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During the story of Joseph we see a drastic change take place in the brothers. Initially, they casually sold one of their brothers into slavery (Reuven tried to save him in a backhanded way), yet towards the end of the story Yehuda stands up to who he thinks is the assistant-pharaoh, putting himself in harm's way to save a different brother. What causes this extraordinary change?

What transforms the brothers from those who attempted to kill Joseph to those who would potentially be killed for the sake of Benjamin?

There is an oft overlooked verse that is the key moment of this transformation. After the famine intensifies "in all the land",

people from all over begin to head to Egypt to get food. In Genesis 42 we are told, "and Jacob saw that there was food in Egypt, and he said to his sons, "why do you delay?"

There are two questions on this verse. First, the question Yaakov asks his sons is very hard to understand. The Hebrew word transliterates as *tis-ra-oo*. The root of the word is *R.A.H.* (to see), conjugated uniquely in this verse – to what end? Second, though Yaakov continues speaking in the next verse, the text reintroduces the fact that he is speaking. Why does the text break up what seems to be a single monologue to his sons?

The medieval commentator Sforno offers a unique interpretation of this verse. As the famine intensified in the land, food became increasingly scarce. Every family began sending representatives down to Egypt to get sustenance. Every family except for Yaakov's.

Yaakov sees this lack of alarm amongst his

family and asks his sons: Why are you looking at each other, turning one to the other, each one hoping that his brother will volunteer to go. As the famine got worse and worse, it became the elephant in the room! Why are you each looking around, nobody willing to take the step forward and take responsibility for the family?! Yaakov stares into silence. This is why the next verse reintroduces his

speech - after an extended silence, he continues, bringing to life the real threat lurking in their complacency. But that harsh critique still stands- lamah titrau- why are you just standing there, looking at each other. Step up! Do something!

This passive group mentality is hauntingly reminiscent of the scene of the sale of Joseph. Most of the brothers are not actively involved, yet the text attributes their plan to kill Joseph and throw his body in a pit to all of them. They are all faceless participants except for Reuven, who does stand up and try to prevent the murder of Joseph but he does not fully speak in mind, rather suggesting the brothers let Joseph die passively in the pit. Upon reading how the brothers comply so willingly to Reuven's suggestion, one wonders if they might actually have agreed not to kill Joseph had Reuven actually spoken more strongly to protect him. It is the same unanimity that the brothers use to try and hide when the time comes to go to Egypt. If they are all one group, no single person needs to stand up and be responsible.

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Respectfully Yours...

from the desk of

Rabbi Weinbach

Channukah

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CANDLELIGHTING FOR...

DECEMBER 2020

Date	Light Candles	Shabbat Ends
4	4:10	5:15
11	4:10	5:15
18	4:12	5:17
25	4:15	5:20

*1st Chanukah candle Thursday evening,
December 10*

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From the Editor...

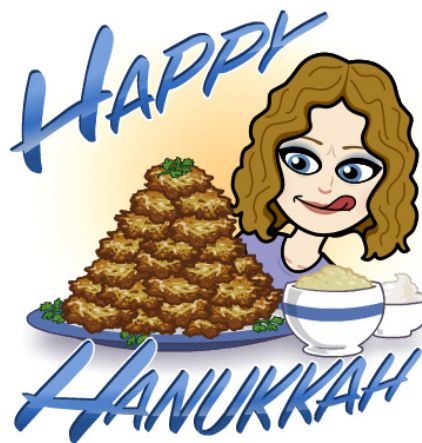
As I write this article, the number of Covid cases nationwide has skyrocketed.

What a year! I think the year 2020 should be erased from the history books. On every level there is not a person who has gone without feeling its effect whether having the virus, knowing someone who has suffered from the virus or having an unrelated medical problem. Needless to say how isolated many of us have felt as a result of social distancing and trying hard to avoid exposure. All I can say is that with 2021 approaching and a glimmer of hope on the horizon with a vaccine coming (if Dr. Fauci says it's OK, not Trump) I pray that all will be better for everyone.

Will we ever return to normal or will we be scarred by this forever? Only time will tell.

Please try to enjoy Chanukah limiting celebrations with family and social distancing and wearing masks with those you are with.

