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Won't be long till summertime is here! For me nothing captures the spirit of summer like the Beach Boys album *Endless Summer*. Every now and then we hear our song, and we remember the great summers of our youth. How often do we catch ourselves trying to relive those times: the warmth of the sun and fun, fun, fun.

Judaism has its own endless summer, but it is anything but fun - it is an annual reliving of tragic events.

When it comes to the fast of the 17th of Tammuz and the ninth of Av the Mishna tells us that on each date five tragedies befell the Jewish people, the most famous of which is the destruction of both the first and second

Temple in Jerusalem on the ninth of Av. Perhaps less well-known but equally important, on the 17th of Tammuz Moses came down from Mount Sinai and, seeing the golden calf, broke the two tablets on which were written the 10 Commandments.

Then, just over a year later, on the ninth of Av, the Jewish people were panicked by the report of the spies and rejected the land of Israel. It is these two foundational events, the breaking of the tablets on the 17th of Tammuz and the rejection of the land of Israel on the ninth of Av, that established these days as times of tragedy for the Jewish people summer after

summer. Not only do we remember these events every summer but again and again on these days the endless cycle of summer tragedy has repeated itself throughout our history.

That Jewish history repeats itself year after year on a specific date has a positive side as well. After the sin of the golden calf, Moses returns to G-d and successfully pleads for forgiveness of the Jewish people. The symbol of this forgiveness, the second tablets, are

presented to the Jewish people on the 10th day of Tishri; thus did that day become a day of forgiveness year after year, the holy day of Yom Kippur.

Let's end on a lighter note: as we enjoy the warmth of the sun all summer long, let's catch

a wave, get around, don't worry baby, and be true to your ~~school~~ shul.

P.S.: Can you name all seven songs from *Endless Summer* referred to in this article? If not, ask Peggy – *Endless Summer* is one of her favorites!

Respectfully Yours...

from the desk of

Rabbi Weinbach

Endless Summer



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25	7:22	8:27



From the
Editor's Desk...

Wishing everyone a healthy summer filled with good times and good news. Let's take advantage of the longer, hopefully, less stressful days and enjoy doing things that we put off until the better weather came around. Well, here it is...enjoy.

The September issue of *The Scroll* goes to the printer in August so please submit any flyers, articles and announcements by August 10th.

Once again be safe, enjoy, be healthy.



SHALOM



Roberta



Submissions for the September issue are due by August 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 shul, I wish our congregant, Sol Zalensky, a speedy and complete recovery after having heart surgery earlier this week. I wish a speedy and continued recovery to Marty Ingber, following his surgery earlier in May. Mazal Tov to the Assouline family on Eliana's becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Mazal Tov to the Amona family on Darren becoming a Bar Mitzvah later this month and to Charna & Bill Weissman on the upcoming Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Jarrett. May we all enjoy much nachat from our Bnei Mitzvah now and in the future!

It is hard to believe that this is my final article as the President of our Shul. I am humbled and thank each and every one for bestowing me the honor of leading our Congregation for the past two years. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

I am completing nine years as a member of the Shaarey Israel Board of Trustees. I will not be assuming the position of Chairman of the Board. I am stepping down from the board at this time for a few reasons. It is my opinion that when one serves on the Board of Trustees, it is not a permanent position. There needs to be a rotation to prevent stagnation and to invite new and fresh ideas. In addition, many of you know that I have been unemployed for the past number of years. It is time to go back to work.

There have been many challenges during my presidency. Very soon after assuming the position, we found ourselves without a rabbi. For ten months, our Congregation held it together, and here we are; moving forward for what I anticipate to be bigger and better things. I thank our Cantor Menachem Bazian and his wife Chana. The Cantor was instrumental during that period. Because of Menachem's caring and support, we were able to function and hold the fort during the void that was created by the absence of a rabbi at the helm.

I thank our Rabbi Emeritus, Rabbi Chanofsky, who selflessly offered his support and services to our shul as needed. Rabbi Chanofsky provided a sense of comfort and stability to us all; especially during the High Holidays and thereafter.

Patience is a virtue. I believe that good things

happen to those who wait. On June 1, 2017, Rabbi & Yocheved Weinbach will be completing their first year as part of our Shul family. Their acclimation to our community has gone very well. They have gained the love and admiration of our Congregation and of the community at large. For me, it has been a real pleasure working with him. I look forward to our weekly Monday morning meetings.

