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THE BULLETIN

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Tishrei/Cheshvan 5778/5779
Rabbi Gerald M. Solomon
Cantor Aaron Katz



Coming Events

Wednesday, September 19

End the Yom Kippur Holiday Fast with the rest of our congregation by joining us for Break-Fast after Neilah at about 8:00pm. Cost \$15.00 per person. **Make your reservations asap**



Wednesday, September 26

Thursday, September 27

Our annual Sukkot Luncheon

You are invited to join your friends on Wednesday, September 26, or on Thursday, September 27th to celebrate the Holiday of Sukkot with a lunch in our beautiful Synagogue Succah. Limited seating each day.

Make your reservations asap



Monday, October 1

Tuesday, October 2

Simchat Torah

Let's celebrate Simchat Torah together. On Monday night light refreshments will be served and also on Tuesday morning after services.



Thursday, October 18

Sisterhood Board Meeting and Program
Dr. Jennifer Lee from Northwell Health will be speaking on Stress Management.
Cost: \$10.00 at the door.

Thursday, October 25

Sisterhood Book Club "We were the lucky ones" by Georgia Hunter.



Sunday, October 28, Shirathon. Enjoy an afternoon of beautiful singing. Cantors from our neighboring synagogues will perform. **Watch for the flyer.**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2018

Friday, August 31 Mincha/Maariv.....7:00P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....7:11 PM

Saturday, Sept. 1 - Parashat Ki Tavo

Shabbat Services.....9:00A.M.
Shabbat Ends.....8:17P.M.

**SELICHOT...., Collation and Program 8:35 P.M.-
Services 10:00P.M.**

Friday, Sept. 7 Mincha/Maariv.....,6:45P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....6:59P.M.

Saturday, Sept. 8

Parashat Nitzavim - Shabbat Services.....9:00A.M.
Shabbat Ends.....8:06P.M.

ROSH HASHANAH 5779

Sunday, Sept. 9 - Erev Rosh Hashanah

Mincha/Maariv High Holy Day Services.....6:45P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....6:56P.M.

Monday, Sept. 10 - First Day Rosh Hashanah

High Holy Day Services.....8:00A.M.
Mincha/Maariv.....6:45P.M.

Candle Lighting Time.....8:03P.M.

Tuesday, Sept. 11 - Second Day Rosh Hashanah

High Holy Day Services.....8:00A.M.
Festival Ends.....8:01P.M.

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, Sept. 14 - Mincha/Maariv

Shabbat Shuvah Services.....6:45 P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....6:47P.M.

Saturday, Sept. 15 - Parashat Vayeilech

Shabbat Shuvah Services.....9:00A.M.
Shabbat Ends.....7:54P.M.

YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, Sept. 18 - Erev Yom Kippur

Mincha.....6:15P.M.
Official Candle Lighting Time.....6:39P.M.
Kol Nidre/Maariv.....6:30P.M.

Wednesday, Sept. 19

Yom Kippur - Shacharit.....8:30A.M.
Yizkor.....2:00P.M.
Mincha.....5:15P.M.
Neilah.....6:45P.M.
Maariv/Havdalah/Shofar.....7:49P.M.

Friday, Sept. 21 - Mincha/ariv.....6:30P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....6:33P.M.

Saturday, Sept. 22 - Parashat Ha-azinu

Shabbat Services.....9:00A.M.
Shabbat Ends.....7:44P.M.

SUKKOT

Sunday, Sept. 23 -

Erev Sukkot - Mincha/Maariv.....6:30P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....6:30P.M.

Monday, Sept. 24 -

First Day Sukkot - Festival Services.....9:00A.M.

Mincha/Maariv.....T.B.A.

Candle Lighting Time.....7:40P.M.

Tuesday, Sept. 25

Second Day Sukkot - Festival Services.....9:00A.M.

Festival Ends.....7:39P.M.

Friday, Sept. 28 - Chol Ha-Moed -

Mincha/Maariv6:15P.M.

Candle Lighting Time.....6:22P.M.

Saturday, Sept. 29

Shabbat Chol Ha-Moed Services.....9:00P.M.

Shabbat Ends.....7:32P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 30 - Hoshannah Rabbah

Shacharit Services.....7:00A.M.

