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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Hillcrest Jewish Center!

As a long-time member of this wonderful institution, I thought that I would take a few moments to bring the folks among us who have recently joined our lovely little kehillah (community) up-to-date about what goes on here.

HJC has existed for about 80 years with humble beginnings, followed by major growth in the early days. During the High Holidays there were multiple services going on in various parts of the building and the sidewalk out front was jammed with families wishing each other well after services ended. Security was of little concern then and the entry doors were unlocked all day until staff members closed for the night.

There was, until recently, an active Hebrew school and a thriving summer day camp. The school is now in a partnership with the school at the Forest Hills Jewish Center. Camp has been discontinued for a variety of reasons.

The main reason we open our doors each morning is to provide a place of worship for those who choose to come. There are morning and evening minyanim which are there for anyone to visit as a daily participant, or if you are in mourning or observing a *yahrzeit* for a loved one. Our minyan is always seeking new daily participants who allow those in need to say *kaddish*. Of course, there are weekly Shabbat services and observance of all holidays. We are proud to have been able to hold services during the COVID pandemic during which we scrupulously adhered to CDC guidance regarding social distancing and masking. We also managed to keep our staff fully employed.

Hillcrest is a home away from home for many of us and we highly encourage families with children and teens to attend the various junior congregation services held on some Shabbat mornings, along with dinners and hang-out sessions run by

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SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

Friday, January 31

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv	4:30 P.M.
Candle Lighting	4:55 P.M.

Saturday, February 1 – Bo

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.

Friday, February 7

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv	5:00 P.M.
Candle Lighting	5:03 P.M.

Saturday, February 8 – Beshalach – Shabbat Shira

Torah Reading: Exodus 13:17-17:16 Haftarah: Judges 4:4-5:31

Kinders Hul	10:15 A.M.
Mincha	4:45 P.M.
Shiur	5:15 P.M.
Maariv	5:45 P.M.
Shabbat ends	6:05 P.M.

Sunday, February 9 – World Wide Wrap

Thursday, February 13 – Tu Bishvat

Friday, February 14

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv	5:00 P.M.
Candle Lighting	5:12 P.M.

Saturday, February 15 – Yitro

Torah Reading: Exodus 18:1-20:23 Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6, 9:5-6

Junior Congregation	10:15 A.M.
Mincha	5:00 P.M.
Shiur	5:30 P.M.
Maariv	6:00 P.M.
Shabbat ends	6:12 P.M.

Monday, February 17 – Presidents' Day

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

Friday, February 21

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv	5:00 P.M.
Candle Lighting	5:20 P.M.

Saturday, February 22 – Mishpatim – Birkat HaChodesh

Torah Reading: Exodus 21:1-24:18 Haftarah: Jeremiah 34:8-22, 33:25-26

We welcome the new month Adar

Rosh Chodesh is Friday and Saturday, February 28 and March 1

Kinders Hul	10:15 A.M.
Teen Minyan	10:30 A.M.
Mincha	5:00 P.M.
Shiur	5:30 P.M.
Maariv	6:00 P.M.
Shabbat ends	6:20 P.M.

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CENTER FAMILY

Condolences to:

Jerry Kirschbaum on the passing of his wife Marilyn Kirschbaum.

Arnie Schweitzer on the passing of his brother Sam Schweitzer.

The family of longtime member Judith Guttman (69th Avenue).

May the families be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

February Milestone Anniversaries:

Rhoda & Edwin Zlotnick (70)

Gail & Zvi Keren (45)

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We are looking for new members of the Board of Trustees to start serving in April 2025. We are looking for dedicated people who are willing to offer a variety of points of view, areas of expertise, and experiences with our synagogue. If you have been a member in good standing of Hillcrest Jewish Center for at least three years, and are interested in becoming a board member, please contact Mark Solkoff at msolkoff@gmail.com.

DAILY SERVICES

Monday-Friday mornings

7:00 AM

Sunday and Holiday mornings

8:30 AM

Sunday-Thursday evenings

7:00 PM

From Rabbi Kogan

Dear Friends of Hillcrest Jewish Center,

You may not be aware of it, but early in January our community in Queens was at the center of the Jewish news, both in America and in Israel. The *Jewish Week*, the *Jewish Telegraphic Agency*, and the *Times of Israel*, among others, reflected on the fact that North America's first Solomon Schechter Conservative day school turned Orthodox. Yes, the Solomon Schechter School of Queens (SSSQ) as we knew it, is gone.

