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More than any work in human history, our Torah can be read and is meant to be read as both simple and complex. A work of inspirational history and command, it is also a masterwork of literary nuance and moral and ethical depth, ever the unparalleled source of practical wisdom, intellectual stimulation and unvarnished spiritual striving.

I simply love to study the Torah, and as such I am increasingly a devotee of Dr. Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg. Winner of the National Jewish Book Award for "Genesis: The Beginning of Desire" and author of numerous other books on the Bible, she is a modern creator of midrash. Dr. Zornberg weaves together classical sources, psychological and literary insights and mystical texts that fire the imagination and either add nuance to or completely changes my perspective on every story she teaches. Every class I teach on Torah is influenced by her writings.

Here is (most of) her bio from Wikipedia:
"Dr. Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg (born March 1944) is a Scottish contemporary Torah scholar and author. She was born in London, England,

grew up in Glasgow, Scotland, and moved to Israel in 1969, where she currently resides in Jerusalem. Zornberg's father was Rabbi Dr. Wolf Gottlieb, Rabbi at Queen's Park Synagogue, Glasgow and head of Glasgow's rabbinical court (av beit din). Zornberg is a descendant of prominent rabbis from Eastern Europe. Her parents settled in Austria.

Zornberg's family fled Austria after the Nazi takeover which led to the collapse of Jewish life and subsequent Holocaust. Zornberg holds a PhD from Cambridge University in English Literature. She began her Bible teaching career roughly

around 1980. She previously taught English literature at the Hebrew University. Zornberg has grown to world acclaim through her writing and teaching of biblical commentary on the books of the Torah. She has lectured and taught internationally and has appeared on the PBS series "Genesis: A Living Conversation" discussing the Book of Genesis and produced and hosted by Bill Moyers."

Respectfully Yours...

from the desk of

Rabbi Weinbach

**The (Very) Complex Moses and
His Recent Biographer**

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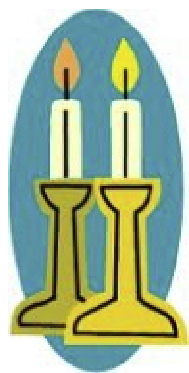
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13	4:32	5:37
20	4:41	5:46
27	4:49	5:54



From the Editor's Desk...

While walking to the Clubhouse (to my knitting group) a few weeks ago on a balmy afternoon, I saw a rather peculiar looking fire hydrant. Of course, I took out my cellphone to capture this oddity in a picture. Why would a vertical four foot high "stick" be attached to the hydrant? This, I thought, was weird.

As I continued to walk to my destination, I saw more hydrants with the same "stick" attached. Then came the "Aha!" moment. These "sticks" were in preparation for the winter and the snow to come, as they serve to indicate that fire hydrants, in case of an emergency, are right there, buried under snow.

I am not a snow aficionado. I do like the falling snow, from my living room window. I do enjoy the landscape with the freshly fallen snow hugging the mountains but I don't like the mess it leaves behind a day or two after it falls, and I especially don't like, actually I am terrified of, the ice and black ice on the roads and walkways. Is this the reason bears hibernate? They may feel like I do!

My hope is that the winter will not be very snowy--cold we can handle but ice and snow is another story.

Be safe and stay warm!



SHALOM

Roberta

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Bill Bradin

J apologize to all of you for not having an article in the December 2016 **Scroll**. Timing and an almost 3 week trip to Israel prevented me from being able to submit my article on time. Thank you for your understanding.

Being in Israel is always an exhilarating experience. That is how it started out.