Sunday, Sept. 30

Mincha/Maariv - Erev Shemini Atzereth.....6:15P.M.

Candle Lighting Time.....6:18P.M.

Monday, Oct. 1 - Shemini Atzereth

Festival Services.....9:00A.M.

Yizkor Memorial Services.....10:45A.M.

Candle Lighting Time.....7:29P.M.

SIMCHAT TORAH

Monday, Oct. 1 -

Maariv/Hakafot.....7:30P.M.

Tuesday, Oct. 2 - Simchat Torah - Hakafot -

Festival Services.....9:00A.M.

Festival Ends.....7:27P.M.

SHABBAT BERESHITH

Friday, October 5 - Mincha/Maariv.....6:00P.M.

Candle Lighting Time.....6:10P.M.

Saturday, Oct. 6 - Parashat Bereshith

Shabbat Mevarchim Services.....9:00A.M.

Shabbat Ends.....7:20P.M.

Friday, Oct. 12 Mincha/Maariv.....5:45P.M.

Candle Lighting Time.....5:59P.M.

Saturday, Oct. 13 - Parashat Noach

Shabbat Services.....9:00A.M.

Shabbat Ends.....7:09P.M.

Friday, Oct. 19 - Mincha/aariv.....5:45 P.M.

Candle Lighting Time.....5:48P.M.

Saturday, Oct. 20 - Parashat Lech-Lecha

Shabbat Services.....9:00A.M.

Shabbat Ends.....6:59P.M.

Friday, Oct. 26 - Mincha/Maariv.....5:30 P.M.

Candle Lighting Time.....5:39P.M.

Saturday, Oct. 27 - Parashat Vayera

Shabbat Services.....9:00A.M.

Shabbat Ends.....6:49P.M.



Thank You

To: The Leo Brown Memorial Fund for sponsoring a Kiddush in memory of our dear departed Leo Brown.

Mazal Tov

To: Joan and Zach Levine on the marriage of their grandson Menachem to Rivka. We wish them a long and happy wedded life.

On Sunday, June 24, the renowned violinist Albert Mulad performed at our synagogue. As always he captivated his audience with his excellent rendition of both classical and semi classical songs.

Keep-in-Touch Luncheon

Our annual Sisterhood Keep-in-Touch luncheon was held this year at Ben's Deli in Bay Terrace. It was nice to sit with our friends and enjoy a beautiful lunch of soup, sandwich and all the side dishes followed by dessert and coffee. Food was delicious, the service was perfect, and the company we were with made it a pleasant afternoon. Much thanks to Lois Shenker, who so capably made all the arrangements, prepared the give away bags and saw to it that every detail was taken care of.

From: The Editor

For many years I have had the pleasure of editing The Bulletin and presenting it to you as Editor in chief. However, it is time for me to step aside. We have a most capable person who has agreed to take on the position of Editor in Chief of The Bulletin. That person is Matilda Cohen. I will aid her as much as I can as Editor. I know she will do an amazing job and I wish her all the luck in the world. **Zachary Levine**

Thank you Zach for your confidence in me. I will try to do my best. Matilda.

Obituaries of Members and former members who passed away since the last edition of this Bulletin.

Werner Kleeman passed away at age 98. He was a member of Flushing Jewish Center and Flushing-Fresh Meadows Center for a total of more than 65 years during which years he was an active member serving as Vice-President and attending services. Born in Gaukonigshofen, Germany, he was driven out of Germany at the time of Kristallnacht and successfully migrated to the U.S. After the start of World War II, he was drafted into the US Army and wound up on Normandy Beach on D-Day where he met a life long friend "Jerry" who turned out to be Jerry Salinger of "Catcher in the Rye" fame. He is survived by daughters Susan and Deborah and their families.

Norman Leiter died on August 19, 2018 at age 87 an active member together with his wife Ivy of Flushing Jewish Center and Flushing-Fresh Meadows Jewish Center for more than 50 years. Norman and Ivy attended the Rabbi's Educational Courses on a regular basis. Norman attended Friday evening services. He is survived by his wife Ivy and his children Carrie and Adam and their families.

