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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As my two-year term comes to a close, this will be my final message in the Bulletin as president. It has indeed been an honor and a privilege to serve in this role, and I am incredibly grateful for the experiences, challenges, and friendships that have come from it. Looking back, I am proud to say that most of the goals I set out to accomplish when I began this journey have been successfully achieved.

When I first took on this role, I was not well known by many congregation members, nor did I know as many of you as I do now. Over the past two years, one of the most rewarding aspects of my presidency has been getting to know so many of you, learning your names, hearing your stories, and sharing in the moments – both joyful and challenging – that make our community so special. My friendship with our Rabbi has deepened over this time, and I look forward to continuing that connection for many years to come.

One of the major initiatives during my term was the sale and leaseback of our building, a decision reached through our membership's overwhelming consensus. Given that the buyer would also become our landlord for years to come, we approached this process carefully, ensuring we selected an organization aligned with our religious and secular values and needs. After interviewing more than eight prospective buyers, we moved forward with the one we felt was the best fit, and we hope that by the time you read this, the negotiations will be successfully concluded.

This endeavor was not without its challenges. Local permits and ordinances required updating, and various building improvements had to be addressed to facilitate a smooth transition. One of the more critical upgrades was the purchase and installation of a new boiler, a necessary investment to ensure the comfort and functionality of our facility.

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SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

Friday, February 28 – Rosh Chodesh

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

Saturday, March 1 – Terumah – Shabbat Rosh Chodesh

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| 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 | |

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| Junior Congregation | 10:15 A.M. |
| Mincha..... | 5:15 P.M. |
| Shiur and Snacks | 5:45 P.M. |
| Maariv..... | 6:15 P.M. |
| Shabbat ends..... | 6:28 P.M. |

Friday, March 7 – Shabbat Across America

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| Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv | 5:30 P.M. |
| Candle Lighting | 5:36 P.M. |

Saturday, March 8 – Tetzaveh – Shabbat Zachor

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| Torah Reading: Exodus 27:20-30:10, Deuteronomy 25:17-19 | |
| Haftarah: I Samuel 15:2-34 | |
| Kindershul | 10:15 A.M. |
| Mincha..... | 5:15 P.M. |
| Shiur and Snacks | 5:45 P.M. |
| Maariv..... | 6:15 P.M. |
| Shabbat ends | 6:36 P.M. |

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday March 9. Turn clocks ahead one hour.

Thursday, March 13 – Fast of Esther – Erev Purim

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| Fast begins | 5:45 A.M. |
| Morning Service | 7:00 A.M. |
| Mincha - Torah: Exodus 32:11-14, 34:1-10, Haftarah: Isaiah 55:6-56:8 | 6:00 P.M. |
| Maariv..... | 6:45 P.M. |
| Megillah Reading and Purim Celebration (see page 2) | 7:15 P.M. |
| Fast ends | 7:29 P.M. |

Friday, March 14 – Purim

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| Morning Service – Torah Reading: Exodus 17:8-16 | 7:00 A.M. |
| Megillah Reading (see page 2) | 8:00 A.M. |
| Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv | 6:30 P.M. |

Saturday, March 15 – Ki Tissa – Shushan Purim.....

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| Torah Reading: Exodus 30:11-34:35 Haftarah: I Kings 18:1-39 | |
| Junior Congregation | 10:15 A.M. |
| Mincha..... | 6:00 P.M. |
| Shiur/Third Meal | 6:30 P.M. |
| Maariv..... | 7:30 P.M. |
| Shabbat ends..... | 7:43 P.M. |

Friday, March 21

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| Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv | 6:30 P.M. |
| Candle Lighting | 6:51 P.M. |

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Rachel Black.....*Student Cantor*

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CENTER FAMILY

Congratulations to:

Cheryl & Richie Meyer on their daughter Dr. Gabrielle Goldberg's appointment as Assistant Dean for Clinical Skills and Professionalism at the Zucker School of Medicine.

Stanley Klein on his 90th birthday.

Condolences to:

Matthew Gise on the passing of his wife Elaine Gise.

Dan Tyroler on the passing of his sister Dalia Oifer.

