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THE BULLETIN

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Heshvan-Kislev 5780
Rabbi Daniel Wolpe
Cantor Aaron Katz



Coming Events

Upcoming Classes with Rabbi Wolpe

Sundays, From 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Star Trek and Judaism

Starting November 3, 10, 17 and 24

Mondays, From 10:00am to 11:00am

Introduction to Midrash

Starts October 28 to January 2020

Tuesdays, From 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Judaism in the Home

Starting November 5, 12, 19, and 26

Wednesdays, From 10:00am to 11:00am

Jewish Medical Ethics

Starts October 30 to January 2020

Thursdays, From 7:pm to 8:pm

Introduction to Judaism

Starting November 7 thru May 2020.

Thursday, November 14

Sisterhood Board Meeting and Luncheon
Watch an engaging, hilarious and provocative
documentary “Broadway Musicals, A Jewish
Legacy.”

Cost: \$10 at the door

Saturday, November 16

After Shabbat Services, Lois Roman, a Trustee of the Memorial Scrolls Trust, will discuss how the MST scroll came to our shul from Bohemia pre WWII and explain what the Memorial Scrolls Trust is doing today and in the future. During her presentation lunch will be served.

Thursday, November 21

The Book Club will review “In the Midst of Winter” by Isabelle Allende at 11:00am.

Thursday, December 19

Join us for our Annual Chanukah Party! Enjoy a delicious Buffet luncheon with latkes and other goodies. Entertainment by Cantor Aaron Katz who will perform a medley of Chanukah, folk songs and popular music.

Time: 12:30pm

WATCH FOR THE FLYER



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2019

Friday, November 1
 Mincha/Maariv5:15 PM
 Candle Lighting Time.....5:34 PM
Saturday, November 2
 Parshat Noach
 Shabbat Services9:00 AM
 Shabbat Ends.....6:33 PM

Friday, November 8
 Mincha/Maariv4:15 PM
 Candle Lighting4:26 PM
Saturday, November 9
 Parshat Lech Lecha
 Shabbat Services9:00 AM
Kristallnacht Commemoration.....11:00AM
 Shabbat Ends..... 5:26 PM

Friday, November 15
 Candle Lighting Time..... 4:20 PM
Saturday, November 16
 Parshat Vayera
 Shabbat Services9:00 AM
 Shabbat Ends5:20 PM

Friday, November 22
 Mincha/Maariv4:10 PM
 Candle Lighting Time.....4:15 PM
Saturday, November 23
 Parshat Chayei Sarah
 Shabbat Services9:00 AM
 Shabbat Ends..... 5:15 PM

Friday, November 29
 Mincha/Maariv.....4:00 PM
 Candle Lighting Time.....4:12 PM
Saturday, November 30
 Parshat Toldot
 Shabbat Services.....9:00 AM
 Shabbat Ends..... 5:12 PM

Friday, December 6
 Mincha/Maariv..... 4:00 PM
 Candle Lighting Time.....4:10 PM
Saturday, December 7
 Parshat Vayetzei
 Shabbat Services.....9:00 AM
 Shabbat Ends..... 5:10 PM

Friday, December 13
 Mincha/Maariv..... 4:00 PM
 Candle Lighting Time..... 4:11 PM
Saturday, December 14
 Parshat Vayishlach
 Shabbat Services..... 9:00 AM
 Shabbat Ends..... 4:11 PM

Friday, December 20
 Mincha/Maariv..... 4:00 PM
 Candle Lighting Time.....4:13 PM
Saturday, December 21
 Parshat Vayeshev
 Shabbat Services..... 9:00 AM
 Shabbat Ends..... 5:13 PM

SHABBAT CHANUKAH

Friday, December 26
 Mincha/Maariv..... 4:00 PM
 Candle Lighting Time.....4:17 PM
Saturday, December 27
 Parshat Miketz
 Shabbat Services..... 9:00 AM
 Shabbat Ends..... 5:17 PM



DON'T FORGET!

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 3, 2019.



