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Depending on when you are reading this, today is such and such day in the counting of the Omer. Beginning the second night of Passover we count 49 days, seven complete weeks, thereby connecting our freedom from Egyptian slavery to our responsibilities for the Torah we received on Shavuot. While counting seven weeks seems straightforward enough, the Torah confuses matters when it tells us that the total count is 50 days.

The Nesivos Shalom, an Israeli Hasidic leader of the second half of the 20th century, presents an intriguing explanation. Although we count 49 days, the process of our spiritual elevation from slavery in Egypt to receiving the Torah was a 50 day process.

I am reminded of a science experiment from the seventh grade. We were to submerge the lower half of a fruit pit in water and then observe on a daily basis for the next two weeks whatever growth we could detect. Day one, a bit of fuzz. Day two, more fuzz. Day three, a small shoot descends from the pit! And so on and so forth (until I mistakenly left my plant at the bottom of the classroom closet for Passover vacation, resulting in a failed experiment and a failing grade (but I am over that now)).

Looking back on the catastrophic end of my career as a botanist I realize that even before recording whatever growth I witnessed on day one, the experiment had already begun. The first day of the experiment was the moment the seed was placed in the water, before any growth was evident. Although there was no apparent growth on that

day, creating the conditions for future growth was already an accomplishment.

This is what is meant by 50 days of counting. While for seven weeks we progressed daily from physical and spiritual enslavement to being the chosen people, we cannot ever forget the day we left Egypt - the first day of Passover which is not part of the counting of the Omer - for it is that day on which the conditions for our future growth were set.

Respectfully Yours...

from the desk of

Rabbi Weinbach

Building From The Invisible

In our own lives each of us have times when we know we need to change, although often we become discouraged because we do not yet see any growth. We do well to learn the lesson of the invisible 50th day. Even though we do not yet see change the mere impulse to improve, to grow and to refresh

ourselves is in and of itself valuable and part of the change. All of our future improvement is based upon that invisible impulse, one which we cannot quantify easily as we track our progress but which is nonetheless essential.

As we each move from the physical freedom and potential opportunity granted to us on Passover to the spiritual freedom and elevation embodied in our Torah which we will once again receive on Shavuot, let us value even those fleeting moments when we aspire to be better persons and better Jews, and build upon them.



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MAY 2017

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26	8:00	9:05

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From the Editor's Desk...

It's time to *kvell*...As is tradition, the June issue of *The Scroll* lists

information about your graduates--children or grandchildren. I ask that you send in the info to me (preferably via e-mail to:

roberta@theliemans.com)

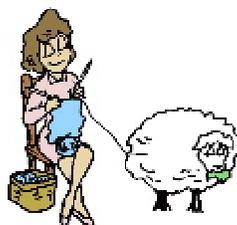
for publication in the June/Summer issue*. It's that time of the year when it is okay to "brag a little."

In my way of thinking a graduate is one finishing pre-K on up through post-graduate studies. Why shouldn't we get to "kvell" a little? If you have additional info, i.e. the next school he will be attending or the job in his future I will include that as well.

Mazel tov in advance to all the graduates, their parents, the bubbies and zadies!

**Being next month's issue is the last until September (articles due August 10th) I will hold any info too late for the June/Summer issue and publish it in the September issue.*

SHALOM



Roberta



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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Bill Bradin

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

We are coming off of a very successful Passover and fabulous 2nd Pesach Seder. Thank you Cantor Menachem & Chana Bazian for leading us in our 6th Annual Seder. Many thanks to all who made this memorable event as nice as it was.

We had 60 people signed up, and this was the best one yet. The Social Hall was set up very festively, and I am sure that everyone had a wonderful Seder. If you did not attend this Seder, there is always next year's.

Spring is finally here. It is good to welcome back our snowbirds. The pews are starting to fill a bit more. It is good to see you. You were really missed.

Also, customary in spring, there is a rebirth that takes place all around. Mazal Tov to: Lewis Glantz and Mara Lewin on the birth of a new grandson in Jerusalem, Israel. Jack & Deborah Perel on the birth of a new grandson. May you enjoy much nachat from the new additions to your families!

Our shul has so many unsung heroes. They go about doing their business quietly and never seem to ask for any kind of recognition. This is a wonderful opportunity to show them a bit of *Hakarot HaTov*.

