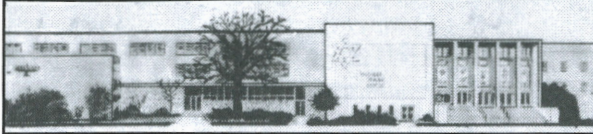




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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you had a wonderful summer. Our beloved Hillcrest Jewish Center is bustling. Sisterhood, Men's Club, Adult Education, the resumption of religious school for our children, and so many other programs abound. Meanwhile, the clergy and staff are busily preparing the synagogue for the High Holy Days making sure we are ready for 5785!

Two weekends of my summer were spent returning my kids to the University at Buffalo. Yes – 2 separate trips, because I just can't get enough of those 16-hour roundtrip drives. Fighting over the radio and climate controls for 8 hours all the while having conversations that we never found the time for over the summer, are experiences that I will cherish always.

Before October 7, 2023, dropping the kids off at college in the Fall meant that the most you'd have to worry about is if they forgot their winter coat or toothbrush. Today we are also concerned about the pledges of anti-Israel pro-Hamas activist college students, who have taken summer school classes in "bringing the intifada home." What forms of havoc, vandalism, bullying, and acts of violence will they carry out this semester? Many universities have adopted new guidelines in an effort to quell the worst of it, but these hate groups have been trained by their backers how to achieve their goals without breaking the rules.

Hillel taught us to stand up for ourselves. Campus Hillels and Chabads have brand new slates of programming to help our students. We are proud that our own daughter is the new president of SUNY Buffalo's "Students Supporting Israel," where she plans to "bring light" about Israel to her fellow students and open lines of communication with all groups. There are similar organizations at most schools, so please encourage your children/grandchildren to seek them out and participate.

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SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, October 2 – Erev Rosh Hashanah 5785

Mincha/Maariv 6:00 P.M.
Candle Lighting 6:17 P.M.

Thursday, October 3 – First Day Rosh Hashanah 5785

Torah Reading: Genesis 21:1-34, Numbers 29:1-6, Haftarah: I Samuel 1:1-2:10
Mincha/Maariv 6:15 P.M.
Candle lighting from pre-existing flame after 7:14 P.M.

Friday, October 4 – Second Day Rosh Hashanah 5785

Torah Reading: Genesis 22:1-24, Numbers 29:1-6 Haftarah: Jeremiah 31:1:19
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 6:00 P.M.
Rosh Hashanah ends and Shabbat begins 6:14 P.M.
Candle lighting from pre-existing flame 6:14 P.M.

Saturday, October 5 – Ha'azinu – Shabbat Shuvah

Torah Reading: Deuteronomy 32:1-52 Haftarah: Hosea 14:2-10, Joel 2:15-27
Mincha 5:30 P.M.
Shiur/Third Meal 6:00 P.M.
Maariv 7:00 P.M.
Shabbat ends 7:11 P.M.

Sunday, October 6 – Fast of Gedaliah

Morning Service (Fast starts at 5:32 A.M. and ends at 6:57 P.M.) 8:30 A.M.
Torah Reading: Exodus 32:11-14, 34:1-10
Tashlich at Kissena Park 3:00 P.M.
Mincha/Maariv 5:30 P.M.
Torah Reading: Exodus 32:11-14, 34:1-10 Haftarah: Isaiah 55:6-56:8

Friday, October 11 – Erev Yom Kippur

Early Mincha 1:30 P.M.
Candle Lighting (the fast begins) 6:03 P.M.
Kol Nidrei 6:15 P.M.

Saturday, October 12 – Yom Kippur

Torah Reading: Leviticus 16:1-34, Numbers 29:7-11
Haftarah: Isaiah 57:14-58:14
Yizkor approximately 11:00 A.M.
Mincha and Haftarah Yona 4:15 P.M.
Torah Reading: Leviticus 18:1-30 Haftarah: Jonah 1:1-4:11, Micah 7:18-20
Neilah 5:30 P.M.
Fast ends - Shofar is sounded 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, October 16 – Erev Sukkot

Candle Lighting 5:55 P.M.
Mincha/Maariv 6:00 P.M.

Thursday, October 17 – First Day Sukkot

Torah Reading: Leviticus 22:26-23:44, Numbers 29:12-16
Haftarah: Zechariah 14:1-21
Mincha/Maariv 6:00 P.M.
Candle lighting from pre-existing flame after 6:53 P.M.