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

March Milestone Anniversaries:

Hariette Wittenberg Saturn & Simeon

Saturn (40)

Jeanne & Joel Einhorn (15)

Purim Activities

Thursday Evening, March 13
Erev Purim

For families

5:30 - 6:15/6:30 – Activities, mini
Megillah reading/story, and pizza

6:15/6:30 - 7:00 – Magician

7:00 – Costume parade

7:15 – Megillah reading

8:15 or 8:30 – Purim snacks

Friday Morning, March 14

7:00 – Services followed by

8:00 – Megillah reading followed by
festive breakfast

Check the Daily Digest

*prior to Purim to see if any of these
times have been changed.*

From Rabbi Kogan

Dear Friends of Hillcrest Jewish Center,

The story of Purim is set in the land of Persia (current day Iran) at the time when Ahashverosh (Ahasuerus) was king. After dismissing Vashti and acting on advice from his counselors, Ahashverosh had women from all over the kingdom brought to him, so he could choose a new queen. Esther, a young Jewish woman from Shushan, was chosen. However, following the advice of her cousin, Mordechai (who raised her after her parents died), Esther did not reveal her Jewish origins to the king.

Meanwhile, the king's evil adviser, Haman, upset because Mordechai refused to bow down to him, convinced the king to kill all the Jews in the Persian empire.

However, Mordechai alerted Esther to Haman's evil plot, and Esther, in turn, revealed her Jewish identity to the king, convincing him to save the Jews and foiling Haman's plot. The Jews were allowed to fight back, Haman was hanged, Mordechai received Haman's estates and the position of royal vizier (adviser), and the Jews of Persia celebrated their narrow escape on the 14th of Adar, the day after they were supposed to be annihilated.

The pivotal point in our story occurs in chapter 4, when Mordechai approaches Esther and asks her to plead with the King to save the Jews. Esther first excuses herself explaining that it is "against the law" to appear in front of the King without being called. To this, Mordechai replies with the following words:

Do not imagine that you, of all the Jews, will escape with your life by being in the king's palace. On the contrary, if you keep silent in this crisis, relief and deliverance will come to the Jews from another quarter, while you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to your royal position for such a time as this? (Esther 4:14).

Esther agrees to Mordechai's request and the story starts changing for the better at this point.

What prompted Esther to conquer her fears, to overcome her apprehension, and to act decisively?

I'd like to suggest that the "magic words" she heard were: *And who knows whether you have not come to your royal position for such a time as this.* In other words, Mordechai reminded Esther of something we all need to be reminded of, that each of us comes to this world with a task, with a mission tailored just for us. Esther was wondering, like many of us do, why me? Why am I here? What is this about?

Mordechai cannot be sure. After all, each of us must discover his or her own mission in life. However, he uses the words, "And who knows..."

When confronted with a crisis, with a particular challenge, with a situation where our first reaction is to want to run away, we should pause and ask the same question: And who knows, perhaps we are here for just such a moment.

Life's calling doesn't come in the shape of a certified letter, a fax (some of you may remember what that is), or an email. Most of the time the calling that will give meaning to our existence comes disguised in a situation we'd rather ignore.

The Purim story is an invitation to confront the calling, to run towards the challenge and not away from it, and to make a difference, only each of us is destined to make.

May God give us the sensitivity to hear the call and the courage and determination to respond to it.

The Jews had light and gladness, joy and honor (Esther 8:16). So, may it be for all of us!

Happy Purim and many blessings!

Rabbi Manes Kogan

HILLCREST'S NEW WEBSITE

Hillcrest Jewish Center is excited to announce the launch of our brand new website!

Visit us at hillcrestjc.org to easily access information about upcoming services, classes, and programs, all in one place. Members can now manage their accounts, pay dues, and make donations directly online.

Have questions about the website or need assistance with donations or payments? Feel free to reach out to Nadine Kochavi at exec@hillcrestjc.org or by calling the synagogue office.

The next **Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, March 16th from 10:00 am-12:00 noon. A light breakfast will be available. Please RSVP to attend in-person or online to info@hillcrestjc.org.

Nadine Kochavi, Executive Director

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In addition to managing these operational goals, I was also pleased to be involved in securing long-term commitments from key leadership team members. It was a joy to participate in extending the contract of our Cantor, Rachel Black, who will continue serving as our full-time Cantor for years to come. Similarly, our Executive Director, Nadine Kochavi, extended her contract, ensuring continuity and stability within our administrative team.

