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Other than the text of the Torah itself perhaps nothing has shaped the common understanding of Moses as a leader more than Cecil B. DeMille's *The Ten Commandments*.

With the striking Charlton Heston pitted against the cool and calculated Yul Brenner, G-d's word and will go forth through a righteous and obedient Moses.

A more recent and less popular retelling of the story is presented by Ridley Scott in his 2014 film, *Exodus: Gods and Kings*. With Christian Bale as Moses, the great leader of the Bible is transformed from obedient and unquestioning into a far more assertive and argumentative leader. This more recent retelling contains its own share of fictitious insertions to the story, and has the outstanding advantage of far superior for special-effects technology. However, upon seeing it I was led to question its portrayal of our most important leader. In Mr. Scott's portrayal, Moses is argumentative and even at times disobedient. Yet the more I think about it the more I think Mr. Scott is onto something. We do see again and again that Moses is willing to argue with G-d, admittedly on behalf of the Jewish people yet not the obedient portrayal you would expect in the cinematographic original.

(Actually, the 1956 *The Ten Commandments* was

not the first film on the subject. Interestingly, the original was also from DeMille and it is broader in scope, with a New Testament finish! This is from Wikipedia article on the 1923 film:

The Ten Commandments is a 1923 American silent religious, epic film and produced and directed by Cecil B. DeMille. Written by Jeanie MacPherson, the film is divided into two parts: a prologue recreating the biblical story of the Exodus and a modern story concerning two brothers and their respective views of the Ten Commandments.)

Lending further credence to Mr. Scott's portrayal is the biblical retelling of the story of the burning bush. Moses has a lengthy argument with G-d about his assigned mission, expressing grave doubt of its ultimate success.

I would like to speculate as well that much of the debate between Moses and G-d is present between the lines of the Torah text. When G-d first commands Moses to go to Egypt the message to Pharaoh is "my firstborn is Israel, therefore if you do not free my first born I will kill your first born". While this threat comes to pass in the 10th plague, why did G-d not proceed as he had initially threatened, bringing nine other plagues first?

To answer it is worth noting that after most of the plagues the Torah emphasizes that

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Respectfully Yours...

from the desk of

Rabbi Weinbach

An Argumentative Moses:

No Charlton Heston Is He!

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Date	Light Candles	Shabbat Ends
2	5:28	6:33
9	5:34	6:39
16	6:39	7:44
23	6:44	7:49
30	6:49	7:54

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From the Editor's Desk...

Jfor one enjoy receiving new recipes especially for holiday meals. Here is one that I've been making for many years to accompany our seders. If you are not a mushroom lover, forget it, but take my word...it is really good.

Passover Mushroom Casserole

- 2 onions, sliced
- 1 lb. mushrooms, thickly sliced
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1 cup matzah farfel
- 1/2 stick margarine
- Oven safe pan

Saute onions and mushrooms in margarine, season well with salt and pepper. When golden brown add water, when simmering add farfel which will absorb all the liquid.

Transfer to baking dish.

Bake at 350° for 35 minutes.

You can prepare this ahead of time and just pop it in the oven when you begin the seder. Enjoy!

A Zissen Pesach

from our house to yours!



SHALOM

Roberta



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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jonathan Meister

There is physical health and there is spiritual health and sometimes we need to work on both. It has been a very tough cold and flu season, myself having fallen victim to what may have been the flu and this forced me to miss being in our shul for one Shabbat and missing minyanim for two weeks. Yet, the synagogue continued to function, minyans were maintained and the spiritual needs of our community were met by our devoted clergy.

There has been some controversy of late following my letter to the congregation regarding the minyan program which we are trying to implement. For those of you who come to shul on a regular basis, I have been speaking from the bimah for more than a month, certainly in December and January regarding our struggles to maintain the daily minyan. I asked for as much participation as possible from our members, especially those who come on a regular basis for Shabbat services to ensure that we have a minyan in the mornings and evenings. The point being that we are not a "Shabbos Shul." Rather as I have said in the past, we are functioning as a living, breathing congregation 365 days a year. We have a minyan twice a day, 365 days a year (or try our best to do so) not only for the spiritual health as individuals but for the spiritual health of our entire congregation. I say this very pointedly because we must take care of each other and act as one unified congregation.