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CENTER FAMILY

Condolences to:

Harriet Rosengarten on the passing of her brother Fred Horen.

The family of longtime HJC member Susan Grossman.

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

BERT MOREIDA

We regret to inform you of the passing of Bert Moreida, the last surviving sibling of Howard Moreida of blessed memory. Sylvia and Maurice Moreida of blessed memory dedicated the Moreida auditorium in memory of their son, Howard Lawrence Moreida, who passed away in 1968 at the age of 20 years. May their memories be for a blessing.

RABBI MOSHE POMERANTZ

We regret to inform you of the passing of Rabbi Moshe Pomerantz. Rabbi Pomerantz served as the rabbi of Hillcrest Jewish Center in the late 1980s and early 1990s. May his memory be for a blessing.

TEMMA KINGSLEY

We regret to inform you of the passing of Temma Kingsley, community leader and former Director of the HJC Nursery school. May her memory be for a blessing.

Address on Occasion of Celebrating 18 Years at Hillcrest Jewish Center

By Silvia and Rabbi Manes Kogan

"Blessed are You, Sovereign of all, for granting us life, for sustaining us, and for helping us to reach this day."

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much to all of you!

Thanks to those of you who thought honoring the Kogan family was long overdue. And thanks to those who thought this event was a good idea to raise money for the shul. And thanks to those of you, who perhaps didn't think this event was necessary, but came to celebrate with us, anyway. We are truly grateful to all of you.

Thank you to all of you who joined us this evening and who placed an ad in our honor, and to those who placed an ad but couldn't make it. Thanks to those of you who are happy with the table you are sitting at, and to those of you who are less happy. It is just one evening.

Thank you to Susan and Hariette, and to all the members of the committee, who worked hard to make this evening a reality. Thank you to Nadine, Melissa, Juana and Brona. Thanks to all the custodians at Hillcrest, and to our many friends in the community. Thanks to our children and to our friends who traveled to be here.

Again, truly, thanks to all of you!

You all know the joke about the chairman of the synagogue board visiting the rabbi who is recuperating in the hospital after a procedure and informs the rabbi the good news that the board voted a resolution to wish their rabbi a Refuah Shleimah, and that the resolution passed 15 to 6. This joke, and many similar ones, reflect a reality foreign to me and to my family, a reality in which the rabbi and congregants don't get along and they tolerate each other in the best of circumstances.

When I reflect on my last 18 years at Hillcrest Jewish Center, on how I feel respected, loved, and cared for; when I think about how I come to work happy every day, and how I find meaning and fulfillment in what I do, my heart is filled with gratitude.

Ashreinu, Ma Tov Chelkeinu, U'ma Naim Goroleinu! - How fortunate we are, how goodly is our lot, and how pleasant is our fortune!

How blessed I am to be the rabbi of Hillcrest Jewish Center!

Serving as a rabbi at Hillcrest Jewish Center, not only allowed me to live my calling, my vocation, but also to provide for my family with dignity. Hillcrest Jewish Center became our physical and spiritual home, not only my workplace, but my shul.

Hillcrest Jewish Center understood that for me to be a better rabbi, I needed to expand my horizons, to grow and to challenge myself. In these last 18 years, Hillcrest Jewish Center gave me the possibility to explore a variety of experiences, such as studying at the Hartman Institute, traveling to conferences, teaching at St. John's University, serving as a trustee on the New York Board of Rabbis, and more recently, joining the US Army as a chaplain.

Again, for all the above, I am truly grateful to the leadership of Hillcrest Jewish Center and to all of you!

And now, since I have you as a captive audience, I would like to share with you the beliefs that shape my vocation as a rabbi. These are ideas I have shared with you on multiple occasions in the last 18 years. However, if you forgot about them (not that people ever forget what the rabbi said), here they are:

1. When it comes to living a Jewish life, more is more! More Torah, more learning, more mitzvot, more involvement, and higher Jewish standards. You cannot live your Jewish life by proxy. Rabbis don't own the Torah any more than hazanim own davening. Hillcrest Jewish Center can assist you in your Jewish journey, but you must walk the walk.
2. Chesed -kindness- must be central to everything we do, and Hillcrest Jewish Center must be a laboratory for all of us to practice kindness, compassion, forgiveness, patience, and love. Believe me, we have plenty of opportunities to practice kindness, compassion, patience, and forgiveness, here at Hillcrest, without even leaving our building. Chesed is not a project, a program, or the name of a committee. Chesed is a way of life. We all must aim to live a life of lovingkindness.
3. Our feelings are influenced by our actions. This idea is not mine, but I borrowed it from the author of Sefer HaChinuch, a medieval Jewish philosopher. You want to feel love for your children, for the Jewish people, for God, for Israel? Start doing something, and feelings will follow. It is not so important for you to feel kindness, but to act kindly. It is counterintuitive, a concept, but it works. You don't spend time with your children because you love them, but by spending time with them, you build that