The Congregation Shaarey Israel clergy team is a winning team. It is great to see the mutual respect and professionalism that they show one another.

We are coming off of a very successful Yom Yerushalyim Shabbat Dinner May 19, 2017. Thank you Paulette Frankel and Charna Weissman for making this happen. Jennifer Rodriguez transformed the social hall into a golden room in celebration of Jerusalem. Rabbi Weinbach coordinated a very meaningful program. A good time was had by all.

On Sunday morning, June 4, 2017, we are looking forward to marching up Fifth Avenue in Celebration of Israel. Shaarey Israel's contingency will be 20 strong. The number of marchers should have been better. If you are not marching with us this year, there is always next year. I am looking forward to a very fun time.

One week later, on June 11, 2017, we will be celebrating our Journal Dinner Dance Honorees; Sy and Mimi Marenberg and Lois Price as our Eshet Chayil (Woman of Valor). Please send in your RSVPs and place your ads. It is not too late. Let us strive for 100% participation in this very important Shul fundraiser. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

There is still so much work to do. If all goes according to plan, Jonathan Meister will be the next president. I sincerely believe that he has our Shul's best interests at hand. If and when elected, I wish him much success.

Shaarey Israel has a very bright future, and we have the best Congregation!!!

Chazak, chazak v'nitchazek

**Let us be strong, be strong,
and let us be strong going forward.**

Sincerely yours,
Bill Bradin



THE CANTOR'S CLOUD by Cantor Menachem Bazian Fifty Percent Grey



The number 50 plays a large role in Judaic law, lore and history. For example, every 50 years brings on the Jubilee year (*Yovel* in Hebrew) in which property returns to historical owners, indentured servants are released and returned to their homes, and the *Shofar* is sounded on *Yom Kippur*. In addition, the 50th day after the first day of *Passover* marks the anniversary of the giving of the *Torah* which we celebrate during *Shavuot*. Finally, in a standard marriage contract, or *Ketubah*, a wife is promised 50 shekels in the event she survives her husband or is divorced. I could go on and on.

Fifty also plays a large role in our recent history. To begin, in 1897, Theodore Herzl famously wrote, "At Basel, I founded the Jewish State. If I said this out loud today, I would be answered by universal laughter. Perhaps in five years, certainly in fifty, everyone will know it." Fifty years later, in 1947, Great Britain announced that they were terminating the Palestinian mandate which was a significant step in the formal declaration of the Jewish State in May of 1948. Next, in 1967, the fabric of the entire world shook when a simple three word report in Hebrew proclaimed, "*Har Habayit Biyadeinu*," "The temple mount is in our hands." Jerusalem, so long divided with the holy temple mount under Arab League rule, was finally liberated and reunified. Just a few short days ago, Jerusalem celebrated the jubilee anniversary of that seminal moment in world events.

It has been an exciting week marked with many acts of historical significance that included the first visit to the Western Wall by a sitting American president. Jerusalem today is the undivided capital of Israel; the state has made it clear that it will ever so remain.

Yes, the number 50 has had a large role this year. But, I think there is, perhaps, a deeper meaning that we can draw on this 50th Anniversary of *Yom Yerushalayim*, Jerusalem Day.

When I was young, I recall my mother of blessed memory telling me of her life in New York as a young teenager. Mom was 12 when the war ended and a member of the *Hashomer Hadaati* (literally, "The Observant Guards"), a part of the famous *Bnei Akiva* Zionist movement. In the years immediately following the war, tensions in Palestine grew between the Arab and Jewish populations. The British has strict immigration quotas on Palestine yet tens of thousands of survivors of the Nazi horror in Europe were clamoring to be allowed a place to live their lives in peace. Left with little choice, the Jews in Palestine smuggled their beleaguered brethren into the mandate as quickly as they could. The British struggled to maintain order as the Arab population grew violent.

The Jewish defense forces desperately needed arms. My mother told me of times when she was asked to deliver a package from one point to another without knowing the contents. Later on, she learned that she was carrying weapons destined for Jewish fighters in Palestine, later Israel.

