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As we read through the wonderful story of Joseph in our weekly Torah portions, I've always been perplexed by some seemingly overlooked details. Fortunately, in researching a recent class presented on behalf of the congregation I uncovered significant facts that give greater clarity to the story of Joseph and even to the story of the Exodus itself.

One of my favorite moments in all of the Bible has always been when Joseph is called before Pharaoh and suddenly arises from prison to Prime Minister. It has always seemed strange to me that the Pharaoh would place upon the Egyptian people a foreigner as their Prime Minister. For all of his brilliant interpretations of dreams and strategic planning, it would be no less strange if the British government decided to promote a brilliant analyst who hailed from France to Prime Minister! How is a foreigner like Joseph so successful that he was promoted as if he had been the next Egyptian in line?

The second question that has always bothered me is the outrageous accusation Joseph makes against the brothers that they are spies. Why would anyone view such an accusation as reasonable? Foreigners generally don't make very good spies since it's fairly obvious at the outset that one is out to be suspicious of them. The brothers response is strange as well – they argued that they are shepherds, as if shepherds cannot be spies?!

Finally, we know the persons coming to the land of Egypt from Canaan or anywhere else wore distinctive clothing, had distinctive hairstyles, and most significantly distinctive non-Egyptian facial features. This is consistently and precisely portrayed in tomb paintings from many of the Egyptian dynasties. While Joseph certainly was wearing clothing and a hairstyle contemporary to his locale, one has to wonder how his facial features and complexion, consistently portrayed as having been different than those of native Egyptians, would not have given him away as being a foreigner who looked more like the accused spies than his Egyptian entourage?

To answer these questions and understand the story more completely we need clarity as to who the rulers of Egypt were at the time of the Joseph story; they were not Egyptians! For over a century lower Egypt – the area which included Goshen as well as the nearby locale where Joseph himself reports he was living – was ruled by foreign invaders known as the Hyksos. The Hyksos were warring tribes from Canaan and Asia minor who had abandoned their pastoral lives and became warriors who invaded Egypt from the west. It was at the end of their reign that native Egyptians returned to the throne and “a new king arose who did not know Joseph.”

In light of this critical fact we can answer all of our questions and understand the story more clearly. *(continue on page 5)*

**Respectfully Yours...**

**from the desk of**

**Rabbi Weinbach**

**Joseph, the non-Egyptian**

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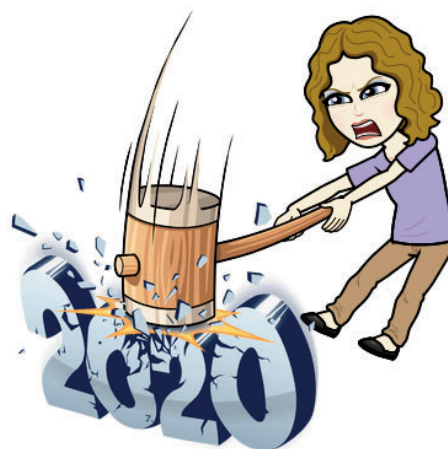
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From the Editor...

Out with the old...



In with the new...

HAVE A  
HEALTHY and HAPPY



Roberta



Submissions for the February issue are due by January 20<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

For those of you who read magazines, newspaper articles or watch TV, we have been inundated the last few weeks with lists of "The Best of 2020." Unfortunately for our Congregation, I don't think we can legitimately find items to create such a list. 2020 was a year to forget. However, at the same time as these media outlets have put forth their "best of" lists there has also been a surge in publishing of "Things to look forward to in 2021." As those who regularly listen to messages from the Rabbi over the years may recall, there is a theme/idea in Judaism that we are forwarding looking. We remember the past but focus on a better future and thus let us think of those things to look forward to in 2021.

While we do not know when we can begin to have services on Shabbat without restrictions and what changes we may need to make, just cherish the idea that in 2021 we will return to that which we miss on Saturday mornings, whether it be seeing our friends, enjoying a kiddush, grabbing candy from Red's basket (might be different but we will make that tradition return), coming back for Mincha/Maariva and Shalosh Seudos, having a cup of coffee in the back during davening or something stronger.....

We will have Shabbat dinners and holiday meals together and barbecues and learning opportunities. We will have commemorations and memorials, we will have programming including Sisterhood and Men's Club events like Movie nights, Bingo, trips to various museums and maybe ballgames. We will have Board meetings where we all don't have to be muted and we can go back to talking at the same time, lol .

