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Adar/Nissan 5778
 Rabbi Gerald M. Solomon
 Cantor Aaron Katz



HAPPY PASSOVER

MARCH 31 THRU APRIL 7

First Seder

Friday, March 30th

Second Seder

Saturday, March 31st



Coming Events

HAPPY PURIM

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Shacharit Service &
 Megillah Reading at 8:30AM followed
 by breakfast



Thursday, March 22, 2018

The Book Club will discuss the book
 "When We Were Sisters"
 by Emilie Richards at 10:30AM.

**Important note for all Sisterhood
 Board Members:**

A meeting of the Board will take place on
Thursday, March 22, 2018 following
 the book club



Our annual Community
Yom Hashoah Service
 will be held on

Wednesday April, 11th at 7 :00PM.

This year it will be hosted by
 Hollis Hills-Bayside Jewish Center

Thursday, April 19, 2018

Come join us to celebrate
 Israel's 70th Independence Day.
 Buffet Luncheon will be served,
 consisting of Israeli & Italian cuisine.
 Entertainment by Naomi Zeitlin.

Time: 12:30PM. Cost \$30.00 per head



Thursday, April 26, 2018

Book Club- "The Rent Collector" by
 Cameron Wright at 10:30AM.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2018

PURIM

Thursday, March 1

Shacharit and Megillah.....8:30AM

Friday, March 2

Mincha/Maariv.....5:15PM

Candle Lighting Time.....5:29PM

Saturday, March 3

Parashat Ki Tissa

Shabbat Services.....9:00AM

Shabbat Ends.....6:39PM

Friday, March 9

Mincha/Maariv.....5:30PM

Candle Lighting Time.....5:37PM

Saturday March 10

Parsahiot Vayakhel-Pekudei/Parah

Shabbat Mevarchim Services.....9:00AM

Shabbat Ends.....6:47PM

Friday, March 16

Mincha/Mariv.....6:45PM

Candle Lighting Time.....6:45PM

Saturday, March 17

Parashiot Vayikra/Ha Chodesh

Shabbat Rosh Chodesh Services.....9:00AM

Shabbat Ends.....7:54PM

Friday, March 23

Mincha/Maariv.....6:45PM

Candle Lighting Time.....6:52PM

Saturday, March 24

Parashat Tzav

Shabbat HaGadol Services.....9:00AM

Shabbat Ends.....8:02PM

PASSOVER

Thursday, March 29

Search for Chametz.....After 8:30PM

Friday, March 30-Erev Pesach

Fast of the First Born Services.....7:45AM

Latest Time for Eating Chametz until 10:30AM

Latest Time for Annuling Chametz.....11:43AM

Candle Lighting-First Evening of Passover.....6:59PM

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

Saturday, March 31

First Day Passover Services.....9:00AM

Saturday, March 31

Candle Lighting-Second Evening of Passover.....8:09PM

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

Sunday, April 1

Second Day Passover Services.....9:00AM

Festival Ends.....8:10PM

Thursday April 5

Mincha/Maariv

Seventh Evening of Passover Services.....7:00PM

Candle Lighting Time.....7:06PM

Friday, April 6

Seventh Day of Passover Services.....9:00AM

Friday, April 6

Mincha/Maariv

Eighth Evening of Passover Services.....7:00PM

Candle Lighting Time.....7:07PM

Saturday, April 7

Eighth Day of Passover Services.....9:00AM

Yizkor10:45AM

Festival Ends.....8:16PM

Friday, April 13

Mincha/Maariv.....7:00PM

Candle Lighting Time.....7:14PM

Saturday, April 14

Parashat Shemeni

Shabbat Mevarchim Services.....9:00AM

Shabbat Ends.....8:24PM

Friday, April 20

Mincha/Maariv.....7:00PM

Candle Lighting Time.....7:21PM

Saturday, April 21

Parashiot Tazria-M'tzora

Shabbat Services9:00AM

Shabbat Ends.....8:31PM

Friday, April 27

Mincha/Maariv.....7:00PM

Candle Lighting Time.....7:29PM

Saturday, April 28

Parashiot Acharei-Kedoshim

Shabbat Services.....9:00AM

Shabbat Ends.....8:38PM

New York City
Attention Snowbirds



Don't forget to let the office know when you will be returning to NY so you will be assured of getting your mail here, not in Florida.