For the most part, I have received letters from congregants in light of our "minyan attendance program" with various legitimate reasons why they cannot participate. Of course if you are in Florida for weeks/months we can't anticipate you being present for a minyan. I need to make it clear that there is no penalty for not coming on the days that were assigned for individuals to "cover" the evening minyan. In fact, we aren't keeping track of who show up on their "scheduled" days or not. Rather the assignment of days to "cover" minyan is just

an organized attempt to see if we can encourage a few more people to come out on a regular basis. For those of you who have written back such missives as "outrageous" when they see the minyan reminder I have to say that I hope on a day when you need a minyan, whether to say kaddish for a loved one or just because you want to be part of the minyan and feel a sense of community, that people actually come out. If that doesn't happen, then you should think about the fact that we are responsible for each other, that is why we are members of a synagogue. We join to pick each other up, and to have people support us. To that end, enough cannot be said in praise of those individuals who make an effort almost every day of the week to be at the minyan whether it be morning or night or both. Remember that this project was undertaken to ensure that we participate as a community, together to help each other out. Not to enforce attendance or to tell each other when we can or can't pray or when we want or don't want to pray. That is between the individual and Hashem.

This **Scroll** article is being written in the month of Adar. We have all been taught that this is a time to be happy. There is much for us to celebrate. By the time this article is published we will have celebrated **Purim** and the building will buzz with activity. **Shabbat Across America** promises to be a wonderful weekend in our shul. This will be followed very closely by **Pesach** and I am happy to report that Cantor Bazian will once again host a Seder on the second evening of Pesach. Each year attendance has grown and we hope to see more of you at the Second Seder, look for information to be published shortly.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that our **Annual Journal Dinner** dance will take place on **Sunday, June 10th**. Our honorees this year Mitch and Elly Egenberg and Kamran Amona, our chesed honoree, are all extremely deserving.

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What is especially telling about these individuals and why they have been chosen is their devotion to our community. For years we have been delighted by Mitch's culinary delights which he has worked on so diligently and with all of his heart whether it be working a kiddush or a Simchat Torah or Shavuot barbecue and of course his "Chairmanship" of the unofficial L'Chayim Club. Elly of course has been a devoted member of the Sisterhood and committed member of the community with her tireless work for the cemetery and the Ruach that she exhibits every Shabbat in davening. Kamran of course is one of our dedicated Gabbai's on the bimah for all Shabbats and Yom Tavs as well as a "minyanaire," expressing his devotion to our community. These three individuals are shining examples of what community is all about and I hope to see all of you on June 10th to show how much we appreciate everything our honorees do for our congregation.



Condolences to...

Sara & Howard Mark on the loss of their beloved grandson.

Former member Phyllis Krasnow on the loss of her beloved husband, Stan.

Karen Heller on the loss of her father and our long time member Sol Seidman.

If someone inadvertently took a pair of prescription glasses from the coatroom please contact or bring them into the office.

LOST & FOUND

Schedule of Passover Services March-April 2018

Have You Sold Your Chametz?

Thursday, March 29: Search For The Chametz - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 30: Siyum B'chorim - following 7:00 a.m. morning minyan

Friday, March 30: finish eating Chametz before 10:55 a.m.

Friday, March 30: Burning Chametz at a community location before 11:56 a.m.

CANDLELIGHTING TIMES:

Friday evening, March 30 - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday evening, March 31 - after 8:01 p.m.

Thursday evening, April 5- at 7:08 p.m.

Friday evening, April 6- after 7:08 p.m.

SERVICES

Friday evening

March 30 at 5:45 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday mornings,

March 31 & April 1: at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday & Sunday evenings,

March 31 & April 1: at 7:10 p.m.

Thursday & Friday evening,

April 5 & 6 : at 6:30 p.m.

Friday & Saturday mornings,

April 6 & 7 at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday evening

April 7 at 7:15 p.m.

Yizkor on Saturday, April 7 approx. 10:30 a.m.

Passover ends on Saturday, April 7 at 8:09 p.m.

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



CALLING ALL MEN...

Come help sustain our daily morning and evening minyons. We need YOU!

