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Kids these days! I recently found myself at the Temple of Luxor exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. As might be expected, a tourist was taking a picture with her smart-phone of her perhaps three-year-old daughter in front of a jackal-headed sphinx. What happened next got me thinking: the three-year-old dismounted, switched places with her mother, and took a competent photo of her mom. *3 years old!!!* (For those of you with grandchildren who do amazing things with cell phones, feel free to brag to me; there's nothing better than listening to people talk about their grandchildren).

There is not enough space here to recount the many changes the technology has brought to our lives and the lives of our children and grandchildren. First there was TV, then videos and video games, and now there's on-demand anything (unfortunately, literally anything). Along with these new tools comes a new set of competencies. Our kids are able to do things with these tools that we feel rather bumble-headed asking them to explain to us.

In the world of education a term has been coined to identify the changes in students today as opposed to even 10 or 20 years ago; they are called "digital natives". Such is the way that today's children learn and the

possibilities for learning through technology, that careful attention is being paid by the non-natives to ways in which they can get the natives to turn their interest in technology into a learning tool. Our Hebrew school has leveraged technology to assist in the learning of Hebrew reading, Shabbat and holidays and Jewish history, and our B'nai mitzvah study their blessings and Torah and Haftarah with a computer program accessed through

the Internet.

At Congregation Shaarey Israel we are digital foreigners learning to leverage technology to deliver better Torah learning and services. We are, however, natives of the different and more important kind; we are Jewish natives. Through the services at our synagogue, the kindness expressed from member to member (and non-members) and an uncompromising commitment to a vibrant Jewish future, it is we who do things that would amaze our children, grandchildren and friends. There are now two generations of American Jews who have overwhelmingly been raised with a dearth of Tradition; I suppose if they were to observe our Congregation singing together, studying together or reading Hebrew together,

Respectfully Yours...

from the desk of

Rabbi Weinbach

Return of the Judaism Natives!

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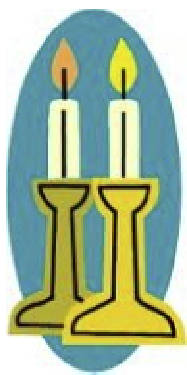
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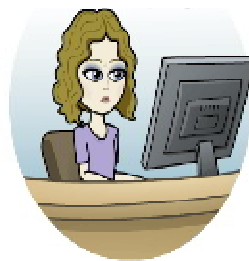
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| Date | Light Candles | Shabbat Ends |
|------|---------------|--------------|
| 7 | 6:47 | 7:52 |
| 14 | 6:37 | 7:42 |
| 21 | 6:28 | 7:33 |
| 28 | 6:18 | 6:23 |

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From the Editor's Desk...

It's early August and what am I thinking about...the High

Holidays! Years back, when I was teaching in the Bronx, when August came I would get into teaching mode. The gift of a "carefree" July would be gone and I'd start organizing (and later agonizing) for my return to the classroom and how my life would be changed.

Now, thankfully, that stress is no longer a part of my life but with the approach of August I begin the High Holidays mode. Every year I begin planning the shopping schedule, the menu and the guest list. Every year I plan well in advance and every year the holidays come sooner than I am ready.

Although I sometimes complain about the shopping and the cooking, I am thankful for the ability to have my family together to usher in the New Year. My prayer is for all to be well and we continue being together for years to come.










L'Shana Tova from my house to yours!

SHALOM

Roberta



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

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| <p><u>Minyons</u></p> <p>Weekday evenings Sunday-Thursday: 8 pm</p> <p>Weekday mornings Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:10 am Sunday mornings: 9 am</p> <p>Friday evenings: 6:30 pm</p> | AT A GLANCE | |  <p><u>Shabbat Kiddush Fund</u> Send donations, payable to CSI, indicate in memo "Kiddush Fund." Planning a Kiddush?</p> |
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jonathan Meister

There is something to be said about sitting on an airplane at 37,000 feet. For one, the phone doesn't ring and I refuse to purchase wifi to connect to the internet. Instead this is my downtime. I just got off a flight to Los Angeles and while flying is torture in many ways it also allows me to decompress, have time for myself and think. So does Shabbat.

