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A Holiday Message Rabbi Joseph Lichtman z"l

(The last message he wrote for our bulletin
from the 2005 BY Bulletin)

During the 10 Days of Penitence, we Jews come to our synagogues in order to set for ourselves goals for the coming year. We make an extensive search to see where we have fallen short during the past year, and how we can live up to the promises we made, in order to improve the quality of our spiritual lives. Our goals are to strive for a higher perfection, to attain a greater moral level and to achieve a more noble sense of being a Jew. And so if we appear before G-d with less than our best, then what will be granted will be a watered down version of our requests?

When Moshe prays for his people that G-d should show His mercy towards them, G-d answers *solachti kidvorecha* - "I will grant your wish according to your own words." If your words ask little, and if you are happy with being morally bankrupt, then this is what will be granted to you. However, if your words speak volumes about reconciling with G-d and readjusting your life to reflect sincere *t'shuva*, then this is what you will get. A chasid was once asked when he expected *Mashiach* to come. When he answered that he did not expect *Mashiach* to come at all, everyone was surprised. Whereupon he explained: "In each of us," he explained, "there is a spark of the *Mashiach*. We combine our individual sparks, creating, thereby, a great light that will illumine the entire world with the Messianic Peace and Tranquility for all Mankind." As Jews, we have to hold on to our sparks of the *Mashiach*. We must have these sparks penetrate our daily lives, in our homes, at our jobs and into everyday occurrences. This will raise our moral level and put us into a proper *t'shuva* mood.

We find written in the *Chumash* that when Avraham was about to sacrifice his son Yitzchak, an angel called out, "Avraham, Avraham, do not touch the boy for I know that you are a good, loyal, G-d fearing person." The Talmud comments that whenever the name of a person is called out twice by G-d, it is *lashon chiba hu* - it is a sign of G-d's love. Only two other times do we find G-d calling a person's name twice.

When Yaakov learns that Yosef is alive and G-d appears to ask him to come down to Egypt and says "Yaakov, Yaakov, do not be afraid of going to Egypt, for I will make you into a great nation." *Lashon chiba hu*.

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UP COMING EVENTS

סליחות

Motza'ei Shabbos - September 16th
*A Special Dessert Melaveh Malka &
Video - Jewish Americans Part III
followed by Selichos*

Program Highlights

- ☆ II:00 pm - II:30 pm - Refreshments & Dessert
- ☆ II:30 pm - 12:45 am - Video presentation
- ☆ 12:50 am - Selichos led by Rabbi Joseph Oratz



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everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year**

כתיבה וחתומה טובה

זרעא חייא וקיימא

BIRTHS – Mazal Tov

- **Sylvia & Dr. Ellie Schneider** on the birth of a great-granddaughter, to their grandchildren, **Shoshana & Jordon Ginsberg** (Washington Heights) and to grandparents, **Drs. Rochelle & Avraham Schneider** (West Hempstead).
- **Pearl & Mark Ricklis** on the birth of a granddaughter, a first child born to their children, **Leah & Dani Ricklis** (Passaic).
- **Ina Prager & Chaya Krakauer** (Baltimore) on the birth of a great-grandson, born to their grandchildren **Avi & Devora Krakauer** and to grandparents, **R. Binyomin & Judy (Prager) Krakauer** (Baltimore).
- **Rachael & Michael Katz** on the birth of a granddaughter to their children, **Esti & Yisrael Kaminetsky** and to great-grandparents, **Barbara & Dr. Bernie Lichstein**.
- **Phyllis Farkas** on the birth of a granddaughter to her children, **David & Maryanne Mandelbaum** (Philadelphia).
- **Helene & Yossie Wenger** on the birth of a granddaughter to their children, **Sarit & Brian Glass** (Bergenfield).
- **Robin & Bruce Epstein** (Modiin, former BY *Gabbai Sheni*) on the birth of a grandson to their children, **Esther & Rafi Offenbacher**.
- **Sandy & Dr. Joe Waldman** on the birth of a great-grandson and to their grandchildren, **Talya & Avraham Prero** and grandparents, **Arona & Jeffrey Waldman** (Bayswater, NY).

זה הקטן גדול יהיה

BAR and BAT MITZVAH - Mazal Tov

- **Beverly Schnipper** on the bat mitzvah of her granddaughter, **Tehilla**, daughter of **Aharon & Tzippi Schnipper** (Yerushalayim).
- **Sylvia & Dr. Ellie Schneider** on the bar mitzvah of their great-grandson, **Avraham Yehuda**, son of their grandchildren, **Tova & Azaria Schechter** (Baltimore) and grandparents, **Debbie & Dr. Moshe Schneider** (Edison).