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THE CANTOR'S CLOUD by Cantor Menachem Bazian Treasures

There are times when a random memory from my childhood will bring a smile to my face. For example, I can close my eyes and envision what was to me during my childhood, the most beautiful place on earth. It was called "Devil's Rock" and it was about a 15 minute hike from the bungalow colony my family went to every summer. It was an area in the woods that had the most breathtaking view you could envisage. Imagine a spot in the woods with thick trees behind you and, in front of you to the right, a cliff with a drop of about 15 feet. To the left is a slope that allows you to go down. Before you is first a copse of trees followed by beautiful farmland. Beyond the farmland, in the distance, are a group of mountains that fade off into blue and blend into the crystal clear sky.

Devil's Rock was a refuge for me. It was a place that I could be alone, or with my friends, and escape from the world. It was serene, peaceful and majestic. No matter how hot it was, you could sit in the shade of the trees and bask in a delicious breeze. In other words, it was everything I wanted when I just needed a break.

The only problem with Devil's Rock was that it was a summer only solution. During the rest of the year, it was a different story. When the weather was good, I could walk or bike ride to a local park or the library and lose myself there. During the winter, when school (my days ran from 7am - 7pm typically), weather and *Shabbos* were limiting factors (because I wouldn't bike on *Shabbos*), I had one other refuge: the house attic.

I loved that attic. It was musty and dusty and it could be cold or hot depending on the season, but it had two wonderful things: solitude and BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS. I inherited many traits from my mother, of blessed memory, chiefly among them is a tremendous love of reading. Mom would read books by the carload and then they would be deposited in the attic. I would go to the attic, rummage through boxes of books, and get lost in a veritable library of all kinds of literature. I would read

novels and be transported far from school and siblings to magical, wonderful, and some terrible, places. I would read non-fiction works too that expanded my mind and world view. It was during those years that I read of *Israel Bond*, *Agent Oy-Oy-7*. I encountered the historical fiction of Herman Wouk in the **Winds of War** and **War and Remembrance** (still two of my all-time favorite books). I also spent hours learning about the holocaust reading **Holocaust and Rebirth: Bergen Belsen 1945-1965** with its graphic photographs of the liberation of the camp by the British and then the later cleanup and the journey of survivors after the war to return to life. I guess you could say that much of what I am today is because of those countless journeys I took while sitting in the corner of that attic (despite many remonstrations from Mom NOT to go up to the attic).

To this day, I retain that love of books. I do not have the time I once had to read but I still love it beyond words (pun intended). My free time is frequently taken up by other pursuits and *Shabbos* time is usually taken up by *Torah* learning but I still keep my hand (or eyes) in.

Recently, I had cause to remember a particular book. I was preparing my sermon for *Parshat Beshalach* (Rabbi Weinbach was on vacation) and I was trying to come up with a way to explain how the Song by the Sea that the Jews sang was not ordinary music. Then I remembered a story I had read called, *The Palace Made by Music*. It was the second story from a book I remembered as **Ventures** that I had found in that musty attic. It was not the first time I had remembered that book but, for some reason, I was filled with a desire to get my hands on a copy of it. I remembered what it looked like and I remembered that it was a textbook. Beyond



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that, and the two stories I could recall, I had no further information.

So, I went searching. I searched the Internet. I searched the Library of Congress. I searched everywhere I could think of and consistently came up empty. I began to doubt my memory. Was the book really called **Ventures**? Did it look like I remembered?

Finally, in desperation, I turned to the Internet community called Reddit and found a forum (they call them *subreddits*) that was specifically designed for questions like "What is the title of that book?" The *subreddit* is called, interestingly enough, *WhatsThatBook* (<https://www.reddit.com/r/whatsthatbook/>). I described the book as best I could being very careful to distinguish what I knew from what I thought. Surely enough, within 24 hours, someone had replied with a link to the book description and even an Amazon link so I could buy it. For about \$12.50, I was able to purchase a book from my childhood.

When the book arrived, it was an incredible feeling. I opened it and looked at some of the stories and I could remember sitting in the attic reading them. I even remembered some of the words and the phrases. The pictures came back clearly from my nine year old eyes. For an instant, I was a kid again in my attic sanctuary surrounded by my mother's legacy.