SNOWBIRDS DON'T FORGET

Please call the office to let them know when you are leaving for Florida so that you can continue to receive our mailings.



Thank You

To: The Leo Brown Memorial Fund who sponsor a Kiddush the first Saturday of every month during Summer, in memory of Leo Brown.

To: Michael and Judy Krutoy who sponsor a Kiddush every year to celebrate Rosh Hashanna. This year was no exception. They sponsored a beautiful Kiddush on Saturday, September 28, 2019.

Special Thank You

To: Michael Greene for his generous donation in memory of his wife Mirta.

Get Well Soon -Refuah Shelayma

To: Maxine Marcus, we wish her a speedy recovery. We miss you.

To: Stuart Cohen, who is in rehab at The Five Towns Premier nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center, after suffering a stroke. We hope to see him soon.

To: Gustav Hirschhorn, who is recovering at home after hip surgery due to a nasty fall.

Condolences

To: The family of our member, Sid Block, who passed away between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

To: We extend our sincere condolences to Eva and Elliot Rich on the passing of their mother Selma.

Center News

Saturday night September 21, before Selichot Services, we saw a movie which narrates the remarkable story of Jewish refugees who went to San Francisco and built a thriving community.

Simchat Torah by Michael Silver



The high holidays concluded on a joyous note as Congregants gathered on the evening of October 21st to celebrate the joyous holiday of Simchat Torah ("Rejoicing of the Torah). And rejoice we did! Accompanied by much spirited singing and dancing, the Torah Scrolls were carried around the synagogue by Congregants seven times (Hakofot). After the service everyone gathered in the ballroom for a sumptuous dinner of gefilte fish, cold cuts, meatballs, and other delicacies provided by Matilda Cohen with the assistance of Vincent and Howard.

The next day, on Simchat Torah morning, a large gathering of worshipers participated in another joyful hakofot as the annual cycle of the weekly Torah reading was completed. Everyone present was called upon to recite the Torah blessings. Our brilliant new Rabbi, Dan Wolpe, led the service and our golden voiced Cantor, Aaron Katz, sang the liturgy. Following the service, yet another sumptuous dairy meal was served.

Uplifting and inspiring services! Friendship and camaraderie! Great food! The year has gotten off to a good start. Let's hope and pray it continues.



An Extraordinary Break Fast By Michael Greene



Wednesday, October 9th, we celebrated the beginning of New Year 5780, immediately after the Neilah service, with an opulent Break Fast. More than 65 members and friends partook of a sumptuous and exquisite feast. The hungry participants enjoyed an abundance of lox, whitefish salads, rolls, hot bagels, five different cream cheeses, spreads, side dishes, sliced cheeses, cinnamon blintzes and sour cream, kugels and hot pasta. This feast was crowned by numerous pastries, fresh fruits and tea and coffee, along with the joy of eating with friends.

At neighboring tables this writer overheard many delight-driven remarks such as, "This is like breakfast at a fancy hotel," "I can't believe my eyes," "Everything I enjoy is on the tables," "I'm glad I fasted."

This marvelous event was expertly catered by Sue Dunaisky and Matilda Cohen, with the able assistance of Steven, Paul and Kim.



Sisterhood News

As winter approaches and some of our members “snowbird” to warmer climates, we hope to continue having programs and activities at FFMJC. The Book Club is meeting on November 21 at 11am to discuss the book “In the Midst of Winter” by Isabelle Allende, a sweeping novel about three people brought together by chance and their diverse stories. Books are held for our Book Club at the Fresh Meadows Library.

We look forward to seeing you at our next luncheon and program on November 14th at 12 noon when we will enjoy a wonderful lunch and then view a film about “Broadway Musicals and the Jews”. Charge \$10.00 at the door.

Chanukah starts on the eve of December 22. Celebrate Chanukah with us on Thursday, December 19th, as we enjoy a special lunch and then be entertained by our own Cantor Aaron Katz with a program of folk songs and others as well as some sing along Chanukah songs. Watch for further information.