The news hit very close to home for many of us, and I suggest that all of us should at least be reflecting on the implications of this development.

But first, let me direct you to two online articles on the subject, both worth reading.

- First-ever Solomon Schechter day school in North America goes Orthodox, by Jackie Hajdenberg. That article was reprinted in the *Times of Israel* and *Jerusalem Post*, among others.
- My Solomon Schechter school embodied a bygone American, Zionist and New York Jewish dream, by Gil Troy.

Those of us who have been part of the Schechter community have seen this development brewing in the last several years.

Those of you who have not been part of the Schechter community should not be very surprised either, as the change in the school reflects the change in the community – yes, our own community.

I wrote about this subject many times, but just for those who need a reminder, and paraphrasing Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz, "Toto, we are not in the times of Rabbi Mowshowitz any longer."

While all Conservative congregations in Queens have seen a sharp decline in membership in the last 25 years, and many have closed their doors and merged, the former SSSQ didn't close its doors or merge, but went through a slow, subtle, and I would like to add, intentional, takeover. We don't need confirmation. Many of us experienced it.

Argentinean author Julio Cortazar wrote a short story, *House Taken Over*, in which he describes the story of a brother and sister living in a large house in Buenos Aires, who feel that their house is gradually being taken over by some mysterious intruders.

To make things clear, the Bukharian families of the Queens Hebrew Academy (former SSSQ) are not intruders, but members of the community. Yet, they took over a school with a particular mission and made it into a different school, with a different mission.

I also don't believe there are guilty parties here. The change in the school demographics reflects the change in the community demographics. It is what it is.

And yet, it makes me think if we, religious and lay leaders of the non-Orthodox congregations in Queens, could have done something different – maybe think outside the box, together – could have salvaged not only the school but also non-Orthodox Judaism in Queens. I guess when we are all in surviving mode and focusing our energy on being *the last shul standing*, there is no time and creativity left to think outside the box.

Last, but not least, I would like to share with you, including the few Hillcrest Jewish Center families of the new Queens Hebrew Academy, some cautionary words. The pluralism we celebrate and promote in the liberal Jewish community, the more-than-one-way to live our Judaism, is not shared by the overwhelming majority of our new neighbors. The average new occupant of the former Solomon Schechter school of Queens didn't react to the news of the change in name with words of appreciation to the countless Conservative Jews, synagogues, rabbis, and cantors, who built the school throughout the years.

Instead, this is a post that appeared in the Instagram account of the Bukharian Community:

Solomon Schechter School of Queens the once upon a time reform Jewish school has decided to rename their school Queens Hebrew Academy. The school used to be associated with Reform Judaism but in recent years thanks to the push of Bukharian Rabbis such as Rabbi Babachanov and community member and President of the school Roy Moussaieff the school is once again on the right path and the only way: the orthodox Jewish path.

As you may see, this message contains a mixture of sadness, anger, and resignation. Yes, the pendulum may swing back in the future (it always does), but most probably when it does, we won't be here to see it.

Among those who founded SSSQ were the historic leaders of Hillcrest Jewish Center, a bygone generation, whose presence still echoes within the walls of our beloved shul. We owe them to be mindful of their efforts and contributions and celebrate their legacy by keeping our shul, strong, vibrant, and relevant.

With many blessings,

Rabbi Manes Kogan

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Here are some highlights from our December meeting.

Technology Update:

We are testing an outside vendor for the streaming service.

Executive Committee Report:

Sale of Building: We are unhappy with our current lawyers dealing with the leaseback and will be engaging the firm of Abrams Garfinkel Margolis Bergson LLP who are real estate specialists. We need blueprints to show which of the premises are part of our lease.

Constitutional amendments were approved at the General Membership meeting.

Executive Director's Report:

We received \$200,000 from the Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes grant. We have two years to implement this, and it cannot be used for security personnel.

The Local Law 97 recommendations came in. We now have a deadline to be compliant with the recommendations.

The new website is moving towards being live in 2025.

Staff members were treated to an annual party as a thank you for their hard work.

Repairs to the Rabbi's House were discussed.

