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THE BULLETIN

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SPECIAL EDITION

Rabbi Daniel Wolpe
Cantor Aaron Katz



A Message from our President Byron Dresner

It has been a long time since we were able to see each other. I have missed the shul and the services we used to attend every Shabbat followed by the delicious Kiddushes prepared by our incomparable MATILDA. Our Rabbi has on an almost daily basis continued providing us with various posts through social media as well as two classes each week. Many of us have kept in touch with each other through telephone calls and emails. The services on Zoom which are being conducted on each Shabbat led by our Rabbi and Cantor have to some extent substituted for the regular Shabbat services we stopped having in March of this year. We have been disappointed that most of our members have not availed themselves of the Zoom services. We hope that you will continue to strive to join us on Zoom. We understand that many of you are not computer literate but are trying to catch up with this new computer world we live in.

Our main problem has been to resolve how we will be able to conduct services on the coming High Holidays. We know and understand that most of us will be reluctant to attend services in person for fear of becoming infected with the corona virus and because of our infirmities the unlikely ability to recover from it. Accordingly, we have been wrestling with coming up with a system which will enable us to attend services by viewing them from our computers. So far the most likely system we will use is Zoom which unfortunately means that most of our members will not be able to view the holiday services. This is why we have been trying so much to get our members to learn how to utilize Zoom which we have been using for Shabbat services.

However we are working on a plan to have the Zoom services emanate from the Shul and also permit a limited amount of members to be present in the Shul at the same time under certain conditions. We shall keep you informed through our mail and email.

In the meantime stay healthy and safe.

Byron

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2020

Friday, September 4

Candle Lighting7:04 PM

Saturday, September 5

Parshat Ki Tavo

Shabbat Services9:30 AM

Shabbat Ends8:02 PM

Friday, September 11

Candle Lighting6:53 PM

Saturday, September 12

Parshat Nitzavim-Vayeilech

Shabbat Services..... 9:30 AM

Shabbat Ends7:50 PM

ROSH HASHANA 5781

Friday, September 18

Mincha/Maariv 6:15 PM

Candle Lighting 6:41 PM

Saturday, September 19

Rosh Hashana Services 9:30 AM

Mincha/Maariv 7:15 PM

LIGHT CANDLES FROM EXISTING FLAME AT 7:38 PM

Sunday September 20

Rosh Hashana Services9:30AM

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, September 25

Candle Lighting6:29 PM

Saturday, September 26

Parshat Haazinu

Shabbat Services9:30 AM

Shabbat Ends7:26 PM

YOM KIPPUR 5781

Sunday, September 27

Mincha/Kol Nidre6:15 PM

Candle Lighting6:26 PM

Monday, September 28

Shacharit9:00 AM

YIZKORTBA

Mincha/Neilah5:00 PM

Shofar Blowing7:22PM

SUKKOT

Friday, October 2

Candle Lighting6:17PM

Sunday, October 3

Shabbat & Sukkot Services..... 9:30AM

LIGHT CANDLES FROM EXISTING FLAME at 7:14AM

Sunday, October 4

Sukkot Services.....9:30AM

Yom Tov Ends.....7:13PM

SHMINI ATZERET&SIMCHAT TORAH

Friday, October 9

Candle Lighting6:06 PM

Saturday, October 10

Shmini Atzeret Services9:30 AM

LIGHT CANDLES FROM EXISTING FLAME AT 7:03PM

Sunday, October 11

Simchat Torah Services9:30 AM

Holiday Ends..... 7:02 PM

Friday, October 16

Candle Lighting5:55 PM

Saturday, October 17

Parshat Bereshit

Shabbat Service.....6:53 PM

Friday, October 23

Candle Lighting5:45 PM

Saturday, October 24

Parshat Noach

Shabbat Services9:30 AM

Shabbat Ends6:43 PM

Friday, October 30

Candle Lighting5:36 PM

Saturday, October 31

Parshat Lech Lecha

Shabbat Services9:30 AM

Shabbat Ends.....6:35 PM

From the Editor's Desk



We would like to express our gratitude to the following FFMJC staff for their diligent work during these trying times. Because of them our shul was able to function very efficiently: Rabbi Wolpe, Cantor Katz, Marcia Federman and Vincent. We would also like to thank Judyth Bloom who came in every Tuesday, no matter what the weather, just to do the mailings for the Rabbi's Newsletters.

