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"And let them make for me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them."
EXODUS 25:8

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HEAR THE MEGILLAH READING

The Fascinating "Book of Esther"

SATURDAY, MARCH 11th

at 7:00 P.M.

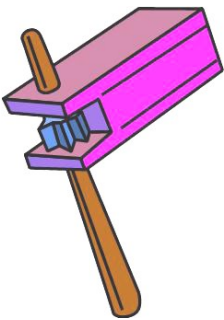
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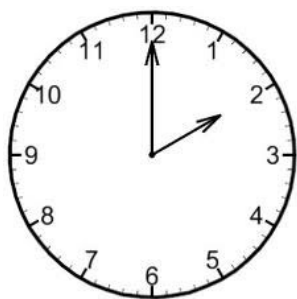
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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Known as a month of celebration and happiness, Adar contains the joyous holiday of Purim that takes place mid-month. Purim, however, isn't the only thing that makes Adar special.

1. Be Happy Now! The Talmud tells us that “when the month of Adar arrives, we increase in joy” to welcome a season of miracles. Accordingly, the Talmud tells us that this month is fortuitous for the Jewish people.

2. What's in a name? The Hebrew name “Adar” is related to the word “adir,” which denotes strength and power. The term adir is used to refer to the Jewish people. What could be more apropos for the month when the Jewish people's fortunes are strong?

3. Double Your Joy. Double Your Fun. Adar is the only month in the Jewish calendar that comes back for seconds. The Jewish leap year, or shanah me'uberet (literally “pregnant year” in Hebrew), occurs approximately once every three years. In order to assure that the lunar months of the Jewish year stay in sync with the solar calendar, an additional month of Adar is added. Purim is celebrated in the second Adar.

4. Moses Passed Away. Tradition relates that Moses passed away on 7 Adar.

5. The Talmud tells us that when the evil Haman, villain of the Purim story, wished to destroy our nation, he staged a lottery to determine the most opportune date. When the lot (called a pur, hence the holiday name of Purim) fell on Adar, he rejoiced. What better month to punish the Jews, he thought, than Adar, when Moses passed away? Surely, no month could be lower for the Jewish people . . . It was Moses' Birthday as Well. What Haman did not know was that Moses passed away on the very same day he was born—the 7th of Adar! The day of Moses' birth, the Talmud relates, helped avert the evil decree.

6. Under the Sea. The zodiacal sign (mazel) for Adar is Pisces, or dagim in Hebrew. In Jewish tradition, fish are a sign of blessing and fruitfulness. Also, just as fish live in water, the Jewish people thrive when immersed in the Torah, which is compared to life-giving water.

7. Haman Died in . . . Nissan! Though we celebrate the miraculous events that brought about the holiday of Purim in Adar, Haman was actually hanged in Nissan. Purim commemorates not Haman's death, but rather the time when our ancestors rested after their miraculous salvation and victory in battle.

8. On the Way Out! Adar was the last month the Jewish people spent in Egypt before the Exodus. Adar's joy is so great, in part, because it serves as the opening to an even greater rejoicing: the miracles of Passover. Have a happy month!

Holidays in Adar

- **13 Adar** (II in leap years) - [Fast of Esther](#) – on 11 Adar when the 13th falls on [Shabbat](#) - (*Fast Day*)
- **14 Adar** (II in leap years) - [Purim](#)
- **15 Adar** (II in leap years) - [Shushan Purim](#) - celebration of Purim in walled cities existing during the time of [Joshua](#)

Adar in Jewish History

- **1 Adar** (circa 1313 BCE) - Plague of Darkness, the [ninth plague](#) upon the [Egyptians](#) ([Exodus](#) 10:23). This started on the 1st of Adar, six weeks before the [Exodus](#).
- **2 Adar** (598 BCE) - [Jerusalem](#) falls to [Nebuchadnezzar](#)
- **3 Adar** (515 BCE) - [Second Temple](#) completed
- **7 Adar** (1393 BCE) - Birth of [Moses](#)

