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As redemptions go, Purim may be the easiest for us to relate to. While nothing compares to the revelation of G-d during the miraculous redemption from Egypt, we don't envision ourselves as slaves nor in need of such dramatic intervention. Hanukkah was a great redemption from a religious persecution, yet it is distant for us living as we do in a time of unlimited religious freedom. But Purim we can more easily relate to. The struggle of Mordechai and Esther for the right of self-determination and to rebuild the temple, the increasing assimilation of Persian Jewry, and the political maneuvering at the court of the world's greatest power – these are struggles that hit us close to home.

We do well to remember that while the story in the *Scroll of Esther* is set in the Persian capital of Shushan, the real battle between the Jews and their enemies took place in the land of Israel. This is clearly testified to by the number of casualties outside of Shushan, as well as the Rabbinic midrash that tells us the 10 sons of Haman authored the accusations that led to the work stoppage at the Temple mount which preceded their father's decree to annihilate the Jews.

Using political leverage with the most powerful nation on earth as a means of advancing an anti-Semitic agenda is not a new phenomenon. Haman, whose clan was the enemy of the Jewish people for many generations, worked his way into the government and the King's favor to advance his genocidal agenda. In our time as well we see even

members of Congress who distort facts and twist history to advance their anti-Israel and anti-Semitic agendas.

In the Purim story the Jewish people are in danger, seemingly without power or advocate before the throne. While today our situation is different, and many Jews and non-Jews loyal to Israel have our interests in mind, let us remember that so much can

change in a short period of time. As we look at some of the candidates being advanced by the Democratic Party, it is certainly possible that our next president will run on a platform that includes anti-Israel and BDS sentiment.

There are clouds on the horizon. At the same time let us embrace the lessons of history that despite great opposition and persecution we are today flourishing as never before. The Purim story has never been more relevant than it is today. We will continue to fight against hatred, anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism, reassured by our Purim redemption that G-d is operating behind the curtain and that in a moment even the most dreadful situation can be turned on its head and become an historic redemption. *Scroll of Esther* tells us that in those days of redemption "the Jews had light, joy, celebration and glory" ...so may it be for us, our nation, our state of Israel and our People everywhere, amen.

**Respectfully Yours...**

**from the desk of**

**Rabbi Weinbach**

**Turning Hatred On Its Head**



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Date	Light Candles	Shabbat Ends
1	5:29	6:34
8	5:37	6:42
15	6:45	7:50
22	6:52	7:59
29	7:00	8:05

Friday evening services will begin at 6:30 pm starting

Friday, March 15th

**Purim, March 21**



## From the Editor's Desk...

**W**e just got back from a two week vacation, a week at a centrally located hotel

in Florida where we enjoyed the visits with our snowbird friends and family and a second week on a cruise from Miami with two of our sons and their families.

Not being a fan of flying, we tried out the autotrain. It was a pleasant experience, especially the return trip where we connected with a couple from Pittsburgh, PA. Through conversation we all discovered that being Jewish was our common bond. I asked if they were familiar with The Tree of Life Synagogue in Squirrel Hill. Not only did they know the synagogue, but they had been members of that congregation and live practically around the corner from the shul.

They told us how lock-down of the area was put into affect and how the uncertainty of what was happening added to the panic.

With Purim on the horizon we need to wake up to the fact that there are more Hamans living among today.



SHALOM

Roberta



Submissions for the April issue are due by March 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

I have been spending a great deal of time flying again lately but despite the cramped seats, delayed flights it has been a joy. Really. I have found myself engrossed in the Israeli tv show on Netflix called *Shtisel*. For those of you who don't have Netflix I highly recommend finding a way to watch this show. I say this because the next time you are driving down Route 59 or dealing with the madness inside or outside Evergreen and say under your breath "these are not my people" (I have to admit I do this all the time) I would tell you go watch this show and you will realize that in fact they are your people, my people. There is something about being a Jew that is always with us and the sharing of such an intangible bond even if they don't dress like us, talk like us, even pray like us (which actually in a lot of ways they do).

