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THE BULLETIN

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Cantor Aaron Katz



Coming Events

Thursday, September 12

Sisterhood Meeting and Luncheon.
Watch an award-winning movie
about Jewish refugees who escaped to Cuba.
Cost: \$10.00 at the door



Thursday, September 19

Sisterhood Book Club
"The Glass Ocean" by Karen White.

Saturday, September 21 Selichot

 Program begins at 8:00pm
and Services at 9:00pm.
Watch how Jews in America, who
escaped from the Holocaust, made a life for
themselves in America.
Light refreshments will be served.

Monday, September 30

Tuesday, October 1
After Rosh Hashanah Services,
wine and cake will be served.



Wednesday, October 9

Join us for our annual Break-Fast
after Neilah.

By reservation only.

Cost: \$15.00 per person

WATCH FOR THE FLYER

Wednesday, October 16

Thursday, October 17

Join us for a fabulous
luncheon in our Sukkah.
Featuring a sing-along with Cantor Katz.
Luncheon at 12 Noon

Cost: \$ 25 per person

WATCH FOR THE FLYER



Monday, October 21

Celebrate Simchat Torah.
7:00pm. Sing, dance eat, CELEBRATE

Thursday, October 24

Sisterhood book club
"The Lost Girls of Paris" by Pam Jenoff

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2019

Friday, September 6

Mincha/Maariv.....6:45pm
Candle Lighting Time.....7:02pm

Saturday, September 7

Parashot Shoftim
Shabbat Services.....9:00am
Shabbat Ends.....8:09pm

Friday, September 13

Mincha/Maariv.....6:45pm
Candle Lighting Time.....6:50pm

Saturday, September 14

Parashot Ki Teitze
Shabbat Services.....9:00am
Shabbat Ends.....7:57pm

Friday, September 20

Mincha/Maariv.....6:30pm
Candle Lighting Time.....6:38pm

Saturday, September 21

Parashot Ki Tavo
Shabbat Services.....9:00am
Shabbat Ends.....7:45pm

SELICHOT

Collation and Program.....8:00pm
Services.....9:00pm

Friday, September 27

Mincha/Maariv.....6:15pm
Candle Lighting Time.....6:26pm

Saturday, September 28

Parashot Nitzavim
Shabbat Services.....9:00am
Shabbat Ends.....7:33pm

ROSH HASHANAH 5780

Sunday, September 29 Erev Rosh Hashanah

Mincha/Maariv High Holy Day Services.....6:15pm
Candle Lighting Time.....6:23pm

Monday, September 30 First Day Rosh Hashanah

High Holy Day Services.....8:00am
Mincha/Maariv.....6:15pm
Candle Lighting Time.....7:30pm

Tuesday, October 1 Second Day Rosh Hashanah

High Holy Day Services.....8:00am
Festival Ends.....7:30pm

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, October 4 Mincha/Maariv

Shabbat Shuvah Services.....6:00pm
Candle Lighting Time.....6:15pm

Saturday, October 5

Parashat Vayeilech
Shabbat Shuvah Services.....9:00am
Shabbat Ends.....7:22pm

גמר חתימה טובה
*May you be inscribed
in the Book of Life*

YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, October 8 Erev Yom Kippur

Mincha.....5:45pm
Official Candle Lighting Time.....6:08pm

KOL NIDRE/Maariv.....6:00pm

Wednesday, October 9

YOM KIPPUR - Shacharit.....8:30am
YIZKOR.....12 Noon
Mincha.....4:30pm
Neilah.....6:00pm
Maariv/Havdalah/Shofar.....7:15pm

Friday, October 11

Mincha/Maariv.....5:45pm
Candle Lighting Time.....6:04pm

Saturday, October 12

Parashat Ha'azinu
Shabbat Services.....9:00am
Shabbat Ends.....7:11pm

SUKKOT

Sunday, October 13

Erev Sukkot - Mincha/Maariv.....5:45pm
Candle Lighting Time.....6:00pm

Monday, October 14

First Day Sukkot - Festival Services.....9:00am
Mincha/Maariv.....T.B.A.
Candle Lighting Time.....7:07pm

