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TEMPLE TALK



Congregation L'Dor V'Dor
Oakland Little Neck Jewish Center

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General Membership Meeting

Monday, January 11, 2016
7:45 p.m.

Tribute Presentation
To the 111th NYPD Precinct
Recognition and Appreciation of Service



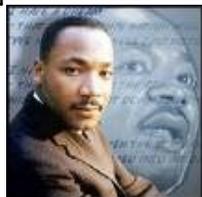
**Presentation by the Synagogue's
Finance Committee/Budget Approval**
You Are Invited and Encouraged To Be A Part of the Process

Sisterhood Invites You!

Saturday, January 23
3:30 p.m.



See Page 5
for all the details!



*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
Celebration Committee of Nassau County, Inc.
and Nassau County Commission on Human Rights*

*Invites the Members of our Community
To an Interfaith Celebration of the*

Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Sunday, January 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Zion Cathedral Church
312 Grand Avenue Freeport, NY

*"Faith is taking the first step
even when you don't see the whole staircase"*
— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

From The Rabbi

Observing and celebrating special days throughout the year with unique, meaningful and significant experiences is a large part of what makes us who we are. Each special day on the calendar has the potential to provide nurturing and transformative opportunities. Both American and Jewish holidays help us to relive significant historical events, focus upon their meaning in the development of our identity and insure that certain values remain part of our contemporary lives. The Jewish holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur help us to direct our moral compass and nurture our relationship with God and our fellow human beings. Three American holidays: Columbus Day, Presidents' Day and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day help us to honor the memory of individuals, their accomplishments and their unique contributions to our identity and character as citizens of the United States of America.



Although a holiday might be observed, often, the meaning and the reason for the holiday can get obscured or even be ignored. For example, Chanukah is a holiday on which we are supposed to rejoice in the triumph of the Maccabees for religious and political freedom. It is a time to celebrate our Jewish pride and the miracle of God's illuminous presence in a dark time. When Chanukah becomes simply a time of eating latkes, spinning dreidels, lighting candles and getting presents without any reference to the reason for the celebration, the significance of the Chanukah celebration is greatly diminished. American holiday celebrations are notorious for losing their intended significance. For example, Memorial Day is supposed to be a day to remember and honor the brave men and women who have sacrificed their lives on behalf of our country. Instead, it has become the first official day of summer marked with picnics, barbeques, time at the beach and shopping for great Memorial Day bargains.

When I was living in Israel in 1983, I had the opportunity to observe Israeli Memorial Day and Israeli Independence Day. In Israel, these two days are observed in succession to remind us that there cannot be a celebration of independence without remembering and honoring those who sacrificed their lives for it. In observance of Memorial Day, I participated in a walk on the Burma road while reading passages from the book, O Jerusalem, about how that road was blocked off as part of a siege that was laid on Jerusalem during the War of Independence. The walk concluded with a visit to the military cemetery on Mount Herzl where we stood at the graves of people who had died in the battle for Israeli Independence. That night, as Israeli Independence Day began, I stood in Liberty Park amidst fireworks, the singing of HaTikvah which includes the words "to be a free people in our own land", and an intense and joyous celebration. When I returned to America, I vowed to make sure that all of my future celebrations of Memorial Day in America would include dedicating some time to remembering and honoring those who died fighting for the freedoms that we enjoy and to make sure that other significant days on the calendar would not pass without my participating in activities related to the significance of the day.

This month on January 18, there is a national American holiday in honor of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This is another one of those holidays whose meaning is ignored by most Americans. It has become simply a day off from work or school without any time dedicated to the values or ideals for which Dr. King lived and died.

The following is quoted from the website of The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta, Georgia.

The King Holiday should highlight remembrance and celebration and should encourage people everywhere to reflect on the principles of nonviolent social change and racial equality as espoused by Martin Luther King, Jr. It should be a day of community and humanitarian service, and interracial cooperation.

The King Holiday should be a day of which the majority of local and state governments close, and one on which private organizations and the majority of businesses honor Dr. King by encouraging their employees to undertake community service work to address social needs.

Mrs. Coretta Scott King is quoted as saying:

"As a nation chooses its heroes and heroines, a nation interprets its history and shapes its destiny. The commemoration of the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr. can help America realize its true destiny as the global model for democracy, economic and social justice, and as the first nonviolent society in human history."

In October of 2015, the Black Jewish Coalition for Justice was incorporated. This is an organization comprised of Rabbis and Black Ministers from Nassau County who will be working together to reignite the relationship between Blacks and Jews within our community that flourished between members of the Jewish and Black communities during the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s. I am proud to include myself as a member of this coalition and will be attending a special interfaith Martin Luther King service in Freeport as part of my celebration of MLK Day. An announcement for this service is on the front page of this Temple Talk. If you are interested in making this service part of your MLK day observance, please contact me either by phone at 516-725-1906 or by email at Rabbi@lnjc.org.

This year let us all turn the observance of the MLK holiday into a transformative experience impacting upon who we are.

