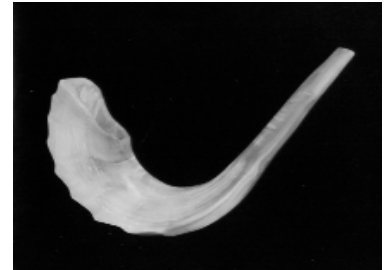




# Hashofar



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## MBJC Nominating Committee Meets

The two year term of the current officers of the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center is expiring and a nominating committee was formed to nominate a new slate of officers to serve for the next two years. In accordance with the MBJC Constitution, the Board of Governors at its last meeting selected eight (8) members of the nominating committee four, (4) of whom serve on the current Board of Governors and four (4) of whom were selected from the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center's general membership. In addition, the President selected three (3) members of the nominating committee. The eleven (11) person nominating committee included: Muriel Bayroff, Pauline Bilus, Lenny Flug, Matthew Isaacson, Martin Izaak, Dr. Oliver Klapper, Dr. David Korman, Bernard Laufer, Toby Levy, Vivian Singer, Harry Wanderer.

The Nominating Committee met on November 4, 2007 and the following persons were nominated for the respective positions set forth below:

### OPERATING OFFICERS

- President..... Rubin Margules
- Chairman of the Board ..... Jay Haies
- Treasurer..... Alfred Gollomp
- Vice President Ritual ..... Ira Bilus
- Vice President Emeritus Ritual ..... Meier Stessel
- Vice President Membership ..... Raya Zegel
- 2nd Vice President Property .....  
.....Jacob Finkel & Sidney Orbach

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- Education ..... Shirley Heller
- Social Activities..... Pauline Bilus & Alec Teytel
- Tributes and Memorials..... Dr. David Korman
- Financial Secretary ..... Matthew Isaacson
- Recording Secretary ..... Vivian Singer
- Trustees: .....  
... Bruce Bayroff, Mark Orbach, Morton Sorkin

The by-laws permit any member in good standing (subject to minor exceptions) to oppose any of the nominees by utilizing the procedures as described below. The objective of the by-laws of the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center is to provide for a democratic process for the election of its leaders.

Please note the following three paragraphs taken from our amended constitution:

“The term of office for each officer shall be for a period of two years from the date of his installation.

**Within 10 days after the publication of the slate in Hashofar, independent nominations of qualified members to hold office may be made by written petition to the President of the Congregation and signed by at least 25 members in good standing of the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center containing the following information: the full name and address of each signatory, the full name and address of each candidate nominated and the particular office for which each candidate is nominated. Any petition which fails to comply with the requirements of this sub-section shall be totally void.**

No later than 60 days after the formation of the Nominating Committee as aforesaid, a general membership meeting will be held for the election of officers who shall be properly installed in their elected positions.”

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday Evening December 9th 4:30 PM

Chanukah Party

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Jay Haies ----- Chairman of the Board  
Alfred Gollomp ----- Treasurer  
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**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

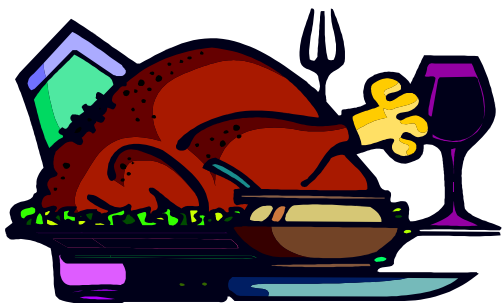
The Yom Tovim at Manhattan Beach Jewish Center were truly inspirational led by Rabbi Zelikovitz and our world renowned Cantor Pinchas Cohen, who never sounded better; our prayers, reached the heavens. It was also wonderful to see the many new faces who have both joined us as members or purchased tickets for the main Shul. The Russian Minyan, thanks to the continuing efforts of Rabbi Finkelman and the Bilus', had over 800 congregants, a truly remarkable number. It shows that the Jewish Neshama is there, and we, G-d willing, will do what we can to nurture the flame of Yiddishkeit.



*Rubin Margules*

We saw that again on Simchat Torah, when by police estimates, over 250 people gathered in front of the synagogue for refreshments and to sing and dance with the Torahs. My thanks to all our members and friends who helped in making the Yom Tovim so memorable.

The Annual dinner was also a remarkable success. Thanks to our honorees and thanks to the Dinner and Journal Committes, more people than ever attended and by all accounts everyone had a great time. Our thanks must also go to New Star and it's President Abe Fuchs for doing an outstanding catering job that was enjoyed by all.