שמח תשמח רעים אהובים

ENGAGEMENTS and MARRIAGES Mazal Tov

- **Debby & R. Joseph Oratz** on the marriage of their son, **Dovid**, to **Emily Rohan** (Dallas).
- **Dasie & Howie Goldsmith** on the marriage of their son, **Moshe Yosef**, to **Chayala Rhine** (Kew Gardens Hills).
 - **Chava & R. Yitzchok Goldstone**, on the marriage of their grandson, **Shmueli**, son of **R. Yaakov & Chaya Esti Goldstone** (Lakewood).
- **Judy & R. Shlomo Wohlgemuth** on the marriage of their grandson, **Michael**, son of their children, **Rachel & Alan Kluger** (Highland Park) to **Rena Rothman**.
- **Helen & Mel Elberger** on the marriage of their daughter, **Rachel**, to **Mordy Grunseid**.
- **Annette & Lenny Lauer** on the marriage of their grandson, **Eli**, son of their children, **Sharon & Sandy Shulman**, to **Ariella Nayberg** (Plainview, NY)

”הקדב”ה ישלם שכרם “HONORABLE MENSCHEN”

- **ABOUT PESACH** – Thanks to all who participated over *Yom Tov*: **Jeannie & Jake Zimmer** for preparing the *Taanis Bechorim* breakfast and the Shul set up, **Rav Teitz for Mechiras Chametz** and the *Siyum* on *Erev Pesach*, **Lenny Lauer & R. Moshe Abramowitz** for the Newsletter production and distribution, and all those who *lained* and *davened* on *Yom Tov*. *Y'yasheir kochachem!*
- **SHAVUOS - SEUDAS DOVID HAMELACH**
Thanks to everyone who participated in *davening*. Special thanks to **Gabbai Ira Penner** for coordinating services, **Lennie Brandwein** for his usual *laining* and also for *Megilas Rus*. Thanks to **Rav Teitz** for joining us for the *Seudas Dovid HaMelech* - a Bais Yitzchok tradition from the time of the Rav's father, **Rav Pinchas M. Teitz** z"l, and for his *divrei Torah*. Sponsors of the event were: **Dr. Ellie & Sylvia Schneider** (yahrzeits of Sylvia's mother, z"l and Ellie's father, z"l). . .

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NACHAS NOTES *continued*

Cheryl & R. Moshe Abramowitz, Annette & Lenny Lauer, Mrs. Ruth Strashun (yahrzeit of her father-in-law z"l), Hermann Kaiser, Ira Penner, Jean & Jake Zimmer, Phyllis Farkas, the Lanner family, Mr. Anonymous and Mr & Mrs Anonymous. Sincere thanks to Debbie & Dr Daniel Sheinbein for their annual gift of Shul flowers for *Yom Tov*.

- **KALISH - BLANK GRADUATE AWARDS**

At respective Senior Nights for the Mesivta and Bruriah, Bais Yitzchok provided certificates, a congratulatory letter and a monetary gift for our Annual Kalish and Blank Awards. **Norman Kalish Memorial Award** - RTMA: **Yair Shavrick** (Elizabeth) and Bruriah: **Eliana Kahan** (Suffern, NY). **The Esther & Julius Blank Memorial Award** - **Rina Blumberg** (Hightstown, NJ). *Mazal Tov* to these proud young people with our best wishes of *b'racha v'hazalacha*.

- **TISHA B'AV** - Thanks to all who participated this year with special thanks to **Lenny Lauer**, who has, for so many years, led the recitation of *Eicha* and *Kinos*.

- **SPECIAL BREAKFASTS** - In honor of the Yahrzeit of *Shmuel HaNavi* (which is also *Yom Yerushalayim*), breakfast was provided, as it is each year, by an **anonymous sponsor**. Thanks to all involved and to **Jeannie Zimmer** for its preparation.

- **SHALOM U'LHITRAOT** – **Helene & Yossi Wenger**, longtime BY members, who have relocated to Hollywood, FL, **Elaine & Harry Schlakman** who are going on *Aliyah* and **Dr. Salamon Galimidi** who is moving to the North Avenue side of town. Every wish for success to them all.

- **PARKING RESTRICTIONS** - For those parking near the Shul over Yom Tov, please be aware there are parking restriction on Fridays.