For those of you unfamiliar with *Shtisel* it is basically a modern soap opera following a Haredi (ultra orthodox, not Chassidic) family that lives in Jerusalem. They are actually quite normal in the sense that they face the everyday family crises that we all do. There are money issues, moral dilemmas, children who don't talk to parents, grandchildren who have issues, health issues, family deaths, marriages, engagements (including breakups of both). You name it, real soap opera albeit with a little less "shmutz" than you might see on network television or cable television. The brilliance of the show to me is that it humanizes our fellow Jews who we often look down at, denigrate, push to the side or especially living in Rockland experience great frustration with their actions and habits. The portrayal of these characters gives you such a connection that you become engrossed in their lives and I am convinced that a lot of it has to do with the fact that as Jews watching this show we know we have a special connection with these people. Their trials and tribulations are our trials and tribulations whether they live in Monsey, Boro Park, Jerusalem or Montebello. And to top it all off, I

believe that every one of the actors in the cast is a secular Israeli portraying the complete opposite of what they are in their real lives. I am convinced however that what makes this so easy for these actors to do is because they are all Jews and because of this it is simply doing something natural. For example, walking into a shul, putting on a tallis or even wearing tefillin in a scene should not be too difficult even for the Israeli actor who might spend Shabbat on the beach in Tel Aviv.

So what is our connection as a congregation. The brilliance of our congregation is truthfully when it comes to religion we are to quote the title of twice monthly Monday night gatherings "a no judgment zone." What makes us so comfortable together is that no one worries if the person sitting next to us comes to shul three times a year or every day. There is no concern that this one davens a little more than another, this one wears a different yarmulke or a different tallis, this one can't read Hebrew and this one can't say the brachas. There is none of that. We are comfortable with who we are as Jews but maybe we also need to be comfortable with how we are with all of our fellow Jews as well. Certainly the hallmark of our congregation is that we have a true bond amongst those who attend our weekly Shabbat morning services as evidenced by a solid consistent turnout of people week after week and it is not just because we have a Kiddush. There is something deeper and it may be intangible.

There was recently an article in *The New York Times* about the first ultra orthodox woman to run on the slate of candidates for the Labor party in Israel's upcoming election. It is rather shocking that an ultra Orthodox woman would be a candidate for Labor which has always been a left leaning party in Israel with little support from the Orthodox community.

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## THE CANTOR'S CLOUD by Cantor Menachem Bazian Reasons to Celebrate

There is an old joke that says the theme of all Jewish holidays is the same: "They tried to kill us, we won, let's eat." Ha ha ha. Of course, there is some truth to this. If you look at the days we celebrate during the year, especially those that were rabbinically established, that is indeed the theme. On Chanukah we celebrate the miracle of the oil that lasted eight days and the victory over the Greeks. On Purim we commemorate the salvation of the Jewish people from Haman's attempt at genocide during the days of Mordechai and Esther. Both holidays are celebrated with ritual, gifts, charity and, of course, food.

Have you ever asked yourself what the purpose of these holidays are? Is it just to have a good time? Don't get me wrong, I like to have as good a time as the next person, but why wrap it all in this religious flummery?

If there is one thing we Jews know, it is that the world has never really liked us. Since the days of Abraham, who was thrown into Nimrod's fiery furnace, there is always someone out there with hopes of eliminating us. We have endured countless such attempts at both spiritual and physical genocide in our history. Haman tried to kill us all. The Greeks tried to kill the spirit of Torah in us. We endured multiple crusades, the Spanish inquisition, pogroms, blood libels and countless other obscenities. And then there is the greatest obscenity of all time, the Holocaust. No other people in the history of the world have ever endured the sheer weight of this persecution that we have.

Even today, a bare 75 years since the end of World War II, the evil specter of Jew hatred is strong throughout the world. There is no single country that is free of this hateful disease. In cities across the world, attacks have been perpetrated against the Jews. From Mumbai, to Paris, to London and Pittsburgh

in our own beloved United States, Jewish lives have once again been targeted by the forces of hate.

As we say during the Passover Seder, "For in each generation, they rise up against us to destroy us."

It stretches the imagination to believe that, after thousands of years of such oppression, the Jewish people are still here. Yet, the Torah scroll we read from four times a week, on holidays and fast days, is the same Torah scroll that Jews read from thousands of years ago. It's even written on, and with, the same materials used way back then. The Tefillin we wear each morning are the same Tefillin, made from the same materials that were used thousands of years ago. I wonder if there is any other nation that can make this claim.

If we think about this, perhaps the reason we take time out to celebrate these days with holiness becomes clear.

