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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2011

Friday, Sept. 2 - Mincha/Maariv.....	7:00P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....	7:09P.M.
Saturday, Sept. 3 - Parashat Shoftim - Shabbat Services.....	9:00A.M.
Shabbat Ends.....	8:16P.M.
Friday, Sept. 9 - Mincha/Maariv.....	6:45P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....	6:58P.M.
Saturday, Sept. 10 - Parashat Ki Teitze - Shabbat Services.....	9:00A.M.
Shabbat Ends.....	8:04P.M.
Friday, Sept. 16 - Mincha/Maariv.....	6:45P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....	6:46P.M.
Saturday, Sept. 17 - Parashat Ki Tavo - Shabbat Services.....	9:00A.M.
Shabbat Ends.....	7:52P.M.
Friday, Sept. 23 - Mincha/Maariv.....	6:30P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....	6:34P.M.
Saturday, Sept. 24 - Parshiot Nitzavim/Vayelech - Shabbat Services.....	9:00A.M.
Shabbat Ends.....	7:40P.M.
SELICHOT Collation 8:15P.M.- Program 8:45P.M. - Services	10:00P.M.
ROSH HASHANAH 5772	
Wednesday, Sept. 28 - Erev Rosh Hashanah - Mincha/Maariv - High Holy Day Services.....	6:15P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....	6:26P.M.
Thursday, Sept. 29 - First Day Rosh Hashanah - High Holy Day Services.....	8:00A.M.
Mincha/Maariv.....	6:15P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....	7:32P.M.
Friday, Sept.30 - Second Day Rosh Hashanah - High Holy Day Services.....	8:00A.M.
SHABBAT SHUVAH	
Friday, Sept. 30 - Mincha/Maariv.....	6:15P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....	6:22P.M.
Saturday, Oct. 1- Parashat Haazinu - Shabbat Shuvah Services.....	9:00A.M.
Shabbat Ends.....	7:29P.M.
YOM KIPPUR	
Friday, Oct. 7 - Erev Yom Kippur - Mincha.....	6:00P.M.
Official Candle Lighting Time.....	6:11P.M.
Kol Nidre/Maariv.....	6:15P.M.
Saturday, Oct. 8 - Yom Kippur - Shacharit.....	8:30A.M.
Yizkor.....	12:00P.M.
Mincha.....	4:30P.M.
Neilah.....	7:12 PM
Maariv/Havdalah/Shofar.....	

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES *(continued)*

SUKKOT

Wednesday, Oct. 12

Erev Sukkot - Mincha/Maariv Festival Services.....6:00P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....6:03P.M.

Thursday, Sept. 13 - First Day Sukkot

Festival Services.....9:00A.M.
Mincha/Maariv.....T.B.A.
Candle Lighting Time.....7:05P.M.

Friday, Sept. 14 - Second Day Sukkot

Festival Services.....9:00A.M.
Shabbat Chol Ha-moed Mincha/Maariv.....6:00 P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....6:00 P.M.

Saturday, Oct. 15

Shabbat Chol Ha-Moed Services.....9:00A.M.
Shabbat Ends.....7:02P.M.

Wednesday, Oct. 19 - Hoshannah Rabbah

Shacharit Services.....7:00A.M.
Mincha/Maariv - Shemini Atzereth.....5:45P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....5:52P.M.

Thursday, Oct. 20 - Shemini Atzereth

Festival Services.....9:00A.M.
Yizkor Memorial Services.....10:45A.M.
Simchat Torah - Maariv/Hakafot.....7:30P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....6:55P.M.

Friday, Oct. 21 - Simchat Torah/Hakafot

Festival Services.....9:00A.M.
Mincha/Maariv.....5:45P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....5:49P.M.

Saturday, Oct. 22 - Parashat Bereshith

Shabbat Mevarchim Services.....9:00A.M.
Shabbat Ends.....6:52P.M.