Every day, 365 days a year, Congregation Shaarey Israel has daily Minyanim; twice a day. Our loyal congregants show up to make sure that these Minyanim happen. On occasion, there is a need to reach out to others to complete the Minyan. These gentlemen have built a comradery amongst themselves. It is so pleasing to see. This makes it easy for the occasional person who has to say Kaddish to come and have a place to daven. This cannot nor should be taken for granted. Our Minyanaires are part of our vast array of unsung heroes in our shul. The good that you do for us all does not go unnoticed.

On too many occasions, there is a need for Shiva Minyanim at the homes of the bereaved members of our community. In tandem with Rabbi Weinbach, these wonderful people show up complete the task at hand and later drive off into the sunset until needed the next time. On numerous occasions; including the time when we were in-between Rabbis, there are those who when called upon, come out to lead the evening Minyanim in the mourners' homes. The good that you do for us all does not go unnoticed.

On Shabbatot and Chagim, there are beautiful kiddushes prepared for us to enjoy. There are those who come religiously to cook and make the food that we all love to eat. Members of our shul family plan their weeks around their Thursday evenings. Our Kiddushaires are part of our unsung heroes. The good that you do for us all does not go unnoticed (especially around our waistlines).

On Tuesday nights, a dedicated troupe of dancers converge on our shul and have such a wonderful time together. People inherently do not know how to dance. The good that you all do for us all does not go unnoticed.

Our shul has a dedicated group of friends that come together each Shabbat to study and grow together. This has been happening for years and has become part of the tradition of Shaarey Israel. The good that you do for each other and for us all does not go unnoticed.

Coordination and preparation of our bi-weekly cholents does not happen from thin air. Making sure that they happen as needed, is not an easy task. These after Kiddush learning and eating sessions are enjoyed by many. The good that you do for us all does not go unnoticed.

On many occasions, our facility does not lie idle. Our shul is rented out and brings in a nice revenue to our Congregation. In most cases, there is NO disruption to our daily shul life. This involves time, coordination, and cooperation. The good that you do for our shul does not go unnoticed.

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THE CANTOR'S CLOUD by Cantor Menachem Bazian The Dirty Dozen



In case you haven't picked up on it, all the titles of my articles this year have been movie titles. Specifically, movies that were at least nominated for an Academy Award. I chose movies where the title or the content of the movie would somehow be relevant to that month's article. It's been fun.

This month's selected movie is relevant both as to content and title.

If you haven't seen it, **The Dirty Dozen** is a star studded 1967 war film in which a group of condemned prisoners are recruited for a high risk mission from which most will not return. It's a group of misfits who have no group dynamic. The movie chronicles the group and how they mold into a team and ultimately carry out their mission.

The content is relevant because it is a story of individuals who, in some cases, hate each other and come together to fight the enemy.

My dad of blessed memory fought the Nazis in World War II as a member of the Russian army. He fought with distinction and received at least two awards for bravery that I know of. After the war, he escaped Stalin's communist tyranny and made it to the USA where he built a family and a life that today numbers over 100 descendants (*kinehora*). He came to fiercely love this country and the freedoms he had finally acquired when he moved here. He, like so many of us, knew what it was like to fight and live under the terrible boot of hatred and totalitarianism.

In my more than half-century of life, I have encountered anti-semitism here in the United States. I can distinctly recall coming home from school or work late at night via the New York City subway system and being regaled with various epithets against my obvious religious allegiance. My reaction then was typically to smile, wave and say "Thanks!"

back at them mostly because I refused to allow those, I'll just say "individuals", to get to me. I have heard of many other instances of anti-semitism here in the US over the years. I mention this only to say that I am no pollyanna on this subject. I would like to think that I know what the reality is.

Yet, I have never, ever, experienced anti-semitism in the political arena. I have never directly seen a candidate campaign on anti-Jewish rhetoric. That is, until now.

In my community, there is a candidate running for mayor. His primary means of communication with his followers has been with his Facebook page. On that page, he has shared articles designed to show that Jews can and have to be fought. That is the essence of his campaign. For example, there were a few building fires in town. He shared a blog post on his wall that, was entitled "Passaic Apartment Inferno May be Linked to Bribes to City Officials." In part, the article said:

Passaic residents know all too well that the city's Jewish landlords and developers have long bribed public officials in the city to look the other way when it comes to building code violations and safety risks. Sadly, the city's largely Hispanic, African-American, and Indian-American communities have become victimized by this corruption with building after building being destroyed by fires and poor housing conditions.

I will leave out the fact that it has been established that the building was not Jewish owned and that the article admitted that the cause of the fires had not been determined. The article, which included a picture of several *yarmulke* wearing Jews under the title, could

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THE CANTOR'S CLOUD *(continued)*

have been taken out of an issue of *Der Stürmer*.

