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The species of Jews that come through our doors these days would have been wholly unrecognizable to our forbearers. While some have grown up in a traditional Jewish environment, many are they who would have been rejected or simply unacknowledged in the past. Many of us see this embrace of such outlier Jews as a sign of openness and progress, and I number myself among them. Yet it is natural for some to question how the desire to broaden access and participation of these Jews in a Traditional congregation might affect the culture or religious environment of our great synagogue.

I believe this question is backwards. Let us ask instead: Building upon its outstanding history and accomplishments, what is the full range of obligations of a congregation whose mission is a vibrant Traditional Jewish future? Can we meet those obligations with the courage and sacrifice that our parents and grandparents displayed, even if it requires significant change?

In a collection of short stories by Nathan Englander is the title work, "What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank". Towards the end of the tale, the four

protagonists find themselves wrestling with a question that tests the courage of any Jew: if

the Jews were secure, and we had the life-endangering opportunity to save Miep Gies, would we do it? As Englander brings out in his story, the answer is sometimes shockingly disappointing. It is never easy to take risks, even for the

survival of people or ideals near and dear to us.

When we talk about inclusion, a far simpler moral challenge than the "Anne Frank" question is before us: Do we have the confidence in our Torah and Traditions to model our love for the Jewish people without compromise, and thereby include in our synagogue community those aspiring families and inquiring adults who bring today's Jewish realities to our doorstep? Do we really believe that the very challenge of Jewish modernity is to open our arms as wide as possible and find ways to include both those less steeped in Tradition and those who might be more orthodox than ourselves? It is only in this wide open space between what has been done and what could be that our shul and our Jewish community can find renewal and vitality. We owe no less than that to all who came before us.

Respectfully Yours...

from the desk of

Rabbi Weinbach

What We Talk About

When We Talk About Inclusion



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25	4:46	5:51



From the Editor's Desk...

What is this world coming to? Recently, there

has been a rash of what is termed "hate crimes" in the news. All too often, reports of these crimes take center stage in news reports. People who are intolerant of others with different views and lifestyles are behind these crimes. Rather than accept people's differences, some can only express their "hate" through violence toward a particular group.

We live in a condominium development of approximately 1500 people who come from all walks of life. A variety of cultures and religions are represented living together in our community. Of course we all have our group of friends with whom we might prefer to spend more time, but by and large we all seem to get along well with our neighbors. We all look out for each other and are truly concerned when there is any problem. Am I naïve or looking through rose-colored glasses hoping for a better world? To quote John Lennon's lyrics in "Imagine":

*You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one.*

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 Jonathan Meister

Time. I have no time to write this article. I don't have time to read **The Scroll**. I don't have time to go to minyan. These are dangerous times.

All of the above have been on my mind for various reasons. Granted, we are all extremely busy but the point is, you have found time to read this article and miraculously I found the time to write it. The question then becomes why? Because we care about our shul, our community and each of us has a commitment and interest in this Congregation in our own way. My goal in this secular New Year is to find the time to strengthen our congregation going forward and allow everyone the time to benefit from what we have to offer.

The problem with time is that it never stops. Finding time in our lives is difficult but we each carve out time in different ways and for different purposes. I often use my daily slug through traffic to NY to catch up with Peggy and Jennifer in the office, catch up with Congregants who I need to speak with or speak to the Rabbi about issues, even if it is just to talk about how bad the Giants were on Sunday (at least the Rangers still have a way to go this season). The elements of time that I mentioned in the first line of this article all need to be addressed.

The last few weeks have been incredibly busy for me and I have not had the time to write this article. However, there is one person in our Congregation who I need to single out and that is the person who makes sure I write this article and makes sure **The Scroll** is published. That person is Roberta Lieman who is an unsung hero of our shul. Hounding me (in a nice way) as well as my fellow **Scroll** writers has been Roberta's job and deep commitment to our Congregation and predecessor Congregations for decades and hopefully will continue to be for years to come. Please allow this writing to serve as a big hug and Thank You for all that you do in keeping this vital line of communication and link with our congregants going.

