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Each week Rabbis are challenged to present their congregants with a meaningful message about the issues of the moment. Often, those issues touch on the over-extended realm of politics.

I am a Rabbi who does not discuss politics; I generally choose to speak about that which unites, I will not endorse a particular party or politician (that's illegal anyway), and I model respect for the officers of government (however challenging that has become). Still, three years into my tenure you know that I consider many topics that are usually labeled "political" as, in fact, religious. Human Rights, the environment, the Responsibility to Protect, and the G-d-given right to justice are religious issues. This attends not only to my pulpit; it places me squarely within more than two hundred years of what might be termed the modern rabbinate.

As Memorial Day approached and we honored those whose lives were cut short by the demands of war, I drew inspiration and strength from a remarkable collection of sermons found in *Jewish Preaching in Times of War 1800-2001*, collected by Rabbi Professor Marc Saperstein, currently of the Leo Baeck College, for the Littman Library of Jewish Civilization. The collection spans from the Napoleonic Wars at the beginning of the 19th

century all the way to responses to 9/11. For me, three things stood out from this collection.

First, it is a fascinating contrast when Rabbis on opposite sides of a conflict present their interpretation of Scripture and Rabbinic literature and reach very different conclusions. A dramatic example is a rabbinic exchange during the Civil War (I quote

heavily and throughout from Rabbi Saperstein). When a sermon delivered on January 4, 1861, a Day of National Fast and Humiliation proclaimed by President Buchanan (imagine that!), Rabbi Maurice J. Raphall of New York preached "The Biblical View of Slavery", challenging Christian preachers who condemned slaveholding as a sin, asserting that the biblical "doom of Ham's descendants, the African race" remained in full force to this day, and insisting that slavery is never condemned as sinful in sacred scripture. On the opposite side, Rabbi David Einhorn of Baltimore excoriated Rabbi Raphall's position with savage sarcasm – "is Slavery a moral evil or not?" As a result Rabbi Einhorn's name appeared on the list of abolitionists to be targeted by secessionists, and he was persuaded to flee northwards for his safety.

Respectfully Yours...

from the desk of

Rabbi Weinbach

**Some Notes on Jewish Preaching
in Times of War**

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From the
Editor's Desk...

My the year flown by! Seems like just a few weeks ago we were welcoming each other back from summer vacations and anticipating the High Holidays' arrival. Well, this will soon once again be upon us. Let's take advantage of the nice weather, enjoy what nature has to offer and return to CSI ready to participate in fall events hosted by Sisterhood and Men's Club.

This issue of **The Scroll** will be the last one until September (articles for that issue are due August 10). If you missed the deadline for The Hats Off to the Graduates column, e-mail the information to me and I'll keep it for the September issue. Hopefully we will have more simchas to kvell about.

Enjoy the summer!



SHALOM

Roberta



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



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Date Light Shabbat
Candles Ends
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14	8:12	9:17
21	8:14	9:19
28	8:15	9:20

JULY 2019

5	8:14	9:19
12	8:11	9:16
19	8:07	9:12
26	8:01	9:06

AUGUST 2019

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9	7:45	8:50
16	7:36	8:41
23	7:25	8:30
30	7:14	8:19

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jonathan Meister

When you sit in hours of traffic at the Lincoln Tunnel every morning you have a lot of time to think. Following a beautiful Bar Mitzvah this past weekend in our shul of a young boy whose parents are part of the "ex" Hasidic community, my thoughts kept coming back to the movie (which you can see on Netflix) called *One of Us*. What stuck in my head was a scene in that movie where a young Hasidic man approaches one of the subjects of the movie and asks them "Are you one of us?" The person approached was not dressed in religious garb, wore no outward religious symbols, clothing etc. yet the Hasid asking the question, had the instinct that this person was a fellow Jew. Somehow, no matter where we are in the world or in our community we all seem to have the sense or the ability to seek out a fellow Jew or to have some kind of connection whether we want to or not.

