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Recently I was asked, "Why can't Rosh Hashanah fall out on the same date every year? It would make things so much easier, Rabbi." Excellent question, and as we answer it we will find out that in some ways the Rabbis have in fact made remembering when Rosh Hashanah is a bit easier.

Let's start with 1+1 equals some confusion. There are two primary factors that determine our calendar, and it is the odd dance between the two that makes our holiday dates so variable.

Factor One: Unlike our secular calendar of 365 days, which is based on the solar year of 365.25 days, the Jewish year consists of 12 lunar months. Each lunar month is almost exactly 29 ½ days, so a complete lunar year is 354 days long.

Factor Two: The Torah commands us to observe Passover in the spring.

What's the confusion? Because the lunar year is 11 days shorter than the solar year, left unchecked, each year Passover would drift earlier in the calendar at a rate of 11 days. For example, if in year one Passover was on April 20, it would be on April 9 the following year, March 30 the year after that, and eventually would end up on March 19, which is before the spring equinox. But Passover must be

observed in the spring!

The Solution: From time to time an additional month, known as the second Adar, is added to the calendar. By adding a 30-day month, the 11 day drift to earlier in the year is now reversed for that year, which ends up being 19 days later on the secular calendar. For example, if in year one Passover was on April 1 and an extra month is added, the next year Passover would be on April 20. Such a

year is known as a leap year in the Jewish calendar (a leap year in the secular calendar has a similar purpose, namely adjusting for a drift of a quarter day every four years so as to maintain the alignment of the calendar). By adding an extra month in 7 of every

19 years, the holidays will always fall out in their proper season. However, as a result Rosh Hashanah or any other holiday can never fall out on the same date year after year.

So how did the Rabbis make remembering when Rosh Hashanah is any easier? The original system of determining when a month began was based on the observation of the crescent moon and subsequent testimony of its appearance at the Temple. Over time, as the precise astronomical calculations became known to the Rabbis, the

Respectfully Yours...

from the desk of

Rabbi Weinbach

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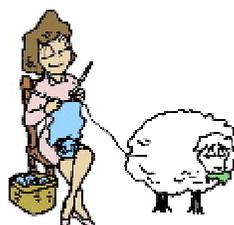
From the Editor's Desk...

Now that summer is behind us it is time to focus on the High Holidays and all that Congregation Shaarey Israel has to offer. Aside from Shabbos services and daily morning and evening minions there are many weekly classes offered by Rabbi Weinbach. Cantor Bazian has his Talmud and Cholent classes on Shabbos mornings after services. There is an Israeli Dance Class and a Jewish Appreciation class as part of Adult Education. We are looking forward to growing our Hebrew School as well. Sisterhood and Men's Club are always looking for interesting programs and activities to involve our congregants.

Take advantage of the goings-on at CSI, get involved. Let's see you at some of these functions. Don't just attend High Holiday services. Make CSI a part of your life, you'll be glad you did!

*L'Shana Tova from
my house to yours.*

SHALOM



Roberta



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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jonathan Meister

Four and a half years ago I walked into Congregation Shaarey Israel on Montebello Road for the first time. I wasn't interested in joining a synagogue, I was simply looking for a *minyán* to say *Kaddish* for my father. The first people I encountered were Billy and Sam Bradin. Billy and Sam had both known my father for years. Sam sold him his **NY Times** every day and conversed with him in Yiddish on a regular basis. Sam was also responsible for selling me (actually my parents), every Matchbox car I ever owned. Billy knew my father from his days in *Ulpan* at 515 Park Avenue, the former home of the Jewish Agency for Israel in NY before he made *aliyah*. I never really knew Billy but I had always known that my father attended the bris of Sam's grandson/Billy's first born son, Yonatan in Israel. There was an immediate and real connection.

I have always been taught that *Kaddish* has nothing to do with death. Rather it is about praising G-d and looking forward. In the months that followed my first footsteps into Shaarey Israel I noticed how my life was moving forward. I tried to attend *minyán* at least once a day and was coming on *Shabbat* on a regular basis. This was a big step for the son of a Rabbi who for years did not have much interest in setting foot in any shul. You never know what will bring you back in. Within months I was coming to shul not because I had to say *Kaddish* but rather because I wanted to be with the people who I befriended and with whom I now have a true bond and friendship. Why did I continue coming on a daily basis? It wasn't about a sense of guilt that I had to say *Kaddish*. Rather it was about finding not just a place of comfort but finding a place of meaning and a "new home."

