to our Clergy, we are doing the best that we can under the circumstances. Many people will argue that we

can do more and maybe we can. However, I am asking everyone to also think about what they can do for all of us and to put aside whether it is something that is personal to them in their request or whether or not it is something that can benefit Congregation Shaarey Israel which must always be the standard.

There is no doubt that as an individual we have needs. Those needs may be for the Clergy to do something for them, for the office staff to do something for them but please bear in mind that whatever our staff and our Clergy do, it is always with the interests of all in mind. Some may want prayers or services to be run a certain way, some may want more calls or visits, or classes or zooms or board meetings or daily lectures. Yes, there might be more possible but there are many factors that have to be taken into consideration and it is not always what is for us as an individual.

As the February **Scroll** is published, it is the time of Tu B'Shvat. A time of renewal for the trees but also a time of renewal for the Congregation. There is great hope now as vaccines have become available with the hope that some new normal will return. The one normality that has remained is that we as a Congregation have managed to handle this pandemic by acting together as best we can. The hallmark of Congregation Shaarey Israel is that we abide by the concept of "We" versus I" in doing the best we can for each other. By keeping in touch with each other, by offering minyans on Monday and Thursday and Saturday morning. Board meetings continue, our staff is there for you when needed and our Rabbi and Chazzan are doing the best they can. As to our Rabbi and Chazzan I cannot thank them enough. We all need to remember that they are human beings as well with needs. Times are stressful for them as well and on top of that they have a Congregation to tend to at the same time. They are the most adept in embodying the concept of "We" versus "I" as they tend to our people and for that I want to say Thank You.



THE CANTOR'S CLOUD by Cantor Menachem Bazian

The Light of Hope, The Comfort of Meaning

DER CHAZZAN'S
CH' MAREH

1 year. A whole bloody year. I cannot believe it. I blinked and a year has gone by since the world turned upside down. How do I know this? Because it all went crazy right after *Purim* last year. And now, this article is for the month in which *Purim* occurs this year. Inconceivable!

Of course, that's measured by the Jewish calendar. I count the secular calendar's begin date on March 16th. Not because it's my birthday, but because that is when I was first exposed to COVID-19 (I tested positive two weeks later), and that was the first time I broadcast a congregational *Mincha* service on Facebook Live. So, if you're counting by the secular calendar, we still have a little more than a month to go. Still, it has been an awfully long time since life was "normal."

The advent of the vaccine gives me hope that there is a light at the end of the tunnel and perhaps this long nightmare is finally reaching its end. Too much has been lost, too many people have lost their lives, too much time has been spent indoors, and too many relationships have suffered. The pandemic is hopefully going to end soon, and I wish to be able to celebrate that with you in the near future. But, life will never be the same.

Make no mistake, a new normal will be found. People will go to work (although, perhaps more will work from home now), children will be born, *Bar and Bat Mitzvahs* and weddings will be celebrated, and the flow of life will return. I don't think that this pandemic will be easily forgotten though.

Back when this whole thing started, I had many discussions regarding what meaning we might be able to draw from all of this. It always struck me as significant that the primary cost to humanity, beyond the obvious cost in health and human lives, was the loss of our togetherness. When we needed our friends and family the most, we have been unable to be with them. I have seen weddings celebrated with barely a *Minyan*. Funerals are devoid of supporting attendees and families have had to bear the burden of sitting shiva without the comfort of visitors designed to ease their grief. The scars from these disastrous experiences may last their entire lives.

Social distancing has been forced

upon us for almost 11 solar months now and we will be marking a Jewish year when *Purim* comes in a few short weeks. After all this time in the darkness, have we learned anything that we can take with us?

The *Talmud* (*Berachot 60b*) states: "A person should accustom themselves to say, 'All that the merciful one does, he does for good.'" The *Talmud* then proceeds to tell a famous story about Rabbi Akiva. He was traveling and arrived in a town but no one offered him hospitality (an almost unheard of thing in those days). So he camped in the field with his candle, his rooster, and his donkey. A wind blew out the candle, a fox ate his rooster and a lion killed his donkey. After each occurrence, Rabbi Akiva told himself that all that G-d does is for the best. The next morning, he awoke to find that the town had been attacked by an invading army and everyone had been captured. He repeated his axiom again, "All that G-d does is for the best."

The hardest part is to try and find good when it seems like the world is burning around you. How can one find anything good in a pandemic that has caused so much death and destruction?