Ditza, my father, Rebecca, and I happened to be there during the period of the Israeli forest fires. It was heartbreaking to see those trees go up in flames throughout the country; Haifa, the Judean Hills, Zichron Ya'acov to mention a few. Roads were closed and access to many parts of the country were denied. These are the same trees that we collected money for all of our lives by saving our pennies in the blue JNF boxes. The purpose was to reclaim our Jewish Homeland and make it blossom and green once again. It was working. Trees that took decades to take root and grow were turned to ash in a matter of hours. This was devastating to all. Thank goodness no lives were lost, however, close to 800 houses and apartments were destroyed. Money can buy new homes, but what about all of the memories and personal things that went up in smoke that can never be replaced. I encourage you to continue to fill those blue *pishkas*, and together we can help our Israeli brothers and sisters rebuild and reforest the land.

At the same time, our shul was in the midst of a devastating period. Members of our Shaarey Israel family suffered tremendous losses. I cannot even begin to imagine what they and their families were going through. On Sunday afternoon, I received a telephone call from Sandy Fried. I was sitting in a restaurant in Tel Aviv when I received the call. After hearing the tragic news, the only place that I wanted to be was with the Fried family and nowhere else.

On the following Wednesday, we were at the Kotel. We called Yocheved Weinbach to get her Hebrew name to insert into the Wall for a *misheberach* prior to her surgery. She shared the sad news about Norman Schlissel's passing with us. That was another blow. For almost 5 months, we were all praying for Norman's complete and speedy recovery. I guess that HaShem has other plans for Norman. Again, at that moment, the only place that I wanted to be was with Lenore and the

Schlissel family; nowhere else.

Unfortunately, bad news comes in 3's. I received a call to Jerusalem about the passing of Stephen Herbst's mother z"l. I wish I could have been with Steve when I found out more than anything else.

On the other hand, I was comforted by the tremendous response of our Rabbi and of our shul family in handling these very tough and emotional situations. We are the best in our support for fellow members in our congregation during their times of need. *Yasher Koachechem!*

To expand on this a little bit more, we have fellow congregants who are not well, who have not been around lately. Let's try and be as supportive as we possibly can. Make telephone calls, inform the Rabbi, Cantor, and me when we know or suspect that something may be wrong with another in the shul. We are all one big extended family and need to watch out for one another. I understand that our Sisterhood is working on re-introducing Bikor Cholim back into the shul. Thank you!

Congratulations to Bruce Weinfeld for being our Shaarey Israel honoree at the annual Town of Ramapo Jewish Life Night on Wednesday, December 14. Thank you for all that you have done, continue to do, and will do for our shul community!

I am proud and elated to announce that Audrey Meister is our Shaarey Israel Honoree for the "Israel Bonds Women's Division Premiere Brunch" scheduled for Sunday, January 29th, 2017. Since joining our shul only a few years ago, Audrey has really stepped up and integrated into our community beautifully. She is a big supporter of our State of Israel and is an excellent choice for this honor.

On an upbeat note...with the leadership of our Rabbi Weinbach, Chazzan Menachem Bazian, a dedicated Board of Trustees, and a wonderful and caring Congregation, I am confident that our Congregation Shaarey Israel is on the path to grow and to thrive going forward.

On behalf of Ditza and myself, we wish all a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous & Bright 2017.

We have the best Congregation!!!

THE CANTOR'S CLOUD by Cantor Menachem Bazian Miracle on 34th Street



DER CHAZZAN'S
CH' MAREH

The wisdom and greatness of *Torah* is all around us. All we have to do is open ourselves to it. Sometimes, the great lessons of *Torah* can be found in the most unlikely of places.

Superheroes are not a Jewish concept (although many of the superheroes of comic book fame were dreamed up by Jews). Still, it was in the actions of one individual who portrayed a fictional superhero that I was reminded of one of *Torah's* most central concepts.

I recently read a story. It popped up on my Facebook feed and I read it on impulse. It tells the story of Eric Schmitt-Matzen, a man professionally trained to play a superhero character. He is really into his avocation. His actual physical appearance is not unlike his superhero alter-ego. He goes so far as to wear clothing that is reminiscent of his character.

