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HAVURAT: WHAT'S IN A NAME? RELECTIONS FROM OUR RABBI ON THE 40 YEARS OF HAVURAT YISRAEL

Havurat Yisrael was born of a dream, a dream born of passion and a passion born of love. This is a love of our history, of our people and love of the G-d Whose protection preserved our life. As recipient of multiple blessings during these forty years, I am inclined to recite Yaacov Avinu's declaration, "I have become smaller because of all the favors and truth You have made for Your servant" (Genesis 32:11).

The dream of Havurat began when two families, eager to learn Torah, approached me with the request that I teach them. I then suggested that they should invite other families to their home for the first class. The group coalesced around a monthly meeting and they in turn invited others to join them until the group became too large for that house. As we developed a second group that would meet once a month as well, I decided to call each of the groups by the designation of Havurah. Thus, we now had Havurah Aleph (first) Havurah Bet (second), and so on until we had over eight havurot (study groups) meeting every month learning Torah, discussing various topics of Jewish thought and history as they were also creating a veritable movement of people of shared interests and spiritual craving.

The members of these havurot made many changes in their lives as they deepened their knowledge of Torah and halacha. Some started to pray regularly, others evaluated religious policies according to their new perceptions of Judaism and many started observing Shabbat fully for the first time in their lives. I fondly recalled the woman who came to me one Shabbat after services to tell me that although she had driven her car to the services that morning that she decided to leave the car parked and walk to her home.

Despite opposition and slander, Havurat Yisrael was created in the month of Adar II, 5741 (March 1981). One of our first services was on Purim night, when over 400 people gathered to celebrate the twin miracles of Purim and the birth of Havurat. As befitting the occasion, we always remarked that Havurat was the product of a miracle and of a good sense of humor which we have maintained to this day.

The forty years that followed have been a privilege for me to witness as I served as rabbi,

teacher, and friend. The nomadic synagogue characterized by one of our first articles describing our synagogue as just "some flowers and a Sefer Torah" has had a greater impact on the Jewish people than many castle-like structures and other larger institutions. In fact, Havurat's history has been one of building and rebuilding, of loss and return, of moving from one place to another, yet never losing our faith that everything was being designed by the Great Choreographer of history that always made us land in good and pleasant places in the end.

As we look back at these forty years, we recall the development of so many observant families that started their journey in Havurat, the rabbis and authors and even a Rosh Yeshiva that some of our graduates have become and this brings me an indescribable joy and amplitude of spirit (nachat ruach) that words fail me to contain.

In this work, we recognize the many "angels" that Hashem sent our way: the numerous teachers who have blessed the learning community of Havurat, especially the invaluable assistance from the Chofetz Chaim Yeshiva community in Forest Hills and its Rosh Yeshiva, Rav Henoch Leibowitz, zt'l, the precious help offered by the teachings of Rabbis Havazelet, Hochman, z"l and ybl Kraft and Sebrow.

The leaders of our community, from the insight of Charles Oliner, z'l, the dedication of Tova Katz, z'l and Flora Rappaport, z''l, the management of Sol Givner and all our past presidents and our Jack Goldhaber, all have woven over the years the beautiful tapestry that is Havurat.

The founders deserve credit for their vision and trust in the Torah and in its teachers. **Jack and Shulie Goldhaber** are leaders in every aspect of the synagogue, both in its financial and spiritual realms. Shulie's sense of the authentic voice of Judaism and Jack's voice as the Torah reader for these 40 years are exemplary of the founding families.

Stuart and Judy Rosen are fundamental supporters of Torah and Havurat Yisrael. Havurat Yisrael has been blessed throughout our history with the business acumen of Stuart and the communal sense and leadership of Judy.

Bruce and Miriam Jacobs are models as teachers and mentors. Bruce as Torah reader and instructor in Hebrew and Miriam as editor of our bulletins from the first days of Havurat and now as mentor to many Spanish speakers have excelled in their contributions to our community.

David and Ruth Better share the ideals of Havurat from the day we formed the synagogue. David as gabbai for many years was a model of an eager and diligent student, and Ruth as friend and member of our Sisterhood.

These are a small sample of the leadership we were blessed with since our founding. But our most cherished blessings are the people who come in to Havurat, both those who attend daily services as well as those who come on Shabbat and attend our classes. These are the "angels" who celebrate the friendship of Havurat every Kiddush and dance with the Torah or sing the songs that have made Havurat Yisrael the place to be when a friendly atmosphere, a welcoming smile or an encouraging word are needed. Blessed be all who come into this humble and unpretentious House of Hashem that He has privileged us to have this wondrous quadragennial enterprise, and may it continue its blessed work until, as Rabbi Goren used to tell us, the synagogue will move to Eretz Israel when the Mashiach arrives.

Havurat has been faithful to its name from the start. The multiple groups that created Havurat Yisrael continue to pulsate in every one of our activities, combining the joy of learning with the blessing of friendship and respect. Every day and every Shabbat are a new experience. As we say at every Havdalah, "Another beautiful Shabbat at Havurat Yisrael!" May the newness and the love never depart from us.



President's Message by Jack Goldhaber

Celebrating Havurat Yisrael's 40th Anniversary Journal is a sure sign of the strength, vitality, and vision of our Shul. Your presence here tonight and contributions to the Shul have helped us maintain our Shabbat, holiday and daily services and enabled us to continue to be a source of both strength to the Forest Hills community and beyond. From its inception, Havurat Yisrael has served the community and the Jewish people by creating a unique, warm, and welcoming environment that nurtures the Jewish soul. From the baal tshuva to those seeking ever higher levels of spirituality, our regular programs as well as our kiruv programs have continued to be very successful.

Although many of our programs had to be temporarily cancelled over the past year and a half, the one activity that was sustained throughout the pandemic is our education program. We attribute this success only to our Moreh D'Atra, **Rabbi Algaze**. With renewed vigor, Rabbi Algaze continued to provide the daily Talmud class, the series on Jewish literature, a series on the history of the Jews since the Exodus, the Mishna class before Shabbat Shacharit, and the Shabbat Mincha shiur.

Rabbi Algaze's tireless efforts have been the key to the continuing vibrancy

and communal link that Havurat Yisrael has provided in these challenging times. This is the legacy of Havurat Yisrael. Over the last forty years, we faced many challenges. However, with members of the congregation including our honorees, **David and Ruth Better**, **Jack and Shulie Goldhaber**, **Bruce and Miriam Jacobs** and **Stuart and Judy Rosen**, founding members of the Shul, we have always been up to the challenge. Our most recent rebuilding of the Shul was guided by the Rabbi and Tamara, whom we honor tonight as well.

Im tirzu ain zu agada. Theodore Herzl's famous slogan, "If you will it, it is not just a dream," has always been the motto of Havurat Yisrael.

Havurat Yisrael will continue to maintain its single-minded objective: to be a key place in Forest Hills that every Jew can enter to pray, to learn, and to grow spiritually.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Havurat Yisrael Journal Celebration.



Rabbi David & Tamara Algaze

Rabbi David Algaze

A native of Buenos Aires, Argentina, the Rabbi studied in yeshivot in Argentina and is a graduate of the University of Buenos Aires with a degree of Licenciado. He studied at the Jewish Theological Seminary where he received a Master's in Jewish Literature. He was a Kent Fellow and received a grant from the Danforth Foundation while studying at Columbia University, where he obtained the degree of Master of Philosophy. He studied in Israel with Rabbi Yosef Messas and received his semicha in Israel from Rabbi Ezra Basry of the Jerusalem Rabbinical Court and from Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu. He served as rabbi in Guatemala, Danbury, Connecticut and in Forest Hills. He founded Havurat Yisrael in 1981. He has two children. Daphne is a psychologist practicing in Virginia, and Ariella is a seminary administrator in Jerusalem.

Tamara Algaze

Tamara was born in Wroclaw, Poland where her parents maintained a strong Jewish identity despite the limitations of the times. Her grandfather moved to Israel, and she was able to visit Israel often and learn about Israeli life. She moved to the U.S. as a teenager and graduated from Brooklyn College. She worked as office manager of a prominent dental practice in Manhattan before moving to take over her family's business. Eventually she formed her own company dealing with textiles and doing business in Poland and China.

Tamara raised her family in New Jersey and has two children, Jill (Yael) now in Lakewood, and Josh in Fort Lauderdale. She married Rabbi Algaze at a very joyous wedding in January 2010 and is proud to be a part of Havurat Yisrael.



David & Ruth Better

David Better was born in Brooklyn and raised in Forest Hills. He graduated from Forest Hills High School and received his bachelor's degree from Hofstra University. David did his graduate work at Hofstra and the University of Jerusalem. David, a teacher at the time, and his wife Ruth studied that entire summer in Israel.

David was an educator, and he left teaching in 1986. He then became a manager with Encyclopedia Britannica. He has been involved with sales ever since. Ruth has worked in the entertainment business for almost twenty years.

The couple take particular pride in their family, their daughter, Stefanie, and her husband, Moshe. Moshe is best known for Mike's Bistro, a very successful, highly rated kosher establishment. Stefanie and Moshe have three children, Seela and twin boys Shia and Shane. They reside in Englewood, New Jersey.

Ruth and David have been active in a wide range of communal, philanthropic and humanitarian endeavors. They are proud of the achievement of founding Havurat Yisrael in 1981. David was active in our synagogue as gabbai, and was a volunteer for Tomchei Shabbos for many years. They have since retired and reside in Florida. Ruth and David believe Havurat Yisrael is a vibrant and congenial congregation, and it gives us great pleasure to be able to honor them this year.



Jack & Shulie Goldhaber

Jack and Shulie are among the founding members of Havurat Yisrael. Shulie was actively involved in our Fundraising and Education Committees during the first 20 years of the shul's existence. Jack served as our treasurer for many years and devoted countless hours to maintaining the fiscal integrity of the synagogue. Jack always had time, no matter how crowded his schedule, for meetings, bookkeeping (in the days before computers!), and all the day-to-day chores that had to be done to make sure bills were paid and our records were properly kept.

From the very founding of our synagogue, Jack has coordinated the Torah reading every Shabbat and yom tov. He has either done it himself or arranged for other men to do it every single week. This is certainly a remarkable accomplishment.

Jack's sense of devotion continues to this day. Despite his full workload as a CPA with a busy private practice, Jack serves with distinction as the president of Havurat Yisrael and continues to find time for meetings, phone calls, discussions, and all the other tasks involved in managing our synagogue. Jack was involved in every step of the negotiations regarding the construction of our building, and that continues to be an ongoing process of planning and decision making, for which he is so well suited.

Shulie's role in our community is no less noteworthy. Her warmth and hospitality are well known. She invariably steps forward to organize and schedule food deliveries to those who may be sick or otherwise unable to prepare meals for themselves. Quietly and without fanfare, she can be counted on to do whatever she can to help those who need help, despite her own busy schedule as a professor at Queens College.

Shulie's and Jack's greatest pride is in their children, all of whom are leaders in their own communities: Aviva and her husband Yehuda, and their children Akiva and Ella; Dafna and her husband David, and their children Ari, Yael, Aharon Joseph (A.J.) and Abby; and Oren and his wife Ayelet, and their children, Charlotte and Carmi.

But no matter who you are, you can always feel a strong sense of caring and concern from Shulie and Jack. They both have a deep sense of personal responsibility not only toward their family, but also to their friends, their community, their synagogue, and Eretz Yisrael. Jack and Shulie provide a remarkable example of people who always have time to help others. Even when they have no time, when someone needs help, you know Shulie and Jack will make time to help them. It is in indeed an honor for Havurat Yisrael to recognize all that they have done by bestowing upon them the Founders' Award.