Reflecting on where we stood two years ago, our community emerged from the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic, and our synagogue was beginning to rebuild its in-person presence. Bringing back programming paused during that time was a priority, and I am thrilled to see how our community has responded. Last year's Shabbat Across America event saw excellent participation, and we anticipate an even greater turnout this year. Our Community Passover Seder has experienced tremendous growth, increasing from 65 participants to over 125 last year, and we look forward to another wonderful gathering this year.

We also saw the return of beloved events that had been on hiatus. Our Spring Concert was a resounding success, drawing a large and enthusiastic crowd. After four years, we could happily hold a gala dinner honoring our beloved Rabbi for his 18 years of dedicated service to our congregation. Seeing the ballroom and dance floor filled with members, including those not attending services regularly, was heartwarming. It was a reminder of the strength and vibrancy of our community when we come together in celebration.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our many volunteers, including my wife, Hariette. Whether assisting with kiddushes, organizing youth programming, coordinating film festivals, leading adult education presentations, or contributing to countless other initiatives, our volunteers are the backbone of Hillcrest. Thanks to their efforts, we continue to provide meaningful and enriching experiences that extend far beyond our daily and weekly services.

Hillcrest has a bright future ahead, and I am confident that it will continue to grow and thrive for many years to come. New members joining, new families and new activities such as Small Groups, keep the halls filled with activity. This is due

primarily to the tireless commitment of our staff, the passion of our volunteers, and the enduring spirit of our congregation. In addition, our Rabbi's popular educational and spiritual classes bring enlightenment to those who wish to have a deeper understanding of Torah and Midrash.

As I step down from my role as president, I look forward to remaining an active member of this community, offering my support in whatever ways I can. I am excited to work alongside the new president, who will be taking over in April, and I am eager to see how our synagogue continues to evolve under new leadership.

Thank you for the trust, support, and camaraderie you have shown me these past two years. It has been an unforgettable experience, and I am deeply grateful to have had the opportunity to serve.

Simeon Saturn, President

SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

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| Saturday, March 22 – Vayakhel – Shabbat Parah | 9:00 A.M. |
| Torah Reading: Exodus 35:1-38:20, Numbers 19:1-22 | |
| Haftarah: Ezekiel 36:16-38 | |
| Mincha | 6:00 P.M. |
| Shiur/Third Meal | 6:30 P.M. |
| Maariv | 7:30 P.M. |
| Shabbat ends | 7:51 P.M. |
| Friday, March 28 | |
| Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv | 6:30 P.M. |
| Candle Lighting | 6:59 P.M. |
| Saturday, March 29 – Pekudei – Shabbat HaChodesh | |
| Birkat HaChodesh | 9:00 A.M. |
| Torah Reading: Exodus 38:21-40:38, Exodus 12:1-20 | |
| Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-46:18 | |
| We welcome the new month Nisan – Rosh Chodesh is Sunday, March 30 | |
| Kindershtul | 10:15 A.M. |
| Mincha | 6:15 P.M. |
| Shiur/Third Meal | 6:45 P.M. |
| Maariv | 7:45 P.M. |
| Shabbat ends | 8:00 P.M. |

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Shalom fellow congregants. Here are some highlights from our January meeting:

Nominating Committee: The nominating process was reviewed by the board chair. Two board members were selected to count the votes. 4 board members and one alternate were selected for the committee. Members-at-large were nominated for the 4 non-board member positions as well as one alternate. The board chair will contact those members to see if they will serve. The goal is to complete the nominating process before the general membership meeting in March.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer presented the current balances in the general fund, the payroll account, the capital improvement account and the money market account. An ad was placed in the February bulletin to resolve unclaimed special funds. We applied for a reduction in dues from USCJ.

Executive Committee Report: An architect has been hired, and he created detailed drawings of the building. The Executive Committee approved an initial proposal for a UPS system to fix the streaming issue.

Sisterhood Report: The Libby Mowshowitz Memorial breakfast will take place on Sunday May 18th and feature the United Nations Observer League of Women's Voters. On Thursday, June 12th, the Brooklyn-Queens-Long Island Women's League will honor Helene Jacob. The due date for Mishloach Manot orders is February 28th.

Men's Club Report: Military Bridge has been canceled due to lack of interest. Everyone is invited to the World Wide Wrap on February 9th, with breakfast to follow. On June 4th, we will sponsor a congregation breakfast that will feature the Jewish Sports Heritage Association featuring Jewish Sports Legends.