Roberta



Submissions for the January issue are due by December 20th. Please **promptly** send in any articles or flyers, via e-mail, to be included in the issue.--ED.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jonathan Meister

Tried to forget to write this last article of 2020 just as we would all like to forget 2020. However, Roberta Lieman constantly reminded me that this needed to be done. Thank you Roberta, for reminding me and for all you have done to keep our membership informed through **The Scroll**. The lesson in your reminders to me and in putting out **The Scroll** is that we are a community and despite the hardships of this past year, we strive to stay together as a community in any way we can and this will be one of the important reminders/lessons of 2020. In these most abnormal times your work and dedication to **The Scroll** has brought a sense of normalcy which is sorely absent.

It is Thanksgiving week as I write this and despite the misery of this year we still have that which to be thankful for in our Congregation. A great deal of thanks to our Rabbi and Cantor for producing daily services and Shabbat morning services whether they be in person or on line. We learned in 2020 new ways of praying together and while they are convenient and helpful, nothing will take the place of our normal Shabbat services which we hope to see in the New Year. We also must thank Peggy and Jennifer and Edwin and Chanel for keeping the shul functioning, again not in its normal manner but in any way it can. Bills have been paid, notices to the Congregation go out and the building is as immaculately maintained as ever.

We of course will have many images of this past year, most of which we will want to erase from memory. There are certain positive images though from the year which we must remember for they are a mark of our commitment. For those of you who have logged in online, there is the vision of the daily minyan taking place in the synagogue on Mondays and Thursdays as a sign of commitment. For those who come to shul on Shabbat, there is that hard core group of 20 or so people who strive to make Shabbat different from the routine of lockdown and serve as the "stand ins" for all those who

cannot attend for various reasons all of which are valid. Most importantly, there was the image of the High Holidays where we had 75+ people who stood together (socially distant and masked) to ensure that our Congregation served as a beacon of faith in this time of crisis and need.

One image that I must share from this year is this: Our sanctuary remains open all the way to the back with at least seven rows of pairs of seats throughout the ballroom. On each of those seats are a Siddur and a Chumash which has a great deal of significance. Those of you who have been to Israel may have heard and seen the hundreds of thousands if not millions of trees that have been planted throughout the land. One reason given for those trees is that they represent a place-hold for all of the Jewish people to come and stand in place of those trees when they are ready to do so. The chairs with prayer books in our open sanctuary represent something similar. They are simply a placeholder for all of you and they will be there for you when you return. We are still standing and hopefully in the upcoming year those special books will be in your hands as you sit in those seats.

Wishing everyone a happy and most importantly **healthy** 2021 as we look forward to seeing everyone as soon as possible.



Condolences to...

The family of our beloved member, Roz Ruhm.



THE CANTOR'S CLOUD by Cantor Menachem Bazian Comes the Holidays

DER CHAZZAN'S
CH' MAREH

There are certain things we Jews do well. We know how to mourn. We know how to celebrate. That's because our perspectives on both come from a source of great wisdom: the *Torah*.

This is the season for celebrations. I am writing this article a mere two days before Thanksgiving. I love Thanksgiving. Not just the food, although that is usually great, but the opportunity to get together with family and friends and enjoy dinner together is awesome. Of course, with COVID restrictions, our ability to congregate is very limited but at least we can choose to sit down with those we love, either physically or virtually, and spend an evening together. Plus, in sharing a Thanksgiving dinner together, we are celebrating this great country that has granted us true religious freedom. "True religious freedom" means that not only do we have the right to exercise our religion without fear of harm but the actual ability to do so. And yes, I know about the problems of anti-Semitism and how it infects our society from the streets to the hallowed halls of Congress. Still, the United States of America is a country like no other in the world and it has given us Jews a home. To be a Jew in the United States is to have true religious protection and freedoms unlike any other country in the world with the exception of Israel. Anti-Semitism in the United States' is a problem but, compared to Europe, it is light-years ahead.

But the celebration doesn't end there. On December 10th they continue as we usher in *Chanukah*. Now that's a celebration. For eight days we light the *Chanukiyah*, sing songs, eat special foods, say *Hallel* in praise to *Hashem* for his salvation, and share gifts. Our celebration of *Chanukah* is not only joyous but a holy time as well. It is filled with **Mitzvot** and customs that make the days special for all.