Bruce & Miriam Jacobs

Bruce and Miriam Jacobs are founding members of Havurat Yisrael. Both raised in the Bronx, they met in City College and married after graduation in 1971. They received graduate degrees in Boston and returned to New York to stay. After the birth of their children, Matthew and Paul, they realized they needed to join a child-friendly synagogue, and Havurat Yisrael was a perfect fit for their family.

Bruce has often said that he is proof of how Havurat Yisrael can change a person's life. During the early years of the shul, he began to volunteer as a chazzan and a Torah reader. Before joining Havurat Yisrael, all he had read was half of a haftorah for his bar mitzvah. Thanks to the spiritual inspiration of Rabbi Algaze and the guidance of Jack Goldhaber, Bruce has read the Torah many times as a ba'al koreh. With hard work, the motivation of Rabbi Algaze, and the opportunities presented by this wonderful synagogue, "This story could be yours", he says.

From the first days of Havurat Yisrael, Miriam has said, "Hineni," "Here I am," to our shul's needs. She organized our first Torah dedication, and she wrote and edited our newsletter for many years. She has served as co-chair of the Journal dinner and has helped out in many ways, large and small. The promotion and organization of shul functions was new to her, and she also credits Rabbi Algaze for encouraging her to develop these talents.

In Tehillim, it states, "I delight in Your promise, like one who attains great wealth." For Bruce and Miriam, Havurat Yisrael has been a source of blessing from its inception and has enriched their lives beyond measure. As founding members, they are grateful to be among the honorees at this year's Journal Dinner.



Stuart & Judy Rosen

Stuart and Judy Rosen are a couple that every synagogue in the world would be happy to have as members. Since the inception of Havurat Yisrael, they have always been the supporters, the encouragers, and the enablers of every good idea, every gesture to unify our people, and every project to bring more Jews in contact with their tradition. Just as their own home is open to everyone and as their generosity extends outwards, so does Havurat reflect these attitudes so beautifully. Therefore, it is special joy for Havurat to bestow this Founders' Award on this beautiful couple.

Stuart Rosen took over the family business, David Rosen Bakery Supplies, Inc., and moved it from a "mom-and-pop shop" to a leading wholesale bakery supply operation in the New York City metropolitan area. He is also the C.E.O. of T.M. Duché Nut Company of Orland, California, an almond and walnut processing plant, a principal in TDS and TVS computer companies and Blue Star and Briar Palm Real Estate Companies. A serial entrepreneur, Stu has been in the Oklahoma oil business, built and owned Sports Connection I, a state of the art health club, owned a coffee shop in Brooklyn, and Rainbow Foods, a catering and knish company. He built up and sold Haddar Kosher Foods.

In his spare time, Stu loves science fiction and mysteries both on the page and on the screen, and archeology. He served as a Havurat Yisrael Building Chairman, was a trustee of Lander College, and served as treasurer of the National Yiddish Theatre: Folksbiene. For the last seventeen summers, he has prepared Shabbat kiddush for Congregation Mount Moses in Lake Waubeeka, Connecticut, where he made ice cream a standard feature.

A devoted father, Stu attended all of his children's soccer, baseball, and basketball games throughout the years, often being the only parent in attendance. Now he sheps nachas from his dynamo sons' successes as they pursue their careers of choice: David in the financial sector and Daniel and Jeremy as the fourth generation in the baking supply industry. Stu has also been extremely generous and supportive in all his wife Judy's endeavors.

Judith 'Judy' Friedman Rosen is a historian and wrote her doctoral dissertation on social and political influences on Jewish education in Weimar Berlin. As a result, she was consulted by historian Niall Ferguson for his biography of Henry Kissinger. In addition to contributing to numerous publications and journals, she wrote many entries for the Jewish Women in America Encyclopedia and the New Encyclopedia Judaica. She has been both plagiarized and footnoted. She is currently working on a history of the Jewish community in Queens. Judy has worked on projects for the ANU-Museum of the Jewish People in Tel Aviv (formerly Diaspora Museum), the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, and the Shoah Foundation. She has taught throughout the City University of New York system and at elderhostels and is on the board of the Center for Judaic Studies at Queens College.

Judy has served with distinction in communal affairs in New York City, the broader United States and Israel for over four decades. She served on Queens Community Board 6 for seven years and was elected to Community School Board 28, where she served for five years. She takes pride in having been the first and only female president and chairman of the Central Queens YM-YWHA (Commonpoint Queens). She is a founding member and on the executive committee of the Middle East Forum, a founder and vice president of the Israel Independence Fund, and served two terms (12 years) on the prestigious New York Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC.) She is vice chairman of the National Yiddish Theatre: Folksbiene, a national vice president of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA), on the national board of the Religious Zionists of America (RZA), and a vice president of the Oueens Jewish Community Council.

Through the years Judy served on many boards, committees and task forces of the UJA-Federation of New York and on the *Forward* Association. In 2010 she was a Mizrachi (RZA) delegate to the World Zionist Congress.

Judy was the recipient of the Yeshiva University Samuel Belkin Memorial Award in Community Relations in 2000. She is ever thankful to her husband Stuart for supporting her in all her undertakings and proud of her children David and Adeena, Daniel and Leila, and Jeremy and Esther for their excellent *midot* (values) and *gemilut chasadim* (good deeds). Both Judy and Stu delight in their delicious and talented grandchildren Aviel, Clara, Noa, Eli, Miri, Gerry, Benjy and Leo.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR SHUL

It all started on a Purim night in 1981, when young families thirsting for spirituality and a genuine voice of Torah formed this beautiful congregation. We were told that we would not have a long life since we possessed no physical building and there were no empty spaces to build in Forest Hills. Yet by Hashem's will we found not only a wonderful space but it was located in the geographical heart of the neighborhood, allowing us to be home to people on both sides of Queens Boulevard! Mr. Solomon Oliner, z"l, had a special role in this, and may his name be always remembered for good.

Our beginnings were humble in material things but rich and blessed in matters of the spirit.

From our midst arose many rabbis, teachers and families who became observant and knowledgeable in our tradition. Whether in Israel, Latin America or any corner of the United States, there is hardly a place where we do not meet people who started their Jewish life at Havurat or did not hear about us and our activities.

It all began in January 1981, when a group of the recently formed havurot that had been organized by Rabbi Algaze initiated a strong protest to some ritual changes at the Forest Hills Jewish Center. This ultimately led to the exodus from the Center and a decision to follow Rabbi Algaze and create a new synagogue. A declaration of "independence" echoing themes of the founding of America was quickly drafted that attracted many others to this new group. At the home of the Amini family, some 30 families gathered on March 26 (21 Adar II, 5741) to incorporate the synagogue to be named Havurat Yisrael in honor of the havurot that had been at the front of this new movement. From place to place, from the Sephardic synagogue on 108th Street to the Senior Center on Austin Street and the Forest Hills Inn, we finally secured a place at the Continental Theater for Shabbat morning services. The Aron Kodesh was kept behind the movie screen and an arrangement was made for those men and women who preferred to sit separately. The morning services usually ended with the singing of Adon Olam and the aroma of popcorn as the theater was regaining its function. As we exited the theater, some would ask, "How did you like the movie?"

That first year we inaugurated our first Sefer Torah with a festive parade down Austin Street and a dedication at the Russell Sage Junior High School, concluding with a gala dinner at the Jewish Museum in Manhattan.

The last week of the summer brought many families to our first camp experience, this time at Camp Bournedale in Cape Cod. This was a foundational experience that cemented many friendships and gave Havurat the full flavor of friendship and camaraderie that would characterize it forever. The first High Holy Days services were held at the Midway Theater on Queens Blvd., which then consisted of two large halls. We occupied one of them with an attendance exceeding 400 people, and the other where children could relax and run around. It was a hectic time. It was an exhilarating time.

A strong bone of contention was the building of a mechitza, which had been Rabbi Algaze's intention from the start. It was sternly opposed by many in the congregation. After numerous classes and discussions, it was moved to install it on Hanukkah while at the Continental Theater.

A simple red velvet rope used to demark lines for people waiting to enter the theater was used to divide both sides of the aisle, with men sitting on the right and women on the left. Sadly, a few families opted to leave the synagogue never to return, but those who chose to stay saw their families grow in Torah and mitzvot and were privileged to see their children and now grandchildren studying in yeshivot and having fully observant families. This was the direct result of their decision to live a Jewish life in accordance with the Shulchan Aruch, which had been the stated purpose of the founding of Havurat from the first day. Today, many families recall those days of tensions and are grateful for what Havurat Yisrael and the Rabbi did for them.

Celebrations were always full of enthusiasm and cooperation. Purim was welcomed with dozens of people adding decorations to embellish the place, and Simchat Torah was effervescent and not contained within a building, often bursting into the street and MacDonald Park. On one occasion even the Mayor of the city came to see our festive dancing at the Park, but always our Simchat Torah was the place to be in Forest Hills and adjoining neighborhoods.

We built our shul on 70th Avenue in 1982, inaugurating our space on Rosh Hashanah. The building was simple and without luxury, but it was the host of many extraordinary programs. A yeshiva created by Rabbi Algaze together with Rabbi Eliahu Benhaim functioned every afternoon, and it invited laymen to study with them in the late evenings. It was here that some rabbis were first formed, including Rabbi Daniel Travis, Rabbi Haim Alcabes and Rabbi Yitzhak Benroubi. Important personalities visited us, including the Chief Rabbi of Israel, Shlomo Goren who became a regular featured speaker when he was in New York, as well as Rabbis Mordechai Eliyahu, Avraham Shapira and Rabbi Ovadia Yosef z"l. Many political dignitaries visited us in those early years, including Senator Alphonse D'Amato, Rep. Charles Schumer, Governor George Pataki, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, and numerous figures from the Jewish world.

A legendary concert by Shlomo Carlebach was held in 1987 when over 700 people attended and danced enthusiastically till late hours of the night. In 1984 a second Sefer Torah was dedicated by our President Yehudah Goldfeder z"l at an event attended by the Rosh Yeshiva of Chofetz Chaim at an impressive dedication ceremony.

Havurat was innovative and creative beyond its time. A Singles group, largely unknown in Orthodox synagogues, was formed that created some beautiful Jewish marriages. A Beginners' Minyan was held every Shabbat, and a Drop-In-and-Learn with students of the Chofetz Chaim on Thursdays that attracted hundreds of students. A week-long Summer Camp retreat and a Ski Shabbaton every year were among the most innovative programs developed at Havurat.

After some years of expansion, we had the privilege of having a committee headed by Mr. Sol Givner, z"l, and yb'l, our own Rafi Katz, who renovated our shul in great form and style in 1992.

After a few years, however, our building was compromised by nearby construction and the city condemned our property. This was in August 1998, precisely on the day when a new Aron Kodesh, built in Eretz Israel and dedicated by the Sosnowik family, had been placed on a ship going to New York. The story of the Aron is emblematic of the story of Havurat. Exiled from its place, stored in uninviting conditions, the aron survived and even

prospered. The aron, stored in a warehouse in Long Island for over 15 years, when unwrapped was, to the amazement of carpenters and others, in perfect condition. Like the story of Havurat itself, this was truly a miracle.