Rabbi Gordon Yaffe

January Schedule of Services

Fri., Jan. 1	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 2	Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Sun., Jan. 3	Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.
Fri., Jan. 8	A Capella Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 9	Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah: Adam Laor	9:00 a.m.
Sun., Jan. 10	Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.
Fri., Jan. 15	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 16	Shabbat Morning Experience Breakfast	9:00 a.m.
	Shacharit	10:00 a.m.
	Torah Service	10:30 a.m.
	Musaph	11:15 a.m.
	Kiddush/Lunch	12:00 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 17	Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.
Fri., Jan. 22	Kabbalat Shabbat Service	6:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 23	Shabbat Morning Service Alternative Shabbat Service Sisterhood Mincha/Maariv	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 24	Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.
Fri., Jan. 29	Shabbat Evening Service Birthdays & Anniversaries Celebrated	8:00 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 30	Shabbat Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
Sun., Jan. 31	Morning Minyan	8:45 a.m.

Shabbat Candle Lighting

January 1	4:22 p.m.
January 8	4:28 p.m.
January 15	4:34 p.m.
January 22	4:42 p.m.
January 29	4:51 p.m.



Presidential Matters By Steve Aronowitz



**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:
JANUARY 11, 2016**

TOPIC: HOW WE ARE ADDRESSING YOUR SECURITY CONCERNS

The great Cantor, Joshua Shron, once stated, “A synagogue can have the most vibrant, the most dynamic, the most charismatic Rabbi and Cantor – but it’s the members who make the difference!” As we welcome 2016, I hope you will make a commitment to join in one more synagogue activity than you did last year. Like any initiative, the number of individuals who recognize its value and participate determines its success.

Recently, there is one issue that stands above all others within our congregation. I hear about it from temple members, whether attending occasionally or regularly, whether at the temple or in the community, in person or by phone or email. It is the concern for our safety and the steps we are taking to ensure that our members, employees, and visitors are safe in our synagogue. There is nothing I take more seriously!

I know you share my concern and that is why you will want to be at the **General Membership meeting on Monday, January 11, at 7:45 p.m. The program will begin as we recognize the services of the NYPD’s 111th precinct**, responsible for patrolling the synagogue area. Each time I have contacted the police department to ask for support, a patrol is dispatched. Sometimes, it is a walkthrough; other times, a police car is parked outside the entrance. It doesn’t matter what the activity, I’m never asked for details to determine importance; it’s simply a request that is responded to 100% of the time. Commanding officer, Capt. William McBride, will join us to receive a plaque recognizing the efforts of his department.

Your attendance at this meeting confirms this topic as a priority for each of us. We will also outline the steps we are considering as part of an upgraded security plan.

At the congregational meeting that will begin at 8:15 p.m. and conclude no later than 9:30 p.m., a financial report will be made and the congregation will have the responsibility to approve the budget.

I look forward to seeing you on the 11th as I am certain you recognize the importance of the temple’s finances as well as the security issues.

A View from the Pew

This column is reserved for reflections on the question, “Why do you go to shul?” from a member of the congregation who attends Shabbat services each week. If you would like to submit an article for this column, please contact Lisa Pollack in the synagogue office.

Why do I go to Shul?

By Harriet Spilkevitz

As a young child growing up in Baltimore, Maryland, I sat in the balcony during the few services to which I went. From 2nd grade until I was 13 years old, I attended the Isaac Davidson Hebrew School. It was a private school not affiliated with any temple. My graduation was my Bat Mitzvah and because it was a school, there was no Bima and I never saw a Torah—only classrooms.

Fast forward. 40 years ago, my husband and I moved to Huntington, joined the East Northport Jewish Center and remained active members. Nine years ago, ten years after my husband passed away, I moved to Great Neck. I began to feel the need to incorporate more Judaism in my life. I went “Shul Searching” and, lucky for me, I found the Little Neck Jewish Center.

The first Shabbat here I was given an aliyah. Oh my goodness! No one even knew me. That was the very first time I was ever called to the bimah. How special it was for me to be able to see the Torah up close, touch it and repeat the beginning and ending of the brachot! Not only was I thrilled, but I knew I had come to a place where I could relate to my Judaism in a new way.

I come to services almost every weekend because not only do I enjoy them but because I feel more Jewish listening to our rabbi and cantor. It is the beginning of a relaxing weekend and week for me. I feel I am part of the services praying for my family, friends, for Israel, and for the world. Coming to Shabbat services keeps me in line with my life, my world, my family, and those members of my family and friends who have passed away. L’Dor V’Dor has become my second home. I feel like this Temple and the members hug me when I enter. I feel warmth, love, and devotion to Judaism.

A few weeks ago when the new Torah covers were presented to the congregation, I had the honor and privilege of sitting on the Bima while holding a Torah. With my background, how could this possibly happen? I have come so far in my Jewish life — from looking at a Torah from a relatively far distance to embracing it on my lap. L’Dor V’Dor has enabled me to increase the religious aspects of my life. It has been my pleasure to attend Shabbat services in this wonderfully meaningful and Jewish environment.



Message From Cantor Joshua Shron

New Year's Eve? That was SO three months ago...