DON'T
FORGET



Daylight Savings Time
begins on
Sunday, March 11th.



Thank You

To: Rabbi Solomon for sponsoring a Kiddush in honor of his beloved mother Sarah, on Saturday, January 20. Following Kiddush he delivered a memorial lecture on the Afterlife and How to Get There.

To: Efraim Klamka for sponsoring a Kiddush in memory of his dear wife Ann, on February 10th.

To: Gustav Hirschhorn for sponsoring a Kiddush in memory of his dear wife Clara, on February 17. We also extend our thanks to the Mandel and Hirschhorn Families.

New Members

Welcome to Gustav Hirschhorn who just joined our synagogue.

Mazel Tov

To : Gertie and Werner Isaac on the birth of their 3rd great grandchild, Zach Isaac Strunk, born on January 28th.

Condolences

To: Judith Bloom who recently lost her mother.

To: The family of Eli Kantor, who joined us from Queensboro Jewish Center.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to our First Vice President, Stuart Harvey Cohen, on the loss of his beloved Mother, Selma.

Get Well Soon

To: Sylvia Udasin; we wish her a speedy recovery.

To: Rosalie Weiner who is continuing to improve. She is rehabilitating at Stern and can be reached at (516) 684-6264.

TuB'Sh"vat, the "new year of the trees" was celebrated on Saturday, January 20, when we blessed dry fruit & nuts for this occasion. Falafels, pasta, Mediterranean salad, vegetarian cholent and many different types of salads, as well as dessert were served. It was truly an enjoyable afternoon.

SPECIAL KIDDUSH

On Shabbat January 13, our congregation had a special kiddush luncheon to honor Rabbi Mordecai Efron, of blessed memory, who passed away the previous month at the age of 95. His favorite foods were served, especially Vegetarian Cholent!

Rabbi Efron was an active participant in our congregation for over 15 years and was loved and respected by all who knew him.

In attendance was his son, Steven. Several congregants who spoke after the meal shared fond memories of the rabbi. Speakers included Rabbi Gerald Solomon, Cantor Aaron Katz, Michael Silver, Sandra Schwadron, Marcia Federman, Judy Katz & Leslie Biscardi.



Rabbi's Class
Mondays:
March : 5, 12, 19, 26
April: 9 16

Subject: Basic Judaism.

A six week study of the basic beliefs of Judaism involving discussions on God, Prayer, Shabbat, the Synagogue, Kashrut, Holidays and more.

Time: 10:30 AM- 12 NOON

After class there will be a light luncheon.

Rabbi's Class
Wednesdays:
March: 7, 14, 21, 28
April: 11, 18



Subject: God, the Jews and History **12th installment**

Topics for Discussion

Rise of the Greek Empire, Hellenism, Greek Inhumanity, Alexander the Great, The Greeks vs The Jews , When Worlds Collide, Jew vs Jew, Forced Hellenization

Time: 10:30 AM-12 NOON

After class there will be a light luncheon.



Sisterhood News

SISTERHOOD

We look forward to meeting and greeting all our members as the Spring season starts.

The next book club meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2018 at 10:30 AM. Book to be discussed is “When We Were Sisters”, by Emilie Richards.

The April book club meeting is on April 26th. Book is “The Rent Collector” by Cameron Wright.

Important note for all Sisterhood Board Members: A meeting of the Board will take place on March 22nd following the book club. Please make every effort to attend so that we can get the important work of Sisterhood started for the new season.

Save the dates: April 19th, celebration of Israel Independence Day Luncheon. (Watch for Flyer and respond promptly).

May 17th, Sisterhood Board and Luncheon followed by program, June 14th, Sisterhood Board meeting luncheon and program.

The Tuesday morning exercise class continues and would welcome more participants. Come and give it a try, it is easy and healthy.

Cards are available from the Center office for all occasions, proceeds going to the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Hope to see all our members soon!

Joan and Marilyn, Sisterhood Co-Presidents



Join us to celebrate Israel's 70th birthday on Thursday, April 19, 2018.

Live entertainment by Naomi Zeitlin.

Buffet Luncheon consisting of Israeli and Italian foods.