Sisterhood Report:

Jukebox Bingo, a joint program with Men's Club, was a tremendous success. The next project is Purim Shalach Manot. A notice will be going out in the January bulletin. The Libby Mowshowitz Memorial Brunch will be on Sunday May 18th.

Men's Club:

Military Bridge will be on February 2nd. You don't need to know how to play bridge to come and enjoy the event. Everyone is invited to the World Wide Wrap on February 9th, with breakfast to follow.

Youth and Family Report:

An email was sent out for the upcoming dinner on January 17th. All children are invited and it will be hosted by both the Rabbi and the Cantor. There is a Junior Congregation on December 28, and a Teen Keshet on January 12.

Old Business:

A motion was made and passed to move the four funds currently in the General Fund that do not have separate bank accounts to Special Funds.

Kol Nidre Report: Kol Nidre ran approximately 10% less than last year and 90% of promised donations have been collected so far.

New Business:

There was a discussion regarding evacuation safety. During the high

holidays it takes a long time to exit the ballroom. The security committee is working to fix the bottleneck.

Board Nominations: Terms of four members are up, and one member is resigning. The nominating committee needs to be formed in January to fill the vacancies. There will be 4 members of this committee from the board, and 4 who are not on the board.

Good & Welfare:

Thank you to the Kol Nidre committee of Harold Moskowitz and Andrea Grundman Cooper.
Mark Solkoff, Board Chair

SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

Friday, February 28 – Rosh Chodesh

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 5:00 P.M.
Candle Lighting 5:28 P.M.

Saturday, March 1 – Terumah – Shabbat Rosh Chodesh

Shabbat Shekalim – Rosh Chodesh Adar 9:00 A.M.
Torah Reading: Exodus 25:1-27:19, Numbers 28:9-15, Exodus 30:11-16
Haftarah: II Kings 12:1-17

Mincha 5:15 P.M.
Shiur and Snacks 5:45 P.M.
Maariv 6:15 P.M.
Shabbat ends 6:28 P.M.



Most of the staff members and Executive Board at the annual party a few days before Hanukkah.

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Rabbi Kogan and Cantor Rachel. As the Cantor is a seminary student right now, we look forward to her upcoming graduation after which she will take on more varied responsibilities. Rabbi Kogan conducts a variety of classes each week for your learning pleasure.

There are many committees that are always looking for new participants, not to mention our wonderful Sisterhood, Men's Club and Youth & Family. As a member, you should be receiving the Daily Digest e-mail each morning, the Shabbat Shalom weekly listing of services and upcoming events, the occasional special e-mail alert, and the monthly printed bulletin.

There are now various small groups for you to attend that vary in subject matter from *Talking Sports, Chatting in Yiddish, Chatting in Hebrew, Visiting Museums & Shows, Walking in the Park or Smoking Cigars with Shots of Bourbon*. There are other groups I'm sure I've omitted, but you can always get a full list from the office staff or our new website hillcrestjc.org. Our Adult Education Committee offers the occasional topical lecturer or film presentation, including the *First Annual Film Festival*, that you can read about in this bulletin. You have joined an organization that seeks to fulfill the religious, educational and social needs of its membership from cradle to grave. If a need arises in your life that I haven't written about, be sure to call the office to inquire if we have an "app" for that need. We look forward to seeing you all as often as possible and hope that you will take advantage of all we have to offer.

Alan Reisner, Vice President

ADULT EDUCATION PRESENTS OUR FIRST ANNUAL FILM FESTIVAL

Come to Hillcrest Jewish Center and bring your friends as Adult Ed Presents our *First Annual Film Festival* this February on **Saturday evenings at 6:30 PM.**

On **February 8th**, we will be showing the award-winning dramatic comedy, *Dough*. In this movie, an old Jewish baker (Jonathan Pryce) sees his struggling business boom when his young apprentice (Jerome Holder) accidentally drops marijuana into the dough.

On **February 15th**, we will be showing the award-winning documentary, *The Wild One*. In this film, an unsung artist and Holocaust survivor, Jack Garfein, channels his memories to propel his defiance of censorship in postwar America while co-founding the Actor's Studio.

On **February 22nd**, we will be showing the award-winning romantic comedy, *Arranged*. When an Orthodox Jewish woman and Muslim woman meet as first year teachers at a New York public school, they realize they have a lot in common, particularly since they are each going to have arranged marriages.