SHABBAT DINNER

Friday, Oct. 28 - Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan

Mincha/Maariv.....5:15P.M.
Candle Lighting Time.....5:39P.M.

Saturday, Oct. 29 - Parashat Noach

Shabbat Services.....9:00A.M.
Shabbat Ends.....6:43P.M.



CENTER NEWS

MAZEL TOV

David Nagan on the Bar-Mitzvah of his son John and thank you for sponsoring the elaborate Kiddush on that day.

Joan and Larry Corn on the Marriage of their granddaughter Tara Corn to Adam Harris.

Joan and Larry Corn on the Bar-Mitzvah of their grandson Ryan Bichoupan.

Leo and Marilyn Brown on the marriage of their granddaughter Gail to John Unger.

THANK YOU

Sam Jaffe and Maxine Marcus for sponsoring a beautiful Kiddush for the Congregation.

CONDOLENCES

Dorothy Lubitz on the passing of her beloved husband George. George was a long time member of Fresh Meadows Jewish Center who could always be counted on to help make up the Minyan at Friday evening Services. He is sorely missed.

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DON'T MISS THESE PROGRAMS

September 7 and 14

Wednesday from 10:30 to noon.
Adult Education Institute continues to discuss " Why the Jews believe that the Messiah has not yet come and how Jews and Christians view the Messiah".

September 10

A Special 911 Memorial Service.
Shabbat morning, during Services.

September 12

Program Committee meeting at 8:00 PM

September 15

Sisterhood Luncheon and Program at 12 Noon

September 22

Sisterhood Book Club will discuss "The Madonnas of Leningrad" by Debra Dean at 10:30 AM

September 24

Selichot Services
Collation at 8:15 PM
Film at 8:45 PM
Services at 10:00 PM

October 17 & 18

Succah Luncheons. Watch for details.

September 21

Wednesday, 10:30to Noon
"Musical Prelude to the High Holidays" with Rabbi Solomon and Cantor Katz.

October 27

Sisterhood Book Club will discuss "Winter Garden"
By Kristin Hannah at 10:30 AM

October 28

Friday Night Shabbat Dinner.
Watch for details.

Please Note:
The Bulletin will now be published bi-monthly. The next issue will cover November-December 2011.



RABBI'S MESSAGE

THOUGHTS AS WE ENTER THE NEW YEAR

Coming as they do in the months of late September and October, the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot may be better prepared for this year than in most years when they fall in early to mid September. In most years we hear the plaintive cry: But I'm not ready for the holidays, it's too early. My brain is still in summer mode. Not this year. This year, summer will officially be over when the shofar is sounded in the synagogue.

My friends, there is so much to learn and know about the Holy Days, knowledge which we just never seem to have the time in most years to communicate. This year is a rare exception. I urge all of our members and friends this year to avail themselves of a rare opportunity, to learn and thereby be better prepared for these Days of Awe by attending a preparatory session conducted by Cantor Katz and myself on September 21st at 10:30 A.M. and by attending Selichot Services on Saturday evening, September 24th beginning at 8:15 P.M. This year we have the time. That time should not be considered simply as a bonus extension of summer fun in the sun although a little extra time for summer fun is fine. Ideally, we as Jews should think of this extra time as more preparation time for the ensuing Days of Judgment and Atonement.

This is a time of concern on many fronts. We are indeed a world in need of consolation but more importantly we are a world in need of a plan. In fact, we are in need of a number of plans. The world is in need of some good leaders to implement those plans, leaders who are sincerely interested in serving the needs of those they serve and less in serving themselves. We need someone with a good idea to bring about solutions to the problems besetting our world. We Americans and other nations of the world fret over economic matters involving unemployment and possible recession. We worry about many other domestic concerns which directly impact our quality of life. We worry about the growing belief among its enemies that the security of Israel is in jeopardy, that Israel is to blame for the lack of progress in peace negotiations and that Iran continues to rattle its nuclear sabre threat. We worry about the increase in anti-Semitism in Europe and much of the world and whether history could repeat itself. We worry as well about an aging American Jewish community declining in resources, numbers and identity.