One of the lessons our Rabbis teach us from the destruction of the first and second Temples, is that G-d was merciful in his punishment of his people. Whereas he could have utterly destroyed us, he vented the bulk of his anger on a building and, while it has been exceedingly unpleasant, it could have been much worse. The fact, as I have repeatedly stated, is that the Jewish people have outlived all those who wanted to destroy us. It is easy to complain about how G-d has treated his people but, in the end, we are still here when all of our old enemies are in the dust and no new enemy has succeeded in their attempts to destroy us.

Even in this pandemic, I see his kindness. The vaccine that is now being distributed is the result not just of six months of hectic efforts by pharmaceutical companies, but the result of many research efforts that have been going on for years. G-d prepared the world for this pandemic by putting the basis for the vaccine in motion long before the pandemic itself was unleashed on the world. As the *Talmud* tells us (*Megilla 13b*), "G-d does not punish Israel unless he has first

THE CANTOR'S CLOUD (continued)

created the remedy." With the rest of the world, however, he first strikes and then creates the remedy. G-d guided researchers years ago in directions that allowed them to come up with vaccines for COVID-19 in record time. If they had been forced to work from scratch, I shudder to think where we might be.

Of course, there are still many questions and nothing is assured. We have to see how quickly the two vaccines used in the United States can be distributed, and their efficacy finally established in the real world. Still, hope is its own powerful medicine and, for the first time in a long time, I have hope that, as my father used to say in Yiddish, "Mir zeining shoyner nenter vi veiter," we are closer rather than further from the end.

It is with some pride I note that the Jewish people have had a significant role in the development of these vaccines. Pfizer's CEO is a Greek Jew and the son of holocaust survivors. Moderna's Chief Medical Officer is an Israeli Jew.

I do not know why Hashem does what he does. Last time I looked, I did not know of anyone with G-d's office or home telephone number so I doubt that anyone not in need of psychopharmacological intervention has spoken directly with him to find out. Still, I know he has a reason and that encourages me

to try and glean what meaning I can from this. You can do the same. You do not have to come to the same conclusions I have over the past year, the meaning for you may be different than it is for me. I just think it would be a mistake for us to try to put the last year in a box and shove it somewhere dark and out of sight.

A great writer once said that the only way to deal with fear is to confront it and kick it in the teeth. I think the same is true with the last year. We need to confront it and do what we can to find a perspective. For me, finding meaning in it helps.

The theme of Purim is "V'nahafoch Hu," it turned over. The day of Purim was originally designated as a day for our destruction. Instead, Hashem turned it into a day of celebration. May our times of trouble come to a swift end, may our lives turn from one of worry to one of surety and confidence, and may our sorrows give way to light of Joy for us all.

Chana and I wish you all a Happy Purim!

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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Dr. Bill Klein & Family on the loss of his beloved wife, mother & grandmother, Ann Klein.

RABBI'S ARTICLE *(continued)*

Jewish people did not believe Moses was getting his instructions from G-d, why would they follow him? Perhaps because they knew that Moses had the military experience and familiarity with the desert terrain that would allow him to lead the people from indentured servants to independent landowners, a dramatic jump in personal status in the Ancient Near East. Had G-d chosen some righteous person from the land of Goshen who had no such experience one wonders if that person could ever have gotten the masses to follow him.

The notion that G-d's religious project requires secular training and preparation can be seen again in modern times through the miracle of the State of Israel. As we declare in our Shabbat prayers every week that the State of Israel is the flowering of our ultimate redemption, we do well to remember that the State of Israel was not founded by righteous persons observant of G-d's commandments, but rather mostly by pioneers who were overwhelmingly rebelling against traditional religion and as such had educated themselves and prepared themselves to build a modern yet secular nation-state.

It is this partnership between the religious and secular that is the strength of Israel and the very basis of Modern Orthodox Judaism. Our path forward will not be blazed by separatism and rejection of the modern world, but rather in the hybrid of religious and secular, through tolerance and openness, and through the pairing of the will of G-d and the actions of men and nations. In this spirit let us move forward towards healing our nation, our world and our Jewish people.