As I have written in previous articles, we are doing our best to function in a different reality than we are used to. Please remember that our Clergy and Staff remain available to fulfill your needs as members. As I recently mentioned at a Board meeting, myself and our Clergy and Staff may not be aware of what is happening with individual congregants and I

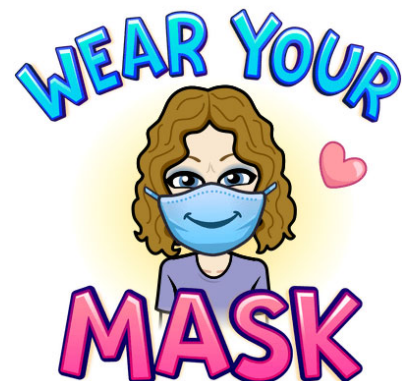
am asking that if you know of someone who is in need of the assistance of the Congregation in some way to let us know. We are doing our best to communicate and help in any way we can but please realize that this is a stressful and difficult time for those in our position as well.

While I don't have answers to what will occur in the upcoming year, I certainly know what I miss from 2020. I think without a doubt our Congregation misses being Congregation Shaarey Israel. We have gone through an unprecedented period of isolation from one another but there is hope that in this upcoming year we will be together. While it might not be exactly the same as it has been in the past, we do see signs that in the next few months some of what we missed may return. It is my hope that in the next few **Scroll** articles I can share with you those things so that 2021's December **Scroll** will show "The Best of 2021" for CSI with even more to look forward to in 2022.



### Condolences to...

Billy & Howard Krakower on the loss of their beloved mother, our Past President and Past Sisterhood President, Elise Krakower.



## THE CANTOR'S CLOUD by Cantor Menachem Bazian Considerayaytion (Is Keeping Me Wayayayting)

DER CHAZZAN'S  
CH' MAREH

Living a life that is guided by *Torah* has many rules. A friend of mine just sent me a video of Ashley Blaker, an orthodox comedian, on how many rules we follow and what it might look like if Christmas were a *Yom Tov*. It's bloody brilliant (Blaker is British so it has to be "bloody" brilliant).

I have said many times that *Hashem* gave us the *Mitzvot* in the *Torah* to help us rise above our baser instincts. It is adherence to *Torah* and its values that truly fix the world (the true meaning of the term *Tikun Olam*). In these brief messages that I pen each month, I always try to discuss a *Torah* value as I see it and how it applies to us.

If one wishes to, we can categorize these values in many different ways. The simplest categorization breaks the *Mitzvot* into two: *Bein Adam Lamakom* (between man and G-d) and *Bein Adam Lachaveiro* (between people). Therefore, for example, when observing the *Mitzvot of Kashrut*, one is performing a *Mitzvah* that goes into the first category. When refusing to speak *Lashon Hara* (evil speech), one is performing a *Mitzvah* that can arguably be placed in the latter category.

Of the two, *Hashem* values how we treat each other more highly than how we treat Him. How do I know this? From the stories in the second *Parsha* in the *Torah*. The second *Parsha* begins with the story of Noah when the world was destroyed because "The earth became corrupt before G-d; the earth was filled with violence." (Gen 6:11) In other words, people did not behave properly with each other. Later on in the *Parsha*, we read the story of the Tower of Babel when the world was united and tried to war with G-d. In this case, the people were together and the sin was against G-d. Their punishment was less severe. They were not killed, their languages were changed and they could not communicate causing them to disperse. Two stories with totally different endings, the difference between the two being how people treated each other.

To live a life of *Torah* values involves much more than learning rules and just following them. It involves thinking and acting as *Torah* values would have us act.

This leads to many different *Talmudic dicta* from our sages. One such dictum

comes from the *Tractate of Pesachim* which discusses the laws of Passover. When the Temple stood, it was a universal truth that you could not work after midday on *Erev Pesach* because that is when the Passover sacrifice was brought and when one brings a sacrifice it is like *Yom Tov* for them. The question was: what about the first half of the day? In this case, some places had the custom to work and some did not.

Says the *Mishna* (Pesachim 4:1): In a place where it is the custom to do work on the eve of *Pesach* until midday one may do work; where it is the custom not to do work, one may not do work. He who goes from a place where they work to a place where they do not work, or from a place where they do not work to a place where they do work, they place upon him the restrictions of the place from where he departed and the restrictions of the place to where he has gone. And a man must not act differently [from local custom] on account of the quarrels [which would ensue].

