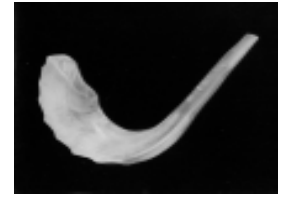




Shofar



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SAVE THE DATE! 87th MBJC ANNUAL DINNER NOVEMBER 14, 2009 SHOFAR AWARDEES MR. & MRS. JOSEPH ORBACH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD - DR. EYAL LEVIT

Dr. Eyal Levit, a resident of Manhattan Beach, is our Community Service Awardee. He left Israel with his parents, Mr. Joseph & Dr. Susan Levit and went on to study at New York University and Albert Einstein College of Medicine, where he received his M.D. with special distinction for research in dermatology. Throughout his educational career he was awarded many



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Joseph & Jocheved Orbach will be this year's Guests of Honor of the coveted Shofar Award from the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center at its 87th Annual Dinner to be held B"H on Saturday evening, November 14, 2009.



Joseph and Jocheved Orbach are integral to the foundation on which our community was built. They are extremely devoted to the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center, as well as numerous other Jewish charities and organizations. Joseph and Jocheved have been members of our Shul for almost 4 decades.

Jocheved was born in Tel Aviv, Israel but moved to the United States while still a toddler. After emigrating from Israel, her childhood spanned locations from New York to El Paso, Texas and then to the Bronx. Jocheved has a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education and taught for several years in the New York Public School System before marrying Joseph. As their children were engulfed in their education at the Yeshivah of Flatbush, Jocheved became President of the Ladies Auxiliary for a term of 4 years.

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ROSH HASHANA AT MBJC

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Saturday, October 10th, 8:00 PM

Dancing, singing, refreshments, drinks, and flags for kids
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Rosh Hashana is rapidly approaching. Please call the MBJC office at 718-891-8700 for your ticket requests. Tickets are still available. Payment can be made by cash, check or credit cards.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY EVENING	OCTOBER 3
WEDNESDAY EVENING	OCTOBER 7
SATURDAY NIGHT	OCTOBER 10
THURSDAY EVENING	OCTOBER 15
SUNDAY MORNING	OCTOBER 25

GATHER AT BILUS SUKKA 9 PM
SIMCHAT BEIT HASHOEYVA
JOIN US IN OUR SHUL SUKKAH
SIMCHAT TORAH -
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It seems that each year becomes shorter; just a short while ago (one year to be exact) I was wishing all of you a L'Shava Tova on behalf of myself and family. Today, the cycle of the New Year continues and once again, I offer you every good wish for a Sweet and Healthy New Year and may we all be inscribed in the Book of Life and continue to share our Simachot and join together in Prayer to the Almighty in our beautiful Shul.



Rubin Margules

Reaching out to the unaffiliated in our community remains our number one priority. A recent survey released by Trinity College in Hartford Connecticut, showed a dramatic decline in religious observance among American Jewry. Whereas, in 1990, 20% of Jewish Adults, about 1.12 million people, described themselves as non-religious or "cultural Jews"; 19 years later, according to the surveys sponsors, that number has risen to about 35% or 1.88 million people. Only 6 percent of all Americans identify themselves as secular, or non-believers, among Jews, one third fit into that secular category.

There are many causes for this detachment, some blame the soaring inter marriage rate; the question then is why is there such a high rate of inter marriage. The Manhattan Beach community is made up of many unaffiliated Jews from the former Soviet Union who never had an opportunity to learn or take part in their religion. Are we doing enough therefore, offering enough spiritual food for our fellow Jews who are wandering? Let us promise to do better, to work together to bring a flourishing Jewishness to our community through education, programs and prayer. We need both soul-searching and "soul touching" to bring change during this New Year of 5770. Let us show that authentic Judaism has the warmth and spiritual capacity to bring us all together.

