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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

ROSH HASHANAH 5774

Wednesday, Sept. 4 - Erev Rosh Hashanah - Mincha/Maariv - High Holy Day Services.....	7:00P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....	7:06P.M.
Thursday, Sept. 5 - First Day Rosh Hashanah - High Holy Day Services.....	8:00A.M.
Mincha/Maariv.....	7:00P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....	8:13P.M.
Friday, Sept. 6 - Second Day Rosh Hashanah - High Holy Day Services.....	8:00A.M.

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, Sept. 6 - Mincha/Maariv.....	7:00P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....	7:03P.M.
Saturday, Sept. 7 - Parashat Haazinu - Shabbat Shuvah Services.....	9:00A.M.
Shabbat Ends.....	8:10P.M.

YOM KIPPUR

Friday, Sept. 13 - Erev Yom Kippur - Mincha.....	6:45P.M.
Official Candle Lighting Time.....	6:51P.M.
Kol Nidre/Maariv.....	7:00P.M.
Saturday, Sept. 14 - Yom Kippur - Shacharit.....	8:30A.M.
Yizkor.....	12:00P.M.
Mincha.....	5:15P.M.
Neilah.....	6:45P.M.
Maariv/Havdalah/Shofar.....	7:58P.M.

SUKKOT

Wednesday, Sept. 18 - Erev Sukkot - Mincha/Maariv.....	6:30P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....	6:43P.M.
Thursday, Sept. 19 - First Day Sukkot - Festival Services.....	9:00A.M.
Mincha/Maariv.....	T.B.A.
Candle Lighting Time.....	7:49P.M.
Friday, Sept. 20 - Second Day Sukkot - Festival Services.....	9:00A.M.
Erev Shabbat Chol Ha-Moed - Mincha/Maariv	6:30P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....	6:39P.M.
Saturday, Sept. 21 - Shabbat Chol Ha-Moed Services.....	9:00A.M.
Shabbat Ends.....	7:46P.M.
Wednesday, Sept. 25 - Hoshannah Rabbah - Shacharit Services.....	7:00A.M.
Mincha/Maariv - Shemini Atzereth	6:30P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....	6:31P.M.
Thursday, Sept. 26 - Shemini Atzereth Festival Services.....	9:00A.M.
Yizkor Memorial Services.....	10:45A.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....	7:38P.M.
Simchat Torah - Maariv/Hakafot.....	7:30P.M.
Friday, Sept. 27 - Simchat Torah/Hakafot - Festival Services.....	9:00A.M.
Mincha/Maariv.....	6:15P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....	6:27P.M.
Saturday, Sept. 28 - Parashat Bereishith - Shabbat Mevarchim Services.....	9:00A.M.
Shabbat Ends.....	7:34P.M.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Friday, Oct.4 - First Day Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan -
Mincha/Maariv.....6:15P.M.

Candle Lighting Time.....6:16P.M.

Saturday, Oct. 5 - Parashat Noach - Second Day Rosh
Chodesh Cheshvan Shabbat Services.....9:00A.M.
Shabbat Ends.....7:23P.M.

Friday, Oct.11

Mincha/Maariv.....6:00P.M.

Candle Lighting Time.....6:04P.M.

Saturday, Oct. 12 - Parashat Lech Lecha
Shabbat Services.....9:00A.M.
Shabbat Ends.....7:12P.M.

Friday, Oct.18

Mincha/Maariv.....5:45P.M.

Candle Lighting Time.....5:54P.M.

Saturday, Oct. 19 - Parashat Vayera
Shabbat Services.....9:00A.M.
Shabbat Ends.....7:01P.M.

Friday, Oct.25

Mincha/Maariv.....5:45P.M.

Candle Lighting Time.....5:44P.M.

Saturday, Oct. 26 - Parashat Chayei Sarah
Shabbat Services.....9:00A.M.
Shabbat Ends.....6:51P.M.