As a thinking, believing, Jew, I take it as axiomatic that Hashem has a plan for this world and his people. I point to the simple fact that Judaism is still alive and strong after thousands of years of maltreatment, and despite the continued animosity of the world around us, as proof of G-d's plan for us. How else can this incredible phenomenon be explained?

With this in mind, perhaps we can understand the holidays of Purim and Chanukah a little better. What are we truly celebrating? I think we are celebrating not only Hashem's kindness in saving us from Haman and the Greeks, but we are celebrating the very simple fact that there were those among us who had the courage to fight for what they believed in. Mordechai,



DER CHAZZAN'S  
CH' MAREH

## THE CANTOR'S CLOUD

(continued)

Esther and the Chashmonaim represented a tiny percentage of the Jewish people yet they rose up and did battle, each in their own way, with the forces of evil. They did their part, so G-d did his. In each case, the forces of evil held all the cards. The Greeks were the mightiest force on Earth at that time and Haman was the Grand Vizier to a king who, as the Talmud teaches us, hated the Jews as well. Yet the courage shown by these Jewish heroes was joined with Hashem's kindness and might and victory was obtained.

For thousands of years, Jews were placid. The post Second Temple era became a time where Jews were forced to go along to get along. They endured to survive. They did not fight. The "Jewish way" was not the way of standing up but one of trying to stay out of harm's way and survive.

With the advent of the Holocaust, we learned that we could no longer meet evil with just keeping our heads down and doing what we had to avoid danger. Danger sought us out and six million precious souls perished. We learned, once again, that we had to stand up for ourselves. In places like the Warsaw Ghetto, the lesson was taught to future generations when a small group rose up against the mightiest army on earth and kept them at bay longer than the entire country of Poland could. The Warsaw Ghetto reminded us that evil must be confronted.

Today, the hard won lesson has been learned and the State of Israel stands up not only for its own citizens but for all Jews. They are willing to stand up against millions of enemies to defend themselves. And, once again, G-d has done his part. The tiny State of Israel thrives as a model of democratic freedom and scientific and entrepreneurial brilliance despite the hatred of the world.

When we celebrate Purim and Chanukah we acknowledge that Hashem is with us, not only thousands of years ago but each and every day until today. I think that's worth cooking a good meal and enjoying it with family. Don't you?

Chana and I wish you a Happy Purim!

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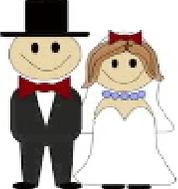
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## SISTERHOOD MESSAGE

President Audrey Meister

Can you believe that the winter will be finally waning. Spring is on the way. This is a recap of what the Sisterhood planned and executed during January and February.

In January we had Bingo night. Although the prizes were small, the enjoyment was much greater!!! A big thank you to Fred Newmark, our caller and standup comedian for making it a fun evening!!!

Also in January we had a wonderful evening program "Cooking with Yocheved." We learned more than just how to cook delicious food. The recipes and hints are available if you ask.

In February we had our Movie Night. The film was *The Monuments Men*. It was about a group of men, who recovered some of the art stolen from Jewish owners during WWII. It was called "The greatest art heist in history."

Also in February, thanks to Louisa, we were able to learn how to make beaded bracelets. Wear them proudly.



If you haven't paid your dues yet, it is not too late (\$36). With your membership you will be able to join in the camaraderie (defined as the warm feelings of friendship, closeness, and loyalty shared among a group of people or a team of people).

### BE HAPPY IT'S ADAR

With the beginning of Adar we make much joy. This year there are two Adars. Purim comes in Adar II. Purim is such a joyous uninhibited holiday with overtones of friendship and sharing. Purim is also a time of general good feeling for one another. With this joy, comes the custom of Shaloch Manos. Every

person is supposed to send presents of at least two kinds of fruit, cookies or candies to at least one friend and to family. The Sisterhood makes it easier to do this mitzvah. You all would have received the Shaloch Manos letter. Our package theme this year is a celebration of 10 years as Congregation Shaarey Israel. It would be nice if you all participate. The pack-out is on Thursday March 11. Packages will be available for pick up at 7:00 pm that day. The other times they will be available is after the Megillah reading on Wednesday March 20, Thursday March 21. Please help Sisterhood spread the joy and support Congregation Shaarey Israel.