Youth and Family Report: The January 17th dinner had 10 kids. Going forward the dinners on Friday night will be for all ages. We still have tickets for the hockey game between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv at UBS Arena on March 23rd. February 2nd there is a Teen Keshet program with Abby Kogan.

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The Adult Education Committee
presents
**THE STORY OF JUDITH
AND HOLOFERNES**
Sunday, March 2 at 10 AM



RABBI CLAUDIO KUPCHIK

“Off with his head” Shakespeare said it. Lewis Carroll’s Queen of Hearts said it. During the French Revolution people demanded it when they spoke of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette. And Judith cried “Off with his head!” when she cut off Holofernes’ head.

On Sunday, March 2nd, Rabbi Claudio Kupchik will explain why Judith is considered a Jewish heroine and role model. He will also show us the impact Judith’s story has had on visual arts.

Rabbi Kupchik was born and raised in Argentina. He was educated at the Buenos Aires Medical School as a Doctor of Medicine before he began his rabbinical studies at the Seminario Rabbinico Latinoamericano in Buenos Aires. He continued his studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York from which he received a master’s degree in Rabbinics and Theological Studies. In 2017, the JTS awarded him an Honorary Doctorate in Divinity. Recently, he participated in a scholar’s program at the Vatican Library in the study of medieval Hebrew manuscripts. Presently, he is the rabbi at Shelter Rock Jewish Center.

The Rabbi will speak at 10:30 AM on Sunday, March 2nd. Light refreshments will be served at 10 AM

RSVP to the Hillcrest office, 718-380-4145, or by using the link in the Daily Digest.

SAVE THE DATE
for the
COLLER LECTURE
Sunday morning
April 27th

HJC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next HJC **General Membership Meeting** will take place on **Sunday, March 16th at 10:00 AM**, in person and online. A light bagel breakfast will be served.

Members are invited to pre-register by Friday, March 14th the latest. You must pre-register to receive the Zoom link online. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email from Zoom containing the information about joining the meeting. Please note that all online participants will be muted. Submit your questions in advance by emailing info@hillcrestjc.org or by calling the office at 718-380-4145. You may also send questions through the Zoom chat during the meeting.

The agenda will include:

1. President’s welcome
2. Treasurer’s report
3. Election of Officers and Members of the Board of Trustees
4. Update on the sale of the building
5. Report on Youth Activities and Hebrew School Partnership
6. Upcoming events
7. Questions and answers

SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood Gift Shop had a very special item for sale last month – Mah Jongg Socks. Our supply was limited, and they sold out fast. We are trying to get more, but at present we have not been successful.

Sisterhood will be distributing Purim Bags Erev Purim, Thursday, March 13th.

Save these dates for upcoming Sisterhood events.

- Sunday, June 1st at 10 AM, will be the Libby Mowshowitz Breakfast Lecture. Our speaker is someone you will want to hear. Florence Wolpoff is the Women’s League observer at the United Nations.
- Thursday, June 12th is the annual Brooklyn, Queens, Long Island Women’s League Woman of Achievement Award Gala. This year our honoree is Helene Jacob. As we receive more details, we will make them available to the entire congregation.

We thank Nancy Rifkin for her many dedicated years of service to Sisterhood, including being a Board member. She is now retiring from that position. Her participation was an asset to our success.

Elaine Steinberg is our new Board member. She is well known to all and is

eager to contribute her time and ideas to Sisterhood.

Happy Purim to all.

Karen Rothman, Sisterhood President

MEN’S CLUB

Punxsutawney Phil and Mother Nature collectively forced HJC Men’s Club to alter plans during February. Military Bridge had to be scrapped. Attendance for the World Wide Wrap, along with the sumptuous breakfast immediately following, was held to a minimum.

Here’s hoping that by Sunday morning, May 4th, sunny skies, calmer winds and milder temperatures might welcome all attendees to our sponsored Congregational Breakfast, with inspirational davening and informative guest speaker Alan Freedman whose topic will be Jewish Sports Legends.

And may meteorologists be kind to us come June 29th’s fishing trip off the shores of Captree State Park, Long Island.

Please RSVP for these events EARLY when formally announced.

Until then, Happy Daylight Saving Time (3/9) and Purim (sundown, 3/13)

Joel Berkowitz, Co-Vice President

**Shabbat Across America,
New Member Appreciation Shabbat,
Youth & Family Outreach Dinner
March 7th**

You are invited to a very special evening on March 7th. It will be a wonderful evening of community, connection, and celebration. We hope you will join us!