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CENTER NEWS

A lot has been going on to increase security at FFMJC.

New outside lighting has been installed on the roof that provides much needed illumination around the whole building.

CCTV cameras have been installed at all the entrances of the buildings and the images can be viewed on a TV monitor either in the Center office or from a remote TV.

During the High Holiday Services a security guard will be stationed as usual at the front door.

We were pleasantly surprised by an unexpected visit by Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, Chief Rabbi of Efrat, Israel. Rabbi Riskin was once the youth leader of our Hebrew School Junior Congregation. He was paying a nostalgic visit to where he spent part of his youth, before returning to Israel.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Naomi Berlot

Rochelle Kane

Michael Silver

Lynne Spinelli

Morton and Sylvia Stern

Michael Krutoy

Emanuel Mastonoy

CONDOLENCES

Sidney Weber and family on the loss of their beloved wife and mother **Marion Weber**.

Naomi Berlot on the loss of her beloved son.

David Nagan on the passing of his dear sister Yael

To the family of **Hermance (Dutchy) Newhouse**.

To the family of **Bella Champan**.

The Officers and Board of Trustees
of Flushing-Fresh Meadows Jewish
Center would like to wish all a
Happy, Healthy New Year.



RABBI'S MESSAGE

When civilized nations fail to rise up against the Jew-haters in their midst, it is often just a matter of time before the Jew-haters in their midst rise up against them.

I wish I had better news to report on this eve of the new year. The topic which festers in my mind is none other than the current rise of anti-Semitism in Europe. Recently I came across an article entitled *The Cancer of Anti-Semitism in Europe* by Jeff Jacoby, a columnist for the Boston Globe. He has been reporting about anti-Semitic activity in Europe for quite some time.

About ten years ago he wrote that "Jews, are the canary in the coal mine of civilization. When they become the objects of savagery and hate, it means the air has been poisoned and an explosion is soon to come."

At that time, he states "much of official Europe resented the attention being paid to the return of anti-Jewish hatred to the continent where 6 million Jews were murdered between 1938 and 1945. The French president at the time, Jacques Chirac, admonished: 'Stop saying that there is anti-Semitism in France. . . There is no anti-Semitism in France.'" He told the president of Israel at the time that he would be "uncompromising" in "rooting out anti-Semitism." Notwithstanding, the Cancer of anti-Semitism spreads.

Ten years later France and European officialdom take anti-Semitism much more seriously. Attacks on Jews and Jewish property are, says Jacoby, the work of Muslim immigrants from the Middle East. At a recent conference in Brussels, the European Commission president, Romano Prodi did, in fact acknowledge that there are "vestiges of the historical anti-Semitism" in Europe today. **Jacoby reports:**

"*At the University of Geneva, a Jewish researcher wearing a small Star of David necklace was attacked in a campus elevator by Arab students. When she reported the attack, she was told not to wear the necklace in public.

*In Hasselt, Belgium, Muslim fans at a soccer match between the Israeli and Belgian national teams waved Hamas and Hezbollah banners, and chanted: 'Jews to the gas chambers!' and 'Strangle the Jews!'

*The British Political Cartoon Society awarded first prize in its annual competition to a cartoon in depicting a gigantic, naked Ariel Sharon biting off the head of an Arab baby. 'What's wrong,' reads the caption, 'you've never seen a politician kissing a baby?'

*In Germany, scores of Jewish graves and Holocaust memorials have been defaced. At the cemetery in Beeskow, for example, 'Heil Hitler' and 'C__p on the six million lie' were painted on gravestones. At Langenstein-Zwieberge, a sub-camp of the notorious Buchenwald concentration camp, vandals plastered the walls with copies of anti-Semitic Third Reich newspapers.