The last phrase of the *Mishna* is key. In Hebrew, the phrase is: *Al Yeshane Mipnei Hamachloket*. When you are in a place that has a particular way of behaving, don't deviate because it will upset people needlessly. No, conformity is not absolute. For example, when I am in the office I wear my *Kippa* even though that is not the general norm at work. But, I know people who take their *Kippot* off at work and they have upon whom to rely when they do. If someone were to tell me to eat something that isn't kosher because I have to be part of the group, I would politely decline. However, we can conform most of the time and avoid needless argument. The *Mishna* is telling us to avoid conflict when we can.

During the COVID-19 pandemic we have seen many instances of people who refuse to conform for one reason or another. How many videos are there on YouTube showing people in stores who refuse to wear a mask despite all the warnings from just about every health department in the world that mask wearing is necessary during this pandemic? How many of those videos show a violent end to the incident? More than I like to think about.

Now, let's analyze this for a second. When you

## THE CANTOR'S CLOUD (continued)

are at home you can do as you please. But, when someone goes to a store where everyone is wearing a mask, what does it cost you to wear a mask? And no, I am not referring to people who cannot wear a mask because of a health condition.

Those of you who know me, know that I believe strongly in personal freedom. But, common sense is also key. I know there are people out there who believe that they are fighting G-d's own fight in refusing to wear a mask because a mask mandate is unconstitutional and a violation of their freedoms. I might agree with them in ordinary times, but not now. People are afraid of this virus and have enough to deal with. We are entitled to our freedom and we must never blithely give it away. But, we also have to use common sense and right now is not the time to have this fight.

Within the walls of our congregation, the same rules have to apply. Shaarey Israel is almost unique in the fact that we have in-person services. Outside of the strictly orthodox community, I know of no other congregation that is doing what we are. It is critical that we follow all the standards we, as a congregation, have adopted. (It is my understanding that, for the most part, we have been following the rules for COVID services promulgated by the Rabbinical Council of Bergen County). The congregation has invested a great deal of money and effort in upgrading our HVAC systems with enhanced filtration and microbial reduction systems to enhance the safety of our attending congregants.

I have said many times that you are Shaarey Israel. Our congregation doesn't exist without the spirit you bring within its walls. I personally miss a filled shul so much it hurts. How I crave the *Kiddush* after service when we have a chance to talk, laugh, catch up and even argue over one point or another. But it is not meant to be at this moment. For now, any "catching up" must happen outside the building in the open air. Within the building, we have to remain socially distant and masked. I despise it, but it is what we have to do.

*Al Yeshane Mipnei Hamachloket.*

**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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## A Note from Rabbi Weinbach...

A reminder that we are broadcasting services six days a week in the morning and in the afternoon and that my weekly class will be broadcast Tuesday night at 7:00 on Zoom and Facebook Live. I am also pleased to be initiating a new course of study entitled "Mitzvah Moments", which will be sent to you several times a week with each installment covering one of the 613 Torah Commandments.

We will be conducting Shabbat services. If you intend to join us please let us know at [CSICovidMinyan@gmail.com](mailto:CSICovidMinyan@gmail.com). Also while we welcome all of our congregants we remind you that the best medical advice is for persons over 65 not to attend.

Reach out to me with any concerns you may have in these difficult times; a good number of congregants have found this to be helpful. You can always reach me via email at [RabbiWeinbachCSI@gmail.com](mailto:RabbiWeinbachCSI@gmail.com) or on my cell phone at 845-770-4191.

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## RABBI'S MESSAGE

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Although Joseph was not a member of the Hyksos group, he was from their native land and would thus have had the same physical appearance and native customs. This would make his transition to Prime Minister of the Hyksos Egyptians both possible and transparent. Additionally, if we recall the dreams of Joseph we remember that Joseph's first dream portrayed a desire to move away from the shepherding lifestyle of his family towards an agrarian-based society (sheaves in the fields, not sheep in the pasture). Such an agriculture-based civilization was the very type of society that the Hyksos were ruling. His lack of inclination towards shepherding matched well with what the Torah tells us - that the ruling Egyptians, i.e. the Hyksos, viewed shepherds as an abomination, much as city folk in the industrial age developed a disdainful attitude towards farmers.