Time: 12:30pm

Cost per person \$30.00

WATCH OUT FOR THE FLYER



Rabbi's Message

Dear Friends,

As we near the midway point of the Jewish calendar year, I am given to the thoughts we had at the beginning of the year, namely that we still carry with us the messages the High Holy Days conveyed almost a half year ago. I think specifically about the tenuous nature of life and our personal and communal Jewish lives. What will be our destiny individually and collectively? We affirmed on the Holy Days that we alone, through our own actions, determine our own destinies, realizing that we are expected by our Creator to accomplish good while shunning evil, a great task whose fulfillment is not without its risks.

A colleague shares the wisdom as follows:

- *No relationship can be established, be nurtured and come to full fruition without emotional risk.*
- *We cannot repent and atone without risk.*
- *We cannot contemplate the trajectory of our own lives without risk.*
- *We cannot enter into the world of prayer or into a conversation with God without risk.*
- *We cannot give part of ourselves, our time, our resources and money without risk.*
- *We cannot serve our Jewish community, our synagogue and our neighbors without risk.*
- *We cannot fight for a better world, deeper connection and greater vision without risk.*

To accomplish something meaningful in life we are reminded that taking risks is often necessary.

*Marriage is a “leap of faith.” How the relationship will turn out is unknown from the start. Its success is dependent on day to day diligent involvement. Initial feelings toward one’s selected spouse must be monitored and adjusted as couples proceed down the aisle of life. Hope, prayer and a positive outlook can help to assure success.

*To repent and atone implies “making serious changes” in one’s life. A possible result could be a change in friendships, a change in lifestyle and even a change in marital status. Hope, prayer and a positive outlook can help to assure success.

*The direction of our lives may change slightly or even radically as a result of our desire to make constructive, positive changes. Again we risk losing, but being optimistic may well assure success.

*Prayer and developing a “real relationship with God” can happen easily if one stays with the conversation and doesn’t merely offer words but heartfelt prayers. Recognizing God as real instead of as an abstract concept is a prerequisite for success. One must be absolutely convinced of the realness of God, if one wants serious improvement in his/her life.

*Giving oneself, one’s time, one’s resources and one’s money, we presume, often, will bring the desired result. We always must accept the risk that our gifts and efforts may not succeed as desired. Life is filled with complications. We believe it is far better to at least have made the effort as a “good effort” is never a waste.

*Serving the synagogue, the community, our neighbors and the world as a whole comes with many risks, but they are risks certainly worth taking. We are mandated to “occupy ourselves” with the needs of the community. Blessings will result from simply occupying ourselves with its needs. We may well succeed in our efforts, but even if we fail, we will be blessed for the “occupying.”

At this midpoint of the year, it also might be worth remembering the great rule of the Torah: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The teaching: You can only truly love another person if you do not begrudge them; if you bear them no ill will and if you harbor no resentment. The Mishnah Bereshith Rabbah 54:3 corroborates: “A love without reprimand is no love.” Resh Lakish commented: “Reprimand leads to peace. A peace where there has been no reprimand is no peace.”

Maimonides taught: “When a person sins against another, the injured party should not hate the offender in deep silence. But it is that person’s duty to inform the offender: “Why did you do this to me? Why did you sin against me in this manner? . . . If the offender repents and asks sincerely for forgiveness, the offender should be forgiven.”

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and kosher Passover as well as a zeesen Pesach.

Rabbi Gerald M. Solomon

FOR YOUR INFORMATION - FROM THE RABBI

*“Our message to Iran: The era of your immunity while you send others and use your national resources to hurt Israel is over. A rocket from Lebanon will be treated like an Iranian rocket. We will not waste our resources and energy fighting in Lebanese towns while you recline your chair and watch. We will also not sit idly and watch the accumulation of accurate missiles in Lebanon. Between 2006 and 2012, Hezbollah made a massive leap in the quantities of its rockets, and now has over 130,000. We will not allow it to make a qualitative leap. This strategy means Iran, the Quds Force and the host countries will pay a price. I believe adopting the ‘octopus doctrine,’ the core of which is acting against the Quds Forces and Iran while weakening Iran’s hold on Lebanon, Syria and Gaza, has the highest chances of preventing war, or shortening it if it breaks out.” — Israeli Security Cabinet Member Naftali Bennett. Bennett said that for 30 years Israel made a mistake of targeting what he called “tentacles” but not “the octopus.” (Jerusalem Post, Jan. 31, 2018)