*According to a poll conducted by the European Union last fall, 59 percent of EU citizens identify Israel as the world's greatest threat to peace -- ahead of Iran, Iraq, and North Korea. In December, millions of Europeans with satellite TV reception were able to watch 'Al-Shatat,' a Syrian film that portrayed Jews as blood-drinking monsters who conspire to rule the world *In a leading Greek newspaper, a journalist wrote that the Jews 'have vindicated the persecutions of the Nazis. . . . They deserved such an executioner [as Hitler] since they proved to be murderers themselves.' At a televised reception to mark the publication of his memoirs, Mikis Theodorakis, the composer of 'Zorba the Greek,' denounced Jews. 'These little people are the root of evil,' he told an audience that included two cabinet members -- neither of whom reacted to his antisemitic outburst.

*The hatred has been most palpable in France. There have been so many attacks on Jews in recent months that the chief rabbi has urged religious boys and men to wear baseball caps instead of yarmulkes outside their homes. In November, a newly-built wing of the Merkaz Hatorah school outside Paris was gutted by arson. Last week, in a newspaper column headlined 'Jewish children are in danger,' six French scientists described recent episodes of anti-Semitic violence in Parisian schools. In one of them, a girl was thrown to the ground and beaten by 20 students, who were yelling, 'Dirty Jew! Dirty Jew!'"

The Anti Defamation League presents statistics for their anti-Semitic findings: They recently stated the following: "The resurgence of anti-Semitism in Europe, both from traditional sources and virulent new strains, also remains a pressing concern for Jews. and revealed that anti-Semitism is rising in many countries on the continent, reminding us yet again of the need for government, religious and community leaders to speak out against all manifestations of anti-Jewish hate, and to redouble our efforts to educate against bigotry and prejudice."

OUR MISSION: In addition to the preceding guidance, we need to remember and reaffirm at this High Holy Day season, the following: As long as we follow the

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guidance of the Torah in our lives, holding its banner up high, we are guaranteed survival. It is the quality of Jewish living based on Torah teachings (G-d's gift to us) that has carried us, not our numerical strength or military prowess. In the words of the Talmud, "The People that is tired out by intensive Torah study will not be delivered into the hands of her oppressor." (Sanhedrin 94b)

Best wishes to all for a blessed year in 5774 - Shanah Tovah!

Rabbi Gerald M. Solomon

GIVE THE PEACE PROCESS A CHANCE

David Harris -August 12, 2013

There's no shortage of cynicism and skepticism about the restarted, U.S.-facilitated Israeli-Palestinian peace process. The questions come fast and furious:

Why, of all times, now, when the Middle East is in upheaval and its future course is anyone's guess? What's the American obsession with this issue, when Iran, Russia, Syria, Egypt, North Korea, and China all cry out for greater U.S. attention? Who's ready to believe the Palestinian Authority is any more willing today than yesterday to engage in serious, purposeful talks? How can anyone discuss a two-state deal when Gaza is in the hands of Hamas? Is Prime Minister Netanyahu, rhetoric apart, really serious about an agreement? And are the Israeli people likely to overcome doubts about Palestinian intentions to support a deal that would entail major sacrifices and risks – indeed, already has in the form of the upcoming, and highly contentious, release of convicted Palestinian murderers (and which, by the way, should be sufficient to answer the previous question)?

These concerns mustn't be dismissed out-of-hand, but there's more to the story – and it leads to the conclusion that the talks are worth pursuing. No, I don't say this, as some have suggested, to curry favor with the Obama Administration, nor to receive more invitations to the White House Chanukah party, nor to get a pat on the shoulder from Secretary of State John Kerry. And no, I haven't succumbed to the fantasy of those on the left who believe a Middle East Woodstock is just around the corner. Not at all!

Rather, I do so for three reasons. First, for friends of Israel, the status quo may seem sustainable. In reality, it's not. True, the Israeli economy continues to perform wonders. The IDF is at peak strength. Acts of terrorism against Israelis have been far fewer in recent months. And Israeli life is humming in a way that few on the outside, reliant on the media for their images, could ever

fully appreciate.