Rabbi Weinbach who has been with us for a little more than one glorious year has preached since the beginning that what we have at Shaarey Israel is "something special." While I can not always pinpoint exactly how to describe this I

know what "it" is and those of you who attend services on a regular basis know as well. The fact that you are taking the time to read **The Scroll** and this article means that you the reader has similar feelings.

Our shul is something special and we know it. It was neither my vision nor my intention four and a half years ago to become President of our shul. However, I am honored to have taken the position and hope to rise to the challenge of leading this proud Congregation. I want to thank my predecessor Bill Bradin for his service as well as Mimi Marenberg, our immediate past Chair of the Board for her service and years of dedication to our shul. I would also be remiss if I did not mention Red Avner whose seat I reluctantly took on the *bimah* for the last year or so. To me Red is our shul mascot and is irreplaceable. Billy, Red and Mimi have served as invaluable resources for me personally in the last two years and I owe them a debt of gratitude. There are many other people to thank for their help and insight these last few years leading up to my taking this post. They are too numerous to name, but I know where to find them if they are not in their seats on *Shabbat* after the *Haftorah*.

This job is not an easy one and it has many challenges. The biggest challenge is to ensure that our Congregation moves forward. The reality is that we are facing a demographic challenge all around us in the sense of religion in our community, an aging Congregation and the need for fiscal discipline. Despite these challenges however we are thriving. We are thriving because we are able to offer the services to our Congregants that we always have since the day the doors of 18 Montebello Road were opened. It is because we are surrounded by people with commitment. A commitment to our shul whether it be to the daily *minyán* or to attending a class, attending a program or being here on *Shabbat* and or a Holiday.

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THE CANTOR'S CLOUD by Cantor Menachem Bazian Responsibilities



Welcome to a new **Scroll** year. Once again, the summer is entering its second half. *Tisha B'Av* is a recent memory and once again the High Holidays are looming larger and larger in the calendar. I am already reviewing the *Selichot* service with *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* soon to follow.

I like to start out the year with an upbeat article but I have to admit that events over the last month have cast a pall and the messages screaming in the back of my mind are too loud to ignore.

Barely a week ago, we observed the saddest day in the year, *Tisha B'Av*. To say I hate that day is an understatement. It is a day of bitter memories and tears. The words of the prophet Jeremiah echo in my mind on that day. "For these things do I weep, My eyes flow with tears: Far from me is any comforter Who might revive my spirit; My children are forlorn, For the foe has prevailed." (Lamentations 1:16). So many horrible things happened on that day over the course of our history that it is the kind of day that I wish the calendar would just skip over. It's not the fasting that bothers me, it is the simple vision of millions of our people who died either on that date or because of events that occurred on that date.

Tisha B'Av is not just the date of ancient tragedies. It has been an unending series of disasters for our people. The expulsion from Spain in 1492 happened on *Tisha B'Av*. Germany declared war on Russia in World War I (which set the stage for World War II) on *Tisha B'Av*. The first transports from Warsaw to the Treblinka death camp began on *Tisha B'Av*.

Leading up to *Tisha B'Av* is a time known as "The Three Weeks." This period marks a time when the mourning of the tragedies that have befallen our people begins, increasing in severity

with *Tisha B'Av*.

Why do we bother to remember all these tragedies? "Why," as a friend of mine once asked, "can't we just move on?" Why do we dwell on the catastrophes of the past? Isn't it better to leave them in the past and concentrate on the blessings of the present?

I would agree that merely dwelling on past misfortunes would be a bad thing if that is all we did or if the remembrance did not have a purpose. But it has a crucial purpose: to remind us of past mistakes and to guide us to better actions and decisions.

Our sages teach us that the first temple was destroyed because of the cardinal sins of murder, idolatry and immoral behaviour. During the second temple, these sins were not the problem. Why then was it destroyed? Because of baseless hatred and to teach us that the sin of baseless hatred is the equivalent of those three cardinal sins.

When we look at the world around us, we see movements growing that propose to fight hatred and bigotry in all its forms. Organizations that are truly trying to achieve this are worthy of support. To be a Torah believing Jew requires that we fight for civil rights for all.

We have also learned to our sorrow, however, that too often "hatred and bigotry in all its forms" does not seem to apply when we Jews are the subject of those unwanted attentions. In one example, a Chicago parade marching to protect the civil rights of gay people practiced outright bigotry against Jews when Jewish marchers were not allowed to march because of the Israeli Flag they carried. Other organizations that claim to support civil rights for all have signed on

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with vicious anti-Israel platforms claiming that Israel perpetrates genocide.