It was a dark time. Europe was a vast graveyard. Traditional Jewish settlements in Eastern Europe were gone. Poland, once boasting three and a half million Jews was denuded of more than 85% of her Jewish population by the Holocaust. Jews were still hated by the Poles and the country was behind the Iron Curtain. Soviet Russia, under the boot of Stalin, was no place for a Jew either. Jews needed a homeland desperately. They needed to be released from the slavery of Europe and return to their ancient homeland. They needed a Jubilee year.

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And so it was. Jews returned by stealth and were armed by stealth. They struggled, confident that G-d would not forsake them and that they would establish and rebuild their ancestral homeland. People from all over the world, my mother included, chipped in in countless ways to assist their brothers and sisters who were trying to overcome. In the 50th year after Herzl's famous quote, their efforts paid off and the British got out.

The Hebrew word for the number 50 is "*Chamishim*." But Hebrew is written without any vowels. So, the word *Chamishim* can also be read as "*Chamushim*" which means "armed." For example, Exodus 13:18 which reads: "So G-d led the people roundabout, by way of the wilderness at the Sea of Reeds. Now the Israelites went up armed (*VaChamushim*) out of the land of Egypt."

In 1947, Jews around the world came together in a common cause to assist the still unborn state. Young and old donated of their time, their money and their expertise. In some cases, like American Colonel Mickey Marcus, that assistance included lending their military expertise and literally giving their lives in the struggle to create an independent State of Israel where others, like my mother, got involved and did what they could in the same pursuit. G-d rewarded their efforts, both in Israel and out, and the State of Israel was born. In the 50th year, the Jubilee year, the land of Israel reverted to its ancestral owners and the slaves returned home.

In 2017 another jubilee is here and once again the world is challenging our rights to sovereignty over our own land. We must always remember that we are celebrating our *Chamishim*, our jubilee, because we have been *Chamushim*, armed. Not only armed in the traditional, military, sense but armed in that we are one people with a common goal. We are armed with G-d's love and the gift of *Torah* that he has given

us. We are armed with the power of kindness and *mitzvot*.

Israel is a wondrous place of freedom, democracy, innovation, science, technology and, yes, *Torah*. When Jerusalem was first liberated and reunified in 1967, there were few institutions of *Torah* learning in Jerusalem and none, of course, in the old city. Today, *Torah* thrives in our capital once more, as well as throughout the land. *Torah* is our armor and it is in the merit of *Torah* and the *Mitzvot* that G-d protects us.

In all likelihood, I will not see the next jubilee of *Yom Yerushalayim*. Yet, perhaps these scribblings may survive me and remind a future reader of that which I see so clearly today:

*Hashem Oz L'Amo Yitain, Hashem
Yevareich Es Amo Bashalom.*

G-d gives strength to his people. G-d blesses his people with peace. Psalms (29:11).

Chana and I wish all of you a great summer!

PS. I cannot believe yet another **Scroll** year has come and gone.

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

It's Summer, School's Out and it's Time to Dance!

Julie Feldman, President

Okay, it rained and rained in May, but now it's June and the sun must come out, right? Granted, the drought needed to be taken care of, flowers needed the water, and Rockland's crops of apples should grow nice and big this year. But still, what would June and the start of vacation time be without a sunny, hot and not-yet-humid month?

Who doesn't remember the anticipation all month long as children when we were waiting for the school year to end? That's how I feel right now. I have one year as Sisterhood President under my belt. A lot of my goals have been or will be met. I know what I want to focus on for the coming year, but right now I have a chance to take a deep breath. I've got a wonderful Board for the 2017-2018 year and I'm looking forward to some exciting and fun activities from both the Programming and Fundraising committees in the coming year.

Until then, we still have some things planned. Tee shirts will be available in the Gift Shop (and speaking of the Gift Shop, look there first for gifts for Grads, Dads and Newlyweds). We'll have Bingo up next and are considering a shopping day at a premium department store ahead of the new school year and the High Holidays.

June is our month at the Rhoda Bloom Food Pantry of Jewish Family Services. I am inviting all our Hebrew School/School Enrichment Program kids to join the adults in helping. We go in the morning to assist in packing up the groceries to be picked up by the recipients and when they start arriving, we help take the food bags to their cars. Along the way we may be busy, but we have lots of fun and a lot of team spirit! For kids who need community volunteer credit, the Food Pantry will give you credit for the number of hours you serve.