- **ON-LINE-BULLETIN** – this latest edition of **Bais Yitzchok News** can be accessed at our website <http://www.baisyitzchok.org>. On the “Home Page,” go to “Shul Bulletins,”

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Forty-Sixth Annual Gathering & Awards Dinner

CONGREGATION BAIS YITZCHOK CHEVRA THILIM'S ANNUAL GATHERING AND AWARDS DINNER was held on Sunday, June 11, 2017 at the YM-YW of Union Country, Green Lane, Union, NJ. It was a joyous afternoon with almost ninety Bais Yitzchok members, supporters, family and friends of our honorees in attendance. This event was originally set for last fall when we would have honored our current honoree, **HERBERT KAISER**. The unfortunate passing of Herby's mother, Hannah Kaiser z"l, necessitated a change in plans. The new date followed Mrs. Kaiser's one-year yahrzeit and the unveiling of her monument earlier that day.

The evening began with a reception hour expertly catered by **Pinchas Kasirer of Glatt Star Caterers**. Afterwards, with everyone assembled in the main hall, the formal program began. Opening

remarks were offered by **Rabbi Moshe Abramowitz**, Shul President, followed by recitation of Thilim with its reference to *Yerushalayim*, the theme of the evening. Awards were presented to our honorees.

Herby Kaiser, Tzvi Shmuel, grew up in Elizabeth, with all his personal life-cycle events celebrated at Bais Yitzchok, *bar mitzvah, ufrauf, sheva berachos*. Around 2001, Herby joined our other *Gabbaim*, as *Gabbai R'vii*. He held this position until a year ago when he relinquished that position to join the Board. During these many years, Herby's continual presence was a given.

In 2005 he moved to the North Avenue section of town when he married Judy. Even in his new location, he was always eager to *lain* and give



Lennie Brandwein a break. He was present on *Simchas Torah*, where he earned the moniker, **Herby – the “Make it happen Man.”**

His energy and enthusiasm, leading all the songs during the *Hakafos*, gave us a needed lift for Yom Tov. His communal contributions are many. He has read the *Megillah* for many unable to get to Shul, often at private homes and at nursing homes and once, at Bais Yitzchok, when our regular *Baal K'riah* was away.

For years Herby was in the forefront of replacing *machzorim* for each *Yom Tov* - changing the *Paroches*, Torah covers and table covers for the *Yamim Noraim*. Purim is always better with him there. He has always been a strong support and presence for his parents, and with the loss of his mother, his display of *kibud av* - honor shown to this father, Hermann, may he live and be well, is always evident.

We are honored to pay tribute to his contribution to Bais Yitzchok and the Elizabeth Jewish Community with the **Kesser Shem Tov Award**. Mazal Tov to Herby, his wife, Judy, his father, Hermann and his sister, Hindy. **Kol Hakavod!**

IRA PENNER, arrived from Boston, MA about twenty months ago and graciously offered his skills and assumed the **Gabbai Sheni** position, vacant since Anchel Nulman made Aliyah with his family, last year. His move followed the sale of the company he founded in 2001, Digital Publishing Solutions, to a Jersey City based printing group. While in Boston, Ira was very active in Jewish education and was on the board of the Mesivta of Boston and an adviser and fund raiser to the Haredi elementary school, Torah Academy, the Kollel of Greater Boston and the Boston regional Bais Yaakov.

Although seemingly quiet and unassuming, Ira, has much to contribute. Learning the *minhagim* and practices of a Shul might be daunting, but Ira handled the challenge with confidence. On Shabbos morning he insures that we start as close to 8:30 am as possible with *Pesukei D'zimra*. He is adept at *davening*, reading the *Haftarah* and anything else he is asked to do. We are happy to honor Ira's participation in the leadership of the Shul and present him with the **Yesodei Hatorah Award** at this year's event.

A complete description of this event, along with photos can be seen on the Shul website <http://www.baisyitzchok.org/> under “Events.”

CONDOLENCES המקום הזה



• Y'HE ZICHROM BARUCH -

Over the past year, our Shul has suffered the loss of many former and current members or observed their yahrzeit. We note the names and a short memorial of those who left this world since our last bulletin .

We are adding a new feature to baisyitzchok.org. Under "Archives" on the Home Page, you will soon find a tribute to members who held leadership positions or who significantly impacted our Shul through their presence and participation, going back decades.