Tuesday, October 15

Second Day Sukkot - Festival Services.....9:00am
Festival Ends.....7:06pm

Friday, October 18 - Chol Ha Moed

Mincha/Maariv.....5:45pm
Candle Lighting Time.....5:53pm

Saturday, October 19

Shabbat Chol Ha Moed Services.....9:00am
Shabbat Ends.....7:00pm

Sunday, October 20 - Hoshanah Rabbah

Shachrit Services.....9:00am
Mincha/Maariv - Erev Shemini Atsereth.....5:30pm
Candle Lighting Time.....5:50pm

Monday, October 21—Shemini Atsereth

Festival Services.....9:00am
YIZKOR Memorial Services.....10:45am
Candle Lighting Time.....6:47pm

SIMCHAT TORAH

Monday, October 21

Maariv/Hakafot.....7:00pm

Tuesday, October 22 - Simchat Torah - Hakafot

Festival Services.....9:00am
Festival Ends.....6:56pm

SHABBAT BERESHITH

Friday, October 25

Mincha/Maariv.....5:30pm
Candle Lighting Time.....5:43pm

Saturday, October 26

Parashat Bereshit
Shabbat Mevarchim Services.....9:00am
Shabbat Ends.....6:50pm



Mazal Tov

To: Zach and Joan Levine on the birth of their great granddaughter Rochel Leah.

To: Rochelle Mendelow on the birth of her great granddaughter Maya .

To: Robert Greenberg on the marriage of his son Zachary to Jamie Gelfond.

Thank You

To: Joan Levine for sponsoring a Kid-dush to celebrate Zach's 90th birthday.

Condolences

To: The family of Blanche Rosenberg.

To: Irene Dresner for the loss of her dear brother ,Melvin Mathios.

To: The daughters and family of Bette Glasser'

Get Well Soon

To: Susan Gastman who is recovering from a broken kneecap, as a result of a fall.

Center News

On Sunday, July 14, Dr. Bunie Veeder gave a very interesting lecture about Tamar, a resourceful woman in the Bible.

On Sunday, August 18, Albert Mulad the renowned Violist, once again gave an outstanding performance.

Special Thank You

To: Zach and Joan Levine for their assistance in publishing this Bulletin.

HIGH HOLIDAY TICKETS

The holiday will begin with Rosh Hashanah on Sunday evening, September 29, 2019. The Ticket Committee will be sitting in the Board Room on the following dates:

Tuesday, September 10, 2019
From 10:30am to 12:00 Noon
Wednesday, September 11, 2019
From 10:30am to 12 Noon
Tuesday, September 17, 2019
From 10:30am to 12:00 Noon

EMERGENCY DONATION REMINDER

As many of you are aware, we have retained security during Shabbat and Holiday Services. At this time, we are respectfully requesting a contribution towards offsetting the expense for our continued safety, as well as the security for our Temple.

Unfortunately, these are the times we live in, that calls for diligent protection and as such, we are asking for your understanding regarding this matter.

Ever since the anti-Semitic attack on the Temple in Pittsburg, PA, as well as in Poway Ca., all synagogues in our country are having their synagogues and congregants protected by having armed guards to protect them.

We hope that you will contribute whatever you can to help our shul in this regard. Thank you again for your contribution, it is greatly appreciated.



Sisterhood News

The Officers and Board of FFMJC wish all our members and friends a Happy and Healthy New Year. We want to thank all those members who quickly stepped in to assure that we were able to continue the work that we do for Sisterhood and the Congregation. Twenty-seven of us got together at Bens of Bayside for the “Keep in Touch Luncheon” on August 15th. Delicious food and comradery. This was all possible thanks to Katie Golberg who so ably took care of all the details. A special thank you to Michael Krutoy who is helping the Sisterhood do the work of the Treasurer. Thank you to Judy Bloom for coming to the Center to fold and stuff envelopes for the mailings. Thank you to Sondra Schwadron for taking the Minutes. Thank you to Judy Levy for reserving the books at the library for the book club. Thank you to Rosalie Weiner for administrating the Torah Fund and to Lynne Kirby for collecting for the Simcha fund at the meetings. Thank you to Matilda Cohen for taking care of the food for our luncheon when Susan Gastman was unable to do it. Thank you to Ellen Zilka for obtaining programs for our meetings. Most of all we thank all who come out to support the Sisterhood.