He got a call from a children's ward at a local hospital. A child was very sick and his final wish was to see the character Mr. Schmitt-Matzen portrayed. Mr. Schmitt-Matzen immediately offered to go home and change into his costume. "There isn't time for that," he was told. He went straight to the hospital to be with the child. As Mr. Schmitt-Matzen tells it, he sat with the little boy and comforted him. He gave him a gift that brought light to the child's eyes and spoke words of encouragement and comfort. The child asked for a hug which Mr. Schmitt-Matzen immediately gave. As he held this little boy in his arms, the child passed away.

Mr. Schmitt-Matzen walked out of the hospital awash in tears, heartbroken over what he had just witnessed.

Where is the *Torah* here?

The *Talmud* teaches us that *Hashem* gave us three precious presents. He gave us the character traits

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will to do acts of kindness. We can perform these great *Mitzvot* in two ways: we can do it because we have to or because we want to. If

we look at each other with the compassion born of love, everything falls into place. When we have love for each other, even when the "each other" is someone we have never met before, we have accomplished the highest level of *Torah* and *Mitzvot*. That's why so many of our observances revolve around family and community. We are meant to look upon each other as one great family. As the *Torah* says, *V'Ahavata L'Re'acha Kamocha*, you shall love your friend as yourself. *Re'acha* doesn't mean your best friend from school. It means everyone. All of us.

Many years ago, I was asked to join the Monsey Jewish Center as a guest cantor for a *Shabbat*. There was a *Bar Mitzvah* and the cantor was unavailable that *Shabbat*. The congregation met at the Gittelman school then and I was put up at the Friedwald Center for Friday night. It was a cold night in February with the temperature a nippy 17 degrees outside.

I had dinner with the Rabbi and had settled in for the evening when one of the nurses from the center came to me and asked me a question. It seems that a resident had passed away and they wanted to make sure they did everything proper. Well, that caused a problem for me. As a *Kohen*, I was not allowed to be under the same roof as a Jewish corpse. Suddenly, I was homeless for the night. I thought hard and remembered that I had passed the village of New Square about a mile down the road. I got dressed as warm as I could, left the center and walked to the Shul in New Square. It was about 10pm.

As it turns out, the Shul was packed with *Chassidim* attending the *Rebbes Tish*. If you are

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THE CANTOR'S CLOUD *(continued)*

not familiar with a *Tish*, it is quite a site. The building was filled with hundreds of *Chassidim* sitting in Stadium type seats with the *Rebbe* sitting at a table down on the floor. They were singing when I walked in and the roof literally was vibrating with the singing, clamping and stomping as the holiness of the *Shabbat* filled every millimeter of the edifice in an almost physical way. I entered the building and just stood around warming up and waiting for the first person to step into the hall. When someone did, I explained my situation. Within 15 minutes, I had a warm bed in someone's house.

My host had no idea who I was. All he knew was that I was a Jew in need and that was all he needed.

Perhaps the most singular foundations of *Torah* is the regard we are meant to have for each other. We are meant to reach out to each other and share each other's joys and sorrows. We have to be there for each other each and every day. When we can integrate that basic concept into the very fabric of our being, *Torah* comes to life. The *Talmud* remind us that the world was destroyed during Noah's generation because there was no unity. 20,000 students of Rabbi Akiva died in a plague because they did not respect each other. Our second Temple was destroyed because of baseless hatred. When we lose these basic principles, everything else falls apart.

No, superheroes are not a Jewish concept. But love is. Love is one thing that *Hashem* gave us in unlimited supply. 2017 is a new year and an opportunity for a new beginning. Let's make the most of it. If we have made any New Year's resolutions, let's add one item to it. Let's add love to our lives. If there is someone you have lost to bad feelings, ask yourself if you can reach out and try to heal that breach. If you are fortunate enough not to have that situation in your life, resolve to find one new person to add

to your circle of love. It is a joyous fact that the more love you have in your life, the happier your life will be.

