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D*a-Da-Yenu*. This is one of the songs from the Seder in which we express our appreciation to Gd for everything he has done for our People. Yet one must wonder about the simple logic of the song as it progresses. It would seem to be saying that if Gd did only one or some of the many kindnesses bestowed upon us at the time of the exodus, *Dayenu* - that would've been enough.

Yet when we look at the list a bit more closely we must start to wonder.

The *Dayenu* begins with "if you had taken us out of Egypt and not done justice upon our enemies, *Dayenu* - that would've been enough". What would've been enough? Would it really have been

sufficient for us to leave Egypt and had none of the subsequent miracles? Would it have been enough if we had left Egypt but Gd had not split the sea to allow us to escape our enemies? Would it have been enough for Gd to split the sea but not given us the total for the Sabbath?

I'll leave you to discuss these things at your Seder, where a question is better than an answer. Still, allow me to present a few ideas for the early stanzas.

"if God had taken us out of Egypt... but had not split the sea, *Dayenu*". That would have been enough?! Really?! We would have been returned to slavery!

A possible answer: Once a person has a taste of freedom they are never the same. Had we left Egypt and been returned our relationship with Gd would be forever better for the experience and our aspirations for freedom would drive us towards an independent future.

Let's try another: "If Gd had brought us to Mount Sinai but had not given us the Torah, *Dayenu*". That would have been enough?!

Really?! But we would not know the Torah and the Commandments! A possible answer: the Jewish people achieved an unprecedented sense of unity as they stood at Mount Sinai and awaited the word of Gd. That sense of unity changed our national destiny

forever. When the Jewish people are unified our souls feel a sense of holiness that can guide us to fulfill the will of Gd in many ways, even without specific commandments. Yes, we would have been missing so much but we also would not have been able to rise to great heights.

I suspect in the final analysis *Dayenu* was not intended to be taken quite so literally, but then again that could be said for so many things in our Haggadah. Our goal is to raise questions, discuss, and pique the interest of the next generations. If we do so, and inspire ourselves and succeeding generations, then our Seder is truly *Dayenu*.

Respectfully Yours...

**from the desk of
Rabbi Weinbach
Enough? Really?**



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14	7:17	8:22
21	7:25	8:30
28	7:32	8:37

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From the Editor's Desk...

Getting my thoughts together for my monthly *Scroll* article is usually not

that easy, however, this time it is quite difficult. Why? Because my mind keeps diverting to Passover...shopping, cooking, recipes, seating arrangements at the table, and the like.

Thought I'd share a recipe which I've been making since I saw it in a newspaper about 25 years ago. It has become part of our Passover tradition.

Try it, you'll like it!

Fruit-Nut Chews

- 2 cups matzo meal
- 2 cups matzo farfel
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- ¼ tsp. ginger
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 cup raisins
- 3 eggs well beaten
- ¾ cup oil
- ½ cup mashed ripe banana

Combine matzo meal, farfel, sugar, cinnamon, ginger and salt. Stir in nuts and raisins. Beat eggs, oil and banana together very thoroughly. Drop by teaspoonful onto well-greased cookie sheets. Bake in a moderate oven, 350° for 20 minutes or until brown. Makes about 50.

SHALOM



Roberta



Submissions for the May issue are due by April 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.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Congregation, I start off my article this month by bestowing condolences to Sue Fields and the entire Fields family on the passing of our long-time congregant, Paul. May you be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem and know no more sorrow moving forward.

It is wonderful to see Marvin Lieman back in shul and on the mend.

We have a number of congregants who are under the weather. They need our attention and a little TLC. I welcome the formation of a **Bikur Cholim** committee by our Men's Club and Sisterhood to address this need. It is our responsibility to reach out to fellow congregants. If you know of anyone who needs to be contacted, please share the information. This is part of the benefits of membership.