But here we go again. Time to usher in yet another opportunity for new beginnings. What are your resolutions for 2016? According to *Time Magazine*, these are our most commonly-broken resolutions:

- Lose Weight and Get Fit
- Quit Smoking
- Learn Something New
- Eat Healthier and Diet
- Get Out of Debt and Save Money
- Spend More Time with Family
- Travel to New Places
- Be Less Stressed
- Volunteer
- Drink Less

Clearly, the whole resolution thing isn't working out so well.

Wait! I can help! Before you give up on your goals, your synagogue can make it easier to keep your resolutions! Here are a few ways Judaism can help make 2016 your best year yet.

Spend more time with family. Piece of cake. Welcome to Shabbat! Get off of the phone, turn off the TV, step away from the computer and enjoy the simple things that life has to offer. It's the perfect time to relax, unwind and enjoy long, leisurely family conversations over Shabbat dinner and lunch. Last Friday night in the Shron home, we finished dinner and spent the next couple of hours playing a spirited board game with the kids. It was great! With technology out of the way, you'll be amazed how easy it is to connect with the people you love. Oh, and by the way, if you refrain from driving on Shabbat, you may find yourself walking a bit more than usual, crossing another resolution off your "to do" list.

Be Less Stressed. Yup, we can help. Prayer tends to be therapeutic that way. Having a tough week? Take a seat in the sanctuary and discuss it with God. Worried about particular aspects of your life? Pray your stress away - either with the words of the *siddur* or in your own words. Spirited singing during the service can work wonders, too. Concerned about world events...or even personal events? It's amazing how much better you feel after a 15 minute chat with fellow members of the community. Try it! (Of course, Shabbat also works wonders after a stressful week!)

Learn Something New. If you're not taking advantage of the many educational opportunities offered by your synagogue, you're really missing out! From Israeli dancing to Torah study...from current events discussions to learning more about our heritage...you'll find it all at Congregation L'Dor V'Dor. And if there's something you'd like to learn that we're not offering, don't hesitate to ask!

Volunteer. Can you think of a cause more worthy of your time and talents? There are so many opportunities for leadership, community service, programming, office help, fundraising and more! Tell us about your interests, and we'll find a way to put your strengths to good use. This New Year, join a committee and make a difference!

Lose Weight. We're Jews. Not a chance.

Wishing you and your family a Happy 2016!



HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Betsy Budne-Finnel | 16 Leon Hodes |
| 2 Arthur Levitsky | 18 Lee Becker |
| 2 Nathan Tamari | 18 Harvey Goldstein |
| 3 Logan Slakter | 19 Phyllis Alperstein |
| 4 Jeffrey Cohen | 20 Alex Gottlieb |
| 4 Cheryl Feiner | 21 Bonnie Charles |
| 4 Janet Laxer | 21 Peter Glaser |
| 4 Heather Makover | 22 Max Brauner |
| 5 Mark Grijnsztein | 23 Adam Cohen |
| 5 Nadine Rose | 23 Ben Ditman |
| 6 Elisabeth Shaller | 23 Juliette Reiss |
| 7 Viktor Kanevsky | 23 Mariel Reiss |
| 7 Rebecca Kudler | 24 Gladys Dorfler |
| 7 Adam Lopater | 24 Cole Junger |
| 8 Irene Gordon | 24 Andrew Lobin |
| 8 Merrill Rosen | 26 Theodore Munz |
| 8 Lenore Zakow | 27 Ilse Holz |
| 8 Lisa Zelniker | 27 Michael Kestenbaum |
| 9 Carol Lusthaus | 27 Eric Metzger |
| 9 Benjamin Menchell | 27 Gabrielle Sykoff |
| 10 Harry Junger | 28 Richard Spivack |
| 11 Scott Goodman | 28 Joshua Tobias |
| 11 Harriet Spivack | 29 Neil Garfinkel |
| 11 Phillip Steinberg | 29 Rita Landau |
| 12 Richard Kops | 29 Victoria Volkov |
| 12 Howard Litvack | 30 Jennifer Cole |
| 13 Daniel Isaacs | 30 Dorothy Honig |
| 15 Alan Fein | 30 Carrie Yaffe |
| 15 Iris Friedman | 31 Neal Nelson |
| 15 Steven Hoffman | 31 Belle Stein |
| 15 Betsy Tanenbaum | |



HAPPY JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Adina and Ronald Rosen
- 16 Irina and Morgan Starr
- 18 Janet and Irwin Tobin
- 18 Judith and Jan Tomasik
- 20 Rhoda and Samuel Fleisher

Celebrate Your January
Birthday or Anniversary
by receiving a special blessing
at Erev Shabbat Services

January 29 at 8:00 p.m.



Teen Conversations with The Cantor at L'Dor V'Dor

Tuesdays, 1/5 & 1/19
At 8:00 p.m.

January Shabbat Highlights



A Capella Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Friday, January 8
at 6:30 p.m.

We Welcome Shabbat With Singing, Dancing,
And Lots Of Joy!!!