But where does this lead? Will the Palestinians disappear? Will their demands evaporate or end up on a back burner? Will the world, led in this case by the European Union and the automatic majority in the UN, one day stop their relentless preoccupation with the Palestinians? Will the U.S. always be there to stand up for Israeli policy, even if Washington considers it short-sighted and self-defeating? In other words, would Israel, assuming it wanted to, be able to retain control of the West Bank well into the distant future without taking account of some serious consequences?

For Israel to remain a democratic and Jewish state, it is in Israel's national interest to seek a way to disentangle itself from rule over as many Palestinians as possible. Yes, Israel came into possession of the West Bank in a defensive war in 1967 and, had it not been the victor, the country could well have faced annihilation. And yes, the West Bank is the cradle of Jewish civilization. But that doesn't end the argument. Rather, it underscores the need for extraordinarily careful attention to security arrangements in any two-state deal and solid guarantees for Israeli access to Jewish holy sites.

Second, I've long believed – and, as a result, locked horns with some on the left – that if a two-state deal is to be achieved, it's best done by a hard-nosed, right-of-center Israeli leader with impeccable security credentials. That's precisely the case in Israel today.

The shrill critics of a revitalized peace process seem to have forgotten that the talks are led on the Israeli side by Benjamin Netanyahu, and supported by such top officials as Moshe Ya'alon, the defense minister and former IDF chief of staff, and Tzipi Livni, the justice minister with the Likud Party and Mossad in her résumé. The critics may not now trust them, but then again they wouldn't trust anyone who dared to negotiate. There will always be the rash accusations that the leaders "sold out," or "yielded to inordinate U.S. pressure," or "are seeking the Nobel Peace Prize."

Netanyahu, Ya'alon, Livni and others have had one overarching, life-long goal – ensuring the security and viability of Israel as the national homeland of the Jewish people. They know no less well than their critics on the right the immense difficulties confronting them in pursuing this aim – from ongoing Palestinian incitement and glorification of terrorists, to profound questions about the regional environment, to concerns about the viability of a future "democratic" and "demilitarized" Palestinian state.

Have they suddenly turned fuzzy-headed, weak-kneed, or naïve about the challenge before them? No. Rather, they have reached the stark conclusion that the status quo is not in Israel's long-term interest – and that choices in life are not always between "good" and "bad," but, as often as not, between "bad" and "worse."

And third, the chorus of right-wing critics ascribes to the United States malign motives, suggesting this process is sparked by an "unfriendly" President Obama who wants to "damage" Israel in his effort to "reorient" U.S. foreign policy.

I don't buy the argument. And I don't say so as a partisan, since I'm most assuredly not. What does it take to convince the doubters that there's good will on the American side? Probably nothing will work, but, despite some early missteps by the Obama administration, there's some pretty compelling evidence here – the bilateral military, strategic, and intelligence relationship has never been stronger, as knowledgeable Israelis will attest; the U.S. has stood up for Israel time and again, often alone, at the UN; and Secretary Kerry's voting record over his long Senate career is a matter of public record.

Finally, let me frame the issue another way. Israel must never hesitate to show up at any serious negotiating table. It does so today from a position of remarkable strength. It cannot be bullied into making a deal potentially injurious to the country's security. It has a powerful friend in the United States. And, yes, it is driven by the age-old Jewish yearning for enduring peace.

If the Palestinians once again prove they are unwilling partners, as they did in 2000-1 and again in 2008, let the world see who torpedoed a potential deal.

Sure, there's that enabling pro-Palestinian community – diplomats, journalists, "human rights" activists, entertainers – who are willfully blind, for whom the problem always has been and will be Israel, but others will figure it out. And if, miracle of miracles, the Palestinian leadership actually turns out to be a credible partner this time, then, of course, all the more reason to try.

So, let's give the peace process a chance.



Give the Peace Process a Chance: Part Two

David Harris - August 15, 2013

After recently publishing "Give the Peace Process a Chance," quite a few comments came my way – some highly critical. They were from the left and right, once again giving me the joy of being the target of both political poles. The criticism from the left boils down to three main points.