We are entering the month of March and the Hebrew month of Nisan on a very high note. This year's **Star Wars Purim** chagigah was above and beyond anyone's expectations. I can sum it up with one word "**WOW**"! We enjoyed having over 200 participants and many ecstatic children running around, enjoying the evening. There were many new faces at the event. Shaarey Israel was certainly a "force" to be reckoned with this year. Thank you to all who made this event as successful as it was. Ditzza Bradin coordinated the event. Jennifer Rodriguez rolled up her sleeves and transformed our social hall into a real Star Wars event. Joyce Trubitz' supplied the Star Wars balloons. Her help, as always, was invaluable. Chet Brier made sure that our children would receive well stocked Star Wars souvenir gift bags at the event. Thank you Cantor Menachem Bazian for reading the Megillah on both Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

The Purim celebration continued with a Se'udat Purim Brunch sponsored by Rabbi Elchanan Weinbach in honor of our daily Minyanaires. The se'udah could not have been

possible without the assistance and hard work of Joan Black, Gadi Klebanov, and Lenny Kroog. Thank you!

At this time, Ditzza Bradin is stepping down from programming. Ditzza has been assisting and providing quality programs for the past 8 years. For 6 years, she worked with Mara Lewin, and has worked on her own for the past 2 years. Thank you Ditzza for all you have done and continue to do for our community. Anyone with a passion to organize and provide programming for our shul, please contact me.

Our next big endeavor is our **6th Annual Pesach Seder**, which falls on **Tuesday evening, April 11, 2017**. Thank you Cantor and Chana Bazian for leading the Seder again this year. This year's Seder is going to be extremely special. On the recommendation of Bill Farber, we have decided to open up the Seder to Jewish War Veterans, JWF widows, and Jewish Veterans in general who may not be able to attend a Seder this year. In addition, we have reached out to our local Hillel at RCC and opened it up to them as well. Generous congregants have stepped forward and pledged their financial support. This is a real showing of *achdut* and our shul coming together as one in reaching out to help others. Let's all work together to make sure that this is the best and most attended Congregation Shaarey Israel Seder yet. If you have participated in the past, you know how much fun they are. If you have not, then this year is a great opportunity to join us and see for yourselves. We will do everything to make sure that the food arrives as it should; so as not to have a repeat of last year's almost fiasco. Please make sure to contact the shul office. The cutoff date to RSVP is April 3, 2017. We need volunteers. Let me know that we can count on you.

Holocaust Remembrance Day comes out on Sunday evening, April 23rd, 2017 and April 24th, 2017. There will a countywide commemoration at the New City Jewish Center. We, at Congregation Shaarey Israel, will once

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THE CANTOR'S CLOUD by Cantor Menachem Bazian Sophie's Choice



One of the joys of having a son in college is having him home during break. Trust me when I tell you that it doesn't happen enough. When it does, though, the conversations we have range from factual (How are your classes going? How's the food?) to silly (hearing about the antics of some of his friends) to philosophical. When I can sit down with my Yitzchak and share an hour of conversation without distractions, I am experiencing life at its best.

We are all busy. The twins, may Hashem bless them, are busy with their careers and families, Yitzchak is busy trying to keep a 4.0 index, Chana is busy with her teaching and about 25 million other things that fill her each and every day and I am busy with work, congregation, and community. It doesn't leave us, as a family, a lot of time together. That makes the times we can get together all that special.

Today, I am once again off from work (this time on a Friday) as the snow falls outside. We celebrate Purim tomorrow night, and I am sitting on the couch typing away at this article. Just a little bit ago, Yitzchak and I got into a raging ethical discussion that covered topics such as stem cell research and whether or not it would be ethical to use data from experiments conducted by the Germans during World War II. Weighty topics, I am sure you would agree. These kinds of discussions are not uncommon between Yitzchak and me. We enjoy challenging each other and, not infrequently, we can wind up on opposite sides of an argument. But I love listening to him and hearing how his mind works.

The topics we discussed today were heavy and engendered both thoughtful and lively discourse from both of us. After we were done, I thought about them and it made me consider something; the concept of choice and what goes behind those choices. Regarding the

issues we discussed today, the choice of which side one comes down on really depends on how they see the issues. For

example, if a scientist uses data from a Nazi experiment in research that can save a life, has he or she legitimized the incomparable brutality of the experiments and disrespected the victims or does the potential benefit to humanity derived perhaps give some meaning to their suffering and, perhaps in some small miniscule way, mean their suffering was not for naught?

I am not going to come down on a side on this issue in this article, nor will I share which side Yitzchak or I was on during our discussion. However, what lies behind our decisions each and every day is something that is, itself, worthy of discussion.