We recently read in Parashat Ekev (8/20/11) "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 thank 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 opportunity 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.

We 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 con-

inue 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. 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.

As we commemorate the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy we must think of much more than simply rebuilding the physical structures. Rather this is a time to rebuild our hearts and minds with the notion that we are indeed survivors of this calamity and resolve to approach life itself and every act we do with a renewed sense of humility, caring and compassion. We must seek to rid ourselves of any vestige of hatred and bitterness which would only obstruct our path toward personal and communal healing and to both physical and spiritual rebuilding efforts.

We as a people have known all too well that Jewish survival has been in question numerous times throughout our 4000 year history and 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 as we 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.

As we march down the road to the High Holy Days 5772, 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 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.

SHANAH TOVAH TO ALL - Rabbi Gerald M. Solomon



A PRAYER IN A TIME OF FAMINE

HaZocher Avot, God who remembers our ancestors, remember the cries of those who descended into Egypt to escape famine and walk with the people of Somalia as they journey long miles for sustenance. Spread over them a shelter of peace and keep them safe in their temporary resting places. Watch over your sons and daughters, that they will be safe from attack; watch over your children, that they will escape disease. Grant that they will soon be able to return to their homes. Watch over and strengthen the hands of your messengers who toil on the ground to give aid. Do not allow us, the members of this holy congregation who assemble far away, to harden our hearts. Instead, open our ears so we hear the cries of those in need. Bless us today with the strength to support them in this hour of desperate need, and the endurance in the coming months and years to continue to work alongside them for justice, security and prosperity. *HaShomeah Tfillah*, God who hears prayers, answer this plea, for your children are in great distress.

HaMashiv haruach vHaMorid hagashem, God who causes the wind to blow and the rain to fall, your children cry out to you—"God, God, give us rain!" Send rains of blessing and bounty to our brothers and sisters of the human family in the Horn of Africa whose lives hang in the balance. For their sake and for the memory of those who have already perished from hunger and thirst, do not hold back water. You Who sustain all flesh, please fulfill your words—open your hand to all; do not allow your children on earth to go hungry. "AMEN"

Home Ceremony to Commemorate the Ten Year Anniversary of 9-11

Let us light one candle in memory of the innocents and the heroes of September 11th, and in empathy with the families and friends who ache for them.

And let us light a second candle to symbolize hope. Hope for the safety of America and Israel, of Jews everywhere, indeed, of the entire world. In the warmth of these two flames, let us pray for peace.

In a few weeks we will celebrate Sukkot. Simple, temporary huts, open to the sky, recall the shelters that protected desert wanderers. They remind us how fragile is even the sturdiest building, indeed, life itself.

Protected under God's canopy, the *sukkat shalom*, and inspired by acts of courage and glimpses of our common humanity, we are prepared to face the future's uncertainty with renewed confidence.

Spread over us the shelter of Your peace... Remove the adversary from before us and from behind us, and in the shadow of Your winds shelter us.

Ten years have passed since the events of September 11th. The tragedies sharpened our appreciation for the blessings of our lives and connected us to the lives of others:

...to the aspiring actress whose passions were caring for animals and teaching children through theater;

...to the 28-year-old rookie firefighter who was covering for someone else at his ladder company;

...to the stock trader whose last moments on earth were spent calling home to say, "I love you and tell the kids I love them, too."

These are but a few of the people we honor now as we pause in silence.

1942: TISHA B'AV IN THE WARSAW GHETTO

Larry Domnitch

Arutz Sheva, August 8, 2011

Before the Germans captured the city of Warsaw during the 1939 Blitzkrieg, there were 360,000 Jews in the Polish capital. The Jews were forced into the Warsaw Ghetto, which was established on November 15, 1940.