- "It is important that the Poles, and others who may follow their lead, know that the Jewish people's historical truth is not for sale. Many Poles and others heard, knew, and assisted the Nazi killing machine. The Polish attempt to rewrite history and silence the Holocaust survivors is an affront. It is despicable and it is shocking. We won't allow the accomplices hide behind the Nazis and evade their historical culpability." — Zionist Union MK Itzik Shmuli. MKs from both the coalition and the opposition backed a proposed amendment to Israel's Denial of Holocaust (Prohibition) Law, in a bid to outlaw denying or downplaying the involvement of Nazi helpers and collaborators in the crimes of the Holocaust. 61 MKs signed the proposal, authored by Shmuli. (Israel Hayom, Feb. 1, 2018)

*"The main point of the law is the public discourse. It is trying to prevent education, investigative journalism, interviews, radio discussions about parts of the Polish nation, parts of the Polish people who did terrible things. Certainly it was not the whole Polish nation by any means, but there were people who did terrible things and all that needs to be discussed." — **David Silberklang, historian at the International Institute for Holocaust Research and editor of Yad Vashem Studies.** Polish President Andrzej Duda signed into a law a controversial Holocaust bill that criminalizes ascribing blame for crimes committed by Nazi Germany to Poland, including use of the term "Polish death camp." Penalties range from a fine to three years in jail. Silberklang said that most scholars support the idea not to use the term "Polish death camps." But he warned the legislation is aimed at promoting a specific narrative of Polish history during the Holocaust — something he called "very problematic." (USA Today, Feb. 6, 2018)

***POLAND CANCELS VISIT BY BENNETT** (Warsaw) — Poland canceled a visit by Education Minister Naftali Bennett after the latter said he would use the trip to tell Poles “the truth” about their complicity in the Holocaust. “The government of Poland canceled my visit, because I mentioned the crimes of its people. I am honored. The blood of Polish Jews cries from the ground, and no law will silence it,” he said. Hours earlier, Bennett’s office had announced that he would be making an official visit amid strained ties between Jerusalem and Warsaw over a bill that criminalizes blaming the Polish nation for Holocaust atrocities committed in the country. (Times of Israel, Feb. 5, 2018)

***US TROOPS ARRIVE FOR DRILL SIMULATING MASSIVE ATTACK ON ISRAEL** (Jerusalem) — US forces are deploying in Israel ahead of a large-scale joint Israel-US military exercise which will simulate a major conflict in which Israel is attacked with thousands of missiles. The biennial Juniper Cobra military exercise, which is being held for the ninth time, will take place amid an escalation of rhetoric between Israel and the Hezbollah terrorist group in southern Lebanon, which is believed to have an arsenal of between 100,000 and 150,000 missiles and some 50,000 soldiers, including reservists. The Iranian-backed Hezbollah has reportedly been threatening to open fire at IDF soldiers if Israel does not halt the construction of a barrier it is building along the Israel-Lebanon border. (Times of Israel, Jan. 31, 2018)



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March 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<div> On-Going Low-Impact Chair Exer- cise Class Tuesdays 11 to Noon </div>		1 14 <i>Adar</i> Purim <i>Shacharit & Megillah at 8:30AM</i>	2 15  5:29PM	3 16 Parashat Ki Tissa <i>Ends: 6:39PM</i>
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April 2018

Nissan/Iyar 5778

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 16 Nissan 2nd Day of Passover Festival Ends: 8:10PM	2 17 3rd Day of Passover	3 18 4th Day of Passover	4 19 5th Day of Passover	5 20 6th Day of Passover  7:06PM	6 21 7th Day of Passover  7:07PM	7 22 8th Day of Passover YIZKOR 10:45AM Festival Ends: 8:16PM
8 23	9 24 Rabbi's Classes Basic Judaism	10 25	11 26 Rabbi's Classes God, the Jews and History	12 27	13 28  7:14PM	14 29 Parashat Shemini Ends: 8:24PM
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