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**J**n Numbers 29:35 we learn that “On the eighth day (of Sukkot) you should hold a solemn gathering; you shall not work.” This day is what we know as Shemini Atzeres, the eighth Day of Sukkot. The association with Sukkot is obvious that the seven-day holiday has just ended. Yet we see in many ways that this is not any longer Sukkot. We no longer take the *lulav* during services, and while there is a range of customs it should be noted that many people do not sit in the *sukkah* on this day and those that do are very lenient about the matter. We also recite the *shehecheyanu* blessing on this day as if something new is happening. Finally, unlike the last days of Passover to which our liturgy refers to simply as Passover, the last days of Sukkot are referred to as “the eight day, this *atzeres*” - hence the unique name for these last days. If Shemini Atzeres (and Simchas Torah) are not Sukkot, what are they?

In his book **The Jewish Holidays**, Michael Strassfeld points out that Shemini Atzeret in many respects parallels Shavuot, which can be viewed as the long-distance conclusion to the seven-day holiday of Passover, coming as it does seven weeks after Passover. At that time of year, the weather would be clear enough to have people come back to Jerusalem for an additional pilgrimage some weeks later. Sukkot, however, marks the beginning of the rainy season, and since it would be difficult to ask people to make an additional trip to Jerusalem, Shemini Atzeret would best be placed immediately following Sukkot. [In the Talmud, Shavuot is called “Atzeret” making the parallel with Shemini Atzeret

even stronger.]

To further reinforce this connection let us remember that unlike Passover and Sukkot, Shemini Atzeres and Simchas Torah do not have any physical mitzvot associated with them, with the close connection that we celebrate the receiving of the Torah on Shavuot and a new annual cycle of the Torah on Shemini Atzeres and Simchas Torah. Finally, both of these holidays are an eighth: Shemini Atzeres as its name implies and Shavuot,

which is the first day after seven weeks of seven days of counting the omer and hence an “eighth” in its own right .

What a joyous conclusion to our holiday season! After the internal accounting of the ten days of repentance, and the deeply spiritual symbols

of Sukkot, we have one last holiday on which to reap the benefits of our newfound closeness to Gd. This is reflected in a beautiful midrash in which Gd, in a pun on the word Atzeres, asks the Jewish people to stop (in Hebrew, *atzor*); before you return home from this beautiful season spend just a bit more time with *Me*.

As we celebrate this beautiful season let each of us commit to concretize in through action the gains we have made over the High Holiday season and Sukkot. Let us find new ways to keep Gd close, through our connections with tradition, our study of Torah and in performing good deeds. In this merit may we all be blessed for a full year of closeness to Gd, to each other and to the Jewish people.

**Respectfully Yours...**

**from the desk of**

**Rabbi Weinbach**

**Shavuot Again?!**



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Date	Light Candles	Shabbat Ends
6	6:08	7:03
13	5:59	7:04
20	5:51	6:56
27	5:43	6:48

COMPLETE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE  
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## From the Editor's Desk...



What a crazy time we live in... conflicts on the political scene (whichever

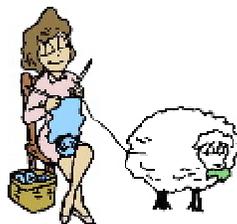
side of the aisle you are on) and natural disasters on the weather scene. Over the course of the past few weeks we have learned of the despair and misery faced by our neighbors in the Caribbean and in Florida. What can we do to prevent these catastrophes...nothing. Could it happen here? Maybe. Maybe another super storm Sandy might be in the cards. Mother nature is in charge and we are at her mercy. We can offer our prayers and contribute to collections set up to help recover from the devastation, but that is about it.

It is comforting to me that we have Shaarey Israel to go to for solace. During services, I am taken to "another place" where my worries leave me, if only for a relatively few minutes. I feel renewed and ready to continue my routine (which by the way includes worrying about everyone and everything).

I prescribe attending Shabbos services as a means to cope with the many outside factors that we have no control over.

*Try it, you'll like it!*

SHALOM



Roberta



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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jonathan Meister

As many of you know, when I'm not at the shul, in my real life I happen to be a practicing attorney, specializing in medical malpractice defense. I spend my workdays (and nights and weekends) defending doctors and hospitals in lawsuits. I'm often tasked with making the argument in court or in negotiations, that "the hospital" can't be responsible, it's not a real entity but rather simply bricks and mortar.