While the summer is supposed to be "quiet" it has been anything but that. For me personally at work it has been a very challenging time as I have just assumed the role of Managing Partner of my law firm. My normal long hours have become longer and will so for the foreseeable future. Our synagogue will continue to keep me busy and there are always new things to do and new challenges. Yet, every Friday at sundown comes a break, Shabbat. This past week was particularly busy. I sat on the bima after two hours in traffic Friday afternoon, turned to the Rabbi and he gave me a look and wave of his hands to signify that all was to slow down, all would be calm as we broke into the *Lecha Dodi* and it was true, I was back at 37,000 feet, albeit in a more comfortable chair.

We have seen it all since the last time I wrote a **Scroll** article. It is the full cycle of life and our shul is the perfect microcosm. There has been lots of sadness but lots of joy as well. We began the summer in June when many of us gathered for the Journal Dinner. It was one of our most successful ever and a good time was had by all. While we did not gather in such large numbers and in such a formal way until these High Holidays, we found ways to be together whether to support each other in times of need such as at shivas or taking care of those who were ill such as arranging for tehillim, minyans, home visits or in other ways. And as always we have gotten together in large numbers on Shabbat because that is who we are.

While the fall brings the end of the cycle for the trees, for us it is a new beginning with Rosh HaShannah and the New Year. It is an opportunity for all of us to be together in our beautiful shul; to put aside all of

that which may be negative in our lives and simply rejoice in the glory of the chance to begin a New Year. Yes, challenges lie ahead for our synagogue and for all of us to face individually. Yet we can take comfort in knowing that there are people and a place that exist to help each other through difficult times and to celebrate together as well in good times. We certainly seem to enjoy all being together on the High Holidays as evidenced by our numbers. I would like to suggest that the joy we experience together in these days be carried over during the year. We offer constant programs whether through the Sisterhood, Men's Club, Shabbat dinners, holiday events or themed programs.

And of course there is Shabbat. While we didn't invent Shabbat I think we can say our shul has developed its own rhythm when it comes to Shabbat. It is clear to me that no matter how we observe, we respect Shabbat and it is a time for us to be together as a Congregation. We put aside our differences and all of our troubles and enjoy at least one day as evidenced not just by our numbers but by the feeling that exists within the building. It is not just **A** sanctuary but **OUR** sanctuary, our repository of comfort and faith.

On behalf of my wife Beth, my son Harry and myself I want to wish you all a Happy New Year filled with joy, success and good health and I look forward to seeing you all on the High Holidays and especially on Shabbat!



Condolences to...

Leonard Kroog on the loss of his beloved sister
Roberta Cappel on the loss of her beloved
father and our long time member,
Jack Cappel
Rabbi Weinbach & Family on the loss of his
beloved mother, Lee Weinbach
The family of our former member and Torah
donor, Shlomo Feder

Dear Congregants,

If you are 70 years old or older, did you know that you can roll over up to \$100,000.00 from your IRA to Congregation Shaarey Israel? To qualify, the transfer must go directly from your IRA to Congregation Shaarey Israel. Gifts made from your IRA (up to \$100,000.00 per year) are not reportable as taxable income. The amount must be an outright gift, but can be used to satisfy existing pledges or any other contributions and maybe made in any denominations. The gift will qualify for you your required minimum distributions.

As CSI does not offer tax advice, please consult your Tax Preparer or Financial Advisor as to the deductibility of the contribution(s).

We thank you for your contributions, and hope that you will continue to support our Synagogue.

Thank You,

Jonathan Meister

The High Holidays begin with Rosh Hashonah,
Sunday, September 9.
A major CSI fundraiser is our
Annual Kol Nidre Appeal.
Help support our shul by giving generously.



THE CANTOR'S CLOUD by Cantor Menachem Bazian

The Unscheduled Meeting

I came to work this morning expecting to work on a combination of things, some related to my new job and some related to my old. My day was going to be filled with changes to the district website, special data requests, construction and renovations projects, security plans for the new school year and much more.

My phone chirped at about 11 a.m. I was being summoned to the superintendent's office. No explanation was given. It was just a request to immediately leave my office and go to the main administration building. Naturally, I was curious. I grabbed my files so as to be ready for whatever the subject of this unplanned meeting was and I ran out the door.

I came in to grave faces. I was informed that one of my fellow directors, a young woman of 42 years old, had been found that morning in her apartment. Apparently, she passed away in the middle of the night.

In the blink of an eye, my day changed. I still had to get my work done but I now had to deal with a grieving staff. My administrative assistant was in tears. People were in shock. For the first time in over three years here, I had to change "hats." I switched from my weekly role of employee for the Board of Education and exercised my skills as a clergy and comfort them. Now that the day is done and my work has been completed, I realize that this is my first opportunity to deal with my own feelings of shock and sadness over a sweet, dear person who passed at a much too young age. It has given me another opportunity to take a step back and reflect on what is really important.