One last point. We live in a hyper-sensitive and partisan world. More and more people are looking to those they agree with alone as part of their inner circle. I cannot count the number of stories I have heard of friendships, both real and virtual, that have been damaged or ended because of the last presidential election. As time goes on, people are losing their ability to relate to each other as people as opposed to representatives of a certain idea or ideology. I see this as the greatest danger our country faces today.

As a child, I attended a super-religious, *chassidic* elementary school in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. My father, at the time, was the cantor of what would today be known as a traditional congregation. The dichotomy of those two worlds taught me something very important: To love all my fellow Jews, regardless of who they are or what they do.

Let this be our challenge. Let us strive to recognize that we cannot control what others think of us or how they treat us. But, we can control ourselves. If we show love, if we abandon judgement and hate, we are doing what is right. That is what the *Torah* commands of us.

Chana and I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2017!

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
Sisterhood Feuds...For Fun!
Julie Feldman, President

Normally in my **Scroll** articles, I write about upcoming events and all the good and wonderful reasons to join Sisterhood, and how important we are as a supportive arm of Congregation Shaarey Israel. I know that you've heard all that ad nauseum.

I very often hear from the women in the Congregation, that they want more from Sisterhood than fundraising and educational programs. So on December 8th, our Programming Committee, (led by Sandra Chaitin), presented Sisterhood Family Feud.

If you've ever watched Family Feud, you know that it is a really hilarious show, where two families compete to see who can guess the most audience survey answers on a variety of topics. Sometimes the answers the families come up with are so out in left field, you're left shaking your head. Sometimes the answers are so unusual, you end up on the floor laughing. So we knew that we were going to have a lot of fun with our version. Since we're all one happy family, we divided into teams: The Balabustas, The Shtarkers, The Shaneh Menschen and The Mavens.

Just like on the real show, a representative from each team had to stand at a podium and fight to be the first to ring the bell so that she could try to answer the first question and win the right for her team to try and guess all the survey answers. Elise Krakower was so into the game, she was dancing at the podium. Elly Egenberg, a member of Sandra's committee, and the person responsible for writing the questions and answers, told each and every contestant, "Good answer!" regardless of what it was. Other committee members were involved as well; Marcia Atkin was in charge of running the answer board, revealing the correct answers and counting up the incorrect ones, Diane Leifer registered everyone and made name tags, Paulette Frankel help adjudicate on questionable answers, and Sandra played Sisterhood's version of Steve Harvey.

If the decibel level was an indication, we all had a wonderful time, and we will be sure to look for some similar things to do in the future.

And speaking of the future, look for your invitation to the upcoming program meeting, when Rabbi Weinbach speaks on the topic of "Ethics". Those of you who have attended his classes know that he will have something interesting and informative to say. And just as a reminder, our programs are always open to men as well, so please come.

I also want to remind you, especially with winter driving, that if anyone needs a ride to any Sisterhood event, please let us know via the office and we will gladly arrange for someone in your area to pick you up. I also want to wish our "Snow Birds" a happy and safe winter. We'll put some snowballs in the freezer for you!

WHO'S WHO IN SISTERHOOD
2016-2017

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

Position	Name
President	Julie Feldman
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CSI HEBREW SCHOOL Danielle Maroff, Educational Director

In CSI Hebrew school, the children had a great time learning and preparing for Hanukkah. They enjoyed making their own Chanukiot, playing dreidel, Hanukkah trivia, reciting the blessings and cooking latkes and sufganiot. We teach the children that Jewish learning is never irrelevant. Our traditions and teachings continues to bring meaning to our lives daily and will continue to enrich us daily. Therefore, we always try to be innovative and be productive. We encourage our students to always try to think outside the box and to help us create an exciting environment for Jewish learning filled with fun activities.

I would also like to congratulate **Ali Nifco** on becoming a Bat Mitzvah! I am so very proud of her and the phenomenal job she did. Ali has been a committed student in our Hebrew school. She always made Jewish education a top priority. In addition, I would like to congratulate the Nifco family. Thank you for your ongoing support through the years. It is families like yours that make me as a teacher so happy and proud to do what I do.