Lastly, it's time to dance! Our Journal Dinner Dance honors Mimi and Sy Marenberg and Lois Price. If you've

forgotten, before Mimi became President of the Congregation and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, she was Sisterhood President. Lois has been a very active member of Sisterhood back to Monsey Jewish Center days, so this is a very Sisterhood celebration! I always enjoy a chance to dress up (and pretend I'm a grownup), and celebrate. As always, I hope to see you there.

Have a safe and fun summer. Don't forget the sunscreen!



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CSI HEBREW SCHOOL
Danielle Maroff, Educational Director

As the school year is ending I can't help but look back as the year flew by. Overall this year was a big success. We enjoyed working with the students; continuing to get to know each of them on a personal level and most importantly helping them develop their knowledge and love of Judaism. I want to wish much success to Russell Klein, Aly Nifco, Jackson Kaden and Eliana Assouline-Sampson who are graduating this year. I hope to see you all continue your Jewish journey and continue to join us on Wednesdays for our cooking classes.

In the month of May we had a great time experiencing and celebrating Yom Haatzmaut. We cooked our own Israeli dinner that included Israeli salad, falafel, pita bread hummus and pickles of course! We decorated the hallways with Israel's flags and on Yom Yerushalaim we built our own Kotel. Lag B'aomer was very exciting. We enjoyed playing outside and competing in relay races and other competitive outdoor games. A great time had by all students that got the unique opportunity to experience Lag B'aomer in such a fun and exciting way!

I wish everyone a wonderful and relaxing summer and I am looking forward to the 2017- 2018 school year.



THE MEN'S CLUB MESSAGE...

Mark Pfeffer

This is the last Men's Club Message until the Scroll starts up again in September 2017. By then we'll be thinking about the upcoming High Holidays. Before we get into the Summer Activities list let me remind you of the importance of joining with the Congregation for the 2017 Annual Journal Dinner Dance scheduled for June 11th honoring three wonderful people and dear friends. It is true that summer activities slow down during the summer months, but it does not mean that all the things that the Men's Club does cease. There are lots of ways the Men's Club continues to help the synagogue.

Every day during the year, including winter and summer, there are morning and evening Minyons. People have to recite kaddish. The Men's Club members are often asked to help out and participate in a minyon service. We consider it one of our primary synagogue functions and we are more than willing to help by participating in the service to help make a minyon. If any member thinks that there may be fewer than ten men available for a minyon, within their homes (if need be) or at the synagogue, just contact the Men's Club or the Synagogue President, and we will make every effort that we can to be counted upon, to be available for the minyon. It has happened numerous times throughout the year and we are very willing to help out in this way. Many of the Men's Club members have taken it upon themselves to guarantee that they will be part of the minyon on a regular weekly basis, with a specific set day or days to help insure that a service will be conducted daily.

There are other things that go on throughout the summer that members of the Men's Club have taken it upon themselves to do. These are often unsung heroes who do not seek personal aggrandizement, but just come in and quietly do whatever needs to be done. They may be kitchen helpers who help prepare the Saturday Kiddush meal after the services, or they may help to cook up cholent for the Saturday evening meal between the afternoon and evening service. The helpers may pick up all the tablecloths to make Edwin and Chanel's job a little easier. It's important to take this opportunity to thank Edwin and Chanel for all the hard work that they do for the Men's Club and the Shul. The Shul would not operate nearly as well as it does without the tremendous efforts of these two extremely hard working

individuals. They deserve the thanks of everyone who walks through the doors.

Men's Club is looking to get involved in some summer activities so you can have social outings during the summer months. The Rockland Boulders Baseball season just started. Men's Club would like to get together at a Boulders game. If this sounds like your idea of fun too, speak to one of the Men's Club officers, as we are choosing several dates for this activity. Sisterhood is working on a Bingo Night. The Men of the Men's Club will be working alongside the women, to make sure this is a success, even though this is considered a Sisterhood event.