After the city closed our old building, we moved from one corner of Forest Hills to the other, from the Central Queens Y on 108th Street, to the basement of Dov Revel Yeshiva, a house on 70th Road, the shtiebl on 69th Road, and finally, with the work of the Rebbetzin Tamara Algaze, we rented a little storefront on Austin Street that vibrated with energy every Shabbat. Every place offered us a welcome and yet we felt comfortable nowhere. As the Jews who left Jerusalem sang, "how can we sing in a land not our own?" we too dreamed of return and could not sing anywhere else but in our old home. We actually tried to sell our property several times, but Hashem did not let us. Like the dreamers in Psalm 126 (Shir Hama'alot) by the grace of Hashem, we now have the great merit of seeing our dreams fulfilled and have returned home. We often referred to the 15-year gap as reminiscent of the Second Temple, the construction of which was also stopped for 15 years. May Havurat Yisrael too be a beacon of light to those who enter our synagogue and may it continue to spread holiness throughout the community for years to come.



THE HAVURAT YISRAEL IDEA - WHO ARE WE?

Havurat Yisrael was born on Purim night in 1981, when a young rabbi, David Algaze, created a veritable revolution in Queens, leading a group of mostly Conservative Jews onto a path of learning and inspiration that was to become one of the leading Orthodox synagogues in New York. The smell of popcorn that permeated the early services – held in a movie house on Austin Street, Forest Hills – became the talk of the town as well as a symbol of the innovation, warmth and originality of this Torah center.

The early activities of the synagogue were the creation of a camp retreat in the summer, a ski Shabbaton in Vermont in the winter and a host of new ideas and programs in between. The common aspect of all these programs was the desire to reach Jews of all backgrounds in every environment and every venue that they felt comfortable. Although this concept raised many an eyebrow at the beginning, many communities were soon adopting its programs and vision. Rabbi Algaze advocated the idea that a synagogue needs to be more than a house of worship in the formal sense; it must serve as a bridge and a path to discovery. Havurat Yisrael was founded on the idea of creating a community of learning and experience that will facilitate the path of teshuvah. Until today, you can enter a program at Havurat and feel that there is something special in the air. Some call it warmth, others friendship, but the real secret is: community (havurah).

Havurat initiated the first outreach programs in Queens. The first Beginners' Services and the first Turn Friday Night into Shabbat dinners were held there. The synagogue became a hub for singles throughout the metropolitan area and Rabbi Algaze has made numerous shidduchim through these gatherings and shabbatonim. One of the most successful bridges has been the one that connected people with a yeshiva background and people who did not know the aleph-bet. The sense of duty and service to Am Yisrael is one of the distinguishing traits of a Havurat Yisrael member. Acceptance, the courage to innovate and accept diversity create a very profound atmosphere of unity of all Jews.

The "Drop in and Learn" program that was developed in conjunction with

the Chafetz Chayim Yeshiva soon developed into a half-day Kollel under the leadership of Rabbi Eliahu Benhaim and Rabbi Algaze. This kollel was to produce several talmide hahamim and rabbis who are serving communities in Israel and Latin America. It is no wonder that groups of "alumni" of Havurat keep in touch with the synagogue regularly and proclaim its uniqueness.

Havurat has always lived beyond its walls. Spilling with joy onto the streets during Simchat Torah or offering a Perek shiur in the park in summertime, distributing mishloach manot on Purim or hanukkiot on Hanukkah to passers-by have endeared the synagogue to its host community and enabled Havurat to continue to attract more Jews to Torah and mitzvoth.

Havurat Yisrael believes that communities need bridging and connecting. It is therefore not uncommon to find at Havurat a mix of people in Hasidic garb mingling with people in jeans, Sephardim and Ashkenazim praying in an atmosphere of acceptance and sharing, people speaking different languages communicating with each other. But perhaps the most significant bridge has been to Eretz Israel. Havurat has always promoted an agenda of involvement in social issues and especially a connectedness and active involvement in the matters that affect the people and the land of Israel. Havurat has served for many years as the forum for many distinguished visitors from Israel, from politicians to rabbis, roshe yeshiva and activists. All have encountered an audience ready to learn and ready to act. That may be the most apt definition of Havurat: "learning in order to do".



THE HAVURAT YISRAEL FAMILY – WHAT WE DO

Learning is the foundation of Havurat Yisrael. From early morning till late at night, the classes, lectures, seminars and informal discussions shape the Havurat landscape. It is a place vibrant with intellectual stimulation and spiritual elevation. From the Learn to Read Hebrew class to the Jewish Living Laboratory, from the Parashat Hashavua class to the advanced Gemara shiur, there is a class for every level. The courses service a diverse community that includes young single adults, young marrieds, and newly arrived immigrants from Russia or Latin America. There are courses to accommodate the needs of these diverse groups.

A full range of family-oriented programs that appeal from the oldest to the youngest members of the family are offered in order to strengthen the ties that bind us together and to utilize the opportunity to learn from one another. Special dinners around the holidays allow people who would not have the ability to share in these experiences to enjoy them at Havurat. They include meals at Rosh Hashanah, Pesach Seders for the community, Tu Bishvat Seders, Lag Ba'omer celebrations and parties and hagigot for every occasion in the Jewish calendar. Even during the all-day fast days, there is learning and lectures by guest scholars. Rabbi Algaze has always encouraged the involvement of other rabbis and teachers in this enterprise and Havurat has been very lucky to have many distinguished rebbeim and lecturers in its history. Currently, the Rabbi is assisted by Rabbi Mordechai Kraft, a musmach of Chafetz Chayim Yeshiva, who served as Youth Director and now is the Director of Outreach Programs and leads the Shabbat morning Beginners' Services.

Rabbi Algaze saw long ago the need to incorporate singles in a full way in the programs of the synagogue. Havurat was the first synagogue in the area to offer single memberships and made every effort to make singles feel comfortable in the synagogue. Havurat organized shabbatonim and trips to help singles meet. Rabbi Algaze created Priority Dating based on the concept that self-discovery precedes the finding of a soul mate. In his career, Rabbi Algaze has made well over 100 shidduchim.

During the Covid period, he has given many new classes and lecture series via Zoom. He has devoted much time and energy over the past few years to classes in Spanish that reach not only students in the New York City area but also students located throughout the Spanish-speaking world, including in Colombia, Bolivia, Spain, and other countries. His eloquent and meaningful commentaries on the week's Parshah and other subjects provide a solid grounding in traditional sources for a wide variety of students. He created the foundation Portal al Judaismo that offers classes in Spanish throughout the world and also supports emerging Jewish communities in Latin America.

Some people make a difference
She affected a whole community
She took us out from the shtibl when it
became oppressive
Brought us to the Austin store front
where we were reborn
Negotiated with the developer of our current
building to get a larger space
And is at the center of everything that
transpires at Havurat
She's a woman, she's a spouse, she's a mom
and she's a businesswoman
She is

TAMARA ALGAZE

With gratitude, Havurat Members and Rabbi Algaze

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A Message From The Dinner Committee

We are very proud of the response to this 40th Anniversary Dinner from all of you. I am grateful for your support and participation. This is a synagogue with open arms to everyone and it is wonderful to see the warm atmosphere that has developed at Havurat. We have created an all-inclusive environment and this is reflected in the attendance at the Dinner tonight. Your support will allow Havurat to continue its work and all its programs and we are grateful for your participation. This is going to be a great Dinner event and we are happy to welcome you tonight.



Check the fabulous story of Havurat in Pictures at the end of this Journal

THE DREAM IS NOW TRUE BECAUSE OF THE FAITH AND VISION OF THE FOUNDING FAMILIES

Kol hakavod to

DAVID & RUTH BETTER JACK & SHULIE GOLDHABER BRUCE & MIRIAM JACOBS STUART & JUDY ROSEN

and because of the dedication of all our members of the past and the present

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To the best parents ever!!

"Mazel Tov"

The Rosens from Scarsdale

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Mazal Tov to our friends, the founding families

BETTER, GOLDHABER, JACOBS, ROSEN

and

RABBI & TAMARA ALGAZE

We are just one example of what has grown from the seeds that you planted many years ago-

We met in the shul,
We celebrated our marriage with the shul,
We decided to make this community our home
because of the shul,

We raised our daughter Dorit in all of our shul's wanderings, and we just celebrated Dorit and Ben's marriage in the shul!

May we all continue to reap the benefits of what you started for generations to come Thank you and Yasher Koach With gratitude,

Debbie Rubin and David Sosnowik



CHAI PAGE

Congratulations to our dear friends and fellow

HONOREES

For all your accomplishments throughout the years for our synagogue

Mazel Tov

Ruth and David Better

CHAI PAGE

To our dear parents,

SUE & GERRY

This is all in your zechut
Your guidance, love and concern
How we wish you were here with us tonight
as you were when celebrating your 63rd
and final wedding anniversary in 2011.

Love,

Judy & Stu



CHAI PAGE

RABBI ALGAZE

In 40 years we have laughed and cried together!

You presided over the burial of 6 family members

presided over the marriages of our 3 children

presided over the bris of our youngest son

presided over the brisim of 2 grandsons

presided over the pidyon HaBen of our youngest grandson

presided over the meticulous conversion

of our dear daughter-in-law, Esther

You had inspired JUDY as she set out into the Jewish & secular world!

Thank you

Stu & Judy

CHAI PAG<u>E</u>

In honor of our dear friends

JUDY AND STU ROSEN

May they continue to be beacons of light to the Jewish community

Rebecca & Emilio Krausz

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RABBI DAVID ALGAZE AND TAMARA ALGAZE

Mazel Tov

You've done such a wonderful job.

You have been a tremendous asset and inspiration to the community.

Hard to believe it's been 40 years.

Keep HAVURAT YISRAEL going and growing.

Dr Mark Silverman and Mrs Gail Silverman

CHAI PAGE

Twenty five years ago, we joined Havurat Yisrael and have had the privilege of being part of this welcoming and warm community ever since. Rabbi Algaze performed our wedding and we celebrated our children's Brit Milah, Naming, Bar and Bat Mitzvah in the various locations of the shul over the years. There was one constant throughout these years, and M"H for many years to come. That was the extended family that HY represents in our lives.

We have celebrated Smachot of our own families, our friends and our fellow congregants and we look forward to many more. This would not have been possible without the leadership and patience of Rabbi and Tamara Algaze and the foresight of our honored Founders who, together, created a space and a my that endures despite many challenges since its founding 40 years ago.

Our heartiest thanks and Mazel Tov to

RABBI AND TAMARA ALGAZE
STUART AND JUDY ROSEN
BRUCE AND MIRIAM JACOBS
JACK AND SHULIE GOLDHABER
DAVID AND RUTH BETTER

The Ordentlich Family

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In Honor of

RABBI DAVID & TAMARA ALGAZE DAVID & RUTH BETTER JACK & SHULIE GOLDHABER BRUCE & MIRIAM JACOBS STUART & JUDY ROSEN

Mazel Tov & Best Wishes

Seymour Kaplan Esther Katz

Diamond Pages

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וכל מי שעוסקים בצרכי ציבור באמונה הקדוש ברוך הוא ישלם שכרם

Mazal Tov

RABBI ALGAZE & TAMARA

on this momentous occasion.

Your open arms and leadership have provided a model for Jewish life and love of Israel to all in our community and beyond.

Mazal Tov to our co-founding honorees.

RUTHIE AND DAVID BETTER MIRIAM AND BRUCE JACOBS JUDY AND STUART ROSEN

For forty years, we have been like family to one another, watching our children grow up together in the warm, nurturing, and spiritual atmosphere of Havurat Yisrael that continues in each generation to this day.