First, "Israel is not interested in peace." To which I say, rubbish!

No country anywhere is more interested in peace. Israel's goal from day one, against the backdrop of relentless persecution of Jews in Europe and across North Africa and the Middle East, has been peaceful coexistence with neighboring states. But it takes two to tango, and, with only a few notable exceptions since 1948, the dance partner has been missing.

Israel is perhaps the only country that, victorious in wars it did not seek, has ceded acquired land in the hope of advancing peace. Witness the treaties with Egypt and Jordan, not to mention the unilateral withdrawals from Gaza and southern Lebanon.

Really?

Isn't he the very same prime minister who, unlike his predecessors, agreed to a ten-month freeze on settlement building as a confidence-building gesture, only to be confronted by a Palestinian leadership that was AWOL? And didn't he defy up to 90 percent of the Israeli public who were opposed to releasing Palestinian prisoners with blood on their hands – the blood of Israeli children and Holocaust survivors – by handing over 26 convicted terrorists this week, with another 78 to go?

And didn't he take this step not at the end of talks with the Palestinians, but rather before they even began, in order to show the degree of his commitment? Does anyone think this was an easy decision for Netanyahu? If so, think again. Indeed, ask yourself how many other world leaders would act similarly. The answer, I'd say, is few to none.

Actually, this wasn't a surprise. As U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry confirmed, the Israeli leader was up front about his intentions. Both the Americans and Palestinians knew about it in advance. And, as Kerry stressed, the move does not change the peace map. The building will take place in areas that all sides know will remain in Israeli hands, should there be a two-state deal.

Sure, the Palestinians are railing against the move in public, but it's a show for their own constituency. And speaking of constituencies, Palestinian leaders aren't the only ones with a "street" that needs to be taken into account. Israeli leaders also have to think about domestic politics.

And then there are the vocal critics on the right. Their arguments also boil down to three.

Does it then mean that Prime Minister Netanyahu, Defense Minister Ya'alon, and the other Israeli leaders involved – not exactly from the left end of the Israeli political spectrum – are also delusional? Have they simply fallen on their heads because they concluded it's worth exploring, for Israel's sake, if Palestinian calculations, supported by some key actors in the Arab world, have changed, as the U.S. believes might be the case?

The part I don't get is what exactly the critics suggest as an alternative. Is it simply to "hang tough," as if the status quo were infinitely sustainable? Oh, one critic contended, you're giving away a "state secret," namely, that Israel might not endure if things don't change. Nonsense. This subject has been discussed ad infinitum in Israel. Of course, as a strong, resilient nation, it can endure, but doesn't Israel owe itself the obligation to leave no stone unturned in seeing if a partner, absent yesterday, might somehow show up today?

Frankly, if you think Washington can't be trusted, all bets are off. In truth, Israel has no better friend, irrespective of who sits in the Oval Office. The notion that today's America will sell Israel down the river is, frankly, quite absurd. One may or may not be a Democrat – I happen to be non-partisan – but it should be abundantly clear to all but the most jaundiced that the U.S. has, as they say, Israel's back, even as Israel must always be strong enough to defend itself – by itself.

As I wrote in the previous piece, of course there's a global chorus that will blame Israel no matter what. This goes without saying. They don't like Israel, period. Many of them don't want Israel to exist. Their outlook is on automatic pilot, at least where Israel is concerned.

But there are others eminently capable of thinking for themselves and seeing the facts as they are. Bill Clinton could not have been clearer in assigning blame for the failure of Camp David to Arafat. Read, Clinton's autobiography. The vast majority of the American people have figured it out as well, judging from one poll after another. And even Saudi Prince Bandar, then his country's ambassador in Washington, publicly pointed the finger of responsibility at Arafat.