Meet the Bar Mitzvah

Adam Laor

January 9, 2016



My name is Adam Laor and I'm an 8th grader at Solomon Schechter in Williston Park. I enjoy playing tennis and baseball, where I play the positions of shortstop, pitcher and center fielder. In tennis, I usually play singles. When I grow up, I'd very much like to become a baseball announcer, manage an MLB team, or become a tennis or baseball player. Just so we're clear, I'm an avid Yankee fan. My favorite video game is NBA2K16. My favorite youtuber is King Shawn. Going through the Bar Mitzvah preparation process, the thing that has surprised me most is how much the cantor and rabbi are willing to help me with anything at any time. And the thing that I have enjoyed most is waking up every morning and knowing that I have the best family and friends that one could have.



Monthly Shabbat Morning Experience!



The Schedule for Saturday, January 16

9:00 a.m.	Breakfast & Learning
10:00 a.m.	Shacharit w/Heicha Kedushah
10:30 a.m.	Torah Service/Musaph
12:00 p.m.	Kiddush & Lunch

Alternative Shabbat Morning Service Saturday, January 23 9:30 am -11:30 am

You Are Encouraged To
Bring Your Children And Experience
The Beauty Of Shabbat Together!



Connecting spiritually through...

- Guided Meditation
- Contemporary Poetry
- Informal, Engaging & Interactive Environment
- Torah Study with Discussion
- Spirited Singing and Dancing

These services will be conducted
simultaneously with our regular
Shabbat Morning Service.

Following services we will all join together for
Kiddush and Lunch.

Sisterhood Invites You!

Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

The Women of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor
Will lead us in prayer, read from Torah,
And enlighten us with a D'var Torah.

Following Mincha, we will enjoy a delicious third
Shabbat meal and then conclude with

Maariv and Havdalah.



Both men and women are encouraged to attend!

Save The Date!

Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Holocaust Memorial Observance

By George Klein and Ellen Charlop

Remembering The Holocaust – More Important Than Ever

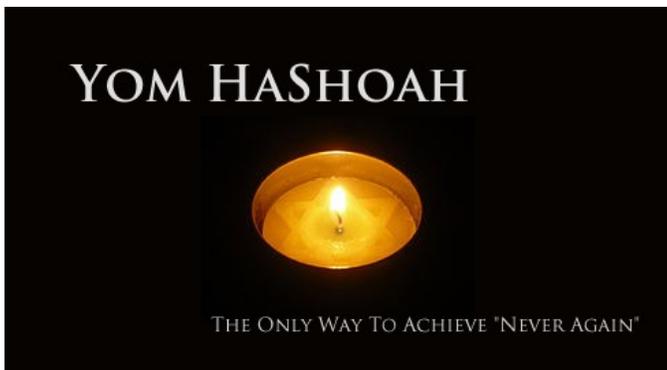
Is remembering the Holocaust still relevant today? It has been over 65 years since the last Concentration Camp was liberated. Many people are convinced that mass exterminations are an impossibility in the modern world. Even if today's society cannot take credit for being more "civilized", with the Internet and instantaneous communication many argue that such crimes can be exposed and stopped long before they grow to disastrous proportions.

Regardless of the progress the world has made in developing into a global community and how much more quickly heinous acts can be brought to light, our veneer of civilization still seems thin even today. In recent memory alone, there have been similar genocides within Rwanda, ethnic cleansing in the former Yugoslavia, and mass killings in Darfur and Cambodia, just to cite the better known examples. Certain areas such as Nigeria, Iraq and Syria have open conflict with extreme brutality on a virtually continuous basis. This violence has been exported to Europe and even here to the USA.

One of the critical aspects to the start of the Holocaust was the fact that the world stood by in silence when the Holocaust began with Kristallnacht. Jews and other minorities were systematically deprived of their civil rights and then systematically subjected to violence including murders and the response from the rest of the world was silence.

As Jews who have learned from our own experience what "civilized" groups are capable of, it is an even greater responsibility for us to remember the Holocaust, ensure that others across the world remember it as well and lead in raising our voices against violence and atrocities that occur anywhere in the world.

We would like to invite you and your children to remember and learn about the Holocaust at our annual Yom Hashoah memorial to be held Wednesday May 4, 2016, 7PM at Congregation L'Dor V'Dor – Oakland Little Neck Jewish Center.



The Israel Course Review

by Judy Samuels

Cantor Josh Shron steered a wonderful Wednesday evening class on how to effectively advocate for Israel. The classes involved engaging videos with an in-depth discussion to strengthen our connection to Israel and its people.

The films for the course consisted of:

- Israel in the Bible
- Israel Inside: How a Small Nation Makes a Big Difference
- Cross the Line 2: The New Face of Anti-Semitism on Campus
- Creation of a State: A Modern Miracle
- Israel in the Media
- Speak Up For Israel
- Beneath the Helmet
- Refugees

There were several shorter documentaries with discussions regarding issues of anti-Zionism. This term was translated to be anti-Semitism by many lecturers about Israel.

It was very well attended and we had very lively discussions regarding the topic of that evening as well as current topics in the news.

We discussed several different methods in advocating for Israel. The arguments used when condemning Israel are: occupiers of the land, racist, and undemocratic.

