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On Wednesday night, February 28th, we will gather for Purim. That's on a Wednesday night, because...well, because from year to year the date and day of the week of our holidays change. We have become accustomed to checking the calendar way in advance and, as needed, remember that the holidays start the night before (for a musical lament of these scheduling phenomena, check out "I Won't Be Home for Chanukah" by the band TeamMate).

On the Jewish calendar Purim is the 14th day of the month of Adar, whether that's a Wednesday or any other day. It wasn't always so "simple". The opening *Mishna* in the Tractate about Purim tells us the *Megillah* may be read on the eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth as well, specifically in towns that host market days on Mondays and Thursdays. Why? Because Jews who lived out-of-town could not be expected to travel three times in one week – twice for market days and an additional trip for Purim, so an allowance was made that in market towns the *Megillah* would be read on a Monday or Thursday, market day. While the feasting and *mishloach manos* could be managed on the fourteenth of Adar (our Purim date) wherever a Jew lived, for the "boonie Jews" the day of the week for the reading of the *Megillah* and

charity for the poor was fixed as either Monday or Thursday.

Our modern communities are better-connected than ever, and Purim is always on the same Hebrew date. At the same time there are new "Boonie Jews", those so far from affiliated that even in the age of internet, cell phones and emails they remain disconnected.

Like the Rabbis of the Mishna, as we work to guarantee a future for all Jews we need to find accommodations that allow greater access to our celebrations, services and learning. I do not know what the specifics might be, but our fellow

Jews need to be found and engaged. Let each of us commit ourselves to reach out to the Jews who are farthest away, go to their "market days" and celebrate together our shared Jewish future.

**Respectfully Yours...**

**from the desk of**

**Rabbi Weinbach**

**Jews in the Boonies!**



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23	5:23	6:28

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MEGILAH READING 6PM FOLLOWED BY PURIM PARTY

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## From the Editor's Desk...



**O**y! Purim is coming and you know what that means...Passover will follow in a month.

Believe it or not we have begun our pre-Passover "eat down." Usually our freezer and pantry is stuffed with foods for the "just in case" times when our children and grandchildren come or when friends and neighbors drop in for a visit. Now, however, our food supply is diminishing because we want to get out the *chumatz* to make room for the *pesadik* foods. I begin thinking and creating shopping lists of what to shop for to make our seders enjoyable from a culinary aspect, as well as having on hand all the foods needed for the week.

If anyone has a favorite Passover recipe to share with the Congregation, please e-mail it to me and I will include it in the March issue of *The Scroll*.

*Happy Purim to all,  
make way for Pesach.*



SHALOM

Roberta



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

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jonathan Meister

**T**alk about being a stranger in a strange land. I've travelled all over the world but certainly haven't felt as conspicuous a traveler as when in China, home to over one billion people and very few Jews. Judaism as I learned is not even recognized as a religion in China, more to come on that. Generally speaking, as just your average caucasian male one can blend into the crowd. However, I started thinking about "standing out" as the flight attendant on the plane handed me my kosher meal. Certainly, Beth, my mother and I were the only ones having a kosher meal, and in fact though this was United Airlines there were only a few non-Chinese passengers.

Why Shanghai for five days? I had heard for many years that Shanghai had a Jewish history, as a place where a small number of Jewish refugees fleeing Europe wound up in China due to the fact that the China was one of the few places in the world which was not restricting immigration. I wanted to learn more about this for sure and admittedly as a Disney fan wanted to visit Shanghai Disneyland, the newest Disney park. While Mickey Mouse speaking Chinese is certainly interesting, learning about the Jewish presence in Shanghai will remain as the highlight of my trip.

We had the opportunity to spend a half day with an Israeli tour guide. We first met Yael in the lobby of the Fairmont Peace Hotel, one of Shanghai's oldest and most prestigious properties. I had gone by the hotel for three prior days walking to and from the Bund without knowing that there was a "Jewish connection." In fact, the hotel was built by the Sassoon family, Jews who had left Baghdad and first settled in India then China. They were fabulously wealthy, not particularly religious but nevertheless were openly known to be Jewish and this was not a problem. Their fortunes in China faded but it had nothing to do with being Jewish but rather the nationalization of their properties when the Communist Party took over China. Our guide explained that through the Sassoon family and their partners there were exposure to Jewish people in China but in a business sense. In fact as we learned throughout the tour, that still remains a good way to sum up the Chinese relations with Jews. They view Jews and Israel for that matter through the lens of Jewish people being educated,

family oriented and with a track records of business success. For this reason, China's relations with Israel are on solid ground and growing. It is all about making money and there is no hostility toward Jewish people or Israel, nothing to do with religion.

