



Hillcrest



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you read this, 2024 will have come to a close. For me, in many ways, it was a good year. The doctors gave me a clean bill of health, and I lost 32 pounds and my waistline shrank by four inches. Not everyone is as lucky as me. At Hillcrest, many of our members have passed or have lost their loved ones. We are still grieving for the families who lost relatives in Israel and hope that the remaining hostages will be returned soon.

But when we think back to 2024, we should also consider the positive achievements that have occurred during the year. We continue to be blessed with the voice of our Cantor, Rachel Black, who has lifted us with her spirit and joyful presence. Our Rabbi is back from military duty and is now officially a chaplain in the Army.

One of the major improvements that has taken place during 2024 is the number of kiddush luncheons we have been able to provide on Shabbat. The membership has sponsored multiple family kiddushes, so sometimes we have more of those than the coffee and cake kiddush. Of course, it wouldn't have been possible without the many volunteers who came on Friday to prepare the meals under Susan Diamond's direction. We have increased the number of events, such as films, lectures, and discussions on current events that affect all of us.

It has been four years since we held a gala in honor of one of our clergy, and this year, we had a tremendous turnout for the 18th anniversary of our beloved Rabbi and family being with us at Hillcrest. We should also not forget the strong support by our members at Shabbat Across America, the Passover Seder, the Hanukkah party, and other holiday events.

With the closing of Ohr Chadash, we were able to restart our own Hebrew school by forming a partnership with Forest Hills Jewish Center, which already had an established Hebrew school. We are looking forward to increased enroll-

ment next year. Unfortunately, we were forced to announce the closing of our day camp due to increased costs and the proposed sale of the building.

While we know that our population is aging, it was just recently announced that nine new families, many of whom have young children and teenagers, have joined Hillcrest during the year. We welcome them and look forward to seeing them at Shabbat services and other events.

Looking forward to 2025, Cantor Rachel will join us as a full-time Cantor after she completes her studies at cantorial school. Our families should look forward to more activities that will include all ages. After the sale of the building and the leaseback of our current premises, we will be guaranteed the existence of Hillcrest for at least another twenty years. I look forward to another successful year in 2025. *Simeon Saturn, President*

SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

(see weekly Shabbat Shalom for children's services)

Wednesday, January 1 – New Years Day – Rosh Chodesh

Building closed except for services..... 8:30 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

Seventh Day Hanukkah, light eight candles at night

Thursday, January 2 – Eighth Day Hanukkah

Friday, January 3

Candle Lighting 4:23 P.M.

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 4:30 P.M.

Saturday, January 4 – Vayigash 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Genesis 44:18-47:27 Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15-28

Mincha 4:15 P.M.

Shiur and Snacks 4:45 P.M.

Maariv 5:15 P.M.

Shabbat ends 5:27 P.M.

Friday, January 10 – Fast of the 10th of Tevet

Fast begins: 5:47 A.M. Fast ends 5:19 P.M. Morning Minyan 7:00 A.M.

Candle Lighting 4:30 P.M.

Early Mincha with Torah and Haftarah Reading **4:00 P.M.**

followed by Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv

Torah Reading: Exodus 32:11-14, 34:1-10 Haftarah: Isaiah 55:6-56:8

Saturday, January 11 - Vayechi 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Genesis 47:28-50:26 Haftarah: I Kings 2:1-12

Mincha 4:15 P.M.

Shiur and Snacks 4:45 P.M.

Maariv 5:15 P.M.

Shabbat ends 5:34 P.M.

Friday, January 17

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 4:30 P.M.

Candle Lighting 4:38 P.M.

Saturday, January 18 – Shemot 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Exodus 1:1-6:1 Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13, 29:22-23

Mincha 4:30 P.M.

Shiur and Snacks 5:00 P.M.

Maariv 5:30 P.M.

Shabbat ends 5:41 P.M.

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Manes Kogan..... *Rabbi*
 Rachel Black *Student Cantor*

 Simeon Saturn *President*
 Karen Rothman *Sisterhood President*
 Martin Guttman *Men's Club President*
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CENTER FAMILY

Congratulations to:

Merle Askenas-Kaplan on the birth of her great grandson Asher Simon Cohen.