The first proposal to counteract the condemnations were to present the positive aspects of Israel, e.g., all it has accomplished for mankind in developing medicines and innovations used around the world as well as being the first responder whenever and wherever there is a tragedy in any part of the world. Discuss the idea that they are bringing their technology of water irrigation to those countries that are arid and willing to accept the help.

The second proposal is to stand up to the arguments and defend Israel against them. Such as, Israel has Arab Israeli citizens as members of the Knesset. They are the only democratic country in the Middle East and strive to treat all citizens equally. Israelis have tried to make peace many times in its 65 years of existence and have been met with wars, violent intifadas (uprisings), suicide bombers and most currently, knife jihadists. From an Israeli perspective, it seems as if there is no interested partner for peace.

Classes for The Israel Course will resume beginning, Wednesday, January 13, 2016. You are encouraged and invited to join us!

Another Israel Advocacy event will be showing the documentary about J Street, a Jewish organization that condemns Israel for not making peace at any cost. The movie is scheduled for Sunday, January 31, 2016 at 1pm. Join us for what promises to be an enlightening experience followed by much discussion.

Adult Education

Parashat HaShavuah
Wednesdays
at 11:00 a.m.



Finding relevance and meaning in the weekly portion of the Torah with Rabbi Gordon Yaffe

An in depth study of the weekly Torah portion.

The Cantor's Club
Wednesdays
at 5:00 p.m.



Cantor Joshua Shron

You too can be a Shaliach Tzibur, the one to lead the congregation in prayer.

Israeli Dancing

7:30 p.m.



Three Monday nights per month

1/4, 1/18 & 1/25

At Congregation L'Dor V'Dor
With
Dance Instructor, Randy Barenholtz
(of Temple Israel)

"Through our beginners' class of Israeli dance and song, we engage in the vibrant life of Jewish culture"

Questions—contact Joan Kase
at joankase1@gmail.com

Fiddler On The Roof is Back on Broadway!

A Congregational Trip
Sunday, April 3 3:00 p.m. Matinee



Bus Transportation
Dinner at a Kosher Restaurant

In order to make all of the necessary arrangements, we need to know by January 15 if you are interested in this opportunity.

Go to the OLNJC website for further details and to reserve your seat!

www.olnjc.org 718-224-0404

How Well Do You Know The Modern State of Israel?



Cantor Shron presents: **The Israel Course**, engaging video and discussion series to strengthen your connection to Israel and its people.

- Gain valuable insight on how you can defend Israel on campus, in the media and whenever enemies threaten her right to exist.
- Learn more about the Jewish Homeland from Middle East experts, historians, rabbis and other esteemed scholars.
- Enhance your understanding of Israel's past, present and future through Biblical texts and study.

Schedule of Classes:
Wednesday's, January 13, 20 & 27

Celebrate Tu B'Shevat

Plant a Tree in Israel Tu B'shevat



January 25, 2016

When you come to the land and you plant any tree, you shall treat its fruit as forbidden; for three years it will be forbidden and not eaten. In the fourth year, all of its fruit shall be sanctified to praise the L-RD.

In the fifth year, you may eat its fruit.

- Leviticus 19:23-25

On Tu B'Shevat, we pray for a beautiful etrog on the following Sukkot.

In Israel, Tu B'Shevat is a day of environmental awareness. Trees are planted in celebration.



Your Voice in Israel

Jewish National Fund for Tu B'Shevat

*Order online @ <http://www.jnf.org/>
To order by phone, call 800-542-TREE.*

You are invited to a Tu B'Shevat Seder



Monday, January 25, 2016

8:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

A Day to Celebrate

Trees



Gifts of Nature

Our Connection

to the Land of Israel

RSVP with the synagogue office by January 15 to join Rabbi Yaffe and your synagogue family for a Tu B'Shevat Seder with fruits, nuts and wine!

Suggested Donation of \$10.00

Tu B'Shevat Seder

January 25, 2016

8:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.



Name _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

\$10.00 Suggested Donation

Sisterhood & Men's Club

Torah Fund Campaign Women's League for Conservative Judaism



Nat'ah karem is a phrase from the beloved prayer Eishet Chayil, taken from the biblical Book of Proverbs. We re-envision this prayer today with the appreciation for the hard-working, generous, family-oriented woman who "plants a vineyard by her own labors" (Proverbs 31:7). We honor her productivity, independence, creativity, and orientation to a hopeful future with the 2016/5776 Torah Fund pin/pendant.

Every woman has the opportunity to participate in preserving, promoting and perpetuating Conservative/Masorti Judaism through active giving to the Torah Fund Campaign of Women's League in support of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America (New York, NY), The Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies (Los Angeles, CA), The Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies (Jerusalem) and The Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano (Buenos Aires).