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- **7 Adar** (1273 BCE) - Death of **Moses**
- **9 Adar** (1st century BCE) - Academic dissension between **Beit Hillel** and **Beit Shammai**, erupted into a violent and destructive conflict over a vote on 18 legal matters leading to the death of 3,000 students. The day was later declared a fast day by the **Shulchan Aruch**, however, it was never observed as such.
- **13 Adar** (522 BCE) - War between Jews and their enemies in **Persia** (**Book of Esther**, chapter 9)
- **14 Adar** (522 BCE) - **Purim** victory celebrated in the Persian Empire
- **15 Adar** (522 BCE) - **Purim** Victory Celebrated in **Shushan**
- **15 Adar** (1st century CE) - Jerusalem Gate Day - **King Agrippa I** (circa 21 CE) began construction of a gate for the wall of **Jerusalem**; the day used to be celebrated as a holiday.
- **17 Adar** (522 BCE) - Yom Adar - the day the Jewish people left Persia following the Purim story
- **23 Adar** (circa 1312 BCE) - **Mishkan** assembled for the first time; "Seven Days of Training" begin.
- **25 Adar** (561 BCE) - Death of **Nebuchadnezzar** (**Jeremiah** 52:31).

Other Uses

The Choice of Adar

Purim teaches us to appreciate the world's awesome beauty, amidst so much chaos and horror.

Everyone knows that the Jewish year begins in Tishrei, with Rosh Hashana. But surprise, surprise -- there are actually two ways of calculating the order of our calendar. The more familiar version follows the calculations made by Hillel the Elder in the Talmudic era, and refers to the months by their Babylonian names -- Tishrei, Cheshvan, etc.

The other method is that used by the Torah itself. The Torah text does not assign names to the months, but rather refers to the "first month," "second month," etc. The "first month" is Nissan, featuring Passover, the anniversary of our liberation from Egypt. In the other calendar, Nissan would be the seventh month!

Jews seem to have a knack for complicating things. Actually, it is the natural result of looking at things deeply. From that perspective, something fascinating emerges from the two ways we count time.

Tishrei is the month that marks the creation of mankind. For us mortal beings, this is the central event of human history. Thus, Tishrei is the first month.

God, however, sees things from a different angle. As expressed by His Torah, the emergence of the Jewish nation is the beginning of meaningful history. Thus, Nissan is the first month.

Which brings us to Adar, [the month of Purim](#), the month that directly precedes Nissan. From the Torah's perspective, Adar is the last month of the Hebrew calendar. Adar is often described as the "month of darkness," because during Haman's time we were closer than ever to suffering total annihilation. The light of Nissan, the light of liberation, could have been extinguished, had Haman's plot succeeded. Through the miracle of Purim, the darkness turned to light.

Fish and Fertility

Adar is the Jewish month of good fortune. In fact, Purim is the most joyful time of the entire year. "When Adar arrives, we increase our joy," say the Sages. How did Adar get its well-earned reputation for joy?

The astral sign of Adar is the fish (Pisces). Fish are very fertile, and for that reason are seen as a sign of blessing and fruitfulness. The Hebrew word for blessing is *bracha*, from the root letters bet, *reish*, *kaff*. In Jewish numerology (gematria), the letter *bet* has a value of 2, *reish* is 200 and *kaff* is 20. Each of these is the first plural in their number unit. What this tells us is that the Jewish concept of "blessing" is intertwined with fertility, represented by the fish of Adar. After all, if there is something good, why not let it increase?

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The opposite of blessing is constraint or limitation. Adar is the month in which Haman threatened to not only limit our presence, but to erase it entirely. But destiny had a different plan.

Moses' Birth and Death

At the time of the destruction of the First Temple, the Jews were exiled to Babylon, which was later ruled by the Persian Empire. This empire eventually included most of the known world, placing the entire Jewish population under Persian authority, regardless of where they lived.

Haman, the wicked prime minister of Persia, threw lots and came up with a designated day to make his entire kingdom *Judenrein*, cleansed of Jews.

Haman's "lucky day" was the 13th of Adar. And when he observed that this day came up, seemingly by chance, he rejoiced -- because the 7th of Adar was the day that Moses died. Moses was the quintessential Jew; the Sages say that he is equal to the Jewish people collectively -- the head that controls the "body" of the nation, providing it with vision, articulation and direction. To Haman, the lot falling in Adar meant that his plan to destroy everything that Moses built was bound to succeed.

What Haman didn't know, however, was that the same 7th of Adar was also the day that Moses was born. What Haman presumed would be the day of Jewish national death, turned out to be a day of national rebirth.

Humility and the Fish

There is yet more significance to the fish as the astral sign of Adar.