Joan and Marilyn, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

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 July 18, 2019 Sisterhood Meeting

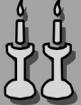
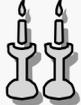
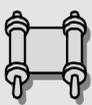
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Doris Fried
Katie Goldberg
Gloria Goldsmith
Gertie Isaac
Joan & Zach Levine
Lynne Kirby
Pearl Rosenthal
Jerry Sandell
Sandra Schwadron

Tena Umlas
Rosalie Weiner
Luisa Cvern
Ellen Zilka

Eleanor & Paul Frommer

Speedy recovery to Susan Gastman
Mazel Tov to Joan & Zach on the birth of their two new great-granddaughters
Good Health to all
Good Health to all
In memory of Blanche Rosenberg
In honor of my grandson Nadav in Israel
Good health to everybody
Welcome to our newest great-granddaughter, Rochel Leah
In memory of Bette Glasser
Good health to everyone
Dinner with my granddaughter
Get well wishes to Susan Gastman.
Mazel Tov to Joan & Zach on new great-granddaughter
Birth of first Great-grandchild, a boy!
Good health to all
Happy New year to all
Mazel Tov to Joan & Zach on the birth of two new great-granddaughters.
Wishing Janet & Richard Pearlmuter the best of luck in their new home.
Best of everything to grandson Evan Fierstein on his engagement to Laura Shapiro.

											
	 New Year's Greetings, 5780 										
	"May you be blessed with a cornucopia overflowing with a harvest of Maasim Tovim"										
	The following members and their families extend best wishes for the coming New Year to the Congregation of Flushing-Fresh Meadows Jewish Center.										
	<i>Eva Beckhardt & Family</i>	<i>Charlotte Kohn & Family</i>									
	<i>Ruth Beckman & Family</i>	<i>Robin & Howard Korn</i>									
	<i>Inge Berger & Family</i>	<i>Enid Krell</i>									
	<i>Mr. Sid Block & Family</i>	<i>Michael & Judy Krutoy</i>									
	<i>Marilyn Brown & Family</i>	<i>Ruth Lasky & Family</i>									
	<i>Carol Charles & Jade Marcelin</i>	<i>Joan & Zach Levine</i>									
	<i>Mordecai & Matilda Cohen</i>	<i>Judy & Walter Levy & Family</i>									
	<i>Stuart Harvey Cohen</i>	<i>Maxine, Katherine & Seth Marcus</i>									
	<i>Ezra Cohen</i>	<i>Flora Margolin & Family</i>									
	<i>Luisa & Florence Cvern</i>	<i>Sarah Mauer</i>									
	<i>Irene & Byron Dresner & Family</i>	<i>Rochelle C. Mendelow</i>									
	<i>David End, Carla, Biscuit & Rascal</i>	<i>Ray Mishler Z. & Family</i>									
	<i>Marsha Federman</i>	<i>Margot Nussbaum</i>									
	<i>Betty Feit & Family</i>	<i>Pearl Rosenthal & Family</i>									
	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Fried</i>	<i>Robert & Elaine Rubin</i>									
	<i>Eleanor & Paul Frommer</i>	<i>Jerry Sandell</i>									
	<i>Rita Gaber</i>	<i>Sandra Schwadron</i>									
	<i>The Gastman & Stahl Families</i>	<i>The Seeligs</i>									
	<i>Katie Goldberg & Family</i>	<i>Michael Silver</i>									
	<i>Fran & Joel Goldstein</i>	<i>Mr. Amiel L. Singer</i>									
	<i>Robert, Lynn, Zachary & Jamie Greenberg</i>	<i>Sisterhood of FFMJC</i>									
	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Werner Isaac & Family</i>	<i>Morton & Sylvia Stern</i>									
	<i>Cantor Aaron Katz & Judy Kohn Katz</i>	<i>Sylvia Udasin & Family</i>									
	<i>Lynne & Robert Kirby</i>	<i>Rosalie Weiner</i>									
	<i>Ephraim Klamka</i>	<i>Ellen Zilka & Family</i>									
	<i>Mark & Sherry Klein & Helen</i>										