In the study of Jewish Law, this question is very important. In many cases, the position of a Rabbi on a question is based on his understanding of the theory behind a law. A great example occurred just recently, on Shabbos Shekalim. Normally, on a special Shabbos, we would take out two Torahs. We read the Parsha of the week from the first Torah and the special Maftir for that Shabbos from the second. However, Rabbi Weinbach looked beyond the what of the practice to the why. We take out a second Torah to save time. If we only took out one, the congregation would have to wait while the Torah is rolled to the second reading. In the case of that Shabbos, however, the second reading was so close to the first as to negate the time savings. It would have taken longer with two Torahs than with one. So, Rabbi Weinbach only took out one Torah.

Every day we have to make dozens of choices. What to eat, what to wear, which route to go to

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THE CANTOR'S CLOUD *(continued)*

work, etc. We make most of these choices without conscious thought but there is data behind each and every decision. Sometimes, when we make a mistake, we'll stop and ask why we did what we did and only in hindsight, and then not always, will we be able to discern what our thought processes were that went behind the ultimate choice.

If we were to stop and ask ourselves what lies behind our choices, what would we find?

This month of April has the great holiday of Passover in it. Beginning with the day after Purim, Jews around the world are bombarded with hundreds of decisions leading up to, and including, the holiday. Which rooms do we clean first? What brand of Matza should we get this year (for me, that is a simple one: it's always the whole wheat Shmura Matza from Chareidim bakery in Brooklyn... It's bloody expensive but I think the yum factor is through the roof!) and how much to buy. Where should we spend the Seder and whom should we share it with? I could go on and on.

When you think about it, the holiday of Passover is, at its very essence, a celebration centered on choice. Until Moshe showed up and led the Jews out of Egypt, Jews had no choices. They were slaves and their lives were not their own. Once they were liberated, they had the freedom to choose what they wanted to do and what they wanted to be. Their ultimate response was *Naaseh V'Nishma*, "We will do and we will listen." They made the choice to accept Hashem's Torah and follow his law. Thus was borne the proud Jewish nation, all as the result of a single choice made in unison, by millions of people.

Perhaps, in remembering the exodus from Egypt which marked our birth as a nation, we should take a moment and consider that the greatest gift we have is that of free choice. It is ours to use, and abuse, as we see fit. It's a great power.

A famous Jew named Stanley Martin Lieber, once penned the famous phrase, "along with great power, comes great responsibility." (By the way, if you don't recognize the name Stanley Martin Lieber, you might recognize his pen name, Stan Lee.) We can choose to lift others, or not. We can choose to be happy with what we have or to always want. We can choose... When we do so, let's try to put thought and reason behind it. Let's consider what those choices can mean to ourselves, our families, our coworkers and our community. If we take a moment to consider our choices and think them through, then we have more of a chance of choosing wisely.

Chana and I wish all of you a happy, healthy and kosher Passover.

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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REVEREND SHAAREY ISRAEL

Please join us for the Six CS1 Community Seder led by Chazzan Bazian

Tuesday, April 11
Services at 7:15 pm
Seder at 7:45 pm

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Please join us on the second night of Passover as we tell the story of our exodus from Egypt. Following the reading we will have a fully catered Seder meal. From Brisket to nuts.

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If you find it difficult to attend our Seder please contact Ditza Bradin

Deadline is April 3rd

Please call the office (845) 369-0300 if you would like to join us.

Name: _____
Number of people: _____
Vegetarian: _____

Congregation Shaarey Israel
18 Montebello Rd.,
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SISTERHOOD MESSAGE
Pesach is a Crumby Business
Julie Feldman, President

Laugh all you want, but matzohs are a serious problem! Unlike leavened bread, it leaves crumbs and gastric distress. The taste varies from wall-board to bland. Every year I say that someone should make an egg matzoh that uses prune juice instead of apple juice in the recipe, thereby neutralizing the toxic effect of the matzoh. If some agricultural genius could invent a plum that will grow on a vine, we could then make a *pri hagafen* on the prune juice and kill two birds with one stone, so to speak.