I once worked for a consulting firm in New Jersey. I had recently joined the firm and I asked for permission to work from home one morning. I informed the president of the company that I intended to take a few hours and attend my twin sons' Chanukah play (I think they were 4 or 5 at the time). The day after the play, I thanked him for allowing me the time. He responded with words I have

never forgotten:

"Menachem, don't you realize that this is all baloney? Important baloney, to be sure, but compared to what is really important, this is baloney."

It is so easy to get caught up in the day-to-day craziness and lose track of what life is truly about. I have become increasingly cognizant over the years of everything I missed when my kids were growing up. All those hours I worked in the office that perhaps I could have spent with them are hours I will never have back.

As we enter the High Holiday season this September, we have an opportunity to take stock of who we are, what we do and how well we allocate that most precious resource: time. We are not masters of the time we spend on this world, that is determined by the *Rebono Shel Olam* (Master of the World). During the *Mussaf* service on *Rosh Hashana* and *Yom Kippur*, we say:

"On *Rosh Hashana* their decree is inscribed, and on *Yom Kippur* it is sealed: how many will pass away and how many will be created, who will live and who will die;"

We know that the High Holiday season is when we are meant to look at where we are at and what we can do better. We are asked not only to look at how we can do better with *Hashem* but we must also look at how we can do better with each other. As the *Talmud* breaks it down, we have to review our actions *Bayn Adam LaMakom* (between man and G-d) and *Bayn Adam LaChaveiro* (between man and his fellow man).

I truly believe that G-d, who created us as we are with our strengths and weaknesses, stacks the deck in our favor. He wants us to have a good year. If that were not true, we could not call him *Hashem Hashem Kayl Rachum VeChanun* (G-d, G-d, Almighty who is merciful and gracious). Yet we do call him that because he is.



DER CHAZZAN'S
CH' MAREH

THE CANTOR'S CLOUD

(continued)

All he requires of us is that we make a good faith effort to better ourselves.

I cannot explain the phenomenon of death coming to someone so young. But I can take a lesson from it. Each day is a gift from *Hashem* and we should treat it as such. Yes, we have to work and pay bills, but we must do our best to make time for what is truly important in life: the ones we love.

As we go through this High Holiday season, let us resolve at least to make more time for those we love. When all is said and done, there is nothing more essential than that. Let us also resolve to be there for those in our families and our community. Let us spend more time improving ourselves by spending time with and helping others. Let us endeavor to help bring peace between parents and children, siblings, and friends where conflict may exist. These are truly worthwhile undertakings. The salaries gained from such activities may not increase our balance at the bank but it will increase our balance with *Hashem*. It will also give us happier and more fulfilled lives.

Chana and I wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. Or, more to the point, *Ah Kesiva Vachasima Tova!* May you all be inscribed and sealed in the book of life for the year 5779.

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*



ODE TO RED AVNER by Eileen Pollack

Dear Red,

It would be nice to have a plaque
There's so much we could say,
To share some simple sentiments
On this – your special day.

It seems like only yesterday
The years have surely flown,
We all set out together
For a journey yet unknown...

On Shabbos and on Yom Tov
And even weekdays too,
To welcome all to M.J.C.
We'd always count on you!

With Hebrew School, a helping hand
The building in your care,
The classrooms and my office too
For problems – you'd be there.

Now Shaarey Israel is the place
Our long-time friend you're here,
In shul that we can call our home
Like family – you're so dear.

We wish you lots of nachas and
Simchas may there be,
Continued health and "koach"
On your birthday 93!

Mazel Tov and Happy Birthday!
Eileen and Jeff Pollack
And Your Friends at C.S.I.



SISTERHOOD MESSAGE

President Audrey Meister

a Happy and Healthy New Year 5779 to my "sisters" and CSI family as we begin a New Year.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer, and are eagerly awaiting our Sisterhood agenda for this year. The Sisterhood officers are:

President: Audrey Meister
VP Fund Raising: Dale Smith
VP Programming: Elly Egenberg
VP Membership: Marcia Atkins
Corresponding Secretary: Eleanor Donath
Financial Secretary: Lois Price
Recording Secretary: Anita Finkelstein
Treasurer: Lois Bashoff
Parliamentarian: Barbara Weisel

Many exciting and informative programs are planned for the coming year. There will be many fundraising activities, where we can all socialize and have fun, while at the same time raise money for our wonderful Congregation. Look for the announcements in your e-mail and regular mail.