**FROM THE RABBI**

*by Rabbi Yehoshua Zelikovits*

Dear Friends,

The whispers of winter are upon us. We just concluded the High Holiday season, with a resounding grand finale of Simchat Torah (the police estimate of the crowd was over 250 people!!!) and now we face the long, cold arduous winter.



*Rabbi Yehoshua Zelikovitz*

The Talmud teaches us that our patriarch Avraham codified our morning prayers (Shacharit). Yitzchak created our afternoon services (Mincha) and Yaakov initiated our evening prayers (Maariv). What impetus or events triggered our great forefathers to construct beautiful davenings that have impacted and elevated us for, literally, thousands of years?

Immediately after witnessing the total devastation and desolation of Sodom, Avraham prayed Shacharit. "recc ovrct of a hu - "And Avraham awoke in the morning". Upon seeing such power and destruction, Avraham begins to pray.

Yitzchak, after losing his mother, Sarah, and waiting longingly for a spouse, goes out into the field. "vsac j uk ej nm t nmur. Yitzchak beseeches the Almighty as the day begins to wane and creates our Mincha.

The refugee Yaakov, while fleeing his murderous brother Eisav cries to Hashem, "ouenc gophur - "And he prayed in his place." Penniless and banished from his parents' home, he turns to the Almighty. Afraid of his treacherous uncle Laban in the depths of the night, he codifies our holy Maariv.

Interestingly, the origins of our prayers come from desperation. Our great forbearers, when pushed and shaken to their limits created a dialogue with the Almighty, Their dialogue was so powerful and inspiring that we, many years later, still utilize their prayers as a medium and conduit to relate to the Almighty.

We also in our own lives face trying times. The silver lining of our difficulties is the clarity that emerges from a Tzorah. When people are rattled and shaken to their core, they develop a new perspective. Whole new unknown dimensions, come into play. We begin to focus on the important aspects of our lives and start ignoring the petty and trivial parts of life.

## SISTERHOOD NEWS

By Ida Kleinman

November is an important month in the United States. November is the month of freedom. November is the month in which we celebrate our freedom by going to the polls to vote. November is the month in which we celebrate our freedom by paying tribute to the men and women of the armed forces on Veteran's Day. November is the month in which we celebrate freedom of religion by observing Thanksgiving.

Veteran's Day, which is celebrated each November 11th, honors all who have served in the armed forces of the United States. Originally known as Armistice Day, it commemorated the end of World War I (1918). The World War I armistice (truce) went into effect at the ELEVENTH HOUR of the ELEVENTH DAY of the ELEVENTH MONTH (11 AM on November 11th). Since 1919, it became customary to observe two minutes of silence at 11 AM on November 11th.

In 1954, the name of the holiday was changed from Armistice Day to Veteran's Day in order to honor those who had served in World War II (1939-1945) and the Korean War (1950-1953). Today, the holiday honors all veterans, whether they served in time of peace or war.

In Canada and Great Britain, November 11 is known as Remembrance Day. Britain's King George V called for two minutes of silence at 11 AM on November 11. This tradition continues, today. In France, November 11 is known as Fete de l'armistice.

In Israel, the fallen military personnel of the IDF and other Israeli security services (members of the Jewish Brigade, members of the Yishuv such as the Haganah and the Irgun) as well as military personnel and civilians who were victims of terrorism are remembered on Yom Hazikaron (4th day of the month of Iyar). This commemoration honors those who fought for the establishment of the Jewish homeland beginning in 1860 when the first modern Jewish settlement outside the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem was built. The settlement was Mishkenot Sha'ananim. At 11 AM on the fourth day of the month of Iyar a two minute siren is heard.

Yom Hazikaron precedes Israeli Independence Day by one day. This scheduling was purposeful so that people will remember the price paid for an independent Jewish homeland.

Let us appreciate the freedoms which we enjoy. Let us be grateful that we have been blessed to see the establishment of Israel, our Jewish home. Look at

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your relatives, neighbors and friends; many of these people, male and female, have served in the armed forces. Let us be grateful to those wonderful people and let us not take for granted the blessings we enjoy. Each Shabbos, when Reuven asks us to rise as blessings are recited for the United States, for the State of Israel and for the men and women who are serving in the armed forces of both these wonderful countries, let us fervently concentrate on the prayers. We must never forget the sacrifices that were made so we can have the privileges which we enjoy.