As for the accusation that the brothers were spies, the arrival of a close knit group of 10 men of Canaanite origin could reasonably be interpreted as a group from a rival warring tribe trying to blend in amongst the ruling class to garner information that would allow their Canaanite tribe to imitate and subsequently overthrow the Hyksos (we will see shortly that the native Egyptians had similar concerns that led to a change in fortune for the tribes of Israel).

Finally, we can understand how it is that Joseph could blend in seamlessly with the Egyptian rulers, his brothers unable to identify him by his physical characteristics because they were the same as the Hyksos. Language might have given him away, but Joseph had an interpreter between himself and the brothers, thereby hiding his identity more completely.

There is an additional insight to be gained about the beginning of the slavery in Egypt. Please recall that the new king was not of Canaanite origin and had supplanted the Hyksos. Obviously the native Egyptians and their new king would remain concerned that the Hyksos might soon return and attempt to conquer Egypt once again. And what did they have amongst them in the land of Goshen? A huge contingent of Canaanites

one of whose forbearers was a Prime Minister for the dreaded and hated Hyksos. It would be most reasonable then to be concerned that these people represented a potential fifth column. At the same time, as legal residents of the land the Israelites could not simply be expelled, nor would it be economically advantageous to suddenly have a large swath of land that have been inhabited by hundreds of thousands of taxpayers suddenly left untended. Perhaps the only remaining option would be to weaken the people through forced labor so that they would not represent a potent military threat should the Hyksos return. It is also most instructive that from the end of the Hyksos dynasty until the exodus from Egypt was close to or exactly 210 years, the amount of time that the rabbis teach that our people were actually enslaved there.

As always, a careful study of the history and archaeology of Egypt sheds great light upon the stories in the Torah that are set there. While 20th century archaeology consistently presented challenges to the authenticity of Bible stories, increasingly the evidence is moving in the opposite direction. (I have presented a class on several facets of this topic in depth; if you would like to view that class please let Peggy know and I will be happy to send you an Internet link where you can view it.)

All of our history is lived within the context of the politics and culture in which we have lived. We can never realistically separate the two. Let us learn from Joseph that when members of our people can integrate into and become part of the ruling class all Jews may benefit. At the same time let us be wary that such participation in governance can be used against us as well. Whether it is Oscar S. Strauss (first Jewish cabinet member), Henry Kissinger (first Jewish secretary of state) or Jared Kushner (first son-in-law), we are proud of our accomplishments and yet always wary of being once again portrayed as a fifth column, an accusation that far predates Nazi Germany - all the way back to ... the story of Joseph.



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## A FEW GOOD MEN

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#### **In Person:**

**Monday and Thursday mornings: 7:45 - 8:35**  
**Shabbat morning 9 to 11**

#### **Virtual:**

**Sunday morning 9:00**  
**Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday mornings: 7:45**  
**Sunday through Thursday evenings: 5:30**

## SISTERHOOD MESSAGE, President Audrey Meister Though Time May Pass Our Sisterhood Will Last

**S**isterhood in these stressful times, with limited gatherings, has tried to stay in touch. I hope you all enjoyed your pandemic survival kit and your gift card from Sisterhood for paying your dues. It is still not too late to send in your dues of \$36.

Since my last article for December's **Scroll** (which was written in November) many wonderful times of the year have passed. The winter months bring us shorter days and therefore less light. I hope everyone had an enjoyable, safe Thanksgiving with family and friends, either in person or electronically through Zoom or FaceTime. Chanukah brought us 8 days of light through the limited daylight of winter. Gifts for all occasions are available in our Sisterhood gift shop. Call Louisa or Peggy if you need something. Check out our advertisements in **The Scroll**. There is an ad for gift shop sale items, and for Shop-rite cards (contact Evie or Peggy). You can also send JNF trees when you contact Roberta Lieman.

At this time the Sisterhood is starting to work on the **Shalach Manos campaign** for Purim. It's changing a little this year. By now you will have received a mailing with an order form outlining the costs and logistics of pickup of packages, etc. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. I hope you all participate in this mitzvah.

I want to remind all of you that Sisterhood, beside being a social group is also a fundraising arm of Congregation Shaarey Israel. We have a large commitment to make to the synagogue. CSI is not just a building. It is our spiritual center. We can not let it disappear. That said I wanted to mention that in addition to CSI we offer charity to many other Jewish organizations in the county, e.g.: the Rhoda Bloom Food pantry, Jewish Family Service toy campaigns, Israel Bonds and Federation campaigns. Our mailing list is shared with the Holocaust Center, and Jewish War Veterans, to name a few.