Today we have to rely on Zoom meetings, classes and Shabbat services to keep in touch with each other. We would love to have more members join us for Shabbat services.

Finally, we just have to wait patiently for life to get back to normal.

Shana Tova and wishing you well over the Fast. Happy Sukkot and Happy Simchat Torah.

Co-Editors: Matilda Cohen and Zach Levine



Mazel Toy

To: Katie Goldberg on the engagement of her granddaughter Emily Goldberg to Max Sapirman.

To: Leslie Biscardi on her son Alex's graduation from the U.S Merchant Marine Academy.

To: Isaac and Yael Rozic who celebrated the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Aryeh, son of Uri and Olivia Rozic. Hopefully next year they will celebrate at the Kotel in Jerusalem.

To: Zach and Joan Levine who celebrated two new great-grandchildren. Great grandson Avraham Shimon in May and great granddaughter Tehila in July.

To: Margot Nussbaum who welcomed her fifth great grandchild Samson Freddie Nussbaum.

To: Eva Beckhardt on the graduation of her grandson Cameron Vincent Loda from the University of Buffalo.

To: Paul and Eleanor Frommer on the birth of their great grandchild Alden Joseph Volpe.

To: Robert and Elaine Rubin on the graduations of their grand children, Joseph received his Masters from SUNY -Binghamton & Maegan received her B.A. from Queens College.

To: Gustav Hirschhorn on the occasion of his granddaughter Dana Mandel's marriage to Jay Hyman..

Thank You

To: Amiel Singer for picking up the Jewish wall calendars and pocket diaries from Sinai Chapel.

To: Byron Dresner, Les Banks, David End, Rabbi Wolpe and Cantor Katz for their efforts in getting the audio done for the High Holidays in our Sanctuary.

Condolences

To: Ruth Lasky & family on the passing of her beloved daughter Gail.

To: Katie Goldberg on the passing of her brother Stanley Eisner.

To: Joel Goldstein on the passing of his father Abraham Goldstein.

To: The family of Steven Rosner. If ever there was a member who loved our shul, it was Steve Rosner. A quiet person he was always there for the Synagogue with his generosity and good will. He attended services on most holidays and regularly attended membership meetings. He will be missed.

Center News

A special plaque remembering Anita Bernstein has been placed in our Lobby. When it is safe to reopen our shul, we will have a Special Kiddish in her honor.

Message from Cantor Aaron Katz

Dear Friends

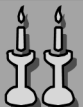

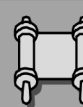




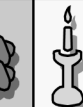


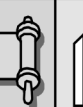




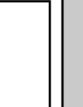
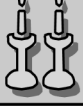







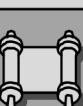


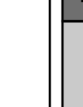

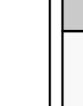



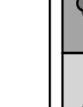

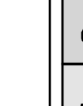

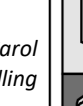


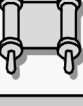



As we prepare for the holidays this year let us remember the famous words of Rav Nachmen from Bratslav who wrote "The whole world is a narrow bridge and

the important thing is not to fear"

Even in these trying times we have much to be grateful for.

Hope to see everyone on Zoom.

Wishing you all a Shana Tova and a happy and very healthy New Year.