Since this is the last message for this season it is time to recognize and thank the many men and women who have been of so much help. The activities couldn't have been done without the assistance of many wonderful people. Edwin and Chanel have been mentioned once already but since they do so much they should be recognized a second time, for they cook, decorate, clean up, and are always a tremendous help to us. We have such wonderful helpers it's hard to list them all. First we must thank, Red Avner, who probably does more than five of us, doing all the things he does. Next we need to thank Bob Leifer, & Diane Leifer, who shopped and helped prepare for the Mother's Day Breakfast. Joe Brier, Chet Brier, Marv Lieman, and Bruce Weinfeld along with Joyce Trubitz prepared and served up Mother's Day breakfast, and kept track of the money flow. Alan Tokarski, Steve Herbst, and David Stein also were present and helped out. Throughout the year, Bill Braden, Lenny Kroog, Sandy Fried, Lois Price, Paul Donath, Eleanor Donath, Jay Helfgott, Bill Farber, Carl Paley, and Hy Davis pitched in and helped out. During our New Years Eve Dance we had help from Lori Pitkof, Marsha Atkin, and Phyllis Polovsky plus other helpers. Thank you to Roberta Lieman for her work on **The Scroll**. To get the word to everyone and to insure the venue always looks magnificent whenever we have a function, we cannot forget the tremendous efforts of Peggy and Jennifer. Please forgive me if you were inadvertently omitted. It was not intentional. Thanks to all, my wonderful helpers. Looking forward to a wonderful and relaxing summer.



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.

This month, let's take a look at the word, **seedoor** (Siddur). Everyone knows what a **seedoor** is. Many do not pronounce the word correctly and call it **sidda** or **sidder**. There are so many different kinds of **seedoorim** (plural of seedoor). There are Ashkenazi, there are Sephardi, and even Mizrachi **seedoorim**. At Congregation Shaarey Israel, we pray from the Ashkenazi version of the Artscroll edition published by the Rabbinical Council of America. At CSI, we have brown copies of this **seedoor** and black copies as well. The difference is that the brown version does NOT have the *Prayer for the Welfare of the State of Israel*, and black edition does. There are so many different **seedoorim**. The different Jewish movements have their own versions of **seedoorim**. There are differences, however, there is so much more in common between them. The word **seedoor** is used because the sequence of the way that we daven follows a specific order and hence the word **seedoor** is used.

When we use the word, **seedoor**, we all know what they are referring to, and if asked the meaning of the word, the response will be "**prayer book**". To be more precise, it is a **seedoor t'filla**. That answer is correct, but..... not so fast.

In Hebrew, the word **seedoor** really means arrangement. The same word is used when one goes about getting various tasks accomplished. That person has **seedoorim** to do. Depending upon the addition of another noun to the word **seedoor** (**smichoot** – read last month's column) the word **seedoor** will take on a different meaning. If we are talking about flowers, we use **seedoor prachim**. When planning an event, we use **seedoor shulchanot** (table arrangements). You get the picture.

The root of the word **seedoor** is **samech-daled-reish**; **seder** (looks familiar). The most commonly

used infinitive of this root is **Li'sa'der**, and means to **arrange**.

The word **seder** which everyone knows is the festive meal

that is conducted on the first two nights of Pesach (in Israel only one). The reason that this word is used because the meal follows a very specific sequence. In the very beginning, the different steps of the **Seder Pesach** is read and hence the word **seder**. Again, depending upon the noun that is attached to the word **seder**, will give it a different meaning. For example the word **seder** is also used for a **Tu B'Shvat** meal and is referred to as a **Seder Tu B'Shvat**.

Another word derived from the **seder** is **seedrah** and means "**series**". This applies to anything that follows a specific order. This form of the word is used in mathematics, batteries, and even television series. My favorite television **seedrah** is "The Walking Dead". What is yours?



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8	Joe Cohen	143	14
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12	Sy & Mimi Marenberg	43	18
14	Marci Salmirs	243	14
15	Robyn Pfeffer	212	14
16	Sy & Susan Gorelick	73	14
17	Shelly Ohren	152	14
18	Red Avner	169	14
19	Marv Lieman	112	18
21	Mackenzie Nulman	180	18
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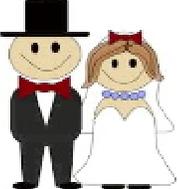
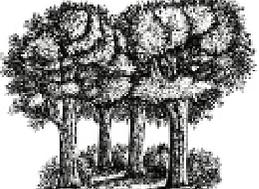
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Three Cheers for the Graduates



Cortney Cabillis, daughter of Peggy and Marc, graduated from Pace University with a Master's Degree in Accounting.