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VICE PRESIDENT

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It is important to let your student(s) know that they should never feel alone. If they are targeted or threatened, they should seek help immediately from someone in authority who they trust. For one student who is a member of Hillcrest, it was a provost of their college. When my daughter was targeted, it was the rebbetzin and the University Police who helped. If they don't know who to call, please contact our synagogue office. We have high-level access to the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee, and Stand with Us, who will be on the phone with the Dean of Students in a matter of hours. As Jews we must remain hopeful that the Fall semester will look nothing like Spring 2024, but we must also be prepared for the worst-case scenario.

Let the High Holy Day prayers be particularly meaningful this year. We pray for the American people, the State of Israel, and for the safe return of our hostage brothers and sisters still being held in captivity.

B'Shalom,

Jamey Kohn, Vice President

SISTERHOOD

Just a reminder – Monday, October 28th is Sisterhood's **Paid Up Members Luncheon**. You must be paid up and registered by Monday, October 14th to attend. If you wish to bring a non-member as your guest, the cost will be \$20 per guest.

Please leave the tear-off in the Sisterhood mailbox, along with your check for non-members, payable to Sisterhood Hillcrest Jewish Center. All this information is required ahead of time in order for us to prepare properly. The committee thanks you for your cooperation.

Our guest speaker is Teri Fields, the newly elected president of BQLI Region of Women's League.

Sisterhood has purchased an Israel Bond honoring Bertha Strauss and Andrea Grundman-Cooper. They are the well-deserving honorees at the Israel Bond Breakfast on November 3rd.

L'Shanah Tova to all.

*Karen Rothman,
Sisterhood President*

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love. When it comes to the important things in life, like faith, interpersonal relationships, your Jewish identity, and becoming a decent human being, action must lead the way.

4. Each of us comes to this world with a mission, with the charge to repair something, with a task tailored to each of us. This kabbalistic concept reminds us that we have a great responsibility, but also that each of us is unique, that each of us is special, and has a place in God's big plan.
5. Finally, I believe we all can change. Life is nothing but a journey from where we are, to where we ought to be. If I learned anything in these last 18 years at Hillcrest Jewish Center, it is that change is possible, that people can and do change.

As I wrote when I signed my last contract, I look forward to growing old together with you, in good health, for many years to come.

L'chayim, thank you again, and may HaShem bless each of you and your loved ones, with a good, healthy, and sweet year.

SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

Friday, October 18 – Second Day Sukkot 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Leviticus 22:26-23:44, Numbers 29:12-16

Haftarah: I Kings 8:2-21

Second day Sukkot ends and Shabbat begins 5:52 P.M.

Candle lighting from pre-existing flame 5:52 P.M.

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 6:00 P.M.

Saturday, October 19 – Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Exodus 33:12-34:26, Numbers 29:17-22

Haftarah: Ezekiel 38:18-39:16

Mincha 5:00 P.M.

Shiur/Third Meal (in the Sukkah) 5:30 P.M.

Maariv 6:30 P.M.

Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot ends 6:50 P.M.

Sunday-Tuesday, October 20-22 – Chol Hamoed Sukkot

Sunday morning 8:30 A.M., Monday & Tuesday mornings 7:00 A.M

Evenings 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, October 23 – Hoshanah Rabbah, Erev Shemini Atzeret

Hoshanah Rabbah Morning Service 7:00 A.M.

Breakfast 8:30 A.M.

Candle Lighting 5:45 P.M.

Mincha/Maariv 6:00 P.M.

Thursday, October 24 – Shemini Atzeret, Erev Simchat Torah 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17, Numbers 29:35-30:1

Haftarah: I Kings 8:54-66

Yizkor approximately 11:00 A.M.

Mincha 6:00 P.M.

Candle lighting from pre-existing flame after 6:43 P.M.

Maariv 6:45 P.M.

Hakafot (in the ballroom) 7:00 P.M.

Friday, October 25 – Simchat Torah 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12, Genesis 1:1-2:3, Numbers 29:35-30:1

Haftarah: Joshua 1:1-18

Simchat Torah ends and Shabbat begins 5:42 P.M.