There is an old Chinese saying (or curse) that "you should live in interesting times." That is certainly the case now. In fact, we as Jews are really challenged with a chaotic world order where we are seeing challenges and acts of covert and outward anti-semitism, anti-Zionism on a constant basis and it is frightening. It is not a coincidence that at a time when we have just passed Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, Pesach and Yom Ha'atzmaut we have had a daily reminder on a local, state, national and international level of the grim reality of Jew hatred. A constant daily barrage of physical, verbal and mental attacks all over the world simply because we are Jews.

We sit in shul now and face it, even in this glorious country we are uneasy. Yet, we come faithfully every Shabbat in strong numbers and there are those who faithfully come every day. Like any organization, our strength is in our numbers. Whether we show up in large numbers for a rally against anti-semitism or a rally in support of Israel or simply for a Shabbat morning we need to be together as we are a much stronger Congregation and a much stronger Jewish people when we act together

and remember what ultimately brings us together. That is our faith and what has kept us strong from generation to generation and that is the Torah.

By the time you read this article we will be days away from what in my mind is really the most important Holiday in my mind on the Jewish calendar and that is Shavuot, our time of receiving the Torah, that which truly has kept us together for thousands of years. As a Congregation, we invite you all to come together as a community of faith in these dangerous times and seek comfort in the Torah. We will have classes and meals together, hopefully laugh a little, eat a little (or a lot if you can stay up for our annual midnight learning and barbecue) but most importantly show our strength in numbers and say that despite all of the chaos, hatred and uncertainty around us, we are here!

This will be the last Scroll article for a few months as we go on summer hiatus and so I leave you with these final thoughts. Consider that in these difficult times as in the past, our Torah, our faith has kept us with a clear path. Our Congregation exists because of you and if you are reading this then you certainly have faith on some level or some interest in our shared history. Maybe you haven't come to shul in a while, or maybe you haven't come to a program or a minyan. If that is the case then consider this a personal invite to reconnect. I would love the opportunity to see every single reader of this article in shul. I may not agree with you on everything, I may not have the time to sit and schmooze but ultimately we have a connection as a community of faith. As a fellow Jew, I want your support as you "are one of us."



THE CANTOR'S CLOUD by Cantor Menachem Bazian The Best Medicine

Tim Conway died yesterday. When I saw the announcement, my mind immediately flashed back to the genius he displayed on *The Carol Burnett Show* and how his antics not only cracked me up but the entire cast as well. He had a way of doing silly things that just made you lose it. Of course, I immediately went on YouTube to recall some of the brilliant moments. I saw the iconic “Elephant Story” skit and I was laughing so hard that my eyes were streaming tears and my sides were splitting.

I recall how my entire family would gather to watch *The Carol Burnett Show*. Those were good times that will stay with me forever.

If there is one thing that I think critical in life, it is our ability to laugh. As a people, Jews value humor. It is built into our culture. For example, the *Talmud* in tractate Shabbat on page 30b says: “Before *Rabbah* began his lesson to the students he introduced his remarks with a joke.” It seems clear that *Rabbah* knew two thousand years ago what psychologists are studying today: laughter puts you in a more positive frame of mind and helps you understand and retain more of what you learn.

But I think that laughter has a larger role in Judaism. Jews have used laughter as a defense against the most horrific of situations. The great Yiddish author Sholom Yaakov Abromovitch, better known by his sobriquet of *Sholom Aleichem*, was famous for his literary humor. One of his famous aphorisms was “*es iz gezunt tzum lachn*”, “it’s healthy to laugh.” *Sholom Aleichem* and his colleagues wrote humor that helped the Jewish people get through the trials of their existence. Even in the midst of the horror that was the Warsaw Ghetto, comedies were produced and performed.

Laughter is indeed baked into our DNA. I do not think it a coincidence that some of the greatest comedic stars in my memory were Jewish. Have you ever watched the comedy classic, *It’s a Mad Mad Mad Mad World?* Go through the credits sometime and

count how many of the stars that were included in that movie were Jewish. Sid Ceaser, Ethel Merman, Phil Silvers, Buddy Hacket, Milton Berle, Jerry Lewis, Carl Reiner, The Three Stooges and so many more all shared our Jewish heritage and were some of the funniest people alive at the time. Yes, we Jews have learned the value of laughter and how it can enhance the human condition.