Anna Lieman, granddaughter of Roberta and Marv will move up from Connor Elementary School to Suffern Middle School.

Ryan Lieman, grandson of Roberta and Marv will be graduating from Fair Lawn High School and will be attending Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ in the fall. He will be studying physics and math.

Yehuda Hammerman, grandson of Eileen and Jeff Pollack, graduated from Frisch High School and will be learning in Yeshiva in Israel next year.

Harry Meister, son of Jonathan Meister and grandson of Audrey Meister graduated from Manhattan Day School and will be attending Torah Academy of Bergen County (TABC) in the fall.

Sandra Pfeffer, daughter of Mark Pfeffer is graduating from Mercy College with a degree as a Veterinarian Technician. This is commonly known as a "Licensed Vet.Tech". This is an equivalent position to a Physician's Assistant but in a Veterinarian's office. She will be working in Oradell Animal Hospital and in a Veterinarian's Office, in New City.

Rachelle Pollack, granddaughter of Eileen and Jeff Pollack, graduated from Hebrew Academy of Five Towns Middle School and then on to Hebrew Academy. High School next year.

Rebecca Pollack, granddaughter of Eileen and Jeff Pollack, graduated from ASHAR Nursery School and on to ASHAR Pre-K next year.

Dominick Rodriguez, son of Jennifer and Dominick, graduated from the New York City Police Academy.

Danielle Rodriguez, daughter of Jennifer and Dominick, graduated from Johnson & Wales University with a Bachelors Degree in Science.



CSI BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The CSI book discussion group met for the first time on May 16, 2017. There was a lively conversation about the book The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem by Sharit Yishai-Levi. Everyone participated and thoroughly discussed the pros and cons of the book. The next book selected is The Debt of Tamar by Nicole Dweck. The date we will be meeting at CSI on June 27, 2017 at 2pm. All those having read the book are welcome.



Any questions please call Elise Krakower at 973-907-2744.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Sean Amona	Sandra Pfeffer
Gary Bell	Rachel Rosen
Halie Cohen	Ilya Schwartzburg
Dylan Egenberg	Jason Silverstein
Rachel Finkelshteyn	Harrison Stein
Brett Rubinstein	David Zechnowitz
Joseph Maher	



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Mark Bernstein	Allison Landsman
Aylon Ben-Shlomo	Brian Meyers
Jullian Egenberg	Jacob Tinter
Marita Izamailov	Jill Ziedenweber
Jaxon Kadan	
Russell Klein	

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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4 Lawrence & Barbara Shoenthal
7 Marty & Esther Ingber
7 Robert & Deborah Rosenthal
12 Joel & Joan Black
12 Harvey & Rita Zarensky
14 Carl & Rona Paley
15 Dr. Sheldon & Barbara Rudnicki
15 Yair & Judy Benjamin
15 Rabbi & Yocheved Weinbach
16 Bert & Eileen Bernstein
17 Chana & Cantor Bazian
18 Edward & Pola Levi
22 Michael & Iris Sharon
22 Marvin & Saralyn Finker
23 Bill & Ditzza Bradin
23 Dr. Phillip & Randi Klein
24 Stanley & Glenda Saunders
25 Jeff & Ilene Pollack
26 Sheldon & Judy Ohren
26 Edward & Sandy Folb
27 Paul & Millie Rosalimsky
30 Gerry & Judy Goldberg



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Andrew Amona
Ryan Amona
Phyllis Bernstein
Benjamin Gilberg
Maxwell Gilberg
Caleb Koreen
Yuliy Schwartzburg
Myles Weinfeld

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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11 Jack & Deborah Perel
13 Robert & Diane Leifer
14 Henry & Irina Schwartzburg
14 Jeffrey & Ilene Landsman
14 Kenneth & Beth Stern
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2 Kenneth & Stacie Podos
3 Dr. Martin & Miriam Dubner
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3 Jeff & Marilyn Sapir
4 Dr. George & Anna Glick
29 Jonathan & Ashley Green
30 Gary & Marsha Forman
30 Howard & Susan Gulker

MAZEL TOV TO...