Fish live their entire lives underwater, unobserved by the human eye. Our Sages tell us that blessing does not come to something that is under close observation, but only to something that is hidden from the eye. This is due to the direct relationship between modesty and blessing.

Of course, from a Western view, where fame and success are identical twins, modesty seems *inversely* related to blessing.

The Torah teaches, however, that the cost of all this exposure -- rather than a blessing, i.e. maximizing oneself -- is to risk becoming the sort of person who has no self, other than the mask that is donned in order to be the person that you think others would like to see.

Moses is described in the Torah as "the most humble person." He lived with modesty, and this became engrained in our national Jewish identity. We have always prized humility over pride. For this reason, the fish, the sign of Adar, is the penultimate sign of the Jewish people.

Celebration of Hidden Miracles

One might expect the Megillah to be replete with descriptions of the miracle of Haman's defeat, giving credit to the Author of all miracles. Yet what we find is very different. God's name is not mentioned even once in the entire narrative. The Megillah is a great dichotomy, where the Hero is always off stage, but yet the most central figure of the entire drama.

Of course, not everyone who reads the Megillah will notice God's subtle yet compelling presence. The events that He orchestrated are covered with many layers of seeming coincidence, political machinations, natural cause and effect. The Sages refer to this event as a "hidden miracle," meaning that it is within our ability to appreciate the multi-layered reality unfolded before us -- or just as easily to deny it and attribute everything to chance.

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Which brings us to an important question: Why would God simultaneously conceal and reveal His presence? Why not rescue the Jews through a thunder and lightning extravaganza that would merit an MGM movie on the scale of The Ten Commandments?

To answer this question, we must first ask a far more fundamental one: Why is the world so complex, so full of apparent contradictions? The world has intricate order and awesome beauty, yet at the same time there is so much chaos and unspeakable horror. Why?

The answer is that the choice is up to us to look deep and acknowledge both aspects of reality. It is tempting to take refuge in superficial simplification, to ignore the cracks in the facade of perfection that we like to see when we look in the mirror. Of course, this requires its own bit of effort, like avoiding the news and ensconcing ourselves in the secure refuge of our comfortable cars and homes. All this entails some major denial.

The opposite approach is to take masochistic pleasure in painting the world black. The toll that such people pay in bitterness and jaded cynicism is high, but they feel they are getting something precious in return, which is "seeing things as they are." The problem is that such people are as much in denial of reality as the first group.

The Jewish view is to see that chaos and order in fact do co-exist, and that each one has a purpose. We are meant to meet the challenges presented by life's hard side, and to find inspiration in the beauty and joy that we see just as readily when our eyes are open. Every so often God opens the gates wide enough to give us a message that can sustain us when things seem hopeless. The message is: "I am here now, as I have been all along, and I will always be here for you. Not just when the sea splits, or when My presence overwhelms you, but when you elect to *choose* to see Me."

And this is the essential message of Purim. It is about making that sort of choice -- the most significant and joyous choice you will ever make.

Purim Practices

- 1) We read the Megillah twice, both at night (to celebrate the faith that we found in the midst of darkness) and during the day (to celebrate the fact that our faith was validated openly and joyously).
- 2) We give two kinds of food to at least one friend. This gift is not meant to alleviate need, but rather to create unity. We celebrate being part of a people who lives on miracles.
- 3) We give money to the poor. This spreads the pleasure of feeling cared for, and opens the hearts of both giver and recipient.
- 4) We strengthen our belief in God's presence in the real world by having a whopper of a feast. Invite all your friends. Wear a costume to celebrate the fact that things are not always as they seem. Drink until you are so intoxicated that you recognize there are no longer heroes and villains -- just characters in God's unending play that reveals His love and presence.

Let us celebrate this joyous festival of Purim by coming together for the reading of the Megillah and remember that faith in G-d is what will always sustain and keep the Jewish nation alive.

Happy Purim
Rabbi Romiel Daniel



P'RI YADEHAH

FOCUS ON SISTERHOOD



“It is preferable to spend more on gifts to the poor than on the Purim meal or on presents to friends. For no joy is greater than the joy of gladdening the hearts of the poor, the orphans, the widows and strangers. Those who cause the unfortunate to rejoice, emulate the divine presence.”