The evening begins with services at 5:30 PM, followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner at 6:30 PM. Together, we will welcome Shabbat with warmth and *ruach* (spirit) while recognizing our new members and honoring the next generation of our community.

Whether you are an HJC member or not, all are welcome to join in the festivities.

Members: Adults \$38 per person; all children under 18 free for members, thanks to the Edith & Aaron Goldberg Fund for Youth & College Activities.

Non-Members: Adults \$44 per person; Teens 13-18: \$23 each; Children up to 12 years are free.

New members who joined between March 2024 and February 2025: Free Sponsorships are also available:

\$90 includes dinner for 1

\$180 includes dinner for 2

All reservations by February 28th!

Board of Trustees

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Old Business: Kol Nidre Report:

Even though the number of donors has dropped more than 20% from 2020, Kol Nidre donations have only dropped 10%.

Security Assessment: About 90% of last year's security assessment funds have been collected. A straw poll indicated that a new assessment should be tabled for now.

Hanukkah Show: Special thanks to Helene Jacob, Linda Jaffe, Susan Diamond, Suzy Heinfink, Nadine, Melissa, Juana, Brona and the Maintenance staff for their efforts. The event was attended by 169 people, and after accounting for revenue, donations, and other funding, the program cost less than \$200.

New Business: Questions about the Rabbi's vacation days were answered. Shabbat Across America is scheduled for March 7th and will be combined with the new member Shabbat. Ballroom accessibility and repairs on the chair lifts leading to various parts of the building were discussed. Members are not taking advantage of the programs that United Synagogue has to offer, and we need a volunteer to be the liaison. The Sanctuary Seating Committee will meet soon.

Good and Welfare: Refuah Shleimah to Dan Tyroler. Mazal Tov to Richard and Cheryl Meyer on their daughter's appointment as Dean for Clinical Skills and Professional Development at the Zucker School of Medicine. Everyone is invited to the Torah Dedication Celebration in memory of Captain Omer Maxim Neutra at Midway Jewish Center on Sunday February 9th at 10:15AM. Mark Solkoff and Shireinu will be performing. There is a watch party for Cantor Rachel's JTS Recital on January 27th at Hillcrest.

Mark Solkoff, Board Chair

YOUTH AND FAMILY

The teens met on February 2nd for Teen Keshet led by Abby Kogan. They played games, had pizza and hung out with their friends. The next time they will meet will be on March 2nd with Rabbi Kogan and a special Teen Keshet with Abby on March 16th to celebrate Purim. Have your teens come and bring their friends!

Our upcoming family dinner will be coinciding with Shabbat Across America on March 7th. This event is free for all children/teens. If we look at previous years' successes, it should be a great night.

Please mark these dates down for Shabbat services:

Kindershtul - March 8 and March 29

Jr Congregation - March 1 and March 15

Teen Minyan - TBD

Don't forget about March 23rd for those who bought tickets to the Jerusalem vs Tel Aviv Hockey game being hosted at UBS Arena. We are looking forward to an exciting game! Hope to see you at all our events!

Esther Tokarz, Youth & Family

VIRTUAL HEBREW READING CLASSES WITH IRIS SCHACHTER

Hebrew Reading for Beginners: Sundays 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM

If you always wanted to learn to read Hebrew, this is your opportunity! We will begin with the Aleph-Bet and the vowels. Using the book Reishit Binah, we will continue until the participants can read. Guaranteed!

Intermediate Hebrew Reading: Sundays 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

If you know how to read Hebrew slowly and wish to improve your speed and fluency, this class is for you! Using Siddur Lev Shalem, we will prove that practice makes perfect!

Advanced Hebrew Reading: Thursdays 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Do you know how to read Hebrew? Join us as we review the Shabbat prayers using Siddur Lev Shalem and take Hebrew reading fluency to a whole new level.

TORAH AND HAFTARAH CLASS (Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah)

On Shabbat after Kiddush

If you 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 required.

For questions or more information on all the above classes

contact Iris at ischachter1@gmail.com

CURRENT INFORMATION SITES ABOUT ISRAEL

by Gwen Jones-Cintron

The collective trauma of October 7th for the Jewish people is real, yet the overwhelming challenges brought about following that horrific day are just as devastating. For many Jews in the diaspora the wake up to how we are presented in the mainstream news cycles is frustrating and disturbing.

