



# Hillcrest



## JEWISH CENTER BULLETIN

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am very concerned about what is happening to the Jewish people in our community. Since October 7th we have heard about the surge in antisemitism in the media each and every day. Unfortunately, antisemitism has been an issue that we all are aware of and has been a topic of discussion for years. I always felt that while hatred against Jews was happening in other places, it really wasn't much of a concern in Queens, New York City, or New York State. After all, we are the "melting pot" and have so much diversification that peaceful relations have existed among our varied communities for decades and decades. Strife and antisemitism would never be experienced in our backyards.

But October 7th, and for those many weeks afterward, changed that notion. I think back to a movie that I saw many, many years ago called the "Garden of the Finzi-Continis". It is a story of a wealthy Jewish family in Italy that learns about the rampage against Jews in Europe but erroneously thinks that this horror couldn't happen to them. Of course, at the end of the movie, they endure the same fate as the rest of European Jewry.

Just recently, there was an incident at Hillcrest High School in Jamaica. A teacher, who had attended the same rally at the Vleigh Place library that many of us attended in support of Israel, was threatened and chased by the students in the school and had to barricade herself in her room for safety. While over twenty students took part in this attack, only four have been arrested. Where is the protest by the teachers' union? Why hasn't there been widespread condemnation of this attack?

What has caused this drastic change in our local and general society as a whole? The proliferation of misinformation has led even the most mild-mannered people to react negatively to the news about Israel. Most do not know the history of the region or the history of the Jewish people. Jewish individuals across the

### SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

#### Monday, January 1 – New Year's Day

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

#### Friday, January 5

Candle Lighting ..... 4:24 P.M.  
 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv ..... 4:30 P.M.

#### Saturday, January 6 – Shemot – Birkat HaChodesh..... 9:00 A.M.

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

We welcome the new month Shevat – Rosh Chodesh is Thursday, January 11

Mincha..... 4:15 P.M.  
 Shiur ..... 4:45 P.M.  
 Maariv..... 5:15 P.M.  
 Shabbat ends..... 5:28 P.M.

#### Friday, January 12

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv ..... 4:30 P.M.  
 Candle Lighting ..... 4:31 P.M.

#### Saturday, January 13 – Vaera ..... 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Exodus 6:2-9:35 Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

Mincha..... 4:15 P.M.  
 Shiur ..... 4:45 P.M.  
 Maariv..... 5:15 P.M.  
 Shabbat ends..... 5:35 P.M.

#### Monday, January 15 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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

#### Friday, January 19

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv ..... 4:30 P.M.  
 Candle Lighting ..... 4:39 P.M.

#### Saturday, January 20 – Bo ..... 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Exodus 10:1-13:16 Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-28

Mincha..... 4:30 P.M.  
 Shiur ..... 5:00 P.M.  
 Maariv..... 5:30 P.M.  
 Shabbat ends..... 5:42 P.M.

#### Monday, January 25 – Tu B'Shevat

#### Friday, January 26

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv ..... 4:30 P.M.  
 Candle Lighting ..... 4:47 P.M.

#### Saturday, January 27 – Beshalach – Shabbat Shirah..... 9:00 A.M.

#### International Holocaust Memorial Day

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

Mincha..... 4:30 P.M.  
 Shiur ..... 5:00 P.M.  
 Maariv..... 5:30 P.M.  
 Shabbat ends..... 5:50 P.M.

country are being targeted and some attacked, not just because they support the State of Israel, but simply because they are Jewish.

Look at what is happening on our college campuses with little being done by university administrations to stop it. Peaceful rallies are part of the backbone of the United States, but

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

**Congratulations to:**

David Zolondek on his 80th birthday.  
 Adele Rothstein on the marriage of her granddaughter Brittany Liebes to Jeffrey Himelson.

**Condolences to:**

Bob Gropper on the passing of his sister Ellen Sue Rhoden.