Hilkhot Megillah 2:17 (Laws of Megillah)

Purim is a most significant as well as joyous holiday - a celebration of life, a reaffirmation of our faith. It reminds us that Haman's words of intolerance are still on the lips and in the hearts of anti-Semites today all over the world and even here. Purim makes us aware that throughout the generations many Hamans arose and are still present today. But when we have faith and strength in our unity as one people, we shall always prevail. Thus as we approach the festival of Purim let us be imbued with joy and tzedakah! The Mitzvah of "M'Hitzit" (1/2 a shekel), "Mishloah Manot (the sending of palatable gifts), and "Matanot La'evynim" (gifts to the poor) express the essential theme of Purim. Sending gifts of food and giving presents of money (tzedakah - anonymously if possible), indicates unity, friendship and independence for all Jews. Thus as we celebrate we are also compassionate and we share with others.

Monday, March 13th, a day after Purim, is our Sisterhood meeting. (It's called Shushan Purim and we'll explain at the meeting why it is called "Shushan Purim") Agnes Posner, our Program and Education Vice President, has attended a course at the 108th Street Y given by Rabbi Irwin Goldenberg - "The History of the Jews throughout the Ages." We are most fortunate that Rabbi Goldenberg will come in person and present a lecture to us. Rabbi Goldenberg is a reform rabbi who has taught at York and Gettysburg Colleges as well as at St. John's University. He has held a pulpit in Dallas, Texas and other places.

Furthermore, the traditions around Purim emphasize the need to be happy. The Midrash says that "when Adar begins happiness increases." The importance of laughter and fun in dealing with stress and hardship has been recognized since Biblical times and now clinical research has documented the positive

impact of laughter on humans. For more than two decades, individuals with life threatening illnesses have been offered "laughter therapy" and the results have been astounding. The impact on the emotional health is more obvious than on the physical, but both are very clear. Laughter decreases depression, increases mental acuity, and positively affects sleep patterns. We shall discuss these and other aspects of this phenomena. Of course we shall serve hamantaschen so bring a dairy sandwich or yogurt and join us for learning and fun.

We must say that despite all the travails of the season, our Oy Vay Bingo in February again was lots of fun and laughter even though it wasn't Purim yet. Mama Loschen is alive and well. Thanks to Elaine Spodick and Sharon Lall for their invaluable help. Of course there was pizza and lots of prizes. We all enjoyed the afternoon.

Once again we have our Raffle. Proceeds will go for the needs of the synagogue and some will go to enhance requirements for the Hebrew School. L'Dor V'Dor - from generation to generation. Look for the raffles in the mail. Respond quickly. The drawing will be at the April 24th meeting after Pesach. Our diligent chair ladies are Shirley Decker and Ruth Kaplan. Todah Rabah to both of you!

As we wish you a 'freilich' Purim, let us temper our merrymaking and read the Megillah (2 times) more fervently. Let us pray for a lot to be cast for a much more peaceful time for all Jews and for all mankind the world over.

Be Happy - Be Merry - It's Adar - It's Purim

Shalom V'L'Hitraot
Ruth Loewenstein

TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS

As per the by-laws of the Rego Park Jewish Center, the Nominating Committee met to prepare a slate of nominees for the office of Trustee for the years 2017 - 2020. The Nominating Committee was comprised of Ken Sasmor (Chair), Martin Cantor, Susan Goldschmidt, Ruth Loewenstein, Elaine Spodick, Ed Starer and Donald Weinberg.

The slate as submitted by the Nominating Committee is:

Jack Alkana
Sandi Goodman
Martin Novzen
Jack Siegel
Ruthe Unger

The election of trustees will take place at the annual Center meeting in April.

Ken Sasmor, Chairperson

PURIM SHALACH MONOS



Purim is approaching and once again we will make up packages of cheer to be delivered to those who are homebound or ill.

Your contribution of kosher candies, chocolates, cookies, etc., would be appreciated. If you cannot purchase these items yourself, we will be happy to do it for you. Any donation is appreciated.

We will be making these packages on Friday, March 10th at 10:30 A.M. if you would like to help. We also need some drivers and volunteers to deliver these packages. Please call the Center office for more information.

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Lee Lobel-Zwang, Coordinator

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THE TIME FOR SPRING'S REBIRTH



At this season of the year we will soon celebrate our Exodus from Egypt and recall and recount our beginnings. During our time we recall the Exodus of the Russian Jews and the liberation of Ethiopian Jewry. Modern miracles. May the whole house of Israel go from strength to strength.