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Be Happy It's Adar!! Watch your mail for the Shalach Manos order form!

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P.S.

A few months ago I wrote about a group in Israel called *Koolulam*. This group is a social musical initiative aimed at strengthening the fabric of society, centering around mass singing events...singing is believing. Lois Price sent me one of their videos from 2018; which is still very appropriate for today. They gathered 3000 people to sing in Haifa (in Hebrew, Arabic, and English). The song was written in 2009 by Matisyahu (Mathew Paul Miller). The song is called *One Day One Day One Day*. The lyrics are very appropriate for what we are now experiencing in this pandemic year and year of a tremendous rise in anti-semitism. Here are some of the lyrics:

All my life I've been waiting for  
I've been praying for  
For people to say  
That we don't wanna fight no more  
The'll be no more wars  
And our children will play

One day One day One Day  
One day One day One Day  
One day One day One Day

Sometimes in my tears I drown  
But I never let it get me down  
So when negativity surrounds  
I know someday it'll all turn around

One day One day One Day  
One day One day One Day  
One day One day One Day

When this Pandemic will end, I hope we can all get together in our sanctuary in prayer and song (Thank you Rabbi and Cantor!)

(You can catch the actual performance of the song on Utube under *Koolulam*.)





# CHAI LIGHTS

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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 Machel Goldberger  
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## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

1 Peter & Lois Weiss  
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 24 Martin & Roberta Goldstein

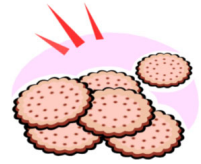
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Tkt #	Name	\$ Amount
1-5	Audrey Meister	50
6-10	Mel Singer	50
11-20	Marsha & Gary Forman	100
21	Grace Donath	10
22	Cameron Donath	10
23	Ryan Donath	10
24-26	Larry Katz	30
27-31	Sam Farber	50
32-33	Saul Leff	20
34-38	Marty Goldstein	50
39-44	Morty Julius	60
45	Lewis Glantz	10
46-65	Jay & Grandchildren	200
66-70	Herman Berzon	50
71-73	Ed Krupnik	30
74-76	Neil Kaplicer	30

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changed and foods are dispersed differently to keep us all safe. Currently it is not feasible to collect your generous food contributions to this worthy cause which,

hopefully, we will resume our support to in the near future.

Please feel free to make a monetary donation at any time by making out your check to the Jewish Family Service at 450 West Nyack Road, West Nyack, N.Y. 10960 and putting 'food pantry' in the memo so that it goes to this worthy cause and we thank you in advance for this mitzvah. For another donation option Kosher food items can be delivered to the JFS and they will meet you at their door for pick-up. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call me at (845) 727-4199.

Sandra Chaitin

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## Shaloch Manos

Dear Friends.

Purim will be celebrated on Thursday evening, February 25, and Friday, February 26. Sisterhood makes it very easy for you to share in the wonderful *mitzvah* of *Shaloch Manos*.

This tradition derives from the Book of Esther. It is meant to ensure that everyone has enough food for the Purim feast held later in the day and to increase love and friendship to counter Haman's assertion that the Jewish people are characterized by strife and disunity.

For this year's *Shaloch Manos Campaign*, your contribution of \$136 ensures that each member of the congregation and the employees of CSI will receive a Purim Package. We hope that you will participate in the *mitzvah* of *tzedakah* this Purim and give to the entire congregation.

The focus of this year's *Shaloch Manos Campaign* will be the very important task of supporting our Synagogue. We are hoping for 100% participation to aid in these very important causes. Please complete the attached form and return it to the synagogue office by Wednesday, February 3. **No orders will be accepted after that date.**

PLEASE NOTE: *Shaloch Manos* packages *will not be delivered*. They will be available for pick-up as follows:

Packages will be available for pick-up in the CSI lobby starting Wednesday February 17, or after Megillah reading on Thursday, February 25th & Friday, February 26th.

There will be curbside pick-up available.

All packages NOT picked up by Monday, March 1, will be donated to charity.

If you do not wish to receive a package, check the box on the order form and submit it to the office.

Thank you for your continued support of Sisterhood's programs and activities! If you have any questions, please call Audrey Meister at 845-357-0824.

Shaloch Manos Committee  
Audrey Meister,  
Sisterhood President

Reminders with dates and times will follow. Please check **The Scroll** and Shabbos notes.