I saw this post, and others, and was shocked and infuriated. I decided to take action and have been very involved in the campaign which I hope will soundly defeat this hatemonger. I was also reminded of a crucial fact. We may never be complacent.

We are now in the period between Passover and Shavuot known as *Sefirat HaOmer* or "The Counting of the Omer." Each night, for 49 days, we say a blessing and count. During this period, many Jews, including myself, observe some customs of mourning to remember 24,000 students of Rabbi Akiva who died during this time because, as the Talmud tells us, "They did not show proper respect for each other." The purpose of the mourning is not to feel sad over what happened but to remind us that we have to work hard not to repeat their mistakes.

In many ways, we Jews are analogous to the Dirty Dozen. We are a single group of people who act as if we are many groups. Yet, in order to accomplish our mission of national survival, we must find a way to live and be together as a team. I am aware of the differences that divide us. I know how some of our coreligionists choose not to look upon others with respect. I have heard the tales of contempt, rocks thrown at cars and the like. These are serious issues and I will not minimize them.

But, we are all missing something really basic. During the Holocaust, it didn't matter whether a Jew was religious or secular, the fires claimed all with the same finality. Our mission is one of national survival and it is ever more difficult to accomplish with the differences that we allow to divide us.

I know the indignities we suffer at the hands of others of our faith. It has happened to all of us, regardless of our level of observance. I plead

that each and every one of us does what I did on the subways. Smile. Let it run off your back. We cannot be responsible for the actions of others nor can we control them. But we can control ourselves. If we make the effort to pursue *achdut*, unity, among Hashem's chosen people, we will have done our part.

When the *Kohanim* bless the people, the blessing they utter is:

May Hashem bless you and guard you.

May Hashem make His face shed light upon you and be gracious unto you.

May Hashem lift up His face unto you and give you peace.

The last blessing, the most important one, is one that we so desperately need and we will never truly achieve it without peace amongst ourselves.

On *Shavuot* we celebrate *Hashem's* great gift that made the Jewish people a nation that has survived for thousands of years while all those who oppressed us have gone on to the ash heap of history: The *Torah*.

As a *Kohen*, the *Mitzvah* of blessing the people, all of *Hashem's* people, is very dear to me. May *Hashem* only protect his people, and give them strength and peace.

May you merit to receive the *Torah* with love
--Traditional Shavuot Greeting.

Chana and I wish you all a great Shavuot!

Note: *The opinions expressed in this article are mine and mine alone. Have a comment? Disagree with me? Please let me know. You can email me at njChazzan@gmail.com.*

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SISTERHOOD MESSAGE
 In the Lovely Month of May
 Julie Feldman, President

This is my favorite time of year; the sun is out, the flowers and the trees are starting to bloom and the songbirds are back. The winter doldrums are behind us now and more and more activities are available. It won't be too long before its time to pack the bathing suit, sandals and towels and head for the beach.

Sisterhood is heading into the homestretch for this year. Our 2017-2018 slate of officers and trustees will be presented to the general Sisterhood membership and elected this month. We will hold our **installation on Thursday, June 8th at 7:30 pm** and all are invited to attend. It is a lovely ceremony as we thank our past officers and install the new board.

Still in May, we will be having our **clothing drive**, again headed by Evie Maher in conjunction with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Bergen County. They pay us by the pound for our old clothes, linens and books. It's surprising how quickly those pounds (and pennies) add up. Please bring clothes and linens packed in a kitchen-container sized bag. Books must be in boxes. They can be dropped off at the synagogue on **May 7th**. The Fundraising Committee has prepared donation letters for your taxes if your total donation is less than \$250. If you donate more than that amount, please speak with your tax advisor.

The synagogue logo tee shirts have been ordered and will be delivered in the next month or so. Additional tee shirts will be available in the gift shop. This is a perfect item for the summer weather, and don't forget to order some for kids and grandkids going to camp!

We are planning for Bingo, a movie night and a department store discount for the summer months. Keep tuned for more information.

And looking toward the autumn, we will offer our usual High Holiday Flowers and New Year's Greetings.

Lastly, don't forget about the Gift Shop. Not only do we have Judaica and jewelry, we have lovely hostess gifts at great prices. You can find the perfect item to bring with you when you go visiting this summer!