These events are open to the public. Refreshments will be served. **RSVP is required.**

Sherry Reisner

SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood offers many opportunities to become involved.

Become active! We need you! Participate in only one project or join a committee. If anyone has any questions or suggestions, feel free to speak to me or any other Sisterhood Board member. Your suggestions are important to us, as well as keeping us in touch with the entire congregation.

If you would like to make a donation to Sisterhood, in memory of, or in honor of someone, please leave your check, payable to Sisterhood Hillcrest Jewish Center, along with the name, address and occasion for the card, in the Sisterhood mailbox. We will send a beautifully designed card to the recipient. The minimum donation is \$18.

Please visit our Gift Shop after Shabbat services, or by appointment only during the week. We have an ever-changing selection of merchandise suitable for any occasion.

Are you interested in becoming a member of Sisterhood Stitchers? All the

baby blankets are donated to the Neonatal Unit at Jamaica Hospital.

Call the Center office, 718-380-4145, leave your name and phone number and we will return your call for any of the above.

Finally, please let me remind you of our only fundraiser of the year – Shalach Manot. The last date to place your Purim order is Friday, February 28th. If you need another flyer, you can print it from the Daily Digest. Also, of course, one is included with the mailing of this Bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support,

Karen Rothman

Sisterhood President

MEN'S CLUB

Two friendly February reminders:

Military Bridge has been one of Hillcrest Jewish Center Men's Club's favorite events for many years. It's easy to catch on to how it works (in a sense, similar to Gin Rummy). Camaraderie amongst the participants has simply been amazing. So join us on Sunday, February 2nd from 1:30 PM to approximately 4:00 PM. After Tuesday, January 28th, each Men's Club member and his significant other each pay \$15, while non-members each pay \$18. Please make personal checks payable to Men's Club, Hillcrest Jewish Center. All synagogue members should have already received registration flyers in the mail. You should be receiving this HJC Bulletin prior to the event. If you haven't already advised us that you are attending Military Bridge, please call Steve Zellman at 917-916-7032. Steve will answer your questions. RSVP ASAP.

Come daven with us at the **World Wide Wrap** Shacharit service, Sunday morning, February 9th. At 8:15 AM we will practice the mitzvah of putting on and wearing tefillin, along with communities around the world. The Shacharit service begins at 8:30 AM. No tefillin? No problem! Loaners and instructions for use are gladly provided. Around 9:30 AM, breakfast sponsored by the Men's Club, will take place in the Moreida Auditorium.

The Men's Club-sponsored **Congregational Breakfast**, with soon-to-be-announced guest speaker, convenes on Sunday morning May 5th, just after Shacharit.

Another Men's Club much-favored event, **fishing** on the south shore waters of Suffolk County's Captree State Park, occurs on Sunday, June 29th, from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM. For specifics of these,

and all other events throughout the year, please refer to synagogue emails, text messages, printed flyers, phone calls and announcements. You may also email Men's Club president Marty Guttman at (mpguttman@gmail.com).

Joel Berkowitz

Co-Vice President

NEW CLASS STARTING Confronting Challenging Issues In the Torah

Beginning February 4th, Dr. Richard Meyer will be conducting a new class "Confronting Challenging Issues in the Torah." It will be virtual on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM.

He has been leading the weekly Torah portion discussions for several years, and each session continues to be as insightful and engaging as ever.

Please join Dr. Meyer as he introduces challenging questions to open a conversation where discussion and argument are welcome. Then accompany him in exploring modern insights on the Torah portion by Rabbi Sacks, Shai Held, Elliott Cosgrove, and even Dennis Prager. Sessions are not sequential, so drop in whenever you can. Reading material will be made available to the participants in advance through the daily email.

For more information contact Richard Meyer at bigpopp1md@aol.com.

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA and

NEW MEMBERS SHABBAT

Friday evening
March 7

There will be a dinner
after services.

Additional information will be
forthcoming in the Daily Digest.

RSVP Required

When you see those words on a
flyer, in the text of a Bulletin article,
or in the
Daily Digest or Shabbat Shalom...
it is there for a reason!