NOW IS THE TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES (\$36).

Remember our very special Paid-up Membership Dinner is coming in November. Lois Price will accept your checks or call the office if you use a credit card. As in all our past years, a great time is had by all who are eligible to attend.

Have you seen our gift shop lately? Louisa has done a magnificent job of stocking it and making it look beautiful. There are gift items, Judaica (mezuzahs, scrolls, yamulkas, tallis bags, tallis clips, woman's head coverings, and jewelry. There are sale days during the year. Check it out!

I would like to share with you my journey to becoming Sisterhood President. When my husband passed away, my son came to say Kaddish at CSI for the year. During that year I

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my son and his wife. We attended Shabbos services where we were greeted warmly and were made to feel welcome. This was a great comfort to us during a very hard year. I joined the Sisterhood and since then have made many new, dear, lifetime friends (BFF's). That is what Sisterhood is about. *WE SUPPORT CSI AND EACH OTHER!*

Board meetings are held the first Thursday of the month beginning at 7:30pm; and regular meetings are the second Thursday of the month. To repeat: Please send in your dues, attend our meetings, support our fundraisers, and one day YOU too might become President of the Sisterhood.

P.S. A shout out to our wonderful editor of the Scroll Roberta Lieman.

If you have something you would like to add to the Sisterhood Scroll section please email me at ameister@verizon.net or telephone me at 845-357-0824.



THE MEN'S CLUB MESSAGE...

Mark Pfeffer

**CSI Men's Club
wishes all a
Healthy,
Happy,
Peaceful**



**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.



**Special prayer service for family & friends
of our dear departed**

**Gates of Zion
Saddle River Road
Sunday, September 2, 2018
10:30 – 11:30 am**

**Prayers to be conducted by
Rabbi Elchanan Weinbach**



**It is time again to order your
lulav and esrog for Sukkot!**

Deadline: September 12, 2018

**Please bring/send your order*
along with your check for \$55 payable to
Congregation Shaarey Israel
and be earmarked "lulav/esrog".**

***all orders must be prepaid**

**MEN'S CLUB
CALENDAR SWEEPSTAKE WINNERS
June**

| Date | Name | No. | Amount |
|------|----------------------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Marsha & Gary Forman | 25 | \$20 |
| 3 | Barbara Weisel | 193 | 23 |
| 4 | Don Rodrigues, Jr | 200 | 18 |
| 5 | Barry Haberman | 250 | 18 |
| 6 | Sue Ellen Lieman | 176 | 18 |
| 7 | Sandra Pfeffer | 206 | 14 |
| 8 | David Stein | 4 | 20 |
| 10 | Herman Berzon | 76 | 14 |
| 11 | William Weissman | 191 | 14 |
| 12 | Morty Julius | 215 | 23 |
| 13 | Joseph Moskovic | 230 | 18 |
| 14 | Ira Pfeffer | 210 | 14 |
| 15 | Chrystie Solis | 211 | 18 |
| 17 | Loretta Burton | 169 | 14 |
| 18 | Sheila Goldman | 111 | 20 |
| 19 | Eric Lieman | 174 | 18 |
| 20 | Sandy Fried | 127 | 14 |
| 21 | Judith Goldberg | 147 | 20 |
| 22 | Jack & Deborah Perel | 129 | 27 |
| 24 | Grace Zechnowitz | 153 | 14 |
| 25 | Cameron James Donath | 157 | 14 |
| 26 | Sam Samuels | 184 | 23 |
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led by Karin Sach



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Rabbi's article continued

they would think that that was as incredible and improbable as a three-year-old taking digital photos.

This is the time of year for a return of the Judaism natives. We will gather for holiday services and remember who we are and where we are from. As the shofar sounds, as the Chazzan intones *kol nidre* and as we recite *shema yisroel* at the end of Yom Kippur, we will be drawn back to who we are naturally--Jews committed to the service of G-d in the world, the observance of our commitments and traditions, and to the Jewish future. In the weeks ahead let us come together and do the amazing things that we native Jews do to bring in a New Year of Health, Blessings and Success.