											
	 New Year's Greetings, 5781 										
	"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.										
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	<p><i>We want to share with you some of the messages we received along with your checks.</i></p> <p><i>We miss everybody from the Center very much and look forward to seeing them soon. Lynne and Bob Kirby</i></p> <p><i>Many good wishes to all. Ellen Zilka</i></p> <p><i>Looking forward to being together again for Shabbat & Holiday services, classes, concerts, etc. I miss you. Carol Charles</i></p> <p><i>Health & Happiness to my great family and friends. To my dear friends from the Book Club, God willing we will be able to continue the book club in the near future. Goldie Kerstman</i></p> <p><i>Thank you Rabbi Wolfe. Every day is a holiday & we must celebrate living 365 days a year.</i></p> <p><i>May everyone stay well physically & emotionally through this difficult time of the C.V. pandemic.</i></p> <p><i>Francine & Barry Ross</i></p> <p><i>Congratulations to granddaughter Jacqueline Beckhart on her 23rd birthday and grandson Brandon Beckhart on his 26th birthday. Eva Beckhart</i></p>										
											
											
											



Sisterhood News

To all our Sisterhood members and Synagogue members WE MISS YOU!!

We were so excited that we had already scheduled some wonderful programming for the new Sisterhood year, a celebration lunch for Israel Independence Day, a talk from a doctor from Northwell Health, a local author etc. Instead we are all, hopefully, sheltering in place and trying to carry on our lives in the “new normal”. Since we do not know when we will be meeting in person again, I urge you to begin using ZOOM to access programs, discussions, and religious services from our Synagogue. Rabbi Wolpe has sent everyone a letter offering to help you learn how to use ZOOM. It is imperative that you try to use this platform to keep in touch.

While I have been home, I have been able to meet with over 100 Sisterhood Presidents from all over the country (on Zoom) discussing what we can do during these times. Our neighboring Sisterhood, Israel Center for Conservative Judaism is doing a Quarantine Bingo on Zoom or over the phone, which can be fun. If you are interested in joining that game get in touch with the Sisterhood President Lisa Woliner, at lisawoliner@yahoo.com. We would be happy to have some programs too, if we knew that enough of us would get on the computer, whether for a book discussion or a lecture.

Call me at 516-708-9517 with your thoughts because WE MISS YOU!!!!

Stay well and Shanah Tovah.

Joan Levine, Sisterhood Co-President
and Marilyn Brown who is still in Florida

Sisterhood extends our heartfelt condolences to Ruth Lasky and family on the passing of her daughter Gail. The Laskys were one of the founders of the Fresh Meadows JC and have been involved for over 70 years. The Chapel “The Lasky” Chapel was endowed by them. Ruth is a past president of Sisterhood and her husband Sol Z”l was chairman of the Hebrew School Board and trustee for many years. Gail attended our Hebrew school, became a Bat Mitzvah here, and taught in the Hebrew School Kindergarten for about five years. She is survived by twin daughters Rachel and Leah.

Torah Fund and Simcha Fund

Remember the good old days—when we had regular Sisterhood meetings at which we asked you to share your simchas and donate a minimum of \$1.00 for each simcha.

Our Sisterhood is part of the Brooklyn Queens, Long Island Region of Women’s League for Conservative Judaism, and each year we are given a quota as to how much we are expected to donate to the Torah Fund. Simcha Fund is part of Torah Fund, which helps future leaders of Conservative(also known as Masorti) Judaism, such as rabbis, cantors, teachers, administrators, etc.

There are five facilities worldwide at which these future leaders are trained:

The Jewish Theological Seminary (Manhattan), Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies (Los Angeles), Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies (Jerusalem), Seminario Rabbinic Latino Americano (Buenos Aires) and Zacharias Frankel College (Potsdam, Germany).

Our Center office (718-357-5100) has a variety of greeting cards that are available for \$5.00 each, including postage. In addition, there are Mazal Tov cards, Get Well cards, Good Luck cards for your new baby, assorted Sympathy cards, Thank You cards, and Friendship cards. Look at them on the bulletin board available at the Sisterhood meetings.

Please make your check payable to Sisterhood FFMJC and send it to the synagogue to my attention. If you have any questions please call me at 718-776-4790.