At least that was what I thought until the next part of our tour which brought us to the Shangai Jewish Refugees Museum, housed in the former Ohel Moshe Synagogue in Shanghai, right around the corner from what was the Jewish Ghetto of Shanghai. Yael, as an Israeli, talked openly and honestly and because she is not a Chinese guide we could "talk tachlis." The museum is small, modernized and does a good job of explaining how Jewish refugees from Europe came to Shanghai. The refugees came mostly from Vienna and Berlin due to the efforts of a Chinese consular official in Vienna who was willing to issue visas. There is little background given about this official because he was not a member of the Communist party. In fact the Japanese diplomat Sugihara, who also provided visas for fleeing refugees, gets more mention. As you walk throughout the museum it is very nice, but a bit sterile and I got the sense that I had seen a lot of what was on display before. It turns out that a great deal of material was given to this museum by Yad Vashem. What did set it apart however was the individual items from former Shanghai Jewish Refugees which were donated to the museum and were rather interesting to see. Unfortunately, I left the exhibition with a bit of an empty feeling, that is was missing a bit of a 'Jewish feeling.' While I certainly got to learn more of the historical facts of how Jewish refugees came to Shanghai and a little of what their life was like, I felt that I was being shown the story that the Chinese government wanted me to see. The museum also consists of the old Ohel Moshe synagogue. It is not a functioning synagogue today but reminds me of a movie set of what a small traditional shul looked like in Europe. There is a women's balcony, a small bima area and of course an ark. However, there is no usable Torah scroll. The synagogue is allowed to be used for Jewish community receptions but not for regular worship. We learned that the only other old synagogue in Shanghai is the Ohel Rachel synagogue. Also not a functioning synagogue but used several times a year for Jewish holidays if the Jewish community is granted permission to use the building

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by the Chinese government. Most religious functions today in Shanghai are run through Chabad. As our guide explained, they tend to have an open door relationship with the local and national government who allows them to hold services in the Chabad center which apparently does not look like a synagogue or an obviously religious building. It in fact is located in an apartment building where Chabad has managed to create their own "Center" which has kosher food, and a shul. The government in some ways has a "don't ask don't tell" policy when it comes to Jews at least from a religious perspective. It is still not allowed to import religious books to China so the community has to creatively find ways even to bring in Siddurs.

The museum itself sits smack dab in the middle of what was the "Jewish Ghetto". Interestingly we learned at the museum that the only reason there was a "ghetto" was that it was created by the Japanese government when they occupied Shanghai during World War II in order to comply with the policies of the Axis powers, particularly Nazi Germany which demanded that Jews be separated. Before the area became a "ghetto" it really was known as "Little Vienna." It was an area of small streets filled with stores such as bake shops, butchers, markets, clothing stores, cafes that catered to the Jewish community and their tastes. Today it is one street, almost an alleyway with 3 story buildings that do look like old tenements from the Lower East Side.

Unfortunately, it is unclear how much longer this area that was "Little Vienna" will remain. Shanghai is booming. It is a city that is all about being bigger, better, bolder. Seventy-five story buildings abound and as our guide pointed out when we stepped out of Shanghai's impressive high tech Metro trains, the buildings in front of us, just across the street from the Museum/Ohel Moshe Synagogue were not there a year ago. The small street called Little Vienna remains for now, but its future remains uncertain. The old buildings which were home to the Jewish Refugees are now lived in by local Shanghai residents. Instead of smells of challah, rugelach, brisket the smells were a little more exotic and hard for me to describe. The street is intimate but in fast paced Shanghai I fear this little corner of history, another part of the history of "our people" will soon disappear to make way for another 75 story building.