THANK YOU

On behalf of the Jewish Family Service a special thank you goes out to our CSI family for all your overwhelming contributions and support given throughout the year in providing food for the Rhoda Bloom Kosher Food Pantry. I personally thank you all and appreciate your generosity in providing this service to needy families.

Sandra Chaitin

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your donations of children's toys for the Jewish Family Service Annual Chanukah Toy Drive. You light up Chanukah for the needy children and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sandra Chaitin



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

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

**Send all this to:
Roberta Lieman
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Wanaque, NJ 07465
or call her at 973-706-5176**

THE MEN'S CLUB MESSAGE...

Mark Pfeffer

The Men's Club is always looking for new ways to make your participation in our Shaarey Israel family a more inspirational experience. The Rabbi and the Cantor present fascinating, educational, and stimulating opportunities for all of us to grow and gain a deeper appreciation of our history and culture. It's a lofty goal. The Men's Club strives to be a social arm, to encourage you to become inspired to belong and join others in participation. Social connections are almost as necessary as intellectual goals. We encourage everyone to remain strong and vibrant in a variety of avenues.

We have had some difficulties recently with the loss of treasured members of our Men's Club. Some people never look for the spotlight but are always quietly there doing whatever is needed to make the organization great. We wish to acknowledge a very devoted and hard working Men's Club member, Norman Schlissel, and thank his family for allowing us to benefit from his untiring efforts in our behalf.

We wish to thank all of the people who worked so hard in putting together the **Eighth Night of Chanukah, End of Year Party**. It also is an opportunity to thank all of the people who support the evening, by their attendance. This column gives us an opportunity to let you know how grateful we are for your support and to wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year.

Many Men's Club members work very hard behind the scenes to keep the Shaarey Israel Congregation a successful and dynamic organization. We hardly think about the people who make sure that the Kiddush food which we all love, is prepared each Saturday. There is much work in its preparation. Ladies of the Sisterhood and men of the Men's Club work hard to make sure the food is beautifully and tastefully prepared to feed us each week. We thank each person for his hard work. Men of the Men's Club also work on tasks fixing up the place, doing things such as tightening all the screws of all the benches that need to be secured throughout the sanctuary. Think of all of these behind the scenes volunteers next time you walk into the shul and say thank you They deserve thanks.

The Men's Club next major event is our Annual **Calendar Sweepstakes** A way of thanking the hard working volunteers is by getting involved and purchasing a number of Sweepstakes Tickets. Each ticket costs only \$10.00, and you get four months of excitement watching to see if your

number gets drawn. It's truly a bargain. There will be daily drawings from March 2017 through June 2017, six days per week, with varying amounts of cash prizes given out for winning tickets, daily. For each ticket you buy you will receive a number. You stay in the lottery sweepstakes collection bin all season and winning tickets are announced daily so you can win multiple times with each number, as the numbers are returned to the bin after each drawing. So buy multiple tickets, for yourself, your friends, and your family, to help insure you will be a winner. Send your checks in as soon as you can and indicate "Calendar Sweepstakes" in the memo section. Please make the checks payable to CSI Men's Club. Calendar Sweepstakes entry blanks, with the checks may be mailed to Red Avner, or dropped off at the Office. Remember, *You've got to be in it, to win it.*

On **January 21, 2017** we hope to have a small outing for interested participants to join us as we watch the **West Point Hockey Team** play college hockey on Saturday night at, 7:35 pm. It's a hot ticket, and tickets are going fast, so, if you wish to see Army play against the Royal Military College at West Point, that Saturday night, let Mark Pfeffer or Bruce Weinberg know of your interest and we will pick up tickets at a group rate.

We are working on several Sunday morning bagels & cream cheese **breakfast programs** in the near future with speakers to educate us on certain aspects of medicine, and we also are working on inviting a speaker to discuss the news that pertains to the State of Israel. It's healthy to get away from stories concerning local politics that dominates the news each day.