We are most fortunate to be blessed with the right to openly practice our religion. Yet, we must NEVER, NEVER FORGET the trials and tribulations of our ancestors and the trials and tribulations which many of our brothers and sisters are suffering, today. We must always support Yiddishkeit. Our shul is so very fortunate to have many wonderful people in our midst who are true Jewish leaders. This year, the shul is honoring Dr. Ivan and Naomi Mauer, Cantor Pinchas Cohen and Mr. Itzhak Fridman. In his own right, each one promotes Yiddishkeit and acts as an ambassador of Judaism. The Sisterhood is very proud of these wonderful individuals. In fact Naomi Mauer was the 2007 recipient of the Sisterhood Aishes Chayil award.

Many people give of themselves to further the causes of Yiddishkeit. The Sisterhood is proud to bring the names and faces of some of these people, to you. **On SUNDAY DECEMBER 2, the sisterhood will be sponsoring MEET THE AUTHOR. We are delighted to bring you DEBBY FLANCAUM, author of THE JEWISH WOMAN NEXT DOOR. Join us and learn about the contributions to Yiddishkeit that seemingly ordinary people have made.**

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THU	8	MIRIAM HAIES, mother of Jay Haies JEFFREY ROSS SALTZMAN, son of Jean Maltz
FRI	9	SAMUEL SOLOMON, father of Evelyn Haies & Arthur Solomon
MON	12	CLARA SCHWARTZ, mother of Leonard Schwartz
WED	14	CELIA NOVICK, mother of Murray Novick
THU	15	JACOB KLAPPER, father of Dr. Oliver Klapper JACOB SAFERN, father of Shirley Lipper
SAT	17	MINNIE KATZ, mother of Leo Katz WILLIAM WEINBERGER, father of Ted Weinberger
SUN	18	JACOB FABER, father of Murray Faber
MON	19	ABRAHAM MALD, brother of Estelle Katz ABRAHAM MOSKOVITZ, father of Silvia Fishbaum
WED	21	CHARLES BERGSTEIN, father of Charlotte Wanderer SAMUEL PASSICK, father of Lois Guttman
FRI	23	ABRAHAM GOLDSMITH, father of Jean Maltz MINNIE RADERMAN, mother of Ted Raderman
SAT	24	REGINA FINDER, mother of Alisa Sorkin

**Rabbinical Statement in advance of the Israeli-PA Negotiations at Annapolis MD**

In advance of the forthcoming Annapolis conference, the Rabbinical Council of America, consisting of almost 1000 rabbis, respectfully urges the American sponsors of this conference to consider the following:

It is obvious that the State of Israel remains a small island of freedom in the Middle East, and is America's only reliable ally in that region. Any harm that comes to Israel will redound to the detriment of the United States as well. Any pressures on Israel to adopt positions that are fundamentally harmful to her interests will teach terrorists - and their proxies - that their modus operandi always reaps ultimate rewards

The Palestinian Authority is an unreliable Peace Partner.

It is equally obvious that the Palestinian Authority (the PA) is a singularly unreliable entity.

It has proved unable to stop the daily shelling of Israeli towns and it has done nothing to stop terror.

Its schools continue to teach children to hate Israel, and to hope for the day that Israel will be destroyed.

It crumbled completely in the face of the terrorist Hamas organization, and even handed over to Hamas arms that were supplied to the PA by America.

The PA's weakness is demonstrated in the continuous Kassam attacks on Sderot since the Gaza disengagement and the resulting Hamas ascendancy in Gaza. We are concerned that an IDF withdrawal from the West Bank or the division of Jerusalem would result in a similar Hamas takeover, and an ensuing barrage of Kassam rockets throughout the heartland of Israel, including major population centers and its capital, Jerusalem.

The PA under Abbas remains as corrupt as it was under Arafat. It does not have the backing of its own people, and is either unwilling or unable to live up to any promises it makes.

Given America's previous painful experience with the PA, America must not be gulled by the facade of smiles and lip service to peace. To make concrete concessions in exchange for the verbal commitments of such a "peace partner" poses a mortal danger to the future of Israel. Only solid evidence of a sustained and profound change in PA attitudes and actions can serve as a basis for serious negotiations.

Jerusalem

We respectfully remind the American sponsors that Jerusalem is not merely a piece of territory. Since Biblical times Jerusalem has been and remains central to Jewish faith and practice. For Jews it is in fact the

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## OUTREACH NEWS

by Rabbi Daniel Finkelman

I am pleased to share with you many of the accomplishments of the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center Outreach Program.

On Yom Kippur, a crowd of over 800 people from the Russian speaking community gathered in the main ballroom of the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center for services and fascinating lectures in the Russian language.

