

REGO PARK JEWISH CENTER BULLETIN

"And let them make for me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them."

EXODUS 25:8

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SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday, November 3 - 5:30 PM
Saturday, November 4 - 9:00 AM

Friday, November 10 - 5:30 PM
Saturday, November 11 - 9:00 AM

Friday, November 17 - 5:30 PM
Saturday, November 18 - 9:00 AM

Friday, November 24 - 5:30 PM
Saturday, November 25 - 9:00 AM

Friday, December 1 - 5:30 PM
Saturday, December 2 - 9:00 AM

Friday, December 8 - 5:30 PM
Saturday, December 9 - 9:00 AM

Friday, December 15 - 5:30 PM
Saturday, December 16 - 9:00 AM

Friday, December 22 - 5:30 PM
Saturday, December 23 - 9:00 AM

Friday, December 29 - 5:30 PM
Saturday, December 30 - 9:00 AM

PARASHAT CLUB

Shabbat, November 11 2023

Shabbat, December 16, 2023

12:30 P.M. after Shabbat services

Presented by Rabbi Romiel Daniel

SUNDAY MORNING LEARN-IN WITH RABBI DANIEL



November 5, 12, 19, 26

December 3, 10, 17

Bring your own dairy breakfast.

Coffee served.

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Rabbi Romiel Daniel.....President

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HAPPY CHANUKAH



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for links to Religious Services,
the Parashat Club & our
Sunday Learn-In
on Zoom

Please contact our Center office
at office@rpjc.org
for more information

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

MARCHESHVAN

Why is the month called Marcheshvan? The Targum translated mar as tipah, a drop, in the verse “Hen goyim k’mar midli - Behold, the nations are as a drop of [water from] a bucket” (Isaiah 40:15). As such, the name means the “rainy Cheshvan,” and far from mar meaning bitter, it connotes a month of blessed rain.

Marcheshvan (sometimes called Cheshvan) is the second month of the Jewish calendar counting from Rosh Hashanah (the eighth from Nisan). Cheshvan is the only month that does not have any holidays or special mitzvot. We are taught that it is “reserved” for the time of Moshiach, who will inaugurate the Third Temple in the month of Cheshvan.

We find two events that occurred in the month of Cheshvan. The first was the flood in the times of Noah. The flood began on the 17th of Cheshvan, and the waters receded by the following year on the 27th of Cheshvan, allowing Noah and the other inhabitants of the ark to disembark. Interestingly, one explanation of the name Bul is that it stems from this month as the beginning of the rainy season in Israel; it is thus connected to the word mabul, flood - an overabundance of rain.

The second important event that occurred in Cheshvan seems unrelated at first glance. This was the death of Jacob’s wife Rachel, as well as the birth of Benjamin, which occurred on the 11th of Cheshvan.

MARCHESHVAN IN HISTORY & TRADITION

- 11 Marcheshvan (circa 2105 BCE) - Methuselah dies at age 969
- 11 Marcheshvan (circa 1553 BCE) - Death of Rachel while giving birth to Benjamin
- 12 Marcheshvan (1995) - Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin; now a national memorial day
- 15 Marcheshvan (165 BCE) - Death of Matityahu (Mattathias), who began the Maccabean revolt in the city of Modiin
- 16 Marcheshvan (1938) - Kristallnacht/Pogromnacht: 1,400 synagogues and numerous copies of the Tanakh are purposefully and systematically set on fire and allowed to burn in Nazi Germany
- 17 Marcheshvan (circa 960 BCE) - First Temple completed by King Solomon (it was not inaugurated until the following Tishrei however)

KISLEV

Kislev is a month which occurs in November - December on the Gregorian calendar and is sometimes known as the month of dreams. Kislev (or Chislev) is the ninth month on the Jewish calendar, counting from Nisan. It is best known for the holiday of Chanukah, which begins on 25 Kislev. The message of Chanukah is the eternal power of light over darkness - good over evil. Aside from commemorating the miraculous victory of the small Jewish army over the mighty Syrian-Greek empire, Chanukah celebrates the miracle of the oil. When the Jews sought to light the Temple menorah after the war, they found only one small jug of pure oil. Miraculously, the one-day supply burned for eight days, and the sages instituted the eight-day festival of Chanukah during which we kindle the menorah nightly.