**January Milestone Anniversary:**  
 Bobette & Sheldon Beinhacker (60)

**New Members:**

Andrea Bernal  
 Florence & Lou Siegel  
 Corrie & Howard Slewett, children  
 Jake, Sydney, Brandon, Shea  
 Rachel & Manuel Sotelo, children  
 Emily, Louis  
 Pazit & Michael Weiner, children  
 Lila, Ben

**SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

Please always take extra precautions when always entering and exiting the synagogue. Make sure that doors are locked behind you and do not let people in who you do not know. At no time should you accept a package for the synagogue without the office's prior knowledge and approval.

As always, be vigilant, and DO NOT be reluctant to call 911 if you see ANYTHING suspicious or of concern.

Feel free to call the office with any questions or concerns regarding security procedures at Hillcrest Jewish Center.

Harold Moskowitz and Alan Reisner,  
 Security Co-Chairs

**From Rabbi Kogan**

Dear Friends of Hillcrest Jewish Center,

Sometimes called "the longest hatred," antisemitism has persisted in many forms for over two thousand years.

Jews in America, in the last 100 years, tackled antisemitism in different ways. On the one hand, they tried to assimilate into the way of life of those who rejected them, creating similar institutions of their own, as they gradually tried to blend in and to be accepted.

On the other hand, they maintained that antisemitism germinated from ignorance and prejudice, so they strongly believed that all that antisemites needed to do to change their behavior was to be educated and to see the contributions of the enlightened Jew to society.

Liberal Jews, many of them children and grandchildren of socialist immigrants, were at the vanguard of every social and political movement in America defending the rights of minorities, including African Americans, women, immigrants, and LGBT. Jews were also disproportionately involved in the women's suffrage movement, labor unions, and in the Socialist Party of America.

Finally, Jews, especially after the 1950s, were to be found in high numbers, in every Ivy League university in America, both among the students and the faculty.

The tragic events of October 7th shattered a sense of internal and external security not only in Israel, but among American Jews as well. Jewish institutions and individuals have been exposed to levels of antisemitism that many of us don't remember having experienced in our lives. What makes this new wave of antisemitism even more challenging is that it originates within populations, movements, ideologies, institutions, and organizations, which have been heavily supported by Jews in the past.

Many Jewish individuals and organizations are still in shock, trying to accommodate themselves to this new reality, a reality in which Jews are being the target of hatred not because, but despite.

The open support for Hamas by many leaders in institutions promoting the rights of minorities, the inability to condemn the rape of Israeli women, by many leading feminist organizations, and the deafening silence by Ivy League leaders witnessing alarming demonstrations of antisemitism, is a cataclysm for which very few of us were prepared.

What should we do now?

First, we need to face the somber reality without denying it any longer, without justifying the unjustifiable. We need to accept that our love was unrequited, that the many "alliances" and "friendships" we forged throughout the years with many organizations and individuals, didn't withstand the test of time.

Perhaps we were loved as individuals – my best friends are Jews – but not as a people. Count Stanislas de Clermont Tonnerre put it very eloquently in his famous statement at the French National Assembly in 1789: "We must refuse *everything* to the *Jews* as a nation and accord *everything* to *Jews* as individuals." As King Solomon said it in Ecclesiastes: "there is nothing new under the sun."

Second, we need to turn the focus back on ourselves. In the words of Hillel, the Elder: *If I am not for myself, who will be for me?* That doesn't mean stopping caring about others. After all, it was Hillel who also said: *If I am only for myself, what am I?* However, there is a time for everything, and now I believe, is a time for introspection and self-care.

I am sure you heard the joke about a grandson who tells his zayde that the Yankees defeated the Red Sox, to which the zayde asks: Is it good or bad for the Jews?

I am afraid the joke isn't funny any longer. It is time for all of us to ask the question: Is it good or bad for the Jews? Is it good or bad for Israel? Is it good or bad for us? After all, it looks like if we don't ask the question, nobody will.

With hope for better days.