## SISTERHOOD OF CONGREGATION SHAAREY ISRAEL

Dear Women of Congregation Shaarey Israel

We invite you to join Sisterhood and become a member of one of the most important arms of our congregation.

As a member you have the opportunity to make an impact on the synagogue while making new friends, learning new things and participating in Sisterhood Activities, all without the non-member surcharge. Along with all the activities we currently support, we continue to look for new programs to provide more value to our synagogue and our members. If you have an idea you would like us to pursue, please make sure to speak with us.

Dues remain \$36, except for new synagogue members who receive a year's membership free as part of their introductory package. Your dues package automatically includes the Paid-Up Membership Dinner in November where old friends meet again and new friends are made.

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We look forward to seeing all the women of the congregation join us to support CSI and each other.

Julie Feldman,  
Financial Secretary

Evie Maher,  
Chairman, Membership

Audrey Meister,  
President, Sisterhood

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# A LITTLE LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL...

## THE CITIZENSHIP TEST

Saul Epstein was taking an oral exam in his English as a Second Language class. He was asked to spell "cultivate," and he spelled it correctly. He was then asked to use the word in a sentence. With a big smile, he responded: "Vell, last vinter on a very cold day, I vas vaiting for a bus, but it was too cultivate, so I took the subway."

## MOISHE

Moishe Goldberg was heading out of the Synagogue one day and, as always, Rabbi Mendel was standing at the door shaking hands as the Congregation departed. The rabbi grabbed Moishe by the hand, pulled him aside, and whispered these words at him: "You need to join the Army of God!"

Moishe replied: "I'm already in the Army of God, Rabbi."

The rabbi questioned: "Then how come I don't see you except for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur?"

Moishe whispered back: "I'm in the secret service."

## IT HAPPENED IN SHUL

A Rabbi approaches a guest in Shul and says, "I'd like to give you an Aliyah. What is your name?"

The man answers, "Esther ben Moshe."

The Rabbi says, "No, I need YOUR name."

"It's Esther ben Moshe," the man says.

"How can that be your name?" asks the Rabbi.

The man answers, "I've been having financial problems, so now everything is in my wife's name."

## THE DIFFERENCES

The Italian says, "I'm thirsty. I must have wine."

The Frenchman says, "I'm thirsty. I must have cognac."

The Russian says, "I'm thirsty. I must have vodka."

The German says, "I'm thirsty. I must have beer."

The Mexican says, "I'm thirsty. I must have tequila."

The Jewish man says, "I'm thirsty. I must have diabetes."

## MEDICAL CARE

Doctor Bloom, who was known for miraculous cures for arthritis, had a waiting-room full of people when a little old lady, completely bent over in half, shuffled in slowly, leaning on her cane. When her turn came, she went into the doctor's office, and emerged within half an hour walking completely erect, with her head held high.

A woman in the waiting room who had seen all this walked up to the little old lady and said, "It's a miracle! You walked in bent in half and now you're walking erect. What did that doctor do?"

She answered, "Miracle, shmira. . . he gave me a longer cane."

## SYNAGOGUE TRADITION

During a service at an old synagogue in Eastern Europe, when the Shema prayer was said, half the congregants stood up and half remained sitting. The half that was seated started yelling at those standing to sit down, and the ones standing yelled at the ones sitting to stand up. The rabbi, though learned as he was in the Law and commentaries, didn't know what to do. His congregation suggested that he consult a house-bound 98-year-old man who was one of the original founders of their temple. The rabbi agreed. He hoped the elderly man would be able to tell him what the actual temple tradition was. So he went to the nursing home with a representative of each faction of the congregation. The one whose followers stood during Shema said to the old man, "Is it the tradition to stand during this prayer?" The old man answered, "No, that is not the tradition."

The one whose followers sat, said, "Then it must be the tradition to sit during Shema!"

The old man answered, "No, that is not the tradition."

Then the rabbi said to the old man, "But the members of the congregation fight all the time, yelling at each other about whether they should sit or stand."

The old man interrupted, exclaiming, "THAT is the tradition!"

## Men's Club

First let me thank all who already sent in their Men's Club dues for this year. We need you and if you have not already done so, please send in your dues of \$36 at this time. Red Avner is waiting by his mailbox to receive it.

The Men' Club, with Mark Pfeffer as its president, has done numerous things for CSI. We are here to support our shul and the community.

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We wish all at Shaarey Israel a Happier and Healthier New Year 5781.

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