Frankly, I don't always read **The Scroll**,

even what I have written once it is sent. I should and so should everyone. Thank you to those that do find the time because even carving out this little niche of time to read an article, look at who gave a donation in someone's honor or memory or even to check the Men's Club sweepstakes winners is at least in some way a show of commitment to our Congregation. We sometimes have a debate about whether or not **The Scroll** should continue but frankly even if this is someone's only time commitment as members, at least they have that link to our mission and one can hope that there is something one sees in **The Scroll** that prods someone to do a little bit more, give a little bit more to our shul or just think a little bit more.

I've had so little time in the last month to go to minyan but I should. Certainly in the New Year I will make an effort to attend evening minyan as much as I can. Our daily minyanim need to be serviced and sustained. I ask each and every one of you to make this commitment to one night a week. When we are short a minyan it is usually by two, three at most and unfortunately quite often we are just short one person. Remember that the minyan is there for all of us in the good times and the bad times.

We have not seen dangerous times like this in many years. Even before the recent tragedy of Pittsburgh we were starting to see an increase in anti-semitism in the United States. We were certainly hearing about its rise in Europe. Two weeks ago I found myself in a car riding into Central London from Heathrow airport with the usual visions in my head of Jolly Old England like most may have from past trips...tea and scones, the Changing of the Guard, shopping at Harrods. Well unfortunately the reverie ended as we approached Kensington in the west of London as just before Harrod's one is surrounded now by Halal butcher shops, Kebab take a-ways, Hookah lounges and streets teeming with women in hijabs and men in long pants, beards and white caps. The England of Downton Abbey is no longer.

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THE CANTOR'S CLOUD by Cantor Menachem Bazian A Time For War, A Time For Peace

Last month, the issue on all our minds was the attack in Squirrel Hill. Many writers, including the Rabbi and myself, gave our individual perspectives on the horrific event in which 11 holy Jews lost their lives. We all know the root cause of the shooting. It is an ancient scourge with which we are only too familiar: the pestilence of anti-Semitism once again darkens our world in greater strength with each passing day. One would think, less than 75 years since the earth was saturated with the blood of six million martyrs that the world might be more sensitive to this particular bacillus, but such is not the case. Each day as I read, listen to, or watch news, I am hearing of new acts of anti-Semitism. In Germany, the extreme right is once again rearing its ugly head and anti-Semitic statements and pronouncements, now delivered in code because express anti-Jewish comments are against German law, are increasingly being made. In Great Britain, the leader of the Labour party is a clear anti-Semite. In the United States, it is now perfectly acceptable for political figures to associate with the purveyors of the vilest anti-Semitic rhetoric without fear of retribution.

To say that we live in concerning times, would be an understatement.

I am a huge fan of the author, Herman Wouk. In my opinion, his two-book magnum opus, *The Winds of War* and *War and Remembrance*, are two of the greatest works of historical fiction ever written. In the books, he introduces the character of Aaron Jastrow, an American Jew caught in Europe, by the way, by a combination of bad judgement and bad luck. In an early part of the book, he is encouraged to leave Europe before war breaks out. He refuses to because Judaism has great wisdom for dealing with adverse rulers. He states that the rule is to "keep your head down, your spirits up, your money in cash and, above all, obey the rules." We know today how wrong he would turn out to be but, back then, that was the wisdom that

had sustained us for thousands of years in exile. Throughout Eastern Europe, Jews survived by making accommodations with the local nobility where possible. Above all, resistance was not the Jewish way.



DER CHAZZAN'S
CH' MAREH

The Nazi experience of World War II changed all that. We learned that there was a time to negotiate and accommodate, and there was a time for resistance and war. World War II gave birth to a Jewish homeland that emerged out of the ashes of the European Holocaust. Over its brief 70 year existence, it has fought many wars, be they physical, diplomatic or economic, and has not only survived but thrived. There is no country that is more innovative or has more to offer the world than Israel. Countries that are dying for water now have access to miracle technologies that can literally extract water from the air. Incredible advances in medical technology are the norm in Israel. Ground breaking technologies that help the gravely wounded, including disabled American veterans, are now coming from Israel. I could go on and on. By all measures, Israel is a country whose existence is a net positive to the world.