Roxanne & Arthur Solarsh on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Matthew Solarsh.

Condolences to:

Helene Fine on the passing of her husband Rabbi Robert Fine. Rabbi Fine was the interim rabbi at HJC prior to Rabbi Kogan.

January Milestone Anniversary:

Roxanne & Arthur Solarsh (55)

**SISTERHOOD PRESENTS
 KOL NIDRE DONATION**



Sisterhood President Karen Rothman hands Sisterhood's Kol Nidre donation check for \$10,000 to Hillcrest President Simeon Saturn at Hillcrest's General Meeting on December 8th.

From Rabbi Kogan

Dear Friends of Hillcrest Jewish Center,

For the past several years on Monday evenings, I have been teaching a weekly class on Mussar. Mussar is roughly translated as Jewish ethics, although a better definition could be: *a Jewish spiritual practice that gives concrete instructions on how to live a meaningful and ethical life, based on the idea that by cultivating inner virtues, we improve ourselves.*

Mussar is a discipline within Jewish learning and practice, focused on the development and refinement of character traits. The list of positive character traits we should work on includes, among others, patience, generosity, alacrity, self-control, simplicity, diligence, compassion, humility, and gratitude.

Over the last years we have studied the anonymous book *Orchot Tzadikim* (the Way of the Righteous), *Everyday Holiness*, by Alan Morinis, and now we are focusing on *Pirkei Avot* (The Ethics of the Fathers), with Maimonides' commentary. You are more than welcome to join us!

One premise of Mussar is that human beings can change; that you don't have to be today the same as you were yesterday. Another premise, related to the first one, is that character traits can be taught, that with effort and application, you can learn to be generous, humble, and diligent, the same way you learn science or a skill.

Over the last weeks, during my *divrei Torah*, I focused on the virtue of gratitude. Feeling gratitude is not only an ethical necessity – the right thing to do – but also a source of contentment and happiness. People who feel gratitude are, by and large, happier people. They believe that God, life, society, and parents don't owe them anything. On the contrary, they feel indebted to God, life, society, and parents for their blessings.

Another characteristic inherent to the development of character traits is that it leads to action. If you work on developing simplicity, you can expect that your life will look simpler as a result. If you work on the character trait of courage, you will be able to take risks, when necessary, to speak up, for example, or to save someone in need.

People who cultivate the virtue of gratitude, feel they need to do "something" to express their appreciation. A simple example is someone who writes "thank-you" notes after receiving a gift. Another example, is someone who makes a donation to say "thank-you." In this case, a donation, a gift, is a way to pass it forward, to express with actions, in the words of King David (Psalm 23): *my cup overflows.*

This past month at Hillcrest Jewish Center we received a generous donation from a non-member who participates in one of our small groups. The donation came with a note that said (and I am paraphrasing): *thank you so much for having this activity open to the community. It gives meaning to my week. Enclosed is a gift, which I know you will put to good use.*

The person who wrote the note and sent the gift, felt she needed to express gratitude. In other words, she needed to do "something" to give back, to translate her appreciation into action.

We all can and should become better human beings today than the way we were yesterday. I shared this simple act of gratitude and generosity, among countless others that inspire me daily, to show you that developing positive character traits is not only possible, but also praiseworthy, dignifying, and rewarding.

How do you build a better world? One person at a time; one step at a time. We are all human beings "under construction." Let's work on building ourselves, one step at a time.

From my heart,
 Rabbi Manes Kogan

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Shalom fellow congregants. Here are some highlights from our November meeting.

Treasurer's Report: There are special fund accounts, some segregated and managed by endowment, and others unsegregated and listed as ledger items within the general fund. Many of these accounts are no longer in use. Attempts to contact the original benefactors have been unsuccessful. Segregated endowment-managed funds are classified as assets, the status of unsegregated funds within the general fund remains unclear and may represent a liability. Further research is needed to clarify their exact nature. A future motion will be made to establish procedures for winding down and redistributing funds unused in both the endowment and the general fund.

Efforts to address delinquent assessment payments are ongoing.