Another future project that is coming quickly is the **Yellow Candle Project**. In April we will be offering candles to everyone as a way of helping to remember the Holocaust.

We are also planning an evening with an **antique auction appraiser**, who will tell us the value of our collectables. We will, laugh, learn, and find out much about each other as well as learn about our valuable collectables.

Men's Club Board Meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month and hopefully the winter won't be too extreme, to keep you from coming out, to join us. We welcome your ideas, and suggestions. New members are especially welcome and since your membership is free for the first year, this is a great bargain, so please come down and join us.

Rare in the catalog of English-language writing about the Torah, I find Dr. Zornberg a guide through the challenges of biblical interpretation while simultaneously she reveals for me lofty levels of rabbinic interpretation on both rational and mystical planes.

Dr. Zornberg's most recent book is "Moses, A Human Life". I rushed to purchase it upon release and as always she has exceeded my expectations. Drawing with equal depth from Rabbinic sources, psychology and literature, her portrait of Moses allows us to see his personality and leadership with greater color and depth. By reviewing pages I have dog-eared, allow me to present in raw form just a few of the ideas that instantly moved me to see "ha-ish Moshe", the human Moses, in new and deeper ways [words in brackets are my interpolations]:

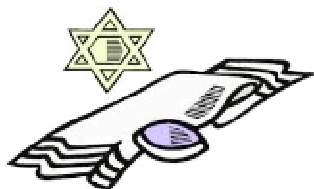
Pages 12 and 47 - Moshe's lack of clear articulation is reflective of a human condition known in mystical sources as "*galut ha-dibbur*, The Exile of the Word". Just as oppression has drained the Jewish People of their expressiveness [in Egypt and throughout most of our long exile], Moses as well speaks as one in exile from the peoples of his origin, both Jewish and Egyptian. "...his own personal history is fragmented, his identity complicated"

Page 34 – "The stammer, here, is part of the message; the hesitation, the halting delivery, the fundamental inhibition of expression, conveys the excess of Revelation. They may also convey the ambivalence of the prophet before the overwhelming influx of Revelation, [the result of] a dumbfounding conflict."

Page 45 – "Another Hasidic reading speaks of the people who can barely experience their own history. When G-d arrives at His ultimate promise of redemption, which is to demonstrate that His words [of promise to the Patriarchs] do indeed hold good, He uses four synonyms "I will take you out, I will save you, I will redeem you, I will take you to me as a people" (Exodus 6:6-7). This is known as the four languages of redemption [and the reason why we drink 4 cups of wine at the Seder]: four repetitions that are not repetitions-divine stammers."

This is Dr. Zornberg creating her art: Moshe's stammer as reflective of his People's exile; Moshe's stammer as reflective of his insufficiency as a conveyor of the totality of Revelation; and G-d's "stammer", reflective of an impending redemption so total that the human mind needs at least four ways to appreciate all that it offers. Wow!

The beauty, depth and profundity of Torah is endless. As we revisit it again and again personalities we once saw as simple become complex, moral and ethical lessons become more profound, and our mind becomes more broad and our soul more deep for having even a brief encounter with its unlimited richness. "*Torah tzivah lanu Moshe, morashah kehillat Yaakov*" – Moses the one-time stammerer, has connected us to the Torah; come claim our moral, intellectual and spiritual inheritance. I recommend to anyone of fertile mind the writings of Dr. Zornberg, and I invite all of you to join me for my weekday classes, where together with my students we strive for new understandings and deeper appreciation of the greatest gift G-d has ever given to the world.



Minyons

Weekday evenings: Sunday-Thursday: 8 pm
Weekday mornings: Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:10 am
Sunday mornings: 9 am
Friday evenings: 6:00 pm

WHAT'S IN A NAME by Bill Bradin

**New
Feature**

When we are born, we as Jews are given a Hebrew/Jewish name. Do we know the source of the name and why it was bestowed upon us?