I wish I could say that we Jews were perfect. History has shown clearly that this is not the case. One has only to look at the three weeks and the articles of improper dealings in a southern Jersey community to be reminded once again that perfection still eludes us. Sometimes, when people look at us and say "we don't want you here," there is an element to their fear that I can understand. When we look at what has happened in our own Rockland County over the last several decades, we can see why people may not want to see their pastoral communities transformed as Monsey was.

But there is no excuse for anti-semitism. There is no excuse to say "We don't want Jews here." That is a hateful comment that should be relegated to the ash heap of a bygone history. One can be inclusive and yet protect their own rights as well.

To our shame, though, it does not end there. You see, we Jews are blessed and cursed at the same time. As people given the gift of learning Torah, we are encouraged to look at all sides of an issue. Talmud is replete with arguments where the differences in logic differ minutely and yet show vastly different results. That is both our blessing and our curse. Yes, we should look at all sides of an issue and we should be honest enough with ourselves to be able to call ourselves out when we are wrong. But we can never, ever, forget that we are all Jews. At the end of the day, as Ethics of the Father teaches us, we are responsible for each other. We are all one *mishpocha*.

There are no accidents in the Jewish calendar. I believe that *Tisha B'Av* comes a mere 7 weeks before *Rosh Hashana* to remind us how important it is that we embrace our fellow Jews. When they are wrong, we should do what we can to show

them the error of their ways but we can never separate ourselves from "them." We can never forget that there is no "us" vs "them." We are all one people with one G-d.

Rabbi Weinbach, in a recent sermon, stated that the point of the Shema Yisrael was not a statement of faith but of love. To be a Jew is to practice love for each other. When we do not, nothing else can really matter. We must embrace all Jews even if they do not return the courtesy. We cannot control what others do, we can only control what we do.

There is a famous story in the Talmud (Tractate Shabbat, page 31a):

"There was an incident involving one gentile who came before Shammai and said to Shammai: Convert me on condition that you teach me the entire Torah while I am standing on one foot. Shammai pushed him away with the builder's cubit in his hand. This was a common measuring stick and Shammai was a builder by trade. The same gentile came before Hillel. He converted him and said to him: That which is hateful to you do not do to another; that is the entire Torah, and the rest is its interpretation. Go study."

Let us all strive to learn the lessons of Hillel in this New Year's season. If we can accomplish love, we will have accomplished everything.

Chana and I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous new year!

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

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SISTERHOOD MESSAGE

Julie Feldman, President

Sisterhood of Congregation Shaarey Israel
What I Did on My Summer Vacation
(or, with apologies to Mark Twain, "Julie Abroad")
by Julie Feldman, President, Sisterhood

I'm telling you in advance: this article has nothing in it about Sisterhood. I know you'll miss the usual information, but please, DON'T CRY!

I went on a cruise in the Adriatic and Aegean seas, starting and ending at Venice. As many of you know, I love cruising. It's so easy. Unpack once, see many cities. There are lots of new people to meet and talk with, and some even speak various forms of English.

We went first to Kotor, Montenegro, (a city on the edge of the sea, backed by steep mountains). Next stop was Corfu, Greece. Corfu is one of Greece's larger "small" islands and it is closer to Albania than to the Greek mainland. The only way to get to and from Corfu is by ferry, which the natives feel is very backward. They should be careful what they wish for. In the late 19th century, eucalyptus and kumquat trees were introduced to Corfu and grow very well there. There is now a well-developed industry in products made from Kumquat, including a delicious sweet liqueur.

Next stop was fabled Santorini, (a city on the edge of the sea, backed by steep mountains). These mountains are so steep, that you must take a funicular about a third of the way up, before you can take the road which is a very steep, switch-back affair that didn't look at all inviting to me. I stayed on the boat. That was Wednesday. On Thursday, we docked in the harbor of Mykonos (which I can now pronounce like Nia Vardalos). I did get off there and toured the island. Mykonos is one of the smaller of the small islands. It used to be very poor, but then Madonna, Jay Z and Beyoncé and the rest of the glitterati discovered it, and now the natives can't afford to live there anymore. Fun fact: the reason houses on Mykonos and other Greek islands are white is because they used to be painted yearly with whitewash, which provides disinfection properties to the walls. The Greek government passed a sanitary law requiring the houses to be whitewash before the advent of modern antibiotics. It is no longer

required, but people continue to paint the houses white anyway, only now with modern paint, which lasts much longer.

Friday, we went back up north and reached Dubrovnik, Croatia, (a city on the edge of the sea, backed by steep mountains). Supposedly, it is a beautiful Medieval city, but it was a short stop and I didn't take a tour.