**Tables must be set up
and/or food will be served,
and it is necessary to know how
many people will be attending.**

HAVDALAH and HANUKKAH CELEBRATION
*with support from the Edith and Aaron Goldberg Youth Activities Fund
 and the Mollie and Louis Leffler Memorial Fund*



Photo by Cantor Rachel

On December 21st, close to 170 congregants and friends gathered for our Havdalah and Hanukkah celebration. Together we enjoyed fantastic food, Hanukkah lights and laser magic, and songs of joy and miracles.

A huge Yasher Koach to our celebration committee: co-chair Linda Jaffe for creating sparkling table centerpieces; Susan Diamond for sharing her culinary talents and expertise; Suzy Heinfink for preparing the kids' goody bags; Silvia Kogan for leading us in Havdalah; Cantor Rachel for bringing us Hanukkah joy through song; and Rabbi Kogan for his guidance and support. A special thank you goes to our Executive Director, Nadine Kochavi; to the office staff – Melissa Gerstein, Juana Santos, and Brona Hammer; and to our hardworking maintenance staff (Orlando, Manny, and Vivian), who provided essential help on the evening of the event.

We are grateful for your attendance and support of our holiday programming, including our sponsors: Susan Beberfall, Louise Derzansky Cohen & Paul Cohen, Susan & Paul Diamond, Gina Friedlander & Alan Bloom, Abby Goldstein, Ellen Hochstein, Lisa Hochstein, Heléne and Howard Jacob, Linda & Lenny Jaffe, Betty Kaplan, Gail & Zvi and Jennifer Keren, Eleonora & Dmitriy Kogan, Silvia & Rabbi Manes Kogan, Nora Kozuch & Louis Kleiman, Oshria Levin, Janet & Stephen Liebman, Rochelle & Herb Mandell, Lillyana & Harold Moskowitz, Aviva & Jimmy Peress, Denise Pintus, Sherry & Alan Reisner, Adele Rothstein, Sheila Rubin, Hariette Wittenberg Saturn & Simeon Saturn, Iris Schachter, Monte Schwartz, Ellen & Arnie Schweitzer, Ilana Slaff-Galatan

& Albert Galatan, Elaine Soffer & Richard Kass, Laurie & Bernie Spear, Elaine Steinberg, Susan & Ralph Straus, Bertha Strauss, Esther & Rafal Tokarz, Daniel Tyroler, Susan & Philip Zigman.

See you at the next Hanukkah celebration!

*Heléne Jacob
 Event Co-Chair*

***If you haven't yet
 made your
 Kol Nidre pledge,
 there's still time
 to do it now.
 Please call the office.***

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

We had two wonderful dinners on January 17th. All the children came together for Kabbalat Shabbat services. Then the teen dinner, sponsored by Iris Schachter, was hosted at Rabbi Kogan's home, and the Junior Congregation dinner, sponsored by Eleonora and Dmitry Kogan, was led by Cantor Rachel at HJC.

We hope to see all the children at our upcoming events.

Esther Tokarz, Youth and Family

TERMINATING SPECIAL FUNDS

HJC has been unable to reach a designated person to discuss the use of the following funds:

Dr. Aaron & Dr. Gertrude Kornblau Memorial Fund

Ruth & Irving Schlein Memorial Fund

If anyone has a contact person for these funds, please reach out to our Executive Director Nadine with the information at exec@hillcrestjc.org or (718) 380-4145.

For each of these funds, if we cannot identify a designated person by the end of March, then that fund will be terminated as a separate fund, and the balance will be transferred to the Endowment Fund.

Edna H. Greene, HJC Treasurer

MOWSHOWITZ LIBRARY UPDATE

Now available for your enjoyment is the arrival of new books. The HJC office staff will open the library for your perusing and borrowing of books.

Non-Fiction

10/7: 100 Human Stories

by Lee Yaron

One Day in October

by Yair Agmon

Chutzpah Girls

by Julie Esther Silverstern

Fiction

The Whisper Sister

by Jennifer S. Brown

On Her Own

by Lihi Lapid

The Singer Sisters

by Sarah Seltzer

Carol Kantro, Library Volunteer

PARSHA OF THE WEEK

**Led by Michael Brofman
Sundays at 9:30 AM**

Join the enthusiastic group of Michael's fans, as they delve into the Torah portion, connecting with its stories, laws, and everlasting lessons.