Disease and starvation claimed many of the ghetto's inhabitants but the population was maintained by the continual influx of Jewish refugees. Warsaw's Jewish population soon reached 460,000. The Jews of the Ghetto initially did not realize that they were being forced into what was a holding pen for the slaughterhouse--Treblinka, the death camp that would destroy eight hundred thousand people, the vast majority of whom were Jews, within the span of a few months.

On July 22, the eve of Tisha B'Av 1942, the death sentence for Warsaw's Jews was issued. In the early morning hours the *Judenrat* was convened and the authorities for 'Resettlement Affairs' ordered the "resettlement in the east of all Jews residing in Warsaw regardless of age and sex." The order called for six thousand Jews per day to be rounded up and deported.

A week before the announcement of the deportations, rumors had already spread in the ghetto. The Jews were gripped with terror. Head of the *Judenrat*, Adam Czerniakow asked the Nazi officials for an explanation, but received nothing but denials. On the 22nd of July, at 7:30 in the morning, Czerniakow, along with the members of the *Judenrat*, were told that the deportations were to begin the next day--Tisha B'Av--and the expulsions would include children.

He immediately understood the gravity of such an order and that his previous cooperation with the Germans was a grievous error. This was an order he refused to sign. The night following the first deportation, he took his own life, leaving the following note, "I am powerless my heart trembles in sorrow and compassion. I can no longer bear all this."

The diary *A Cup of Tears*, by Abraham Lewin, offers the following description of the events that occurred on that day, "Disaster after disaster, misfortune after

misfortune. The small ghetto has been turned out on to the streets.... Rain has been falling all day. Weeping. The Jews are weeping. They are hoping for a miracle. The expulsion is continuing. Buildings are blockaded.”

Chaim Kaplan, in his diary on the Warsaw Ghetto, foresaw the doom that awaited the Jews of Warsaw with the issuance of the decree. He had surmised that the deportations can only be a death sentence and those who deny it, “grasp at straws.” In a July 26 entry, Kaplan wrote, “We, the inhabitants of the Warsaw ghetto are now experiencing the reality. Our good fortune is that our days are numbered--that we shall not have to live long under conditions as these.”

The decree ordered all Jews to be deported except those who worked in German industries or the Judenrat. Over the next nine days 66,701 Jews were deported to Treblinka.

At Treblinka, a sign displayed at the entrance intended to maintain calm stated, “Do not worry about your future.... All of you are headed for the east, to work; while you work, your wives shall take care of your houses. But first you must bathe and your clothes must be cleaned of lice.”

Only moments later, after merciless beatings by SS and Ukrainian guards, the victims were herded into the crematoria.

On July 29, the next round of Warsaw’s deportations began. The SS, along with Latvian and Lithuanian troops, closed off individual blocks and forced people from their homes. Many were shot on the spot; others were savagely beaten. When the crowd’s numbers reached a few thousand, they were herded off to the “Umschlagplatz”--a deportation railway yard, to be transported.

Every morning and evening, the roundups took place. Over the month of August, 142,525 were deported, with 135,120 Jews being sent to Treblinka. By mid August, it was widely understood that “resettlement” was a myth. Enough evidence had already reached the ghetto by witnesses to Nazi atrocities. By October 3, 310,000 Jews were deported, including most members of the Judenrat.

Many were deported on September 21--Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

Hillel Seidman in his diary of the Warsaw Ghetto, wrote in an entry he entitled *The Night of Tears*, “As Night falls I finally reach home, my brain bursting with terrifying images. Crossing our courtyard I notice our small shtiebl. About twenty men sit on upturned benches--it’s Tisha B’Av tonight! Two flickering candles dimly light up the bent heads, with their eyes staring into the far distance, as that heart-rending tune wells up: Eichah.