Coming in the Spring/Summer, the Sisterhood and Men's Club would like to sponsor a trip to The Museum of Jewish Heritage. The exhibition is titled *Auschwitz. Not Long Ago. Not Far Away*. It is aimed at refocusing the museum into one that will delve more deeply into the Holocaust at a time when Jewish leaders say anti-Semitism and other hatreds are growing and the memory of--and witness to-- what happened to six million Jews and other victimized minorities three-quarters of a century ago are fading away (*New York Times* 1/23/2019). Check your mail. More information will be forthcoming.

P.S. I would like to share with you a comparison between Science vs. Religion  
Written by John Atkinson in *Time* magazine  
(Cartoon 2018)

SCIENCE	VS	RELIGION
Searches for answers		Searches for answers
Strict laws & practices		Strict laws & practices
Lectures		Lectures
Big heavy books		Big heavy books
Long coats		Long robes
Blows stuff up		Blows stuff up
Says G-d is man-made		Says man is G-d made

WHAT DO YOU THINK?



## MEN'S CLUB MESSAGE

President Mark Pfeffer

**H**ow have you been spending these cold winter nights? The Rabbi has been hard at work putting forth a fascinating program talking about the Exodus out of Egypt and looking for evidence of the Israelites and their impact on the Egyptian culture. When one goes to a museum such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, it's a captivating way to experience Jewish influence on other cultures. The Rabbi poses the question: Is there evidence of plagues, and what was the 40 year route the Israelites took through the desert? Members of the Men's Club are intrigued by many diverse topics and the lectures presented by our Rabbi give us multiple opportunities to expand our powers of reasoning.

Recently the men of the Men's Club met and discussed activities for the warmer weather in the New York area we call home. This spring we hope to explore Ellis Island and the Immigration Museum. There also has been some interest in travel to the Touro Synagogue to view the synagogue built in 1763 in Newport, Rhode Island which is the oldest synagogue building still standing in the U.S.

Other novel suggestions included; hosting a casino night with adult games of chance and the opportunity to win cash prizes. In the past, the synagogue had been open to hosting outsiders from the community for an evening of excitement, gambling, and fun. A boat ride up the Hudson River as a family outing was suggested. The idea for driving up to West Point on July 4th to participate in their musical concert, as a picnic outing and inviting the members of the Jewish War veterans to participate along with the congregants of Shaarey Israel was proposed.

Since March has begun we hope you all have purchased chances to participate in our Calendar Sweepstakes. The drawings began on March 1st and continue until June 30, 2019. You still have multiple chances of winning as all numbers entered into the Calendar Sweepstakes, get placed back into the daily drawing, for an additional chance in the next day's draw. The cost for multiple chances to win cash is a mere \$10.00 per number. It's a great gift for yourself, your family, your loved ones and you can even encourage your co-workers, or social contacts to participate. Remember, *You Must Be In it, To Win It.* Talk to Red or Marv to purchase additional numbers.

In March we encourage all our friends that the Yom Hashoah, Yellow Candle is

a fitting way to remember the Six Million in each of our homes. We remember those millions who we lost in the Holocaust and encourage everyone to buy a Yom Hashoah, Yellow Candle. We light the Yellow Yahrzeit Candle on the 27th of Nissan which this year corresponds with the evening of Wednesday, May 1st. We ask each of you to be a part of this Yellow Candle Project and buy and light a Yellow Yahrzeit candle. We sell the candles in denominations of \$18 and transform memory into meaning.

The Men's Club annually hosts the breakfast for the Feast of the First Born, the last opportunity for our congregants to eat chumatz on the morning before Pesach commences. This year this breakfast will take place on April 19th as the First Seder will take place that evening. Uneaten bagels, egg salad, and tuna fish get donated to Meals On Wheels for we don't wish to throw away any chumatz.

The Men's Club has locked in a date for Myron Sugerman, author of *The Last Jewish Gangster* He will talk about being an orthodox Jew and also a noted racketeer. Save the Date. We will be hosting a breakfast program on Sunday, June 30th. We need you to help us as we really want a large and engrossed audience, for he is a fascinating speaker and this event should not be missed.

One more exciting program where the date has been confirmed is a trip to The Museum of Jewish Heritage. We will be travelling down to this Museum as a group We will be provided a guided tour to see an exhibition that features artifacts never before seen in North America. The program we will be participating in is entitled *Auschwitz, Not Long Ago, Not Far Away.* We will tell you much more about it in the coming months.