This class takes place on Zoom.

For more information, please contact Michael at mdbrofman@hotmail.com.

TORAH and HAFTARAH CLASS

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah

On Shabbat after Kiddush

If you've never had a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, this is your chance! If you had one but didn't learn to chant the Haftarah or read from the Torah, this opportunity is for you, too.

Join Iris Schachter once a week and be surprised by the new set of skills you will acquire, as you become part of the next Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah class.

Intermediate-level Hebrew reading is current.

For questions or more information, contact Iris at Schachter1@gmail.com.

More Hebrew Reading Classes

Total Beginners Class

Sundays at 12 noon

Intermediate Class

Sundays at 11 AM

Advanced Class

Thursdays at 10 AM

Contact Iris at Schachter1@gmail.com.

SMALL GROUPS

Continuing groups are very happy to welcome new members. Please remember that joining a group is a commitment. You should plan to participate in all or most of the sessions.

For general questions, please email melissa@hillcrestjc.org or call the office.

Arts Engagement: New Exhibitions led by Helene Jacob. Dates and times for museum visits will be determined based on current exhibitions. Docent-led tours, when available. Most visits will occur on Mondays and Tuesdays (occasional Wednesdays). Participants must be willing to take the Express bus to Manhattan, possibly carpool, pay for van. Contact Helene Jacob, crew184@aol.com.

Beyond Oy Vey: Yiddish Conversation led by Eva Zimmerman. 1st and 3rd Thursdays, noon for up to 2 hours, HJC. If you can speak Yiddish a little or a lot, join us. No studying, memorizing or pressure. For more information contact Eva Zimmerman at elzimm76@gmail.com.

Hebrew Schmooze led by Aviva Peress. Alternate Mondays, 7:30 pm. at the home of an HJC member, close to HJC. Would you like to get together and schmooze in Hebrew? A rudimentary knowledge of Hebrew is required. For more information contact Aviva at peressal@gmail.com.

Israeli Dance for Beginners led by Iris Schachter. Tuesdays 5:45-6:45 pm at HJC. If you always wanted to do Israeli dances, but never tried, this is your chance.

Whiskey, Cigar, Torah, and Schmooze led by Rabbi Kogan and Norton Spiel. Dates and times to be determined. Participants need to commit to attending all or most meetings. Open to men and women, smokers and non-smokers. Cost \$15 per meeting, which includes 1 premium cigar per meeting and a selection of Bourbons and Single Malt Scotches. New participants are welcome. For more information, contact Rabbi Kogan at rabbikogan@hillcrestjc.org.

Talking Sports led by Gerry Lewis. Thursdays 11:00 AM-12:30 PM at HJC. What are our memories? Who are the best players? There are many opinions. What are the rules? What are the recent changes? Are they good or bad? Salaries being paid? Are they crazy? These and related questions spark great conversations. For more information, contact Gerry Lewis at biggg199@aol.com

Seoul Stories: A K-Drama Group led by Nora Kozuch and Louis Kleiman. 1st and 3rd Thursdays starting November 7 at 5:30 pm at HJC. Description: Love Korean TV dramas, romances, comedies, or movies? This small group is for anyone who enjoys watching and analyzing these captivating shows. Contact Nora or Louis at enkay6249@gmail.com.

SYNAGOGUE OFFERINGS

As a member-in-good-standing, you may phone the office with your donation and the amount will appear on your next HJC bill.

Reminder

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

General Fund:

Meredith Deckler in honor of the morning Minyanaires. She was welcomed each morning by this dedicated amazing, caring group of people, and was able to say kaddish for her mother.

Lili Nicenboim & Hugo Beibe thank Helene Jacob, Linda Jaffe, Susan Diamond and Suzy Heinfink for the wonderful pre-Hanukkah event they organized on December 21.

Bertha Strauss thanks all her dear friends at HJC for their birthday wishes, which meant so much to her.

Susan & Paul Diamond in honor of Naomi Bookbinder on her special birthday.

Julianna Kaplan in honor of aunt Karen Kaplan with thanks and love for everything you have done for her.

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Julianna Kaplan in honor of grandma BB/Betty Kaplan with thanks for all the joy and love you have brought to her childhood so far.