If we look back on our lives, I would bet that laughter is keenly connected to our favorite memories. I think of the conversations I have had with my parents, my siblings, children and friends that had us doubled over in laughter. Those are the special times in our lives, the ones we always call up in the movie theatre of our memories and relive time and time again.

There are very significant physical and psychological benefits to laughter. Laughter releases endorphins which make you feel good and can even relieve pain. People who laugh have a more positive disposition and even live longer. *Scientific American* ran an article entitled “Laugh Lots, Live Longer” by Tori Rodriguez in September, 2016, that discussed a Norwegian study regarding laughter and health. According to the study, people with better senses of humor had significantly lower risk of death and disease. According to the article:

“The findings show that for women, high scores on humor’s cognitive component were associated with 48 percent less risk of death from all causes, a 73 percent lower risk of death from heart disease and an 83 percent lower risk of death from infection. In men, a link was found only for the risk of death from infection—those with high humor scores had a 74 percent reduced risk. The gender differences could be due to a slight decline in humor scores as the men aged, the authors suggest. No association was found for the social and affective components of humor.”



DER CHAZZAN'S
CH' MAREH

THE CANTOR'S CLOUD

(continued)

So, as it turns out, science is proving what Sholom Aleichem knew over 100 years ago. It really is healthy to laugh.

G-d knows that the world around us gives us ample reason to refrain from laughing. One has but to read a newspaper to see the angst of the world at large. The increase in world-wide anti-Semitism, the militant political posturing domestically, the threats against the United States internationally and so much more are all reasons that one could find for despair. Even without that, the trial of our everyday lives can be a burden. Maintaining a positive attitude can be a challenge.

But that makes it all the more important for us to find the joy and laughter whenever we can. The more we can laugh at the world around us, and, even more importantly, at ourselves, the better our outlook will be. We will be happier, healthier and even live longer lives.

One of the benefits I have found in being associated with Shaarey Israel is the tremendous camaraderie I see in our members. I see people every *Shabbat* that pray together (which has also been scientifically proven to be beneficial to your health) and then join together at the *Kiddush* to enjoy good food, stimulating discussion and, yes, lots of laughter. I treasure that.

The *Baal Shem Tov* was the father of

Chassidism. He founded his movement on a simple concept: "*Ivdu Es Hashem B'Simcha.*" "Serve Hashem with joy." As the famous line from *Fiddler on the Roof* goes, "G-d would like us to be joyful even when our hearts lie panting on the floor." Being happy is an essential part of service. A *Kohen* who blesses the people is commanded to do so in a state of joy. G-d wants us to laugh and be happy despite the world around us.

This is my last article before the summer. Summer is a great time when hopefully life slows down a little and we get to enjoy beautiful days with the ones we love. Take the time to stop, smell the roses, see the beautiful scenery and, above all, laugh. Enjoy each other's company and show the world that we can feel joy, happiness and laughter. You'll feel better and live longer.

Rest in peace, Tim. Thank you for the gift of laughter.

Chana and I wish you all a great summer!

Note: *The opinions expressed in this article are mine and mine alone. Have a comment? Disagree with me? Please let me know. You can email me at:*

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The family of our former member,
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SISTERHOOD MESSAGE

President Audrey Meister

Here we are already in June. Passover 2019 is just a distant memory, and Shavuot (the feast of weeks) began on June 8 at sundown until June 10. It began as an ancient grain festival, the holiday has been identified since Biblical times with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. We read the Book of Ruth, which glorifies the strength of one of our "Biblical Sisters." Though the calendar changes, Sisterhood's work continues, even during the Summer months.

Congregation Shaarey Israel needs Sisterhood's support throughout the year. Watch your mail and the Shabbos Notes, to keep up with all the plans we have to raise money, for the special programs of educational value, and some just for fun. Remember, Shoprite cards are available all year (contact Evie Maher or the office). For cards for all occasions, contact Esther Ingber. Check out our gift shop; Louisa has done a terrific job of keeping it updated with beautiful merchandise. The Sisterhood Donor Dinner will be on June 11, which is a Tuesday. Information and invites will be sent to our Sisterhood members with all the details. Stacy Podos is chairing the event.