Won't you join us at our upcoming meetings? All men are invited to come to our scheduled meetings on the first Monday of each month. We need your help in planning and participating in the activities proposed and other activities you might like to propose. Let me take this opportunity to remind the men of the congregation, of the importance of helping out with your annual dues of \$36.00. Thanks for your support. The Men's Club appreciates your involvement.



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However, in reading the article, the candidate talks about the need for openness amongst Jews about their own people and being more inclusive and open to how their fellow Jews express their religious beliefs. Her point was that religion doesn't exclude you from society and having different social views as well as wanting to be an active member of society. One of the most memorable quotes from the article that struck me, however, was when the candidate said "everyone wants a little Shabbat", they want to acknowledge their Judaism in their own way and not be judged about it. This is very true of our own Congregation and why we are so comfortable together, we celebrate Shabbat together every week and come to shul for various reasons but enjoy being together.

One of my favorite scenes in *Shtisel* is when the patriarch of the family gathers with his son's future in laws after a shiduch is made and the soon to be bride's father asks him to describe himself and his family. His answer is "I'm a simple Jew." That is all that he can come up with despite the fact that in reality he is not so simple and certainly being a Jew is not so simple. However, what a wonderful thought. Just to be "a simple Jew". We should all be left to enjoy, understand and take pride in who we are. Judaism is something special. It is a gift with which we have been bestowed. It is always with us whether it be good times or bad times. While I might get frustrated in the Evergreen parking lot, I certainly feel the connection with my fellow Jew and this show *Shtisel* brings comfort at 36,000 feet, watching what happens to this family who may not look like me, daven like me but in reality they are Jews, just like me. 

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Cordially Invite You to Attend  
*The Twenty Second Annual*  
**Israel, Pearl and Lila Stern Memorial Lecture**

Guest Speaker:  
**Mayor Michael Wildes**  
*Mayor of Englewood, New Jersey*  
and  
*Managing Partner of Wildes and Weinberg, P.C.*

Topic:  
**Jews and Immigration:**  
**Lessons from Biblical Joseph to the White House**

*Sunday Morning, April 7<sup>th</sup> 2019 @ 10:15 AM*

*Community Synagogue of Monsey*  
*89 West Maple Avenue*  
*Monsey, New York*

*Brunch following lecture*      *No Solicitation*

## Sisterhood Wishing Well



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## PURIM, 2019

Wednesday, March 20- 5:38 am-7:36 pm,  
Fast of Esther

Wednesday, evening March 20 at 6:30pm,  
Megillah reading

Please join us after the Megillah reading  
for our  
**Annual Purim Party**

Thursday morning, March 21 at 7:00 am,  
Megillah reading



### SHALACH MANOS IS COMING.



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## 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: 6:30 pm



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

Sandra Chaitin

# CHAI LIGHTS

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Danielle Amona  
Eden Amona  
Bridget Bekker  
Eric Bell  
Shlomy Goldberger  
Sophie Olivia Green  
Eric Frankel  
Eric Wexler



## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

13 Bruce & Jeryl Weinfeld  
17 Stan & Toby Cherney  
19 Sandy & Beverley Fried  
23 Ludovic & Magda Goldstein  
25 David & Natalie Cohen  
28 Michael & Lauri Bernstein

## Mazel Tov to...

Evie Maher on the birth of her granddaughter,  
Amalia Sofia

Danny & Sheri Kwilecki on the birth of their  
grandson and to David & Ilana Kwilecki on  
the birth of their great-grandson,  
Dax Isaiah Byrne

## Thank you...

We would like to thank all our friends at  
Congregation Shaarey Israel who sent us well-  
wishes on the birth of our great grandson,  
Dax Isaiah Byrne.

Wishing all a Happy and Sweet Passover.

Ilana & David Kwilecki

Wow! We are at it again...another year for the  
Men's Club Calendar Sweepstakes.

Winners of previous  
years' sweepstakes were  
happy and surprised to  
receive a check in the  
mail. Buy a ticket for  
your children and  
grandchildren and they  
too might be surprised if  
they get a check in the  
mail.



Please send in a form  
and check to our friend,  
Red.