“The tune that was perhaps first composed at the exile from Jerusalem and has since absorbed the tears of generations. We Jews of Warsaw, sons of those exiles, sit on the ground to mourn our own personal *churban*, the destruction of a major kehillah--the largest and most vigorous in Europe--which resulted from that earlier *churban*. We weep at our fate, a nation without a land, within the grasp of our fiercest enemy and condemned to death. We grieve both for the loss of the *Beis Hamikdash* and the extinction of our lives.”

On Tisha B’Av 1942, the well-organized Nazi killing machine whose horror knew no bounds was set into high gear in the city of Warsaw. Other ghettos would face the same fate.

A chronicler of the Warsaw ghetto, Emanuel Ringelbaum, called the eve of that Tisha B’Av in 1942 “The blackest day in Jewish history in modern times.”



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PURPOSELY SACRIFICING CHILDREN

August 3, 2011 | Eli E. Hertz

Palestinian Arabs Claim they are Ready for Statehood, Reality Tells a Different Story

What kind of a society consciously and purposely sacrifices its own youth for political gain and tactical advantage? Suicide bombers are an escalation of a small-arms war introduced during the first *Intifada* (1987-1993 Palestinian's uprising) and championed by Palestinian leaders, even prior to Arafat's arrival from Tunis in July 1994. Today the overwhelming majority of Palestinian Arabs nurture a blind hatred of Israel. They created a cultural milieu of vengeance, violence and death - preparing their children to be sacrifices in a death cult. Proud parents dress up their toddlers not in clown costumes, but with suicide belts, and countless others celebrate their children's deaths with traditional sweet holiday cakes and candies.

Protecting our children is a universal trait that unites the Family of Man. In Palestinian society, that standard has been turned on its head

Around the world, children are precious gifts to their parents and keys to the future. The loving care we invest in our own children is a human trait that unites different cultures: rich and poor, traditional and hi-tech. The toughest job parents have is to raise their children while making everyday sacrifices and decisions for them. We hug them, love them and watch them grow up, praying that they will come to no harm, and doing everything we can to ensure that.

From the poorest barrios in South America to the most wretched slums of Cairo, parents strive to make sure there is food for their children and money for their children's education. Parents everywhere walk a fine line between the need for parental guidance and youthful independence, setting rules for what their children can and cannot do, trying to ensure that their children will not make mistakes that endanger them. Parents raise their children with the hope that they will grow into happy, responsible, caring, and contributing members of society. That is what unites the Family of Man from Caracas to the Caucasus, from Timbuktu to Katmandu.

It is clear that in Palestinian society something has gone dreadfully wrong. Children in Palestinian communities in the West Bank and Gaza are turned into "self-destructing human bombs" capable of carrying out casualty terrorist attacks in the struggle between Palestinians and Israelis - a phenomenon whose seeds can be traced to the first *Intifada*.

It happened because Arab communities within the civil jurisdiction of self-rule under the Palestinian Authority

(which includes 97 percent of the Arab residents in the West Bank and 100 percent of those in Gaza) foster a culture that prepares children for armed conflict, consciously and purposely putting them in harm's way for political gain and tactical advantage in their war against Israel. The PA buses children to violent flashpoints far from their neighborhoods and Arab snipers often hide among the young during battle, using children as human shields. Teenaged perpetrators of suicide attacks have become the norm.

In the first *Intifada*, a similar pattern surfaced, in which women and children led riots while young men in their late teens and early 20s, armed with rocks, sling shots, Molotov cocktails and grenades operated from the rear. There were thousands of Molotov cocktail attacks, more than 100 hand grenade attacks and more than 500 attacks with guns or explosive devices over the course of the first *Intifada*. Children in elementary and junior high school were encouraged to stone Israelis using rocks and slingshots, knowing that Israeli soldiers could do little beyond taking the youngsters into custody and fining their parents in the hopes they would ground their children. Instead, Palestinian parents sent their children back onto the streets. Some were killed. Others were maimed.