After five exhausting and exhilarating days in China (and yes Donald Duck too speaks Chinese), we boarded the flight home. I didn't really dread the 15 hours, I had an Ipad full of materials to watch and was ready for some sleep. Once again we were brought our kosher meal which brought a little smile to my face, despite the fact that one needed an engineering degree to open it as I think it was quadruple wrapped in plastic and foil. However, the labeling was interesting. The meal was provided by Chabad Lubavitch of Beijing. It immediately set me thinking about the conditions and life of these Chabadniks who have been posted or chose to live in Beijing and help sustain Judaism in that far flung place which looks nothing like Brooklyn. Again, we were the only ones with kosher meals and in fact in our section of the plane, the only ones who weren't Chinese. As I struggled with the wrappings and clearly we were served first no one around us seemed curious, no one cared.

Settling in for the remaining 13 hours of the flight I pulled up on the Ipad a documentary I had downloaded from Netflix which I think was on PBS as well. It is called "In Search of Israeli Cuisine" and follows chef Michael Solomonov, a Philadelphia chef of Israeli heritage on a journey to Israel visiting restaurants, markets, wineries and food producers. 30 seconds in I was hooked. There were segments all over Israel, from the Golan to the Red Sea, the beaches of Tel Aviv and the Kotel. While I had just spent 5 days in "exotic" China, my heart beat differently in seeing Israel. I was tired yet couldn't stop watching this documentary for the next hour and a half. It didn't show me anything I hadn't seen before or was unfamiliar but that is the point. I'm sure at some point I'll go back to China, the visa is good for ten years and there is a lot to see. Yet, I'm ready to run back to Israel.



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## THE CANTOR'S CLOUD by Cantor Menachem Bazian Hakarat Hatov

I guess I have some recurring themes in my **Scroll** articles. One of them is the theme of *Hakarat Hatov*, acknowledging when someone has done something good for you. To me, it's a core philosophy of being a Jew.

As I write this, I am sitting in a play rehearsal. The director, a friend that I have known for almost of all of my life, is searching his phone for some script changes he made as the cast sits around cracking jokes (mostly at his expense). Our annual Purim Play is one of the highlights of my year. Each year, David (that's the director) takes a musical play or show, rewrites the song lyrics and compiles a story around it. For eight weeks between Chanukah and Purim (twelve, when we have a leap year), we spend our Saturday nights in rehearsal. Poor David tries to get this group to focus on the script while Ben, Simcha and I make jokes and just have a grand old time. Somewhere around the 5th or 6th rehearsal, things start to work. By Purim night, the play has come together and all of our hard work and the fun we had during rehearsals combine to explode on stage to the delight of the cast and, we hope, provide the audience with a great night of laughter and entertainment.

It's a significant time investment, to be sure. It takes me away from my family for eight Saturday nights and it also takes me away from our annual Purim Party (which is always a blast). Yes, it's fun but that's not why I do it. I thought that now might be a good time to share how this all came about.

My father passed away on October 10, 2010. For the next year I observed mourning. I attended all three services each day and followed a widely held custom that a mourner leads services during the week. In contrast, however, there is another prevalent custom that disallows a mourner from leading services on Shabbos and Yom Tov. As a result, many months went by and I did not have the opportunity to lead services on Shabbos and Yom Tov.

My dad was a cantor, one of the

greats, actually. He led services and participated in concerts around the world. As his son, he expended great efforts trying to convey the secrets of his art to me. I can clearly remember the first time I led services on the High Holidays when he came to me one Yom Kippur afternoon and asked me if I could lead the *Mincha* service. I did so, with no preparation, just following the *nusach* I had heard my father use all my life. I can also recall the time I led a *Shacharis* service on a Shabbos morning and ended the *Mechaye Hameisim* blessing on a major, instead of a minor key. He came to me afterwards and sternly said, "What! It's *Mussaf* now?!!" (It turns out that *Shacharis* ends that blessing on a minor key whereas *Mussaf* ends it in major. Who knew?) The look of fire in his eyes at my desecration of something he held so dear with was a true sight to behold. I have never forgotten that lesson all my life.

Serving as cantor, whether as a paid professional or an unpaid volunteer, has always been an opportunity to connect with him. For almost an entire year, with a few exceptions (such as the High Holidays and on Passover), I was cut off from being able to express myself in that way. Needless to say, that was very difficult for me.