## Welcome to Our New Members...

David & Irit Pinkus  
Daughters: Adeya, Yirshalem & Anael



**THE CALENDAR  
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**YA GOTTA BE IN IT TO  
WIN IT!**

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In honor of Elly Egenberg, C.S.I's, Israel Bonds

Lila Stern Premiere Brunch honoree

Marsha & Gary Forman

Red Avner

Robin & Barry Haberman

Beth & Jonathan Meister

Mara Lewin & Lew Glantz

In honor of Charna Weissman, Jewish

Federation's Israel Bonds Lila Stern Premiere

Brunch honoree

Red Avner

Robin & Barry Haberman

Beth & Jonathan Meister

Rona & Carl Paley

Mimi & Sy Marenberg

Speedy recovery to Harry Kaner

Renee & Al Weiner

In memory of Leo Lichtenstein & Betty

Guethermann

Peggy & Ed Krupnik

In memory of Arden Cohen

Jules Stern

In memory of Lila Stern

Red Avner

Speedy recovery to Joan Cohen

Magda & Ludovic Goldstein

In honor of the birth of Dax Isaiah

Red Avner

Robin & Barry Haberman

Beth & Jonathan Meister

Mara Lewin & Lew Glantz

In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Charna & Bill

Weissman's granddaughter

Mara Lewin & Lew Glantz

### *Debra Ann Harbus Memorial Fund*

In memory of Hilda Luria

Pearl & Lenny Harbus

In memory of our daughter Debra Ann

Pearl & Lenny Harbus

In memory of my father David Lober

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In memory of Paula & Otto Lichtenstein

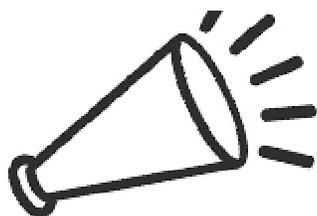
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### *Prayer Book Fund*

In memory of Bill Farber

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## Israeli Dancing led by Karin Sach



**Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the Ballroom**

**Call the office for more info:  
845-369-0300**

## MATZOH BREI RECIPE

*It's never too early to plan for Passover.*

*Here is Dr. Morty Julius' special Matzoh Brei recipe.*



1. Wash hands and soak matzoh for 1 minute in room temperature water. Remove and place on perforated paper towel.
2. Crumble matzoh by hand into asymmetrical pieces; place on perforated paper towel but not in fluorescent light.
3. Scramble 2 chicken eggs (uncooked) and add 1-2 ounces of milk per egg (if not lactose intolerant).
4. Soak matzoh segments in egg mixture for approximately 90 seconds.
5. Preheat frying pan (handle preferred); add oil or butter of your choice (no motor oil).
6. Remove matzoh segments from mixture and drop into pan from a height of 6-9 inches. If it does not sizzle, make sure your gas has not been disconnected by O&R.
7. Keep little children or dwarfs at least 3 feet away.
8. Preheat dinner size plates (not paper), salt to taste and serve with sugar, jam, syrup, etc.
9. Add sardines if you're of Polish ancestry.
10. Enjoy and don't forget to floss!

Dear Members,

It has come to our attention that we are missing a Shiva Kit. It is a black case on wheels containing prayer books.

Can you kindly check your hall closets, garages, even trunks of your cars to see if you possibly forgot to return it to the synagogue after the Shiva period was over.

If by chance you do have it, please call the office to notify Peggy.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Jonathan Meister  
President

**Congregant of the Month:**  
**Mark Pfeffer "Three Degrees of Separation"**  
**by Julie Feldman**

Mark Pfeffer, President of the Men's Club, has many, many connections to Congregation Shaarey Israel and its predecessor, Monsey Jewish Center. And if Mark didn't know you from way back, he is certainly your friend now. He truly personifies the saying, "A stranger is only a friend you haven't met yet."

**JF:** Where did you grow up?

**MP:** I grew up in the northeast Bronx in the Boston Post Road-Eastchester Road area. My family went to the Jewish Center of Violet Park and my brother and I were Bar Mitzvah'd there. I grew up knowing Fred Newmark and later Bill Farber from the neighborhood.

**JF:** Tell me about your family.

**MP:** I have one brother who is three years older than I am. He was a physicist working for the Army and Department of Defense.

**JF:** Tell me about your career path and why you chose it.

**MP:** I went to college and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and went into teaching. I first taught 5th and 6th grade in the South Bronx. Roberta and Marvin Lieman also taught at this school. After a while of observing other professionals in the school, I thought that going into Guidance Counseling would be a good thing to do. I got my master's degree in Guidance and then became a School Psychologist. After working in the New York City schools for a few years, I joined New York State as a school psychologist working with adults with developmental disabilities. I worked at Letchworth Village for a time, and later worked for a private, not-for-profit agency in Westchester that also provided services for adult consumers, as we call them now.