The Torah Fund campaign began in 1942 as a scholarship fund. In 1963, it merged with the Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall campaign that provided housing for undergraduate students. In time, the campaign identified needs and raised funds for specific projects, including:

- Women's League Educational Pavilion (Kripke Tower)
- Women's League Seminary Synagogue
- Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall Renovations
- Goldsmith Hall
- Residence Hall at the American Jewish University
- JTS Quadrangle
- JTS Library Bookshelves
- Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies Garden

For the past several years, funds raised by Torah Fund have gone toward scholarships to all the schools. There are continuing opportunities for sisterhoods and individuals to provide support to all four institutions through Torah Fund. Thousands of dedicated volunteers have contributed to the spiritual, esthetic and material well being of these educational communities by supporting Torah Fund projects.

How to Donate to Torah Fund

Make check payable to: Torah Fund and mail it to:
Torah Fund, Box 26, 3080 Broadway, New York, NY 10027

On-line (credit card): www.jtsa.edu/torahfund

By phone (credit card): Sherrill Moss-Solomon at 212-678-8977

For further information on Torah Fund, please visit the website at

Dear Congregant,



At our last meeting, the Men's Club voted to send donations to the following six charities.

- #1 - Cohen Children's Medical Center at North Shore LIJ Hospital
- #2 - Wounded Warrior Project
- #3 - Chanukah Party at Our Shul
- #4 - American Friends of Neve Hanna
- #5 - Lone Soldier Project (Israel)
- #6 - American Friends of the IDF

If you would like to participate in donating to these charities, please let us know by sending in your checks payable to Congregation L'Dor V'Dor Men's Club.

Irwin Tobin
Men's Club President



Congregation L'Dor V'Dor Men's Club
49-10 Little Neck Parkway
Little Neck, NY 11362

Name _____

Tel/Email _____

Enclosed is my check for a donation as participation



Sisterhood Book Club
Thursday, February 11
At Elane Berk's Home
At 7:30 p.m.

The next book club meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11th at 7:30 P.M. at the home of our esteemed hostess, Elane Berk.

We will be discussing A Remarkable Kindness written by Diana Bletter. It is the story about the bonds of friendship and family and the lives of four women, Lauren, Emily, Aviva and Rachel. The women forge a friendship that sustains them as they come to terms with love and loss and the outbreak of war. Their intimate bond is strengthened by their participation in a traditional ritual. As their lives are slowly transformed, each finds unexpected strength and resilience.

A Remarkable Kindness is a moving testament to women's friendship, illuminating a mostly unknown ritual that underscores what it means to be truly alive.

Come and join us as we discuss this tale where war and loss hover over four American women living in Israel.

Any questions, please contact Harriet Spilkevitz at hspilk818@aol.com or 516-708-9404.



Chanukah Highlights



A Special Evening at Congregation L'Dor V'Dor By Marjorie Goldstein, VP Membership



On Friday evening, December 11, the Congregation gathered for an A Capella Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Service. There is always an excitement in the air when we have this special event. We pray, sing, dance, and welcome Shabbat. There was an additional excitement this evening as we celebrated Chanukah and presented the Congregation with 4 new Torah Mantles. Several months ago, Stanley Wirtheim initiated a fundraising opportunity where the Torah Mantles from Oakland Jewish Center and Little Neck Jewish Center would be replaced. Although the Congregations had merged quite a while ago, this was truly a moving experience as 4 beautifully embroidered mantles with coordinating colors were proudly displayed and were placed on the Torahs. As the group of congregants who donated to the purchase of the new mantles stood on the bimah and replaced the mantles, we knew that we were one congregation. It was a very moving experience for all. We want to thank all those who participated in purchasing the Torah Mantles and coordinated their groups in making this event happen.

A delicious Shabbat Chanukah Dinner of Latkes and Chinese Food was enjoyed by all. We thank Stanley and Lois Wirtheim for organizing and coordinating this event as well as the Custodians/Servers and our Managing Director, Audi Acevedo. We sat at tables with old friends and made new friends as we shared stories of growing up, played Jewish Geography, celebrated Shabbat and Chanukah, sang songs, and felt proud to be part of this congregation.

An added surprise bonus occurred when Cantor Shron assembled 3 couples to play the Jewry Wed Game (also known as the Newly Wed Game for older adults) having spouses leave the room and come back to try to answer questions, as the spouses would think we would answer. Some of our answers were right, some wrong but the laughter from the audience and the contestants were hysterical. It was another example at our Synagogue where we attend an event, expect one thing and leave with having had a great time, laughing, having fun and once again realizing what a special place this is.

We want to thank the Rabbi, Cantor, and everyone who participated in this evening. Looking forward to many more events like this.



Sunday Morning Minyan at Ilse and Gary Holz

On Sunday Morning, December 13, our Minyan for the seventh day of Chanukah was held at the home of Ilse and Gary Holz. Rabbi Yaffe led the special service.

Gary has been home bound for many months and unable to attend services at the synagogue. We are grateful that we were able to bring the synagogue to him and give him an opportunity to have an aliya, feel the warmth of his synagogue family and to participate in the Sunday morning political discussion.



Family Chanukah Party Review By Cantor Shron



A Magical Chanukah

*'Twas the last night of Chanukah
And here at the shul
MAGIC was in the air...
And wow...was it cool!*

Everyone knows that fire is for menorah lighting, and not human consumption...right? Well, apparently "Magic Bob" didn't get the memo.