One Tuesday night, I was leading the *Maariv* service at Congregation Ahavas Israel in Passaic. It's one of those minyan factories so they have a *Maariv* service every 15 minutes at night. As it happened, the congregation's Rabbi was at services too. Rabbi Ron Yitzchak Eisenmann sat next to the cantor's lectern as I led the services. After services, Rabbi Eisenmann, whom I had never really had much interaction with at that point in time, came over to me and said, "It sounds like you know how to *daven*. Why not

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join us on Shabbos and *daven* for us?"

"I would be honored," I answered. "When my *aveilus* (mourning) is over, I would be glad to."

"How about this Shabbos?"

His response surprised me. I responded, "Rabbi, I am in mourning..."

He smiled at me and said, "It's almost like there's no one else who can."

That Shabbos was a special experience for me. I led the *Mussaf* service and I felt a connection to my father that I so sorely needed. That one service, and many others that followed, gave me an opportunity to release so many feelings in a way that I had been denied up to that point.

I having since learned that Rabbi Eisenmann's claim that there was no one else who could properly lead services was not exactly accurate. I do not know how he knew or what he saw, but he clearly saw that I was in need and he found a way to help me out. Ever since then, I have been very privileged to have developed a relationship with him and it has been my honor to call him my "Rebbe," one of only two people in the world to whom I have accorded that title. The next year David Hurwitz approached me. David and I have known each other since my Dad was cantor at Temple Gates of Prayer in Flushing. Now a resident of Passaic and a member to "*The Ahavas*," he had this great idea to do a Purim play based on **Fiddler on the Roof** and he asked me to participate. I accepted without hesitation because it was my way of saying "Thank You" to Rabbi Eisenmann and I have been doing it ever since. The initial performance was such a resounding success that it has become an annual event and, each year, I participate to perform the *Mitzvah of Hakarat Hatov* to a very special spiritual leader.

In truth, the idea has grown way beyond its original incarnation. We now do a "dress rehearsal" at a local nursing home on the Sunday before Purim. I love that performance as it gives people whom I imagine do not have all that much to laugh about, a respite from their

lives to see a new and unique event, laugh and, in general, have a good time. It's a *mitzvah* I treasure.

The Purim night performances were sold out so we added a performance the weekend after which has also been very well attended. By the time we get to the third performance, we usually have it right on target. It's hard to explain but the fact is that the cast enjoys each performance, even though we are just doing the same script over and over again.

This year, my spies have informed me, we will be trying something new and I, for one, am excited. David decided to take the final performance on the road and we will be doing it outside of Passaic. Rumor has it that our new venue will be at none other than Shaarey Israel. I hope all the details are worked out because it would afford me yet another opportunity to perform the *Mitzvah of Hakarat Hatov*, this time to my congregation whom I hold very near and dear to my heart. Assuming everything is a go, you should get word from the Men's Club about this year's performance by the **Not Ready for Chol Hamoed Players**. That's us. (Note: Chances are you will have already received a notice by the time you read this).

Purim is a time for us to revel in *Hashem's* love with unbridled joy. I see no reason that we cannot hold on to that joy a little longer and enjoy a little Purim *shpiel* a few days late. I look forward to us all laughing and enjoying together.

Chana and I wish all of you a  
Happy Purim.

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

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**SISTERHOOD MESSAGE**  
**A Few, Non-Sisterhood Thoughts**  
**Julie Feldman, President**

**B**ecause I will be away at the time this article is needed for the February **Scroll**, I'm working on this early; in fact, I'm writing this on the afternoon of New Year's Eve. For this reason, in particular, I'm in a thoughtful and reminiscent mood.

Today happens to be the fifth (English) anniversary of my husband's passing. For those of you who remember him, Marty was not diplomatic-service material. He told it like he saw it, and after many years as a Physical Therapist and then a dozen more years working for the NYS Dept. of Health's Nursing Home Survey Unit, he was appalled at the abuses against vulnerable elderly and disabled persons perpetrated by nursing home owners and operators. He was doubly enraged by the fact that so many of these facilities were owned and operated by Ultra-Orthodox Jews. He was also highly involved in the fight against the enlargement of New Square's poultry processing plant (we live just to the south of that village). It would have reduced our water pressure to unsustainable levels and over-burdened our sewer and sewage infrastructure locally.