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SPECIAL EVENTS GROUP NEWS - REVIEWS

Lee Lobel-Zwang, Coordinator

PARASHAT & HAFTARAT CLUB

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18th
at 12:30 P.M.**

EXODUS KI TISA 30.11 - 34.35

Moses on Mount Sinai for 40 days. People despaired of seeing him alive - Aaron was asked to fashion a Golden Calf to worship - G-d was incensed at their betrayal. Moses descended and shattered the tablet of the Ten Commandments on the Golden Calf - G-d doomed the Israelites to destruction - Moses appealed the sentence. The Levites killed three thousand more of the sinners.

In taking a census of the Israelite people according to their enrollment, they shall pay a half shekel to the priests from the age of twenty years up, as an offering to the Lord - to maintain the tabernacles, two talented men were singled out. Bezalel, son of Uri of the tribe of Judah, skilled in gold, silver and copper; and Oholiab of the tribe of Dan, skilled in other crafts, to make everything for the tent of meeting, the ark and furnishings - "you must keep My Sabbath throughout the ages as a covenant for all times" was enforced.

**HAFTARAT - ASHKENAZIM I KINGS
18.1 - 39**

Ahab sent orders to all Israelites, gathered the prophets at Mount Carmel. Elijah said, "How long will you keep hopping between two opinions? If the Lord is G-d, follow him, and if Baal, follow him." The people answered him not a word. Elijah said, "I am the only prophet of the Lord left, while prophets of Baal are 450 men. They chose a test - they chose two bulls - one they cut up and put on wood and applied fire. The other bull they put on wood without fire. You will then invoke your G-d by name - no answer. Elijah said to shout louder. Still no answer.

Presenters: Rabbi Romiel Daniel & Charles Lehat
Host: Martin Cantor

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Rego Park Jewish Center invites you to join us for our

PASSOVER SEDER

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017



Beginning with Services at 6:30 P.M.
Seder in our Crystal Ballroom at 7:15 P.M.

- ◆ **Seder conducted by Rabbi Romiel Daniel**
- ◆ **Catered by Meal Mart (Glatt Kosher)**

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Main Course: 1/2 Roast Chicken

Potato Kugel, Carrots, Steamed Broccoli & Matzoh Farfel

Dessert: Assorted Cake

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I would like _____ reservations for the Passover Seder (_____) adults (_____) children

Regular Menu: includes choice of appetizer - _____ Gefilte Fish _____ Stuffed Cabbage

I prefer a Vegetarian Menu instead _____ # Vegetarian meals

Name (print) _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please indicate seating preference or age group _____

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BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



At our March 15th meeting, we will be discussing Commonwealth by Ann Patchett. It is her seventh novel and the family it describes is loosely modeled on Ann Patchett's own family.

The story begins in 1964 during a family party. There is an immediate physical attraction between a man and a woman who are already married to others. Four adults and six children are involved. In the novel we will follow them as they live through many events, both good and difficult. The six children from the blended family spend many summers together and they forge a lasting bond with genuine affection and responsibility. Commonwealth is carefully and wonderfully written and moves back and forth among the characters.

Ann Patchett was born in Los Angeles in 1963. She moved to Nashville when she was six years old and she lives there now with her physician husband. When she was asked during an interview if Nashville would always be her home, she responded, "Home is the window that opens out into the imagination."

When the author found in 2011 that her hometown of Nashville no longer had a good book store, she founded one with her friend Karen Hayes. In 2012 Ann Patchett was on Time Magazine's "100 List of Most Influential People in the World."

If you would like to join us or if you have any questions, please call me at 718-263-4973. We will be meeting at the Center on Wednesday, March 15th from 3:00 to 4:30 P.M.

Mollie Alkana

SUNDAY BREAKFAST CLUB & LEARN-IN WITH THE RABBI

For the past month we have focused on learning about the many Sages in Jewish history and their contributions to bringing our religious tenets to the people.

Rabbi Daniel explained that Prophets predicted the future, while Sages provided experiences from the past. "How we use this information from Torah to elevate ourselves is what is important for the betterment of ourselves and humanity."

Our thanks to Rabbi Donald Weinberg for his contribution to our Learn-In on February 5th. The day was also memorable for the lovely celebration of the birthday of our member Eugene Grozinger.

Looking forward to seeing new and old friends on future Sunday mornings.