Yet, Israel is also the most reviled of nations. The United Nations has condemned Israel more than the rest of the world combined. Iran, the lead supplier of terrorism, does not even come close. North Korea, Cuba, China, Vietnam, the Arab nations and all the other nations that violate human rights, that discriminate based on religion, gender and so much more have been targeted much less than the tiny State of Israel. Israel, which is the only democracy in the region, where freedom is universal, where all can obtain citizenship and vote, which has been attacked numerous times by its neighbors and endures the constant threat of terrorism is

THE CANTOR'S CLOUD

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constantly singled out for criticism and condemnation.

Can this be anything other than anti-Semitism? Israel, where all have equal rights, is called an Apartheid nation but Iran, which discriminates wildly and threatens the world with nuclear holocaust is not?

Of course, none of this is new. We all have heard this before and my purpose here is merely to set the stage for what may be a new idea: If there is a time to negotiate and a time to go to war, now is the time to go to war. No, I am not advocating that we arm ourselves in preparation for spilling blood. I am calling for each of us to recognize those opportunities we have to strike blows against anti-Semitism wherever we can. What can we do? Well, let me present one clear example of anti-Semitism and then suggest what we can do about it.

In November of 2018, AirBnB.com, which is a popular website where people can rent homes from other people, announced that all Jewish listings in Judea and Samaria, which they call the "occupied west bank" would be removed from the website. They published a lengthy statement on their website in which they claim that despite this decision, they are not anti-Israel and they do not support the BDS movement.

I say hogwash. Judea and Samaria is not the only

territory in the world that is disputed yet the decision applies to Jewish properties in Judea and Samaria only. They have no legal requirement under American law to do this, so the only reason they would be doing this is to make a statement. For me, the statement is all too clear.

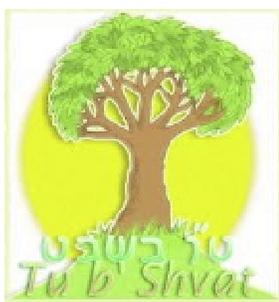
If you agree with me that this is BDS and anti-Semitism in disguise, we must fight against it. The question is, how?

It's simple. If you have an account on AirBnB, cancel it and tell them why. Encourage all your friends to do so. You don't need AirBnB: there are many other sites that do the same thing. Booking.com and VRBO.com are two examples among others. Lest you think that your single act will have no impact, think again. You won't be alone.

Fight with your pocketbook and take your business elsewhere. Let the world know that we have a voice and we have power and that we are willing to use it to combat the scourge of anti-Semitism. You would be amazed what you could accomplish.

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:*

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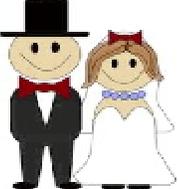
Tu B'Shevat
Monday, January 21

Condolences to...

Susan Farber on the loss of her beloved brother, Steven Amzel.

Shelley Ohren on the loss of his beloved wife, Judy.

Carol Jacobs on the loss of her beloved brother, Jules Price.

<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: 6:00 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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<p><u>Update your aliyah card info</u></p> <p>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.com</p>
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SISTERHOOD MESSAGE

President Audrey Meister

Can you believe it's already the start of 2019? We welcome our new members:

Jane Howard
Evelyn Weber
Chana Braver
Sheryl Wilensky

I want to personally thank Evie Maher for planning a wonderful paid up membership dinner. Our gathering together to enjoy a good meal and celebrating with our "Sisters" was truly inspiring. To all I offer a virtual rose. It's still not too late to join. Dues are \$36.