With this in mind, the Rabbi's sermon yesterday, was particularly resonant for me (it was regarding the Ultra-Orthodox community's making a hero out of Shlomo Rubashkin). It is a perfect example of "two wrongs do not make a right". It also reminded me of my father's lament, that perhaps these types of activities gave fuel to the fire of anti-semitism. He had tried for most of his life to look past the less-noble activities of some of these co-religionists, even the mistreatment he received at their hands in Hungary as a *yeshiva bokher* who was farmed out each night to a different family for food and lodging.

It seems like the concept of Tikun Olam has taken second place to protecting the "group" and turning a blind eye to activities viewed as the ends justifying the means.

Of course, protecting your own is essential to survival, but there is the larger and smaller group to consider. Does it really prosper the immediate clan if you neglect, ignore and even

**The Scroll.8** sneer at the larger community

in general?

And now I turn, oddly enough, to my vacation.

I had booked my Caribbean cruise before Hurricane Mary devastated much of the area. One of the places I looked forward to stopping at was San Juan, Puerto Rico. It was just reported yesterday that much of the island is still without electricity, healthcare is becoming severely affected and Federal aid has been insufficient. Naturally, the cruise's itinerary has been revised. However, (and recognizing that the port facilities may now be unusable or even non-existent), I do believe that we on the cruise, and the cruise line itself, are missing an opportunity to hold out a hand to the people of the island. It might be no more than picking up litter, bringing supplies or helping feed the elderly, but couldn't we have had an opportunity to reach out to those who don't have the luxury of a solid house, much less a vacation?

As Rabbi Weinbach said yesterday, (and I paraphrase), we have a responsibility to show the community of Rockland that not all Jews here think only of their own needs and bend morality to their own narrative.

And now a brief note about Sisterhood activities: on **February 17th**, we will be showing the movie, **The Imported Bridegroom** at 7pm. You should have received your **Shaloch Manos** letter by now. Please get make sure that you participate in this wonderful custom of sharing with others. Pack out will be on **Sunday, February 25th at 7pm**, when you can pick up your Shaloch Manos basket, as well as on the evening of the Megillah reading,

Until next month!



*Shabbat Across  
America  
Friday, March 9th*

*Join your CSI Family  
for dinner.*

*Details to follow.*



## THE MEN'S CLUB MESSAGE...

Mark Pfeffer

The men of the Men's Club, hope that each and every one of you have managed to stay healthy and warm as this cold and snowy January comes to a conclusion. We hope the rest of the winter won't include as many cancellations as this last month held. It's difficult to schedule programs when the weather refuses to cooperate. We have been hard at work trying to schedule events that will take place early in March and continue into the spring.

Thankfully our **Calendar Sweepstakes** is not contingent on the weather. It only depends on you, to stay warm and cozy inside your home and write a list of your family members, along with their addresses, and e-mail addresses. Next, you write a check in ten dollar increments, for all the people you have written down on your list. Don't forget to include yourself. You are purchasing numbers so that you and your family members (including children and grandchildren) can all be winners when the numbers are drawn. Each day, starting March 1st, daily drawings of numbers shall be drawn, through June 2018--6 days each week, we rest on Shabbat. Numbers are returned into the lottery bin after each drawing, so your number can win multiple times. So for a small ten dollar investment you get over 60 chances to be a winner. It's an easy and exciting way to win money. So buy numbers for yourself and your family. Tell your friends, your study group members, your social group partners, and your work colleagues, that they can also be a part of a winning investment for a very small cost. Make out checks payable to "Congregation Shaarey Israel", and put in the notation section, Men's Club Calendar Sweepstakes. You can send the checks to Red Avner, or send them or drop them off at the Center Office.

We heard about a delightful musical production that we would love to offer to you as musical treat. Our own Chazzan, Menacham Bazian, and his colleagues from his hometown synagogue in Passaic NJ have written a musical comedy, a satire based on the Broadway mega hit "My Fair Lady". We are exceedingly

fortunate that they are willing to travel to Shaarey Israel and entertain. Mark your calendars for **March 10th**. We are sure you'll be delighted. Watch for fliers with the times and pricing, and be sure to save the date.