18 Montebello Road, Congregation Shaarey Israel and our beautiful building is not simply a "building" consisting of physical materials. A hospital is a physical place for healing. A shul, particularly ours, is a place for healing and nurturing the mind and soul. Not just a place of healing, but a place of comfort, a place to come closer to one another and certainly closer to G-d.

When you receive this we will have just finished the High Holiday Services and may be in the middle of Sukkot (it all depends on the US Postal Service). It always amazes me to see our Congregation "together" and it is what makes it such a special place. We greet each other as a community on the holidays as if we are spending time with all of our best friends. We come together to celebrate and it is evident that we enjoy each other's company, greeting each other with a vigor and happiness as if we haven't seen each other for a year, even though many of us join together each Shabbat.

As I write this it has been a particularly difficult week for Congregation Shaarey Israel. We as a shul and the Rockland Jewish Community lost an iconic figure with the passing of Lila Stern. Watching how our shul reacted brought a sense of pride to me personally in our Congregation. The outpouring of love and support for Jules and the Stern family is who we are. One evening, attending mincha/maariv at the Stern home during Shiva I said to myself as I walked in that we could have held a board of trustees meeting as we probably had half the board there

at the moment. Yet we weren't there because it was "shul business." No, it was just our Congregation being our Congregation. We didn't go there out of a sense of obligation, we went there out of a sense of love and respect for each other.

Despite a negative event the week before the High Holidays we were also surrounded by the positive and clear evidence of what our Rabbi tells us about "the continuity of Jewish life." We started a new year of Hebrew School, which saw us double the size of the school with the new Advanced Hebrew School (particular thanks to Joan Black, Gary Forman and the Reuben Gittelman Hebrew Day School Fund for their help in allowing us to grow the school). We also saw a well-attended Selichot program with an enjoyable movie followed by open dialogue about what was screened (thank you Paulette Frankel for putting this together). Our building played host to the Great Challah Bake, there was a Sisterhood program, meetings and services were held, a baby naming took place on a Friday night. Life went on at 18 Montebello Road and it went on to its fullest.

As I stated at the beginning of this article, a hospital is bricks and mortar. Our bricks and mortar at 18 Montebello Road actually have life. They talk, they sing, they laugh they cry. Most importantly, though, this all happens together as a Congregation. It is my hope that as the New Year begins we continue to move forward together. Exciting things are happening, drop by for services, for a program, just to say hello to whoever is in the building at the time. Our doors are open 365 days a year and these walls can talk.



## THE CANTOR'S CLOUD by Cantor Menachem Bazian Meaning



This article will come out as the High Holidays are entering into its final phase. The serious nature of *Rosh Hashana* and *Yom Kippur* are in the rear view mirror, now it is time to dance. The holiday of *Sukkot* is unique in the annals of *Torah* in that we are commanded to be “only joyous” (Deut. 16:15).

As we speed towards the end of the holiday season, my mind is occupied with a single concept: The entire three week period of the High Holidays, from the seriousness and solemnity of *Rosh Hashana* and *Yom Kippur* to the unbridled joy of *Sukkot* and *Simchat Torah*, is based on a quest for meaning. We are meant to be introspective and conduct an honest self-assessment. At the core of that self-assessment has to be an understanding of who we are in the context of the world and that which we call Judaism. Without that context, how can we truly do that moral inventory? If we do not understand our place within the world, within Judaism and within *Torah*, how do we place value on that which we have or have not done?

Let me put it another way. We are the keepers of a legacy that is over three thousand years old. The *Torah*, revealed to our ancestors on Mount Sinai, offers us a blueprint for a good life. The question is, can we relate to it in these modern times? And, if we can, what can our relationship be with a creed that was handed down before the modern age of cellphones, computers, social media and more?

I cannot speak for anyone of you. We are all different people and our search for meaning and place is unique to each of us. But, permit me to share with you some recent experiences I have had and some insight I gained from them.

Chana and I recently took an 11-day trip to Israel. The purpose of the trip was to celebrate a family wedding but we turned it into a full vacation. It started out, as do all

our Israel vacations, in the Holy City of Jerusalem, the eternal and undivided capital of Israel. My first morning in Jerusalem turned into three solitary hours in which I first walked to and attended earliest morning services at the Western Wall and then walked to buy Chana breakfast. It was five miles of wandering through the Old City and, from there, to the marketplace in *Machane Yehuda* where I went from stall to stall finding yummy treats for Chana's first meal of the day. I can tell you that walking five miles through quiet streets of Jerusalem was an intense emotional and religious experience. Just walking those virtually empty streets made me feel like there were just two of us making the trek to and from the Western Wall: me and *Hashem* himself.