On the day after Yom Kippur, September 23rd, the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center Outreach Program hosted the first annual breakfast to benefit the Outreach Program. It was a great success with over 190 attendees. Many of these people were getting acquainted with the holy work done by the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center. We had the privilege of hearing inspiring words from Rabbi Alexander Artovsky and Rebbitzin Esther Jungreis. In addition, the breakfast was a huge financial success.

During Chol Hamoed Sukkot, a joyous Simchat Beit Hashoeyva was held here at the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center. The program included holiday songs and a heartwarming Israeli film, "Ushpizim".

Also during Sukkot, a group of 45 youngsters from the neighborhood who attend the after school program here at the Center, came to our sukkah to listen to some basics insights of the holiday and sing some Jewish songs.

On Simchat Torah, an estimated 250 people, mainly from the Russian speaking community, gathered on West End Avenue to dance, sing and celebrate along with our members.

Since Shabbat Bereshit, every Shabbat at 12:30 pm, there is a lecture in Russian on topics of Kabbalah and Jewish philosophy at the MBJC.

Every Tuesday night at 7:30 pm, there is a Russian speaking class, "A Guide to Prayer".

Every month, the Outreach Advisory Board hosts a Friday night dinner. The first Shabbaton took place on November 2nd.

Sunday, November 18th, is the official opening day for our Sunday School. The School will be open every Sunday from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, and the children will be learning basic knowledge of Jewish tradition as well as reading and writing Hebrew. So far, 8 -10 students have registered but we are hoping for more as we are working side by side with Yefim Buberan, an MBJC member, who runs the after school program here at the Center. If you know of any children who would benefit from the program please contact us.

## BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM

On November 11th at 4:00 PM we held our family orientation for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program of the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center. Our program involves activities both on Shabbat and on Sunday morning, including lots of food, blessings, instruction in Hebrew, rituals, and fun. Our program has seen 35 young people graduate, each one having their special Bar/Bat Mitzvah Shabbos in our shul. We look forward to sharing many more simchot together. If you know of any children who would benefit from this program, please contact us.

*Matthew Isaacson  
Director of Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program*



## FROM THE RABBI

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Our holy fathers taught us that with this new clairvoyance we should reconnect with Hashem. We should take this epiphany and solidify our spiritual self. Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov took their inspiration and eternalized it. We must do the same.

We only have the High Holiday season once a year. But the awakening and insight that we gain from a Rosh Hashana or Yom Kippur, from a Simchat Beit Hashoeyva or a Simchat Torah, must last us throughout the whole year.

The physical winter and the metaphysical winter are upon us. Let us draw from the warmth of our High Holiday experience to help us through our cold difficult journey. May we merit to remain on the elevated spiritual peaks that we experienced during the high holiday season for the rest of our days.

תצטוו וקוּג הַיְיִ קוּי הַאֲנִי , וְהִי אֲפִזְתָּ וּיְהִי רַב

*Yehoshua Zelikovitz*

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“holy city” par excellence. To barter even parts of its sovereignty away, or to weaken its Jewish character in exchange for some ephemeral pledges of “peace” from an unreliable PA, poses a severe threat to the very soul and morale of the Jewish State. An undivided Jerusalem is a statement of strength and faith and thus a guarantor of peace. A divided Jerusalem is surrender to weakness which will ultimately become a festering sore that will create misery in the region. (As it certainly was before being re-united in the 1967 Six Day War) The countries of the Middle East respect strength. A show of vacillation and weakness in support of Israel will give a green light to anti-American interests. A show of resolve and strength by the USA in support of Israel’s integrity will buttress hopes for a lasting peace in the region.

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM IN THE SUKKAH**

Over 45 kids from the Manhattan Beach community who attend the after school program at the MBJC, gathered in our beautiful sukkah, on one of the Chol Hamoed afternoons, to listen to some holiday insight as well as a story and some holiday songs by Outreach Director, Rabbi Daniel Finkelman.

Following the presentation, the kids were invited to make a bracha and have some cake and soda.

This is one of Rabbi Finkelman’s many approaches to reach out to these Jewish kids and attract them to our programs.



**SIMCHAT BEIT HASHOEYVA AT MBJC**

Many of our members gathered on one of the Chol Hamoed nights for a festive and heartwarming Simchat Beit Hashoeyva.

Among those who attended that evening was MBJC President Rubin Margules, Chairman of the Board Jay Haies, along with Rabbis Zelikovitz and Finkelman. Cantor Pinchas Cohen sang some beautiful

melodies and songs,

Following the music, the film “Ushpizin” was shown to everyone’s delight.