They say you can't go home again. Well, I just proved them wrong. You can go home again. In our minds, the memories of our lives are our treasure and, the beauty of it is that we get to make new treasures each and every day. I can close my eyes and be back in my attic but I have much bigger plans for that book. I plan on using it to sit down with my grandchildren when they are old enough and share the richness of my mom's legacy with them. I want to go home again and I want to take them with me. I want to add to the treasure of my memories by sharing this with them and, hopefully, help them build treasures of their own.

This month brings us the great *Chag* of Passover. We center the beginning of Passover around a family celebration that focuses on a book, the *Haggadah*. My fondest memories are of the Passover Seder and they are among my most prized treasures. This is a time for us to build greater treasures of memories with our families, friends and our communities. The treasures we create, especially with the younger generations, are our true legacy, more than anything material we can give them after we leave this world.

Do you love your kids and grandkids? Spend time with them and share yourself with them. If you do, you will live forever.

Chana and I wish you a truly happy, healthy and kosher Passover!

P.S. Shaarey Israel will be, once again, hosting a community seder this year. Please keep your eye out for the announcement. Our community seder is always a big event. We get to perform a mitzvah and have a lot of fun to boot. If you aren't with family, join your Shaarey Israel family for a special seder. I promise you, you won't be disappointed.

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

Maybe It's Seasonal

Julie Feldman, President

I've known since High School that this is not a good time of year for me. Now we call it "Seasonal Affective Disorder" and it means that the decrease in natural light due to the shorter winter days causes an increase in depressed mood in many people. In my case, thank goodness for Zoloff! But I can still get a little "testy" at times. Actually, I admit, I don't need it to be any particular time of the year to get my ire up, but it's a good excuse.

While I love all my fellow congregants (and especially my Sisterhood Sisters), I do get tired of seeing the same faces volunteer to help the shul and the same faces come out to attend meetings, fundraisers and programs. Where are the rest of you?

Some people will say that they support the synagogue monetarily. All well and good, but are we nothing but a tax write-off for you? Some folks plead the inability to get to events at night, during the winter, etc. Have you heard that Sisterhood will help get you there? Last year we advertised our volunteer transportation program for our events. During the entire year, only one person reached out for assistance! And I'm aware that a large number of congregants flee the cold weather every winter and are therefore unwilling to commit to participating in activities, especially in terms of volunteering their services for various projects. Except that some people do manage to both spend time in Florida and assist the synagogue; the telephone and the internet make it possible.

There are those who accuse us of not being welcoming to them. Maybe it looks that way from the outside to you, but those few of us who do things for the synagogue are together constantly, working on these projects. This forms bonds and friendships. We know each other. When we do meet you from time to time, we want to get to know you and welcome you into our circle, but please understand that if you're only "stopping by" on the rare occasion, we won't be able to develop that type of connection with you that we have with each other. Please come more than once or twice a year! You'll see that you'll begin to be recognized and become part of "the group"...that's all it takes.

What about those people who are only members so that they have a place to go for the High Holidays? I'm going to be blunt about this. An institution like ours cannot exist solely on the dues of

donations through appeals and fundraisers to have the operating funds to pay for salaries, upkeep of the buildings and grounds, utilities, etc. And equally as blunt, a synagogue is not a place that's only open three days a year. It is a living and breathing community that is available to us daily.

For many years, I was not present at any of the congregations my husband and I were members of. I know that when you work five days a week, have a family and a home to take care of, have friends and family unrelated to synagogue, the idea of attending services and activities on any regular basis seems burdensome. And then I discovered something, as I assume most regular attendees do, a connection to that which is beyond ourselves, beyond the immediate, beyond the mundane. When I can get my head down into the *Torah* or into the *Siddur*, I find myself transported into a space where it all begins to make sense and where I am connected to a "totality" that I can only describe as "cosmic". Can you do that at home? Yes. If you carve out the time and space for it. And it's wonderful if you can do that, but by making the commitment to come to synagogue, you have definitely made that promise to yourself and you're more likely to keep it. But what if there are too few here to make a *minyan*? Yes, there are some prayers said, but not the entire service. And you've heard time and time again about the need for the *minyan* in order to say *Kaddish*. You've been told that it's important to attend even though you might not need to say *Kaddish*, so that when you are in need, your sacrifice of time will be reciprocated. This is undeniable, but you are also cheating yourself out of something as well. Not only do you have the opportunity to do something for others with your presence, but you are cheating yourself of the potential to reach beyond yourself to feel that "cosmic totality".