Rabbi Manes Kogan



**MAXI LINDO  
 RETIRES  
 AFTER 37 YEARS  
 AT HILLCREST**

Photos by Simeon Saturn





**PRESIDENT** *cont. from page 1*

when hatred is spilled forth from those rallies with Nazi flags being brazenly displayed and violence ensuing, it is time to say enough is enough. Jewish students are afraid to leave their dorms because of harassment and threats. Schools like Cornell, NYU, and Columbia contain a significant percentage of Jewish students and have failed to unequivocally denounce the violence against them. This is wrong and the administrations should make it clear that the perpetrators will be punished. Instead, there is a false equivalence being instituted that says if we suspend a Palestinian organization or club on campus, then we have to also suspend a Jewish or Zionist organization to maintain "fairness" which only perpetuates the problem.

At NYU, a Palestinian professor was fired for making hate filled speeches at a rally and so a Jewish professor also was demoted for simply saying that the Palestinians were wrong about what they did on October 7th. It has also been reported that at Queens College, our neighborhood educational institution, serious threats have been made against Jewish students on campus. I have recently been made aware that Queens College students were advised not to wear any Jewish identification on their person!

This false equivalency is extremely pervasive in the news media which also plays a major role in perpetuating misinformation. On most stations, not all, the commentators and reporters will always be sure to have a pro-Israel consultant or commentator followed by a Palestinian commentator with a failure to challenge the statements that are made on air. Maybe it is time for us to actively protest these media companies and express our demands for the truth. Israel is fighting for its very survival and existence where Hamas is fighting to destroy and eliminate Israel as a nation and using the Palestinian people as human shields. There can be no moral equivalence drawn between the two.

I sincerely hope that by the time you read this, the tide of hatred will have subsided, but I acknowledge that such hope may be wishful thinking.

*Simeon Saturn, President*

**Daily Minyan  
in the Sanctuary  
7 AM and 7 PM  
Sundays & Holidays  
8:30 AM**

**Adult Education Committee  
presents a talk by  
MONICA WEISS**



**Thursday, January 11 at 7:30 PM**

The Adult Education Committee is presenting a talk and discussion about "Climate in Crisis: Where do we go from here?"

Since the release of Al Gore's award-winning film "An Inconvenient Truth" in 2006, the earth's climate has already reached tipping points that were predicted to happen further into the future. We are faced with this unprecedented crisis which requires cooperation and solutions to be scaled up globally. In the 2017 "Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power", Al Gore takes us through the amazing solutions and extraordinary challenges facing humanity.

This presentation/discussion will focus on how we create a vision of the kind of world we want to leave for our children and grandchildren. Focusing on solutions and activism, Monica Weiss will describe how each and every one of us, regardless of age, can be part of the answer to this crisis facing the world.

Monica Weiss is a retired NYC public school teacher who has become a passionate climate advocate. She has two grown children and two grandchildren.

Cake and coffee will be served at 7:30 P.M., prior to Monica's presentation.

*We will be showing the movie "Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power" on Sunday, January 7th at 5:00 P.M. in the Moreida.*

Please notify the office if you are interested in seeing the movie on the 7th and attending the presentation on January 11th, so we can prepare appropriately.

This program is free and open to the public. *Kathy Lewis*

**CONGREGATIONAL  
GENERAL MEETING  
Sunday, January 21  
10:00 AM**

**REPORT FROM  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

At the Board of Trustees meeting on November 28, 2023, there was a spirited discussion about our continued negotiations to sell our building and lease back the parts we use. The question was whether we should continue to entertain new offers by potential purchasers, or instead focus on negotiating a final contract with the purchaser with whom we have already made an informal, nonbinding commitment. The Board decided to focus on the purchaser we already have, and to suspend any discussion of new offers until such time that our current talks fall through.

A new security camera system is being installed. We discussed ways of updating the intercom buzz-in system as well.

The Board approved the Synagogue's financial statement for 2022-23. Because of successful investments, the Synagogue increased its total assets by a small amount in that year. But our operating deficit remains worrisomely large.