Marysia Green died at the age of 101 on August 5, 2018 in her home in Coconut Grove, Florida. She and her husband Isidor were longtime members of Flushing Jewish Center and Flushing-Fresh Meadows Jewish Center until his death, when she moved to Florida. She is survived by her children, Dr. Bert Green and Dr. Jaqueline Grossman and their families.

Manfred Nussbaum died on August 16, 2018. He and his wife Margo joined Flushing-Fresh Meadows Jewish Center from Queensboro Hills Jewish Center. He is survived by his wife Margo and their children.



Sisterhood News

On July 19th our Sisterhood was privileged to have a special program presented by members of the 111th Precinct of the New York Police Department. Police Officer John Erdman, Community affairs Director and several Officers from the Precinct told us about how to protect ourselves and our property. Our Synagogue and also one of our members have been affected by a mail fishing scam. Thieves have gained entry into the interior of mail boxes and stolen mail in order to obtain checks and credit/debit/gift cards that would allow the thief to gain access to your finances. We were urged to deposit mail directly inside the Post Office or hand it to the mail carrier. The thieves are able to wash checks and alter them payable to themselves. There are special pens available with permanent ink that is not easy to alter. There were many other pieces of valuable information that was shared with us. They also came with pamphlets and papers with valuable information.

Rosh HaShanah is almost upon us. The next Sisterhood event will be our annual luncheons in the Succah to be held on September 26 and 27. We look forward to greeting many members of our congregation and their friends at this always pleasant event. Seating is limited so reserve as soon as you receive the flyer.

The book club will not meet in September. The book for October 25th is "We were the lucky ones" by Georgia Hunter.

There is a Sisterhood luncheon and program on October 18th when we will have Dr. Jennifer Lee present the rescheduled program on stress management.

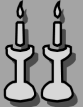

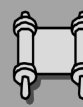




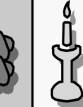


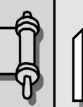





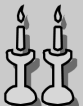


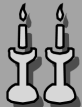




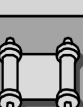











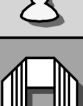







We wish everyone "Shanah Tovah"; A Good Year
Marilyn Brown and Joan Levine, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

"The Simcha Cake Project"

Sisterhood has created a way of announcing special Simchas and other events in order 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 19, 2018 Sisterhood Meeting

Inge Berger	Wishing everybody well
Joyce Warshowsky	Enjoy the rest of the summer in good health
Susan Gastman	Wishing all a wonderful healthy and happy New Year
Rosalie Weiner	Good health to all
Lynne Kirby	For my Grandkids
Marilyn Brown	Best wishes, good health to all
Matilda Cohen	Hag Sameach to all my friends
Sandra Schwadron	Get well wishes to Anita Bernstein
Lois Shenker	Happy 13 th birthday to granddaughter, Elyssa Shenker
Bette Glasser	Happy Healthy New Year to all
Joan Levine	Happy New Year
Eva Beckhardt	In loving memory of my sister Doris
Sylvia Udasin	Good health to the family
Stella Weingord	For granddaughter's engagement
Ruth Lasky	Better health for my family
Anita Seelig	Dear Rochelle, wishing you the best
Gertrude Isaac	Wishing everyone a very healthy summer