MENDEL FARKAS - Aharon Menachem ben Alter Eliyahu a"h

April 2017

Reb Mendel was a stalwart of Bais Yitzchok, whose presence will be sorely missed. Although he was declining in health and abilities following the death of his beloved wife, Susan, z"l, he joined in the *Askarah* and *Sheloshim* making a *siyum* in her honor. After months away from home in rehab, he was able to spend his last Shabbos, *Shabbos Hagadol*, in his own home and was able to go to Shul, share *davening* and *Kiddush* with his "Chevra" and experience some sort of normalcy, something which was missing from his life for too long. His *levaya* was at Bais Yitzchok on *erev Pesach*, and everyone was present to honor his life and the contributions he made to the Elizabeth community. Condolences to his children, **Phyllis** and **Z'ev** (Yerushalayim) and extended family.

RAV JOSEPH LICHTMAN – Harav Yosef ben Menachem Mendel HaLevi a"h

June 2017

Rabbi Lichtman was *Chazan* at Bais Yitzchok for over 45 years although he modestly referred to himself only as *Sheliach Tzibbur*. He was a cherished member of our Shul and of the Elizabeth Community. He retired from the position of *Chazan* and later made Aliyah with his wife, Liz, living in Bet Shemesh. His sweet voice, with the melodies that still color the Bais Yitzchok experience, his calm and patient demeanor and sense of humor, as well as his *lumdu*, is remembered fondly and sorely missed. Condolences to his wife, *y'badla l'chaim*, **Liz**, his children **Hadassah Greenbaum**, **Noam Lichtman**, **R. Hillel Lichtman** and **R. Moshe Lichtman**.

DR. EUGENE STEINHART - Yehuda ben Aharon Moshe a"h

July 2017

The sudden passing of **Eugene Steinhart** this summer and his *levaya* at Bais Yitzchok has left yet another void in our community. A *Sheloshim* memorial was held in the Shul with a *Siyum Mishnayos* and *Seudah* on Wednesday, August 16th. Prior to this local memorial, his son, **Kobi Steinhart**, made a *siyum* for the *Shloshim* in *Yerushalyim*. Condolences to his wife, **Esther Addison Steinhart**, **Tuvia Addison** and Steinhart children, **Avishai**, **Kobi**, **Evy**, **Eliav**, **Riva**, and **Gavi**, and Dr. Steinhart's brothers, **Jerry** and **Carl Steinhart**. His daily presence in Shul and his participation as a Board Member and honorary "*Baal Maftir*" will be sorely missed.

DONALD BOND - Dovid Asher ben Yisrael a"h, a frequent visitor to BY and father of our member, **Glenn Bond**. Sincere condolences to **Glenn** and the entire family. -״

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

הכרת הטוב

KIDDUSH / SHALOSH SEUDOS

Our sincere thanks to the following families for supporting the weekly sponsorship . . .

In Observance of Yahrzeits –

- **Marty Lewitter**, for the yahrzeit of his father, *Gedaliah Yosef ben Moshe Bunim Halevi z”l*.
- **Bezalel Zeidman**, for the yahrzeit of his sister, *Barbara Ruth Zeidman z”l*.
- **Jean & Jake Zimmer** for the yahrzeit of Jean’s mother, *Chana Ester bas Yehuda z”l*
- **Hermann Kaiser** for the yahrzeit of his mother, *Hindel bas Tzvi z”l*.
- **the Melzer Family** for the yahrzeit of their grandmother, *Malka Chana bas Leib z”l*.
- **Lennie Brandwein**, for the yahrzeit of his mother, *Fruma bas Lipa Eliezer z”l*.
- **Dr. Eugene Steinhart**, z”l for the yahrzeit of his father, *Aharon Moshe ben Shmuel Zanvil, z”l*.

In Honor of other Events -

- **Richard Caleskie**, offering thanks for finding something important which was lost.
- **Felix Perera**, honoring his mother’s birthday

BREAKFASTS:

- **Lenny Lauer**, for the yahrzeit of his father, *Nesanel ben Eliezer z”l*.
- **Jeannie & Jake Zimmer**, for the yahrzeit of Jake’s mother, *Yocheved bas Yaakov Menachem Mendel z”l*.