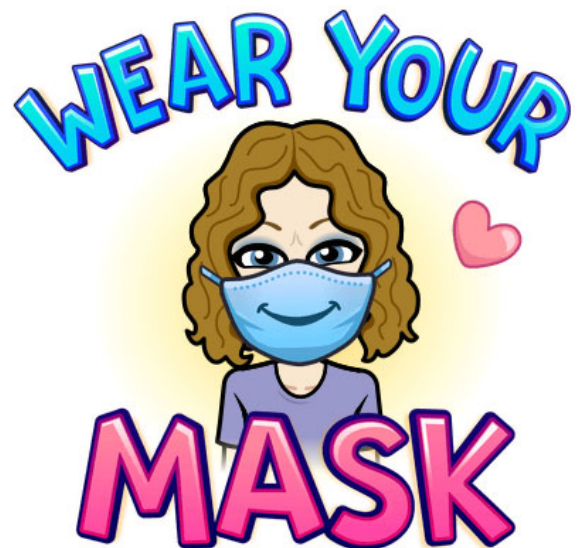


A Note from Rabbi Weinbach...

A reminder that we are broadcasting services six days a week in the morning and in the afternoon and that my weekly class will be broadcast Tuesday night at 7:00 on Zoom and Facebook Live. I am also pleased to be initiating a new course of study entitled "Mitzvah Moments", which will be sent to you several times a week with each installment covering one of the 613 Torah Commandments.

We will be conducting Shabbat services. If you intend to join us please let us know at CSICovidMinyan@gmail.com. Also while we welcome all of our congregants we remind you that the best medical advice is for persons over 65 not to attend.

Reach out to me with any concerns you may have in these difficult times; a good number of congregants have found this to be helpful. You can always reach me via email at RabbiWeinbachCSI@gmail.com or on my cell phone at 845-770-4191.



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MEN'S CLUB MESSAGE

Mark Pfeffer, President

The Men's Club is busy working on a Zoom program in which our Shaarey Israel family can reminisce about **Memorable Experiences from Our Youth**. Several members have agreed to share their early thoughts about a variety of topics, including their early childhood. Some of us grew up in various parts of New York but many of us came from other states, and other countries. This opportunity is being offered to anyone willing to share personal experiences. You do not have to be as creative as Jerry Seinfeld as we don't intend to make this into a future situation comedy, but it's an interesting way to bring people together.

Men's Club is inviting all our Shaarey Israel friends to join us in a Zoom program as we prepare to welcome in the spring season. The short days, and cold weather has left us yearning for seeing flowers grow and vegetables beginning to sprout in our back yard gardens. Our own "Master Gardeners" Bob & Diane will take you through the steps needed for winter sowing for spring planting. We invite you to join us as we prepare for growing flowers for the spring and summer. This Zoom program is scheduled for 7:00 PM on February 22nd. Do plan to join us.

As I write this message, the Men's Club is very busy promoting our **12th Annual Calendar Sweepstakes**. We hope to offer up to \$4725 in prizes. From March through June 2021 we hope to sell 1000 tickets representing 1000 numbers. Each number costs \$10. After each drawing, each number gets put back into the barrel, and tickets may win more than once. There will be daily drawings, except on Jewish holidays and Shabbat. Purchase tickets for members of your family and share with work colleagues and friends. The Sweepstakes is fun for the entire family. A donation costs only \$10.00 per number. Make checks payable to Men's Club, Congregation Shaarey Israel. You can mail the 2021 flier with your check to Red Avner or Marv Lieman, or the Shul office. You may make

form to give to family or friends. Please join us in our **Annual Calendar Sweepstakes**.

As the winter turns towards spring the Men's Club starts to think about lighting a special **Yellow Memorial Candle** in remembrance of the Jews who died during the Holocaust. We have worked on this program for many years and hope to continue this tradition again this spring. We intend to combine the **Yellow Candle Lighting Ceremony** with a Zoom program to commemorate Yom Hashoah. In the early spring Men's Club will be asking each member to be counted among all the families in following up on this meaningful project of purchasing and lighting a Yellow Candle. We must *Never Forget*, and must continue in this worthy project.

Men's Club is a social organization and need as many men as possible to be a part of the organization. We value your ideas and your comments which are necessary to help make our organization successful. We look forward to having you attend our upcoming Zoom events and becoming an active member of the Men's Club. If you have not previously done so please don't forget to send in your annual dues of \$36.00. Won't you help out your Men's Club? Thanks for your support.



SISTERHOOD MESSAGE, President Audrey Meister Life is a Journey Made of Moments that become Memories

The Winter months are passing quickly. Purim is on the horizon. In the month of Adar we are told "Be happy it is Adar."