I then spent two days outside of Venice. Ahhh, Venice. Even though it is becoming Disneyfied, everyone should see Venice once. I unfortunately didn't get to the Jewish Ghetto, but Kathy Abrams who was there just shortly before I was, tells me that it was not as interesting as expected. I did see the famous Venetian glass blowing, where the guide tried to convince me to buy a \$5000 piece of art glass for my son who is a computer animator and artist. I may be an American, but I wasn't born yesterday. I love Michael, but a €35 hand-blown glass diffuser was what he got (and he loves it). I also saw Burano, the island famous for lace-making. I saw lace, but all of it was machine made (obviously, some people were born yesterday). I did have a lovely lunch of gnocchi é verduri (gnocchi with vegetables) and got to use the bathroom.

Speaking of bathrooms, the bathroom in the hotel I was at was...different. I expected the bidet (I still don't know how to use one, because in America we have bathtubs). The shower was just an area sectioned off from the rest of the bathroom by the shower curtain, because the entire floor was tile, and they put a drain in that part of it. But the funniest thing was the toilet. I know from my travels, that foreign toilets might be flushed by pressing a button on top of the tank or pulling on a chain if the tank is high up on the wall. In Italy, the tank seems to be embedded in the wall (Italian plumbers and contractors must make out very well). In this bathroom, there were two buttons embedded in the wall that were related to the toilet. The larger one, behind the fixture had a large sign in English on it; DO NOT PRESS. Alright... There was a small button in the wall next to the bowl that said in Italian, PRESS HERE. During the two days I was in the hotel, the toilet never flushed unless I pressed that button at least three times!

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I also learned how to use the Italian train system, which does run on time. I was staying 30 minutes outside of Venice and for €5.60, I got a round-trip second-class ticket. I learned how to validate the ticket (in this small station, everything was automated, and the machines can read out in English). However, it's a good thing I studied some Italian this past year, because Italian trains have no signs on them telling you where they're from and where they're going to. They don't even have the number of the train on them. You must listen to the announcement on the platform that

this is train number due cento due nove (or 229). Then you have to know that is the number of the train that will stop where you want to get off. Once you are on the train, you get a very comfortable seat. Being the good American that I am, the first day, I had my validated ticket already to give to the conductor who never came, because they could care less if they took the ticket. By the second day I was acting like a native. Forget signage! Forget having tickets, forget conductors! This is Italy!



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THE MEN'S CLUB MESSAGE...

Mark Pfeffer

The Men's Club welcomes you back from a hopefully restful summer.

We've missed not doing summer events and activities. An activity, we were looking forward to, never came to fruition, namely the Men's Club Baseball Night at Boulder Stadium. It was planned but never came about and will have to be rescheduled for a future time. This fall we have several new activities planned and are hopeful for an enthusiastic response. We'll reintroduce some of last year's programs as well as suggest some new ideas.

I'd like to comment on the sermon presented in the Synagogue, on a recent Shabbat. (August 12, 2017). The sermon addressed the need for Jews to love other Jews. I'd like to expand the idea for us Jews to love all of us, in our community. Compassion of all people is what is needed. The Men's Club is not about just helping the few people who come down as Men's Club Members. The Men's Club is working to bring about compassion to the entire community. The Men's Club is working on an upcoming event in November, where we will host a Blood Drive. Blood will be donated by anyone able to donate blood, and will be available to anyone who has a need to receive a pint of blood. We have good connections with Hudson Valley blood Services, and they will be at Shaarey Israel, to accept blood

from anyone who is healthy enough, and will guarantee it will get to whoever in the community has need of it. We're looking forward to accepting donations from the Volunteer Fire Dept., Paramedics, Police, as well as any member, family member, relative or friend able to give. That is the definition of compassion: caring for those who need assistance, and helping all who need the help. Caring for others is what Men's Club strives to achieve.

Last year the Men's Club manned a booth at Montebello Day 2016, where we gave out donuts to all who came by. If we are able, we'll do it again this year. The reason for manning a booth is to show the community we are proud to be a part of them, and are glad the community sees us as good neighbors and appreciates our participation. We welcome everyone to join us in having a donut, and they are letting us know that we are welcomed, and we are thankful to be building good relationships and show everyone we care about where we live and worship. Compassion is a two way street, for "little deeds of kindness, little words of love, make our earth an Eden, liken the heaven above." (*Julia Abigail Carney, 1845*).

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. May this year bring you and your family much joy, good health, and happiness. L'Shana Tovah. 

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importance of the witnesses became secondary to those calculations.