Exec. Committee Report: Sale of the building – discussions with lawyers regarding lease changes are ongoing. Proposed Constitutional Amendments will be put to a vote at the December Membership meeting.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT *continued*

Executive Director's Report: Our application for the Federal Non-Profit Security Grant was denied. We are awaiting a response from New York State. The Roberts boiler work is complete and is pending inspection. The Local Law 97 initial review and performance report identified 13 prescriptive measures for compliance. Those items are being worked on. Paychex is now managing payroll for the Center. The new website is in its test phase and will be rolled out to the entire congregation in 2025. A new media consent form, based on NYC DOE guidelines, will be required for photo use, particularly for minors.

Sisterhood Report: All are invited to Jukebox Bingo, a joint program with Men's Club. Reimbursement for the Israel Bond breakfast requires clarification.

Youth and Family Report: The latest dinner was attended by 60 people. An upcoming food distribution program is planned though Commonpoint's Home for the Holidays program.

Old Business: Kol Nidre contributions are approximately 10% lower than last year.

New Business: Plans are underway to organize a bagel breakfast in honor of Susan Diamond and her Shabbat kiddush crew. A task force has been formed to evaluate high holiday seating arrangements, including potential future use of the ballroom and whether seating should be limited to the Sanctuary and balcony. Rose Sigler has requested that we lend or donate a Torah to an upstate community in need. The Center currently holds 17 or 18 Torahs. A pre-Hanukkah Havdalah is scheduled for December 21st at 5:30 PM, featuring a laser light show and a dairy pasta and salad bar. The event is free for members. New members will now be listed monthly in the bulletin.

Good and Welfare: Happy Thanksgiving! Mazel Tov to the group of 4 Bat-Mitzvah members: Ellen Hochstein, Gwen Jones-Cintron, Rochelle Mandell and Ilana Slaff-Galatan.

*See you at Minyan,
Mark Solkoff, Board Chair*

DAILY SERVICES

Monday-Friday mornings
..... 7:00 AM
Sunday and Holiday mornings
..... 8:30 AM
Sunday-Thursday evenings
..... 7:00 PM

SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

Monday, January 20 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Building closed except for services 8:30 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

Friday, January 24
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 4:30 P.M.
Candle Lighting 4:46 P.M.

Saturday, January 25 – Vaera – Birkat HaChodesh 9:00 A.M.
Torah Reading: Exodus 6:2-9:35 Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25-29:21
We welcome the new month Shevat – Rosh Chodesh is Thursday, January 30
Mincha 4:30 P.M.
Shiur 5:00 P.M.
Maariv 5:30 P.M.
Shabbat ends 5:49 P.M.

Monday, January 27 – International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Thursday, January 30 – Rosh Chodesh Shevat

Friday, January 31
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 4:30 P.M.
Candle Lighting 4:55 P.M.

Saturday, February 1 – Bo 9:00 A.M.
Torah Reading: Exodus 10:1-13:16 Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-28
Mincha 4:45 P.M.
Shiur 5:15 P.M.
Maariv 5:45 P.M.
Shabbat ends 5:57 P.M.

CATERING COMMITTEE



Susan Diamond speaks at the December 8th membership meeting. Volunteers present were (l-r) Lisa Hochstein, Ellen Hochstein, Judith Guttman, Barbara Resnick, Nora Kozuch and Kathy Lewis.

Thank you to the leadership of Hillcrest for recognizing the efforts of the Catering Committee. What started as a way to enhance our Cantorial search has taken on a life of its own. Since its inception, with the continued support of volunteers, we have prepared 33 kiddush luncheons.

As I have said many times before, I am the face of the project, but we really need to thank the volunteers who are the backbone of the project: Lisa Hochstein, Ellen Hochstein, Iris Schachter, Judith Guttman, Nora Kozuch, Aviva Peress, Helene Jacob, Barbara Resnick, Beth Ritter and Dina Freund who help in the kitchen, as well as Kathy Lewis and Sheila Rubin who make sure the tables are cleared, and the food is put away after lunch.

If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring, please reach out to me or to the office. Thank you again for your continued support.