May Havurat Yisrael continue to flourish and be a spiritual leader in the community.

Shulie and Jack Goldhaber

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Mazel Tov!

Between 40 years at Havurat Yisrael and your 50th wedding anniversary, 2021 has been quite the year! Congratulations on being honored by the shul that has always been such an integral part of our family. Havurat has grown over the years, and so has the

JACOBS FAMILY!

These things don't happen by accident; none of this would be possible without your hard work and passion.

Your long-term dedication to HAVURAT YISRAEL, and to each other, is something we all admire.

With love and respect for the best parents and grandparents around.

Matthew, Paul, Stephanie, Oliver and Lincoln

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Mazel Tov

To

THE HONOREES

Nikolay Burt

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Mazel Tov

to

RABBI ALGAZE, TAMARA

What a milestone to build such an institution 40 years ago Health, happiness, success, and all revealed good to Rabbi Algaze, Tamara,

and

THE FOUNDING FAMILIES ALL MEMBERS AND CONTRIBUTORS!

The Revich Family

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In Honor of
Our Dear Friends

RUTH & DAVID BETTER SHULIE & JACK GOLDHABER JUDY & STUART ROSEN

And with special gratitude to

RABBI DAVID & TAMARA ALGAZE

for all they have done for us and for the Jewish community

Bruce and Miriam Jacobs

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Congratulations

And my very best wishes

to

RABBI ALGAZE & TAMARA

and to the

BETTER, GOLDHABER, JACOBS AND ROSEN FAMILIES

We are reaping the benefit of your vision forty years ago Thank you for your continued dedication, support, and abiding commitment to HAVURAT YISRAEL and to K'lal Yisrael.

May HKB"H bless you and your families many times over.

Jay Waitzman

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Our warmest congratulations and thanks to

RABBI DAVID & TAMARA ALGAZE

for their leadership, kindnesses, and Kavanah.

Joseph, Kim, & Alex Trigoboff

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Forty years serving the people of Israel
and what magnificent work accomplished
In founding and developing HAVURAT YISRAEL
A big thank you to

RABBI ALGAZE

and his wife

TAMARA

Who, with warmth and devotion, educated so many young and old in our dear Torah

Jaime Algaze

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Mazel Tov to all the

HONOREES

Daniel & Carol, Gavriel & Ella Yaghoubian

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Muy agradecidos con Hashem por ponernos en nuestro camino a mi maestro

RABINO DAVID ALGAZE

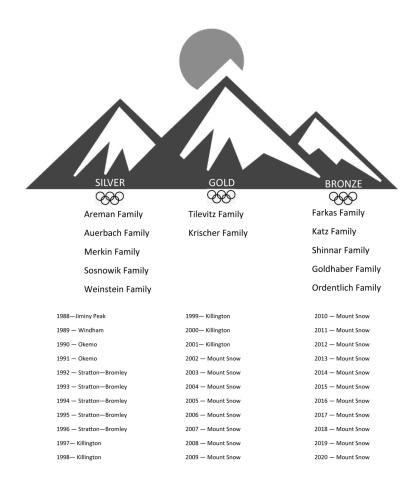
Gracias por sus enseñanzas y amor por la Torah Mazel Tov a todos los honrados

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Victorino & Rubenia Flores

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MAZAL TOV! HAVURAT YISRAEL — 40 YEARS SKI SHABBATON — 33 YEARS



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Mazel Tov to the Founders

RABBI DAVID & TAMARA ALGAZE DAVID & RUTH BETTER JACK & SHULIE GOLDHABER MIRIAM & BRUCE JACOBS JUDY & STUART ROSEN

Without your dedication and your commitment to Havurat Yisrael, we would not be sitting here today May you go from strength to strength

Rosalie Tenzer & Miriam Rickard

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Mazal Tov

STUART & JUDY ROSEN

on this deserved Honor

Cheskel Goldstein

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Yasher Koach

to all the

HONOREES

and

HAVURAT YISRAEL COMMUNITY

On the 40th year anniversary

Eileen Alter

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Mazel tov and warm wishes

to

RABBI DAVID & TAMARA ALGAZE

for your support and commitment to the community

Thank you for always being there for our family when we need you most

Nader, Jessica, Yehuda, and Yosef Naghi

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Mazel Tov and Kol HaKoved

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RABBI & TAMARA ALGAZE AND THE FOUNDING FAMILIES

on achieving this important and impressive milestone

Yael & Mark Shayne

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With appreciation for many years of service

& guidance for the Jewish community

Malca & Henry Netzer

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In Honor of

RABBI DAVID ALGAZE

For being the driving force in the establishment of HAVURAT YISRAEL

Your dedication, strength and guidance together with Hashem's help, have enabled us to overcome many obstacles in our path & reach this incredible milestone

TAMARA

You are a beautiful person who has done and continues
to do so much for our special shul
We honor you and are so grateful you are part
of Havurat Yisrael and part of our lives

Mazel Tov

David & Renee Hirsch

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RABBI DAVID & TAMARA ALGAZE DAVID & RUTH BETTER JACK & SHULIE GOLDHABER BRUCE & MIRIAM JACOBS STUART & JUDY ROSEN

Ustedes tienen un corazon de oro

Muchas felicidades

Mazel Tov

Betzalel, Kiana Paniagua

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Congratulations

to

RABBI & REBBETZEN ALGAZE

And

DAVID & RUTH BETTER JACK & SHULIE GOLDHABER BRUCE & MIRIAM JACOBS STUART & JUDY ROSEN

Lou & Rita Gutnicki

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Mazel Tov

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HAVURAT YISRAEL

On this 40th year anniversary

Best Wishes

Gary & Emilie Rabinowitz

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In Honor of

RABBI DAVID ALGAZE

Mehdad and Tanya Azizi

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In Honor of

RABBI ALGAZE & TAMARA

And

THE FOUNDING FAMILIES

BETTER, GOLDHABER, JACOBS AND ROSEN

Their collectivism and work have shaped Havurat Yisrael into the vibrant synagogue and community it is today

Peter Lichtenthal & Dr Perry Eisman

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Mazel Tov

to our parents

MOM & DAD

Yasher Koach

to

RABBI ALGAZE

and all the

HONOREES

for 40 years of dedication to Havurat Yisrael

Jeremy, Natasia, & Leo Rosen

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Happy 38th Birthday

JEREMY

Our sweetheart

Love,

Mom & Dad

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"The Days of our Lives!"

HAVURAT YISRAEL

Thank you for our honorees and congratulations to

RUTHIE & DAVID SHULIE & JACK MIRIAM & BRUCE

Who have been our dear steadfast friends for over 40 years!

Thank you to

TAMARA ALGAZE

For her tireless behind the scenes work in all aspects of shul life and the shul building

Judy & Stu

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Mazel Tov

to our parents

RUTH AND DAVID

and all the

HONOREES

Stephanie & Michael Gershkovich Seela, Shia, & Shane

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In memory of

GERALD & SUE FRIEDMAN

who would be proud

Best wishes to lifetime friends

STUART & JUDY ROSEN

Samuel and Peggy Epstein

Belle Harbor, NY

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Happy Anniversary to my wife

GAIL

I can't believe it's been 34 years since our wedding on

December 12, 1987

Looking forward to the next 34 years together

With all my love,

Mark Silverman

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To

DEBBIE & DR DAVID SOSNOWIK

Mazel Tov on the marriage of your daughter

DORIT TO BEN

May they have a wonderful

life together with much simcha.

With much love,

Gail and Mark Silverman

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To all the

HONOREES

of the 40th Anniversary Gala Dinner

Congratulations

We sincerely appreciate all you have done for

Havurat Yisrael over the years

Dr Mark Silverman and Mrs Gail Silverman

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Love TL and family



In Honor of

RABBI DAVID & TAMARA ALGAZE

Mazel Tov on the 40th year anniversary

Azizi Family

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Mazel Tov

RABINO DAVID & TAMARA ALGAZE

por los 40 años de la sinagoga Havurat Yisrael

Gracias por sus enseñanzas y amor al Klal Yisrael

Mazel Tov a todos los

HONORADOS

Fernando & Yvelisse Leana

In honor of these wonderful

Founders of Havurat Yisrael

DAVID & RUTH BETTER JACK & SHULIE GOLDHABER BRUCE & MIRIAM JACOBS STUART & JUDY ROSEN

Mehran and Rahel Arasheben

In honor of our dear

RABBI AND REBETZIN DAVID AND TAMARA ALGAZE

For all their wonderful work for our synagogue

and Am Yisrael

Mehran and Rahel Arasheben

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STUART AND JUDY

Mazel Tov

to two incredible individuals on a well-deserved honor!

HAVURAT YISRAEL is blessed to have you.

Judy Robins

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Mazel Tov

to

RABBI & MRS.ALGAZE

A great 40 years to

HAVURAT YISRAEL!

My greatest memory of HY is that my dear wife accepted my marriage proposal at the annual HY summer camp in September '99.

We are still here 22 years!

Best wishes and brachos

Stu and Golda Dubner

Mazel Tov to our friends

DAVID & RUTHIE JACK & SHULIE BRUCE & MIRIAM STU & JUDY

Bernie & Diane

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To our dear friends

STUART & JUDY ROSEN

Luminaries of Jewish Preservation Efforts

And

To all the

HONOREES

of a wonderful Kehila

Renée and Louis Pepper

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Mazel Tov

PAPA & TAMARA

We are so proud of everything you have built
40 years of beautiful memories and דוחניות
from Shabbatons, to camp, to Torah dedications
and dancing in the streets.

There is nothing like חבורת ישראל We love you.

Daphne Algaze & Michael Zaccagnini

Mazel Tov

to

RABBI DAVID ALGAZE DAVID & RUTH BETTER JACK & SHULIE GOLDHABER BRUCE & MIRIAM JACOBS STUART & JUDY ROSEN

Irving Prus

Mazal Tov and thanks to

RABBI DAVID ALGAZE, שליט"א

and his wife

TAMARA ALGAZE

Congratulations and warm wishes to the honorees

THE GOLDHABER FAMILY THE JACOBS FAMILY THE ROSEN FAMILY THE BETTER FAMILY

from

The Zakry Family Simone, Ephraim, Hannah, and Daniel

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In honor of

TAMARA & RABBI ALGAZE

and all of the honorees

DAVID & RUTH BETTER JACK & SHULIE GOLDHABER BRUCE & MIRIAM JACOBS STUART & JUDY ROSEN

We are grateful for this wonderful community that exudes warmth and kindness to everyone.

A community like this one would not be possible without the leadership and support from each of you.

Wishing you all much Hatzlacha for many more years to come.

With warm wishes,

The Paikin Family

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JUDY & STUART ROSEN

On this special occasion, Mazel Tov,

Congratulations, and thanks for

being there for everybody

Rabbi Velvl & Elke Finkelstein

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Mazel Tov

to

RABBI & TAMARA ALGAZE

On this very deserved recognition and honor!

We have many things to say and to be grateful for with Rabbi Algaze. He opened his doors to us in a way that we could never imagine. Coming from a different background, he saw our desire to grow in Judaism and his help in the process was amazing. He taught us with so much love and continues to teach

He taught us with so much love and continues to teach us with the same enthusiasm. We will never be able to say enough about everything he has done for us!

Thank you and special Mazel Tov

to

TAMARA

for being such a supportive wife and always being so sweet and welcoming!