Palestinian society praised the transformation of its children into combatants during the first *Intifada*, dubbing them fondly "the children of the rocks." Mahmud Darwish, the Palestinian national poet laureate, wrote a poem after the outbreak of the first *Intifada*, which sanctioned and sanctified their deaths, and praised "Arab youth on the road to victory, each with a coffin on his shoulder." The poem eventually was set to music, encouraging countless Palestinian children to endanger themselves as a form of socially-condoned conduct that would bring them fame and prestige should they be hurt. This nihilistic bent took an even more destructive path in the second *Intifada*, as the 'weapons of choice' moved from rocks to explosives and the role of the children moved from reckless life-threatening behavior to conscious premeditated suicidal acts.

Clearly horrified by the use of children in armed conflict, Israeli author and peace advocate Aharon Megged wrote during the first *Intifada*:

"Not since the Children's Crusade in 1212 ... has there been a horror such as this - no people, no land where adults send children age 8-9 or 14-15 to the front, day-after-day, while they themselves hide in their houses or go out to work far-far away. They continue, and send them time-after-time, and don't stop them even when they know they are liable to be killed, maimed, beaten or arrested."

But the use of children to fight grownup battles, which germinated in the first *Intifada* in 1987, has run the full

course - not only teaching and training children to kill, a crime shared by those behind an estimated 300,000 child soldiers around the world, but indoctrinating their own offspring to take their own lives.

Palestinian society abuses its children, teaching them to hate and kill themselves to kill others

Under self-rule on the West Bank and Gaza, child sacrifice has turned into a normative part of the socialization process as the phenomenon of suicide bombers has escalated to epidemic proportions.

From an early age, children are fed anti-Zionist, anti-Jewish and anti-Western hate propaganda. Mosques, schools, summer camps, and even children's television programs are exploited to encourage children to become martyrs in an act that will bring them respect and parental pride:

* In Hamas-run kindergartens, signs on the walls read: "The children of the kindergarten are the *shahids* (holy martyrs) of tomorrow."

* A television show called "The Children's Club" shows a young Palestinian, age 9 or 10 proclaiming, "When I wander into Jerusalem, I will become a suicide bomber."

* The Palestinian Authority-controlled television broadcasts MTV-style videos for teens that glorify suicide bombing and martyrdom.

* A 6th grade Palestinian textbook, *Our Beautiful Language*, includes the "*Shahid Song*" that encourages death in war as a shahid or martyr. Other textbooks carry similar messages.

* At a Palestine Authority summer camp in 2002, 25,000 children were trained in how to make firebombs, use fire-arms, and ambush and kidnap targeted enemies.

* An Islamic Jihad summer school massages the libidos of teenage boys by telling them they will "liberate Palestine from the Jews" by becoming martyrs, and promise the boys that they will be greeted by 72 virgins.

•Kindergartens, schools, summer camps, and school sports tournaments (and other institutions) are named after terrorists and young suicide bombers, who are used as pedagogic role models.

Would you give these Palestinian Arabs a neighboring State?

Sisterhood

Our next Sisterhood meeting on September 15th promises to be most interesting. Come listen to Avi Posnick give us information on how to challenge and rebut those who defame the State of Israel. Come join us for lunch followed by the program.

Remember to bring non-perishable items of food to the Center which will be distributed to the needy by the organization FECS. Bring items to the office or bring to the Center the evening before the Kol Nidre Services.

We look forward again to Succoth when we will have our lunch in the Succah. The dates are Monday October 17th and Tuesday October 18th. Watch for details.

The Sisterhood book club is discussing "The Madonnas of Leningrad" by Debra Dean on September 22nd at 10:30 AM. Everyone is welcome to come and join in. On October 27th the book we will be discussing is "Winter Garden" by Kristin Hannah.

Sisterhood received a request from Creedmore Hospital to host a Shabbat program for their clients. This entails shopping and bringing appropriate food and preparing a program. Thank you to **Rabbi Solomon** for going and to **Joan Kase-Riger** for all her work shopping and bringing the food. For future programs we would like to know if any member can play a musical instrument that would enhance the program. Call the Center to volunteer your talents.