Candle lighting from pre-existing flame 5:42 P.M.

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 6:00 P.M.

Saturday, October 26 – Bereshit – Birkat HaChodesh 9:00 A.M.

Torah Reading: Genesis 1:1-6:8 Haftarah: Isaiah 42:5-43:10

We welcome the new month Heshvan

Rosh Chodesh is Friday and Saturday, November 1 and 2

Mincha 5:00 P.M.

Shiur/Third Meal 5:30 P.M.

Maariv 6:30 P.M.

Shabbat ends 6:40 P.M.

MEN'S CLUB

The Fabulous Cookers: Alan Reisner, Lillyana & Harold Moskowitz, Gerry Lewis.



And a good time was had by all!

It was a picture-perfect sunny summer's afternoon, Sunday, September 15th, as Men's Club held its traditional **Paid-Up Membership Family Barbeque**. This year the event was established in memory of past Men's Club President and long-time Hillcrest Jewish Center member, Benjamin "Ben" Rosof. Among the 80 or so participants we welcomed was Carol Hoexer, Ben's long-time friend. Congratulations to Jared Rifkin, winner of the 50/50 Raffle.

Congratulations to one of our own! Hillcrest Jewish Center Men's Club member, as well as spiritual leader, Rabbi Manes Kogan has a new title we are equally proud to acknowledge. Add **U.S. ARMY CHAPLAIN**, as he graduated, with honors this past month from the United States Army Institute for Religious Leadership, in Fort Jackson, South Carolina. *Your Brotherhood salutes you!*

Our first open-invitation this Autumn to ALL "Hillcrestians" (family members and guests) is on Monday, October 21st at 6:30 PM. Men's Club presents, **PIZZA IN THE SUKKAH & MOVIE NIGHT**, with the screening of *Woman in Gold* starring acclaimed English actor, Dame Helen Mirren. This film should be especially of interest to art-enthusiasts of Austrian painter, Gustav Klimt.

Another Men's Club offering leading up to secular New Year 2025 is the December 15th inauguration of **JUKEBOX BINGO** (a joint venture with HJC's Sisterhood).

Please refer to future emails, text messages, flyers, phone calls and announcements on details of our events.

Men's Club wishes our brethren a happy, healthy and peaceful 5785.

Joel Berkowitz, Men's Club Co-VP

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Here are some highlights from our August meeting:

- Hebrew School Report: A six-point plan has been implemented to revitalize the youth programs at HJC. These programs are:

1. Twice monthly teen space
2. Monthly Shabbat dinner
3. Parent get-together
4. Experiential programming in the form of educational day trips
5. Youth Shabbat program
6. Religious school

There was a motion passed to change the designated Hebrew School to Forest Hills Jewish Center.

- Sale of Building Report:

The process is ongoing. A team of shul-member real estate and law professionals reviewed the revised lease.

- Executive Director's Report:

1. Boiler repairs are nearing completion. Final payment will be made once we complete a final walkthrough.
2. Cell phone tower companies are covering the cost of repairs to the parapet that they damaged.
3. Railings were placed at the back of the main sanctuary to help prevent fall accidents.
4. Emergency repairs have been completed on the HVAC system.

- Sisterhood Report:

Moonlights returned Tuesday, September 10th. This was a Rosh Chodesh workshop led by Cantor Rachel Black.

Sisterhood paid-up luncheon is scheduled for October 28th at 11:30 AM. It is RSVP-only and guests can attend for \$20 per person.

The Joint Men's Club Program Jukebox Bingo is scheduled for December 15th.

- Men's Club Report:

The annual paid-up BBQ is September 15. Pizza in the Sukkah is confirmed, and Karaoke will be scheduled later in the year.

- Golf outing

The budget has been prepared, it is expected to be as successful and profitable as in previous years.

- Old Business: The Cantor's contract has been signed, and the Cantor is looking forward to her permanent position.

- New Business: We are looking for a new ad manager for the bulletin. If you are interested in assisting, please contact the office.

- Minyan attendance: The membership and board need to increase participation in minyan attendance. Even attending once a month would make a significant difference. A notice with a website to sign up for attendance times appeared on the back page of the September bulletin. We will be sending out a link for October via email. To all HJC members, please help us with this mitzvah.

Wishing everyone Shana Tova U'Metuka!