Two things from that morning are burned into my memory.

As I was walking to the wall, I had to descend 141 steps from a section of Jewish owned shops and eateries down to the security booth where I would go through a metal detector before entering the wall complex. I stopped at one of the landings and looked at the eastern sky. It was just beginning to lighten with the new day. Immediately, I was reminded of the first *Mishna* in the third chapter of *Tractate Yoma* (which teaches about the service in the Temple on *Yom Kippur*):

The supervisor said to them: “Go out and see if the time for slaughter has come.” If it had come, the one who saw it would say, “Morning star!” Matitia ben Shmuel says [that the supervisor would ask]: “Is the whole east light as far as Hevron?” And he would say, “Yes!” (Tr. *Yoma*, 3:1)

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## THE CANTOR'S CLOUD *(continued)*

The phrase, "Is the whole east light?" kept playing in my head as I realized that what I beheld at that moment was the precise vision my *Kohen* ancestors saw when they declared the time ready for the start of the *Yom Kippur* service. As a Cantor, charged with leading the *Yom Kippur* service in the Shul, it was an intensely powerful moment. I went down the stairs to the morning services feeling a oneness with creation that I confess I have never felt before.

The second thing comes from my trip back. On my way to *Machane Yehuda*, I stopped for a moment outside of the Jaffa Gate and walked down into the Mamila Mall. I looked at the beautiful avenue with its modern decor and I beheld something that I have never quite seen in this way before: The juxtaposition of a 21st century mall right outside a city with over 3,000 years of our history is an incredible thing and it reminded me that although *Torah* and that which we call Judaism is well over 3,000 years old, it is as fresh and new as the brand new day.

I know that it is easy to see *Torah* as an anachronism but it is not. It is a living breathing entity that gives life to those who learn it and try to follow its precepts. Why? Because it gives us a clear mission and place in the world. It commands us to think not only of ourselves but also of those around us. It commands us to understand that we are not the be all and end all: there is a master of the universe who created this world, gave us life, and calls upon us to live life by a code of conduct that is the envy of all the world.

The *Torah* refers to Jews and brothers and sisters. We are all family and we are meant to look out for one another.

For me, this is the meaning that is core to the High Holidays. *Torah* makes me realize the great mission that *Hashem* has given us. As *Isaiah* tells

us, "We are a light unto the nations." Our *Torah* gives us a standard of conduct that is meant to shine upon the entire world. We should be setting the example for others, not the other way around.

*Torah* also makes it clear that *Hashem* is clearly aware that we are not, and can never be perfect. Therefore, he gave us the opportunities for self-introspection and improvement. As Rabbi Weinbach has said so often and so eloquently, "G-d wants it all to work out for us."

That's my takeaway from that awesome time in the Holy Land of Israel. It was not just a time of great enjoyment, it was a time of spiritual renewal. Kind of what the High Holidays are about, no?

*Yom Kippur* for me, is a scant week away. I hope your *Yom Kippur* was meaningful. After that, I hope your singing voices are in tune for our joyous *Hallel* services during *Sukkot*. And, don't forget your dancing shoes for *Simchat Torah*. As Rabbi Weinbach has said, "It's better than *Yom Kippur!*" Join us in our search for meaning through the joy of *Torah*. I look forward to dancing with all of you.

May *Hashem* grant that this year be a year of health, prosperity, and joy.

**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](mailto:njChazzan@gmail.com).*

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## SISTERHOOD MESSAGE

Julie Feldman, President

Now that its post-High Holidays, it's back to business. Hopefully all our friends and property in Florida survived the hurricanes and our western friends are dry, but not burnt to a crisp.

We are looking forward to helping to decorate our new Succah (with sincere thanks to the Black and Forman families for making sure that our old one was replaced). Please feel free to join us as we put our artistic and decorating sensibilities to work.

In November, we have two exciting programs scheduled: our **Paid-Up Membership Dinner**, which is tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, November 9th**. Please don't forget to send in your Sisterhood dues of \$36 so that you'll get your invitation, and don't forget that new synagogue members get free Sisterhood membership their first year. It includes a special welcome at the dinner, and I look forward to greeting you there.