WHO'S WHO IN SISTERHOOD
 2016-2017

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

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President	Julie Feldman
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Vice Pres., Membership	Evie Maher
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CSI HEBREW SCHOOL

Danielle Maroff, Educational Director

Yom Ha'atzmaut is the National Independence Day of Israel, remembering when David Ben Gurion publicly read the Proclamation of the establishment of the State of Israel.

We celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut in Hebrew school and talked about Yom Hazikaron and the profound significance it has on us as Jews and in keeping the memories of the fallen soldiers. The students discussed the history of the state of Israel in class and learned that Israelis owe their independence and their very existence of the state to the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for it. Moreover, they read about important Israeli personalities and the latest and greatest technology created in Israel and the significant impact it has over the shaping of Israel today.



SISTERHOOD OF CONGREGATION SHAAREY ISRAEL



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

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Name(s)

Address

Phone Number(s)

What activity you need a ride for

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

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

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

THE MEN'S CLUB MESSAGE...

Mark Pfeffer

Happily the glorious spring days have arrived, and all the hard work and preparation for Passover is behind us. The Men's Club would like to thank the hard-working ladies and men who got up exceedingly early to cut bagels and set out food to help prepare the Siyum the morning of the first Seder. The Men's Club paid for and sponsored the Siyum for the entire congregation. Thank you Red Avner, Marv Lieman, Joyce Trubitz, Sandy Fried, Alan Tokarsky, and Steve Herbst. The extra unused food which was not Kosher for Passover, was donated to Meals On Wheels. They appreciated our kindness. Men's Club recognizes that your dedication and hard work is appreciated.

Another difficult job that often goes unrecognized is how hard it is to distribute and remind everyone of the necessity of picking up Yom HaShoah Yellow Memorial Candles. If you received a candle please, honor those six million souls who gave up their lives, and recall their martyrdom, by making good on your pledge and sending in your eighteen dollar (or more) donation. We thank the Men's Club members who worked hard to remind and distribute the candles. We especially thank Bob Leifer, for his hard work; thank you for your support of this worthwhile cause.

At this very moment the Men's Club members are working hard to put together an outstanding Mother's Day Program for all mother's, and their children in the congregation. We invite you to our **Annual Mother's Day Breakfast** which will be held on **Mother's Day, May 14th**. The entertainment this year is geared more for the families, so bring your children and grandchildren to enjoy a wonderful event. As

always, a superb breakfast is planned for everyone's enjoyment. So everyone, make your plans to join us for this spectacular event as we pay honor to all of the mother's in our congregation. Don't miss it.

As the days warm up to summer months, the Men's Club is working along with the Sisterhood, to put together a **Movie Night, Under The Stars**. We plan to rent a feature film, and have a night of food, fun, and film, to liven up our summer evening. Look for that upcoming event for the near future. Also this summer we hope to take our families to see the **Rockland Boulders** play a baseball game. It will be a wonderful evening of fun. We are hard at work planning for the fall season. A few years ago we had a very successful **Klezmer Band** entertain us with a concert. That was the most spectacular evening of fun, outside of the **Journal Dinner Dance**, that we've had in many years. This autumn be on the lookout for a repeat of the outstanding night of Klezmer music that people have been talking about repeatedly. You'll definitely want to be a part of that evening. By the way, the Journal Dinner is just around the corner, on June 11th...it's an event not to be missed

We want to insure you'll have many activities, to attend, participate in, and enjoy. So come down to the Men's Club meetings to help plan out these upcoming events. The meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month, so come down to share your ideas. We also need you to step up and pay your Membership Dues which are just \$36.00. The money we raise helps pay for many worthwhile projects we undertake as a Men's Club.



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שבועות
SHAVUOT

THE ALEPH BETs OF HEBREW by Bill Bradin

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

Let's take a look at the expression, **Hakarat HaTov**. We use this expression very often and is a basic theme in Judaism. The meaning of **Hakarat HaTov** is to recognize the good that one does. It does not necessarily apply just to the good things that one does specifically to you, but rather, the good that one does in general.

In Hebrew, **Hakarat HaTov** falls into the category of what is known as a **smichoot**. A **smichoot** is two nouns working together as one. It works a bit differently than the regular nouns in the Hebrew language. The same exists in English as well; for example "name recognition". Here each noun can stand independently; however, when they come together, they refer to something very specific.

Hakara is derived from the verb **lihakir**. **Lihakir** means "to be familiar with", "to be acquainted with", and even "to recognize". **Hakara** standing by itself; means "consciousness" or "awareness".