Mark Solkoff, Board Chair

KOL NIDRE

Hillcrest Jewish Center is still vibrant, thanks to its dedicated staff and committed members. But it takes more than that to keep a Jewish Center running. It also takes money.

Some people come to every HJC event they can. Some people hardly come. Some people never come. But we all want HJC to be there for us when we need it. Dues alone are not enough.

Although donations are welcome all year long, it's only once a year that we come to you and ask for money. Pledging to the Kol Nidre appeal, at any level, unites our community.

Pledge cards are being mailed. Please reflect and give with your heart and give what you can. If you want Hillcrest to be there for you, now is the time to be there for Hillcrest.

*Andria Grundman Cooper
& Harold Moskowitz
Co-Chairs Kol Nidre Committee*

A "NEW" PARTNERSHIP IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Hillcrest Jewish Center has established a Partnership in Religious Education with Forest Hills Jewish Center. Enroll your K-12 children for engaging learning experiences in Jewish Tradition, Torah and Tefillah, Jewish Values and Ahavat Israel.

All students learn *in-person* Sunday mornings at the Forest Hills Jewish Center. Hebrew tutoring with a teacher and another student in 3rd grade and above is scheduled weekly via zoom at your convenience.

Contact Nadine Kochavi, Executive Director at Hillcrest Jewish Center, to enroll your child.

**QUEENS PUBLIC LIBRARY
HILLCREST BRANCH
REOPENING**

The local branch of the Queens Public Library at 187-05 Union Turnpike, which has been closed for well over a year following repairs and city budget cuts, will reopen for public service on Tuesday, September 24th.

Operating hours are:
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 10 to 6
Tuesdays, 1 to 6
Thursdays, noon to 8
Saturdays, 10 to 5

**HJC Adult Ed presents
"A TREE OF LIFE:
the Pittsburgh Synagogue
Shooting"**

October 27, 2024, marks the sixth anniversary of the worst antisemitic attack in U.S. history. "A Tree of Life: the Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooting" is a documentary film that focuses on the victims, the survivors, and their families. It is a deeply personal firsthand account of what happened that day. The film also shows how the Pittsburgh community came together after the shooting.

On Sunday, October 27th we will be showing the film "A Tree of Life: the Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooting" at 10:30 A.M. The film will be preceded by a breakfast generously provided by an anonymous donor.

This event is free to all who attend. Please invite your friends and neighbors of all faiths and backgrounds to join us in viewing this film and remembering the victims.

RSVP using the link in the Hillcrest Jewish Center Daily Digest or by calling the Hillcrest office at 718-380-4145.

Kathy Lewis

**HJC's EMERGENCY
ISRAEL BONDS
APPEAL**

Join an international campaign to raise funds for Israel during this difficult time.

Please consider purchasing an Israel bond now, either as a personal investment or as a gift for your child/grandchild.

Bond purchases count towards Hillcrest's 2024 campaign, culminating with our **Bonds breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 3 honoring long-time event chairs, Bertha Strauss & Andria Grundman Cooper.**

More info: Arnie Schweitzer
(516)726-2307
arnie.schweitzer@israelbonds.com

DAILY SERVICES

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

*The Officers
and Board of Trustees,
Rabbi Kogan,
Cantor Rachel and
their families,
Executive Director
Nadine Kochavi,
and the Staff of the Center
extend to all members
their wishes for a
New Year filled with
good health, happiness
and peace.*

SMALL GROUPS ARE BACK

Some 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. Upcoming visit: *Seeing Red: Renoir to Warhol*. Nassau County Museum of Art. 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. 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month (subject to change), 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.

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THE HILLCREST JEWISH CENTER
 MEN'S CLUB INVITES YOU TO
**PIZZA IN THE SUKKAH
 & MOVIE NIGHT**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21
 6:30 PM

FREE for Men's Club Members and Family
 \$5 Per Person for Non-Men's Club Members

Screening
**WOMAN
 IN GOLD**
 THE REMARKABLE
 JOURNEY OF
 KLIMT'S WOMAN
 IN GOLD
 Starring Helen Mirren



Tear off and return to Men's Club, Hillcrest Jewish Center
 183-02 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY 11366

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Name	Number of Attendees
_____	_____
Email Address	Phone Number

SMALL GROUPS *continued from page 5*

Dancing helps to ward off Alzheimer's by jogging your memory, and you get physical activity at the same time. For more information contact Iris at ischachter1@gmail.com.