Moshe & Rivkah Salazar

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To the

HONOREES

Mazel Tov

and in honor of

RABBI ALGAZE

He knows how to inspire a person to

Yiddishkeit and Chesed

Best Wishes

Thomas Hamori, Stephanie and Michelle Hamori

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Mazel Tov!

Being among the founders and original members of Havurat Yisrael in the 1980's had a profound and lasting impact on our lives.

For this, we will be forever grateful

Mazel Tov to

RABBI DAVID ALGAZE

on your 40th anniversary!

Yasher Koach to all the devoted HONOREES and special love and admiration for our dear friends

SHULIE & JACK GOLDHABER

Susan and Bruce Schneider

Mazel Tov on 40 years !!!

To many more !!!

Jeffrey Cohen, Sara Tal Cohen and Ethan Cohen

HAVURAT YISRAEL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

It is so wonderful to know that Havurat Yisrael is still continuing with the tradition of dinners and celebrations. Even though I am physically far away, Havurat Yisrael always remains close to my heart and to my soul. I hope that the shul and the Kehila, and you, Rabbi, will be there for many years to come.

All the best from

The Katz Family

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Mazel Tov to

HAVURAT YISRAEL

on this 40th year anniversary

Yasher Koach!!

Thanks to

RABBI DAVID & TAMARA ALGAZE

for all your dedication to Havurat Yisrael and the Spanish group.

Mazel Tov to

THE FOUNDING FAMILIES

BETTER, GOLDHABER, JACOBS & ROSEN

Yehuda Mendieta

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Thank you to

RABBI DAVID ALGAZE

Thank you for your admirable leadership, wisdom & outreach.

B'ezrat Hashem, may there be unity & peace for all of us, both community-wide & personally.

A big Mazel Tov to

THE HONOREES

Than you to

RABBI MORDECHAI KRAFT

With gratitude.

Jane Pamela Steifel (Hanna)

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Mazel Tov to all

THE HONOREES

David & Bianca Ryzhik

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Mazel Tov

&

Best Wishes

Yakov Simkhayev

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Mazel Tov

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HAVURAT YISRAEL & RABBI ALGAZE

for decades of dedication to the Jewish community

Mazel Tov

To

SERGE & LINDA MERKIN

for their participation in the Havurat Yisrael community

Sandy Finkelstein & Jay Turoff and Families

Mazel Tov to all the honorees

RABBI DAVID & TAMARA ALGAZE DAVID & RUTH BETTER JACK & SHULIE GOLDHABER BRUCE & MIRIAM JACOBS STUART & JUDY ROSEN

Nader & Jessica Naghi

Wishing continued hatzlacha to everyone at

HAVURAT YISRAEL!

Nasanel & Nancy Yachnes

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Mazel Tov
On a tremendous milestone

I"H 40 more years

Miriam & Jeff Benkoe

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Every shul needs them

Not every shul has them

Luckily at Havurat Yisrael

We have them

We thank you for all your

Devotion & Dedication to our shul

Maddy & Bernardo Druker

Congratulations

to

RABBI ALGAZE & TAMARA

And the FOUNDING FAMILIES

BETTER, GOLDHABER, JACOBS, AND ROSEN

Thank you for creating a warm & inspiring shul for our community

Michael & Alice James

Mazel Tov

To

THE FOUNDING FAMILIES

OF HAVURAT YISRAEL

RUTH & DAVID BETTER SHULIE & JACK GOLDHABER MIRIAM & BRUCE JACOBS JUDY & STU ROSEN

Yasher Koach!

David & Renee Hirsch

To

RABBI DAVID & TAMARA ALGAZE DAVID & RUTH BETTER JACK & HULIE GOLDHABER MIRIAM & BRUCE JACOBS STU & JUDY ROSEN

Thank you for having the foresight to bring forth our wonderful, unique and special shul so many years ago As so many others have said, one can travel the world and never find a shul as exceptional as Havurat

Looking forward to a future just as wonderful as our past!

Arlene Ross

In honor of

STUART & JUDY ROSEN

Best Wishes

Mike Effron

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Mazel Tov To THE HONOREES

RABBI DAVID & TAMARA ALGAZE DAVID & RUTH BETTER JACK & SHULIE GOLDHABER BRUCE & MIRIAM JACOBS STUART & JUDY ROSEN

Many thanks for all you have done for HAVURAT YISRAEL and the entire Forest Hills Jewish community over the past 40 years. Your vision will continue to have a profound and positive impact on many families and individuals for decades to come.

Carol Krohn

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Mazel Tov

y

Felicitaciones

a los

HONORADOS

y

A TODOS LOS MIEMBROS DE HAVURAT YISRAEL

Hashem bendiga a nuestro querido

RABINO DAVID ALGAZE

y su Sra

TAMARA ALGAZE

Blanca Cifuentes

$\overline{_{ m Havurat}}$ Yisrael 40th Anniversary Dinner

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Mazel Tov To

THE HONOREES

And special thanks to our mentor

RABBI DAVID ALGAZE

Best Wishes Felicidades

Elizabeth Moreno

In Memory of

PROF. YSRAEL A. SEINUK

Congratulations to all the

HONOREES

Fanny Seinuk

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Doy gracias a Bonei Olam por su gran misericordia y haber me permitido decir "Haré y Escucharé" icuan grande es su misericordia y fidelidad!

AL RABBI DAVID ALGAZE

Por enseñarme el camino a seguir su compasion, paciencia, su deseo de ayudar a todos con alegria

A su querida esposa

TAMARA

Por su sensibilidad, apoyo incondicional y cariño para conmigo y mi familia a Havurat Yisrael
Por su apertura para los que queremos conocer la unica verdad de nuestro Bonei Olam
Con cariño y apreciacion

Naomi Rodriguez

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In honor of

RABBI ALGAZE AND TAMARA and the FOUNDING FAMILIES

I am grateful for RABBI ALGAZE'S involvement in our family's simchas and support during sadness and loss Havurat Yisrael has been a place of inspiration, friendship, innovation and community

May the flame never be extinguished

In loving memory of

RABBI MEIR HAVAZELET SHEP LEVMORE MARTY WEINSTEIN FLORA RAPAPORT YEHUDA GOLDFEDER

and all, whose dedication to Havurat Yisrael, will not be forgotten

וכל העוסקים בצרכי צבור באמונה

Rachel Epstein

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and to the founders

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to

HAVURAT YISRAEL

On its 40th year anniversary

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Muchas felicitaciones & Mazel Tov a nuestro queridisimo

RABINO DAVID ALGAZE

y su esposa

TAMARA

Gracias a

HAVURAT YISRAEL

por abrirnos las puertas

Ruth Moreira

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Mazal Tov to the

HONOREES

Sammy Tocker

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our amazing

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when Rabbi Akiva began to learn Torah

Best Wishes

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RABBI ALGAZE

and all

HONOREES

on the 40th Anniversary of Havurat Yisrael

Best Wishes

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and all my beautiful friends

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Toda Raba

to

YOSSI TOCKER

For all the graphics and journals he has created for the shul for all the decades!

Toda raba

to

GITA TOCKER

For our wonderful memories of camp

and toda raba

to GITA

for saving our baby DANIEL from running out onto the street when the shul was in the movie theater!

Stuart & Judy Rosen

Mazel Tov

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JUDY AND STUART ROSEN

A wonderful and inspiring couple

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Your love of the Jewish people and of Israel is inspiring and shapes our lives to this day.

Thank you for teaching us what it means to care about a fellow Jew.

We love you and appreciate all you have done for us and for Klal Yisrael!

Love,

Mordechai and Ariella & Yaacov, Yehuda, Shmuel, Yehoshua, Elisheva, Akiva, and Avigail

Mazel Tov

to

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Leon, Alicia, & Raphael Tejtelbaum

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Mazel Tov

to

HAVURAT YISRAEL

on its 40th year anniversary

Jonathan Rieu

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Mazel Tov to all the

FOUNDING MEMBERS

For your devotion to Havurat Yisrael

Un especial "Thank you" gracias a nuestro querido

RABBI DAVID ALGAZE

Y su esposa

TAMARA

Consuelo Jimenez

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Mazel Tov

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HAVURAT YISRAEL

En sus 40 años de Aniversario

Gracias al

RABINO ALGAZE

Por su dedicacion y amor al khal Israel

Con Cariño

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Mazel Tov

to our

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Un especial agradecimiento a nuestros queridos

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Mazel Tov

to

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and the

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Your collective efforts have created a warm, dynamic synagogue and community

Warmly,

Elissa & Sol

Mazel Tov

RABBI ALGAZE & TAMARA

For creating a warm, loving, accepting, kind, inclusive HAVURAT.

I am honored to be a member of HAVURAT YISRAEL and to know you both

Mazel Tov

to

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Thank you for all you do for the Havurat Family Until 120 years!

Ruth Finkelstein

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In Memoriam
Forever in our memory
Forever in our hearts (whether listed or not)

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In honor of a GREAT MOM and a GREAT PERSON

TAMARA ALGAZE

Josh Abramson

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RABBI DAVID & TAMARA ALGAZE

Without you HAVURAT YISRAEL would not exist today.

Mazel Tov

to

SHULIE & JACK GOLDHABER

founders and long-time

Wishing all the

HONOREES

a happy, healthy and long life

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Benjamin

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Mis Mejores deseos a todos

HONORADOS

y en especial al

RABINO DAVID & TAMARA ALGAZE

en los 40 años de aniversario de HY

Hashem los bendige a todos

Best wishes

Felicia Kulaya

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TAMARA & RABBI ALGAZE

Dear Mom & Dad,

Mazel Tov on this incredible achievement!

We wish you continued success,

health, bracha, and simcha.

We love you!

Love,

Hillel, Jillian, Kobi, Tehilla, and Leahla

Mazel Tov

to

RABBI & TAMARA ALGAZE

and our founding families

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Looking forward to the next 40 years!

Ira Kleiman

Mazel Tov

to

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Yasher Koach!

With gratitude,

Shimon & Sarah Mizrahi

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Soon Havurat opened and became our second home, We grew up in this shul that's taught love kindness and שלום!!

Mom and Abba you've been with this shul through its up and downs,
And still all these years later you give it your all with no qualms.
Your involvement in shul has taught us the importance of community,
Thank you for being the best role models teaching us to always take an opportunity.

Mazal tov on the honor you so greatly deserve We love you so much!

Aviva, Yehuda, Akiva and Ella Dafna, David, Ari, Yael, AJ and Abby Ayelet, Oren, Charlotte and Carmi

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RABINO DAVID ALGAZE

Con humildad en nombre de la comunidad Shomer Yisrael "Guardian de Israel", en la ciudad de Cali - Colombia, elevo mis rezos de gratitud al cielo para que usted disfrute de 120 años de vida, manteniendo la virtud de ser un hombre bueno, correcto, sencillo y servicial; su contribución semanal con enseñanzas sabias de Torá y el regalo maravilloso del Sefer Torá y los libros para la biblioteca, amarro nuestros corazones al ministerio que tan sabiamente usted preside.

Un abrazo Yehudí y lo mejor del cielo para usted, su comunidad y familia,

Nahor Espinosa Perdomo

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RABBI DAVID ALGAZE

Primero Gracias a Hashem por su vida y gracias por darme la oportunidad de pertenecer a su hermosa comunidad Havurat Yisrael,

Que el eterno le ayude en su tarea de agradecer y fortalecer la Tora en aras de la gloria a su nombre y le siga otorgando la sabiduria de seguir enseñando a la comunidad Hispana las enseñanzas de nuestra Tora.