Pola & Ed Levi who will be celebrating their
50th Wedding Anniversary on June 18

Elisa Margolin-Lebovich on the Bat Mitzvah of
her granddaughter, Joelle Halley Margolin

Letters and Info of Note...

Thanks...

We thank all who honored us at our 65th Anniversary.

Loretta and Bob Burton

To my Shaarey Israel Friends and Family,

Please accept this simple note to express how much my family and I greatly appreciate your outpouring of support and caring that we received from you during my recent admission to Nyack Hospital and rehab at Helen Hayes for my knee surgery. I can't thank you enough for your many phone calls and cards during this most difficult time. It has truly been a source of comfort and your kindness will always be remembered.

May we have many happy occasions to celebrate and share in the future.

*With Love,
Lenore Davis and family*

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Condolences to...

Former member Irene Young on the loss of her husband, Dr. Arthur Young

Former member Rosalie Brenner on the loss of her beloved husband, Phil



"Your People Shall Be My People" - Jewish Grandchildren in the White House Eileen Pollack

"There are opportunities that present themselves to us when we can make a difference... Why G-d chooses any of us for a particular mission is anyone's guess. But when you follow through, you know that you have been touched from Above."

Rabbi David Chanofsky, *Burnt Offerings*, 2012

Once upon a time, in a not so far away place – Richmond Hills, NY to be exact – there lived a beautiful young girl name Jane – "Janie" to everyone who knew her. Jane Frances Mac Dwyer was one of 7 children raised in an Irish-Catholic home, surrounded by family, friends, and a love of tradition. After a horrific appendectomy at age 16, the young Jane was visited by her Parrish Priest who had given her Last Rights before the surgery..."Jane, you're a very lucky girl to be alive", he told her. "Great things will be expected of you. I have a hunch your life is going to be very special".

Unbeknownst to this priest at the time, Jane was already expressing doubts and confusion regarding Catholicism. Could he or anyone else have ever imagined that this blond haired, blue-eyed Irish lassie would someday become Devorah Emmet Jaffe? Not likely. But Jane, like so many others before her, would embark upon a journey that would someday take her to Torah, to the land of Israel and to become the wife of Dr. Geoffrey Wigoder, editor in chief of the **Encyclopedia Judaica**. Janie would become a Jew.

There is a lovely Indian proverb that says, "Tell me a fact and I will learn it. Tell me the truth and I'll believe it. But tell me a story and it will live in my heart forever." Everyone loves a story - bedtime stories, narratives in the classroom, love stories. Long before the amazing Shalom Aleichem, our great grandparents shared stories of family, life experiences and lessons learned. Stories can be very powerful vehicles to impart information. Stories can also be meaningful and inspiring - truly unforgettable.

As a young girl, my favorite Bible story was that of Ruth the Moabite

who became the most famous convert in Jewish History. It didn't have to be Shavuot for me to read and re-read the Megilla. The story was beautiful and the pasuk, "*Amech ami, v'elokayich, elokai*" – "*Your people shall be my people. Your G-d, my G-d,*" affected me deeply. My favorite book from the Brooklyn Public Library was **Hope is My House**, the autobiography of Devorah Wigoder (yes, that beautiful Irish lassie from Richmond Hills, NY), Jane Frances Mac Dwyer. I've come to realize that both of these amazing ladies inspired me by their determination to become a part of the Jewish people, and their courage to seek monumental change in their lives.

We all know that there is no such thing as coincidence; and both Ruth and Devorah were meant to become part of my story as well. I could never have imagined that years later Rabbi Chanofsky would ask me to become a mentor – to prepare adults for conversion to Judaism. Such an honor and a privilege! My students would each come from a different place geographically, academically, intellectually and spiritually. And each would have a desire to learn and to grow, and to embrace Judaism as his/her religion of choice. What a challenge for them, as well as for me.

To teach Torah and mitzvos is not just another job, but a Labor of Love. There are books to read, Jewish activities to participate in and lifestyle changes to be made, to become a Jew. My students don't have Jewish memories to fall back on. They have to create those memories for themselves and future generations. And, as I have thankfully had the pleasure of watching my own biological family grow in the past 25 years, I have also gained so many new spiritual "children and grandchildren" - far too numerous to count. The joy and nachas for me is indescribable... they are all amazing...