**JF:** If you didn't end up doing that, what would you have done?

**MP:** Well, I was always interested in biology and zoology, but I didn't want to tackle organic chemistry!

**JF:** What are your hobbies?

**MP:** I like to read, garden and travel, but I don't like to travel by myself, so that makes it a little difficult.

**JF:** Tell me about a life-defining moment.

**MP:** Well, it really isn't a moment. I am just following in my parent's involvement in Jewish life by being involved in the social aspects of the synagogue. That's why I have taken on the Men's Club presidency (but I'd be willing to step aside if anyone wants to take it over), and I'm very interested in developing social activities for the membership.

**JF:** What made you decide on MJC/CSI?

**MP:** I knew about Monsey Jewish Center even before my wife Glenda and I moved to Rockland County. A cousin of Glenda's (Norman Michaels) was a member and had Bar Mitzvahs for his sons in the synagogue and we attended them.

We moved to Rockland almost 42 years ago, just before the birth of our first child. Glenda was a distant relative of Marty Goldstein, and he very kindly arranged for me to have an Aliyah after my son's birth...even though it was during the High Holy Days! We felt that the shul and everyone in it was very nice, and of course we really liked Rabbi Chanofsky. We became involved in the social life of the synagogue and were part of the Chai groups (group Gimmel, I believe). Red and Cynthia Avner and Bert and Eileen Bernstein were part of that group, too.

**JF:** Please sum up your philosophy of life for us.

**MP:** Be very kind, compassionate, listen to others and don't be judgmental.





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**7:30 - 9:00 pm**

**Jean Gastfriend, Leader**

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Montebello, NY**

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Welcome**

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\$3 donation to Synagogue

For Additional information  
Contact: Jean Gastfriend (201)690-6843  
CSI (18 Montebello Rd. Montebello, NY)

### 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: 6:30 pm

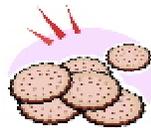


### *DONOR CARDS*

3 for \$10/\$4.00 for Esther  
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Contact: Esther Ingber  
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### **RHODA BLOOM KOSHER FOOD PANTRY**



CSI is collecting cookies  
for the food pantry

Call Sandra Chaitin 845-727-4199



### *Forever Young Seniors*

meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday  
of each month

For information on events  
call: Barbara Kleinman  
352-0315



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## Gates of Zion Cemetery



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**[gatesofzioncemetery@gmail.com](mailto:gatesofzioncemetery@gmail.com)**

Are you interested in  
joining a  
book discussion group?



CSI's book discussion  
group meets about every  
six weeks on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.  
If you enjoy reading and discussing books of  
Jewish nature come participate.

If you are interested please RSVP to:  
Bobbie Goldstein 201-746-0723 or  
Paulette Frankel 845-641-1298



<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>
1	Ann'y Shabbot & Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
1	Shabbot Across America Dinner	Multipurpose Rm	7:00 pm	Evie Maher
2	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
4	Men's Club Board	Room 2	7:00 pm	Mark Pfeffer
5	Rabbi's Class	Room 2	7:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
5	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
6	Forever Young Seniors	Multipurpose Rm	11:00 am	Barbara Kleinman
6	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
7	Sisterhood Board Meeting	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Audrey Meister
8	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
9	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
9	Wine & Cheese Pairing	Multipurpose Rm	7:00 pm	Paulette Frankel
12	Rabbi's Class	Room 2	7:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
12	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
13	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
14	Sisterhood Program	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Louisa Depaola
15	Services	Sanctuary	6:30 pm*	Rabbi Weinbach
16	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
19	Rabbi's Class	Room 2	7:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
19	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
20	Forever Young Seniors	Multipurpose Rm	11:00 am	Barbara Kleinman
20	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
22	Services	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
23	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
23	Military Bridge	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Sisterhood/Mem's Club
26	Rabbi's Class	Room 2	7:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
26	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
27	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
28	Board Of Trustees	Room 2	7:30 pm	Jack Perel

\*Daylight Saving Time Begins on Sunday, March 10th  
 Friday evening services will begin at 6:30 pm starting Friday, March 15th

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