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## MBJC OUTREACH BREAKFAST

by Evelyn Weinberger

The first annual Outreach Program (Break / Fast) Breakfast on September 23, 2007 was b'h a huge success. The guest speaker, Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis' words of faith were unusually emotional and heartfelt. The capacity audience listened with great intensity to her words of dedication and commitment to Yiddishkeit.



We thoroughly are grateful to those who helped to make the breakfast the success that it was.



spirituality and religion in the wrong places. In this manner Judaism is made accessible, alive, beautiful and meaningful, and people will be instilled with a desire for deeper spirituality and connection to their people.

It is our hope that by providing programs such as this one, we will be successful in bringing closer those individuals who might otherwise find spirituality and religion in the wrong places. In this manner Judaism is made accessible, alive, beautiful and meaningful, and people will be instilled with a desire for deeper spirituality and connection to their people.



The entire Manhattan Beach community is honored to have the inspiring and refined Rabbi Finkleman as the person spearheading the outreach effort.



We hope and pray that when running future programs the neighboring shuls will see the urgency and join us as we take the lead in our effort of kindling Jewish souls.

A special outreach fund is being set up for those who see the tremendous value of these and future programs. In this way those caring to help, support, sponsor, and be involved with us in our efforts, will be our partners in chesed [good deeds]. We thoroughly appreciate any contribution to this fund.



## **"Don't Be Fair"**

by Rabbi Daniel Finkelman

The book of Genesis tells us about the evil city of Sodom.

First we read how Lot, Abraham's nephew, settled in Sodom despite the fact that its inhabitants were "very evil and sinful to G-d"; Sodom is ravaged by Cherdolaomer's armies, and Abraham comes to the rescue of his captured nephew; then we find Abraham pleading with G-d to spare the sinful city in the merit of the righteous residents who may be there, but it turns out that not even ten such persons can be found; two angels, disguised as men, visit the city, but only Lot will offer them hospitality; Lot saves them from the Sodomite mob, and they, in turn, rescue him and his two daughters before destroying the city.

What were the sins of Sodom? The Talmud, Midrashim and the Commentaries — have a different angle on the Sodom story. The emphasis is not on their sexual sins, but on their lack of hospitality and their virulent opposition to anyone who dared share any of the city's wealth with a stranger.

In the words of the Talmud: "The men of Sodom were corrupted only on account of the good which G-d had lavished upon them... They said: Since there comes forth bread out of our earth, and it has the dust of gold, why should we suffer wayfarers, who come to us only to deplete our wealth? Come, let us abolish the practice of lodging travelers in our land..."

They even found a way to be charitable while ensuring that no stranger would benefit from their charity: "If a poor man happened to come there, every resident gave him a dinar, upon which he wrote his name, but no bread was sold to him. When he died, each came and took back his dinar." They went so far as to decree: "Whoever hands a piece of bread to a pauper or stranger shall be burned at the stake."

The story of Sodom appears in the Torah against the background of Abraham's life. Indeed, Sodom is the antithesis of Abraham, who is portrayed by the Torah as the very personification of chessed (benevolence). Abraham gives of himself, materially (providing food and lodgings to wayfarers) and spiritually (sharing the truths he discovered, praying for Sodom); the Sodomite is intent on keeping for himself what is his.

What's notable about the people of Sodom is that they are not thieves (as was the generation of the Flood). Even when they deprive an interloper of his possessions, they are careful to do it in a "legal"

manner. In fact, their basic philosophy seems quite benign. In the words of the Ethics of Our Fathers:

One who says, "What is mine is mine and what is yours is yours" — this is the trait of Sodom.

What can be more fair? Granted, the people of Sodom took this to quite repulsive extremes. But is every person who declares "What is mine is mine and what is yours is yours" a Sodomite? What the Sodomite is saying, "I won't touch what is yours, but don't expect me to give you anything."

To the Jew, such fairness is the essence of evil.



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## **LAUGHTER TIME**

by Lillian Goldstein

I asked the flight agent if the plane would fly me to Argentina, Africa, Washington, London and Australia...."sorry we can't do that Madam". Why not, I questioned, that's how my luggage went.

As I doled out my grandson's weekly allowance, the three year old stared intently at his quarter. "No, Grandma" he said, "I want the money that bends.

After not seeing one another for years, Jack ran into Moe. "Oh, it's good to see you Jack. So how are you?" with a shrug and a grunt, he answered, "Ehhhh". "And how is your wife?", "Eh-Eh". "And how is your business?" "Mm-mmm" - "Well, Goodbye Jack, it was nice seeing you" and believe me there's nothing like a good heart to heart talk with a friend.

Overheard: "There ought to be a knob on my TV to turn up the intelligence." There's a knob call brightness, but that doesn't seem to work.



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