On Sunday, December 13th, the children of our community (and their parents) gathered together to celebrate the eighth night of Chanukah in style. We were treated to an amazing magic show by Magician, Bob McEntee, who impressed all of us with fun tricks, mind-reading, balloon animals, comedy and yes, fire consumption!

After the show, our social hall was illuminated with the light of Chanukah...and with nine candles in everyone's Chanukiah, that's a whole lot of fire! We lit candles, sang the traditional blessings, and enjoyed a festive Chanukah sing-along led by Cantor Shron. The night concluded with a delicious dinner of chicken nuggets, potato latkes and jelly doughnuts - followed by an intense game of dreidel.

It was the perfect ending to a wonderful holiday!

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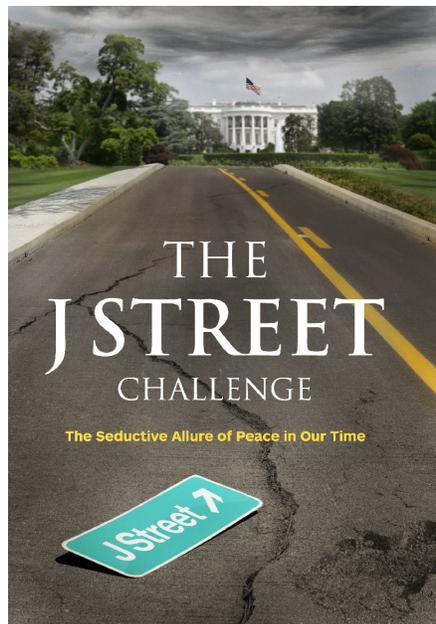
Presents

The J Street Challenge

A Documentary Film

Sunday, January 31

1:00 pm



The film presents J Street's mission and related actions through speeches by J Street leaders and supporters. J Street believes that it is in Israel's existential interest to make peace with the Palestinians, and that peace can only come through the creation of a Palestinian state. To achieve a two state solution, Israel must make painful territorial concessions. J Street believes that American foreign policy must take an assertive approach in pressuring Israel and the Palestinians in order to achieve peace. According to J Street, Israel is mostly to blame for the lack of peace because of its unwillingness to give up land necessary for the creation of a viable Palestinian state.

Join us for what promises to be an enlightening experience followed by much discussion!

Those Israel Boycotts Are Illegal

In many cases, educational associations that shun Israel may be sued for violating their charters

The American Anthropological Association (AAA) voted on Nov. 20 to boycott Israel, though the resolution—which would prohibit Israeli academic institutions from any involvement in the organization, such as participation in conferences and hiring events—must still be approved by the group’s full membership in coming months. Ten days later the National Women’s Studies Association voted to call for a boycott of “entities and projects sponsored by the state of Israel.” Boycott votes are also scheduled at the annual meetings of the American Historical Association (AHA) and the Modern Language Association.

The moral myopia and academic perversity of these boycotts have been widely discussed. Less well understood is that in many cases they also are illegal. Under corporate law, an organization, including a nonprofit, can do *only* what is permitted under the purposes specified in its charter.

Boycott resolutions that are beyond the powers of an organization are void, and individual members can sue to have a court declare them invalid. The individuals serving on the boards of these organizations may be liable for damages.

Consider the American Historical Association. Its constitution—a corporate charter—states that its purpose “shall be the promotion of historical studies” and the “broadening of historical knowledge among the general public.” There’s nothing in this charter that would authorize a boycott. And an anti-Israel boycott will do nothing to promote “historical studies” or broaden “historical knowledge.”

One can go through similar exercises with the charters of other academic associations. A boycott by definition restricts study and research: The explanatory material attached to the AAA resolution, for example, says it would restrict the organization from sharing scholarly journals with Israeli universities.

Saying that organizations cannot act beyond the purposes specified in their charters is no mere legal nitpicking. The charter is an explicit contract with members, declaring that their money will be dedicated to agreed-upon goals and that their group will not turn into a motorcycle club or a political party.

Although some major academic organizations have thousands of members, they are generally run by a small staff and a board that effectively controls the agenda. The purposes named in their charters are meant to protect the overwhelming mass of members who cannot get involved in the minutiae of the organization’s affairs, to ensure that the organization cannot be hijacked for a fundamentally foreign purpose, and to protect minority members. The charter is the minimal assurance that while an organization may act unwisely, it will be at least in the category of fieldwork, education and research, not beekeeping or boycotts.

The anthropologists’ anti-Israel resolution tries to sidestep the law with jargon about “ethnic cleansing” and “colonization,” and a contrived claim that “anthropological frameworks and methods, ethnographic and archaeological, are actively used by the Israeli state to further occupation and colonization.” This won’t work in a court of law. It is no different than if historians were to assert that since Israel is a part of history the AHA can legally boycott the country.

The American Studies Association voted to boycott Israel in December 2013, and the ASA now touts itself on its website as “one of the leading scholarly communities supporting social change.” But the association’s charter says nothing about social change. The ASA is dedicated to “broadening knowledge” about “American culture,” not boycotting a foreign nation.