For me, Pesach is a happy/sad holiday. My dad and I had birthdays that would often fall during the holiday, and my mother would make us a birthday cake made out of walnut flour that was tastier than regular cake. We would alternate the seder between our house and my mother's older sister's house. Being the youngest cousin, I got to do the *Ma Nishtanah* and then we'd move on to the serious business of telling the story of the Exodus, followed by the even more serious business of eating. I loved the family getting together, but my parent's generation is all gone now and the cousins are scattered to the wind. However, every Pesach I wish my mother was around to bake me one more birthday cake, so that I could thank her properly for it.

Fortunately, I have my CSI family to share a Seder with. I can't begin to tell you how much I enjoy them, learn from them and laugh with everyone during them. This year, the Men's Club has invited Jewish veterans who do not have a seder of their own to go to, and Sisterhood applauds Mark Pfeffer and his men for doing this mitzvah.

Sisterhood is moving forward with producing tee shirts with our new logo on them. Not only can you order them from the flyer, but they will also be available in the Gift Shop. With summer coming, the shirt is not only a vital piece of apparel, but a show of support for CSI as well.

We hope to be holding another Women's

never attended one, it is a very empowering morning for us. We run the service, read from the Torah and have our own "*Drosh*", often from the feminine point of view. It's very meaningful and beautiful. I invite all the women to attend.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that Sisterhood has volunteers who are available to help you get to meetings, services and events at the synagogue. Please let the office know if you need a ride and we will do our best to help.



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
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Parliamentarian	Barbara Weisel





CSI HEBREW SCHOOL
Danielle Maroff, Educational Director

In preparation for Passover, it was fun and exciting to use all our **senses** to learn about this important holiday.

Using our Sight – we examined the Seder plate, and the various items on the plate. **Sound**– we sang songs and recited the brachot. **Taste** – we tasted crunchy matzah, bitter herbs and parsley in salt water. **Smell** – we smelled the bitter herbs and the good smells of cooking for our Seder. **Kinesthetic** – roll playing of the Pesach story, dipping and cleaning for Pesach.

The Hebrew school parents and families are invited for a special model Seder led by Rabbi Weinbach along with the participation of our Hebrew school students.



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

Welcome to Spring which has finally arrived. We were all blindsided by the late March blizzard which attacked us just as we were anticipating that spring was just around the corner. The birds that migrated north because of a beautiful warm spell were fooled, as were the daffodils which came out to bud. Now the birds are struggling to find food, and have to compete with the animals that were around all through the winter. Many of us have missed a few meetings too, for we were just too tired, to get out after shoveling out our automobiles from massive snowbanks. Well, Spring officially, *finally* is here. In just a very few short weeks Passover will be upon us.

The Men's Club officially has the first job of inaugurating the commencement of Passover. On the morning, of the first Seder just prior to giving up chumatz for eight days, firstborn children traditionally have an obligation to fast. The Men's Club, has for many years, hosted this **Siyum**, to insure that those who wish to participate in a feast after finishing a Tractate of the Torah, instead of spending the day in a fast, can do so at this breakfast. It is your last chance to eat 'chumatz' before Passover, and also is an opportunity to thank Hashem for the gift of having a firstborn child. You can come to the Siyum, be inspired by the Rabbi teaching a Tractate of Talmud, and also come down to help prepare and serve as a volunteer. We value your assistance and value your opportunity to come down and be inspired.

During April we are requesting that all Congregants participate in "**The Yom HaShoah, Yellow Candle Project**". Letters have already gone out from the Men's Club to all members of the Congregation. We are imploring you to remember the Holocaust by purchasing and lighting the Yellow Yahrzei Yom HaShoah Candles. We are asking that you consider donations in multiples of \$18.00 to help sustain this worthwhile project. Use this opportunity to teach your family to commemorate the heroism of the six million Jewish people who were murdered in the Holocaust and also remember the five million others who also perished in the Holocaust. Placing this Yellow Candle in your window is a stirring way to remind the community of what happened not so long ago.

The funds that we receive from your purchase of the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candles are divided up, so that a portion of the

funds collected above the program costs, will go to support Youth Programs and the Holocaust Museum and Study Center, to further their educational programs and insure the future of our people. We ask that you consider donations in multiples of \$18.00. The number 18 is Chai, life. The Yom HaShoah Memorial Service Celebration falls on the 27th day of Nissan. This year it is marked on the evening of Sunday, April 23rd and is observed throughout the day, April 24th. We hope that all of our member families "Light a Candle, Preserve a Memory". You may pick up your candles from the Center Office on or after April 5th. You may pick up additional candles for family members or friends at this time as well. Donations for these additional candles should also be made in multiples of \$18. If you have any questions you may contact the office or call Robert Leifer at 845-354-1579.