The sages tell us that the construction of the Mishkan (Tabernacle) was completed during this month. Moses delayed the inauguration, however, until the springtime month of Nisan, the month in which Isaac was born. Kislev was recompensed when, nearly a thousand years later, the Temple was rededicated on Kislev 25 during the Chanukah events.

KISLEV IN HISTORY & TRADITION

- 17 Kislev (1947) - the United Nations General Assembly approves a plan for the partition of Palestine, which eventually led to the creation of the State of Israel.
- 25 Kislev (164 BCE) - The Chanukah miracle
- 25 Kislev (167 BCE) - The Greeks make pagan sacrifices in the Temple.
- 27 Kislev (circa 2105 BCE) - Flood rains cease (according to Genesis 6-8)

FOCUS ON SISTERHOOD

As we begin this New Year and pray for peace, good health and prosperity for all, we are looking forward to our monthly Sisterhood meetings.

It is a time to gather together with friends, to learn, to have fun and to strengthen our connections to our Jewish heritage.

In the past year meeting agendas included stimulating movies, presentations on health and nutrition, and lectures on how to protect against identity theft and scams via mail, phone and internet.

In the months to come, let us work together to build a more active, vital Sisterhood.

To do this we need both your ideas and a small portion of your time to develop programs and ideas on how we can contribute to our synagogue and Jewish community.

If you have not as yet submitted your paid membership of \$36 per year, please do so as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting and we welcome your ideas for an exciting year ahead.

Elaine Spodick - Noreen Daniel

SISTERHOOD MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 21

Tuesday, December 19

2:00 P.M.

Refreshments Provided

Everyone is Welcome!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Max Amper
Gary Fishman
Sandi Goodman
Sheila Sasmor



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Reina Goodman
Malka Gross
Ken Sasmor
Arthur Schwartz

MANY THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR SPONSORING A KIDDUSH OR PARASHAT CLUB

Ida & Arthur Schwartz, who co-sponsored the congregational kiddush on September 2nd in honor of Ira Schnitzler.

Rabbi Romiel & Noreen Daniel, who co-sponsored the congregational kiddush on September 2nd in honor of Ira Schntizler.

Elise Bornstein & Maria Duron, who sponsored the congregational kiddush on September 23rd in honor of our older congregants who attend services regularly.

Elise Bornstein & Maria Duron, who sponsored the congregational kiddush on October 7th.

Sandi Goodman & Harriet Goodman, who sponsored the congregational kiddush on October 14th in memory of their mother Anna Goodman and their father Solomon Goodman on his yahrzeit.

Lynne Zakoff, for her contribution to the kiddush on October 14th of birthday cakes in honor of her husband Joel's birthday on October 13th.

SUMMER BARBEQUE AT REGO PARK JEWISH CENTER

Rego Park Jewish Center's Summer Barbeque was held on Sunday, August 13th starting at 12:30 P.M. Under a summer sun, approximately 30 members of Rego Park Jewish Center enjoyed a wonderful barbeque on our 3rd floor outside patio. Thankfully by 1:30 P.M., the summer sun had passed over our rooftop and the shade inched over us.

Martin, Sandy and Jeffrey Novzen, with assistance from Robin Basdeo, Lynne Zakoff and myself, made this a summer afternoon of cozy conversations, good food and fun & friendship.

The meal started with pita slices, and a crudité of carrots, celery and broccoli florets to dip in a humus dip along with chips and crackers with dips of salsa (not too hot) and garlic and onion dips.