KIDDUSH DETAILS:

- *The Shul will subsidize each week’s Kiddush for events other than special Life-Cycle events, such as Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Ufrauf, etc.*
- *The cost for a member to host a Kiddush is \$60 and the Shul will cover the other half.*
- *A normal Kiddush consists of whole and chopped herring, crackers, soda, cookies and schnaps for Kiddush. Up to nine tables are set up. If additional tables are needed, check the Kiddush Policy letter for details. Kiddush for a special event or Simcha (Bar Mitzvah, Ufruf, etc.) is not subsidized by the Shul.*
- *The cost of Shalosh Seudos is \$25.*
- *Use the Sign-up sheet downstairs to reserve sponsorship for a Kiddush or Shalosh Seudos. A copy of the complete policy governing Kiddush sponsors and use of the Shul is also posted there.*

DIVREI TORAH PRESENTERS

Our thanks to the following individuals for delivering the D’var Torah at Kiddush

R. Moshe Abramowitz, Lennie Brandwein, Ira Penner and Adam Melzer.

Thanks to Jeannie & Jake Zimmer for their untiring efforts to provide refreshments and comfort in Shul. Speak with Jeannie Zimmer or one of the Gabbaim if you wish to offer a d’var Torah

A Holiday Message *continued*

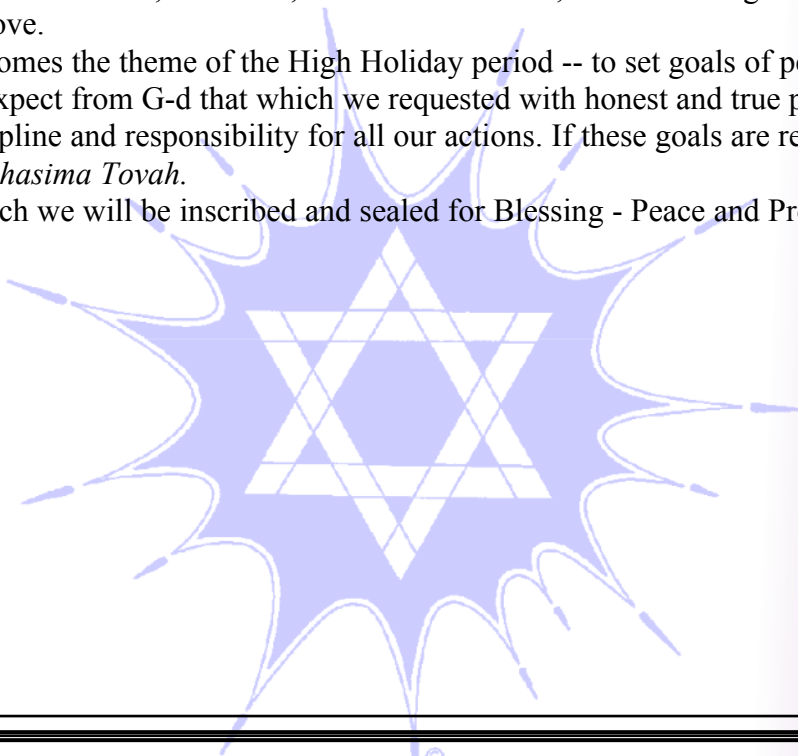
Then later, after Moshe escapes from Egypt and is out tending his flock, he sees the beautiful sight of a burning bush that is not consumed. When he comes to the place on the mountain where the bush burned, the voice of G-d calls, "Moshe, Moshe, do not come closer. Remove your shoes from your feet." *Lashon chiba hu*. In all instances it was a sign of G-d's love.

We can, however, employ a play on words and say, it is not so much a sign of G-d's love - *chiba* - but rather, *chova* - a sign of discipline and responsibility. Since both words are spelled the same, we can say that love without a display of responsibility is an empty and meaningless expression.

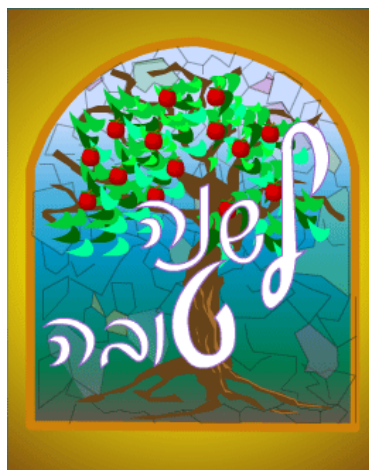
Each one of our ancestors, Avraham, Yaakov and Moshe, assumed a degree of responsibility together with G-d's love.

This then becomes the theme of the High Holiday period -- to set goals of perfection, to initiate a sense of *t'shuva*, to expect from G-d that which we requested with honest and true prayers, and finally, to assume a life of discipline and responsibility for all our actions. If these goals are reached, then G-d will grant us a *K'siva va'chasima Tovah*.

A year in which we will be inscribed and sealed for Blessing - Peace and Prosperity. Amen



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