P.S. 1) I have written in the last two months about the Israeli Spacecraft Bereshet. It was not a complete success. It crashed on the moon instead of landing. The malfunction occurred only minutes before Bereshet, developed by SpaceIL and Israel Aerospace Industries, was due to complete an historic landing—a feat previously only achieved by the United States,

Russia, and China. There is already a plan for Bereshet 2, a second mission to land on the Moon.

2) In May the Eurovision Song contest final was held in Tel Aviv. (Israel was the host this year because they won last year's contest. The estimated global audience was 180 million. When it was announced that the final would be held in Tel Aviv, there was a boycott uproar. When Madonna announced that she would sing at the final, she was urged by the BDS (Boycott, Divest, Sanction) movement to change her decision and not to perform. She chose the freedom to sing at Eurovision. Melanie Phillips, a writer for the Jerusalem Post wrote: "Countries hostile to Israel are in existential trouble because they are culturally demoralized and beaten; those extending to it hands of friendship tend instead to be driven by optimism that they can make a better future for themselves. That's because Israel, which has risen out of ashes of catastrophe to aim literally for the Moon, is nothing less than a symbol of hope and the human spirit to inspire the world. And that's something for others beside Madonna to sing about."

3) Just after I completed writing this article, the shooting occurred at the Chabad synagogue in Poway California, (on last day of Passover, on Shabbat) and the next day a very antisemitic cartoon appeared in the **New York Times International Edition**. In these times, as Jews, we must be strong and we must be vigilante. **NEVER AGAIN...AM YISRAEL CHAI**



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MEN'S CLUB MESSAGE

President Mark Pfeffer

This will be the last Men's Club Message until the end of the summer. There are a host of events scheduled for the upcoming months. We hope you will join us in all of these activities. Our Yellow Candle Project was our way of remembering all those who perished during the Holocaust. Thanks to all who came out to remember, share their stories, and purchase a yellow candle for Yom HaShoah.

During the month of June, Men's Club has two events planned. An outstanding Breakfast Program is scheduled for **June 30th, at 10:00 a.m.**, in Shaarey Israel's social hall. You won't want to miss it. **Myron Sugerman**, "The Last Jewish Gangster", is an interesting speaker with a great sense of humor who interacts with the audience as he tells his personal history. He will discuss the history of the Jewish Mob, and their contributions for the betterment of the welfare of the Jewish people. We will hear of his dealings with such notable figures as Meyer Lansky, and find out how the Jewish Connection helped find and bring to justice the reviled Nazi torturer, Dr. Josef Mengele. He will also talk about the State of Israel in its earliest days when it was still Palestine and was in need of weapons, and funds. Come on **June 30th, at 10:00 a.m.** and be ready to view, Myron Sugerman's book, **The Last Jewish Gangster** and hear his true story. He also touches upon aging, respect, trust, and greed in his narrative as he offers many life lessons. This breakfast program should not be missed.

Mark your calendar for the evening of **June 19th at 7:00 p.m.** in our ballroom. **Cantor Menachem Bazian** will offer his personal history...what inspired him to be a Chazan and study to become a Rabbi. Cantor Bazian, speaks lovingly of his own dear father (of blessed memory), and how he was influenced by this great and learned man. His story is a fascinating personal journey. No question is a foolish question, as we are all here to learn from each other so plan on joining in this lively discussion on **June 19th, at 7:00 p.m.**

On Sunday, September 8, 2019, we will

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travel back in time to a dark

period where we will see a boxcar used by the Nazi's to transport people along with 700 artifacts at the **The Museum of Jewish Heritage: A Living Memorial to The Holocaust**. Together we will explore the exhibit *Auschwitz, Not Long Ago, Not Far Away*. We will be travelling down to the Museum together by bus, where a group guided tour has been reserved. Use this trip as a learning experience for all of us. We want to retain these memories, where so many victims were killed. We do not want intolerance, overly zealous nationalism, hate speech, or acts of violence to take over our country. Plan to join us on September 8th. For additional information the *New York Times* article of Jan. 23, 2019 offers interesting reading.