The Board approved the expenditure of up to \$5,000 for updated computer system components, to prevent malfunctions and cyberattacks.

At our January meeting, the Board will form a Nominating Committee to choose new officers and trustees for terms beginning in April 2024. If you are interested in becoming an officer or trustee, please contact Simeon Saturn or me so that the Nominating Committee can consider you. In addition to the satisfaction that comes from serving our Synagogue community, trustees enjoy camaraderie, fame, glory, and complimentary coffee or tea during meetings. We need you! *Richard Kass, Board Chair*

**MEN'S CLUB**

We aim to keep our brethren posted on the many upcoming 2024 Men's Club social events. Already secured on the calendar include **Military Bridge** on Sunday, February 4th, as well as a sponsored breakfast following **World Wide Wrap** on Sunday, February 11th.

Our agenda also includes a guided tour of the **Cradle of Aviation Museum and Planetarium, Movie Night, Congregational Breakfast with guest speaker, and Fishing**. Dates and times for these events will be forthcoming via mail and e-mail.

Men's Club wishes a happy, healthy, and peaceful 2024 to all.

*Joel Berkowitz,  
Men's Club Co-VP*

**SISTERHOOD**

Sisterhood has a special event coming up on Monday, January 22nd – Lunch and Movie Afternoon. The movie we will be showing is “NORMAN: The Rise and Fall of a New York Fixer” starring Richard Gere. Norman is a New York fixer, knows the right people and can get things done. When an Israeli dignitary named Eshel comes to the city, Norman decides to impress him. A few years later when Eshel becomes the Israeli Prime Minister, Norman can’t communicate with him anymore and this threatens to destroy his reputation.

We will be meeting in the Moreida at 11:30. This program is by *Reservation Only*. Please return the enclosed flyer tear-off along with your check for \$20 per person, payable to **Sisterhood Hillcrest Jewish Center**, by the cut-off date of January 17th.

All members of the congregation, their friends and families, are welcome.

Our February program is scheduled for Monday, February 19th. This will be a Zoom presentation by Dr. Yvette Miller: “Putting Jewish Women Back in the Jewish Narrative”.

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, in the Sisterhood mailbox. Give us the name, address and occasion for the card and we will send a beautifully designed card to the recipient. The minimum donation is \$18.

Thank you for continuing to support Sisterhood in its 84th year.

*Karen Rothman,  
Sisterhood President*

**SISTERHOOD STITCHERS**



Barbara and Marty Resnick delivered over 150 gorgeous baby blankets to Ronnie Ramah and her staff at Jamaica Hospital’s Neonatal Unit. Thanks to all our wonderful Sisterhood Stitchers (Connie Solomon, Sue Grossman, Barbara Kane, Beth Orr, Judy Siegel, Lisa Hochstein, Edith and Doris from the Atria, and Leila Glickman z”l) for making this Mitzvah Project so successful. Contact Barbara Resnick for further details.

**MARCH FOR ISRAEL, WASHINGTON, D.C.**

I don’t have many vivid recollections from my childhood. Although, the one that I most recently recalled was going with my parents and other synagogue friends from the Forest Hills Jewish Center, to the Freedom Rally for Soviet Jews in Washington, D.C. on December 6, 1987. At the Rally, thousands of American Jews from across the country came together to stand up for the rights of our brothers and sisters. We knew we could not sit idly by as they experienced antisemitism and persecution because of their Jewish identity.

Following the horrific attack of October 7th, and as the world began to side with the terrorists against Israel, the American Jewish community recognized the need to come together once again, this time to share our outrage and unwavering support for the people of Israel.

As an Israeli-American, I was grateful to show my Israeli family, friends and strangers that they are not alone. We were fortunate to have a coach bus provided to us by UJA-Federation of NY, which we shared with members of Etz Hayim Synagogue Hollis Hills Bayside. While delays in travel got us to the rally late, everyone was grateful and humbled to participate and to be counted. We came away feeling stronger and united despite our many diverse backgrounds and affiliations. We advocated for our Jewish homeland and for the swift return of the hostages. We reminded the world that Hamas at its core is a terrorist organization and cannot remain in power.