The dark cold days of winter are approaching. I hope our "snowbirds" are enjoying the sun and warmth of southern climates. I personally like changing seasons, but do not like driving in snow and ice. Sometimes during the winter months, we may have to cancel or postpone our monthly meetings due to weather. Fundraising is still on-going...

Remember to turn in your Happy Tax.

SAVE THESE DATES: All are welcome.

Saturday night **January 26. Bingo** night 7:30
Saturday night **February 9. Movie** night 7:30,
The Monuments Men starring George Clooney and Matt Damon.

We are also hoping to combine with the Men's Club and have **Military Bridge** in the spring.

I came upon this article on the internet from the *Jerusalem Post*:

Major American Jewish groups are divided over whether federal grants should be used to secure houses of worship in light of the mass shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue,

where 11 worshippers were killed. While conservative organizations are lobbying for additional federal dollars to protect religious institutions and an FBI report documenting a rise in anti-semitic incidents nationwide, civil liberties organizations continue to express concern that government security grants for Temples break a delicate constitutional line separating Church and State.

Earlier this year the House passed "Securing American Non-Profit Organizations Against Terrorism Act", which for the first time legalizes federal grants for the target hardening of religious spaces.

While driving home from work recently I heard a song written and sung by George Harrison (of Beatles fame) in 1973. The title "*Give Me Love (Give me Peace on Earth)*". The words have a universal meaning. George Harrison was seeking his faith in his way at that time. The lyrics:

*Give me love
Give me love
Give me peace on earth
Give me light
Give me life*

*Give me hope
Help me cope with this heavy load
Trying to, touch and reach you
with Heart and Soul*

Thank you Rabbi Weinbach and Cantor Bazian, who help us discover what our faith, our beliefs mean to us!



Join Sisterhood

Send in your \$36 dues to
CSI attention Lois Price



MEN'S CLUB MESSAGE

President Mark Pfeffer

The Men's Club hopes that all of the congregants reading this message had a joyous Hanukkah and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. For myself, seeing out of town family and close relatives made it especially festive this year. Now we have the winter months ahead of us, and hope that the season will be mild for us all. We hope that the upcoming year will be a year of good health and peace. For those of you planning a trip to a warmer climate for the winter we wish you would keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

New York City and the local suburbs have so many fascinating cultural activities that we can participate in. It would be a great idea to have social outings to various venues of Jewish interest where we can expand our knowledge of the history of the community in which we live. A trip to Ellis Island and the Immigration Building and Museum would be wonderful. Let's get a group of several cars and explore the museum as a group from Congregation Shaarey Israel. This past week I travelled to the New York Historical Society Museum where I learned about the culture of our past as New Yorkers. The lower East Side, as a Jewish Melting Pot was portrayed in detail as was the rise of the Woman's Rights movement including voting equality. The Museum of Jewish Heritage incorporates a living memorial to the Holocaust as a Holocaust Museum and is a fascinating museum worth a trip that many of us would love to explore. We would learn of the SHOAH, and so that this knowledge can be passed down to our children and grandchildren. We need to organize an outing to tour this museum as a group. Let's plan to organize this trip. The National 9/11 Memorial and museum is another fascinating day excursion we should consider as a day trip. The US Custom House is an excursion well worth exploring. If you are interested in several of these trips let the office know so that we can then set the wheels in motion to plan a trip. There are many, many others worth exploring, so share your ideas and don't keep them locked up inside your brain.

In terms of upcoming breakfast programs we are still trying to have the "Jewish Gangster" come to share some of his stories.

Watch for the exact date he'll be joining us.

Right now we are working on selling tickets for our Calendar Sweepstakes. This is a major campaign for our Men's Club. We encourage everyone to get involved in picking up several tickets, for this fundraiser. We draw numbers throughout the spring and early summer, and your number can be called and you get cash prizes, when your numbers are called. You have multiple chances of being a winner with a very small initial investment of only ten dollars per number. Don't be left out when you see that your friends and neighbors are winners.