The Men's Club is looking for a Picnic and Concert venue for July 4th. We are aiming to explore Rye Playland for a concert and fireworks on that date, or the Boulder's Baseball Stadium for July 4th. Look for our e-mail information and flyers to keep up with the latest developments. The Antrim, Playhouse has local theater throughout the summer. We will check with them for a possible date for a summer outing. A Boulder's Baseball Game is being scheduled, with a date to be announced so join us for that evening. The Touro Synagogue Trip to travel up to Newport, Rhode Island is being worked on and the date of Sunday July 28 has been proposed as a good day for this all day automobile trip. Let Men's Club know if you wish to be involved as a driver or passenger in this trip. We will carpool to Newport, Rhode Island.

The Men's Club meetings are usually scheduled on the first Monday of each month. We encourage all the men of the congregation to join us and we look forward to having you attend our upcoming activities and also becoming an active member of the Men's Club. Your participation and your opinions matter to us. We are looking forward to seeing many new and also familiar faces joining us in these upcoming activities. Thanks for your involvement, and please join us.



RABBI'S MESSAGE

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Interestingly, the board of trustees of his congregation wrote to him that at such time as conditions might make it possible for him to return, "it would be very desirable--for your own safety, as well as out of consideration for the members of your congregation--if in the future there would be no comment in the pulpit on the excitable issues of the times". Unwilling to be bound by any such restriction, Rabbi Einhorn moved on to positions in Philadelphia and New York.

Second, it is encouraging that I and so many of my colleagues stand fast in the great tradition of compassion for our enemies. On Thursday, 5 December, 1805, a "Day of General Thanksgiving for the success of his majesty's fleet under Lord Nelson, off Trafalgar", was observed throughout both the churches and synagogues of England. On all such occasions, Jews gathered in their synagogues at the same time as their Christian neighbors assembled in their churches; a special liturgy was followed, and the Chief Rabbi delivered to his congregants a sermon explicating the meaning of the events celebrated. On this occasion Rabbi Solomon Hirschel departs from the general vilification of the enemy found in the sermons of his fellow clergymen, instead devoting considerable attention to whether it is proper to rejoice at the victory of one's own nation when this victory entails suffering and death among the enemy. I can say from experience that compassion for an enemy in war when the general tone describes them as being anything from tyrannical to Amalek is certain to upset numerous congregants; still, it is the task of the rabbi to address this spiritual matter that transcends politics. The Rabbis of the Talmud declare G-d as having compassion on the Egyptians at the Splitting of the Sea; can we not manage the same?

Finally, the most grim task facing any Rabbi is to eulogize the death of children, which all soldiers are. How inspirational, therefore, is the sermon of Rabbi Ronald B. Gittelsohn at the

US Marine Corps cemetery at Iwo Jima in March 1945. In it he pleads that the opportunity presented by the sacrifices of The Great War not be wasted. I quote you from his sermon: "This war, with all its frightful heartache and suffering, is but the beginning of our generation's struggle for democracy. When the last battle has been won, there will be those at home, as there were last time, who will want us to turn our backs in selfish isolation on the rest of organized humanity, and thus to sabotage the very peace for which we fight. We promise to you who lie here: we will not do that. We will join hands with Britain, China, Russia in peace, even as we have in war, to build the kind of world for which you have died." (It is interesting to note that the last sentence was edited out of the official version on record with the United States Army Chaplain Center and School).

Memorial Day is a time for religion to give honor to the fallen, comfort to the bereaved, and to bring its bright and critical light to bear on all sides of our many conflicts. As our prophets and rabbinic leaders have done for millenia, and as these shining examples from the modern rabbinate have modeled for us, let us remember clearly the tragedy of war, the responsibility to seek universal peace, the ever-present need for a careful and probing examination of the motives towards war on all sides. This much we owe to the memory of our fallen, to the victims of war – combatants and civilians, and to the dictates not of politics but of our religion.