We returned home exhausted but proud as we once again demonstrated that while we are few in number, our voices will be heard.

Rabbi Tarfon teaches: "לא צליה המלאכה לגמר, ולא אמה בן חורין לבטל ממנה", "It is not your duty to finish the work, but neither are you at liberty to neglect it." The March for Israel in Washington D. C. was only one way to demonstrate our support of Israel, and I am so proud to have travelled on this journey as Executive Director of Hillcrest Jewish Center. I know we will individually and collectively continue to engage in numerous ways to show our ongoing dedication to the people of Israel.

Am Israel Echad. May we only know peace in our time.

*Nadine Kochavi*




Rabbi David Wise, Nadine Kochavi and Susan Diamond in Washington.

THE MEN'S CLUB PRESENTS

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## OHR CHADASH CHANUKAH

### Music, Latkes, and Chocolate, Oh My!

For more than a month the students of Ohr Chadash steadfastly rehearsed for our holiday songfest of December 10th. Moreh Marc, our school's music teacher, with remarkable keyboard adeptness and perfect melodic pitch, conducted the weekly preparations, along with periodic accompaniment on guitar by Rabbi Hillel of ICCJ, and visits by Rabbi Kogan of Hillcrest Jewish Center harmonizing with the children in what quickly became one of their favorite tunes, the lyrical Ladino song, *Ocho Kandelikas*.

The morning of the third day of Chanukah began with the transformation of Ohr Chadash into a culinary institute. The students of Shorashim, Kochavim, and Giborim became chocolatiers, with Shorashim creating mini menorahs and dreidels and the Kochavim and Giborim classes preparing Maccabee warrior, Magen David, and hanukiah lollipops. As Morah Judy was overseeing the workings of our holiday Hershey factory, Chaverim, our oldest class, went into mass production of latkes. We were fortunate to have Ohr Chadash graduates Allegra, George, and Sabrina ably assisting Blake, Brian, Logan, Maya, and Shawn, along with Morot Marina and Zehava to assure that the *levivot* were a beautiful golden hue as they came off the griddles.

Following the food preparation came the final rehearsal of our musical program, with some last-minute choreography added to further enliven the performance. As parents and loved ones filled the Main Sanctuary, butterflies that might have been fluttering within the stomachs of our choir members took flight and were banished from the bimah. The program began with the entire assemblage singing *Hatikvah*, which voiced our hope for peace and calm in the Jewish homeland and for the Jewish people throughout the globe.

Next came the brachot for the lighting of the Chanukah candles, followed by Cora, William, Naomi, and Gal assisting Rabbi Hillel in the actual kindling of the holiday tapers. Our students then broke into song with *Maot Tzur*, also known as *Rock of Ages*, and *Al Hanisim*, which are recited throughout the eight nights of the Festival of Lights.

When it came to *I Have a Little Dreidel* and *S'vivon*, several of our Shorashim and Kochavim students began whirling like tops, which drew a warm response and glowing smiles from family members in the audience. Perhaps the pièce de résistance was Rabbi Kogan's invigorating leadership of the students in multiple choruses of *Ocho Kandelikas*, with the assemblage clapping in rhythm to the infectious melody.

Everyone joined in for the familiar *Chanukah, Oh Chanukah* before the choir concluded with the inspiring Peter, Paul, and Mary tune *Light One Candle*, which encourages us to remember the sacrifice of the Maccabees to keep Judaism alive in their time and for future generations to preserve that precious gift.

The assemblage then adjourned to the ballroom, where everyone was able to enjoy the fruits of the children's labors of the early morning, namely the sizzling latkes and the chocolate confections. As everyone dined, they were able to enjoy various Chanukah parodies performed by the A Capella groups Six13 and The Maccabees.