We also wish to take this opportunity to invite the entire Congregation to our **Annual Mother's Day Breakfast**. We are working on preparing an exciting breakfast program for children and adults. Don't miss this opportunity to pay honor to all of the mothers in our congregation.

A wonderful and joyous Passover to you all, from the Men's Club.



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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.

Pesach/Passover is just around the corner (hard to believe). This month, let's take a look at the word **CHAG**. We use this word all of the time. **Chag (chet-gimmel)** means holiday or festival. We greet each other with a **Chag Sameach** (a Happy Holiday). A holiday/festival is usually defined as an historic and/or religious day that has specific customs and practices attributed to it.

The root of **chag (chet-gimmel-gimmel)** is derived from the infinitive **lachoog**. This is very interesting because the verb **lachoog** means to go around. When we dance in a circle we use the word **lachoog**. The hands on a clock or on a compass are called **mi-chogim** because they go around the face of the clock.

Extracurricular activities that one partakes in, such as Israeli dancing, mahjong, meditation are called **choogim** because they are set for specific days of the week and times on a repetitive basis.

This fits with the use of the word **chag** for holiday. Our calendar is cyclical. Our holidays and festivals repeat themselves at predetermined times and dates. In Judaism, we have set dates for the holidays and can know when they will fall out on the secular calendar many years into the future.

Chag is a masculine word. That is not true for the various, specific **chagim** (plural) that we observe during the course of the year. The word

Chanukah, for example, is a feminine word, however, when we wish someone a **Happy Chanukah**, we can wish them **Chag Chanukah Sameach** or **Chanukah Sameach** because without actually using the word **chag**, it is implied and therefore, we use the masculine form of the adjective describing the **chag**.

On holidays and festivals, which are usually happy occasions, we celebrate. In Hebrew, the verb to celebrate is **lach'goge (chet-gimmel-gimmel)**. Derived from this root is the word **cha'gi'gah** (celebration). We are always looking for opportunities to celebrate.

There are those who give their children Hebrew names that are derived from the word **chag**. For example the name **Cha'git** is a relatively common girl's first name. As a matter of fact, one of King David's wives was named **Cha'git**. The names **Cha'gee** (my holiday) and **Cha'gai** (my holidays) are commonly used names for boys.

Coming out of such a successful Star Wars Purim holiday, may we all celebrate a **Chag Pesach Kasher and Sameach**, and may the "*chag be with us!*"



Minyons

Weekday evenings: Sunday-Thursday: 8 pm

Weekday mornings: Monday & Thursday:
7:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:10 am

Sunday mornings: 9 am

Friday evenings: 6:30 pm



*Our poet laureat was at it again!
Barbara Weisel wrote this poem to accompany
Shalach Manos which was so beautifully put
together by the Sisterhood. -ED.*

Purim, 2017
Barbara Weisel

**The Jews of Shushan were filled with dread.
Haman wanted them all dead.**

**Haman thought without a doubt,
his murderous plan would be carried out.**

**But he didn't count on Mordechai.
This Jewish man was a very smart guy.**

**He told Queen Esther, another Jew.
She agreed Haman's plans couldn't go through.**

**Because she was Queen, she had the King's ear.
He made sure that she had nothing to fear.**

**Haman was the one eliminated.
Shushan's Jews were elated.**

**We celebrate Purim to this day.
Mordechai and Esther made evil go away.**



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*Received this too late for last year's Passover issue,
thought I'd share it now.-ED.*

**Extinct Gefilte Fish Caught in Lake Rokeach
ATLANTA, GA - APRIL 1, 2016.**

As we are at the end of the competitive gefilte fishing season, it should come as no surprise that Jacob Fishman caught a 40 pound gefilte in Lake Rokeach. After reeling in and weighing the giant gefilte, he quickly placed it in a tub full of jellied broth.