Looking forward to seeing you at all our functions.

Joan and Marilyn

As your new Cantor, I want everyone to know how pleased I am to be here at Flushing-Fresh Meadows Jewish Center. I am looking forward to meeting everyone over the coming holiday season and personally wishing all of you a happy and healthy New Year.

-Cantor Aaron Katz



Sisterhood

“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 meeting.

Rosalie Weiner	Healthy summer to everyone
Judy Levy	Good summer to all
Sylvia Udasin	In honor of granddaughter coming in from Israel
Joan Corn	Good health to Sylvia Udasin
Joan Kase-Riger	Good health to Sylvia Udasin
Marilyn Brown	Best wishes to everybody
Betty Feit	Speedy recovery to husband Irving
Joan Levine	For everyone's good health
Joyce Warshowsky	Good health to everyone
Sandra Schwadron	Mazel Tov to Anita Bernstein's granddaughter on her engagement
Rochelle Mendelow	For everyone's good health
Ray & Len Mishler	A happy, peaceful and healthy summer to the FFMJC family
Ruth Lasky	For my new great-grandchild
Ruby Asher	Wishing Gerda Rubin and family a happy cruise
Gerda Rubin	All the best for everyone
Maxine Marcus	Happy Birthday to Katherine
	Happy 30 th Anniversary to Randy and Larry Melzer
Luisa & Florence Cvern	Good health to everyone. Good to see everyone
Pearl Rosenthal	Happy summer to all
Rita Kurz	For my great-grandchild Elias Topol
Lucy & Jack Gutman	For grandson Ross Morgan's graduation from Dental School
Leona Goodman	Happy New Year to all. Happy birthday to grandson Michael and to son Andrew
Helen Plotzker	Happy 25 th anniversary to Sandy & Beth Plotzker









**CHAIR EXERCISES and
LOW IMPACT AEROBICS FOR SENIORS
TUESDAYS, 11 to NOON
UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
A CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR
\$5 per Session**

























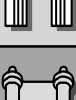





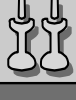




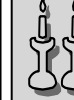



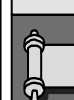
































































SEPTEMBER, 2011

ELUL/TISHRI, 5771/5772

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Continuing programs: Discussion Group ;Tuesdays, 11 to 1 Low impact Exercise; Tuesdays 11 to Noon				1	2	3 ⁴ Elul Shoftim Ends 8:16
4	5	6	7 Rabbi's Class 10:30-noon	8	9  7:00	10 ¹¹ Elul Ki Seitsei 911 Memorial Ends 8:04
11	12 Program Committee 8:00 PM	13	14 Rabbi's Class 10:30-noon	15 Sisterhood Luncheon & program 12 Noon	16  6:58	17 ¹⁸ Elul Ki Savo Ends 7:52
18	19	20	21 Special 10:30-noon "Musical Prelude To Holidays"	22 Sisterhood Book Club "The Madonnas of Leningrad"	23  6:46	24 ²⁵ Elul Nitzavim/Vayelech Selichot 8:15 PM Ends 7:34
25	26	27	28 Erev Rosh Hashanah  6:26	29 ¹ Tishrei Rosh Hashanah  7:32	30 Rosh Hashanah  6:22	