Que le conceda salud inquebrantable y luz espiritual durante muchos años de vida con plenitud de bienes, alegrias, salud y siga engradeciendo esta hermosa comunidad de Havurat Yisrael

Yael Giraldo

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Kol Hakavod to

SHULIE & JACK GOLDHABER

for your years of devotion to Havurat Yisrael.

Your continued commitment to serve your community

sets an example.

We love you and wish you Mazal Tov on this deserved honor!

Aron and Lynn Lantz and family

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Shira and Evan Richman and family

Adina and Richard Weiss and family

Leora Verbit

Mazel Tov to all the

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Family Samuels

Best Wishes

To

SHULIE & JACK GOLDHABER

for this well deserved honor

Ronald and Janet Goldman

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Congratulation to my dear brother and sister-in-law

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on this well deserved honor for community service

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Mazal Tov !! Congratulations!! Felicidades!!!

A todos los honorados por el 40 aniversario

de Havurat Yisrael

Hashem siempre bendiga a mi

RABINO DAVID ALGAZE

a su esposa

TAMARA

con salud, y muchas alegrias Gracias por abrirnos la puertas de la sinagoga Havurat Yisrael

Rosa Acosta

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In Honor of my daughter

TAMARA ALGAZE

Very proud of you

Gabriela Linder

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Congratulations and Best Wishes to

JUDY & STU ROSEN

and the other

HONOREES

Louise and Frank Ring

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These families mean so much to me

BETTER GOLDHABER JACOBS ROSEN

Truly "min hashamayim"
Holy souls / Selfless souls / Helping souls
I thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Karen

Mazel Tov! 40!

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RABBI DAVID ALGAZE:

You have welcomed so many!

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TAMARA ALGAZE:

You have secured an amazing man

To

BOTH OF YOU:

Today is for a true and well-deserved honor

Karen and Marc Rose

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Best Wishes

From

Joseph and Barbara Tucker

Congratulations

to our

HONOREES

Carol & Hyman Reichel

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Mazel Tov to a truly "AMAZING SYNAGOGUE"

RABBI ALGAZE AND TAMARA

and

THE FOUNDING FAMILIES

from

Ski Trip Family Shinnar, Sheison, Shival

With love and gratitude to:

RABBI & TAMARA ALGAZE DAVID & RUTH BETTER JACK & SHULIE GOLDHABER BRUCE & MIRIAM JACOBS STUART & JUDY ROSEN

Thank you for creating and maintaining this special shul and community.

We left NY, but we will always be connected to you and to Havurat Yisrael.

Steve and Shoshi

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Mazel Tov To

THE ALGAZES

And the

FOUNDING FAMILIES

Wishing you continued Hatzlacha Ad Hayas Goel Tzedek

Dr. Jonathan Krohn

It is our pleasure to pay tribute to

RABBI ALGAZE

And our friends

JUDY AND STU SHULIE AND JACK RUTH AND DAVID MIRIAM AND BRUCE

It's hard to believe that it has been forty years since camp in Cape Cod and the founding of this wonderful shul Congratulations on this achievement and best wishes to all.

Annette & Jerry

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Congratulations

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JUDY & STU

With best wishes

Sandy & Stewart Cahn

JUDY AND STUART

Pillars of our community always

Jeff & Cynthia Wiesenfeld

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Mazel Tov to

JUDY AND STUART ROSEN

and to all the

HONOREES

on this wonderful milestone!

Jeffrey & Adrienne Prince

Mazel Tov, Congratulations to **HAVURAT YISRAEL**

On the 40th year Anniversary

Hashem les mande muchas bendiciones a los

HONORADOS

y a nuestro queridisimo

RABINO DAVID & TAMARA ALGAZE

Elisheva Palala

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Mazel Tov to all

THE HONOREES

Eliyahou Mendoza

To

JUDY AND STU

Time flies!

So proud of you guys

and

Happy to have you in our lives

Elaine and Larry

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Mazel Tov to

RABBI DAVID ALGAZE HAVURAT YISRAEL

and to all the

HONOREES

May our synagogue continue to be a spiritual light for all people

David & Rachelle Alkalay

There is no place like

HAVURAT YISRAEL

You changed my life
Happy 40th year anniversary

Michelle Bernstein

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MAZEL TOV TO THE NEWLYWEDS!



Marc & Karen Rose

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DAYS AND NIGHTS IT RAINED DURING THE GREAT FLOOD.

DAYS AND NIGHTS MOSES SPENT ON MOUNT SINAI,
DAYS THE SPIES TRAVERSED THE LAND OF CANAAN.
YEARS THE ISRAELITES WONDERED IN THE DESERT.
AGE AT WHICH ONE CAN BEGIN TO STUDY KABBALAH.

YEARS OF HAVURAT YISRAEL!

MAZEL TOV TO THE FOUR FOUNDING FAMILIES!

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Marc & Karen Rose

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"Rice Krispies" under the carpet!!
By Karen Rose

Sydney Klein, my new friend and H.Y. teacher, asked me to walk into her classroom. She said "the floor Is crumbling and tilting downwards in my class". "Am I right?" Sure enough she was correct! It felt like stepping on rice krispies under the carpet; And so our beloved building was shut down. Excavation next door and a construction defect sent us to new places for prayer and assembly for many years.

But our spirit never dimmed.

May **RABBI ALGAZE, TAMARA,**and our **HONOREES**Go from strength to strength

Karen Rose

From Karen and Marc Rose

To the "Wandering Jews"

RABBI ALGAZE, TAMARA,

our FOUNDING FAMILIES

BRUCE & MIRIAM JACOBS STUART & JUDY ROSEN JACK & SHULIE GOLDHABER DAVID & RUTH BETTER

You have finally landed in the HAVURAT YISRAEL promised land – 40 years strong!

Thank you for your patience, guidance, and true resilience!

Amazing Adventures are you!!!!

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In honor of

RABBI DAVID & TAMARA ALGAZE

I feel very happy to be a member of Havurat Yisrael

Mazel Tov to all the

HONOREES

Hannah Henriquez

Mazel Tov

Para nuestro guerido

RABINO DAVID ALGAZE

y todos los

HONORADOS

Que Hashem les brinde mucha salud a todos

Arnolfo Akiva Gonzalez

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Best wishes

to

JUDY & STUART ROSEN

You are an inspiration to us all An honor well deserved

Love,

The Zweibach Family

Mazel tov to all the

HONOREES

Alex & Irina Genis

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MAZAL TOV!

HAVURAT YISRAEL — 40 YEARS

FROM THE

MERKIN FAMILY — MEMBERS FOR 36 YEARS



Linda and I are extremely grateful for the synagogue which welcomed us as young marrieds and nurtured us through Torah and friendship as we raised our family. Thank you to the Rabbi and the Betters, Goldhabers, Jacobs and Rosens for creating a place where we shared and will continue to share so many happy and worthwhile experiences.

My religious and spiritual life started in Havurat Yisrael 23 years ago. I don't have enough words to express my immense gratitude to Rabbi Algaze and to the wonderful Havurat Yisrael family. I won't list everyone, but I cannot fail to mention people who welcomed us with open arms and became our dear friends: Linda & Serge Merkin, Tova & Raphael Katz, Debbi & David Sosnowik, Rachel & Louis Ordentlich. It is a great honor to call myself a part of Havurat Yisrael family FOREVER.

With Love Michael Rapoport

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Mazal Tov to the

HONOREES

Your commitment to Havurat Yisrael and the greater Jewish community are inspirational.

"The World rests on three things On Torah, on Service of G-d, and on deeds of love."
-Rabbi Shimon HaTzaddik

The Witlin Family

Mazal tov para nuestro querido

RABINO ALGAZE

No existe palabras de agradecimiento para todo lo que ha hecho Usted por mi familia y en especial por Yael Yolima

Hashem lo bendiga siempre Usted y a su familia

Esmeralda Meneses

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In Honor of

RABBI DAVID & TAMARA ALGAZE

and all the

HONOREES

in the 40th Anniversary of Havurat Yisrael

Josey and Jacobo Futran

In Honor of

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Mazal tov!!

Gary, Yael and Noam Emmanuel

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RABBI ALGAZE AND TAMARA

on this 40th anniversary

Lisa and Sheldon Feit

In Memory of

HENNY RACHEL BAT MOSHE

Herbert Jaffe

Mazel Tov To

ALL THE HONOREES

Renee is the best daughter!

Betty Feit

A hearty Mazel Tov

to

STUART AND JUDY ROSEN

our friends and neighbors

They are pillars in our community and
give new meaning to leadership.

Audrey & Stuart Berman

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Thank you all for teaching me
what it is all about!
You are the pillars of
HAVURAT YISRAEL

Diana Parisy

Mazel Tov on Havurat Yisrael's 40th and all the

FOUNDING MEMBERS

Until 120 and on.

Debie, Stuart, & Ben Greenberg

Mazel Tov to

RABBI DAVID ALGAZE

and to our old friends and neighbors

THE BETTERS, GOLDHABERS, JACOBS, & ROSENS

Kol HaKavod for all you have done for the shul, which played an important role in our lives during the 1980's and early 90's

Mark S. Cohen & Roberta Weinstein-Cohen

To all the

HONOREES

Mazel Tov

Neva & Fred Hellman

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In honor of

THE RABBI, THE SHUL, THE CONGREGANTS

Mazel tov in this Milestone

Todd, Amy and Max Langert

In honor of

STUART & JUDY ROSEN

Mazel Tov!!

Alexander Lanzman

Congratulations to all the Honorees

To

STUART & JUDY ROSEN

who have been steadfast in there support of the Jewish community in New York and Israel

Michael Nussbaum

Congratulations, Mazel Tov

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May Hashem help them with a lot of Naches

Emmy Benroubi

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Mazel Tov

To

THE HONOREES

Manny & Evelyn Behar

Mazel Tov

To

ALL THE HONOREES!

Carmella

Mazel Tov

Andrew and Renee Meyers

Mazel Tov

to

MIRIAM AND BRUCE JACOBS

For all you have done for HAVURAT YISRAEL over so many years.

From your cousins

Ziva and Philip Belkin

In memory of

MOSHE ROSENFELD

Darlene Wendy Frank

Mazel Tov

HONOREES

Thank you for all the programs

Havurat Yisrael offers

Daniel Zaurov

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Mazel Tov to

HAVURAT YISRAEL

on this 40th anniversary

Rabbi Yaakov Sebrow

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to **Rabbi Algaze**, his **Wife**, the **Members of**

Havurat Israel, especially to Mr. & Mrs. Jacobs and Irina Genis for the tremendous impact they have had in our lives in our journey. For inspiring us to do better, to be better.

Thank you all and each one of you for being there on this beautiful ride home. Thank you Havurat Yisrael for being the home we need to nurture our growth as part of the People of Israel.

Love and gratitude always,

Yael Bracha Yepez

In Memory of

SALOMON BEN ROUBI ANNE BIENER MARCO SCENNA RENE CARRION

Alicia & Leon Tejtelbaum

Mazel Tov

to

RABBI DAVID & TAMARA ALGAZE

and all the

HONOREES

Joseph Mounessa Rowena Mata

Un total agradecimiento a la comunidad de Havurat Yisrael por abrirnos las puertas y al

RABINO DAVID ALGAZE

por ser mi gran maestro

Maria Perez

Mazal Tov

to our

HONOREES

on this well-deserved honor!

Anonymous

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Mazal Tov on the first 40 years!

Love.