Over the past few years, I have been trying to update the *aliya* cards in the black box which is located in the shulchan (table) on the *bima*. On many occasions, members do not know or remember their given Hebrew names nor the correct Hebrew names of family members.

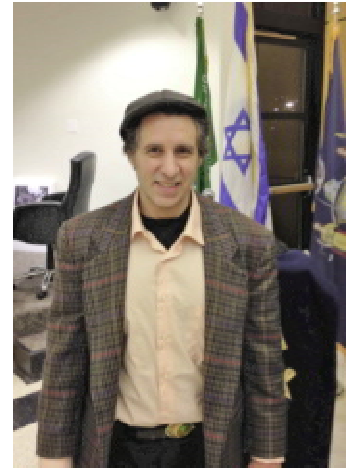
In my opinion, when we are given our names, a lot of thought and meaning is attributed to these names. We should all try the best to preserve and use our names "correctly and accurately" so that when we are called to go up to the Torah, say a *misheberach* for one who is ill, affix permanent plaques, etc. they are names that we were intended to have.

I will begin with my name in English: **WILLIAM BRADIN** and in Hebrew: **ZE'EV ARIYEH BEN SHMUEL & BEILAH RACHEL**

I was named after my paternal grandfather, **VOLF JUDKIEWICZ z"l** who was sent to the infamous extermination camp, Auschwitz, on Tisha B'Av 1942, and my father's brother (my uncle), **YEHUDA LEIB JUDKIEWICZ z"l** who was with my father throughout the Holocaust and died just two days before the liberation of Bergen-Belsen in late April 1945. Initially, I was given a Yiddish name which reflected the names of both of my deceased relatives: "**VOLF LEIB**" which translated to English is "**WOLF LION**" And hence the Hebrew name: **ZE'EV ARIYEH**
Good Luck!

TOWN OF RAMAPO JEWISH LIFE NIGHT Bruce Weinfeld

Congregation Shaarey Israel is related and privileged to have Bruce Weinfeld as our honoree this year. Bruce, his lovely wife Jeryl and their two children; Myles and Eliana joined our shul family approximately 5 years ago.



Bruce runs a family business in the Bronx. He works many hours and even with all of that, finds the time to work very hard for our Congregation Shaarey Israel community.

Since coming on board, Bruce has rolled up his sleeves and plays an active role in building and advancing our Congregation. He has already served as President of our Men's Club for two years. During that time, with his creative approach, he has made our Men's Club a strong and important arm of our shul. He is now in his 2nd year on our Board of Trustees.

During the past number of years, he brought forth many novel ideas and has helped turn "fund raising" into "fun raising". Bruce is an "OUT OF THE BOX" thinker. He brings excellent insight from his 27 years in the business world and from the film world to everything he does. He is very passionate about all that he does. That is why so many of the endeavors that he puts forth are as successful as they are. His current project is an "8th Night of Chanukah End of the Year Party" that is anticipated to be a blast.

We, at Congregation Shaarey Israel, thank Bruce for what he has done, continues to do, and will do for our shul now and in the future. Yasher Koach!!!

HELP WANTED

VOLUNTEER TO HELP YOUR SHUL NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY



1) A Web-master to maintain and update our new web-site. If you have IT experience, are computer savvy--this is for you! Contact Bill Bradin.

2) Kiddish Committee Help--we are hoping to assemble 4 or 5 teams of 4 or 5 to do shopping, food prep, etc. Training will be part of the process so everyone is on the same page and familiar with the process. Contact Ditza Bradin.