Take the gifts, for example. I know that many of us (myself included) like to purchase gifts of various types for the ones we love. This year, to let you in on a secret, Chana and I bought a pair of earrings for one of our granddaughters (shhhh... don't tell her... it's supposed to be a surprise!) among numerous other gifts. But, these gifts are an American innovation and are not part of the *Mitzvah* of *Chanukah*. The custom is to give gifts of money to the poor and to children.

We give money to the poor so that they will have the resources to fulfill the *Mitzvot* of *Chanukah* themselves. We give money to children because the Greeks tried to eliminate *Torah* learning, so we continue the fight against them by rewarding our children with gifts of money for the *Torah* they have learned.

We eat fried foods because that reminds us of the miracle of the oil where a bottle with enough oil to burn one day lasted eight.

Many people eat cheese to celebrate the bravery of *Yehudit*, the High Priest *Yochanan's* daughter. The Greeks had passed a law that required all Jewish brides to first lay with a Greek hegemon before the wedding. A Greek general was quite taken with the beautiful *Yehudit* and wanted to be with her. She seemingly agreed. While they were alone, she fed him cheese to make him thirsty and then gave him wine to quench his thirst. The wine put him to sleep and she proceeded to behead him with his own sword. When the Greek's learned of the assassination of their warlord, they ran away. By the way, this is also the reason that women are required to participate in the *Mitzvah* of lighting *Chanukah* lamps, and many refrain from all work during at least the first half-hour after lighting, because women had a crucial role in the miracle.

There is a difference between meaningless celebration and one that is infused with substance. We Jews center our celebrations around our observance and always imbue them with value and significance.

There's a basic reason for this. You see, one who learns *Torah* discovers that Judaism is not a religion... it is a way of life. It is a constant effort to learn to do better, to understand more, to do more acts of kindness. This is the essence of *Yiddishkeit*. We achieve this goal through learning and performing *Mitzvot*. In fact, performing *Mitzvot* is what helps to fix the world. That is true *Tikkun Olam*.

So, when you celebrate *Chanukah* this year remember that everything you do has meaning. You are celebrating the basics of religious freedom and the ability to follow the dictates of *Torah* and your conscience.

Now that I think of it, that's something that

THE CANTOR'S CLOUD

(continued)

Thanksgiving and *Channukah* have in common. A celebration of the simple pleasure of gathering for a *Minyan* and praying to G-d, the ability to walk into *Tuvya's* or someplace like it and choose from hundreds of works of Jewish learning to enhance our lives, the ease of logging on to websites like Sefaria.org, Hebrewbooks.org, Chabad.com, Chabad.org, Yutorah.org (to name just a few) or even Youtube.com and find hundreds of thousands of published works, articles, and lectures on *Torah* topics. Our ability to learn and practice our faith has been threatened many times over the centuries and, each time, *Hashem* has saved us and preserved our ability to benefit from his kindness. In the second century, *Hashem* gave us victory over the Greeks, gave us back our independence and the freedom to return to his *Torah*. In the 17th century, he laid the foundation for a nation that would eventually destroy the tyrannies of Nazi Germany and Communist Russia, provide a haven for the Jewish people, and a protector for the infant nation of Israel when it needed it most.

We Jews are, above all, a people who know gratitude. It is baked into our DNA. Both *Channukah* and Thanksgiving have the same theme: we give thanks to *Hashem* for saving us from our enemies and giving us a place where we can live, learn, think, and teach as Jews.

I think that's worth celebrating, don't you?

Chana and I hope you had a great and safe Thanksgiving. Please stay safe during Channukah. Celebrate with your family using the great technologies that are freely available and pray that the pandemic that continues to rage will subside quickly. G-d willing, may we soon celebrate together another salvation marking the end of the COVID-19 scourge. Happy Channukah!

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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RABBI'S MESSAGE

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After Jacob's rebuke, however, things began to change. When the brothers return from Egypt empty-handed and inform their father that they must return with Benjamin, reasonably Jacob refuses fearing that he will lose Benjamin as well.

That stance changes when Jacob observes a real change in character which motivates him to see a new side to the brothers. What changes? Yehuda steps up and takes responsibility. He puts himself forward, risking his own future to save his family. His days of looking around, waiting, are over. His father's rebuke rings in his ears and he makes a change - he takes personal responsibility.

It is this shift to personal responsibility which emboldens Judah a second time to stand up to the second in command to the Pharaoh, risking his life for the sake of his brother.