Susan Diamond

HJC Adult Education Committee
presents

**UNTERMENSCHEN:
THE HOLOCAUST COMES
TO AMERICA**
on
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 at 10:30 AM



Speaker
DR. ARTHUR FLUG

Hundreds march in a torchlight parade condemning Jews! Non-citizens are denounced as vermin! Sick and disabled are ridiculed!

These were common events in the 1930s in Germany. Unfortunately, we are seeing these events repeating themselves today.

On Sunday, January 26, 2025, Dr. Arthur Flug will be at Hillcrest to discuss his latest book *Untermenschen: The Holocaust Comes to America*.*

Dr. Flug is a former Executive Director of the Kupferberg Holocaust Center and the author of six books dealing with various periods of American history. He is a frequent speaker at a variety of schools, and religious and community organizations. He served as the Executive Director of the Comprehensive Instructional Management System of the New York City Department of Education, District Administrator for Congressman Gary L. Ackerman and Chief of Staff to New York City Council member David Weprin. He served as President of Jamaica Estates Association, President of the Conservative Synagogue of Jamaica Estates, President of the Independent Democratic Club, and Chairman of the Hillcrest Jewish Center Board of Trustees.

A light breakfast will be served at 10:00 A.M.

This event is free and open to the public. RSVP using the link in the Hillcrest Jewish Center Daily Digest or by calling the Hillcrest office, 718-380-4145.

*Untermenschen is a German word the Nazis used to describe Jews. It means sub-human.
Kathy Lewis

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood is welcoming in the 2025 new year with a new member to our Board of Directors. Lisa Hochstein will offer new thoughts and directions for our programing. We will be happy to work with her. Our thanks go to Joy Leffler, a past president of Sisterhood, who has been on our board for many years. She will always be available to give thoughtful advice when needed.

You may think it is only January, but we have already begun working on our only fundraiser of the year – Shalach Manot. Our updated flyer, designed by our member, Karen Kaplan, is enclosed.

Over the years we have had a wonderful response from the Hillcrest congregation with the purchase of Kulam. We hope you will continue to support us. Monies raised go towards our generous Kol Nidre contributions to Hillcrest, and various activities and programs during the year. We continue to donate to different organizations in Israel and to emergency situations in the United States.

Sisterhood is involved in many aspects of Center life. If you are not yet a member, please join us. If you have any suggestions, please let us know. The women of Sisterhood get things done!

I am pleased to announce that Sisterhood presented a \$10,000 Kol Nidre check to our president, Simeon Saturn at the membership meeting on December 8th. The photo appears on page 2.

To all our snowbirds – keep in touch.

Karen Rothman,
Sisterhood President

MEN'S CLUB

Listed below is the early agenda for 2025 of the entertaining, meaningful and informative Hillcrest Jewish Center Men's Club social events.

(1) **Military Bridge** – Sunday afternoon, February 2nd at 1:30 PM. It's a variation of the classic game, played with a standard deck of 52 cards. The key strategies include accurately assessing the strength of your own dealt hand and effectively communicating with your partner. There are 4 players at each table, consisting of 2 partnerships. Multiply that by 10 or more tables, and "round-robinning" of all tables following each game (lasting approximately 10 minutes), makes it the perfect opportunity to socially connect with long-time friends and acquaintances and make new ones. There will also be Snacks and Prizes Galore!!!

(2) **Men's Club Sponsored Breakfast** (following **World Wide Wrap**) – Sunday morning, February 9th at 8:15 AM. Practice along with communities around the world in the mitzvah of wearing tefillin. Loaners are provided and instruction of application and removal offered.

(3) **Congregational Breakfast with Guest Speaker** – Sunday morning, May 5th.

(4) **Fishing Trip** off the Long Island shore leaving from Captree State Park, Sunday June 29th.

For more information regarding these and other Men's Club events (time, cost, and RSVP), please refer to Synagogue emails, text messages, printed flyers, phone calls and announcements. Any other questions, concerns or suggestions regarding Men's Club, please consult with our president, Marty Guttman at his email mpguttman@gmail.com.