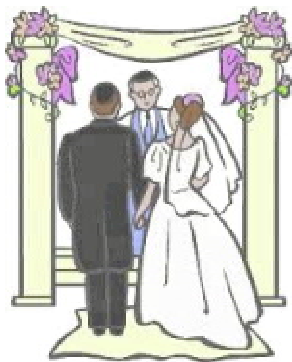


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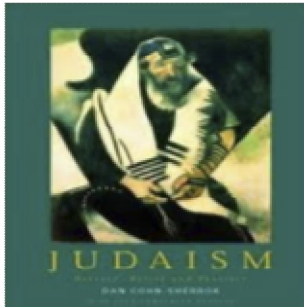
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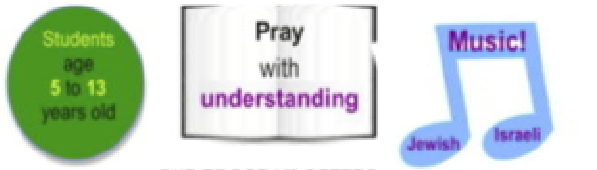
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Have You Ever Wondered...

Why do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left?

BECAUSE: When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! And that's where women's buttons have remained since.

Why do ships and aircraft use "mayday" as their call for help?

BECAUSE: This comes from the French word m'aidez -meaning "help me" --- and is pronounced, approximately, "mayday."

Why are zero scores in tennis called 'love'?

BECAUSE: In France, where tennis became popular, the round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called "l'oeuf," which is French for "the egg." When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans (mis)pronounced it "love."

Why do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses?

BECAUSE: In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfill obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.

Why is shifting responsibility to someone else called "passing the buck"?

BECAUSE: In card games, it was once customary to pass an item, called a buck, from player to player to indicate whose turn it was to deal. If a player did not wish to assume the responsibility of dealing, he would "pass the buck" to the next player.

Why do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast?

BECAUSE: It used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would only touch or clink the host's glass with his own.

Why are people in the public eye said to be "in the limelight"?

BECAUSE: Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and theaters by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, a performer "in the limelight" was the center of attention.

Why is someone who is feeling great "on cloud nine"?

BECAUSE: Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

In golf, where did the term "Caddie" come from?

When Mary Queen of Scots went to France as a young girl, Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scots game "golf." He had the first course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment.

To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her. Mary liked this a lot and when she returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced "ca-day" and the Scots changed it into "caddie."

Why are many coin collection jar banks shaped like pigs?

BECAUSE: Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of a dense orange clay called "pygg". When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as "pygg banks." When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a container that resembled a pig. And it caught on.

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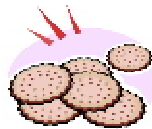
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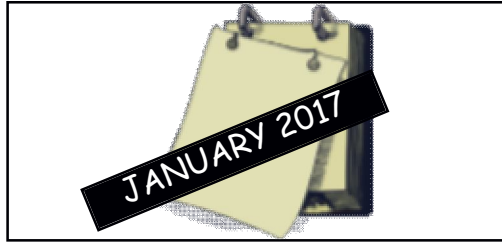


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Date	Event	Location	Time	Person Responsible
3	Men's Club Meeting	Rm 2	7:00 pm	Mark Pfeffer
3	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Karin Sachs
4	Forever Yong Seniors	Multipurpose Rm	11:00 am	Barbara Kleinman
4	Jewish Appreciation	Rm 2	7:30 pm	Lila Stern
5	Sister. Board Meeting	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Julie Feldman
6	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
6	Anniversary Shabbot			
7	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
10	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Karin Sachs
11	Jewish Appreciation	Rm 2	7:30 pm	Lila Stern
12	Sister. General Meeting	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Julie Feldman
13	Friday Night Shabbot	Sanctuary	5:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
13	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
14	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
14	Men's Club Trip To West Point Hockey Game			
17	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Karin Sachs
18	Forever Young Seniors	Multipurpose Rm	11:00 am	Barbara Kleinman
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23	Budget/Finance Meeting	Rm 2	7:00 pm	Joe Moscovic
24	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Karin Sachs
25	Jewish Appreciation	Rm 2	7:30 pm	Lila Stern
26	Board Of Trustees	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Mimi Marenberg
27	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
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