The Men's Club is working on hosting a Game Night when all can come down to the social hall, play cards, or board games such as poker, canasta, mah-jongg, scrabble, back-gammon, etc. and, eat and drink at a social night of fun and amusement. This game night is an activity we hope will be co-sponsored with our Sisterhood. We are working on establishing a contact with a wine retailer and are contemplating offering a Wine Sale commencing before Purim and extending through Pesach into the June wedding season. The Shul always has a need for wine, and this vendor, may offer us an opportunity to have a tasting within our social hall. Keep looking for further details with this project.

Military Bridge and the Yellow Candle Project are still on the calendar for the spring.

Men's Club meetings are on the first Monday of each month. We need all of the men and the women, of our synagogue to join us in participating in doing these many social activities. We are a social organization and need you to be a part of us. Join us in enjoying and planning many of these fun social activities. We very much want your ideas and your comments to make this organization a successful one. Men please don't forget to send in your annual dues of \$36.00. We are working hard to increase the number of Men's Club members. Won't you please join us, and come down to a meeting and attend several of our activities. Thanks for your support. It's greatly appreciated.



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Picking up the papers in London on a daily basis one gets a very uneasy feeling. Each day multiple papers including *The Times of London*, *The Daily Mail*, *The Telegraph* have multiple articles about anti-semitism and particularly what is a rampant anti-semitism in the Labor party which may in due time become the ruling party in the United Kingdom. Jeremy Corbyn, Labor's leader is an out and out anti-semitite, called out on this not by prominent members of the Jewish community who happen to be members of the Labor party but also by other members of the Labor party and the press. Yet, his leadership of the party remains and continues to be strengthened by the powerful unions of Britain, particularly the transport workers union which if not controlled by Muslims, they wield enormous power in that Union. These are the people running the iconic red double decker buses which are an icon of the Britain of which many are enamored.

On the first night of Chanukah, Beth and I were in London. Reading the papers, seeing the tremendous population shift that has occurred in the UK I needed the comfort of the familiar, my religion, my people. Where we found ourselves was in The Jewish Museum of London. I am not going to say it is the most impressive Jewish Museum nor the largest but on this first night of Chanukah it served my purposes. It was an oasis at a time when I was feel-

ing a bit of the unease of not being in my shul. When we walked into the door we were of course wanded, questioned by a guard and walked through metal detectors. Two seconds later though we saw children sitting around tables creating their own chanukiahs out of clay, trays of jelly donuts and a very large menorah which would be lit an hour or so later with several hundred people in the lobby all singing *Maoz Tzur* together. For a few minutes at least some of the anxiety I had would go away. Unfortunately, the walk back to the Camden Town underground station from the museum brought me right back to reality as even when I stopped in Café Nero for an espresso before ducking into the Tube, everyone around me was speaking Arabic. At least the Barista was an Italian, who offered me a free shot of Espresso when he realized I spoke his language.

While these are dangerous times, they are not desperate times. As we approach the secular new year it is in everyone's best interests, particularly that of our Congregants to FIND TIME. We need as a group to find the time to support each other, find the time to come to synagogue functions and importantly make time for minyan. When we do all of these things it is a Kiddush Hashem and that puts Time on our side.



A HAPPY, HEALTHY 2019 TO ALL!

CHAI LIGHTS

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Eliana Assouline-Sampson
 David Assouline-Sampson
 Jonathan Assouline-Sampson
 Samuel Atkin
 Machel Goldberger
 Marcus Green
 Emily Stern
 Paige Stern

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

1 Peter & Lois Weiss
 23 Joseph & Joan Cohen
 24 Martin & Roberta Goldstein

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Maurice Assoline on the B'nai Mitvah of his sons, David & Jonathan
 Charna & Bill Weissman on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Lara Payton Yarmus

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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

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Thank You...

CSI Family,

Thank you so much for the Shiva platter you sent to me on the passing of my brother Steven Amzel and, to all that offered comfort at my time of need.