In the fourth century of the common era the Rabbis in Israel fixed the calendar to the 19 year cycle we have today, which makes it possible to know many years in advance when holidays (or a bar or bat mitzvah) will fall out. As part of the process of fixing the calendar the Rabbis wished to solve two practical problems that affected Jewish observance. The first problem was having Yom Kippur fall out on a Friday or Sunday, which would result in two consecutive days when no labor or food preparation would be permitted. The second problem is having Hoshanah Rabbah (the seventh day of Sukkot) fall on the Shabbat, which would eclipse the major observance of that day's holiday. To fix these problems the rabbis adjusted the calendar in such a way where Rosh Hashanah never falls out on a Sunday, Wednesday or Friday. Besides making observance easier, we now have a 25% chance of knowing which day of the week Rosh Hashanah will fall!

There are many more fascinating features to our Jewish calendar, and in our Tuesday night Torah class we recently finished a two-session presentation about it. If you have found this article interesting, you can visit our website at www.shaareyisraelrockland.com and listen to recordings of the two classes.

My wife Yocheved and I look forward to spending the holiday season together with you. I look forward to greeting you on Rosh Hashanah.

Wait, Rabbi! What date did you say that is?



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A commitment by a dedicated and learned clergy in the form of our wonderful Rabbi Weinbach and Cantor Bazian (and just as important their wives and children).

As we approach the New Year of 5778 to me it is a year of hope. I still look back on my first steps into the shul with a smile in seeing two faces that were a part of my youth and a connection to my father. I think about how much I've enjoyed being a member of Shaarey Israel and now how proud I am to be its President.

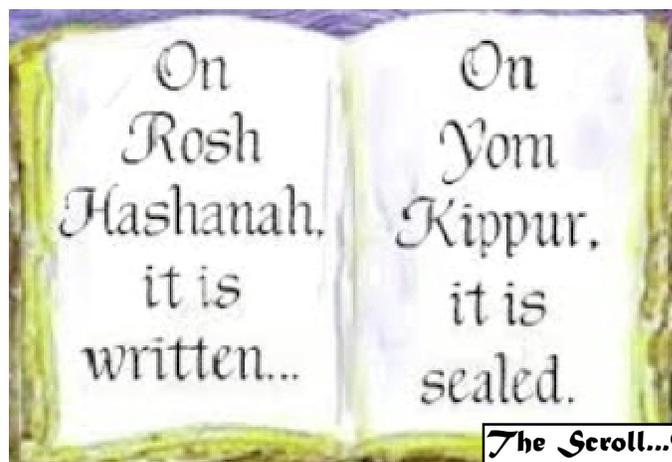
I also am excited about what is to come. I say this because things are happening and you will see this in the New Year. Our building is alive, it is open 365 days a year and there is a spirit within that stands as our testament to our belief in the Jewish people and Love of G-d. Members of our Congregation, particularly our Board of Trustees, are hard at work to ensure that our glorious past as a Congregation leads to an equally and hopefully more glorious future.

On behalf of my wife Beth and I, we would like to wish the Congregation a Happy and Healthy New Year. I look forward to personally greeting each and every one of you during the upcoming High Holiday Season and may we all be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life.



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These are the winners for **June 2017**. You can still join. Drawings through June.

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12	Sheila & Dan Goldman	166	14
13	Marsha & Gary Forman	5	25
14	Red Avner	203	18
15	Neil Kaplicer	113	14
16	Barbara Weisel	157	18
18	Carl & Rona Paley	177	14
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26	Eleanor & Paul Donath	22`	14
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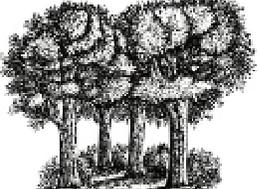
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<p><u>Update your aliyah card info</u> Contact the office with up-dates</p>	<p><u>Going Green</u> In an effort to reduce costs and save the environment, CSI will be reducing the number of mailings. If you have e-mail, please notify the office to receive flyers on line. Only those without e-mail will receive "regular" mail.</p> 		 <p>CSI office 845-369-0300 <u>CSI website:</u> shaareyisraelrockland.org</p> <p style="text-align: right;">The Scroll...11</p>



Dear Members of Shaarey Israel:

The Men's Club invites all of the men of Congregation Shaarey Israel to join us by becoming members of our Men's Club. Your participation and involvement in our vibrant organization is urgently needed and all men are invited and encouraged to join our exciting organization.

Some of the ways that the Men's Club of Shaarey Israel enriches our synagogue is by supporting our Hebrew School through the Yellow Candle project you generously contributed to. A portion of the profits went to our Hebrew School, while the other half went to the Holocaust Museum. We serve the Congregation in many supporting roles, hosting a variety of activities that are educational, informative, and entertaining. Our breakfast programs, such as on Mother's Day, serve a social need, as well as provide an instructive and enlightening experience. We act as ushers for the High Holidays, host the Siyum for the first born before Passover, help support our Congregation with an annual contribution and more. Our activities benefit the Shul and the community. We also include our youth in meaningful programs.