Minyons

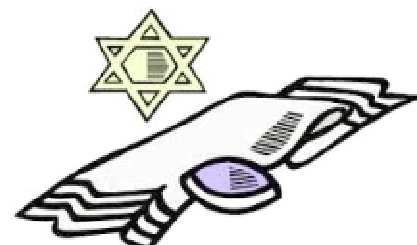
Weekday evenings: Sunday-Thursday: 8 pm

Weekday mornings: Monday & Thursday:
7:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:10 am

Sunday mornings: 9 am

Friday evenings: 6:30 pm



2018 HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES 5779

Selichos Services

Saturday night, September 1st - at midnight, until approx. 1:00 a.m. The program will begin at approx. 8:30 p.m. followed by a discussion and light refreshments. Dressing of the Torahs at 11:30 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Candlelighting

Sunday, September 9 6:58 p.m.
Monday, September 21 not before 7:56 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Days

Monday & Tuesday, September 10 & 11

Services Start 8:00 a.m.
Torah Reading 9:15 a.m.
Sermon 10:00 a.m.
Shofar 10:15 a.m.
Musaf 10:45 a.m.
Conclusion 1:00 p.m.
Tashlich, Monday, September 10 6:00 p.m.

Mincha

Sunday, Monday & Tuesday
September 9, 10 & 11 6:50 p.m.

Yom Kippur Candlelighting

Tuesday, September 18 6:41 p.m.

Mincha & Kol Nidre

Tuesday, September 18 6:15 p.m.
Kol Nidre 6:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur--Wednesday, September 19

Services Begin 9:00 a.m.
Torah Reading 11:00 a.m.
Sermon 11:30 a.m.
Yizkor 11:45 a.m.
Musaf 12:15 p.m.
Recess 3:00 p.m.
Mincha 5:00 p.m.
Neilah 6:10 p.m.
Conclusion & Shofar 7:40 p.m.

Followed by Maariv and Kiddush Levana

Please note: All times are approximate. The tallis is worn on Rosh Hashanah mornings, Kol Nidre evening, and all day Yom Kippur. We only have a limited number, if you have your own, please bring it.

Sukkot

Mincha Services

Sunday, September 23 6:30 p.m.
Monday & Tuesday
September 24 & 25 6:15 p.m.

Candlelighting-

Sunday, September 23 6:38 p.m.
Monday, September 24 not before 7:40 p.m.
Sunday, September 30 6:22 p.m.
Monday, October 1 not before 7:22 p.m.

Sukkot Daily Services

Monday & Tuesday, September 24 & 25
8:45 a.m.

Hoshanah Rabah

Sunday, September 30 9:00 a.m.
A very unique service. *In addition to lulav & esrog, we also use "hoshanos" (willow branches). The sanctuary is circled seven times.*

Shemini Atzeret

Sunday & Monday, September 30 & October 1
6:00 p.m.
Monday, October 1 8:45 a.m.
Yizkor, Monday, October 1 approx 10:45 a.m.

Simchat Torah

Monday, October 1 - Mincha 6:00 p.m.
Maariv 6:40 p.m.
Simchat Torah Party & distribution of flags -
6:45 p.m.
Tuesday, October 2 - services at 8:45 a.m.
Special Cholent Kiddush - approx. 12:30 p.m.
Mincha 6:20 p.m.

"If one has never seen a Simchat Torah day Service and Kiddush, then you have never seen real joy."



CHAI LIGHTS

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ryan Amona
Nikki Bezborodko
Gilam Choclin
Shawn Gombas



Welcome to our New Members...

Sheryl Wilensky
Albert & Evelyn Weber

Mazel Tov on the Birth of...

Rabbi and Leah Chanofsky's great-grandson
Louisa DePaola and Cheryl Glatt's grandson, Leo Richard Walter



Thank You...

Thank you for all the support offered to us and the generous donations made in memory of our mother and your congregant, Stella Wolper.

Ivy Hoberman
Aileen Zeiger
Alan Wolper

Thank you to C.S.I. Men's Club and the Forever Young Seniors Club for the Keurig Coffee Maker in the office.

Peggy, Jennifer, Chanel & Edwin

I would like to thank all the well-wishers who called and/or visited me during my recent convalescence, and I also wish to thank all those who made contributions to the shul for my recuperation.

Al Bernstein

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8 Stanley & Sheila Solomon
11 Mark Weinstein &
Alice Geisinger
12 Eric & Michele Dubbs
15 Jack & Marilyn Schiffman
22 Herman & Paula Berzon
23 Dr. Roman & Naira Izamailov
23 Irwin & Judith Silberman



Mazel Tov on the Engagement of...