Sure, many Europeans have a problem separating fact from fantasy when it comes to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and they're not alone. But the truth is the truth, and we can have no stronger weapon. So left-wing and right-wing critics aside, there's a tiny glimmer of hope now.

The peace talks may or may not go anywhere. There is no shortage of reasons why they could well fail. But we should never be fearful of going the extra mile

in the hope that maybe, just maybe, something has changed – that, against all the odds, progress can be achieved.

After all, aren't we commanded to be "seekers of peace"?

- Andrea Levin (*Boston Globe*)

*As renewed negotiations get underway between Israelis and Palestinians, it's vital for the success of the endeavor to identify what went wrong in earlier discussions.

*Secretary of State John Kerry wisely stressed on July 30 the central aim of "ending the conflict" and the "end of claims" against Israel. These are basic tenets of any rational definition of peace and would mean, finally, the end of the drive to remove the Jewish state.

*They would mean genuine acceptance by Palestinian Arabs of the sovereign rights of a Jewish nation in what is an overwhelmingly Muslim-dominated region.

*Yet the Palestinian leadership over the two decades since the signing of the landmark Oslo Accords in 1993 has failed to prepare the Palestinian people for peace with their Jewish neighbors.

*Official Palestinian media regularly glorify terrorist violence, deny Jewish ties to the Land of Israel, denigrate Jews in crude stereotypes, vow expulsion of the Jews, and claim all the territory between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea as Palestine.

*The cycle of indoctrination and violence cannot be broken without the Palestinians' own leadership acting to halt the hatred and declare clearly in Arabic to Arab audiences that Israel and its people have a rightful place in the Middle East.

(The writer is executive director and president of CAMERA, Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America.)

* - Frida Ghitis (*The Atlantic*)

Israel's enemies have, for the moment, set aside the obsessive attention they normally expend on the Jewish state and have focused on more urgent mat-

ters of revolution and civil war. Israel is the quietest, most stable, safest country in the region. For its foes, Israel is a secondary issue right now. That provides a measure of security, however temporary. The shape, attitude, and ideology of the Arab states that will emerge in the coming years is unknowable today. Syria, which holds massive stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons, may come apart. It could become a failed state, with *jihadi* enclaves dominated by ideologues with sharply anti-Western, anti-Israel views, just across the border. Hizbullah continues to desire Israel's destruction, Egypt is still in play, and Jordan is hardly a sea of tranquility. Israel's greatest security worry, however, lies in Iran. Uranium-enriching Iran may have just bought itself more time to move ahead with its banned program.

*** - Michel Gurfinkiel (*Mosaic*)**

European Judaism *looks* healthy and secure. Religious and cultural activities are everywhere on the rise. Many European capitals now harbor major Jewish museums or Holocaust memorials. Yet, despite all their success and achievement, the majority of European Jews, seconded by many Jewish and non-Jewish experts, insist that catastrophe may lie ahead.

A large-scale survey commissioned by the EU's Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) tells a tale of widespread and persistent anti-Semitism. More than one in four Jews report experiencing anti-Semitic harassment at least once in the twelve months preceding the survey; and between two-fifths and one-half in France, Belgium, and Hungary have considered emigrating because they feel unsafe. In France, since 2000, 7,650 anti-Semitic incidents have been reliably reported. All over Europe, with exceptions here and there, the story is much the same.

Robert Wistrich of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, author of definitive works on the history and dynamics of anti-Semitism, has concluded that although the final endpoint of European Jewry may be decades in coming, "any clear-sighted and sensible Jew who has a sense of history would understand that this is the time to get out." (*The writer is the founder and president of the Jean-Jacques Rousseau Institute in Paris.*)

SISTERHOOD

It was great to see all our friends at the "Keep-In-Touch" luncheon. We are truly a family and a Sisterhood. We now look forward to the holidays. Our lunch in the Succah will be held on Monday, September 23 and Tuesday, September 24th. Watch for the details.

The next Sisterhood lunch and program will be on October 24th.