Our Men's Club is here for everybody, but we cannot continue without your help. Please support the Men's Club and become active. We welcome your support, your membership, and your ideas.

Our Annual Dues are \$36.

New Members to CSI: If you joined in 2017 your membership is free for the first year.

Mark Pfeffer,
Men's Club President

Please complete this form and send your \$36 dues check payable to:

Congregation Shaarey Israel Men's Club (please note in the memo Men's Club Dues)

Send to CSI, 18 Montebello Road, Montebello, NY 10901

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

CHAI LIGHTS

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ryan Amona
Nikki Bezborodko
Gilam Choclin
Shawn Gombas



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

3 Al & Renee Weiner
5 Hy & Lenore Davis
7 Jason & Danit Feldman
8 Stanley & Sheila Solomon
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12 Eric & Michele Dubbs
15 Jack & Marilyn Schiffman
22 Jules & Lila Stern
22 Herman & Paula Berzon
23 Dr. Roman & Naira Izamailov
23 Irwin & Judith Silberman



MAZEL TOV ON THE MARRIAGE OF...

Robin and Barry Haberman's son,
Daniel to Katya Haratonik

MAZEL TOV TO...

Tamar & Marsel Amona on the Bar Mitzvah of
their son, Darren
Charna & Bill Weissman on the Bar Mitzvah of
their grandson, Jarrett Lazarus
Elaine & Al Bernstein on the Bar Mitzvah of
their grandson Ethan Tyler Bernstein
Rabbi David & Leah Chanofsky on the
engagement of their grandson, Ilan Elkobi to
Jaimee Edwards.

MAZEL TOV ON THE BIRTH OF...



Mark Pfeffer's new
granddaughter

WELCOME NEW MEMBER...

Harold Greenhut
Sam & Susan Farber



Three Cheers for the Graduate

Kenneth Bernstein, grandson of Elaine and Al,
has graduated from Hewlett High School in
Hewlett, NY, and is now attending the State
University of New York at Albany.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEB-SITE:

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Letters and Info of Note...

Thanks...

Oh what a night, oh what a shul, oh what a congregation

This almost says it all but not quite. June 11th was a night to remember for me, my family and those who came to honor me as aishes chayil. To share the evening with two wonderful friends, Sy and Mimi, to all who arranged this event, to my wonderful spiritual leaders Rabbi and Yocheved, Cantor and Chanala, thank you for enabling me to do the things I have done and will continue to do. Thank you to those who have sent me notes of love and congratulations.

With much love,
Lois

Dear Friends & Fellow Congregants at CSI,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your get well cards and phone calls wishing me a speedy recovery and your concern for when I'd be back at services. It's nice to know that many of you were interested in my well being and for that I am humbled.

Again I thank my extended CSI family for your good wishes.

Paul Chaitin

This year the following graduates of Congregation Shaarey Israel received a gift from the Debra Ann Harbus Memorial Fund. This fund was established in 1991 by Pearl and Lenny Harbus to honor and remember their daughter, Debra.

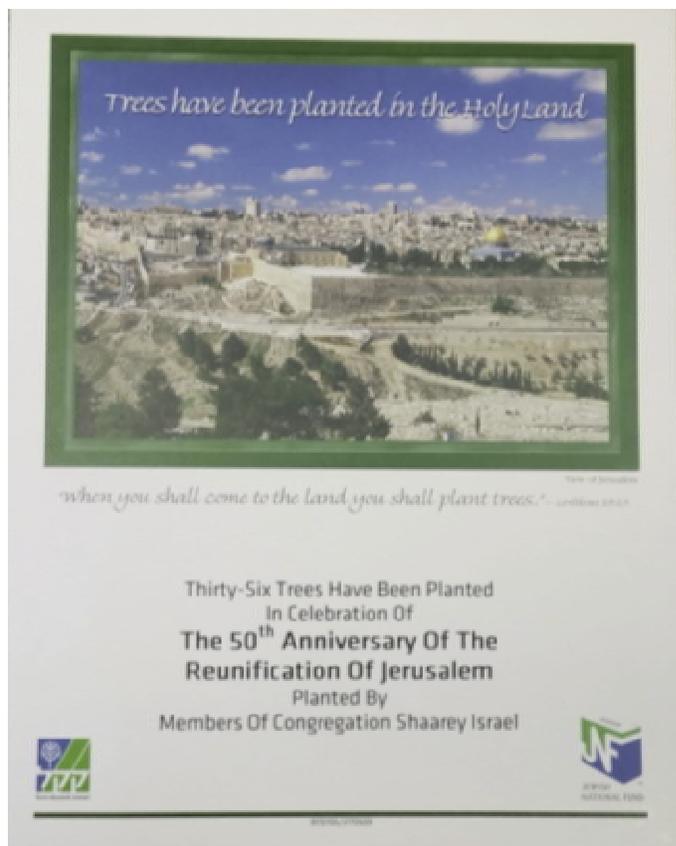
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The following CSI members participated in this project:

Rabbi Elchanan & Yocheved Weinbach

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Charles & Paulette Frankel

The Harbus Family

Jay & Susan Helfgott

Lenny & Dorothy Kroog

Bob & Diane Leifer

Marv & Roberta Lieman

The Meister Family

Henry & Irina Schwartzburg

Carl & Rona Paley

David & Sally Rubin-Richards

Norton & Dale Smith

Jules & Lila Stern

Stanley & Tobi Weisel

Bill & Charna Weissman

2017 HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES 5778

Selichos Services

Saturday night, September 16th - at midnight, until approx. 1:00 a.m. The program will begin at approx. 9:00 p.m. followed by a discussion and light refreshments. Dressing of the Torahs & Dedication of Memorial Plaques at 11:30 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Candlelighting

Wednesday, September 20 6:38 p.m.
Thursday, September 21 not before 7:35 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Days

Thursday & Friday, September 21 & 22

Services Start 8:00 a.m.
Torah Reading 9:15 a.m.
Sermon 10:00 a.m.
Shofar 10:15 a.m.
Musaf 10:45 a.m.
Conclusion 1:00 p.m.
Tashlich, Thursday, September 21 5:30 p.m.

Mincha

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
September 20, 21 & 22 6:30 p.m.

Yom Kippur Candlelighting

Friday, September 29 6:22 p.m.

Mincha & Kol Nidre

Friday, September 29 6:00 p.m.
Kol Nidre 6:15 p.m.

Yom Kippur--Saturday, September 30

Services Begin 9:00 a.m.
Torah Reading 11:00 a.m.
Sermon 11:30 a.m.
Yizkor 11:45 a.m.
Musaf 12:15 noon
Recess 3:00 p.m.
Mincha 4:30 p.m.
Neilah 5:45 p.m.
Conclusion & Shofar 7:15 p.m.

Followed by Maariv and Kiddush Levana

Please note: All times are approximate. The tallis is worn on Rosh Hashanah mornings, Kol Nidre evening, and all day Yom Kippur. We only have a limited number, if you have your own, please bring it.

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."



The High Holiday season will begin in mid-September. Now it is time to donate to our **Annual Kol Nidre Appeal**.

This is Congregation Shaarey Israel's Annual Fundraiser to support its programs for the coming year. We are excited about starting a New Year together and the future of our Congregation. The monies we raise supports the upkeep of our Synagogue and the many programs offered to our Congregants.

Our beautiful, uniquely designed Kol Nidre Board adjacent to the sanctuary will list the names of the donors to this important Annual Appeal.

Should you wish to donate anonymously your request will be honored.

Wishing all a Happy and Healthy 5778.

Kol Nidre Appeal

Donor Levels

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Montebello, NY 10901

Please indicate Kol Nidre Appeal on your check

The following Sisterhood tribute to the honorees was inadvertently omitted from the Journal--Ed.

Sisterhood of Congregation Shaarey Israel

It is with great pleasure that Sisterhood honors this year's honorees, because two of the three have long associations with us; Mimi Marenberg is a Past President and Lois Price has been involved with Sisterhood for many years, in many capacities.

Mimi's Sisterhood presidency took place just as we moved into our beautiful new building. She guided us as we settled in and as we learned to make the best use of our new accommodations. We would like to think that we were her "Proving Ground" and allowed the Congregation to see her as a potential President and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees. I would be remiss if I didn't mention all the support that Sy has given both to Mimi and the Synagogue. He has generously shared her with all of us, as well as making his voice heard when the proper moment arose.

What can I say about Lois (our "Mamele") that hasn't already been said? She is always the first to volunteer, no matter for what. The Congregation is always uppermost in her thoughts and many, many of us have been touched by her enormous heart. Starting back with Monsey Jewish Center, Lois has been front and center in Sisterhood. She's not only the epitome of an "Aishet Chayil", but our own Energizer Bunny, and we hope her batteries never wear out!