Fondly,

Susan Farber



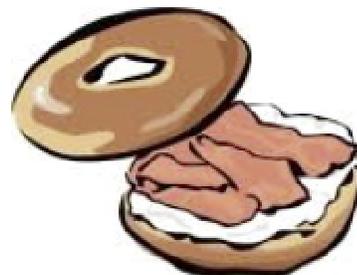
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If you have any questions, concerns, or wish to volunteer your time please contact me at 845-727-4199.

Sandra Chaitin



How do you stop a bagel from escaping?
 You put lox on it.



**Come One, Come All to
CSI Sisterhood's**



Night

**Saturday, January 26 @ 7pm
\$10 for 2 cards
includes lite refreshments**

**RSVP: Dale Smith 845-357-3021
Sheree Newmark 845-304-4060**

Minyons

Weekday evenings: Sunday-Thursday: 8 pm

Weekday mornings: Monday & Thursday:
7:00 am

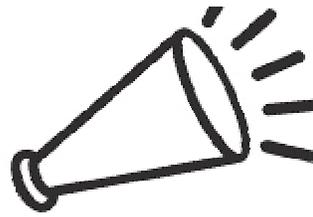
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:10 am

Sunday mornings: 9 am

Friday evenings: 6:00 pm



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**CSI Sisterhood PRESENTS:
The Monuments Men**



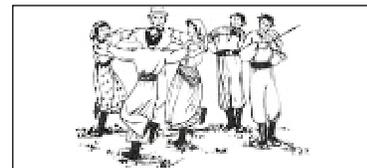
**Saturday, February 9 @ 7pm
\$10 includes:
Lite Refreshments**

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An Amazing 2 Letter English Word

a reminder that one word in the English language can be a noun, verb, adjective, adverb and preposition: **UP**

This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is **UP**. It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv.], [prep.], [adj.], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand **UP**, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake **UP**?

At a meeting, why does a topic come **UP**? Why do we speak **UP**, and why are the officers **UP** for election and why is it **UP** to the secretary to write **UP** a report? We call **UP** our friends, brighten **UP** a room, polish **UP** the silver, warm **UP** the leftovers and clean **UP** the kitchen. We lock **UP** the house and fix **UP** the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir **UP** trouble, line **UP** for tickets, work **UP** an appetite, and think **UP** excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed **UP** is special.

And this **UP** is confusing: A drain must be opened **UP** because it is stopped **UP**.

We open **UP** a store in the morning but we close it **UP** at night. We seem to be pretty mixed **UP** about **UP**!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of **UP**, look **UP** the word **UP** in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes **UP** almost 1/4 of the page and can add **UP** to about thirty definitions.

If you are **UP** to it, you might try building **UP** a list of the many ways **UP** is used. It will take **UP** a lot of your time, but if you don't give **UP**, you may wind **UP** with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding **UP**. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing **UP**. When it rains, the earth soaks it **UP**. When it does not rain for awhile, things dry **UP**. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it **UP**, for now . . . My time is **UP**!

Oh . . . One more thing: What is the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night?

U P !

Did that one crack you **UP**?

Don't screw **UP**. Send this on to everyone you look **UP** in your address book . . . Or not, it's **UP** to you.

Now I'll shut **UP**!

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

by Al Bernstein

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**Congregant of the Month:
Red Avner "Our Candy Man"
by Julie Feldman**

Anyone who has been to services at CSI, even if it was only once or twice, knows our Candy Man, Red Avner. Not only does he dispense the candy after the Torah Scrolls are put away, always wishing everyone a "Gut Shabbos", and giving the ladies a kiss on the cheek, he makes sure that everything works. He also supervises Edwin and Chanel, whom he calls "the kids" and between the three of them they keep this lovely synagogue of ours clean, shiny and functioning in tip-top shape! Naturally, Red is a busy man and between the synagogue, the Forever Young Seniors and his lovely family, its hard to get him to sit down and reminisce. But I managed!

JF: Where did you grow up?