Looking back, the well-attended September meeting was most interesting with a film about Jews who escaped the Nazis and were admitted to Cuba where they started a diamond cutting business. We always try to bring you informative and entertaining programs.

Our High Holiday season culminated with Succoth when we sponsored two Succah luncheons. The weather was not cooperative, but we managed to make the Motzi in the Succah and then went indoors where Cantor Katz helped each of us with the blessing for the lulav while Rabbi Wolpe discussed the meaning of Succoth. We then enjoyed a beautiful lunch each day, arranged for by our energetic Matilda Cohen.

After lunch, Cantor Katz led us in singing Chanukah songs and then treated us to beautiful renditions of two other songs. It is always a pleasure to listen to our Cantor at all our services, and we look forward to listening to more at the Chanukah party.

Thank you to all who support the Sisterhood activities. We are happy to report that Sisterhood donated \$1500.00 to the Center at the Yom Kippur appeal.

See you soon!

Joan and Marilyn, Co-Presidents

PS: If you have seen or heard any good entertainers or speakers elsewhere please let us know. We always appreciate suggestions. Also, we are looking for volunteers to serve on the Sisterhood Board. Just call Joan at 516-708-9517.

*** LOST AT BREAK- FAST *
GOLD COLORED PEN KNIFE**

Left on buffet table during Break Fast on the evening of Wednesday, October 9, 2019. Knife has sentimental value. **\$5 REWARD** upon return of knife to the FFMJC office.

SIMCHA CAKE

Sisterhood has created a way of announcing special Simchas and other events to support the Torah Fund of the Jewish Theological Seminary. At each meeting, we will be able to announce our Simcha and have it published in the Bulletin with a minimum donation of \$1.00. This is in lieu of putting Tzedakah boxes on the tables. Torah Fund contributions ensure our legacy to future generations of Conservative Jews by training Rabbis, Cantors, Educators, Scholars and Lay Leaders.

The following was announced at the September 12, 2019 Sisterhood Meeting

Eva Beckhardt	For grandson Brian, on becoming a notary public
Inge Berger	Happy New Year to all
Marilyn Brown	Good health to all
Matilda Cohen	Shanah Tova
Luisa Cvern	Happy Holiday
Marilyn Feinstein	
Eleanor Frommer	For the engagement of Amelia and Ethan
Susan Gastman	For new great-granddaughter
Ann Gobioff	On granddaughter's graduation from medical school
Katie Goldberg	Happy and healthy to all
Gloria Goldsmith	Happy, Healthy New Year to all
Michael Greene	Thanks to President Trump for his support for Israel
Evelyn Hurr	Peace and Happiness
Lynne Kirby	May everyone's year be a healthy happy one
Michael & Judy Krutoy	
Joan & Zach Levine	For all our family
Judy Levy	For daughter Emily's October birthday
Hadassah Miles	Everything good to my great-granddaughter, Sydney
Nora	Happy New Year to all
Pearl Rosenthal	Happy that Rosalie came to Ben's
Sandra Schwadron	Its good to see everyone. I wish all a Shanah Tovah
Anita Seelig	Lynne Kirby- Heal well and totally
Ben Singer	For my great-granddaughter
Tena Umlas	Healthy happy New Year to all
Rosalie Weiner	Happy healthy New Year to all
Ellen Zilka	Good luck to grandson Grant as he pursues graduate studies

Remember cards can be sent for any occasion to benefit the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Call Marcia at the office at 718-357-5100

Commemorate Kristallnacht



On November 9 and 10, we mark the eighty-first anniversary of Kristallnacht, the "Night of Broken Glass"

We are having a Commemoration Service on Saturday, November 9, at 11:00AM.

A hearty Barukh Ha”ba to Rabbi Wolpe

By Yael Rozic

The days preceding Rosh Ha’shana are always filled with excitement and changes in our individual routines. We’re adding a renewed focus on Jewishness, spreading good wishes to family and friends and planning to be in the Synagogue for longer periods of time to pray and think more deeply about our goals, our faith and our behaviors. Reflection, introspection and looking at our interactions with God and fellow humans are now more pressing and demanding more self scrutiny. The serious stuff of life is rising to the fore!