On **Saturday, November 18th**, we'll be having another **Bingo night at 7pm**. As our Vice President for Fundraising, Dale Smith says "It's a riot!" Last time, the Bingo balls kept flying out of the mixing cage. Fortunately, no members were injured in the game, but who knew that Bingo could be a contact sport? We promise this time to try to keep everything where it belongs, but just in case, you might want to bring hockey masks, hard hats and umbrellas.

Stacie Podos and Joyce Trubitz have lined up tickets to experience "The Maccabeats" on **Wednesday night, December 6th** at the **Bergen PAC**. Seats will be \$39 each. Look for more information on this special event in the coming months.

Lastly, there are many activities we would like to sponsor which are outside of the synagogue. Members who no longer feel comfortable driving to new places, on highways or at night should not be concerned. We have many women who are willing to drive and carpool, so don't be hesitant to join us for events like "The Maccabeats". And if you ask your older grandkids nicely, they might just drive you as well! Until next month.

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## Sisterhood Wishing Well

Sisterhood gathers women's toiletries for gift baskets for the Center for Safety & Change

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**Roberta Lieman**

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NJ 07465**

**or call 973-706-5176**

## THE MEN'S CLUB MESSAGE...

Mark Pfeffer

This month instead of telling what the Men's Club is doing, I'd like to talk about what the Men's Club needs. We need people who are willing to give of their time and energy to doing projects. We need people like you.

The High Holidays are over. The Men's Club and the Sisterhood needed people to usher during services. They were there to help people find their way to their seats. They also were there reminding people to be mindful and respectful of other people so everyone could hear the Rabbi speak, hear the Cantor sing beautiful and familiar melodies, and remind everyone that it's not polite to be interrupted by someone's late arrival. We needed friends to stand up at each door and we were very grateful for people like you who volunteered their time, gave up the opportunity to sit and schmooze for one hour and were rewarded by the feeling of doing good for someone else. The compensation wasn't in dollars but we were rewarded with the feeling we were helping our neighbors.

The opportunity to help out is not a unique experience, and happens over and over again. We needed people to come down and build a Sukkah. Again men of the Men's Club, and ladies of Sisterhood came forward to erect the beautiful new Sukkah, cut bamboo to build a roof, and then decorate it so magnificently so that everyone can thoroughly enjoy the majesty and beauty of the holiday of Sukkot. Immediately after Succot was over, volunteers came back to make sure the

holiday of Simchat Torah was a spectacular event as so many came out to celebrate and help serve, sing, and dance the night away on erev Simchat Torah. It's an event that shouldn't be missed. We need people like you to be a part these events.

I understand many of you are eager to hear what exciting new events are coming up from the Men's Club so we cannot keep you in suspense any longer. A fascinating breakfast program is scheduled for November 19th, 2017. We have an exciting Speaker who is a noted author, commentator, TV pundit, writer of six books, and a frequent guest on MSNBC. He is extremely knowledgeable about the topic of Jewish contributions to Professional Sports. He's fascinating to listen to, and will keep all of us, spellbound by his wit and wisdom. He's also a local, and a graduate from one of our local high schools. You'll be entertained whether you are 16 or one hundred and sixteen, or anywhere in between. So save the date for November 19th, and we'll sit and munch on bagels together and learn about many of our favorite Jewish Sports Heroes. Before you get too tired from all the holiday activities, take five minutes and write out a check.

This is a reminder that the Men's Club is looking for your time, your energy and also your annual dues. The \$36 is needed to put our programs together; speakers and bagels cost money. If you've already sent in your membership many thanks.



### Minyons

Weekday evenings: Sunday-Thursday: 8 pm

Weekday mornings: Monday & Thursday:  
7:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:10 am

Sunday mornings: 9 am

Friday evenings: 6:00 pm



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After first making gifts in your will to those you wish to receive a specific sum or certain property, you can then name charitable interests, such as our shul to receive all or a portion of what remains.

You may name the shul's endowment as a beneficiary to receive all or a portion of the proceeds from a life insurance policy that you may no longer need.

Amounts remaining in retirement plans can be subject to heavy taxation when left to non-spousal individuals. Qualified charities (such as Congregation Shaarey Israel) can, however, receive these funds tax-free. Consider directing all or a portion of remaining amounts to Congregation Shaarey Israel's endowment and providing for loved ones from other sources.

You may name the shul's endowment to receive all or a portion of what is left in a savings, brokerage, or other investment account.