Joyce Trubitz's daughter, Michelle to Jay Green.

Mazel Tov on the Marriage of...

Brenda and Martin Bell on the marriage of their son, Gary to Jessica Long.
Sheri and Danny Kwilecki on the marriage of their son, Joshua to Michelle Lubetzki.
Chanel and Edwin.

Mazel Tov to...

Esther and Marty Ingber on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Conner Louis Ingber.

CONGRATS TO THE GRADS!!!

Julianne Harbus, granddaughter of Pearl and Lenny Harbus moved up from Lenape Meadow Elementary School to the 4th grade in Joyce Kilmer Middle School in Mahwah, NJ.

Aimee Lieman, granddaughter of Roberta and Marvin Lieman, moved up from Milnes Elementary School to the 6th grade in Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Fair Lawn, NJ.

Congregant of the Month
Jonathan Meister: A Man of Many Parts
by Julie Feldman

Jonathan Meister, our current synagogue President, hides a lot underneath his buttoned-down, lawyerly exterior. A graduate of Suffern High School, Pennsylvania University and Albany Law School, he works for a Manhattan law firm that specializes in medical malpractice defense. During his school years, he was involved in a variety of groups, where he developed his organizational and leadership skills, learned how large volunteer groups functioned and how to work effectively toward goals with others. He has had a lot of leadership training and has developed the ability to multi-task effectively. He and his family joined Congregation Shaarey Israel five years ago after his father passed away and Jonathan needed to find a minyon for Kaddish. Jonathan's father was a rabbi and a friend of Rabbi and Leah Chanofsky, Jonathan got his school supplies at Sam Bradin's "Toy Box" and his parents knew many of the synagogue members. We spoke over several evenings and below is a condensed version of my questions and Jonathan's answers.

JF: What made you decide to become a lawyer?

JM: My father was a Rabbi and a chaplain for the Holland America line, (which was where I first developed a passion for travel), and also a professional speaker. This was my introduction into public speaking, obviously a necessary skill for a litigator. Although there was some talk of me also going into the rabbinate or into medicine, I found myself drawn to law. It was a popular field at the time, and I'd read a lot about it. Later, in my first position, I got involved with medical malpractice law and liked it.

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

JM: I would have become an airline pilot!

JF: What are your hobbies?

JM: I love to travel and we go to Israel at least once a year, as well as other places. I also like to read when I get the chance.

JF: If money were not an object, what would you do?

JM: I'd probably do more traveling and volunteering. It would be great to have homes in various countries, especially in Israel, and a place in New York City and up in Massachusetts.

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

JM: It would probably be Israel, 1948, as a

pioneer, to be part of the founding and building of the nation. My family and I have very strong connections with Israel with a lot of friends and relatives there and I have always been impressed with the sacrifices and lives of that generation.

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

JM: It's important to be respectful of all people.

JF: What is the one thing about you that would surprise people?

JM: I'm more social and more relaxed than people think. I'm much more approachable. When I'm not working or not "being President", I like to be with friends, relax and enjoy the times.

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

JM: This congregation is special and welcoming, but it can't remain static. We have to adapt to the realities that we, and other organized religious institutions face. My goal is to plan how to insure the ongoing functioning, future and life of our congregation. I want to assure the congregation that the future is not being ignored. Stability is primary and we now have a base on which to build with the integration of Rabbi and Yocheved Weinbach into our congregational family. We are facing massive demographic issues that will pit the old vs. the new ways. We have to do that with the respect deserved by all those involved.

THINK ABOUT THESE...

Lexophile describes those who have a love for words, such as "you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish" or "To write with a broken pencil is pointless".

An annual competition is held by the *New York Times* to see who can create the best original lexophile. Here are some of the entries:

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

Did you hear about the crossed-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

When chemists die, they barium.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.

This girl today said she recognized me from the Vegetarians Club, but I'd swear I've never met herbivore.

I know a guy who's addicted to drinking brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.

I got some batteries that were given out free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

A will is a dead giveaway.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

Police were summoned to a daycare center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.

A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine last week is now fully recovered.

He had a photographic memory but it was never fully developed.

When she saw her first strands of gray hair she thought she'd dye.

Acupuncture is a job well done. That's the point of it.

Those who get too big for their pants will be totally exposed in the end.





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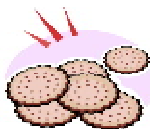


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