So, I ask again, where are the rest of you?

Sisterhood is slowly wrapping up its year. We will be presenting and then electing the next slate of officers and trustees. Our Board meetings are (normally) the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. and are open to all. In June, we will have our Installation and Donor Dinner and Service Points awards. Look for the details in the coming months.

Until next month!



THE MEN'S CLUB MESSAGE...

Mark Pfeffer

Purim is practically here, and with that Passover cannot be far behind. We are grateful that the cold winter months are mostly behind us, and maybe snow will not be such a challenge for the rest of this season and on into spring.

Last month I mentioned a musical production coming to CSI. Here is some additional information. This delightful musical production is known as our *Purim Spiel*. We are hosting it on the **Saturday right after Purim, March 3rd at 8:00 p.m.** (not March 10th, as originally printed). This Purim performance is being offered by the **Not Ready for Chol Hamoed Players**. These talented actors are coming to Shaarey Israel for your musical delight. If the show has passed you by because you read this after March 3rd, don't fret. A number of previous shows are available on *YouTube*, and can be viewed if you type in **Not Ready for Chol Hamoed Players**. You may have missed the actual event but it's still great with all its wacky, wild, and hilarious renditions of a number of famous Broadway Musicals. This year's *Purim Spiel* is titled *Married Pops*. It's a spoof of *Mary Poppins* music with new original words to those familiar tunes. It will be performed by actors from the Jewish Center of Passaic NJ, and features our own beloved Cantor, Menachem Bazian. The play is directed and written by David Hurwitz, starring the **Not Ready for Chol Hamoed Players**. Many thanks to Cantor Bazian, and to the cast for performing at our shul.

Other March happenings include hosting the **Siyium**, for the entire congregation on **Friday, March 30th at 7:00 a.m.** Men's Club prepares, and hosts the breakfast meal for all who come down. We give you the opportunity to come down, join us, at this meaningful service, learn with the Rabbi, and participate in your last chance to eat Chumatz. If you are not a first born child, or do not have a first born child, you may still come down to help the Men's Club prepare this traditional last chumatz meal, before Passover.

Men's Club is teaming up with Sisterhood for a night of **Military Bridge**. This event will be scheduled for a Sunday evening in late April. Watch for details.

There is still time to join the **Calendar Sweepstakes**. Winning numbers will be drawn beginning March 1. The Sweepstakes continues through June 2018. Six days each week a number is drawn. The numbers go back into the lottery bin after each drawing, so your number can win multiple times. This is only a small \$10 investment and you get over 60 chances to be a winner (of course the more numbers you buy the greater your chances of winning). It's an easy and exciting way to win money. If you have not yet done so, this is your last chance; so buy numbers for yourself and your family. Tell your friends, your study group members, your social group partners, and your work colleagues, that they can also be a part of a winning investment for a very small cost. The checks are payable to "Congregation Shaarey Israel", and please put in the notation section, Men's Club Calendar Sweepstakes. You can send the checks to Red Avner, at his address, or send them, or drop them off at the Center Office.

The Men's Club has met via conference calls for the last few months but from March on we once again will have face to face meetings. Won't you join us, at our next meeting, as the Men's Club looks forward to your participation. We meet on the first Monday evening of each month. Come down to a meeting or an activity, and don't forget to help out with your annual dues of just \$36. Thanks so much.



Rabbi's article (continued)

Pharaoh did not listen as G-d had foretold to Moses.

Why the manifold repetition that G-d had foretold Moses that Pharaoh would not listen. I would like to propose that between the lines when G-d told Moses that he would strike the firstborn of Egypt in order to free the Jewish people Moses objected, and argued with G-d to use less extreme measures to slowly force Pharaoh to accede to G-d's command. Therefore time and time again when Pharaoh did not listen G-d emphasizes that this is as He predicted, and that only the killing of the firstborn would set the Jewish people free.