You may also wish to consider charitable gift annuities, which present tax planning opportunities. You may contact our treasurer and/or your financial consultant.



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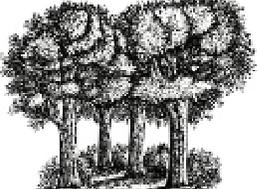
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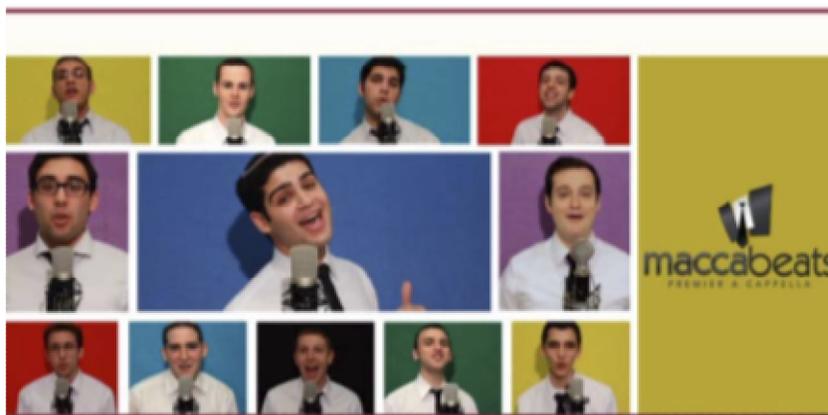
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## MAZEL TOV ON THE BIRTH OF...



Barbara Weisel's granddaughter,  
Lainey Eliana Weisel

Dorothy and Lenny Kroog's  
granddaughter

## MAZEL TOV TO...

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

13 Ilan & Annbeth Nifco  
14 Jeff & Pamela Zweibel  
15 Dr. Seymour & Susan Gorelick  
17 Ira & Barbara Scheinson  
23 Al & Elaine Bernstein  
23 Jonathan & Beth Meister  
31 Boaz & Lisa Bezborodko



Randi and Dr. Phillip Klein on the Bar Mitzvah  
of their son, Russell.

Pola and Edward Levi on the Bar Mitzvah of  
their grandson, Ian Greenberg.

Shanel and Edwin (our maintenance team) on  
their engagement

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS...

Michael & Rebecca Humphrey, daughters  
Arianna & Maya  
Ron & Judy Smith

## Thanks...

Extending my thanks to my CSI friends for  
their support and good wishes during my  
"adventure." It was very much appreciated.

Carl Paley

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The family of Dr. Herb Geller, one of the  
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Roz Ruhm on the loss of her beloved son,  
Eric Ruhm

Lauri Bernstein on the loss of her beloved  
mother, Sandra Appel

The Kain and Barnoy families on the loss of our  
former member and past Sisterhood  
treasurer Lucille Kain

Jules Stern and Family on the loss of his beloved  
wife, Lila

# 2017 HOLIDAY SERVICES 5778

# ON THE LIGHTER SIDE...

## Sukkot

### Mincha Services

Wednesday, October 4 6:15 p.m.

Thursday & Friday,  
October 5 & 6 6:15 p.m.

### Candlelighting-

Wednesday, October 4 6:14 p.m.

Thursday, October not before 7:12 p.m.

Wednesday, October 11 6:03 p.m.

Thursday, October 12 not before 7:00 p.m.

### Sukkot Daily Services

Thursday & Friday, October 5 & 6 at 8:45 a.m.

### Hoshanah Rabah

Wednesday, October 11 7:00 a.m. A very unique service. *In addition to lulav & esrog, we also use "hoshanos" (willow branches). The sanctuary is circled seven times.*

### Shemini Atzeret

Wednesday & Thursday, October 11 & 12  
6:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 12 8:45 a.m.

*Yizkor*, Thursday, October 12 approx 10:45 a.m.

### Simchat Torah

Thursday, October 12 - Mincha 6:00 p.m. -  
Maariv 6:15 p.m.

Simchat Torah Party & distribution of flags -  
6:15 p.m.

Friday, October 13 - services at 8:45 a.m.

Special Cholent Kiddush - approx. 12:30 p.m.  
Mincha 6:00 p.m.