The root of **hakara** is (*noon-kaf-resh*). There are a number of verbs in Hebrew that may appear to have only two letters. That is not the case here. The *noon* drops off, but will appear in different forms of the word at different times.

Tov is easy. It is used in many ways and can act as a noun, adjective and an adverb as well. The most common form of **tov** is in **mazal**

tov. In this case, **tov** is an adjective and modifies the kind of **mazal** that one wishes others.

When the two words come together, **Hakara** and **Tov**, it takes on an entirely new meaning. Grammatically, in instances, where the 1st of the two nouns is feminine (*as hakara is*), the **heh** at the end of the word drops and is replaced by a **taf**. The explanation for this is so there is a better and easier flow in the pronunciation of these two nouns together. The gender of the **smichoot** is determined by the 1st of the two nouns. If an article, such as "the" is applied, it falls on the 2nd of the two nouns.

Hakara(t) (Ha)Tov

It is extremely import to recognize the good that one does to you and to others as well. This is one of the basic tenets of Judaism. If one acknowledges the good that another does, it makes it so much easier to reciprocate. Even in cases when one is on the outs with another, that does NOT erase nor take away from all the good that they did or previously did. As difficult as it sometimes may be, there is always a need to step back, evaluate the situation, and proceed forward through

Lihakir BaTov

that one does and act accordingly. And that my friends in a nutshell is:

Hakarat HaTov.



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7:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:10 am

Sunday mornings: 9 am

Friday evenings: 6:30 pm



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Sunday June 4
10 Sivan 5777

Congregation Shaarey Israel will once again march up 5th Avenue in celebration of our State of Israel on Sunday, June 4.

Save the date! More details to follow. Let's strive for 100% participation. Call the Shaarey Israel office at (845) 369-0300 to reserve your spots.

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April Calendar Sweepstakes Winners

These are the winners for **April 2017**. You can still join. Drawings through June. Remember...*you gotta be in it to win it!*

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21	3 Paul & Sandra Chaitin	20
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The Gates of Zion Cemetery is a successful wing of our shul. Endless hours of hard work and love make our cemetery a place that people are "dying to get into". You may be far from the eye, but not far from the heart. Thank you for the meticulous job that you do. The good that you do for us all does not go unnoticed.

Our Men's Club and Sisterhood work tirelessly around the clock and throughout the year to provide us with quality programming and to help many of us fulfill some of our ritual and religious requirements are such an integral part of our shul life. The good that you do for us all does not go unnoticed.

Program flyers in our in-shul distribution and on the tables for all to take and see, do not happen by themselves. It involves time and imagination to produce such high quality work. The flyers that are produced are like a good wine and get better with time. You know who you are. The good that you do for us all does not go unnoticed.

As the week draws to an end, and we look forward to a little R & R, that is not true for those who coordinate and run the Shabbat and Festival Services. They run like a well-oiled machine. Then there are those who daven on our behalf and sing the Haftarat. A person is not born knowing how to do this, so...there have to be those who teach and prepare our fellow congregants behind the scenes. Thank you for all that you do.

There is not always time to acknowledge the devotion and professionalism that takes place in both the sanctuary and on the Bima. The good that you do for us all does not go unnoticed.

Most of all, for all those who come to shul, attend the shul events, and participate in what our community has to offer. You too are our unsung heroes. The good that you do for us all does not go unnoticed.

Then there is **The Scroll**. It comes out on a timely basis each and every month. It is a challenging task to make sure that the articles are collected laid out properly. **The Scroll** is a publication that we are very proud of. The good that you do for us all does not go unnoticed.

The list can go on and on and make this article like "The Song That Doesn't End" and simply does not end.

Our unsung heroes, make Congregation Shaarey Israel the great shul that it is.



SCHEDULE OF SHAYUOT SERVICES

Tuesday, May 30th

Candlelighting not before 8:02 pm

Mincha at 8:00 pm

8:15-9:00 pm Rabbi's Class

"The 50th Day Of The Omer"

Davening at 9:00 pm

Dairy Meal* at 9:15 pm

**(Please RSVP to the office if you are planning on attending the dairy meal)*

Wednesday & Thursday, May 31 & June 1

Services At 8:45 am

Services At 8:00 pm. Mincha followed by Mariv
Candlelighting Wednesday, May 31 not before
9:03 pm