The record-breaking fish will feed more than 150 people and be topped with a carrot slice at Passover meals around Atlanta this Friday night.

The Gefilte population has dwindled to dangerous lows and it is by only a miracle that one this large has been caught and served with a side of horseradish.

Fishman said that he's simply taking some time to savor his achievement. When asked what he plans on doing next, Jacob responded, "Dayenu, isn't this enough?"



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March Calendar Sweepstakes Winners

These are the winners for **March 2017**. You can still join. Drawings through June.

Remember...*you gotta be in it to win it!*

MAR. #	NAME	\$	
1	214	Roberta Leitner	14
2	212	Robyn Futterman Pfeffer	14
3	155	Barbara Weisel	18
5	200	Red Avner	20
6	228	Diane & Bob Leifer	18
7	205	Al Bernstein	14
8	103	Marv Lieman	18
9	76	Jules Stern	14
10	64	Deborah Perel	20
12	37	Dale & Norton Smith	18
13	11	Marsha & Gary Forman	18
14	149	Shelly Ohren	18
15	141	Elise Krakower	14
16	233	Phyllis Polovsky	20
17	2	Paul & Sandra Chaitin	18
19	53	Audrey Meister	14
20	129	Joseph Moskovic	14
21	28	Marvin Joachim	14
22	140	Lucille Wexler	18
23	50	Dorothy & Lenny Kroog	18
24	24	Claire Bronsky	14
26	227	Nate Prestipino	14
27	46	Sy & Mimi Marenberg	18
28	101	Edward Folb	20
29	168	Paula & Herman Berzon	22
30	163	Ryan Donath	18
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ADULT EDUCATION AT SHAAREY ISRAEL

TUESDAY, April 4, 7:00pm with Rabbi Elchanan Weinbach

Torah Thoughts to Share at Your Seder

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Jewish Appreciation with Lila Stern 7:00pm

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Louisa DePaola - 845-533-4069

louisad10964@gmail.com

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again keep watch over 6 memorial candles in our small sanctuary.

Candle lighting will take place during the 8:00 pm Ma'ariv Service. There will be a changing of the guard every hour on the hour during the course of the 24 hour period. Thank you Helene Edelman-Shames for putting this together. Call the shul office to volunteer your time to this very important Mitzvah.

SY & MIMI MARENBERG are our **Congregation Shaarey Israel Honorees**. **LOIS PRICE** is our **Eshet Chayil**. This is a great and winning team. Our **Journal Dinner Dance** is a wonderful opportunity to recognize them for their contribution to our shul community and family throughout the years.

We are already working diligently on our Journal Dinner Dance. The festivities will take place on **Sunday, June 11, 2017**. Many thanks to Mimi Marenberg and Barry Haberman for chairing this important fund-raiser for our shul. Please, mark your calendars accordingly. We all should have already received ad forms. Let's strive for 100% participation in this event. This June 2017 marks the 50 Anniversary of the re-unification of the capital or our Jewish Homeland in the State of Israel. On **June 4th**, Congregation Shaarey Israel will be marching up 5th Avenue as part of the Celebrate Israel Parade. Gadi Klebanov, along with Kathy Abrams & Alan Tokarski are the Parade Committee. Let's fill up 2 buses from our shul this year. It is not too early to sign up.

We can plan and dream about ways to make our shul community grow, be vibrant, be exciting, and be meaningful. The success is dependent upon all of us. I am asking all of us to take an active role in making all of this happen. Come to Minyanim. Come to Shabbat and Holiday Services. Participate in our shul adult education opportunities. Become members of the shul's Men's Club and Sisterhood. If we all do our part, we can accomplish so much together.

Congregation Shaarey Israel –
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We have the best congregation.



Schedule of Passover Services April 2017

Have You Sold Your Chametz?

Sunday, April 9: Search For The Chametz -
7:59 p.m.

Monday, April 10: Siyum B'chorim - following
7:00 a.m. morning minyan

Monday, April 10: finish eating Chametz
before 10:47 a.m.

Monday, April 10: Burning Chametz
at a community location before 11:52 a.m.

CANDLELIGHTING TIMES:

Monday evening, April 10 - 7:08 p.m.

Tuesday evening, April 11 - after 8:05 p.m.

Sunday evening, April 16- at 7:15 p.m.