Joel Berkowitz,
Co-Vice President

JUKEBOX BINGO

A wonderful time was had by all those who attended Jukebox Bingo on Sunday, December 15th. Each person attending received three separate bingo cards, one each for songs from the 50s, 60s and 70s. Even if we didn't know the songs, the excellent DJ gave us the names as he played them. We played regular bingo, "T" shaped bingo, and "H" shaped bingo on each of the three cards.

Prizes were awarded to the winners of each game. Every time someone called out BINGO and DJ Howard went to check the bingo card, Sisterhood President Karen Rothman also went over with her basket of envelopes for the winner to pick out a prize.

There were plenty of snacks, cookies, coffee, tea and sodas. This event began shortly after 1:30 PM and lasted until just after 4:30 PM. It was a great afternoon, and the feedback from those who attended was very good.
Joan Hausmann

***Just a Reminder,
if you haven't
already done so...
to send in payment
of your
Kol Nidre Pledge.
Thank you.***

HJC SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2025

"Oh, the Places You'll Go"

Dr. Seuss wrote a book entitled "Oh, The Places You'll Go". The book shows in pictures and rhymes what one faces when making future decisions on one's own.

Our Hillcrest children will be making decisions also. However, they will get help from parents in choosing a summer program.

Every year Hillcrest Jewish Center and the Summer Scholarship Committee work to give the children of HJC members the opportunity to be involved in a **Jewish summer program** or a **freshman year of study in Israel**. The Summer Scholarship provides a nominal partial amount towards your child's program.

Much more can be learned about Judaism through meeting new Jewish friends and learning from leaders of Jewish sleep away camps like Camp Ramah and other Jewish affiliated camps. For older children there is a summer program, USY On Wheels. This program takes children to various states in the U.S. This gives your child a chance to meet Jewish boys and girls from other sections of our country. USY also offers pilgrimages to Israel which can be combined with travel to Eastern Europe. High School 2025 graduates can have their freshman year of study in Israel and come back as sophomores if they continue at Jewish affiliated colleges.

If your child receives a Summer Scholarship, notification will be made after March 24, 2025. The Scholarship, in the form of a check will be sent after a parent presents proof that all monetary payments have been made to the child's selected summer program.

Scholarship applications, along with Scholarship regulations, will be available at the Hillcrest office after January 6th. The completed Scholarship application should be placed in an envelope addressed to the Scholarship Committee and returned to the office no later than March 24th.

Scholarship Committee

TORAH SCROLL TRANSFER

In this life we get many wonderful opportunities, and I feel very strongly that one of the most wonderful opportunities I had was to serve as the Executive Director of Hillcrest Jewish Center. While at Hillcrest I had the opportunity daily to be involved in so many mitzvot, and although



Rabbi Kogan transfers one of the Hillcrest Jewish Center Torah scrolls to Rose Sigler and Chaim Lunger. The Torah will be used at a minyan hosted in the home of Rabbi Shimon and Devorah Sekula in Nanuet, New York.

I am not physically at Hillcrest anymore, Hillcrest is still very much a part of me.

A little while ago, close family friends Rabbi Shimon and Devorah Sekula, who had started a new shul in a new young Jewish community on the outskirts of Rockland County, shared with me that their weekly Shabbat minyan was growing, and they spent all week looking for a Torah that they could borrow for the weekend. This had been going on for close to a year and they didn't have the funds yet to purchase their own Torah. A thought occurred to me that perhaps HJC would be willing to share one of their beloved Torahs, and we could at least temporarily ease the burden on them. A little over a month ago I reached out to Simeon Saturn and in very short order he shared the wonderful and generous news that HJC would be happy to donate one of their Torah scrolls!

This sacred gift will be used on a regular basis and will be truly loved. May our shared Torah be a source of inspiration, wisdom and bring guidance to all those who read from it!

Todah Rabbah, and may we continue to do many mitzvot together in good health!

Rose Sigler

HILLCREST'S MOST RECENT BAT MITZVAH ACHIEVERS



This photo was taken a few days before the big event. Left to right: HJC's very special long-time member and teacher Iris Schachter, Gwen Jones-Cintron, Ilana Slaff-Galatan, Ellen Hochstein, Rochelle Mandell, and previous adult Bat Mitzvah Nora Kozuch who read from the Torah.