Looking forward to seeing you soon and wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Rosalie Weiner

Remembering the RABINOWITZ FAMILY - by Byron Dresner

The death of Stanley Rabinowitz on July 7, 2020, brought to our memory the impact of his parents Solomon and Clara Rabinowitz who were considered the founders of Flushing Jewish Center. The Flushing Jewish Center according to the archives was organized in 1932. Old records show Solomon Rabinowitz as president in its early days. During the existence of the Flushing Jewish Center, Sol and his wife Clara were integral in the affairs of the center, contributing financial assistance and leadership. They sponsored many kiddushes and dinners for the members. Obtained many Ads for our annual Journals. Sol served Sunday morning breakfasts after services. Clara served as president of the sisterhood for many years.. They celebrated all of their family simchas with the congregation and were involved in all facets of the congregation. They assisted members who had financial problems. Sol even assisted a local non Jewish retailer whose child needed surgery by paying the fee of the surgeon. Through their efforts the Hebrew School Building was erected and bore their names.

Stanley Rabinowitz was their youngest of four sons but the apple of their eye. Born in 1933. He attended the Shul's Hebrew School, graduated and was Bar Mitzvah in the Flushing Jewish Center. He married Iris and had three children, Suzanne, Jeffrey and Larry. Larry unfortunately predeceased him but prior to his death lived in his grandparents home in Flushing and attended services in the morning minyan. Stanley eventually succeeded his father as President in the family lighting business. and was instrumental at the time of the merger of the Flushing Jewish Center and the Fresh Meadows Jewish Center in creating the Rabinowitz Memorial Fund by purchasing an Israeli Bond, the earnings to be used for charitable purposes.



Sukkot and Simchat Torah are coming!



While they won't be celebrated the way we normally celebrate, they are Zeman Simchatenu the time of our happiness--and we will work hard to make them joyful.

May God's Sukkat Shalom, Sukkah of peace, envelope the world and usher in a world of health, happiness and peace.

Simchat Torah-literally means "The Happiness of the Torah" So let's meet the holiday with true joy.

CHAG SEMEACH!

What A Year!

By Rabbi Daniel M. Wolpe

My dear friends, when we gathered together for the High Holidays last year, there is no way any of us could have predicted the events of 2020. The idea that we would be separated by this awful disease and only be able to meet over computer, the idea that our High Holiday services this year would be done by Zoom, was so far beyond our ability to conceive that had someone said it was going to be happen, they probably would have been dismissed as a joker.

And yet, here we are. Together, but not together. United, but apart.

This year, more than ever, when we read the psalm for the season, Psalm 27, the final words have a greater impact than ever before: I have faith that I shall surely see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in the Lord, be strong, take courage and hope in the Lord."

When reading those words, let us be reminded that even with everything that has happened in the last year, there are still many reasons to be strong, take courage, and hope in the Lord. Firstly, we are here. We might not be physically together, we might not be able to sit with our friends at synagogue and celebrate the new year the way we are use to, but we are here, we will be united through Zoom, and the High Holidays WILL happen and we will celebrate the new year together.

Secondly, like all emergencies and tragedies, this one shall pass, as well. There will come a time when the pandemic of 2020 will be an historical event and not a present reality. Therefore, as Jews and as human beings, it behooves us to look at the future as a promise, not as a threat. Jews always look to the future with hope and anticipation, secure that better days will come.

Thirdly, if you are having trouble hoping in God, then have faith in each other. There is an old joke that a man sees his neighbor walking and asks him where he's going. The man answers, "I'm going to synagogue."

"To synagogue?" the first man responds, "but you're an atheist!"

"Goldstein goes to synagogue to talk to God. I go to synagogue to talk to Goldstein."

We have a loving, caring God who will guide us through. But when times become scary, and we find it hard to reach out to that God, we still have each other. So, please, get excited for the High Holidays. Because even if it is over Zoom, we will be together and God will be with us. as well. Hope in the Lord, be strong, take courage and hope in the Lord. And in each other.

I wish all of you a Shannah Tovah.

Rabbi Wolpe



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