I want to offer a review of what Sisterhood has done this year. Although we haven't met officially since March, we hope in the Spring we will be able to get together in person. Sisterhood hasn't been idle. The Congregation received a Pandemic Survival kit from Sisterhood. As a thank you to our paid up members, everyone received a Dunkin' Donuts gift card. It is still not too late to join (\$36). Shoprite cards are available year round. Our gift shop has many beautiful items.

We are now in the midst of our Shalach Manos campaign. This is Sisterhood's biggest fundraiser of the year. This has been an unusual year. The package this year will be something special.

Sisterhood makes it easy for you to share in this wonderful mitzvah. Forms were mailed to everyone and are available in **The Scroll** and at the end of the Shabbos Notes. Pickup this year will be on Wednesday, February 17. It will be available curbside during the hours of 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. When you arrive in the parking lot you will need to *call CSI AT 845 369 0300. AND WE WILL BRING THE PACKAGE TO THE BACK DOOR.*

Lastly, I want to thank Roberta Lieman for her dedicated work on the monthly **Scrolls**. All our flyers are in there, all meeting notices are in there, all candle lighting times are in there. The people who submit articles each month work very hard to get it done, to inform our members. Everyone is encouraged to *READ IT!!!* Stay informed, wear masks, keep socially distant, get vaccinated, stay healthy, stay safe!

P.S. The Pandemic has brought death, confusion, isolation, and anxiety. Recently a video was produced in Israel starring Eden Ben Zaken, an Israeli pop star and Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's Prime Minister. They sang a rendition of an Arik

Einstein classic ballad entitled *Yesh Bi Ahava (I have love within me)*. It was recorded for the Ken La Zaken Foundation, which assists the elderly population in need. In a statement by Benjamin Netanyahu he said "I am excited to see the younger generation showing up, in accordance with health guidelines, to help their parents, grandparents, and the population facing loneliness and I call on everyone who can join." Here are some of the lyrics:

*Between the dark and the hidden
In our bitter world
They say there is yet a hope
It is called love
And we await its arrival.*

*Between sanity and sleep
Between childhood and old age
They say there is yet a hope
It is called love
And we await its arrival.*

The video is available on **Youtube** and the song is on **itunes**.

The Year 2020 has been one we all would like to forget. In the New Year we should be safe, and together in good health!

I would like to end with a poem from Maya Angelou.

*We need Joy as we need air
We need Love as we need water
We need Each Other as we need
The Earth we share.*



CHAI LIGHTS

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Hunter Churgin
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FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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10 David & Irit Pinkus
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Mazel tov to..

Roberta and Marv Lieman on their son Marc becoming a Detective in the Ramapo Police Force.

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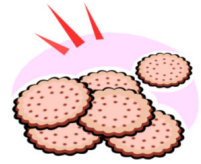
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6-10	Mel Singer
11-20	Marsha & Gary Forman
21	Grace Donath
22	Cameron Donath
23	Ryan Donath
24-26	Larry Katz
27-31	Sam Farber
32-33	Saul Leff
34-38	Marty Goldstein
39-44	Morty Julius
45	Lewis Glantz
46-55	Jay Safier Grandchildren
56-65	Jay Safier
66-70	Herman Berzon
71-73	Ed Krupnik
74-76	Neil Kaplicer
77-78	Dale & Norton
79	Paulette Frankel
80	Charles Frankel
81	Eric Frankel
82	Randi Frankel
83-86	Grace Zechnowitz
87-88	Evie Maher
89-91	Paul & Sandra Chaitin
92	Joyce Trubitz
93-95	Myron Block
96-105	Jules Stern
106	Lenny Harbus
107-109	David Cohen
110	Bob Leifer
111	Rachel Leifer
112	Matthew Leifer
113	Alan & Randi Leifer

Tkt #	Name
114	Melissa & Max Bartell
115-117	Sue Weiss
118-120	Lenny Kroog
121-123	Dorothy Kroog
124	Mark Pfeffer
125	Jackson G Pfeffer
126	Ashton R Pfeffer
127	Scarlett G Pfeffer
128	Ethan H Pfeffer
129	Sandra J Pfeffer
130-135	Barbara Weisel
136-138	Charna & Bill Weissman
139	Golde & Mel Math
140	Cindy Burton
141-142	Natalie Finkel
143-143A	Ira Lieman
144-144A	Marc Lieman
145-144A	Sue Lieman
146-146A	Eric Lieman
147-147A	Gina Lieman
148-149	Tina & Sandy Katz
150-154	Red Avner
155	Louise DePaola

**Get your winning ticket.
See page 15 to join in the fun.**



PURIM 2021

by Barbara Weisel (Sisterhood's Poet Laureate)

Another Purim now is here
But it has been a very strange year.