Martin Novzen's culinary skills were apparent as the aroma of grilled hamburgers and frankfurters (hot dogs to those people from Brooklyn) wafted throughout the patio. Grilled onions & buns, fresh tomatoes, salads such as cole slaw, potato salad and macaroni, big Sis Elaine's specialty bean dish and all the condiments added to the feast.

Finally, for the dessert there was cold, fresh watermelon, cookies and brownies and a well-stocked supply of cold water which was much appreciated on this particular summer day.

The music played throughout the party and we participated in singing along with Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline" and some other songs. Our collaborative singing wouldn't get us on "America's Got Talent" but it was really a lot of fun.

I passed around many photos from my albums, of other barbeques, plays, dinners and parties that we all shared in years past. The photos really showed many happy times and many smiling faces of those members.

The weather was a bit warm but we did not let it prevent us from enjoying being with each other, while eating delicious food and remembering many happy times. Our 2023 barbeque was perfect!

Thanks again to Martin, Sandy and Jeffrey Novzen, Robin Basdeo & Lynne Goldwaser who coordinated everything.

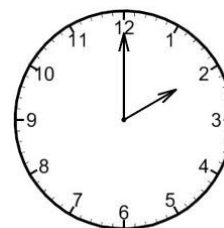
I wish everyone a New Year of good health, good times with those you love and prayers that we continue to hold events which give us pleasure for years to come.

Sandi Goodman
September 2023

MAZAL TOV HASANIM

The Rego Park Jewish Center is pleased to have honored two distinguished people on Simchat Torah. Martin Cantor was honored as Hasan Torah and Richard Hall was honored as Hasan Bereishis. These individuals were chosen for their commitment to Judaism and for their ongoing support of the Center. Mazal Tov.

REMEMBER



"FALL BACK"

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

November 2023

CHESHVAN / KISLEV 5784

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5 21 CHESHVAN LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M. DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS	6 22 CHESHVAN	7 23 CHESHVAN	8 24 CHESHVAN	9 25 CHESHVAN	10 26 CHESHVAN E.S. 5:30 P.M. C.L. 4:24 P.M. VETERANS DAY OBSERVED	11 27 CHESHVAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. P.C. 12:30 P.M. S.E. 5:24 P.M. "CHAYE SARAH"
12 28 CHESHVAN LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	13 29 CHESHVAN	14 1 KISLEV <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">ROSH CHODESH</div>	15 2 KISLEV	16 3 KISLEV	17 4 KISLEV E.S. 5:30 P.M. C.L. 4:18 P.M.	18 5 KISLEV M.S. 9:00 A.M. C.L. 5:19 P.M. "TOLEDOT"
19 6 KISLEV LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	20 7 KISLEV	21 8 KISLEV SIST. 2:00 P.M.	22 9 KISLEV	23 10 KISLEV THANKSGIVING DAY	24 11 KISLEV E.S. 5:30 P.M. C.L. 4:14 P.M.	25 12 KISLEV M.S. 9:00 A.M. S.E. 5:14 P.M. "VAYETZE"
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December 2023

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3 20 KISLEV LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	4 21 KISLEV	5 22 KISLEV	6 23 KISLEV	7 24 KISLEV 1 ST CHANUKAH CANDLE	8 25 KISLEV E.S. 5:30 P.M. C.L. 4:10 P.M. 2 ND CHANUKAH CANDLE	9 26 KISLEV M.S. 9:00 A.M. S.E. 5:13 P.M. "VAYESHEV" 3 RD CHANUKAH CANDLE
10 27 KISLEV LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M. 4 TH CHANUKAH CANDLE	11 28 KISLEV 5 TH CHANUKAH CANDLE	12 29 KISLEV 6 TH CHANUKAH CANDLE	13 1 TEVET ROSH CHODESH 7 TH CHANUKAH CANDLE	14 2 TEVET 8 TH CHANUKAH CANDLE	15 3 TEVET E.S. 5:30 P.M. C.L. 4:11 P.M.	16 4 TEVET M.S. 9:00 A.M. P.C. 12:30 P.M. S.E. 5:15 P.M. "MIKETZ"
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31 19 TEVET N.L.I.						