The Men's Club presents
MILITARY BRIDGE

*An afternoon of pure fun
 with refreshments and prizes*

JOIN THE CORPS AND MAKE FRIENDS
 AS WE TOUR THE COUNTRY

It's not really bridge

ENJOY BUILDING BRIDGES OF FRIENDSHIP
 WHILE WINNING PRIZES

It's an afternoon of fun with friends!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - 1:30 PM

Minimum number of participants is 36

PLEASE MAKE YOUR MILITARY BRIDGE RESERVATIONS BY
 TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

**Men's Club Members
 & Significant Other**

By Jan. 28 - \$12 per person
 After Jan. 28 - \$15 per person

Non-Men's Club Members

By Jan. 28 - \$15 per person
 After Jan. 28 - \$18 per person

*Be sure to include
 your name, home phone, cell phone, and email,
 number of reservations and total dollar amount*

Make your checks payable to Men's Club Hillcrest Jewish Center
QUESTIONS? CALL STEVE ZELLMAN (917) 916-7032

**WORLD WIDE WRAP and
 BREAKFAST**

Sunday. February 9 at 8:15 AM

ALL MEN, WOMEN & CHILDREN COME DAVEN WITH US
The breakfast is sponsored by the HJC Men's Club

*The Officers and Board of Trustees,
 Rabbi Kogan and his family,
 Cantor Rachel and her family,
 Executive Director Nadine Kochavi
 and the Staff of the Center
 extend to all members
 their wishes for
 good health, happiness, and peace in 2025*

UPDATE HJC / ISRAEL BONDS

Campaign update: 78 Israel bonds purchased, or indications to purchase totaling nearly \$664,000!

Hillcrest Jewish Center's commitment to, and support of the State of Israel is rock solid. On behalf of Israel Bonds (Development Corp. for Israel), thank you!

*If still interested in purchasing an Israel bond, either as a personal investment or gift, please contact
 Arnie Schweitzer at (516)726-2307 or
arnie.schweitzer@israelbonds.com.*

Name Change of Fund

The Edith and Aaron Goldberg College Outreach Fund, created by longtime Hillcrest Jewish Center members Carol and Emanuel Kantro, is continuing its purpose of reaching out to members' college students and is now broadening its scope to include all youth activities at HJC. Hence, the name of the fund will be known as the Edith and Aaron Goldberg Youth Activities Fund in memory of Emanuel Kantro's aunt and uncle who were positive influences and through their example, Jewish traditions were learned, practiced and cherished.

Dear Rabbi Kogan,

Thank you so much for your kind note and support with respect to Larry's passing. He was, indeed, my beloved, and it is a very sad time.

Hillcrest played an important role in my family's life, especially during our children's formative years. We made wonderful friends there, with whom we continued to enjoy warm and supportive friendships to this day. Larry and I felt privileged to be able to continue as members of Hillcrest and I hope to remain a member for the future.

With sincere thanks and best regards,
Jane Fuerst, Michael, Larissa & Joey

SYNAGOGUE OFFERINGS

Reminder

There is a \$25 minimum donation required for the listing to be printed in the Bulletin (one name per yearzeit listing).

General Fund:

Paula Bier.

Gwen Jones-Cintron in honor of Iris Schachter with thanks for teaching her for her Bat Mitzvah.

Meryl Alpert congratulates Bertha Strauss on a well-deserved honor at the HJC Israel Bond breakfast.

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Abby Belson and Nicole Goluboff with gratitude to Steve Gorochow on his birthday.

Abby Belson and Nicole Goluboff in honor of Rabbi Kogan's 18 years of service to Hillcrest.

Janis Nathan Markman in appreciation for being able to share in High Holiday services.

Merle Askenas-Kaplan in honor of the birth of her great-grandson Asher Simon Cohen, son of Robby & Sami Cohen.

Helene & Howard Jacob wish a Mazal Tov to Suzy & Mark Heinflink on their daughter Abigail's Bat Mitzvah.

Helene & Howard Jacob wish a Mazal Tov to Abigail Heinflink on becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

Helene & Howard Jacob wish a hearty Mazal Tov to Joan Hausmann on her 90th birthday.