Monday evening, April 17- after 8:12 p.m.

SERVICES

Monday evening

April 10, 7:10 p.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday mornings,

April 11 & 12: at 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, & Wednesday evenings,

April 11 & 12: at 7:15 p.m.

Sunday & Monday & Tuesday evening,

April 16, 17 & 18: at 7:15 p.m.

Monday & Tuesday mornings,

April 17th & 18th at 9:00 a.m.

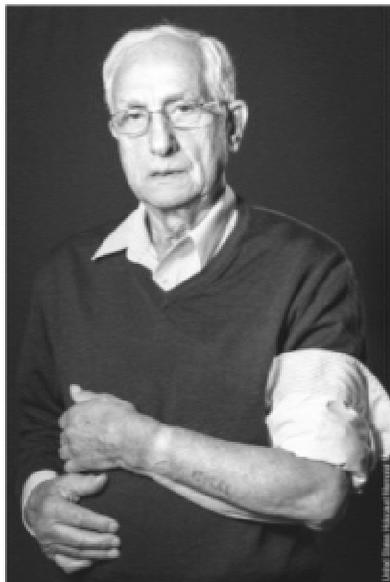
Yizkor on Tuesday, April 18 approx. 10:30 a.m.

Passover ends on Tuesday, April 18 at 8:13 p.m.

**PLEASE WAIT UNTIL 8:30 P.M. FOR THE
RABBI TO RE-PURCHASE THE CHAMETZ.**

NEVER FORGET

A SERIES HONORING ROCKLAND'S HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS



Wednesday, April 5
7-8:30 pm
at the Nyack Center

58 Depew Avenue
S. Broadway & Depew Avenue
Nyack, NY

Please join us for the Never Forget Series which honors local Holocaust survivors, their unimaginable struggle, and their tireless commitment to sharing their stories.

"The seeds of genocide are nurtured by small acts of intolerance." We must never forget history and stand together against anti-Semitism and bigotry in all forms.

SAM BRADIN

On Wednesday, April 5th we honor local resident and Shoah survivor Sam Bradin. Sam was the sole survivor of his immediate family; his parents, four sisters and a brother all perished in the Holocaust. He was liberated by the British on his 10th birthday, May 1, 1945 and lived in Sweden until 1950 when he immigrated to the US.

Seating is limited • RSVP Required: Call 845-358-6409 or email info@birchwoodcenter.com

The mission of the Holocaust Museum & Center for Tolerance and Education is to educate, examine and explore the lessons of the Holocaust with authenticity, dignity and compassion.



CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEB-SITE:
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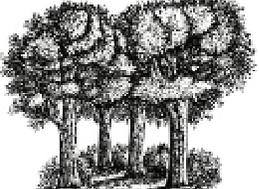


Sisterhood Wishing Well

Sisterhood gathers women's toiletries for gift baskets made for the Center for Safety and 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 & 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> April 7 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></p> <p>Contact the office with up-dates</p> <p>The Scroll...14</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> congshaareyisrael.org</p>

CHAI LITES

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Ilya & Michelle Finkelshteyn
- 8 Douglas & Barbara Kohn
- 11 Henry & Lynda Meyers
- 13 Martin & Brenda Bell
- 14 Dr. Charles & Esther Schwartz
- 20 Loretta & Bob Burton
- 29 Melvin & Golde Math



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| Aylon Ben Shlomo | Jenna Finkelshteyn |
| Matthew Bernstein | Jacob Haberman |
| Tyler Dubbs | Aviva Izamailov |
| Chelsea Egenberg | Andrew Katz |
| Rachel Egenberg | Jared Podos |
| Travis Egenberg | Alyse Rudnicki |



Israeli Dancing

led by Karin Sachs

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the Ballroom



Call the office for more info:

845-369-0300

Condolences to...

- David Richards on the loss of his beloved mother
- Steven Kahan on the loss of his beloved mother
- Sue Fields on the loss of her beloved husband and our congregant, Paul

Minyons



Weekday evenings:
Sunday-Thursday: 8 pm

Weekday mornings
Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:10 am
Sunday mornings: 9 am
Friday evenings: 6:30 pm


HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL DAY

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY
SUNDAY EVENING APRIL 23, 2017
THROUGH MONDAY APRIL 24, 2017

Alan Moskin, a WWII JWV and Concentration Camp Liberator, will speak to the Congregation on Shabbat morning, April 22. Plan to attend. He has an amazing story to tell of his experience as a liberator.