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**We are grateful to all our members and friends
who have given so generously during the High Holidays and Sukkot.**

Jerrey Adler	Asya Genfan	Joshua Patraj
Mollie & Jack Alkana	Susan Goldschmidt	Fani Paun
Pearl Bonkowski	Harriet Goodman	Mr. & Mrs. Yevgeniy Pikus
Elise Bornstein	Reina Goodman	Agnes Posner
Martin Cantor	Sandi Goodman	Frances Rotkopf
Edward Chernoff	Malka Gross	Sheila & Ken Sasmor
Thomas Cunow	Richard Hall	Ida & Arthur Schwartz
Erna Daniel	Charlotte Halpern	Robert Scott
Hillel Daniel	Robin Hochberg	David & Linda Sidlow
Rabbi Romiel & Noreen Daniel	Sheldon Horowitz	Michal Sonenthal
Maria Duron	Dan Isaacs	Elaine Spodick
Beverly & Carl Ellman	Zinoviy & Yelena Ivnitkiy	Carol Stoller
Eileen Erspamer	Malka Kandchorov	Rochelle Wasserman
Reuben Ezra	Pnina Lanxner	Leah Weinstock
Susan Fischer	Florence Legler	Ruth Wolfson
David Galsurkar	Anne Levner	Lyuba Yakubov
Mikhail Gelfer	Lyudmila Oslon	

ROSH HASHANAH & YOM KIPPUR HONORS

Elise Bornstein, in honor of opening the ark on Rosh Hashanah & reading prayer on Yom Kippur

Maria Duron, in honor of reading prayer on Rosh Hashanah.

Harriet Goodman, in honor of opening the ark on Rosh Hashanah.

Reina Goodman, in honor of opening the ark on Rosh Hashanah.

Sandi Goodman, in honor of reading prayer on Rosh Hashanah.

Elaine Spodick, in honor of reading prayer on Rosh Hashanah.

Carol Stoller, in honor of reading prayer on Rosh Hashanah.

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Yahrzeit Fund

Mollie Alkana, in memory of father Philip.
Mollie Alkana, in memory of sister Sylvia.
Max Amper, in memory of mother Yette Amper.
Zulma Bogen, in memory of husband Sheldon Bogen.
Reuben Ezra, in memory of father Heskail Ezra.
Mikhail Gelfer, in memory of mother & sister.
Susan Goldschmidt, in memory of husband Rudy Goldschmidt.
Reina Goodman, in memory of husband Ira Goodman.
Sandi Goodman & Harriet Goodman, in memory of father Solomon Goodman.
John Landes, in memory of father Joseph Landes.
Pnina Lanxner, in memory of husband Meir Lanxner.
Florence Legler, in memory of mother Sarah.
Arthur Schwartz, in memory of brother Milton David Schwartz.
Audrey Stone, in memory of mother in law Raquel Stone.
Toby Usenheimer, in memory of mother Dorothy.
Ava Wand, in memory of father Leon.
Ira Werner, in memory of grandmother Esther Werner.
Ira Werner, in memory of grandfather Isadore Werner.

Memorial Fund

Pnina Lanxner, in memory of Pearl Pavane.
Sandy & Martin Novzen, in memory of Ruth Kaplan.
Ray & Ed Starer, in memory of Lois Novzen Kliger.
Michelle & Neil Zitofsky, in memory of Ruth Kaplan.

Misheberach Fund

Susan Goldschmidt, for the good health of Joe Farber.
Susan Goldschmidt, for the good health of Judy Fischman.
Ray & Ed Starer, for the recovery of Jack Alkana.

General Donations

Noreen Daniel, for Shabbat honor.
Susan Goldschmidt, in honor of reading prayer on Simchat Torah.
Reina Goodman, in honor of opening the ark twice.
Joshua Patraj



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Donations received after October 24th will be listed in the January / February bulletin.

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