											
	 New Year's Greetings, 5779 										
	"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>Ruth Beckman & Family</i> <i>Inge Berger & Family</i> <i>Anita Bernstein & Family</i> <i>Sid Block & Family</i> <i>Marilyn Brown & Family</i> <i>Carol Charles</i> <i>Mordecai & Matilda Cohen</i> <i>Ezra Cohen</i> <i>Stuart Cohen</i> <i>Luisa Cvern & Family</i> <i>Irene & Byron Dresner & Family</i> <i>David End, Carla, Biscuit & Rascal</i> <i>Marsha Federman</i> <i>Rhoda E. Finkelstein & Family</i> <i>Eleanor & Paul Frommer</i> <i>Rita Gaber</i> <i>Kathy Galin & Alan Wood</i> <i>The Gastman & Stahl Families</i> <i>Bette Glasser & Family</i> <i>Judith Gordon & Family</i> <i>Katie Goldberg & Family</i> <i>Fran & Joel Goldstein</i> <i>Robert & Zachary Greenberg</i> <i>Mirta, Michael, Nataniel & Andres</i> <i>Greene</i> <i>Eva Hauser</i> <i>Gerty & Werner Isaac & Family</i> <i>Cantor Aaron Katz & Judy Katz</i> <i>Martin Katz</i> <i>Lynne Kirby</i> <i>Goldie & Stan Kerstman</i> <i>Ephraim Klamka</i> <i>Mark & Sherry Klein & Helen</i>	<i>Charlotte Kohn</i> <i>Enid Krell</i> <i>Michael & Judy Krutoy</i> <i>Ruth Lasky & Family</i> <i>Johanna & Les Levine</i> <i>Joan & Zach Levine</i> <i>Judy & Walter Levy & Family</i> <i>Lipsky-Blum Post Of Jewish War</i> <i>Veterans and Auxialry</i> <i>Flora Margolin & Family</i> <i>Rochelle C. Mendelow & Family</i> <i>Ray Mishler & Family</i> <i>Margot Nussbaum</i> <i>Janet & Richard Pearlmutter</i> <i>Blanche Rosenberg</i> <i>Pearl Rosenthal & Family</i> <i>Robert & Elaine Rubin</i> <i>Anna Salzillo</i> <i>Jerry Sandell</i> <i>Sandra Schwadron</i> <i>The Seeligs</i> <i>Lois Shenker</i> <i>Michael Silver</i> <i>Mr. Amiel Singer</i> <i>Sisterhood of FFMJC</i> <i>Rabbi Gerald Solomon</i> <i>Morton & Sylvia Stern</i> <i>Sylvia Udasin & Family</i> <i>Joyce Warshowsky & Family</i> <i>Rosalie Weiner</i> <i>Marilyn Weisel</i> <i>The Zilka Family</i>									
											
											
											
											
											
											
											
											
											
											
											



In Loving Memory of

*Anita Bernstein
Chana Devorah bas Yechiel Shlomo*

*November 3, 1925
August 29, 2018-18 Elul 5778*

A woman of valor who can find? For her worth is far above rubies.

A woman of valor is an asset to her community, a blessing to her family and a role model to others. She is someone who has a moral character and is someone of integrity. She is a woman who has made a conscious decision to be fair, kind and honest in every aspect of her life. A woman of valor is strong, mentally, physically and is one who finds joy in doing it right.

OUR ANITA BERNSTEIN WAS SUCH A WOMAN!

She took care of her community family by being a part of everything and anything that goes on. She was the one who lost sleep worrying about our shul. She chaired the catering committee, prepared food for special occasions and did our own catering in the basement kitchen long before the kitchen was built on the main level. Each week she took care of the Shabbat Kiddush by ordering the appropriate food. and would schlepp pounds of tomatoes to the shul. She shopped all year round for fresh decorations for our beautiful Succah.

She restarted and ran the Hebrew School after it closed so that the Bar and Bat Mitzvah children could continue their education.

She was in charge of our Calendar and the High Holiday ticket committee. She formed a committee to polish all the beautiful silver displayed in the lobby.

Anita was an accomplished artist and has a collection of her art in her home. She attended weekly art classes at the Fresh Meadows Jewish Center. She was well spoken and made the announcements and appeals for the shul. She was always elegant and dignified. She worried about each and everything that was going on at the Flushing-Fresh Meadows Jewish Center and attend every meeting and class..

Things do not just happen. They need a leader who not only sees that things get done, but often does it herself. She was truly our mother, our charismatic leader. She was our queen, she was our wonderful Anita Bernstein, a true Aishet Hayil!

Anita was a devoted steward of our congregational ship who had the foresight to steer this ship toward the successful merger with the Flushing Jewish Center.

In 1957 Anita Bernstein joined the Fresh Meadows Jewish Center. Her children Harvey, Stuart, Bruce and Beth attended our Hebrew School and she served as PTA President from 1964-1966. She was editor of "The Beacon", the Center Bulletin for 10 years from 1968-1978, with her son Harvey as assistant editor. She was always active in the Sisterhood and served as President in 1968-1969 and was reelected to serve from 1982-1983. She computerized the data for the Sisterhood Calendar, worked with the printer and advertisers and saw to it that the calendar was delivered on time each year. The calendar is one of the Sisterhood's biggest fund raisers due to revenue raised from the advertisers.