Letters and Info of Note...

I am so pleased that I am able to take this opportunity to thank Rabbi Weinbach and the CSI family for all their good wishes, as well as the contributions that have been made on my behalf during this trying time in my and my family's life. It truly means a lot to us to know that we are not just a face in the crowd.

Again, thank you so very much. Each day I feel that I am gaining my strength from one illness, and now comes the battle for the other medical problem. One step at a time and I am sure that all will work out. I cannot wait to see all of you real soon.

Deanna Simon

Ruth Pitkof's name was inadvertently omitted from the Shalach Manos list giving to the entire Congregation.



HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE 2017
Sunday, April 23 to Monday April 24
28th of Nisan 5777

Congregation Shaarey Israel will once again remember our 6 Million Jewish brothers and sisters exterminated in the Holocaust/Shoah. As has become our tradition at Shaarey Israel, we will light 6 Memorial Candles in our small sanctuary on April 23 at 8:00 p.m. and become Shomrim (guards) over them. There will be a changing of the guard, every hour on the hour for a period of 24 hours.

Our congregant, Helene Edelman-Shames has graciously taken upon herself setting up the schedule of the Shomrim. Please contact the shul office at (845) 369-0300 to take part in this very important mitzvah.

Dear Rabbi Weinbach, Cantor Bazian, Men's Club, Sisterhood & our CSI Family,

Thank you for your support and expressions of sympathy at this difficult time on the passing of my mother, Florence. Your prayers and thoughts were very comforting to us. It was especially wonderful to know that there were people that we hardly knew who reached out to us at this very sad time in our lives.

Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated and will always be remembered.

With our love,
Steve Kahan & Family

CELEBRATE ISRAEL PARADE 2017

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.

Parade Committee:

Gadi Klebanov - Kathy Abrams - Alan Tokarski



CSI PICTURE ALBUM

Tu B'Shevat Seder hosted by Yocheved Weinbach



Purim



*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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Peggy & Ed Krupnik

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Phyllis and Stan Krasnow on the loss of their grandson Caleb

The Solid Daleds
Sharyn Bobroff

Mazel Tov to the Frenkel Family on the birth of Flynn

The Nifco Family
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In memory of Astrid Johnson's aunt

Michelle Trubitz

In memory of Lynne Smith's father

Michelle Trubitz

In memory of Paul Fields

Lois Price

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The Trubitz and Nifco families

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Mimi & Saul Leff

In loving memory of Andrew Bronsky

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Speedy recovery to Marv Lieman

Pearl & Lenny Harbus

In honor of Roberta Lieman for the wonderful Scroll

Pearl & Lenny Harbus

In memory of Phyllis & Stan Krasnow's

grandson Caleb Zweig

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your donation to one of our many funds**

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Scholarship Fund

Thank You

To all who have donated
to one of the many funds
we appreciate your support.



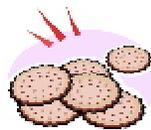
Sponsor a Shalosh Seudos

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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For information:

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gatesofzioncemetery@gmail.com



Date	Event	Location	Time	Person Responsible
1	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
3	Hebrew School Model Seder		4:30 pm	Danielle Maroff
4	Torah Thoughts	Room 2	7:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
4	Men's Club Board	Room 1	7:00 pm	Mark Pfeffer
4	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
5	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	Lila Stern
6	S.H Board Meeting	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Julie Feldman
7	Services	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
7	Anniversary Shabbot			
8	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach

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19	Forever Young Seniors	Multipurpose Rm	11:00 am	Barbara Kleinman
21	Services	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
22	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
23	<i>Yom Hashoa " Light A Candle To Preserve A Memory"</i>			
24	Budget/Finance	Room 2	7:00 pm	Joe Moskovic
25	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
26	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	Lila Stern
27	Board Of Trustees	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Mimi Marenberg
28	Services	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
29	Sercices	Sanctuary	8:45 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
30	Men's Club Breakfast	Multipurpose Rm	10:00 am	Mark Pfeffer