It wasn't Haman that we feared
It was an evil virus that appeared.

This Covid virus was so cruel
We could not go into our shul.

Our faces were covered by a mask
Wearing one was an important task.

Hugs and kisses could not be
We greeted each other formally.

No one knew when it would end
But upon each other we did depend.

There was no Esther or Mordechai
To provide a plan so people wouldn't die.

To Hashem we left our fate
He was the one to whom we could relate.

Our Rabbi and Cantor led the way
And so we will return one day.

That is this year's Purim tale
Congregation Shaarey Israel will prevail.

Shalach Manos has come back
Sisterhood hopes you enjoy your pack.



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Shaloch Manos

Dear Friends.

Purim will be celebrated on Thursday evening, February 25, and Friday, February 26. Sisterhood makes it very easy for you to share in the wonderful *mitzvah* of *Shaloch Manos*.

This tradition derives from the Book of Esther. It is meant to ensure that everyone has enough food for the Purim feast held later in the day and to increase love and friendship to counter Haman's assertion that the Jewish people are characterized by strife and disunity.

For this year's *Shaloch Manos Campaign*, your contribution of \$136 ensures that each member of the congregation and the employees of CSI will receive a Purim Package. We hope that you will participate in the *mitzvah* of *tzedakah* this Purim and give to the entire congregation.

The focus of this year's *Shaloch Manos Campaign* will be the very important task of supporting our Synagogue. We are hoping for 100% participation to aid in these very important causes. Please complete the attached form and return it to the synagogue office by Wednesday, February 3. **No orders will be accepted after that date.**

PLEASE NOTE: *Shaloch Manos* packages *will not be delivered*. They will be available for pick-up as follows:

Packages will be available for pick-up in the CSI lobby starting Wednesday February 17, or after Megillah reading on Thursday, February 25th & Friday, February 26th.

There will be curbside pick-up available.

All packages NOT picked up by Monday, March 1, will be donated to charity.

If you do not wish to receive a package, check the box on the order form and submit it to the office.

Thank you for your continued support of Sisterhood's programs and activities! If you have any questions, please call Audrey Meister at 845-357-0824.

Shaloch Manos Committee
Audrey Meister,
Sisterhood President

Reminders with dates and times will follow. Please check **The Scroll** and Shabbos notes.



SISTERHOOD OF CONGREGATION SHAAREY ISRAEL

Dear Women of Congregation Shaarey Israel

We invite you to join Sisterhood and become a member of one of the most important arms of our congregation.

As a member you have the opportunity to make an impact on the synagogue while making new friends, learning new things and participating in Sisterhood Activities, all without the non-member surcharge. Along with all the activities we currently support, we continue to look for new programs to provide more value to our synagogue and our members. If you have an idea you would like us to pursue, please make sure to speak with us.

Dues remain \$36, except for new synagogue members who receive a year's membership free as part of their introductory package. Your dues package automatically includes the Paid-Up Membership Dinner in November where old friends meet again and new friends are made.

Please return the cut off with your dues check! Sisterhood can no longer accept credit card charges for any sisterhood functions. Check, cash or money order only.

We look forward to seeing all the women of the congregation join us to support CSI and each other.

Julie Feldman,
Financial Secretary

Evie Maher,
Chairman, Membership

Audrey Meister,
President, Sisterhood

Please complete this form and return with your \$36 annual dues to:

ATT: SISTERHOOD/ Julie Feldman to CSI at 18 Montebello Rd, Montebello, NY 10901

Name _____

Home phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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A LITTLE LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL...

EVENING PRAYERS

When young David was asked by his father to say the evening prayer, David realized he didn't have his head covered. So he asked his little brother, Henry, to rest a hand on his head until prayers were over. Henry grew impatient after a few minutes and removed his hand.

The father said, "This is important. Put your hand back on his head!"

To which Henry exclaimed, "What, am I my brother's kippah?"

PHILANTHROPY

A visitor to Israel attended a recital and concert at the Moscovitz Auditorium. He was quite impressed with the architecture and the acoustics. He inquired of the tour guide, "Is this magnificent auditorium named after Chaim Moscovitz, the famous Talmudic scholar?"