Anita was an invaluable member of the Jewish Center's Board of Trustees for many years and served in many positions. In 1984 she was elected the first and only woman President of the Fresh Meadows Jewish Center. Her term ended in 1986, but, she was called upon to finish out the term of Norbert Wollheim who had to resign due to poor health. She was elected again in 1993 and served as President until the merger with the Flushing Jewish Center in 2003 and continued to serve as Co-President of the Flushing-Fresh Meadows Jewish Center.

In her communal activities Anita was President of the North Shore Long Island Branch of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism from 1974 to 1976. She also served on the International Board. She continued to be an active member of the Board of The Brooklyn, Queens Long Island Region of the WLCJ.... serving in many capacities. As a past President of the organization she was always called to assist. She attended the International Bi-ennial Conventions of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism for over 30 years. The Conventions were held at the Concord Hotel and later in various cities such as Orlando, FL and Baltimore, MD. She used to make special arrangements with the hotels for our group.

Anita was never reluctant to drive to meetings wherever they were held in Queens or Long Island and to pick up people at their various homes. Anita had been a true blessing to others, to the Congregation and to the community.

Anita was a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother

She is survived by her sons:

Harvey Weinreb, Stuart Weinreb and Bruce Weinreb and their families

Her daughter Beth Weinreb

Her sister Renee Rauch and

Her brother Sheldon Bloom

May you rest in peace our dearest friend and leader.

YOU WILL BE MISSED



RABBI'S MESSAGE

THE SYNAGOGUE: LOOKING TO THE FUTURE WITH HOPE AND A PLAN

We recently read in Parashat Ekev (8/4/18) "Man does not live by bread alone." There has to be a spiritual dimension to our lives. Food alone is insufficient. Perhaps America has a weight problem because it is seeking spiritual sustenance in physical food. Yes, our spiritual hungers as a nation are being fed the wrong food. We as a synagogue exist to teach the world this truth. Man does not live by material pursuits alone. We as a synagogue stand for this spiritual dimension of human existence. We say to our fellow Jews and to the world that material pursuits are not all there is to life. Having enough physical food to eat may sustain your body but not your soul.

The synagogue is a testament to G-d's existence and place in our lives. This is the place, according to the Torah (which is our soul food) where G-d's presence is to be found and felt by all who enter its portals. This is the place where we come to derive the necessary strength to weather the storms and vicissitudes of life, and to give thanks and praise for the goodness and blessings of life we enjoy. This is also where we seek healing and hope. The synagogue testifies to the fact that man does not live by bread alone.

The synagogue exists to answer the question asked by masses of humanity, which include sadly many of our own people. What do I need a House of G-d for? I have enough food, I have enough clothing and I have enough shelter and I have enough money, what else do I need? Those who ask these questions and their number is great, are missing the whole point of being Jewish, in fact, they are missing the whole point of being human. But we have a message as a synagogue, a cry and a plea to take advantage of the opportunities which G-d has provided for us. This is our ultimate "message of outreach" as a synagogue to the unaffiliated community. There is a spiritual dimension to life which has been ignored by too many for too long. The synagogue seeks to cater to that spiritual dimension and feed the hungry soul. Food for the spirit has been and is being offered and yet there are pitifully few takers. The gnawing spiritual hunger within cannot and will not be satisfied by filling our bellies or our pockets with earthliness, only with the soul food of Torah.*****

We, the Jewish People, have a mission to teach about G-d to the uninitiated, to the uneducated, to those who lack faith. We must teach that G-d must not be ignored. We are to praise, petition, and thank G-d as regularly as possible, ideally every day of our lives. We are to teach that we are to integrate G-d's teachings found in our Holy Torah into our lives, for man does not live by bread alone.

Witness Deuteronomy, read recently, Chapter 8, Verses 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, and 20. These are powerful words, not easily saleable to the general uninformed public, yet we read them and we teach them for they are part of the Torah which is the Torah of Truth. They answer those who question the need for affiliation with the synagogue which represents G-dliness in our community and in our lives. It answers those who say I have everything I need, food, clothing, shelter and money by reminding them that it wasn't their power alone which brought them this goodness and blessing, but it was G-d and it will continue to be G-d. Who will bring them future goodness and blessing. Aren't words of thanks in order for all this goodness and blessing? G-d is ignored and forgotten at one's own peril. We must teach those who do not know that G-d isn't an abstract idea. G-d is real. And if we don't know this we need to learn it.