Roger, Jeanine, Farrah, Ava, & Adinah Mashihi



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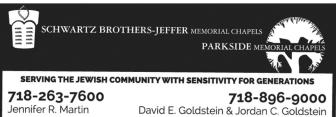
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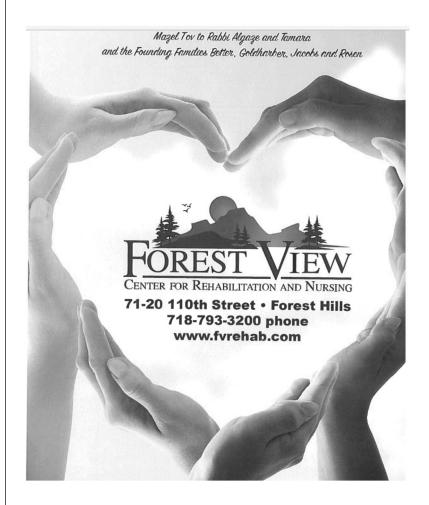
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To

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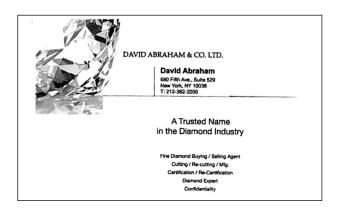
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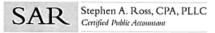
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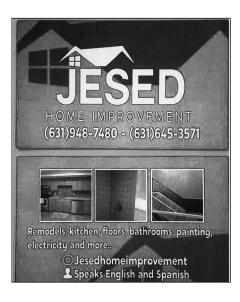
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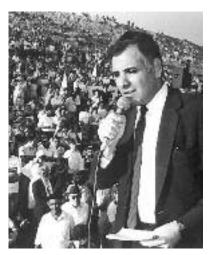


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TESTIMONIALS

A Letter from Leah Rachelle Berman

Oh those Havurat singles days. round robin Shabbat meals that rotated among the singles week after week, bowling motzei shabbat, and breakfast Sunday morning at a bagel place on Main St.

How I found out about Havurat - I was looking for a shul to go to. It didn't matter orthodox, conservative or reform. I was going through a very difficult time then and seeking spiritual guidance. Well, my mom, OBM, happened to see an advert for Havurat in The Jewish Week. It was a very welcoming ad. It said no background necessary, because they have a beginner's minyan. I decided to run with it. Interestingly enough, it didn't say what denomination it was. I got ready one Shabbat to go there.

Now, I didn't know there were two shuls next to each other. Guess which one I first went to. Yep, the Bucharian shul. I quickly realized I was in the wrong place.

I finally found the beginner's minyan. I slowly opened the door because I was nervous like a quivering mouse. Low and behold, there's Rabbi Glatt with a huge smile on his face, welcoming me in. Immediately I was given a siddur and chumash.

After our minyan was over we joined everyone else for kiddush. I never saw anything like this!!! And, these people I never knew before invited me out for Shabbat lunch!!! I immediately fell in love with this strong sense of community. I was also invited to join the singles for bowling that motzei shabbat. Rabbi Glatt had such a great influence on me. His family literally "adopted" me.

I finally got to meet Rabbi Algaze!! He fed my mind, and Rabbi Glatt fed my soul. What a combination!!!

Rabbi Algaze gave me so much wisdom and advice which I still hold on to this very day. I haven't found any shul as unique in so many ways as Havurat. Those were for sure great times and great friends, who we're still in touch with to this very day!!!

TESTIMONIALS

A few memories from the first days of Havurat Yisrael By Eddie Mazar

Intense days of inspiration and ingenuity by people that sincerely believed in creating a congregation that was inclusive for all its members, where everyone would have a chance to make a contribution, and was accepted with love, no matter his or her background. A congregation founded by a band of dreamers for whom the notions of "temporary" and "incomplete" were secondary to the need to create a vibrant shul with sheer enthusiasm, commitment and the satisfaction of doing it all by themselves.

They had a symbiotic relationship with their religious leader, Rabbi David Algaze, and among themselves. He guided us with the spiritual goals, and regarding the practical problems, we wondered more about the "how?" than the "why?" It had to be done. Style or fashion did not halt anything, as far as it complied with halachah.

We incorporated on March 26, 1981, at the home of Albert and Ilana Amini. Our first year was marked by the lack of a place to call home. We were regarded in the area as "the wandering shul" It's hard to imagine today how things got done, with no secretary to call and ask where? when? what?.

First came the reading of the Purim Megilah, in the Jewish Center of Forest Hills West. Then, services were held at the Sephardic Jewish Center on 108th St., by the generosity of Rabbi Asher Murciano, o.b.m. The Kiddush after those first services took place in our home, a block away.

Who led the services those days? special people, because the shul that they were coming from had professional cantors, and the congregation was an audience rather than participants...

From the Sephardic Jewish Center we moved on to the Continental Theater on Austin Street. where Fred Gelber o.b.m. would unfailingly start the prayers every Shabat. The theater's front section was scheduled for mixed seating, and behind it men and women worshipped separately on each side of the center aisle. Harvey Barnett and Ted Okun were our gabbaim. Kiddush was served in the theater's lobby, and had to be finished and removed before the showing time of the first movie... Thanks to Yechezkel the Theater owner.

The first High Holiday services were performed in the Midway theater, which was arranged by Annette Sloane, o.b.m. She also arranged to have the first Sukkot services in the backyard of the Forest Hills Inn.

Our first president was Norman Gutman, for 2 years. He was succeeded for three years by Herbert Jaffe, then Yossi Tocker for three years, Rafi Katz for three years, and Elliot Spitz for 2 years. Elliot Spitz was the president of the shul when it celebrated its 10th anniversary.

"You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing"

By Abigail (Carolina Barrios), Miriam and Yaakov

This verse we say on our Tefilah gives us the confidence that HaShem who is the Eternal giver, the Master of the Universe, is ready to give us everything that we wish from the bottom of our hearts with intense Emunah. We just need to wish for it, and He opens His hands and fulfills it.

Everyone who is thirsty, can approach to the Water (Torah) and be satisfied. My children and me as many thousands of people around the World we were thirsty of the pure Water, we wished for Life and H' made us find Havurat Yisrael.

Our adventure that He wrote as the great Poet He is, was so sweet and plenty of surprises and blessings. I went to NY from Santa Cruz, Bolivia, looking for a Rabbi, my cousin Gabriela Bachrach, kindly hosted me in her house in New Rochelle. How did I arrive to Forest Hills? And at the same exact moment Ms. Heni Levy was crossing Queens Blvd, we talked and she understood my need, and she said, I know a Rabbi with whom you will be able to communicate well, he is Argentinian, you speak the same language, and she herself called to Havurat to ask for an appointment with Rabbi David Algaze, when I came to the place, I did not look if it was temporary or small, or ephemeral. I was greatly thankful to find the source of pure Water, in such a warm community, with a great Rabbi, my Rabbi from that moment for ever. At the same month many other thirsty people came to the same place and we were BH' part of this community on a special moment of its life, we arrived just before the time they were coming back to their original place, a beautiful and bright place, where many other seekers will have the blessing to arrive.

When I told the Rabbi I wanted to study Torah, he told me: "The Torah is not a study, is a way of living, if you want to get to know a Life of Torah, you need to move into the community, for at least two years." That day, I went back to New Rochelle with anxiety, and discouraged. The next day I was on my daily trip from New Rochelle to Forest Hills, by train to central

station, and then by subway to Forest Hills, on one point of a change of line, H' again sent me another malach, I was looking down and quietly crying, and my friend Candida Villar who I had not seen in a long time, she recognized me, how in the world in a city of 12 millions people, you go and cross with someone you know when waiting for a subway transfer? She talked to me and she asked me, what is that you are worried about? And I told her: "see, this is what I want to do, but I have no idea how will I do it, the Rabbi told me I need to move here for 2 years, I need to bring my children, I don't know if I will get their permits, I don't know how I will pay for a living in this country, I don't know how I can stay legally in the country for two years."

There were many unknowns the only thing I knew for sure, is that it was what I wished, and she told me: "Once you make the decision, H' will set you the path to walk on" her words came directly to my soul, and I remembered that my gramma often used to tell me, "what ever you wish with all your heart, you will have it".

Looking back now, I have tears, but of happiness, and gratefulness, He gave us all we wished and even more. We were able to move to NY, smoothly, my children's father gave them support and comprehension from heart as he saw it was good for them, we had the long stay visa, the means just arrived in one way or the other, many people helped to make it happen, first of all my Mom and my family.

Since the first Shabbat, every Shabbat the sadness and emptiness grew down and the happiness and completeness fulfilled our hearts. After having passed almost 5 years in the warm nest of Havurat Yisrael we moved to Eretz Yisrael, where we continue been carved with Love and warmth like gems by the One and Only gems cutter.

From Consuelo Reinberg

Mazal Tov RABBI ALGAZE and the entire Havurat Yisrael family!

It is our great honor and pleasure to greet you on this special occasion. Havurat Yisrael has played a very major role in our family's Jewish journey – from the time Rav Algaze converted me in the early 90s (I remember that I dipped in the mikvah right before Rosh Hashana – very auspicious!) to our eventual Aliyah to Israel, spurred and inspired by everything we learned at Havurat.

I especially remember the children's minyanim that our two little girls attended, the summer camps, the Israel Day parades, the Succot celebrations at the Rav's house and, yes, even our 45-minute walk to the shul on Shabbat, parking our strollers by a good friend. We may have moved away to other neighborhoods, even other states and, eventually to Israel – but Havurat was and is always "home."

Today, David and I are semi-retired, and Leora and Shira are married and have established their own homes. We are also eagerly awaiting our first grandchild, B"H.

Havurat Yisrael, thanks for the memories!



A Walk in Forest Hills

By Daniel Cohen

I was walking in Forest Hills one Saturday night in 1992 when I passed a shul I had never seen before. It looked like a nice building, and I decided to go inside to see how it was. Havurat Yisrael was in the same location it is in now, but it was the old, original building.

I had been going to another shul that closed. I decided to join the services at Havurat Yisrael and come every week. Everybody had a warm, welcoming attitude, and I met many wonderful people. I especially enjoyed the lectures that Rabbi Meir Havazelet z''l used to give on Shabbos afternoons, and the songs we sing at the shalosh seudos. Being able to bless the congregation as a cohen during duchening makes me feel very happy.

I helped out whenever I could, for example by answering the phones for the office. I remember when Tova Katz z"l and Alicia were working on the Journal Dinner one night, I came in to help them and we stayed till after midnight. I also remember when we used to dance in McDonald Park across the street on Simchas Torah. Those nights have always been so much fun.

Rabbi Algaze is always there when you need him, and I feel I can talk to him about any problem. He is always welcoming and friendly. I am very grateful to be part of this wonderful Havurat Yisrael community.



Leah Weisglass, Rabbi Algaze, Ariella Ross

Havurat Yisrael - How it all began

By Jack Goldhaber

In the late 1970's, Rabbi Algaze was the Assistant Rabbi of a large, marginally traditional synagogue in Forest Hills. Rabbi Algaze was troubled by the limited Jewish education, knowledge and traditions of the young families. He quickly realized that these families were hungry for Jewish instruction, Jewish customs and a Jewish community. To address these needs, Rabbi Algaze began to have group study sessions that met regularly in the private homes of the members. Within two years there were three such groups that comprised about sixty families. The groups were called Havurot. By early 1981 these groups had become a critical mass that could no longer remain in the original synagogue. After many meetings it was decided to start a new synagogue and Havurat Yisrael was founded.