The Men's Club will host the **Siyum** or the Redemption of the First Born Service and Breakfast, on the morning just prior to the First Seder of Passover. This year it is occurring on **Friday, March 30th**. We offer you an opportunity to come down to this meaningful service, and learn with the Rabbi, or come and help the Men's Club prepare this traditional last chumatz meal, before Passover. We'll have more to say about this next month. Just realize this is a major way we help Shaarey Israel Congregation.

Shortly after Passover we intend to accommodate your request, based on the responses from the recent questionnaire, for a night of **Military Bridge**. Since daylight savings time starts early in March, we'll try and schedule this event for early on a Sunday evening. We hope to work along with Sisterhood, to make this a successful event.

We have not forgotten about your desire and your interest in spending an evening of **card playing**, eating dinner with fellow congregants, and also having an opportunity to sample some adult beverages. This event will also be scheduled for the spring after Passover.

Won't you join us, at our next meeting, as the Men's Club looks for your participation and your involvement. Last month we tried a conference call, since the weather made getting together difficult. We may try it again in February, if the weather is uncooperative. We try and meet on the first Monday evening of each month. We look forward to hearing from you, and your ideas. So join us, come down to a meeting or an activity, and help out with your annual dues of just \$36.

Thanks much.



# CHAI LIGHTS

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Arielle Benjamin  
Maya Humphrey  
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## MAZEL TOV ON THE BIRTH OF...

Natalie and David Cohen's  
granddaughter and Joan and Joe  
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## MAZEL TOV TO...

Julie Feldman on being Congregation Shaarey  
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Dear Rabbi Weinbach, Cantor Bazian, Officers  
and entire CSI Family,

Words alone will not suffice to express  
how overwhelmed my family and I were at the  
outpouring of support and concern during Lila's  
long illness and her passing.

We would like to thank you for your  
condolences and all the donations made In Lila's  
memory.

Thank you again,  
Jules Stern and Family

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Sandra Chaitin

Thanks to all who have participated in  
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Marv & Red

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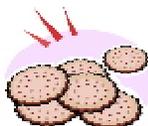
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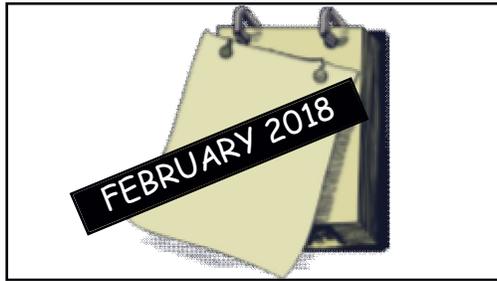
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<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>
1	Sisterhood Board Meeting	Mutipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Julie Feldman
2	Services & Ann'y Shabbot	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
3	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
6	Men's Club Board	Room 2	7:00 pm	Mark Pfeffer
6	Israeli Dancing	Mutipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
7	Forever Young Seniors	Mutipurpose Rm	11:00 am	Barbara Kleinman
7	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
8	Sisterhood General Meeting	Mutipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Julie Feldman
8	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
10	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
10	Sisterhood Movie & Pizza Night	Mutipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Dale Smith
13	Book Discussion Group	Daily Sanctuary	11:00 am	Paulette Frankel
13	Israeli Dancing	Mutipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
14	Jewish Appreciation	Rm 2	7:30 pm	
16	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
16	H.S Kabalat Shabbot	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
17	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
20	Israeli Dancing	Mutipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
21	Forever Young Seniors	Mutipurpose Rm	11:00 am	Barbara Kleinman
21	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
22	Budget/Finance	Room 2	6:00 pm	Joe Moskovic
22	Board Of Trustees	Mutipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Jack Perel
23	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
24	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
25	Shalach Manos Pack Out	Mutipurpose Rm		
27	Israeli Dancing	Mutipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
28	<b>Fast of Esther</b>		<b>5:11 am To 6:15 pm</b>	
28	<b>Megillah Reading</b>	Sanctuary	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Rabbi Weinbach</b>
28	<b>Annual Purim Party</b>	Mutipurpose Rm	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Rabbi Weinbach</b>
March 1	<b>Megillah Reading</b>	Sanctuary	<b>7:15 am</b>	<b>Rabbi Weinbach</b>