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Sunday, June 23

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Alexandria Chaitin, granddaughter of Paul and Sandra Chaitin graduated from Boston University with her Masters Degree in Public Health.

Brenden Ingber, grandson of Esther and Marty Ingber, is graduating from Goshen Senior High School and will be attending SUNY Cortland.

Conner Ingber, grandson of Esther and Marty Ingber, is graduating from CJ Hooker Middle School and will be attending Goshen Senior High School.

Megan Ingber, granddaughter of Esther and Marty Ingber, has completed her Undergraduate Studies at Sage College in Albany, NY and is moving on to a Masters Program in Occupational Therapy.



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CHAI LIGHTS

Mazel Tov to...

Chana & Yoel Braver on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Shuly
 Sam Bradin on his 90th Birthday
 Natalie & David Cohen and Joan & Joe Cohen on the marriage of their daughter & granddaughter.

Thank You...

To Our Shaarey Israel Family,
 Thank you all so very much for your kind words, generous donations and countless blessings on the recent births of our grandsons, Dax and Shai. Danny and I are so fortunate to be part of such a caring and thoughtful congregation!

Sheri and Danny Kwilecki

KORNER

KVELL

Whoever saves a life, it is considered as if he saved an entire world. Talmud.

We're bursting with pride. Our son Marc, a Town of Ramapo Police Officer, received an award for Life Saving. We had no knowledge about his life-saving incident nor the fact that he was to

receive an award. He would probably be very annoyed with me for sharing this with you, however, it is the parents' prerogative to "kvell" sometimes.

Being it is hard to read the copy on the award--here it is:

For performing cardio pulmonary resuscitation on a 73 year old female, who was not breathing and had no pulse, subsequently saving her life.

Roberta & Marv Lieman

SHAYVOT SERVICES

Saturday, June 8th

Candlelighting not before 9:17 pm.

Mincha at 8:00 pm

8:30-9:15 pm Rabbi's Class

Davening at 9:15 pm. Dairy Meal* at 9:30 pm.

**(Please RSVP to the office if you are planning on attending the dairy meal)*

Sunday & Monday June 9th & 10th

Services at 8:45 am.

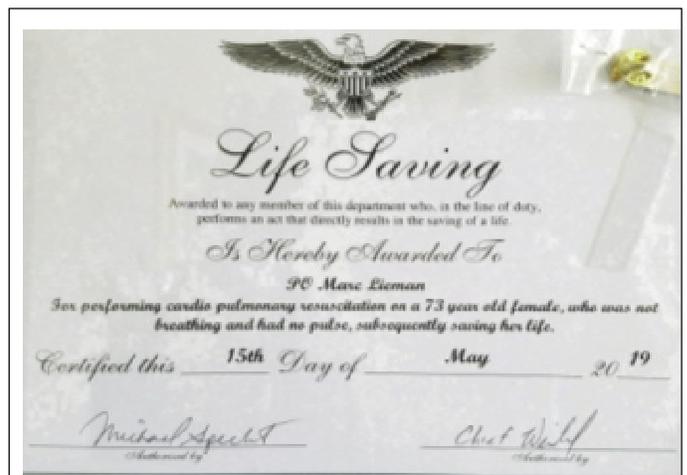
Services at 8:10 p.m. Mincha followed by Mariv

Candlelighting Sunday, June 9th not before

9:18 pm.

Yiskor--Monday June 10th – approx. 10:30 am.