RA: I was born in Manhattan, in a house on Second Avenue and Avenue A. Later my family moved to the Bronx, to 1036 Simpson Street. I went to P.S. 20, Junior High School #40 and started at Bronx Vocational High School, where I played basketball. I also played basketball at the Hunts Point Jewish Center and got an offer to play for CCNY, but I had to leave school to go to work.

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

RA: I was able to get an apprenticeship-type of position first learning to make furniture. That didn't quite work out and I ended up learning the upholstery trade. At first, we worked for Gimbels and Macy's repairing and recovering furniture. Later I started my own business, Home Furniture Repair, Inc.

JF: If you hadn't had to leave school and learn a trade, what would you have liked to do?

RA: I would have liked to become a mechanical engineer. I've always liked to work with my hands. However, becoming an upholsterer and having my own business turned out in the long run to be for the better. I was able to support my parents, my wife Cynthia and our family.

JF: What made you decide to join first the Monsey Jewish Center and then Congregation Shaarey Israel?

RA: We moved to Rockland in 1968 because the Bronx was changing. The Blueberry Hill development was going up and Cynthia and I bought a house in that area. In fact, a neighbor of ours from the Bronx bought the house next door to ours. We were right down the road from the shul, so naturally, we joined. Ruby Josephs and Sandy Katz grabbed me to be

the House Chairman in 1970. Ruby told me, "Do first, then tell the boss. That way they can't tell you, 'No'." Things are tougher in the new synagogue due to all the "modern" things like the alarm system and the electrical layout. It keeps me busy, and I'm also the Trip Coordinator for the Forever Young Seniors.

JF: What is your favorite song?

RA: "You Made Me Love You". I sang it to Cynthia when I first met her and sang it to her until the end of her life.

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

RA: I still like to kid around, but I'm basically good. (JF: This isn't a surprise!)

JF: Please sum up your philosophy of life.

RA: Life is what you make of it. If you joke around and don't think or talk about being ill, or tired, or negative, life is a joy.

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

RA: The Monsey Jewish Center was a warm, haimish synagogue. CSI is the same. We greet people, invite them to join us, make sure they feel welcome. Hopefully it will stay the same.





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Friday evenings: 6:00 pm

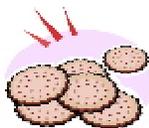


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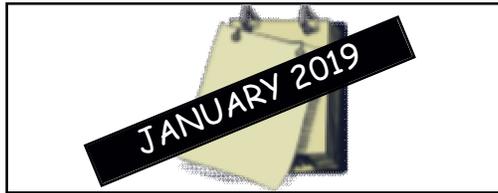
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Date	Event	Location	Time	Person Responsible
2	Forever Young Seniors	Multipurpose Room	11:00 am	Barbara Kleinman
2	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
3	Sister Board Meeting	Multipurpose Room	7:30 pm	Audrey Meister
4	Services & Ann'y Shabbat	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
4	Anniversay Shabbot			
5	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
7	Men's Club Board	Room 2	7:00 pm	Mark Pfeffer
8	Rabbi's Class	Room 2	7:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
8	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Room	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
9	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
10	Sisr Tu B'shevat Program	Multipurpose Room	7:30 pm	Audrey Meister
11	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
12	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
12		Bar Mitzvah Of Jacob Novak		
15	Book Club Meeting	Daily Sanctuary	11:00 am	Paulette Frankel
15	Rabbi's Class	Room 2	7:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
15	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Room	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
16	Forever Young Seniors	Multipurpose Room	11:00 am	Barbara Kleinman
16	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
18	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
19	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
21	Tu B'shevat			
22	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Room	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
23	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
24	Board Of Trustees	Room 2	7:30 pm	Jack Perel
25	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
26	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
26	Sisterhood Bingo Nite	Multipurpose Room	7:00 pm	Dale & Sheree
29	Rabbi's Class	Room 2	7:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
29	Private Room Rental	Multipurpose Room	7:00 pm	Esti Fried
30	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	