The Sisterhood of Congregation Shaarey Israel proudly salutes Mimi and Sy and Lois. May you continue to go from strength to strength and continue to be role models for all of us for many, many years to come.

Julie Feldman,

President, Sisterhood of Congregation Shaarey Israel



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In honor of Ditza & Bill Bradin for a job well done for all their years of service to C.S.I.

Lucille Wexler

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In memory of Saul Leff's sister Ruth Tolstoi

Peggy & Ed Krupnik

In honor of the marriage of Daniel Haberman to Katya Haratonik

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In honor of Lila & Jules Stern

Susan & Howard Gulker

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In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of our Grandson

Matthew Ingber

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In honor of our granddaughters Brianna & Adelina's Birthright Trip to Israel

Esther & Marty Ingber

Mazel Tov to Susan & Jay Helfgott on the sale of their home and on their move to a new residence!

Esther Ingber Realty & Family

Debra Ann Harbus Memorial Fund

In honor of Eileen & Jeff Pollack's grandchildren's graduations

Pearl & Lenny Harbus

In honor of Mimi & Sy Marenberg --Journal Dinner Honorees

Pearl & Lenny Harbus

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In honor of Lois Price--Woman of Valor
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In memory of Bunny Sperling
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Mazel Tov to Audrey Meister on her grandson
 Harry's graduation and son Jonathan's becoming
 President of CSI
 Pearl & Leonard Harbus

In memory of Shirley Lober
 Pearl & Leonard Harbus

In memory of Mildred Harbus
 Pearl & Leonard Harbus

In memory of Saul Leff's sister
 Pearl & Lenny Harbus

In memory of Debra Ann Harbus
 Pearl & Lenny Harbus

In honor of the birth of Mimi & Saul Leff's great
 granddaughter
 Pearl & Leonard Harbus

Wishing everyone at C.S.I. a happy and healthy
 New Year 5778
 Pearl & Leonard Harbus

Abe & Mildred Dworkin Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Mazel Tov to Marsel and Tamar Amona on the
 Bar Mitzvah of their son Darren
 Lois Price

Mazel Tov to Susan and Sam Farber on the birth
 of their granddaughter Scarlet
 Joyce Trubitz

Mazel Tov to Mark Pfeffer on the birth of his
 granddaughter Scarlet Glynn
 Joyce Trubitz
 Lois Price

Mazel Tov to Marcia Atkin on Sam's graduation
 from Suffern High School
 Joyce Trubitz

A full and speedy recovery to Elise Krakower
 Lois Price
 Joyce Trubitz

Wishing Bev and Sandy Fried all the best in their
 new home
 Lois Price

Speedy recovery to Paul Chaitin
 Lois Price
 Joyce Trubitz

Mazel-Tov to Bill and Chara Weissman on their
 grandson Jarrett's Bar-Mitzvah
 Lois Price

Condolences to Leida Scharf on the loss of her
 husband Irwin
 Michelle Trubitz

Susan and Jay Helfgott all the best in your new
 home
 Lois Price



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 accept your donation to one of our
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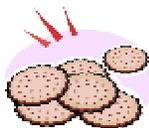
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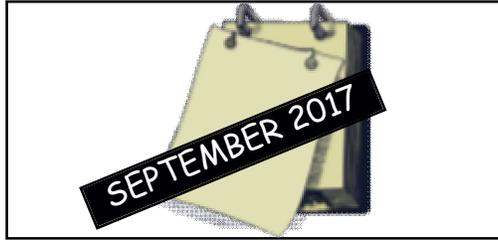
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Date	Event	Location	Time	Person Responsible
1	Services & Ann'y Shabbat	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
2	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
5	Men's Club Board	Rm 1	7:00 pm	Mark Pfeffer
5	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 am	Karin Sachs
6	Jewish Appreciation	Rm 2	7:30 pm	Lila Stern
6	Forever Young Seniors	Trip To Sands Casino		
7	Private Party	Multipurpose Rm	6:30 pm	Gulkowitz
8	Services	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
9	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
12	Private Room Rental (Challah Bake)			
12	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 am	Karin Sachs
13	Jewish Appreciation	Rm 2	7:30 pm	Lila Stern
15	Services	Sanctuary	6:30 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
16	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
16	Kiddush in Honor of Herman Berzons 90th Birthday & 60th Anniversary			
16	Selichos Program*		9:00 pm	
	Followed by Discussion and Light Refreshments; Dressing of the Torahs at 11:30 pm			
	Selichos Services	Sanctuary	12:00 Midnight	Rabbi Weinbach
25	Budget and Finance	Room 2	7:00 pm	Joe Moskovic
28	Board of Trustees	Room 2	7:30 pm	Jack Perel

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