The profound change, from bystander to upstander, arises from the realization that not only will hoping someone else takes the initiative not get anything done, it can actually be dangerous. When nobody stood up and took responsibility, Joseph was sold to slavery. In the face of further passivity the whole house of Jacob might have died of famine. Thus, when Judah did stand up and take responsibility, he became worthy of having the royal line descend from him. True leadership means taking responsibility.

This is one of the main messages of *Channukah* as well. Matityahu refused to let the Greeks sacrifice a pig on the alter. Nobody else was doing anything - so easy to stand in the background, shaking your head regretfully while thinking, "this is not my responsibility".

Part of being Jewish means taking a stand, even when it is often more convenient to ignore it.

In the merit of the transformative lesson that the brothers learned and in the spirit of *Channukah*, let each of us carry forward the great light of the Macabees and strive to take personal responsibility for our Jewish future.



SISTERHOOD MESSAGE

President Audrey Meister
There Is Strength In Sisterhood

Here it is already December. We have had national elections, we have changed from daylight savings time to standard time, we have had a somewhat beautiful Fall, and we are heading into Winter. Chanukah is coming. If you need some ideas for beautiful gifts then check out our gift shop. Let's light out our lives even though the pandemic is still upon us. We have wonderful discussions on interesting books when our Book Club meets. It is a synagogue function not strictly a Sisterhood activity. We meet as a small group, with masks and social distancing. Try it. Contact Paulette Frankel or Bobbie Goldstein for more information.

It still not too late to join our Sisterhood. Your \$36 dues helps the Sisterhood plan events (when allowed) and support CSI. Shoprite cards are available all year around. Contact Evie Maher or Peggy in the office where they are also available.

We are starting to make plans for Shalach Monas. Purim this year starts Thursday, February 25. We are looking for volunteers to help in the planning. If you would like to help call me or Joyce Trubitz. This is Sisterhood's biggest fundraiser of the year. Help make it a success!

Jewish American author Dr. Erica Brown, who writes on ethics, Judaism and spirituality, wrote a prayer for life after the US presidential elections. A big factor of Judaism is to pray for the welfare of one's country. It was published on e-jewishphilanthropy.com. The prayer focuses on rebuilding unity after the election and reducing violence. Here are a few highlights:

I pray for the equanimity to accept whatever the election result is.

I pray that there will be no violence as a result of the election.

The prayer continues and focuses on key social issues relevant to today's world ranging from ones that affect everyone to

issues specific to Jewish Society.

Brown also focuses on unity among peoples who belong to different political demographics and overcoming election exhaustion in return for growth in curiosity and energy to feed back into important life focuses such as family and career.

I pray for the decline in anti-Semitism, which among other global tensions in 2020 has been on a constant rise.

Although prayers are different throughout time, the common theme is that Jews pray for the prosperity of their country because they are "inextricably linked to its fate," Brown said.

Dr Brown is an associate professor at the Graduate School of Education and Human Development at the George Washington University and director of its Mayberg Center for Jewish Education and Leadership. The complete poem is on e-jewishphilanthropy.com



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MEN'S CLUB MESSAGE

Mark Pfeffer, President

Kislev ushers in the holiday of Chanukah. The Men's Club wishes all of our friends a very joyous Chanukah holiday. The first Chanukah candle is lit on the evening of the 24th of Kislev (December 10) when Chanukah officially begins. Chanukah is known as the Festival of Lights. The story of the Menorah is the story of Mattityahu and his sons battling against the mighty Greek army, as the Maccabees were called. They cleaned the second Temple and found one jug of pure olive oil to dedicate the Menorah in the temple. Enough oil for one day was found. A miracle occurred and the one day's supply lasted for eight days, allowing time to prepare new oil. This miracle is recalled annually as the Festival of Lights. Men's Club hopes that all members of Shaarey Israel will light their menorahs for the eight days and delight in the glow of the candles to celebrate this holiday.

Looking for a Chanukah gift for a friend or family member...how about buying several numbers in our Annual Calendar Sweepstakes to be given as a gift. The Annual Calendar Sweepstakes gives the participants almost 100 opportunities to win cash, as a winning number is drawn almost every day from March through June. The cost of one number is only \$10. Buy several numbers and you get multiple chances to win. Much of the money collected is donated back to Shaarey Israel as a major portion of the Men's Club annual donation to CSI. We are thankful to the members who have supported the Men's Club in past years and have joined the Sweepstakes. Checks made out to the CSI Men's Club can be sent to the office and Red or Marv will record your name and provide you with a winning number. Winners will be contacted and names of the winners will be published in

The Scroll.