Roxanne & Arthur Solarsh in honor of their beloved grandson Matthew Solarsh becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

The Kadden family in honor of Rochelle Mandell with congratulations on her Bat Mitzvah.

Dorothy & Larry Schonfeld wish Mazal Tov to the B'not Mitzvah: Ilana Slaff-Galatan, Ellen Hochstein, Gwen Jones-Cintron and Rochelle Mandell.

Dorothy & Larry Schonfeld wish Mazal Tov to Bertha Strauss and Andria Grundman Cooper on being honored at the Israel Bond breakfast.

Dorothy & Larry Schonfeld wish Mazal Tov to Rabbi Kogan and Silvia on their anniversary.

Aviva & Jimmy Peress wish a Mazal Tov to Ellen Hochstein, Gwen Jones-Cintron, Rochelle Mandell and Ilana Slaff-Galatan on their Bat Mitzvah and Nora Kozuch for reading Torah.

Beth Ritter thanks Cheryl & Richie Meyer for their kindness and support.

Zane Tenenbaum for a prayer for his son Nathan and daughter-in-law Stefanie.

Susan Straus thanks Rabbi Kogan, Lenny Jaffe and Elaine Steinberg for all their assistance and kindness on Shabbat.

Linda Appel thanks the synagogue for Iris's Israeli Folk Dance class which is a highpoint of her week.

Zvi Keren in memory of his father Deszo Kornhauser's yearzeit.

Paula Schoen for yearzeit of mother Julia Schoen.

Laurel B. Cohen in memory of David H. Brown.

Felice Lorber for yearzeit of mother Nora Spritzer.

Ari Goldberg for yearzeit of father David Goldberg.

Ari Goldberg for yearzeit of aunt Barbara Borrok.

Zane Tenenbaum for yearzeit of mother Harriet Tenenbaum.

Gwen Jones-Cintron for yearzeit of great-grandmother Pesia Shulder.

Susan Varga for yearzeit of husband Dov Peter Varga.

Philip Bobrow for yearzeit of beloved father Louis Bobrow.

Joel Berkowitz for yearzeit of father Jack Berkowitz.

Karen Rothman for yearzeit of husband Sheldon Rothman.

Alexander Fedor for yearzeit of beloved mother Gitl Fedor.

Michael Cantor for yearzeit of aunt Bella Saperstein.

Ari Goldberg for yearzeit of grandfather Bernard Messing.

Hariette Wittenberg Saturn for yearzeit of beloved grandfather Samuel Essig.

Normon Bobrow for yearzeit of mother Ida Bobrow.

Norman Bobrow for yearzeit of father Louis Bobrow.

Norman Bobrow for yearzeit of grandmother Annie Muss.

Laurie Badner for yearzeit of father Louis Bobrow.

Jeanne Einhorn for yearzeit of father Morris Millman.

Jeanne Einhorn for yearzeit of stepfather Sam Botwinik.

Carole Anderman for yearzeit of mother Frances Bellak.

Cliff Koblentz for yearzeit of mother Mildred Koblentz.

Helene Hartig for yearzeit of mother Loretta Wasserheit.

Laurie Spear in memory of mother Anita Wasserman, who so enjoyed the time that she spent at Hillcrest and whose family had a connection with Hillcrest for four generations.

Merle Askenas-Kaplan for yearzeit of father-in-law David Askenas.

Fredda Chodrow-Goldberg for yearzeit of grandmother Fannie Chodrow.

Eugene Gurr for yearzeit of father Maxwell Gurr.

Dr. Norman Mickenberg in memory of Fred Horen, brother of Harriet Rosengarten.

Bertha Strauss for yearzeit of husband Walter Strauss.

Clifford Hamburger for yearzeit of mother Jeanne Hamburger.

Ellen Rothstein, Mark Rothstein and Susan Asch for yearzeit of beloved father Edward Rothstein.

Ellen Rothstein, Mark Rothstein and Susan Asch for yearzeit of beloved grandfather Max Rothstein.

Edgar Schwartz for yearzeit of beloved son Michael Schwartz.

Doris Fried for yearzeit of father-in-law Harry Fried.

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Frederic Greene for yearzeit of grandfather Harry Sandler.

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