Elaine Spodick

YIDDISH VINKEL

Revive your Yiddish. Our Yiddish Vinkel meets **most** Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 P.M. We speak Yiddish, read Yiddish stories and poems and sing Yiddish songs. Coffee and delicious danish are served. So come, enjoy warm friendship and have "fargeneegen."

Please note: depending on weather conditions, Yiddish Vinkel may not be meeting each and every Wednesday afternoon. Please phone the Center office on Wednesday mornings after 10:00 A.M. to confirm if Yiddish Vinkel will be meeting that day.

Mildred Pelton
Yiddish Vinkel President

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Zulma Bogen
Kathy Godfried
Susan Goldschmidt
Blanche Kisloff
Doris Paiken
Frances Rotkopf
Ira Shimshi
Ray Starer
Lillian Werner



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Kathy & George Godfried



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Francine Glickfeld

LOSS OF FORMER MEMBER

Ernest Morvay

*We extend our deepest condolences
to the Morvay family.*

LOSS IN MEMBER'S FAMILY

Harry Eli Godfried, Brother of George Godfried

*We extend our deepest condolences to
George and Kathy Godfried.*

JEWISH WAR VETERANS

The Kew-Forest-Woodside-Loitz Post 250, Jewish War Veterans of the USA and their Ladies Auxiliary will hold their next Sunday morning meeting on March 26th at 9:30 A.M. when the guest speaker will be City Councilwoman Karen Koslowitz. The congregation is invited to attend. Light refreshments are served.

For further information contact Co-Commander Sy Weber at 718-271-6015 or past Queens County JWV Commander Kenneth Lloyd Brown at 718-297-7711.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MANY THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR SPONSORING A CONGREGATIONAL OR PARASHAT CLUB KIDDUSH</u></p>
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Linda & Brian Alweiss, who sponsored the congregational kiddush on January 21st in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Ronnie Alweiss.

Rebecca Katz, who sponsored the Parashat Club kiddush on January 28th, in memory of her husband Morris Katz.

Bernice Mandell, who sponsored the Parashat Club kiddush on February 18th.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Yahrzeit Fund

Jack Alkana, in memory of brother Sam Alkana.
Zona Amper, in memory of sister Esther.
Marion Art, in memory of father Isaac.
Marion Art, in memory of sister Rose Ida Carbone.
Shirley Decker, in memory of husband Murray Decker.
Shirley Decker, in memory of mother Chava.
Shirley Decker, in memory of mother in law Leah Decker.
Gail Edelstein, in memory of mother Rosalind.
Malka Gross, in memory of husband Howard Gross.
Eugene Grozinger, in memory of wife Chaya Grozinger.
Joel Herbst, in memory of mother Sarah Herbst.
Robin Hochberg, in memory of father Mark.
Paul Holtzman, in memory of mother Rose Holtzman.
Leon Horowitz, in memory of mother Eva Horowitz.
Leon Horowitz, in memory of sister Myra.
Marilyn Horowitz, in memory of husband Harvey Horowitz.
Rachel Kacenenbogen, in memory of husband Abraham Kacenenbogen.
Rachel Kacenenbogen, in memory of aunt Bella Pinchassov.
Pnina Lanxner, in memory of father Chaim.
Julie Mikelberg, in memory of mother Veronica.
Martin Novzen, in memory of mother Irene Novzen.
Agnes Posner, in memory of father Elyakim.
Agnes Posner, in memory of brother Avraham.
Hedy Rothschild, in memory of mother Ida.
Frances Rotkopf, in memory of father Mortimer.
Maurice Rotkopf, in memory of father Israel Noah.
Sid Rubin, in memory of father Ben Rubin.

Yahrzeit Fund

Ken Sasmor, in memory of mother Martha Sasmor.
Ken Sasmor, in memory of father James Sasmor.
Peggy Shimshi, in memory of father Philip.
Elaine Spodick, in memory of father Harry.
Stanley Sternin, in memory of father Sol Sternin.
Carol Stoller, in memory of father Murray Stoller.
Seymour Weber, in memory of wife Elaine Weber.
Jacqueline Weiss, in memory of grandmother Mollie Weiss.
Mel Weiss, in memory of brother Jordan Weiss.
Ruth Wolfson, in memory of husband Murray Wolfson.