There will be no book club discussion in September. The October book will be "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury, to be held on October 31st at 10:30 AM. All are welcome to come. The officers and Board of the Sisterhood wish all our members a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Marilyn Brown and Joan Levine, Co-Presidents.

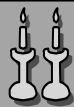

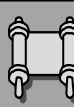




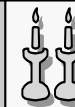

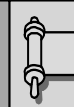





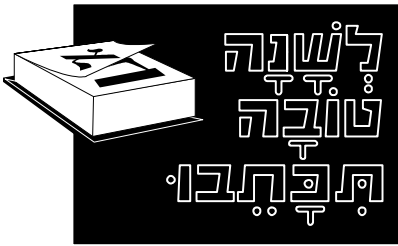









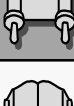





















"The Simcha Cake Project"

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 Simchas were announced at the July 17, 2013 meeting

Sandy Godnick	Happy Birthday to my Grandson
Bette Glasser	A continued good summer to all
Joan Corn	Happy and Healthy New Year to all
Susan Gastman	Happy and Healthy New Year to all
Sylvia Udasin	Hope everyone is having a wonderful summer
Betty Feit	Mazel Tov to my twin Grandsons on their HAFTR HighSchool graduations
Joyce Warshowsky	Healthy New Year to all
Marilyn Brown	Happy Holidays to all
Anita Bernstein	A cool and happy summer to all
Joan Levine	For everyone's good health for the New Year
Rosalie Weiner	A healthy summer to all
Judy Levy	Everyone in our Center should have a swimtastic summer
Lynn Weisel	Happy to be here
Inge Lewkowitz	Good health and happiness to all my children
Gloria Goldsmith	A good summer to all
Elyssa Schnaper	Happy to be here

											
	<div style="text-align: center;">  <h2 style="margin: 0;">New Year's Greetings, 5774</h2>  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"> "May you be blessed with a cornucopia overflowing with a harvest of Maasim Tovim" </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> The following members and their families extend best wishes for the coming New Year to the Congregation of Flushing-Fresh Meadows Jewish Center. </p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%;"> <p><i>Ruby Asher & Family</i></p> <p><i>Ruth Beckman & Family</i></p> <p><i>Inge Berger & Family</i></p> <p><i>Anita Bernstein & Family</i></p> <p><i>Marilyn & Leo Brown</i></p> <p><i>Stuart Cohen</i></p> <p><i>Dr. David Copell</i></p> <p><i>Joan & Larry Corn & Family</i></p> <p><i>Luisa Cvern & Family</i></p> <p><i>Edith Dressler</i></p> <p><i>Irene & Byron Dresner & Family</i></p> <p><i>David End, Carla, Biscuit & Rascal</i></p> <p><i>Rabbi Mordecai Efron</i></p> <p><i>Marsha Federman</i></p> <p><i>Betty & Irving Feit</i></p> <p><i>Mimi & Cy Fishkin</i></p> <p><i>Eleanor & Paul Frommer</i></p> <p><i>Rita Gaber</i></p> <p><i>Susan Gastman & Family</i></p> <p><i>Rita & Manny Gittler & Family</i></p> <p><i>Bette Glasser & Family</i></p> <p><i>Judith Gordon & Family</i></p> <p><i>Eli Kantor</i></p> <p><i>Cantor Aaron Katz</i></p> <p><i>Goldie & Stan Kerstman</i></p> <p><i>Albert & Jacqueline Kimmelsiel & Family</i></p> <p><i>Ephraim Klamka</i></p> <p><i>Shirley Klein & Family</i></p> <p><i>Charlotte Kohn & Family</i></p> <p><i>Howard & Robin Korn</i></p> <p><i>Allan, Paula & Paul Kutner</i></p> <p><i>Ruth Lasky & Family</i></p> <p><i>Joan & Zach Levine</i></p> </div> <div style="width: 48%;"> <p><i>Judy & Walter Levy & Family</i></p> <p><i>Inge Lewkowitz & Family</i></p> <p><i>David & Lisa, Erica Carly Lieberman</i></p> <p><i>Elinor Lonky</i></p> <p><i>Flora Margolin & Family</i></p> <p><i>Rochelle & Robert Mendelow & Family</i></p> <p><i>Ray & Len Mishler & Family</i></p> <p><i>Margot & Manny Nussbaum</i></p> <p><i>Harry Packer & Family</i></p> <p><i>Janet & Richard Pearlmuter</i></p> <p><i>Pearl & Carl Rosenthal & Family</i></p> <p><i>Robert & Elaine Rubin</i></p> <p><i>Jerry Sandell</i></p> <p><i>Sandra Schwadron</i></p> <p><i>The Seeligs</i></p> <p><i>Amiel L. Singer</i></p> <p><i>Rabbi Gerald Solomon</i></p> <p><i>Sylvia Udasin & Family</i></p> <p><i>Joyce & Louis Warshowsky</i></p> <p><i>Ben & Linda, Dina, Kate & Steven Wetchler</i></p> <p><i>Rosalie Weiner</i></p> <p><i>Kathy Galin & Alan Wood</i></p> <p><i>Sam & Ellen Zilka & Family</i></p> </div> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>										
											