Thursday, June 1 – Yiskor, approx. 10:30 am

Holiday ends at 9:02 pm

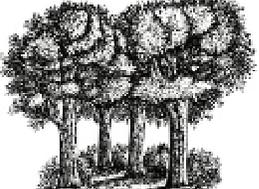
Sisterhood Wishing Well



Sisterhood gathers women's toiletries for gift baskets for the Center for Safety & Change



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

<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>
	<p><u>Kaddish</u> The Rabbi & minyonaires will say yearly Kaddish for members & and non-members. Contributions are made payable to: <i>Congregation Shaarey Israel</i>. Call the office, 369-0300.</p>	<p><u>Forever Young Seniors</u> Meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at CSI. Call Barbara Kleinman 352-0315</p> 	 <p>Coupons from General Mills products can be redeemed for money and used to purchase supplies for our school. Bring coupons to CSI office</p>
<p><u>Dedication Opportunities</u> Available in honor of/in memory of a loved one. Contact Stacie Podos, Red Avner, Jules Stern or Gary Forman for information on what is currently available.</p>	 <p><u>Anniversary Shabbat</u> May 5</p>	<p><u>College Students</u> Please call the office with the names and addresses of your college students so that Sisterhood can send them The Scroll and packages for the holidays.</p>	
<p><u>Donor Cards</u> 3 cards for \$10 or one to be mailed for \$4/card Call Esther Ingber 845-354-3787</p> 	<p><u>Gift Shop</u> Call Louisa DePaola 533-4069 for your gift-giving</p> 	 <p><u>Gates of Zion Cemetery</u> 845-352-3102 gatesofzioncemetery@gmail.com</p>	<p><u>JNF Trees</u> \$12/tree Mail checks (payable to CSI) with all info to: Roberta Lieman 4312 Warrens Way Wanaque, NJ 07465 973-706-5176</p>
<p><u>Update your aliyah card info</u> Contact the office with up-dates</p>	<p><u>Going Green</u> In an effort to reduce costs and save the environment, CSI will be reducing the number of mailings. If you have e-mail, please notify the office to receive flyers on line. Only those without e-mail will receive "regular" mail.</p> 		 <p>CSI office 845-369-0300 <u>CSI website:</u> shaareyisraelrockland.org</p> <p style="text-align: right;">The Scroll...13</p>

CHAT LITES

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

1 Arie & Deanna Simon
11 Sy & Mimi Marenberg
21 Dr. Bill & Ann Klein
23 Dr. Don & Carol Trager
27 Harry & Sybil Scheiner
29 Marsel & Tamar Amona
29 Marty & Jodi Goldberg
29 Jeffrey & Nina Nulman
30 Paul & Eleanor Donath
30 David & Shayna Gombas



MAY BIRTHDAYS

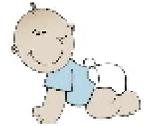
Nitzan Bradin
Jordan Dubbs
Randi Frankel
Arielle Goldberg
Riva Goldberg
Scott Goldberg
Ian Greenberg



Leonard Kahn
Erika Klein
Evan Kwilecki
Benjamin Tokarski
Ryan Tokarski
Eliana Weinfeld

MAZEL TOV ON THE BIRTH OF...

Lew Glantz & Mara Lewin's grandson,
Moshe Glantz in Jerusalem, Israel
Jack & Deborah Perel's grandson



MAZEL TOV ON THE ENGAGEMENT OF...

Mara Lewin & Lew Glantz on the engagement
of her daughter, Adena to Neil Berrenholz

MAZEL TOV ON THE MARRIAGE OF...

Evie Maher's daughter

MAZEL TOV TO...

Esther and Marty Ingber on the Bar Mitzvah of
their grandson, Matthew Logan Ingber
which was held on May 6th.
Loretta & Bob Burton on their 65th Wedding
Anniversary.
Ya'acov & Christel Katz on the Bar Mitzvah of
their grandson, Jayden Tyler which was held
on April 22.

Minyons



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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS...

Pablo & Carolina Choclin and their children
Elias, Yonatan, Gilam

Condolences to...

The family of Paul Lewis, our former member

Congregation Shaarey Israel
Sisterhood
 Invites you to hear
Registered Dietician Mary Manning
Thursday May 11, 2017 at 7:30 pm

Lose weight
Portion control on the plate
Eat healthier
Learn how to
Answer your questions
Seasonal cooking

Please RSVP to
Sandra Chaitin (845) 727-4199

Lite refreshments served

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

I had amnesia once -- or twice.

Protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.

I am neither for nor against apathy.

All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy.

If the world were a logical place, men would be the ones who ride horses sidesaddle.

What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?