OCTOBER, 2011
TISHREI/CHESHVAN, 5772

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Continuing programs: Discussion Group ;Tuesdays, 11 to 1 Low impact Exercise; Tuesdays 11 to Noon						13 Tishrei Haazinu Shabbat Shuvah Ends 7:20
<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	7 Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre 6:15  6:11	8 10 Tishrei Yom Kippur
<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	12 Erev Sukkot  6:03	13 Sukkot 1  7:05	14 Sukkot 2  6:00	15 17 Tishrei Chol Hamoed Ends 7:02
16 Chol Amoed	17 Chol Amoed Succah Luncheon 1	18 Chol Amoed Succah Luncheon 2	19 Hoshannah Rabba  5:52	20 Shemini Atzeret Yizkor  6:55	21 Simchat Torah  5:49	22 24 Tishrei Bereshit Ends 6:52
<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	27 Sisterhood Book Club 10:30 AM	28 Rosh Chodesh Shabbat Dinner  5:39	29 1 Cheshvan Noach Rosh Chodesh Ends 6:43
<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>					

											
	 <h2 style="margin: 0;">New Year's Greetings, 5772</h2> 										
	<p>“May you be blessed with a cornucopia overflowing with a harvest of Maasim Tovim”</p> <p>The following members and their families extend best wishes for the coming New Year to the Congregation of Flushing-Fresh Meadows Jewish Center.</p>										
	<i>Ruby Lieberman Asher & Family</i>	<i>Flora & Leon Margolin & Family</i>									
	<i>Walter & Eva Beckhardt</i>	<i>Rochelle C Mendelow & Family</i>									
	<i>Ruth Beckman & Family</i>	<i>Ray & Len Mishler & Family</i>									
	<i>Inge Berger & Family</i>	<i>Miriam Nadler & Family</i>									
	<i>Anita Bernstein & Family</i>	<i>Margot & Manny Nussbaum</i>									
	<i>Marilyn & Leo Brown</i>	<i>Muriel & Harry Packer</i>									
	<i>Kurt & Susan Brunn</i>	<i>Sylva & Jerry Richman</i>									
	<i>Dr. David Copell</i>	<i>Pearl & Carl Rosenthal & Family</i>									
	<i>Joan & Larry Corn & Family</i>	<i>Elaine & Robert Rubin</i>									
	<i>Luisa Cvern & Family</i>	<i>Karen & Sheldon Rothman</i>									
	<i>Francis Daitch & Family</i>	<i>Gerda Rubin & Family</i>									
	<i>Edith Dressler</i>	<i>Sandra Schwadron</i>									
	<i>Irene & Byron Dresner & Family</i>	<i>The Seelig Family</i>									
	<i>David End, Carla, Biscuit & Rascal</i>	<i>Mr. Amiel L. Singer</i>									
	<i>Rabbi Mordecai Efron</i>	<i>Bernard Solomon</i>									
	<i>Marsha Federman</i>	<i>Rabbi Gerald Solomon</i>									
	<i>Betty & Irving Feit</i>	<i>Sylvia Udasin & Family</i>									
	<i>Mimi & Cy Fishkin & Family</i>	<i>Joyce & Louis Warshowsky</i>									
	<i>Ruth & Dana Fishler</i>	<i>Rosalie Weiner</i>									
	<i>The Fyman Family, Bess, Larry & Shelley</i>	<i>Kathy Galin & Alan Wood</i>									
	<i>Rita Gaber</i>										
	<i>Susan Gastman & Family</i>										
	<i>Rita & Manny Gittler & Family</i>										
	<i>Bette Glasser & Family</i>										
	<i>Judith Gordon & Family</i>										
	<i>Robert & Zachary Greenberg</i>										
	<i>Sandie & Roland(Roy) Hirsch</i>										
	<i>Beverly Jacobs & Family</i>										
	<i>Eli & Minerva Kantor</i>										
	<i>Cantor Aaron Katz</i>										
	<i>Albert & Jacqueline Kimmelstiel</i>										
	<i>Charlotte Kohn & Family</i>										
	<i>Ruth Lasky & Family</i>										
	<i>Anna Lempert</i>										
	<i>Joan & Zach Levine</i>										
	<i>Judy & Walter Levy & Family</i>										
	<i>Inge Lewkowitz & Family</i>										
											

Please note:
 All Greetings received after press time will be published in the next issue of The Bulletin.