Holiday ends at 9:19 pm



Men's Club Calendar Sweepstakes May Winners

1	41	Jay Safier	14
2	87	Melvin Math	14
3	33	David Kwilecki	18
5	50	Pearl & Leonard Harbus	18
6	217	Sue Lieman	14
7	60	Natalie Finkel	18
8	150	Myron & Barbara Block	14
9	263	Ed & Chanel	18
10	52	Michael Harbus	14
12	271	Rebecca Konigsberg	14
13	132	Elaine & Al Bernstein	14
14	264	Phyllis Polofsky	14
15	48	Hank Meyers	14
16	257	David Stein	14
17	193	Roz Ruhm	18
19	73	Joseph Moskovic	14
20	80	Sy Marenberg	18
21	183	No Name	14
22	10	Marsha & Gary Forman	14
23	93	Roberta Goldstein	14
24	276	Sandy Fried	14
26	165	Jules Stern	14
27	158	Cindy Burton	14
28	128	Edward Folb	14
29	238	Rochelle Prestipino	14
30	30	Red Avner	18



The Rockland Jewish Family Service at the JCC, 450 West Nyack Road, West Nyack, NY provides a Kosher Food Pantry for those in need.

Each month a dedicated group of volunteers help pack out and distribute food to our recipients. The pantry is staffed only by volunteers and can always use more help. If you are available any Sunday morning in 2019 the following is a list of distribution dates: June 2, July 14, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17 and December 8, 2019.

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

Sandra Chaitin



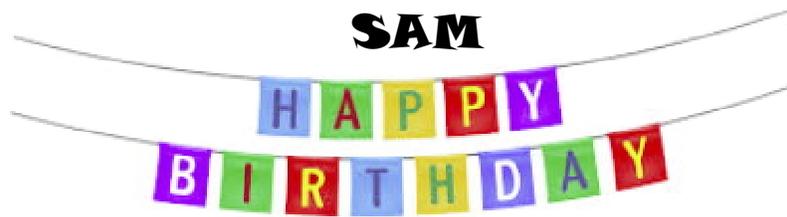
**Sisterhood Movie
Night**

Sunday, July 21

7 p.m.

My Fair Lady

The remarks below were read by Rabbi Weinbach on behalf of Cantor Bazian who was unable to celebrate with us on the Shabbos of Sam Bradin's 90th Birthday. Those of us who were at services on May 4 celebrated with Sam and his family. Cantor Bazian's remarks bear repeating.-ED.



ב"ס"ד

Dear Sam,

It is hard to reduce just how I feel about you, especially on this day, in just a few written words. I am grateful, though, that I can at least participate in commemorating your 90th birthday in this small way. I would like to thank my friend and partner, Rabbi Weinbach, for allowing me the opportunity to deliver a few words to you today in this manner.

Sam, it is an honor to be able to sit on the **בימה** every **שבת**, to look down and see you sitting in your regular seat. I am honestly in awe of your courage, determination and commitment. I look at you and see a man who went through experiences that I cannot even begin to comprehend. And, more importantly, you rose above those unimaginable horrors not only to rebuild your life but to build a family and a legacy based on **תורה**, integrity and all that is good in the world.

In a world where people are focused on personal pleasure and the accumulation of material things, you stand as a testament to the human spirit that has kept the Jewish people alive for thousands of years. How do you do it? I cannot begin to understand. You stand tall and testify regularly for the six million who cannot. You have forged a relationship with **השם** that, to me, is just beyond belief. You are, to me, a symbol of all that we as Jews can aspire to be. In my darkest days, when I see the antagonism of the world to us as Jews, I look to the example of Sam Bradin and I know that people like you are the key to rising above all that the world can throw at us.