They told me I was gullible and I believed them.

Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home, and when he grows up, he'll never be able to merge his car onto the freeway.

Experience is the thing you have left when everything else is gone.

One nice thing about egotists ... they don't talk about other people.

My weight is perfect for my height ... which varies.

I used to be indecisive. Now, I'm not sure.

The cost of living hasn't affected its popularity.

How can there be self-help groups?

Show me a man with both feet firmly on the ground, and I'll show you a man who can't get his pants off.

Is it just me, or do buffalo wings taste like chicken?

Magic
comes to Congregation Shaarey Israel
 Featuring Magician Mark Spencer Goldstein
 Join us in the Men's Club
Annual Mother's Day Breakfast
Our Mother's Day treat,
is a fun filled family show.

On May 14, 2017 at 10:00 am

Gala Breakfast
Audience participation

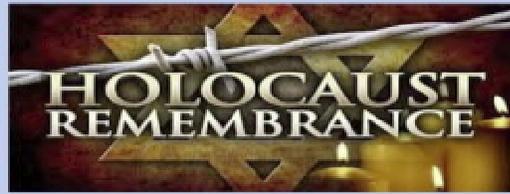
Mark Spencer Goldstein
 delights young and old alike with
 feats of prestigitation, stilt walking,
 balloon sculpture, fire eating
 and more...

Science & Magic
Please RSVP now and save money

Cost - \$10 per person, (by May 8), Children under 6 Free
 Cost at door- \$13 per person, Children under 6 Free

Name: _____ Amount enclosed: _____
 Number Adults _____ #Children under 6 _____

Send in checks to CSI office, payable to Congregation Shaarey Israel
 (Note Mother's Day on check)
 For further information call Robert Leifer, 354-1579



Thank you to all of our Shomrim who watched over the 6 candles in Remembrance of our 6 M brothers and sisters who were murdered in the Holocaust! May we all go from strength to strength!

**Rabbi Elchanan Weinbach: Red Avner: Billy Bradin: Chet Brier:
Loretta & Bob Burton: Eleanor Donath: Ellie Egenberg:
Paulette Frankel: Beverly & Sandy Fried: Lewis Glantz &
Mara Lewin: Magda & Louis Goldstein: Jay Helfgott:
Steven Herbst: Esther & Marty Ingber: Gadi Klebanov:
Dorothy & Lenny Kroog: Jonathan Meister: Sheree Newmark: Carl Paley:
Jack Perel: Lois Price: Gordon Rosen:
Phyllis & Janet Rothstein: Dale Smith: Joyce Trubitz: Alan Tokarski:
Bruce Weinfeld: Stan Weisel**

CSI PICTURE ALBUM

Honoring Rockland's Holocaust Survivors
Sam Bradin speaking before a packed house in Nyack on April 5



Letters and Info of Note...

Thanks ...

*to everyone who participated
in our
Yom Hashoah Shomrim
program*

Helene Edelman-Shames

Are you interested in joining a book discussion?

CSI is forming a book discussion group. It will meet approximately every six weeks on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00-3:30 PM. The size of the group will be determined by interest. We are looking for 12 – 15 members, who enjoy reading and discussing books of Jewish nature.

Our first meeting will be May 16, 2017 at 2 PM at CSI.

The first book will be: **The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem** by Sarit Yishai-Levi

Please RSVP to Elise Krakower (973-907-2744) if you are interested.



Need a new tallis?

**CSI has new tallit from Israel
for sale! \$75.00 a tallis.**

**Contact CSI office to
purchase.**



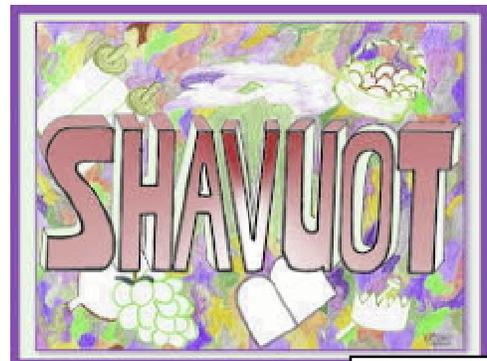
**Metal folding chairs
for sale. Contact CSI
office for more
information.**

845-369-0300

**Know anyone that needs a
commercial dishwasher?**

**We have two brand new
dishwashers in the attic. Contact the
office for more
information.**

845-369-0300



*You are cordially invited to the
Congregation Shaarey Israel
Journal Dinner Dance*

honoring

Mimi and Sy Marenberg

and

Lois Price

Woman of Valor

*Sunday, the eleventh of June
Two thousand and seventeen
at five-thirty in the evening*