In Memorium

Bette Glasser died on Sunday July 28th after a brief illness. We extend our condolences to her family. Bette was the backbone of our Sisterhood. When she joined FFMJC sixteen years ago, at about the time her daughter was about to become a Bat Mitzvah, she immediately became involved with the Sisterhood. Some time later when the Treasurer of the sisterhood moved to Florida, she took over the job, keeping meticulous records and giving detailed Treasurer's reports at each meeting. She also capably slipped into the role of chairperson of the book club when that chair moved from the neighborhood. Bette usually read the books before suggesting them for our group and contacted the library to reserve the books for our group. Another job that she took on, was chairing the annual Hanukkah party with Shari Zuber as well as the Purim/Yom Ha'atmaut celebration. She also helped edit the Sisterhood Calendar. She will be missed by all who knew and worked with her.

Bette Glasser: A Tribute

Whenever Bette and I would end a phone conversation or get ready to part when we had been together, face-to-face, she would always preface the actual departure with "Well, my friend." These three simple words spoke volumes about her warmth and the importance she placed on our relationship. The generosity of Bette's nature was manifested in so many ways, both with purse and person. She gave of herself within and outside the synagogue and Sisterhood. Even with certain health restrictions, if she could be of assistance, Bette was there to lend a much needed helping hand. Bette's organizational skills were phenomenal. Each year, when we worked on the special Sisterhood Chanukah and Yom Ha'atzma'ut luncheons, she would have a record of the previous year's menu; the number of dishes ordered, how many people were in attendance, and how much food was left over. That facilitated the planning for the follow year's event. Despite the fact that I, chronologically, was the junior member of our duo, I relied on her memory and talents to make each event a success, and she always came through.

The fact that Bette was a teacher further explained the giving side of her personality. To dedicate one's life to educating others requires a unique willingness to improve humanity by instilling within a future generation your wisdom so they can serve a role in improving humankind. Although she bore patience with the uninformed, Bette's tolerance for foolhardiness and inconsideration on the part of those who should know better would not let her keep silent. She spoke her mind firmly and forthrightly, most assuredly letting her displeasure be known. Bette's love of learning was a lifetime commitment, which manifested itself on the adult level with her running of the monthly Sisterhood Book Club. Her voracious appetite for the printed word was insatiable. Bette's enthusiasm for her selections often became infectious and she inspired those who participated to search for what she found so positive about a particular novel. Some might say that books are sometimes a matter of taste, but Bette's recommendations were on the mark nearly 100% of the time. And although she conducted a number of the discussions, Bette encouraged rotating the leader for the monthly book analyses, thereby fostering others to not merely read the novel on a cursory level, but to rather explore the many facets of the work, seeking out the author's hidden meanings which were not sometimes readily manifest. Not always outwardly apparent, within her inner core, Bette possessed a deep-seated love of Judaism, as demonstrated by her sending her daughters to Solomon Schechter so they would have a Day School education. Bette's faith was tempered with common sense and reason, seeking the humane and just aspects of the religion, as opposed to the rigidity of outdated and inflexible traditionalism. Yet, High Holiday attendance at Flushing-Fresh Meadows Jewish Center was of utmost importance to her and only health issues could prevent her presence at services.

As it became more difficult to bolster attendance for the Special Luncheons and despite the fact that they were not overwhelming profit-makers of late, Bette looked at the matter pragmatically. She said that, at this stage, it was for the sake of the community and to provide an occasion for those who weren't usually able to attend the synagogue an added incentive to make that extra effort to be here for a lovely afternoon of dining and entertainment. Bette and I agreed that we were a team, and if the day ever arose when the other needed to bow out, we would no longer have the semi-annual luncheons. Neither one of us had gotten to that point and the Chanukah program was already in the planning stages.

Well, My Friend, without our say-so, that day has become a reality. I will miss your guidance and your wisdom, your caring and understanding. Although we are the poorer here on earth for you no longer being in our midst, the Eternal Realm is that much the richer for your presence. May you brighten the Heavens as you enlightened our lives.