Recognition of this problem may grow. In March 2014, the Royal Institute of British Architects voted to boycott its Israeli counterpart. Lawyers advised the group about the legal dangers of exceeding its mandate. Later that year the institute rescinded its boycott resolution.

It may be more fun to lead social protests than to conduct research. And if the members of an academic organization are unhappy with the limitations on politicking in its charter, they’re free to establish a new organization with a new charter. But the law does not allow them to commandeer organizations that already exist.

Messrs. Solomon and Kontorovich are professors in the law schools, respectively, of the University of California, Berkeley, and Northwestern University.

Source: Wall Street Journal, 12/1/15 by Eugene Kontorovich & Steven Davidoff Solomon

Good News From Israel

News of Israel's Achievements and Heartwarming Stories from the Jewish State

In the December 20, 2015 edition of Israel’s good news, the highlights include:

- An Israeli arthritis treatment also reduces high blood pressure.
- An Israeli breakthrough in insulin-producing cells for diabetics.
- The UN has designated Israel as the 18th most developed country.
- You can now order an Israeli biogas system to recycle kitchen waste.
- Israeli technology is providing WiFi to Ivory Coast.
- Spanish star Enrique Iglesias performed to a sell-out crowd in Tel Aviv.
- A Jewish woman is reunited with her Israeli family after 68 years in Syria.

ISRAEL’S MEDICAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Kitov Pharma’s Arthritis Drug Meets Main Goal in Late-Stage Study

Success in trials of arthritis treatment. Israeli biotech Kitov has announced that its KIT-302 treatment for osteoarthritis successfully reduced arthritic pain in UK trials on 152 patients, without risk of heart problems. In fact KIT-302 is the only treatment for both osteoarthritis and hypertension (high blood pressure).

The company plans to file its New Drug Application (NDA) for marketing approval with the FDA in the second half of 2016.

Source: Jewish Business News, 12/16/15
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 New Year's Day Office Closed Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 4:22 pm	2 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am
3 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am	4 Israeli Dancing 7:30 pm	5 Conversations with the Cantor at the Synagogue 8:00 pm	6 Parashat HaShavuah 11:00 am The Cantor's Club 5:00 pm	7 Intermediate Hebrew 10:00 am	8 A Capella Musical Kabbalat Shabbat Evening Service 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 4:28 pm	9 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am Bar Mitzvah: Adam Laor
10 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am	11 Board Meeting 7:15 pm Presentation to the 111th Precinct 7:45 pm General Membership 8:00 pm	12	13 Parashat HaShavuah 11:00 am The Cantor's Club 5:00 pm The Israel Course 8:00 pm Membership Committee Meeting 8:00 pm	14 Intermediate Hebrew 10:00 am	15 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 4:34 pm	16 Shabbat Morning Experience Breakfast 9am Shacharit 10 am Torah Service 10:30 am Musaph 11:15 am Kiddush 12 pm
17 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am MLK Service Freeport, NY 7:00 pm	18 Martin Luther King Day Office Closed Israeli Dancing 7:30 pm	19 Conversations with the Cantor at the Synagogue 8:00 pm	20 Parashat HaShavuah 11:00 am The Israel Course 8:00 pm	21 Intermediate Hebrew 10:00 am	22 Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm Candle Lighting 4:42 pm	23 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am Alternative Shabbat Service 9:30 am Sisterhood Mincha/Maariv/3:30 pm
24 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am	25 Tu B'Shevat Israeli Dancing 7:30 pm Tu B'Shevat Seder 8:30 pm	26	27 Parashat HaShavuah 11:00 am The Israel Course 8:00 pm	28 Intermediate Hebrew 10:00 am	29 Shabbat Evening Service 8:00 pm Birthdays & Anniversaries Celebrated Candle Lighting 4:51 pm	30 Shabbat Morning Service 9:00 am
31 Morning Minyan & Breakfast 8:45 am Hamentaschen Baking 10:00 am The J Street Challenge 1:00 pm			 <p style="text-align: center;">Save the Date!!!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">World Wide Wrap Sunday, February 7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fulfill the Mitzvah of putting on tefillin. Learn to wrap at 8:00 a.m. Daven at 8:45 a.m. Men and Women are invited and encouraged to attend!</p>			

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by Ilse Holz
For Chanukah gifts given to my children at the Chanukah Party
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We extend our condolences to:

Bruce Kauffman

*on the passing of his beloved father,
Meyer Kauffman*

Nancy Borko

*on the passing of her beloved mother,
Charlotte Borko*

one of the founding members of Oakland Jewish Center

Eileen Feiner

*on the passing of her beloved mother
Doris Moskowitz*

We mourn the loss of:

Marvin Gehn

beloved former Little Neck Jewish Center member

George Kraus

beloved former member of the congregation

*May their memory forever be a source of
strength and inspiration*

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Hamentaschen Baking



Sunday, January 31
10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Join us as we make hamantaschen
as gifts for our neighbors in need
and to add to the joy of our
Purim Celebration.



The Hamantaschen will be frozen
for use on Purim.

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