Master Gardeners, Bob & Diane Leifer have put together a Zoom video of how to grow herbs indoors throughout the winter in our own homes. A Zoom program is scheduled for November 30th, at 7:30 PM. Peggy will provide

exact details for the Zoom broadcast. Amazon has several indoor herb gardens available if you are interested.

We still are soliciting our members to please send in your Annual Men's Club Dues. The membership price for the year of is still only \$36. There is no charge if this is your first year of synagogue membership. If you have already joined the Men's Club, we thank you for your support. If you haven't thought of it until now, let this be a reminder to you. Thank you for helping to sustain our organization. Your ideas, your thoughts, and your comments are valuable and helpful. They are greatly appreciated to help make the Men's Club a successful organization.



A Note from Rabbi Weinbach...

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

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

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

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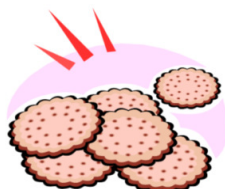


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As you know Congregation Shaarey Israel has been providing Kosher food to the Jewish Family Service for distribution to the food



pantry. However, now with the virus pandemic all has changed and foods are dispersed differently to keep us all safe. Currently it is not feasible to collect your generous food contributions to this worthy cause which, hopefully, we will resume our support to in the near future.

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

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HOW JEWS INVENTED GOLF

submitted by Esther Ingber

From way back it has long been thought that the game of golf originated in Scotland in the 15th century. Recently uncovered evidence indicates that this sport actually began in Eastern Europe and for many years was enjoyed by the Jews of the area. Stories passed down from generation to generation told of Moses and Aaron and their famous Desert Classic, which endured for 40 years. This great tradition was reborn many years later in the fields and forests of Eastern Europe.



A shepherd, Velvel Gross, passed the time by hitting pebbles with his shepherd's crook. The number of times he hit the stones became known as Gross Score. He eventually decided to lay out an actual course by utilizing adjacent farmers' properties. The playing area consisted of 18 segments – the number chosen to represent the Hebrew symbol Chai, meaning Life. The game could then be played by Wednesday golfers as nine holes (half-Chai), regular golfers as 18 holes (Chai), enthusiasts and fitness-freaks as 27 holes (Chai-and-a-half) and with the wives during mixed play (double-Chai).

The putting surface was named after Moishe Green, because the shortest grass was found on his property. The search for durable projectiles (which could sustain repeated strikes with wooden sticks) led to the Rebbetzin's kitchen, where her dimpled matzo balls were the clear-cut winners. They came in 90 or 100 compression and were vigorously tested by a mechanical arm called Iron Myron.

Parva, or Par, meaning neither here nor there, was the number of shots allocated to each hole. Faivel, the Sissy, scored the first recorded Birdie, as onlookers shouted, "Not bad for a Faygelah!" The Eagle was so named for Adler the Schtarker, who scored the first amazing two-under-par!

Soon courses sprang up all over the land with such exotic names as Knobble Beach, Grieven Valley, Seder Brook and the two richest clubs: Chelm Ridge and Chai Ridge. This particular group was known as The Haymishe Five. Membership in these clubs provided many diverse activities. Tournaments such as Blintzes and Schnapps and Beat the Czar (which was a shotgun) were organized.

A committee of men was responsible for the many rules and regulations that all were required to observe. Men's and women's facilities were strictly segregated according to Jewish law. A dress code was rigidly enforced, in spite of the women's insistence on the right to bear arms.

Shortly thereafter, the top golfers in the land emerged and formed the PGA, also known as the Polish Galitzianah Association.

SISTERHOOD OF CONGREGATION SHAAREY ISRAEL

Dear Women of Congregation Shaarey Israel

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

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

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

Please return the cut off with your dues check! Sisterhood can no longer accept credit card charges for any sisterhood functions. Check, cash or money order only.

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

Julie Feldman,
Financial Secretary

Evie Maher,
Chairman, Membership

Audrey Meister,
President, Sisterhood

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Since the virus is not a living organism, but is a protein molecule, it cannot be killed. It has to decay on its own. The disintegration time depends on the temperature, humidity and type of material where it lies.