Let's walk. Let's talk. Let's connect led by Anna Rottersman. Every Monday from 9:00-10:00 am at the Alley Pond Playground parking lot, 76th Ave. just off Springfield Blvd. Enjoy the physical and mental benefits of time spent outdoors involved in movement and good conversation. At each session, all members of the group will contribute to the exchange of thoughts and ideas. Wear appropriate, comfortable clothing and sturdy footwear. In the event of inclement weather, the walk will be canceled for that week. For more information, contact Anna at rot111@aol.com.

Talking Baseball led by Gerry Lewis. Thursdays, September 26, October 10, 24, 31 and November 7 (additional dates may be added depending on interest). 10:30-noon at HJC. Many of us have grown up rooting for different teams. What are our memories? Who are the best players? 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 at biggg199@aol.com.

Whiskey, Cigar, Torah, and Schmooze led by Rabbi Kogan and Norton Spiel. Wednesdays October 9 and 30, November 6 and 20, December 4 and 18 from 8:00-10:00 pm in the 'smoking room' at Norton Spiel's home, located in Jamaica, close to HJC. Participants need to commit to attending all or most meetings. Open to men and women, smokers and non-smokers (*but if the smoke bothers you, this small group is not for you!*) 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.

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. Join us as we dive into the latest programs, share opinions, and recommend new favorites. For more information, contact Nora or Louis at enkay6249@gmail.com.

There may be other small groups in the coming days. We really need new leaders and new topics. If you are interested in leading a small group, call or email Melissa at melissa@hillcrestjc.org.

SYNAGOGUE OFFERINGS

General Fund Donation

In celebration of the upcoming wedding of my brother, Ari B. Blinder and soon-to-be sister Sharon G. Cooper. "I look forward to partaking in all the celebrations life has in store for you both and rest assured, love, like life itself, is eternal. Congratulations BRO!"

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:

The Dinkin Schrag family in honor of the Kogan family for their many years of dedicated service.

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Andria & Scott Cooper with gratitude to Susan Diamond and the Kiddush crew, the clergy, the staff and all our friends at HJC.

Flo & Bob Gropper in honor of Michael Cohen on the 57th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah.

Stanley Klein and Erica & Scott Resnik in honor of Rabbi Kogan and family, wishing lots of love and congratulations on their 18th anniversary.

Carol & Jay Greenberg proudly welcome William Asher Yellin, newest grandson of Elaine Soffer & Richard Kass into our family.

Carol & Jay Greenberg with gratitude for their safety.

Marianne Halpern wishes Mazal Tov to Sela & Steve Zellman on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson.

Raina & Jamey Kohn wish Mazal Tov to Rabbi Kogan on becoming a fully certified U.S. Army Chaplain.

Jared Rifkin offers heartfelt appreciation to Staff and Alan Reisner for their wonderful and attentive mobility assistance at the recent Gala.

Cheryl & Richard Meyer in honor of Susan Straus for her tireless efforts to accomplish her goals for HJC.

Cheryl & Richard Meyer in gratitude to Susan Straus and Hariette Saturn and their committee for the spectacular party they arranged honoring our wonderful Rabbi and his extraordinary family!

Mimi & Alan Frank congratulate Rabbi Kogan and family for 18 years of beautiful service at HJC.

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Elaine Steinberg for yearzeit of grandfather Hyman Steinberg.

Elaine Steinberg for yearzeit of aunt Louise Michelman.

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Abby Greenberg for yearzeit of mother Ruth Schlein.

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Mark Solkoff for yearzeit of grandmother Gussie Regina Solkoff.

Mark Solkoff for yearzeit of grandfather Paul Feldman.

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Jared Rifkin for yearzeit of mother Esther Rifkin.

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Michele & Ira Lilien in honor of Roberta & Les Sufrin for their kindness and friendship for many, many years.

Sela & Steve Zellman salute Rabbi Captain Chaplain Manes Kogan upon becoming a certified U.S. Army Chaplain.

Phyllis & Carl Gruber congratulate Rabbi Kogan on graduating with honors and becoming a U.S. Army Chaplain.

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Meir Lederman in memory of Sarah Bat Pinchas, mother of Meir and Raquel Lederman.

Askenas Audio & Video Fund:

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Roberta & Leslie Sufrin wish Mazal Tov to Sela & Steve Zellman on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson.

Roberta & Leslie Sufrin wish a speedy recovery to Howard Rosenthal.

Roberta & Leslie Sufrin wish a speedy recovery to Manny Kantro.