With Love, Shari



IMMORTALITY by Lois Stone



Does a *yahrzeit* candle remind you that life is often shorter than desired? Does its flickering make you wonder if there is a hereafter? Isaac Singer wrote about a deceased Jew of his day being buried with a twig between his fingers; when the Messiah comes, the once-dead then might burrow his way to the Holy Land. Might this mean that only bodies with twigs would reach Jewish soil? Did women get twigs?

I have moments when I believe Fate will forget me and I shall live forever. No matter that I may rationally say this situation cannot be; emotions are feelings not intellects. Actually, total oblivion is not possible.

Laws of heredity are unquestionable proof of immortality. Anyone leaving physical descendants is assured many traits will be preserved. Who hasn't compared eye color, nose shape, ear curvature, hair shades between parents and offspring? Even family defects are accepted with hope that better scientific information could improve quality of life.

Spiritual or social immortality is another known fact. Jews from Warsaw, people of Masada, are still a living force.

The Hebrew Bible doesn't try to make death pretty. Job regarded it as a catastrophe to end all catastrophe. What else cuts off life and light, leaves crimes unpunished, debts unpaid, virtue unrewarded? Religion steps in and stretches the accounting period into a hereafter. Islam details this future existence, while Dante portrayed views from Christianity. Talmudic interpretation is our Jewish source. Have you noticed, though, that Judaism isn't precise about doctrine or thoughts: only acts. We can't be sure of a hereafter; perhaps it does exist.

Paradise, a Greek word derived from the Persian, means garden or park. A Jewish belief is that the dead are not dead to G-d. So, if a continued physical existence is speculative, I wonder if it is even morally desirable?

All processes alien in quality and behavior to bodily functions we call 'soul': personality, conscience, emotion, sensation. Spiritualistic mediums pretend to communicate with our dead, feeding on our wondering about mental telepathy and premonition.

If G-d is absolute, some immortality is assured; if finite, immortality is certain. If this sounds like a college philosophy student's conclusions, perhaps it's also because we try to arrive at a logical answer based on our own opinions.

Knowing our individuality is important, we might conclude that the most morally valuable universe would be one in which we are immortal as distinct individuals. StChristians feel to 'save' a life, it must be terminated; only then may real personality exist for separateness and individuality will be lost. We Jews, however, insist on the worth of each human and none may take another's place. I can consider individuality, but not describe an individual. If this sounds puzzling, haven't you read about Golda Meir's drive, values, integrity? We can't know her as a unique individual. How have you attempted to make a dead loved one 'real' to descendants?

If life is real, why contemplate a Messiah? If a Messiah comes, and only allows those with twigs to tunnel, where is the justice for our 6 million? Are these unanswered questions the reason Jewish scholars and rabbis have never drawn up a death doctrine?

My immortality, I guess, lies in my genes, my Hebrew name, pieces of paper that have proclaimed my birthday/ education/ marriage/ driver's license... While alive, I can attempt to savor each day. Yes, I know that is seldom possible because I delude myself into expecting to live eternally as I am now.. But why not!

Michener wrote in *The Source*, "We seek G-d so earnestly...not to find Him but to discover ourselves."* This I can accept; the rest one day I'll know.

I am grateful to the Flushing Fresh-Meadows Jewish Center for never forgetting to send me a *yahrzeit* card, not as a reminder of my father Leo A. Greene, a founder and once a president of the Flushing Jewish Center who died at age 45 in 1954, but out of what I feel the Center's capacity for caring really means. It honors the living by handwriting the name of the deceased, quietly saying, without words, we, too, remember your physically vanished loved one. Yes, a *yahrzeit* candle reminds me that life is often shorter than desired. Quiet thanks, to the Center, for my spiritual roots

* *The Source*, James A. Michener, Random House, NY, copyright 1965, quote pg. 909

mini bio: Lois Greene Stone, writer and poet, has been syndicated worldwide. Poetry and personal essays have been included in hard & softcover book anthologies. Collections of her personal items/photos/memorabilia are in major museums including twelve different divisions of The Smithsonian. The Smithsonian selected her photo to represent all teens from the 1940's-50's