"No," replied the guide. "It is named after Sam Moscovitz, the writer."

"Never heard of him," said the visitor. "What did he write?"

"A check," replied the guide.

TEXANS BRAGGING

Two Texans are passengers in a plane from Dallas. An old Jewish man is sitting between them.

The first Texan says, "My name is Roger. I own 250,000 acres. I have 1,000 head of cattle and they call my place 'The Jolly Roger.'"

The second Texan says, "My name is John. I own 350,000 acres. I have 5,000 head of cattle and they call my place 'Big John's.'"

They both look down at the little old Jewish man who says, "My name is Irving and I own only 300 acres."

Roger looks down at him and says, "300 acres? What do you raise?"

"Nothing," says Irving.

"Well then, what do you call it?" asked John.

"Downtown Dallas ."

ROWING TEAM

Yeshiva University decided to field a rowing team. Unfortunately, they lose race after race. Even though they practice and practice for hours every day, they never manage to come in any better than dead last.

Finally, the team decides to send Morris Fishbein, its captain, to spy on Harvard, the perennial championship team. Morris schlepps off to Cambridge, Mass. and hides in the bushes next to the Charles River, where he carefully watches the Harvard team at its daily practice. After a week, Morris returns to Yeshiva. "Well, I figured out their secret," he announces. "What? Tell us! Tell us!" his teammates shout. "We should have only one guy yelling. The other eight should row."

TAKE THIS QUIZ

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What color is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane?

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

- 1) 116 years
- 2) Ecuador
- 3) Sheep and Horses
- 4) November
- 5) Squirrel fur
- 6) Dogs
- 7) Albert
- 8) Crimson
- 9) New Zealand
- 10) Orange

Men's Club

First let me thank all who already sent in their Men's Club dues for this year. We need you and if you have not already done so, please send in your dues of \$36 at this time. Red Avner is waiting by his mailbox to receive it.

The Men' Club, with Mark Pfeffer as its president, has done numerous things for CSI. We are here to support our shul and the community.

During these tough times we are all looking forward to getting together to socialize and pray but only when it is safe to do so.

We wish all at Shaarey Israel a Happier and Healthier New Year 5781.

Please complete this form and send your \$36 dues check payable to:

**Congregation Shaarey Israel Men's Club
(please note in the memo Men's Club Dues)**

Send to Red Avner 18 Milford Lane, NY 10901

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Address _____

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CONGREGATION SHAAREY ISRAEL MEN'S CLUB 12th ANNUAL CALENDAR SWEEPSTAKES

***\$4725 IN PRIZES**

MARCH 2021 \$1270

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 \$55	2 \$50	3 \$35	4 \$70	5 \$50	6 X
7 \$60	8 \$50	9 \$35	10 \$50	11 \$70	12 \$60	13 X
14 \$50	15 \$50	16 \$50	17 \$35	18 \$60	19 \$55	20 X
21 \$70	22 \$35	23 \$35	24 \$50	25 \$50	26 \$35	27 X
28 Pesach	29 Pesach	30 \$60	31 \$50			X

APRIL 2021 \$1135

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 \$50	2 \$35	3 X Pesach
4 Pesach	5 \$50	6 \$50	7 \$60	8 \$35	9 \$35	10 X
11 \$35	12 \$35	13 \$35	14 \$35	15 \$35	16 \$35	17 X
18 \$50	19 \$35	20 \$35	21 \$35	22 \$50	23 \$50	24 X
25 \$35	26 \$35	27 \$35	28 \$35	29 \$50	30 \$35	

MAY 2021 \$1045

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						1 X
2 \$35	3 \$35	4 \$50	5 \$35	6 \$55	7 \$35	8 X
9 \$35	10 \$35	11 \$70	12 \$35	13 \$35	14 \$50	15 X
16 \$35	17 Shavuot	18 \$35	19 \$35	20 \$35	21 \$35	22 X
23/30 \$35/35	24/31 \$50/55	25 \$35	26 \$35	27 \$35	28 \$50	29 X

JUNE 2021 \$1275

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 \$35	2 \$35	3 \$35	4 \$65	5 X
6 \$75	7 \$50	8 \$50	9 \$50	10 \$35	11 \$50	12 X
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20 \$35	21 \$60	22 \$55	23 \$35	24 \$75	25 \$100	26 X
27 \$35	28 \$35	29 \$70	30 \$55			

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