The energy and excitement of our new Shul was palpable at every service, luncheon, lecture, Dvar Torah, and all activities. The congregation's members contributed their ideas and their time to the success of every event. Adult education classes, children's groups and school were instituted. One of the first innovations was the Shul camp experience. Our Shul was open to all comers. Your level of Jewish knowledge and practice were never a barrier to participation. While all these daily activities were in full swing, several members were looking for a permanent structure. Almost miraculously, within sixteen months of founding, we were able to purchase a building at the same site that we still use today.

I Needed a Rabbi, Fast!

By Karen Rose

My beloved grandfather had just passed away, and both his wife and daughter (my grandmother and mother), had predeceased him. I was the only one around, 31 and single, who needed to make this happen. I wanted to make funeral arrangements, notify family and friends, have a burial, as well as move my Poppy's body from Florida to Long Island where he would be interred. Through it all, I needed to maintain my composure despite my grief wishing so much Nana and Mom were here to take this on. I suppose they were watching over me...and then came Rabbi Algaze.

My previous Conservative Rabbi was on vacation, and I was told there was no other covering Rabbi available....What??...Down the block and across the street, I ran into Havurat Yisrael looking for help. A lovely woman met me inside and said, "Rabbi Algaze will help you." She was Sydney Horn, a teacher who worked there. She also became my friend. The Rabbi asked a few questions and assured me he could help, even when I confessed I was not religiously observant or Orthodox. My grandfather was buried properly with attention and respect, in a Jewish cemetery where his beloved wife and daughter lay, thanks to Rabbi Algaze. The Rabbi spoke at the graveside service to our attending family and friends and did a terrific job! He even waited the few extra minutes until Pop's only sister, elderly and slow arrived with assisting close family. My great Aunt adored her brother, and all were very appreciative of the Rabbi's patience and consideration so she would not miss the service.

Sydney, who had brought me to the Rabbi's office, told me to return the following week and join the congregation, saying, it doesn't matter if you are not Orthodox, you are welcome here. She then invited me to eat at her home Friday night, saying she is part of a neighborhood singles shabbos club. I was hesitant and initially uncomfortable...but I went, ate and met other neighborhood Jews. Hesitancy dissolved over time and new friendships were formed. I developed a substitute family welcoming and new. The Rabbi and Havurat Yisrael became a new haven for me.

I am married now, with daughters of my own. My husband is observant, a Gabbai at the shul, and we lead a Torah Life. Thank You Rabbi Algaze for giving me a new way out of the darkness and a new lease on life!

For Havurat Yisrael's 40th Anniversary

By Jennifer (Feldman) Meltzer

Havurat Yisrael is where my initial interest in Torah Judaism was nourished, and today I am proud to have a Torahdich home and 3 adult children (one who has Smicha, one who is currently studying) who are all solidly frum.

At Havurat Yisrael, in addition to the beautiful davening, I participated in great classes, and most importantly, made friends who I am still close with for over 35 years. We've spread out geographically, but still keep in touch.

I was originally introduced to Shabbos by a friend in Boro Park, and that is where I spent many of those early Shabbosim. However, eventually it was time to go "home" to Forest Hills, where I didn't even know if there was any Orthodox life at all. This was probably around 1978 or 1979. Another friend told me he'd heard about a young Rabbi who was having Oneg Shabbats for singles in the community, which led me to call Rabbi Algaze once I'd gotten more information. He asked me where I daven, and I sort of dodged the question, because at that point, I really had no connection with a synagogue. Rabbi Algaze called me every week until I finally showed up at The Popcorn Minyan at the Continental Theatre. He'd even told me which people to introduce myself to! Soon I began making friends there, and it was like a new life in the community I grew up in.

One day, Rabbi Algaze approached two single men and I and told us we should make a Shabbaton. The three of us looked at each other rather puzzled because none of us knew what a Shabbaton was. But with the Rabbi's encouragement, we pulled it off, hosting over a hundred people with meals at the YIFH, because this was when our tefillot were still in the movie theatre. And ves, a shidduch came out of it. And so the Havurat Singles were born. But the amazing thing to me was Rabbi Algaze's ability to get people to reach beyond themselves and do things they'd never realized they could do. And that is the way the entire shul was. The Singles, as we came to be known grew rapidly. We used to come to the shul every evening and help out with whatever needed doing, or just to schmooze. We were like family. And we helped put Havurat on the map because soon people were hearing about the new synagogue in Oueens where everyone was welcomed no matter what their background was. My husband was introduced to me by someone I was friends with in the singles group, and when we were married, he was welcomed into the Havurat family. For quite some time, he used to write a weekly Parsha page on the shul's website, which I was involved with in the early days of the internet.

In my current shul, they know that comes Simchas Torah night, I am going to tell them for the umpteenth time that there was no place as wonderful to be on Simchas Torah then Havurat, with the dancing with the Torah outside. Who can forever forget Rabbi Algaze saying "If the people won't come of the shul, we'll go to the people", as we all made our way up to Austin Street.

Perek in the Park, which began with Rabbi Zaitschek's Pirchei Avos shiurim in McDonald Park, which always aroused the curiosity of others in the park. This came about when one Shabbos afternoon the AC was malfunctioning, so one of the singles said "Let's do it in the Park". And so it began a long time custom.

Over the years, B"H, we have graduated from being "The Singles", but we've continued to be there for one another through simchas and, unfortunately, sorrows. Rabbi Algaze was the sandak for my younger son. I'm sure I speak for many of my friends in stating that our friendships and memories of Havurat Yisrael remain with us forever.

HY - How I Got There

By Glenn Rose

The Merkin's annual ski trip was my first stop to Havurat and to ultimately becoming observant. I remember everyone being so warm and available, but even more, so there was no judgement. I could be myself, pray or not pray. I could even choose to ski on Shabbos. But I chose to be with my new friends and take in the special Shabbos quality that I had never experienced on secular trips.

I'm grateful to Rabbi Algaze and many others who were caring guides in my spiritual journey. It was in doing service at Havurat I discovered much more of myself. I was given the opportunity to collaborate with Havurat friends to create movie events, Shabbos gatherings, singles events, Purim spiels, all of which enabled me to uncover previously untapped inner resources and make for sweet relationships.

It's a pleasure and privilege to be a part of this remarkable shul's rich HYstory.

A Journey to Orthodox Jewish Practice

By Steve Katz

In 1993, I again started attending services at the Conservative synagogue in which I had learned and grown up. To my chagrin, in the intervening years, the religious practices there had changed, and not in a good direction. Toward the end of 1999, when services were REALLY not to my liking, I started sneaking out to go around the corner to Havurat which was at its original/current location. I had known Rabbi Algaze from many years early when he first moved to the neighborhood. Rabbi Algaze was also familiar with that other synagogue and also knew both my parents and grandparents (z"l) from the Forest Hills neighborhood.

In Feb 2000, after numerous discussion with my father z"l, the final straw was broken, and I walked out that Conservative synagogue, and began attending services at Havurat, full time (on Shabbat). I was not looking to become Orthodox ... rather I was trying to rediscover the traditional Judaism with which I had grown up. Sadly, in Conservative practice, that tradition no longer exists.

Over the 5 or 6 years I was associated with Havurat, my Jewish practice grew. In addition to Shabbat and holiday attendance, I started coming to daily minyan, became part of the executive board, and fully koshered my home. Having learned to lead Shabbat services as a pre-teen, that knowledge came flooding back, and coupled with my abilities in imitation and learning to sing by listening, expanded into weekday and holiday services. Several people said to me that THEY learned how to daven (pray) by listening to me. It parallels a medical practice (as described to me by long-time Havurat member David Sosnowick) "learn one, do one, teach one". As a result my experience at Havurat, I have now been privileged to daven (lead services) at virtually all of the Ashkenazi shuls in Forest Hills, and now in Boynton Beach and West Palm Beach (where I now reside).

There's an expression "you can take the kid out of (name a place), but you can't take the place out of the kid". For me (and I'm sure others), you can take the kid out of Havurat Yisrael, but you can't take Havurat Yisrael out of the kid.

Mazel tov to Havurat Yisrael, to Rabbi Algaze, to the leaders of Havurat and to all of its past and present members on reaching this milestone. May you continue to thrive, to teach and to bring more "less observant" Jews to higher levels of observance.

Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazeyk.

Finding Havurat Yisrael

By Ephraim Grossbein

I moved to Forest Hills in January 1993, after my father's passing in October 1992. I went to every synagogue in the neighborhood. On Passover 1993 I told my sister that I wanted to see a synagogue on a side street. I thought the whole building was a Bukharian synagogue. To my surprise, it turned out to be an Ashkenazic synagogue. I was taken aback by the quiet when it was time to say kaddish. I was also surprised when I heard Rabbi Algaze mention that there would be a Kiddush on Shabbat Chol Hamo'ed Pesach, because most synagogues didn't have a Passover kitchen.

After that, I started coming to Havurat. Due to the omer, Havurat had a lecture series with the O.U., which was perfect for me since I was in the year of mourning for my father. Of course our resident Chassid Tom introduced himself to me and my sister and made arrangements for us to be invited for a Sabbath or yomtov meal. I remember that Simchat Torah. It reminded me of when Rabbi Blaine started at Temple Beth El in Rockaway Park. He would lead us outside to dance with the Torah. To see this in Forest Hills was very enjoyable.

In 1995 when I had a financial problem and was facing eviction, Havurat Yisrael as well as Machane Chodosh and the Queens Jewish Community Council raised funds to help me with my rent. Back in July 2012, Rabbi Algaze was given the honor by our Congressman, Bob Turner, of giving the opening prayer at the Capital. Right before Rabbi Algaze came, he called the Congressman to get directions. To his and Tamara's surprise, I was already in the Congressman's office and gave the Rabbi directions. Later when we had a group picture taken, because I use a cane, the sharpshooters helped me down the steps to the middle step. Later that year at our annual Camp Retreat, someone got injured and the next day I loaned him my cane, and after that, I walked without it.

Over the years I met people from Havurat who knew my family or that I grew up with, or knew friends of mine or my family, or knew my uncle's in-laws. We are all like a small family. The first time I noticed that was in 1996 before the holiday, when a group of members was working through the night doing a cosmetic fixup. On the Sunday before the High Holidays, Stuart Dubner asked the Rabbi where the paint brushes were, and, like a father, the Rabbi told him where to find them. Havurat has been a part of the Forest Hills community for a long time.

1981

By David Better

What happened in 1981? The major news stories included: AIDS virus identified, Iran hostage crisis ends, Post-it Notes launched, Israel annexed the Golan Heights, Ronald Regan takes oath as 40th President, Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the first woman on the U.S. Supreme Court, the World Series goes coast to coast with the Dodgers vs. the Yankees.

One way or another, these events impacted our lives to some degree. However, another event had a great impact day to day on the lives of many Jews living in Forest Hills: the founding of Havurat Yisrael.

Everyone knows the story of Havurat Yisrael, its embryonic start around Purim of '81, moving from location to location. Personally, besides my family being a founding family, two events stand out. On September 14, members of our new, innovative congregation celebrated the dedication of our first Sefer Torah with a parade on Austin St. Newsday stated hundreds of people marched in the street. At that time our services were being held at the Continental Movie Theatre. The second, on September 13, Sofer Koening inscribed a letter in the Sefer Torah for myself, my wife and my daughter. "Every living soul is a letter of the Torah." What a mitzvah. 1981 was a very good year.



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