Julianna Kaplan in honor of her Papa and Gammy/Bernard and Merle Kaplan with thanks for all the joy and love you have brought to her childhood so far.

Rochelle & Herb Mandell thank Rabbi Kogan, Helene Jacob, and the many volunteers who made our Hanukkah celebration successful, and many thanks for the delicious Hanukkah treats, table displays and light show.

Ralph Straus for yearzeit of father Leo Straus.

Harriet Rosengarten for yearzeit of father Norman Horen.

Rabbi Manes Kogan for yearzeit of sister Adriana Silvina Kogan.

Frederic Greene for yearzeit of father Joseph Greene.

Elaine Steinberg for yearzeit of grandfather Arthur Kornick.

Elaine Steinberg for yearzeit of father George Steinberg.

Sela Zellman for yearzeit of mother Edith Eisenstat.

Erika Fedor for yearzeit of beloved father Israel Stern.

Cheryl Meyer for yearzeit of mother Eleanor Wolff.

Sherrie Jackson for yearzeit of father Mark Jackson.

Jerry Kirschbaum for yearzeit of mother-in-law Sarah Lubinsky.

Hariette Wittenberg Saturn for yearzeit of grandmother Bertha Essig.

Hariette Wittenberg Saturn for yearzeit of aunt Pauline Essig.

Marianne Halpern for yearzeit of husband Sidney Halpern.

Iris Mentle for yearzeit of mother Edith Mentle and grandfather Max Fier.

Larry Schonfeld for yearzeit of mother Esther Schonfeld.

Martha Silver and Jeanette Silver for yearzeit of beloved father James Jay Silver.

Martha Silver and Jeanette Silver for yearzeit of beloved mother Evelyn Rubin Silver.

Edgar Schwartz for yearzeit of sister Blanche Cohen.

Judith Ross for yearzeit of husband Charles Ross.

Joy Silver Leffler honors the yearzeit of her beloved mother Lillian F. Silver, of blessed memory.

Harold Moskowitz for yearzeit of father Irving Moskowitz.

Mark Solkoff for yearzeit of grandmother Minnie Feldman.

Steffi Weiss for yearzeit of mother Sylvia Weiner.

Fredda Chodrow-Goldberg for yearzeit of father Sol Charles Chodrow.

Bernard Pestyner for yearzeit of beloved mother Miriam Pestyner.

Hilda Dorf for yearzeit of mother Rae Siegel.

Hilda Dorf for yearzeit of mother-in-law Yetta Dorf.

Michael Cantor for yearzeit of father Harold Cantor.

Robin Cantor for yearzeit of father Stanley Breitner.

Stanley Klein for yearzeit of sister Doris Nodelman.

Elaine Applebaum for yearzeit of husband Stanley Applebaum.

Sandra Jackson for yearzeit of father George Steinberg.

Sandra Jackson for yearzeit of grandfather Arthur Kornick.

Jeffrey Weinberg for yearzeit of father Barry Weinberg.

Susan Hamburger for yearzeit of mother Rose Goldman.

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Eva Sanders for yearzeit of mother Renee Witt.

Nitza Schraeter for yearzeit of grandmother Feigeh Sara Schancer.

Ari Goldberg for yearzeit of grandmother Sophie Messing.

Silvia Surazski Kogan for yearzeit of grandfather Abraham Surazski.

Silvia Surazski Kogan for yearzeit of grandmother Rebecca Laster de Koza.

Larry Schwartz for yearzeit of wife Barbara Schwartz.

Paula Schoen for yearzeit of cousin Sue Oremland.

Edith Jarnow for yearzeit of mother Regina Jarnow.

Sheldon Leffler for yearzeit of father Louis Leffler.

Eva Zimmerman for yearzeit of father Moses Greenberg.

Rhoda Ellner for yearzeit of father Isaac Katz.

Beth Ritter for yearzeit of father Jack Poznansky.

Beth Ritter for yearzeit of grandfather Herman Zuckerman.

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Sheila Rubin for yearzeit of mother Marcia Parker.

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Phyllis Rosenthal for yearzeit of mother Fay Goldberg.

Phyllis Orlikoff Flug for yearzeit of father Jack Orlikoff.

Phyllis Orlikoff Flug for yearzeit of mother Rose Orlikoff.

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Marlene Bufferd for yearzeit of mother Blossom Bufferd.

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