The celebration concluded with the Dreidel Spinning Contest. The students of each grade had a spin-off and the winner of each class competition competed for the Grand Prize, a Chanukah gingerbread house, which was won by Blake of Chaverim.

December 17th marks our final class at ICCJ. We extend our appreciation to Rabbi Hillel for his presence and assistance during our tenure here, to Willie and Emanuel for making sure our class space was always ready, thank you to Debbie, who assured our children's safety, and to Mara and Paul for being our back-up protection and for their caring.

Many kudos to Moreh Marc for all the hours he gave to make certain our students were the best they could be. Our appreciation is also extended to Rabbis Kogan and Wise for being part of the Ohr Chadash team and enlightening our children and helping to instill within them a devotion for our faith they would not find anywhere else.

Lastly, to my fellow morot, Judy, Marina, and Zehava. We have been together for more years than I care to count. We are not just co-workers, we are family. I can't adequately express the gratitude for all you have done for our students to imbue them with a true love of Judaism, which I hope they will carry with them all the days of their lives.

Thank you to the Ohr Chadash School Board for believing that we were providing a well-rounded curriculum for our children throughout the years.

We look forward to our concluding term at Hillcrest Jewish Center, beginning on January 7, 2024.

Wishing a Happy Secular New Year to all.

Morah Shari

## HAVDALUKAH

On Saturday evening, December 9th, about 100 HJC members came together to celebrate Havdalukah – Havdalah and Hanukkah all rolled into one joyous evening. Led by Rabbi Kogan, we said good-bye to Shabbat and lit candles on the third night of the Festival of Lights. We welcomed new members to our Hillcrest family. Rabbi Kogan demonstrated how the menorah was lit in ancient times; Cantor Rachel led us in song; we enjoyed a light meal, played games, and made crafts.

What a wonderful meaningful evening it was!  
Helene Jacob



Photo by Simeon Saturn



Photo by Sherry Reister

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

## 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:

Iris Schachter thanks the members of her Hebrew reading class who made a lunch in her honor and gave her presents.

Carol & David Zolondek thank Rabbi Kogan for his best wishes on David's 80th birthday.

Tina Schnall in appreciation of Rabbi Kogan for his enlightening classes.

Gwen & Chris Cintron in honor of the Kogans' 30th wedding anniversary.

Kathy & Gerry Lewis congratulate Dr. Arthur Flug on his excellent presentation: Arthur Szyk, NYC Comic Books and the Holocaust.

Anna Rottersman & Ted Lehmann in honor of Rabbi Manes Kogan & Silvia Kogan on the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary.

Anna Rottersman & Ted Lehmann in honor of Paul Cohen on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

The Solkoff family wishes Silvia Kogan strength and comfort on the conclusion of the 11 months of mourning for her dear father Ernesto Surazski.

Anita Kent for yearzeit of mother Ethel Kornhauser.

Reesa Ackerman for yearzeit of father-in-law Jack Ackerman.

Silvia Surazski Kogan for yearzeit of grandfather Abraham Surazski.

Sherrie Jackson for yearzeit of father Mark Jackson.

Harriet Rosengarten for yearzeit of father Norman Horen.

Joan Hausmann for yearzeit of brother Martin Raphael.

Mark Solkoff for yearzeit of grandmother Minnie Feldman.

Jeanne Einhorn for yearzeit of step-father Sam Botwinik.

Inez Levy for yearzeit of mother-in-law Leona Levy.

Joel Berkowitz for yearzeit of father Jack Berkowitz.

Edna Harris for yearzeit of mother Diana Venner.

Rabbi Manes Kogan for yearzeit of sister Adriana Silvina Kogan.

Hariette Wittenberg Saturn for yearzeit of aunt Pauline Essig.

Hariette Wittenberg Saturn for yearzeit of grandmother Bertha Essig.

Hariette Wittenberg Saturn for yearzeit of grandfather Samuel Essig.

Felice Lorber for yearzeit of mother Nora Spritzer.