The virus is very fragile; the only thing that protects it is a thin outer layer of fat, and that is the reason why soap or detergent is the best weapon. The foam CUTS THE FAT (that is why you have to scrub for 20 seconds or more, to create lots of foam). By dissolving the fat layer, the protein molecule disperses and breaks down.

HEAT melts fat; this is why it is necessary to use water above 77 degrees for hand washing, laundry and cleaning surfaces. In addition, hot water makes more foam, making it more effective.

Alcohol or any mixture with alcohol over 65% DISSOLVES ALL FAT, especially the external lipid layer of the virus.

Any solution with 1 part bleach and 5 parts water directly dissolves the protein, breaking it down from the inside.

Oxygenated water increases the effectiveness of soap, alcohol, and chlorine, because peroxide dissolves the virus protein. However, because you have to use it in its pure form, it can damage your skin.

NO BACTERICIDE OR ANTIBIOTIC WILL WORK because the virus is not a living organism like bacteria; antibodies cannot kill what is not alive.

The virus molecules remain very stable at colder temperatures, including air conditioning in houses and cars. They also need moisture and darkness to stay stable. Therefore, dehumidified, dry, warm and bright environments will degrade the virus faster.

UV LIGHT on any object that may contain the virus breaks down the protein. Be careful, it also breaks down collagen (which is protein) in the skin.

The virus CANNOT go through healthy skin.

Vinegar is NOT useful because it does not break down the protective layer of fat.

NO SPIRITS, NOR VODKA, serve. The strongest vodka is only 40% alcohol, and you need a minimum of 65%.

LISTERINE is 65% alcohol.

The more confined the space, the higher the concentration of the virus there can be. The more open or naturally ventilated, the less.

You have to wash your hands before and after touching any commonly used surfaces such as: mucosa (mouth area), food, locks, knobs, switches, remotes, cell phones, watches, computers, desks etc... and don't forget when you use the bathroom.

You have to MOISTURIZE YOUR HANDS due to frequent washing. Dry hands have cracks and the molecules can hide in the micro cracks. The thicker the moisturizer, the better.

Also keep your NAILS SHORT so that the virus does not hide there.

Men's Club

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

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

During these tough times we are all looking forward to getting together to socialize and pray but only when it is safe to do so.

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

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 Red Avner 18 Milford Lane, NY 10901

Name _____

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CONGREGATION SHAAREY ISRAEL MEN'S CLUB 12th ANNUAL CALENDAR SWEEPSTAKES

***\$4725 IN PRIZES**

MARCH 2021 \$1270

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 \$55	2 \$50	3 \$35	4 \$70	5 \$50	6 X
7 \$60	8 \$50	9 \$35	10 \$50	11 \$70	12 \$60	13 X
14 \$50	15 \$50	16 \$50	17 \$35	18 \$60	19 \$55	20 X
21 \$70	22 \$35	23 \$35	24 \$50	25 \$50	26 \$35	27 X
28 Pesach	29 Pesach	30 \$60	31 \$50			X

APRIL 2021 \$1135

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 \$50	2 \$35	3 X Pesach
4 Pesach	5 \$50	6 \$50	7 \$60	8 \$35	9 \$35	10 X
11 \$35	12 \$35	13 \$35	14 \$35	15 \$35	16 \$35	17 X
18 \$50	19 \$35	20 \$35	21 \$35	22 \$50	23 \$50	24 X
25 \$35	26 \$35	27 \$35	28 \$35	29 \$50	30 \$35	

MAY 2021 \$1045

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1 X
2 \$35	3 \$35	4 \$50	5 \$35	6 \$55	7 \$35	8 X
9 \$35	10 \$35	11 \$70	12 \$35	13 \$35	14 \$50	15 X
16 \$35	17 Shavuot	18 \$35	19 \$35	20 \$35	21 \$35	22 X
23/30 \$35/35	24/31 \$50/55	25 \$35	26 \$35	27 \$35	28 \$50	29 X

JUNE 2021 \$1275

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 \$35	2 \$35	3 \$35	4 \$65	5 X
6 \$75	7 \$50	8 \$50	9 \$50	10 \$35	11 \$50	12 X
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