Our mission as a congregation, therefore, is to reach out to our fellow Jews and remind them that man does not live by bread alone, but by everything which proceeds out of the mouth of the L-rd. Man is not to take full credit for his successes, because it is the L-rd your G-d who gives you the ability to get wealth, says the Torah.

We must teach that there is much more to life, particularly Jewish life than working, eating and paying the rent. Material sustenance is insufficient. The animals also enjoy material sustenance, for the Almighty is the Sustainer of all Flesh. Humans are to be on a higher level. Our faith teaches the way to be on the highest level, on a G-dly level. May that level always be our level. One way to get to that level is through bringing others to a higher level, a level closer to G-d. Save thou a soul, teaches our tradition, and it shall save thine own. Please join me in the quest to save Jewish souls from the perils of assimilation and all those who have forgotten about G-d. Join with me in the quest to preserve and bring back to the fold those who have strayed, who have been lost and/or alienated for whatever reason. Send them to me. I can answer their questions and help them get through the maze of confusion and misunderstandings which prevent them from seeing the light.

We as a people have known all too well that Jewish survival has been in question numerous times throughout our 4000 year history. We have learned, we pray, the lesson of renewing our pledge to the ultimate mission of our people - to be a light unto the nations, to share our blessings, to share our strength, to raise the eyes of our fellow men and women heavenward in gratitude to the Creator and Sustainer of all flesh. We, the Jewish People are here to teach **faith** and the lesson that with G-d all things are possible, that with G-d we are powerful, that solutions can and will be found to all our problems, both personal and communal and that the realization of all our dreams is attainable. Every sincere effort counts and will be a step in the direction of success. As we march down the road to the High Holy Days 5779, let us carry these words with us. The Almighty teaches through the Psalmist: "Take with you words and return to the L-rd." What are our words, what is our plan for our salvation for the new year soon to be upon us? Just this: To bring our fellow Jews into the synagogue which is our House of G-d that they may join us in living and understanding our faith, and serving our G-d. It is to help other Jews and thereby ourselves to get closer to our customs, our beliefs and teachings and thereby closer to our G-d - all this through the vehicle of the synagogue. Save a soul and it will save your own. May the Divine Presence rest on the work of our hands, and crown our efforts with success.

I wish all our members and friends a Ketivah V'Chatimah Tovah. May you be inscribed and sealed in God's Book of Life for a blessed new year. May it be a year for you, yours and all the House of Israel of good health, happiness, prosperity and peace - a year in which we will be blessed with everything that is good. Amen.

With love,
Rabbi G.M. Solomon

FOR YOUR INFORMATION - FROM THE RABBI

*Some Israeli Arab leaders speak disparagingly about Israel for publicity. They know that no newspaper would ever mention them if they were dealing with issues such as sewage or a shortage of classrooms in Arab schools. If they say something bad about Israel or provoke the Jews, however, they will certainly receive a headline in the press.

*Israeli Arab leaders can incite against Israel as much as they wish. Their slander will not change the reality that Israel is the only thriving democracy in the Middle East, and treats its minorities with respect. While minorities are being persecuted and murdered in Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Iraq, Libya and other Arab and Islamic countries, the Arab citizens of Israel are being integrated into the state. They hold high positions in the Supreme Court, the Foreign Ministry, the health sector and even the Israel Police. The majority of the Arabs in Israel can work anywhere they wish, they can travel anywhere in the country, and they will continue to enjoy all the privileges, benefits and freedoms that Jewish citizens do.

*Some Israeli Arab leaders want Israel to give up its wish to be a Jewish homeland because they are hoping that one day Jews will become a minority in their own country. For far too long, they have been inciting their constituents against Israel and Jews. If these leaders are so unhappy in Israel, perhaps they would consider moving to Ramallah or the Gaza Strip or any Arab country. Perhaps they would care to resign from the Knesset. Why do they refrain from doing so? Because it is in the Jewish homeland, supposedly so harmful to them, that they and their children can live and thrive.