*Congregation Shaarey Israel
18 Montebello Road
Montebello, New York*

*Couvert \$145 per person
Black tie optional*

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In memory of Paul Fields

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In memory of Herb Silverstein

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In memory of Harriet Blecher

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In memory of Caleb Zweig

Mara Lewin & Lew Glantz

In honor of the birth of Lois & Peter Weiss'
8th grandchild

Marvin Joachim

In honor of Loretta & Bob Burton's 65th
Wedding Anniversary

Red Avner

Ditza & Bill Bradin

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Charna & Bill Weissman

In honor of Evie Maher's daughter's wedding
Dale & Norton Smith

In honor of the engagement of Mara Lewin's
daughter Adena to Neil Berrenholz

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In honor of Lew Glantz & Mara Lewin's new
grandson

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In honor of the birth of Deborah & Jack Perel's
new grandson

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In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Esther & Marty
Ingber's grandson

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Men's Club

In honor of our son Dominick's graduation from
the NYC Police Academy

Jenn & Dom Rodriguez

Debra Ann Harbus Memorial Fund

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Mimi & Sol Leff's
grandson

Pearl & Lenny Harbus

In memory of our daughter Debra Ann Harbus

Pearl & Lenny Harbus

In honor of Red Avner for all he does for C.S.I

Pearl & Lenny Harbus

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

DEANNA SIMON (368-2641)

Sunshine Fund (\$10 minimum)

dedicated to Bikor Cholim

Sisterhood (\$10 minimum)

SYNAGOGUE OFFICE (369-0300)

CSI In Memory or In Honor of Donations

(\$10 minimum)

CSI Kiddush Fund and Oneg Fund

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Building Maintenance Fund (\$10 minimum)

Hebrew School Fund (\$18 minimum)

Prayer Book Fund (\$50)

Chumash Fund (\$60)

Shabbot Dinner Fund (\$10.00 minimum)

Candy Fund (\$10.00 minimum)

JOYCE TRUBITZ (352-2928)

**Abe & Mildred Dworkin Memorial
Scholarship Fund**

Thank You

To all who have donated
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we appreciate your support.



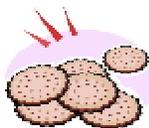
Sponsor a Shalosh Seudos

In memory or in honor of a loved one

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



RHODA BLOOM KOSHER FOOD PANTRY



CSI is collecting cookies
for the food pantry

Call Sandra Chaitin 845-727-4199



Forever Young Seniors

meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday
of each month

For information on events
call: Barbara Kleinman

352-0315



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Sisterhood is selling
Shop-Rite Gift Cards



Good At Any Store ~ No Expiration Date

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

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



DONOR CARDS

3 for \$10 or
\$4.00 for Esther
to mail one for you
Contact

**Esther Ingber
@354-3787**



Gates of Zion Cemetery

Saddle River Road, Airmont, NY

owned and operated by
Congregation Shaarey Israel

For information:

phone: (845) 352-3102

gatesofzioncemetery@gmail.com



Date	Event	Location	Time	Person Responsible
2	Men's Club Board	Room 1	7:00 pm	Mark Pfeffer
2	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
3	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	Lila Stern
4	S.H Board Meeting	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Julie Feldman
5	Services	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
5	Anniversary Shabbot			
6	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
7	Sisterhood Clothing Drop	Parking Lot	10:00 am	Evie Maher
9	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 am	Karin Sachs
10	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	Lila Stern
11	Forever Young Seniors Away Trip			
11	Sisterhood Program	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Julie Feldman
12	Services	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
13	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
14	Mothers Day Breakfast	Multipurpose Rm	10:00 am	Mark Pfeffer
14	Private Room Rental Ballromm		4:00 pm	Schechter
16	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
17	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	Lila Stern
19	Services	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
20	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
21	Bat Mitzvah of Eliana Assouline-Sampson & Private Party			
22	Budget/Finance Meeting	Room 2	7:00 pm	Joe Moskovic
23	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
24	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	Lila Stern
25	Board Of Trustees	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Mimi Marenberg
26	Services	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
27	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
29	Memorial Day			
30	Shavuot Begins--complete schedule on page 12			

A Happy Shavuot to all
Rabbi Elchanan & Yocheved Weinbach
& Family
Cantor Menachem & Chana Bazian
& Family
Board of Trustees & Staff of CSI