											
											
											
											
											
											
											
											
											
											
											
											
											

SEPTEMBER, 2013

ELUL/TISHRI, 5773-5774

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> Labor Day	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> Erev Rosh Hashonah  7:06	<i>5</i> <i>1 Tishri</i> Rosh Hashonah  8:13	<i>6</i> Rosh Hashonah  7:03	<i>7</i> <i>3 Tishri</i> Ha'Azinu <i>Ends 8:10</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre  6:51	<i>14</i> <i>10 Tishri</i> Yom Kippur <i>Ends 7:58</i>
<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> Erev Succoth  6:43	<i>19</i> Succoth  7:49	<i>20</i> Succoth  6:39	<i>21</i> <i>17 Tishri</i> Chol Hamoed Shabbat Services <i>Ends 7:46</i>
<i>22</i> Chol Hamoed Succoth	<i>23</i> Succah Luncheon 12 noon Reservations Req'd	<i>24</i> Succah Luncheon 12 noon Reservations Req'd	<i>25</i> Hoshana Rabba Services: 7:00AM  6:31	<i>26</i> Shemini Atzeres  7:38	<i>27</i> Simchat Torah  6:27	<i>28</i> <i>24 Tishri</i> Bereshit <i>Ends 7:34</i>
<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	Every Tuesday 11:00—Noon Low-Impact Chair Exercise With Certified Fitness Educator				

OCTOBER 2013

TISHRI/CHESHVAN 5774

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Every Tuesday 11:00—Noon Low-Impact Chair Exercise With Certified Fitness Educator	2	3	4 Rosh Chodesh  6:16	5 <i>1 Cheshvan</i> Noach <i>Ends 7:23</i>
6	7	8	9 Rabbi's Class "A History Of the Jews" 10:30 –Noon	10	11  6:04	12 <i>8 Cheshvan</i> Lech Lecha <i>Ends 7:12</i>
13 Testimonial Dessert Reception 1:30-4:30	14	15	16 Rabbi's Class "A History Of the Jews" 10:30 –Noon	17	18  5:54	19 <i>15 Chesvan</i> Vayera <i>Ends 7:01</i>
20 Shirathon 2:00 PM	21	22	23 Rabbi's Class "A History Of the Jews" 10:30 –Noon	24 Sisterhood Meeting and Luncheon 12 noon	25  5:44	26 <i>22 Cheshvan</i> Chayei Sara <i>Ends 6:51</i>
27	28	29	30 Rabbi's Class "A History Of the Jews" 10:30 –Noon	31 Book Club "Fahrenheit 451" By Ray Bradbury 10:30 AM		