Hebrew School Fund

Zulma Bogen, in memory of husband Sheldon Bogen.
Rebecca Katz, in memory of husband Morris Katz.
William Katz, in memory of father Morris Katz.
Rochelle Wasserman, in memory of mother Hannah Wasserman.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Donations received by the Center office after February 15th will be listed in the April Bulletin.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GENERAL DONATIONS

Noreen Daniel, in honor of opening the ark on Shabbat.

Shirley Decker, in honor of reading prayer on Shabbat.

Susan Goldschmidt, in honor of reading prayer on Shabbat.

Joyce Fefferman

Clara & Abraham Herscu

Robin Hochberg, in honor of Rabbi Donald Weinberg, who davened on Shevat 7th & 8th (Feb. 3rd & 4th).

Rachel Kacenenbogen, in honor of opening the ark on Shabbat.

Ruth Kaplan

Pnina Lanxner, in honor of closing the ark on Shabbat.

Rochelle Wasserman, in honor of closing the ark on Shabbat.

MEMORIAL FUND

Joyce Fefferman, in memory of Ernest Morvay.

Andra Hills, in memory of Norman Marcus.

Sandrawattie Shiwprasad, in memory of Kamla Sanichar.

MISHEBAYRAKH FUND

Ruth Kaplan, for the recovery of Leonor Herbst.

BIRTHDAY GREETING

Ruthe Unger

DAILY MINYAN URGENT REQUEST

The morning and afternoon minyans are fragile and exist without a strong safety net of men to make a minyan if some of our regulars do not come. If you are observing the yahrzeit of a loved one and it falls on a day when we do not have a minyan you would be upset and rightly so. We need you not only when you are observing yahrzeit, but a few days each month to insure that someone else will be able to say kaddish. A few days each month is not too much to ask. By doing a mitzvah, you will be rewarded with a bigger mitzvah.

IMPORTANT!

If you are celebrating a simcha, please notify the Center office so that we may announce it in our Bulletin and also so that Rabbi Daniel can announce it on Shabbat.

If you are ill, please have someone notify Rabbi Daniel or the office and let us know if you would like it announced.

Please don't assume that the office or Rabbi will "hear about it." Please have someone close to you phone the Rabbi or Lynne in the Center office directly to let them know.

In Memoriam



*The members listed below
will observe Yahrzeit as indicated.
Yahrzeit candles should be lit the night before.
Schedule of service elsewhere in this Bulletin.
Please help ensure a Minyan by attending services.*

Wednesday, March 1st

Freda Gimple - Friend
Marilyn Horowitz - Husband

Thursday, March 2nd

Malka Gross - Husband
Abraham Segal - Brother

Friday, March 3rd

Carol Stoller - Mother
Mel Weiss - Brother

Saturday, March 4th

Frances Rotkopf - Father
Leon Horowitz - Mother
Jack Siegel - Mother

Sunday, March 5th

Clara Herscu - Father
Clara Herscu - Mother
Shirley Decker - Mother

Monday, March 6th

Rachel Kacenenbogen - Mother

Tuesday, March 7th

Lee Lobel-Zwang - Aunt

Wednesday, March 8th

Anne Spiegel - Brother

Thursday, March 9th

Rachel Kacenenbogen - Uncle

Friday, March 10th

Sandy Novzen - Father
Marion Art - Mother

Sunday, March 12th

Marion Art - Sister
Ira Shimshi - Sister

Wednesday, March 15th

Rabbi Romiel Daniel - Father
Dan Isaacs - Father

Thursday, March 16th

Jack Alkana - Mother

Saturday, March 18th

Rebecca Katz - Brother

Monday, March 20th

Susan Goldschmidt - Father
Aileen Goldstein - Father
Abe Miller - Brother in law

Wednesday, March 22nd

Rachel Kacenenbogen - Father
Susan Goldschmidt - Father in law

Thursday, March 23rd

Florence Cohen - Mother in law

Saturday, March 25th

Paul Holtzman - Father

Monday, March 27th

Leonor Herbst - Husband

Tuesday, March 28th

Regina Landau - Husband

Wednesday, March 29th

Edward Starer - Grandmother

Thursday, March 30th

Meryl Colman - Husband

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MORNING SERVICES

There are no morning services on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, unless it is Rosh Chodesh, a special holiday or - if there is a yahrzeit.

If you have a yahrzeit which falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday morning, you should inform Rabbi Daniel if you would like to have services.



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