This reconstruction that has Moses arguing with G-d to show restraint in striking the Egyptian people, ironically leads to far greater suffering in the end. This reading of Moses brings him into line with our forefather Abraham who pleads for mercy on behalf of the wicked Sodom and Gomorrah, and in line with Moses' own resistance to G-d's intent to destroy the Jewish people both after the sin of the golden calf and the story of the spies. While an obedient and unquestioning Moses is in line with the obedient and unquestioning approach of the New Testament, Mr. Scott's portrayal and my proposed reading are more in line with our Jewish view of leaders as advocates for justice, even upon the wicked.

In a few short weeks, as we gather together for our annual Passover Seder, we recreate our experience of suffering in Egypt and redemption by G-d. As we recall these experiences, we will rely on the text and images within our *Haggadah* and our memories of the retelling of the story at Seders past, as well as depictions in film. Let us remember as well how Moses spoke truth to power, human and divine, and recommit ourselves to both our traditions and our commitment to justice and fairness to all people.



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Rabbi Steven Weil is the Senior Managing Director of the Orthodox Union. Rabbi Steven Weil, the son of German "Viehhaendler", he grew up on a cattle farm in Upstate New York. His love for learning began early, and as a teenager prevailed upon his parents to send him away to Yeshiva. He continued his education at Kerem B'Yavneh and Yeshiva University, concurrently completing his ordination at the Rabbeinu Yitzchak Elchanan Theological Seminary and a Master's in Business Administration from NYU's Stern School of Business. Rabbi Weil began his career teaching, and then began pulpit work; first at the Young Israel of Oak Park, Michigan and then at Beth Jacob Congregation in Beverly Hills, California. In both positions, Rabbi Weil significantly expanded the synagogue's membership and programming and was involved in serving the needs of the greater community as well. In 2009 he became the chief executive officer of the Orthodox Union. Rabbi Weil is a popular teacher and lecturer, having delivered invocations for former President Bush, Governor Schwarzenegger as well as Speaker John Boehner and the House of Representatives among others. He has served internationally as scholar-in-residence on land and on sea, and is a passionate advocate for Israel and for Jewish education.

Rabbi Weil resides in New Jersey with his wife and seven children.



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Sandra Chaitin

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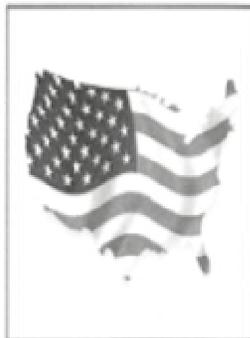
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Saturday, Motzei Shabbat

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The Palestinian UN representative jumped up furiously and shouted, "What are you talking about? The Palestinians weren't even there then!" The Israeli representative smiled and said, "And now that we have made that perfectly clear, I will begin my speech..."



Journal Dinner Dance

Sunday, June 10

honoring

Filly & Mitchell Egenberg

Kamran Amona

Chesed Honoree

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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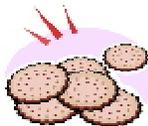


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Date	Event	Location	Time	Person Responsible
1	Megillah Reading	Sanctuary	7:15 am	Rabbi Weinbach
2	Services & Ann'y Shabbat	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
3	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
6	Men's Club Board	Room 2	7:00 pm	Mark Pfeffer
6	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
7	Forever Young Seniors	Multipurpose Rm	11:00 am	Barbara Kleinman
7	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
7	Yoga Class	Room 1	7:30 pm	Jean Gastfriend
8	S.isterhood Board Meeting	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Julie Feldman
9	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
9	Shabbot Across America Shabbot Dinner		7:00 pm	Paulette Frankel
10	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
12	Arc Passover Seder	Multipurpose Rm	6:00 pm	Marsha Forman
13	Book Discussion Group	Daily Sanctuary	11:00 am	Paulette Frankel
13	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
14	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
14	Yoga Class	Room 1	7:30 pm	Jean Gastfriend
16	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
17	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
17	Bar Mitzvah of Shlomy Goldberger			
18	Private Room Rental	Multipurpose Rm	6:00 pm	
20	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
21	Forever Young Seniors	Multipurpose Rm	11:00 am	Barbara Kleinman
21	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
21	Yoga Class	Room 1	7:30 pm	Jean Gastfriend
22	Budget/Finance	Room 2	6:00 pm	Joe Moskovic
22	Board Of Trustees	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Jack Perel
23	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
24	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
27	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs

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