Marilyn Kirschbaum for yearzeit of mother Sarah Lubinsky.

Ari Goldberg for yearzeit of grandfather Bernard Messing.

Sara Levine for yearzeit of grandfather Bernard Messing.

Beth Ritter for yearzeit of grandfather Herman Zuckerman.

Beth Ritter for yearzeit of father Jack Poznansky.

Karen Rothman for yearzeit of husband Sheldon Rothman.

Ralph Straus for yearzeit of father Leo Straus.

Richard Meyer for yearzeit of mother Esther Meyer.

Iris Schachter sends condolences to Bob Gropper on the passing of his sister Ellen Sue Rhoden.

Steffi Weiss for yearzeit of mother Sylvia Weiner.

Joseph Cohen for yearzeit of aunt Sylvia Boston.

Sela Zellman for yearzeit of mother Edith Eisenstat.

Sheila Rubin for yearzeit of mother Marcia Parker.

Harriet Kaplan for yearzeit of father Leon Lamb.

Phyllis Orlikoff Flug for yearzeit of father Jack Orlikoff.

Phyllis Orlikoff Flug for yearzeit of mother Rose Orlikoff.

Eugene Gurr for yearzeit of father Maxwell Gurr.

Norman Bobrow for yearzeit of father Louis Bobrow.

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

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

Hilda Dorf for yearzeit of mother Rae Siegel.

Marianne Halpern for yearzeit of husband Sidney Halpern.

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

Michael Cantor for yearzeit of aunt Bella Saperstein.

Judith Ross for yearzeit of husband Charles Ross.

Rita Barrison for yearzeit of mother Estelle Shapiro.

Susan Hamburger for yearzeit of mother Rose Goldman.

Kathy & Gerry Lewis, with love, for yearzeit of his mother Ann Lewis.

Rhoda Ellner for yearzeit of father Isaac Katz.

Eva Zimmerman for yearzeit of father Moses Greenberg.

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

Flo & Robert Gropper.

Rochelle & Herbert Mandell wish Rabbi Manes Kogan a happy birthday.

Marion & Martin Herman in honor of David Zolondek's big birthday.

Natalie Nussbaum thanks Rabbi Kogan for all his efforts in making sure that Zoom learning and classes and meetings continue.

Tina Schnall thanks Rabbi Kogan for all his various classes.

Gail & Zvi Keren in honor of Rabbi Kogan's birthday, and for his kindness during Zvi's illness.

Steven Gorochow thanks Rabbi Kogan and his brother-in-law Gustavo for making him his very own Tefillin which he will be honored to wear and keep for his entire lifetime.

Edmond Friedman for yearzeit of father Yitzchok Ben Reb Arye Leib and mother Chaya Sarah Bos Avrum.

### Edith & Aaron Goldberg

#### College Outreach Fund:

Adele Rothstein in honor of the marriage of granddaughter Brittany Liebes to Jeffrey Himelson.

Edgar Schwartz for yearzeit of sister Blanche Cohen.

Edgar Schwartz for yearzeit of son Michael Schwartz.

### Dr. David & Ruth Abramson

#### Memorial Fund:

Aviva & Jimmy Peress wish Mazal Tov to Ava Levi and family on Ava's Bat Mitzvah.

**SMALL GROUPS**

The Whiskey, Cigars, Torah and Schmooze group led by Rabbi Manes Kogan and Norton Spiel, met on November 1st in the "smoking room" at Norton's home. This group, which has limited space, is only open to six participants. For more information contact Rabbi Kogan at [rabbikogan@hillcrestjc.org](mailto:rabbikogan@hillcrestjc.org).



Seated: Rabbi Kogan, Norton Spiel. Standing: Simeon Saturn, David Cohen.

*Save the Date!*

**Sunday, September 8, 2024**

*honoring*

*Rabbi Manes & Silvia Kogan  
Daniela, Ilan, and Abby*

*on their 18th Anniversary  
at Hillcrest Jewish Center*

*The Officers and Board of Trustees,  
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