*Note: "If one has never seen a Simchat Torah day Service and Kiddush, then you have never seen real joy."*

1. The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
6. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
7. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in linoleum blown apart.
8. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
9. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
10. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
11. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
12. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: "You stay here; I'll go on a head."
13. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
14. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: "Keep off the Grass."
15. A backward poet writes inverse.
16. In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
17. If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.
18. A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger."
19. Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, "I've lost my electron." The other says "Are you sure?" The first replies, "Yes, I'm positive."
20. Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication.

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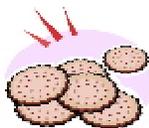
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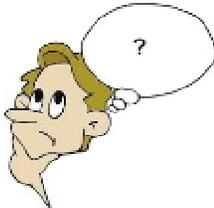
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- ◆I had amnesia once -- or twice.
- ◆Protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.
- ◆I am neither for nor against apathy.
- ◆All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy.
- ◆What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?
- ◆They told me I was gullible and I believed them.
- ◆Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home, and when he grows up, he'll never be able to merge his car onto the freeway.
- ◆One nice thing about egotists ... they don't talk about other people.
- ◆I used to be indecisive. Now, I'm not sure.
- ◆The cost of living hasn't affected its popularity.
- ◆How can there be self-help groups?



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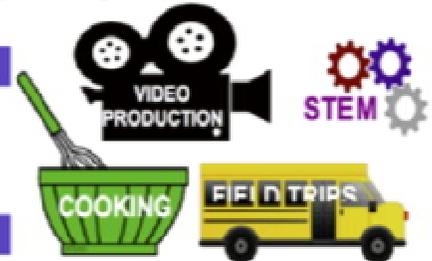
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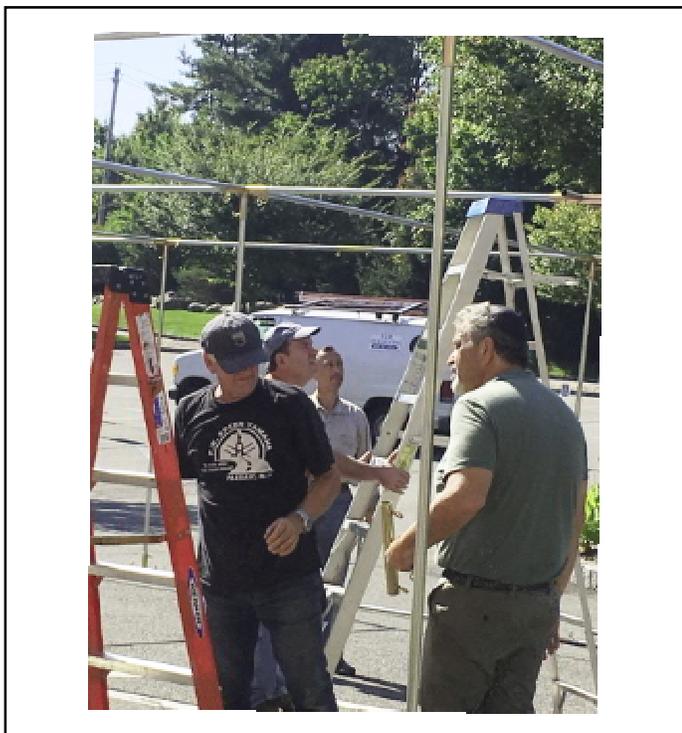


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<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>
3	Men's Club Meeting	Room 2	7:00 pm	Mark Pfeffer
4	Erev Sukkot	Sanctuary	6:15 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
5	Sukkot Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
6	Services	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
6	Anniversary Shabbot			
7	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
8	Sukkah Family BBQ	Sukkah	2:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
9	Sisterhood Meeting	Sukkah	7:30 pm	Julie Feldman
11	Hoshana Rabah	Sanctuary	7:00 am	Rabbi Weinbach
11	Shemini Atzeret	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
12	Shemini Atzertet	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
12	Yiskor		10:45 am (approx.)	
13	Simchat Torah	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
13	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
14	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
15	JWV Breakfast	Multipurpose Rm	10:00 am	J W V
17	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 am	Karin Sachs
18	Forever Young Seniors	Multipurpose Rm	11:00 am	Barbara Kleinman
18	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
20	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
21	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
22	Private Room Rental	Multipurpose Rm		Burnstein
23	Budget/Finance	Room 2	7:00 pm	Joe Moskovic
24	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 am	Karin Sachs
25	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
26	Board Of Trustees	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Jack Perel
27	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
28	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
29	Sisterhood Clothing & Books	Parking Lot	10:00 am	Evie Maher

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