I am hoping this addition to the bulletin will help members be more comfortable with accessing more balanced information about Israel. There are many journalists, historians and analysts who were pushed out of mainstream media spaces only to form their own platforms. It is a rabbit hole that I am willing to go down, so you don't have to! I will share some of my favorite platforms as well as how to access them.

1. First up is The Free Press. Bari Weiss, along with her wife, is the founder. Upon her resignation in 2020 from The New York Times (google "Bari Weiss resignation letter"), Bari and Nelli started what could best be described as a movement. You can get free access to start, but their paid subscription is growing at record speed. You can get access on your computer, your phone and your iPad. The website will lead you to articles, podcasts, and documentaries. Comments and discussions are also welcomed. Sign up at www.thefp.com.

2. www.thetimesofisrael.com is a strong resource for all things Israel

3. www.i24new.tv/en is another strong resource for all things Israel

4. If you have not delved into the world of podcasts, now is the time. It is completely overwhelming, with a tremendous array of choices. Some fizzle out and some stick. Truly, in my opinion, there is no better podcast on Israel than Call Me Back with Dan Senor. If you have never heard of him, please google his name. I read his book *Start Up Nation* in 2009 and recently read *The Genius of Israel* (it came out right before 10/7). The podcast comes out once a week with emergency episodes as needed. Sign up at www.dansenor.com.

5. With our families living around the world, most of us have WhatsApp. It is helpful to become a part of some of the various groups dedicated to up to the minute information on what is going on in Jewish life both in Israel and around the world. During Hanukkah week, Tel Aviv was attacked almost daily by the Houthis, yet when I asked members of

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Hillcrest if they knew this, many did not. I find that some people in general are only aware when Israel is attacking back. The groups can help give context to what the mainstream media is not providing. If you are interested in signing up for a WhatsApp group, contact me at Gwen Jones-Cintron (646) 831-1126 and I will share some links with you.

6. Lastly for those who may want to delve into the world of Instagram or Facebook, you can follow me at GoogieJC. Since October 7th, I have chosen to dedicate my Instagram to Israel all day every day (except on Shabbat). You can also see my Instagram stories on Facebook. My Instagram is open to the public, but my Facebook is by invitation only. I urge members to comment and like posts. People seem afraid to do this, especially those who are still working, but the truth is it helps drive the reach and engagement for that material. It has become common knowledge that many platforms are censoring pro-Israeli content while amplifying the Palestinian narrative. Like, post, comment and share, if you can.

Lastly, for those who are technologically challenged and want some support to access these resources, I would be happy to help! All you need to bring with you is your phone, iPad or laptop. We could meet at the synagogue (maybe after a minyan in the AM or PM).

Here's to bringing in the New Year more opportunities to stand up for Israel and our people!

Gwen Jones-Cintron Email: Gwennie1228@gmail.com.

URGENT – HELP NEEDED – PLEASE RESPOND

Besides Shabbat, if you already attend one of the morning or evening minyans at least once a week, please *disregard*.

For everyone else – simply put, the morning/evening minyan was there for many of us when WE had to say Kaddish. Now, it needs our help to keep going for others. Can you please commit to at least one morning or evening minyan per week? If you miss it occasionally, that's fine. Can you also convince a friend or family member to join you?

Please let us know which morning/evening minyan(s) you can attend. Email your name(s) and which minyan to Ischachter1@gmail.com.

SEOUL STORIES: A K-DRAMA SMALL GROUP

Nora Kozuch and Louis Kleiman are leaders of the Korean Small Group.

Description: Love Korean TV dramas, romances, comedies, or movies? This small group is for anyone who enjoys watching and analyzing these captivating shows. Join the group as they dive into the latest programs, share opinions, and recommend new favorites.

HONORS ON SHABBAT

If you have an upcoming *yahrzeit* or *simcha* and would like an honor on the Shabbat preceding it, please let the office know as soon as possible. Some weeks are busier than others, and we would like to acknowledge everyone who should be given an honor. The requests are always reviewed and set up beforehand, so that we know if any additional honors are available.

If you would like an honor, but are not available on the traditionally observed Shabbat, please request an alternate date and bring it to Jeffrey Rosenberg's attention. A proper solution will be found.

SYNAGOGUE OFFERINGS**Reminder**

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

General Fund:

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