Yet, the start of this 5780 in Flushing-Fresh Meadows Jewish Center carried an added dose of trepidation and even, anxiety. Leaving behind some months of dissatisfaction and debate, we were to have a new Rabbi.

And we, indeed, welcomed Rabbi Daniel Wolpe. A new chapter was being opened! From those first moments, the Rabbi started to gain our vote of confidence.

With inspiring Divrei Torah and teaching Jewish literacy “capsules “whenever possible, he revealed his extensive knowledge and his good attitude towards us, the Congregants, his new followers.

New energy started to flow and was slowly felt and appreciated by everyone. There is a feeling that a new partnership is being forged and we’re growing in motivation and commitment.

We heard insights that lifted our spirits and certainly, inspired us. Remember this one, in a nutshell? Extracting meaning for Rosh Ha’shana from the last four Parshiot Ha’shavuah before the New Year.

Doing Teshuvah (repentance) and action taking to improve our own standing as “a good person” and to actively tackle world problems, Jewish or not. To walk the talk (or even, walk the thought...) is of utmost importance.

We thank Rabbi Wolpe for the spirituality he is injecting in the services. It surely would restore our hope for bettering the Shul and continue as a thriving Kehillah.

In teaming with our great Cantor Katz, with David End, with the Baal Tekiah (shofar blower) in charge and all who participated in reading and davening - the services elevated us and our voices in prayer reached, for sure, our Creator, Adonai. And talking about Cantor Katz, something that everybody knows but, ought to be said out loud. His melodious voice is the backbone of the Tefillah. His melodies and davening and his Hinneni invocation created an inspirational atmosphere that opened, for sure, the Gates of Heaven.

Shanah Tovah to all, as we celebrate our Holidays with Simcha (joy), Kavannah (focus) and Kedushah.

Let’s keep working together to involve ourselves in the good of the community and Israel and giving meaning to our ancestral Jewish values.



Rabbi Dan Wolpe's Message

Flushing Fresh Meadows-Looking To The Future

As you are reading this, the High Holidays, Sukkot and Simchat Torah have passed, but as I'm writing this, the High Holidays are over but Sukkot has yet to start. And yet, my mind is not only on the holidays, but on a vision for our Synagogue's future. It is an exciting future and I would like to share this vision with you.

Let me begin by telling you how happy I am to be here. You have all accepted me so graciously and so warmly, that I already feel like the Shul has been my home for years, even though, as of this writing, it has yet to even be a full month! That is why I look forward to sharing so much with you.

The programs I am planning cover a wide range of categories. The adult education will have already started by the time you read this. If you haven't checked out any of the classes, I hope you will.

I am also working on bringing in several scholars in residence, people who are experts in fields of interest that would come for a weekend and teach us. It is too early to announce who they might be, but I have some fascinating prospects.

We also need to institute programming in other vital areas. Over the next few months, I will be announcing programs in two categories. The first is the category of Tikkun Olam. Tikkun Olam, as understood today, is engaging in acts of social action to make the world a better place. As I said on the High Holidays, this is not about writing a check. This is about getting our hands dirty.

There is a story of a man who became so frustrated with the horrible things that happened in the world that he climbed to a mountain top and screamed, "GOD! THERE IS SO MUCH PAIN! SO MUCH SUFFERING! WHY DON'T YOU SEND HELP?" A still, small voice responded. "I did send help. I sent you." It is my hope that we at the Flushing Fresh Meadows Jewish Center will show how we can be the help that God sent.

The last area in which I'd like to see our programming grow is in the area of Israel. We will find fun and interesting ways to not only support our homeland, but to learn more and more about daily life in Israel.

I also want to hear from you. What would you like to see the Synagogue do that we are not doing? I can always be reached by phone at the Shul, or through e-mail at: RabbiDanWolpe@gmail.com.