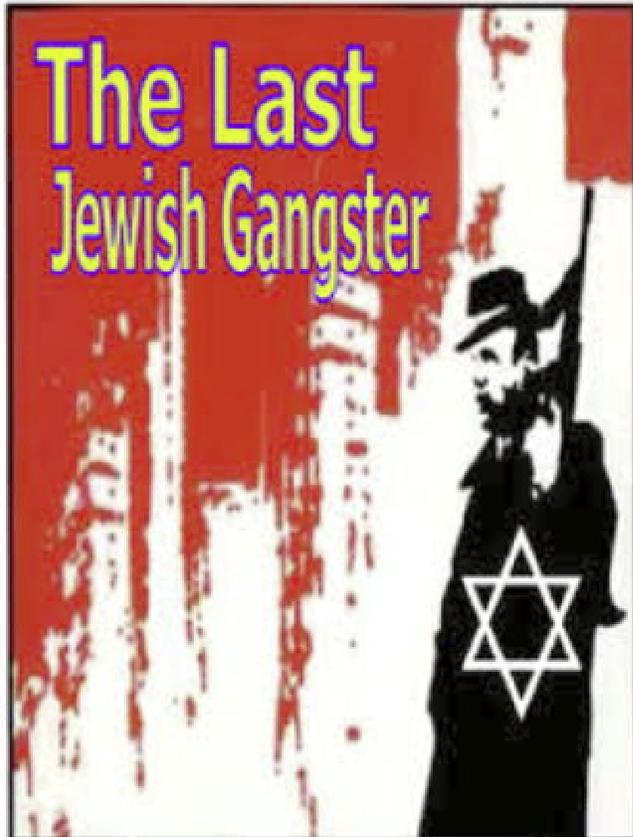
Chana and I cannot tell you how much we wish we could be with you this **שבת**. It hurts that we have to be absent today, but we trust that you know that our love goes with you each and every day. We thank you for your friendship. Chana and I are immeasurably enhanced by your presence in this world.

On behalf of Chana and myself, I would like to extend a **כהן**'s blessing to you. May you always have "גפן": "געזונט" - The best of health, "פרנסה" - Prosperity and, most of all, "נחת" - joy and pride in your family and community. As my father, of blessed memory, used to say: "עד מאה כעשרים" - May you reach the great pinnacle of 100 years old and, at that time, may you feel like you are 20.

Happy Birthday, Sam.



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The High Holiday season will begin in late September. Now it is time to donate to our **Annual Kol Nidre Appeal**. This appeal is important to our Congregation. We hope everyone will consider donating at a higher level than you did last year.

This is **Congregation Shaarey Israel's Annual Fundraiser** to support its programs for the coming year. We are excited about starting a New Year together and the future of our Congregation. The monies we raise support the upkeep of our Synagogue and the many programs offered to our Congregation.

Our beautiful, uniquely designed **Kol Nidre Board** adjacent to the Sanctuary will list the names of the donors to this important annual appeal.

Should you wish to donate anonymously your request will be honored.

Wishing all a Happy and Healthy 5780.

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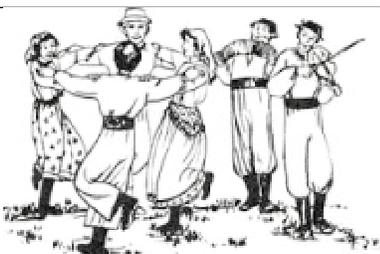
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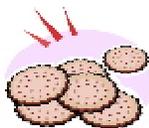


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Date	Event	Location	Time	Person Responsible
May 31	Services & Ann'y Shabbot	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
1	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	
2	Israel Day Parade			
3	Men's Club Meeting	Room	7:30 pm	Mark Pfeffer
4	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
5	Forever Young Seniors	Multipurpose Rm	11:00 am	Barbara Kleinman
5	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
6	Sisterhood Board Meeting	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Audrey Meister
7	Services & Ann'y Shabbot	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
8	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	
Shavuot Schedule on page 13				
11	Rabbi's Class	Room 2	7:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
11	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
12	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
13	Sisterhood Program	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Louisa DePaola
14	Services	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
15	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
18	Rabbi's Class	Room 2	7:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
18	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
19	Forever Young Seniors	Multipurpose Rm	11:00 am	Barbara Kleinman
19	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
19	Men's Club Program with Cantor Bazian		7:30 pm	Mark Pfeffer
21	Services	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
22	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
23	Annual Journal Dinner Dance	Multipurpose Rm	5:30 pm	Journal Committee
25	Rabbi's Class	Room 2	7:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
25	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
22	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
27	Board of Trustees	Room 2	7:30 pm	Jack Perel
28	Services	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
28	End of the Year Shabbot Dinner	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Paulette Frankel
29	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
30	Men's Club Breakfast	Multipurpose Rm	10:00 am	Mark Pfeffer