(Excerpt: The Secret Reason Arabs Reject the Jewish Nation-State Law - Bassam Tawil - July 31, 2018)

*“Israel, which has been in a state of war with Syria for years, has rescued thousands of Syrians under the leadership of the IDF and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who authorized their most recent transfer to Jordan as an incredible humanitarian gesture... The IDF leads humanitarian gestures daily – from providing medical care, infrastructure and civilian aid to Syrians in need, to establishing a state-of-the-art field hospital in Nepal, to transferring trucks of humanitarian aid to Gaza through the Kerem Shalom Crossing... However... the international media is so often focused on reporting about what they perceive Israel as doing wrong that when the IDF leads critical humanitarian efforts, they often go unreported, as positive reports about Israel doesn’t match their narrative.” — Dr. John A.I Grossman. The result, Grossman said, is an international media in which “humanitarian” and “Israel” in the same headline is an unfortunate rarity. As the IDF led efforts to evacuate 422 Syrians to Jordan at the Syrian-Israeli border, the anti-Israel bias of international news outlets reared its ugly head, with various news organizations completely leaving Israel out of their headlines about the humanitarian effort. (Breaking Israel News, July 29, 2018)

“Being anti-Israel is not in itself objectionable. But I’m not talking about ordinary criticism of Israel. I’m speaking of a hatred that permits itself no boundaries in the lies and myths it pours out. Thus, Israel is repeatedly referred to as a “Nazi” state. In what sense is this true, even as a metaphor? Where are the Israeli concentration camps? The *einatzgruppen*? The SS? The Nuremberg Laws? The Final Solution? None of these things nor anything remotely resembling them exists in Israel, precisely because the Jews, more than anyone on earth, understand what Nazism stood for. It is claimed that there has been an Israeli Holocaust in Gaza (or elsewhere). Where? When? No honest historian would treat that claim with anything but the contempt it deserves. But calling Jews Nazis and saying they have committed a Holocaust is as basic a way to subvert historical fact as anything I can think of. Likewise apartheid. For apartheid to exist, there would have to be a situation that closely resembled how things were in South Africa under the apartheid regime. Unfortunately for those who believe this, a weekend in any part of Israel would be enough to show how ridiculous the claim is.” — Dr. Denis MacEoin, a non-Jewish Scottish professor, in a letter to his students who had voted to boycott Israel. (United With Israel, July 24, 2018)

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*The new Basic Law was passed to fill a constitutional void. Israel, like the United Kingdom, lacks a written constitution and instead relies on a set of basic laws. Israel already has basic laws to protect individual freedoms (such as Basic Law: Human Dignity and Liberty). Israel lacked a basic law defining the identity and purpose of the state.

*During the seven-year debate surrounding the Nation State Law, there was a broad consensus that a basic law was needed to define the identity of the country. However, the new basic law does not contradict or supersede the basic laws that protect and guarantee individual rights of all citizens regardless of ethnicity, religion or gender.

*The new law does not erode a single right or protection of any minority. It actually reaffirms Israel's commitment to minority groups.

*The new law also, for the first time, constitutionally enshrines Arabic as a language with "special status." It affirms that "the status given to the Arabic language before this law came into effect will not be harmed."

THE FULL JEWISH NATION-STATE LAW

The following is the complete text of the Jewish Nation-State Law, which passed a final vote in the Knesset overnight Wednesday, with links to The Jerusalem Post reporting on the discussions about its various elements.

Basic Law: Israel - The nation state of the Jewish people

1. The State of Israel

- a) Israel is the historic homeland of the Jewish people in which the State of Israel was established.
- b) The state of Israel is the nation-state of the Jewish people, in which it fulfills its natural, religious, and historic right to self-determination.
- c) The fulfillment of the right of national self-determination in the State of Israel is unique to the Jewish people.

2. National symbols of the State of Israel

- a) The name of the state is Israel.
- b) The flag of the state is white, two blue stripes near the edges, and a blue Star of David in the center.
- c) The symbol of the state is the Menorah with seven branches, olive leaves on each side, and the word Israel at the bottom.
- d) The national anthem of the state is "Hatikvah"
- e) [Further] details concerning the issue of state symbols will be determined by law.

3. [The] unified and complete [city of] Jerusalem is the capital of Israel.

4. The Language of the State of Israel

- a) Hebrew is the language of the state.