So much has occurred in our country this year. Most of all, there are many new faces in Washington. Yet, what is fascinating, but not

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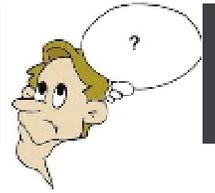
Eileen Pollack' article continued

surprising, is that special interest in one particular person, whose decision to convert to Judaism a few years ago, adds another dimension to that all that is transpiring in our nation's capitol. Yael bat Avraham – Ivanka Trump Kushner - has taken on approximately 613 new responsibilities – which make her title and job description in the White House pale by comparison. Every decision that she makes, every task that she carries out, is held up to a microscope – not only by her father and the American people, but most important, by G-d Himself. Yet her “leap of faith” from Seven Noachide Laws to Taryag Mitzvot will provide her with rewards, far greater than she could have every imagined. Like Ruth and Devorah and all of her spiritual “sisters and brothers” before her, she has made the choice to accept G-d and Torah, and to become one of “us”. She has her work cut out for her. There are no short cuts. But Hashem never gives us a test that we will not be able to pass with flying colors. May her faith and belief in Him guide her through the challenges she faces during these times, and all the years of her life.

And as we pay tribute to our parents and loved ones on Mother's Day and Father's Day (and hopefully all the year through), may we each be a source of pride to our own mothers and fathers who raised us, and to our Bubbies and Zaydes, who are seeing us from a better place. And may we be outstanding parents and grandparents - role models to our children. G-d has entrusted us with the gift of future generations. We have all, truly, been “touched from Above.”



PONDER THESE...



How does Moses make tea? Hebrews
it.

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!

A cartoonist was found dead in his home.

Details are sketchy.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crêpes.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a
Liverpool.

I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.

They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Typo.

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he
says he can stop any time.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and
then it dawned on me.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian
club, but I'd never met herbivore.

When chemists die, they barium.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put
it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a
play on words.

Why were the Indians here first? They had
reservations.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who
lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

Broken pencils are pointless.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive
vocabulary? A thesaurus.

I dropped out of communism class because of
lousy Marx.

All the toilets in New York's police stations have
been stolen. The police have nothing to go on.

I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.

Velcro - what a rip off!

Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last.

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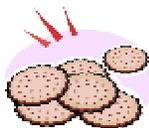
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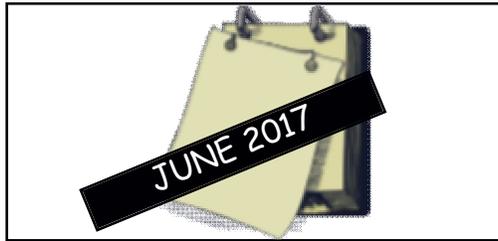
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1	Shavout Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
1	Yiskor	Sanctuary	10:30 am	Rabbi Weinbach
1	Services	Sanctuary	8:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
2	Services & Ann'y Shabbot	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
3	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
4	Israel Day Parade In New York City			
4	Private Party	Multipurpose Rm		Malky & Joel Berger
5	Private Party	Multipurpose Rm		Chaya Ausch
6	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
6	Men's Club Board	Room 1	7:00 pm	Mark Pfeffer
7	Forever Young Seniors	Multipurpose Rm	11:00 am	Barbara Kleinman
7	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	Lila Stern
8	Sisterhood Board Meeting	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Julie Feldman
9	Services	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
10	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
11	Journal Dinner Dance	Multipurpose Rm	5:30 pm	Journal Committee
12	Budget/Finance Meeting	Room 2	7:00 pm	Joseph Moskovic
13	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 am	Karin Sachs
14	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	Lila Stern
15	Board Of Trustees	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Mimi Marenberg
16	Services	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
16	Father's Day Oneg	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	
17	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
17	Bar Mitzvah Of Darren Amona			
18	Private Room Rental	Multipurpose Rm		Weissman
20	Sisterhood Donor/Installation	Multipurpose Rm	7:00 pm	Julie Feldman
21	Forever Young Seniors	Multipurpose Rm	11:00 am	Barbara Kleinman
21	Private Room Rental	Multipurpose Rm		Rosenberg
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