- b) The Arabic language has a special status in the state; the regulation of the Arab language in state institutions or when facing them will be regulated by law.
 c) This clause does not change the status given to the Arabic language before the basic law was created.

5. The state will be open to Jewish immigration and to the gathering of the exiled.

6. The Diaspora

- a) The state will labor to ensure the safety of sons of the Jewish people and its citizens who are in trouble and captivity due to their Jewishness or their citizenship.
 b) The state will act to preserve the cultural, historical and religious legacy of the Jewish people among the Jewish diaspora.

7. The state views Jewish settlement as a national value and will labor to encourage and promote its establishment and development.

8. The Hebrew calendar is the official calendar of the state and alongside it the secular calendar will serve as an official calendar. The usage of the Hebrew calendar and of the secular calendar will be determined by law.

9. National Holidays

- a) Independence Day is the official holiday of the state.
 b) The Memorial Day for those who fell in the wars of Israel and the Memorial Day for the Holocaust and heroism are official memorial days of the state.

10. Saturday and the Jewish Holidays are the official days of rest in the state. Those who are not Jewish have the right to honor their days of rest and their holidays. Details concerning these matters will be determined by law.

11. This Basic Law may not be altered except by a Basic Law that gained the approval of the majority of the Knesset members.



***Rabbi's Classes
will resume as follows***



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OCTOBER 8, 15, 22, 29
 NOVEMBER 5, 12

SUBJECT: To be Announced

After classes refreshments will be served

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Elul 5778/Tishri 5779

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1 Elul 21</i> Parashat Ki Tavo <i>Ends: 8:17</i>
2 22	3 23	4 24 On-Going Low-Impact Chair Exer-cise Class 11 to Noon	5 25	6 26	7 27  6:59PM	8 28 Parashat Nitavim <i>Ends: 8:06PM</i>
9 29 <i>Erev Rosh Hashana</i> 6:56	10 Tishrei 1 <i>First Day Rosh Hashana</i> 8:03	11 2 <i>Second Day Rosh Hashana</i> <i>Ends 8:01</i>	12 3 <i>Fast of Gedalia</i>	13 4	14 5  6:47 PM	15 6 Parashat Vayeilech <i>Ends: 7:54PM</i>
16 7	17	18 9 Erev Yom Kippur 6:30pm <i>Kol Nidre 6:30</i>	19 10 Yom Kippur <i>Yizkor 2:00</i> <i>Ends: 7:49pm</i> BREAK-FAST follows	20 11	21 12  6:33PM	22 13 Parashat Ha-Azinu <i>Ends: 7:44PM</i>
23 14 <i>Erev Sukkot</i>  6:30PM	24 15 First Day Sukkot  7:40PM	25 16 Second Day Sukkot	26 17 Sukkot Lunch <i>First Day Chol Hamoed Sukkot</i>	27 18 Sukkot Lunch <i>Second Day Chol Hamoed Sukkot</i>	28 19 Third Day Chol Hamoed Sukkot  6:22pm	29 20 Shabbat Hal Hamoed <i>Ends: 7:32PM</i>
30 <i>Hoshana Rabba</i> <i>Shacharit 7 am</i> Erev Shemini Atzeres  6:18PM						

October 2018

Tishrei/Cheshvan 5779

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Tishrei 22 Shemini Atzeres Yizkor Simchat Torah Hakafot	2 23 Simchat Torah Ends 7:27PM	3 24	4 25	5 26  6:10pm	6 27 Parashat Bereshith Ends: 7:20pm
7 28	8 29 Rabbi's Classes	9 30	10 Cheshvan 1 Rabbi's Classes	11 2	12 3  5:59pm	13 4 Parashat Noach Ends: 7:09pm
14 5	15 6 Rabbi's Classes	16 7	17 8 Rabbi's Classes	18 9 Sisterhood Luncheon and Program 12 noon	19 10  5:48	20 11 Parashat Lech Lecha Ends: 6:59
21 12	22 13 Rabbi's Classes	23 14	24 15 Rabbi's Classes	25 16 Book Club "We were the Lucky ones" 10:30	26 17  5:39pm	27 18 Parashat Vayera Ends: 6:49
28 19 SHIRATHON	29 20 Rabbi's Classes	30 21	31 22 Rabbi's Classes			