FROM THE RABBI

Dear Friends,

בראש השנה יכתובון, וביום
צום כפור יחתמון, כמה יעברון
וכמה יבראון, מי יחיה, ומי ימות

"On Rosh Hashana will be inscribed and on Yom Kippur will be sealed, how many will pass from the earth and how many will be created, who will live and who will die..."



*Rabbi Yehoshua
Zelikovitz*

The High Holidays are here and we must prepare for judgment.

My father, many years ago, told me a story. A first cousin of his was driving down a street in Ottawa, Canada and killed a young child. The young man, his cousin, was charged with manslaughter (for speeding down a residential street) and the trial was set to be held in three months time. If convicted, the sentence would be twenty years in prison. My father's cousin was eighteen years old at the time and his parents (my father's aunt and uncle) were shattered.

My father remembered those three months very well. There were no parties or celebrations made by anyone in the family. Whenever the family got together, all that was discussed was the upcoming trial. The immediate family of the accused, his parents and siblings, literally did not sleep for those months. Tension and anxiety gripped the whole Mishpacha. To think that their son/brother/cousin/nephew might have to spend the years until the age of 40 behind bars was terrifying and terribly debilitating.

Luckily, when he went to trial he was acquitted.

So the question arises: Why is it that the threat of twenty years of incarceration can totally immobilize and disrupt an entire family and yet we, who face greater dangers on Rosh Hashana, can sleep comfortably and continue our regular routine without undue stress?

The answer is obvious. The reality of a courtroom, a judge, a prosecutor and jail really awaken our senses. While we have faith and belief in the Day of Judgement, there is still a major disconnect. Our job is to make our beliefs concrete and tangible. We must reach a level where we experience trepidation as the High Holidays approach.

Our holy Rabbis, sensing the difficulty of bridging the gap between faith and reality, instituted many helpful customs.

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SISTERHOOD NEWS

By Ida Kleinman

I originally wrote this article on Memorial Day for publication in the June issue of the HaShofar. Since there was not a June issue, the article remained dormant. However, as we are approaching the High Holy Days and I am reflecting on what these days truly mean, I realize that the article remains pertinent.

This is a time for remembrance, a time for introspection, a time for self evaluation. It is a time to realize our own frailties, our own mortality and, above all, our vulnerability and complete dependence on Hashem.

My thoughts are with the fine men and women who sacrificed their lives so we can enjoy the many freedoms we have. My thoughts are with my husband's young Uncle Philip (Rafal Eliezar ben Reb Binyamin, OBM) who was killed in action fighting on behalf of the United States . He was buried in France and years later his body was returned to his family, in New York . My husband's father (Meir Shlomo ben Reb Binyamin, OBM) was in the military. The bullet wound on the top of his head was always a reminder of his service. My darling Sidney (Rafal Chaim Sholom Feivel ben Reb Meir Shlomo, HK" M) served in the CBI Theater and was Missing In Action in the Burmese jungles. Just a few short years ago, my Sidney was elected to life membership in the Jewish War Veterans. My own father (Yitzchak ben Reb Chaim, OBM) was in the service and had holes in his legs as a reminder. My sister's husband (Tzvi Hersh ben Reb Yitzchak HaCohen, OBM) was in the service and my sister (Chava Zelda bas Reb Yitzchak, OBM) was the New York State Governor of the Jewish War Veterans Ladies Auxiliary . My Ruth (she should have long, healthy years) proudly serves the veterans of our fine country.

Memorial Day reminds me of how grateful we all should be for the things we often take for granted—free speech, freedom of religion, to name two. Freedom of religion is so very powerful and important. Only those deprived, denied of the right to worship, can truly appreciate what we have. Too many of our ancestors did not know the joy of being able to daven openly and freely. Let us not take this for granted. Let us remember those who gave their lives for our freedoms by celebrating these freedoms— by using them wisely. Let us take every opportunity to thank Hashem for all the good that He has given us. Let us gather in our beautiful shul and daven together.

This past year has been a very difficult one for me, personally. At times, it was difficult to be thankful. As the tears flowed (and continue to do so), it was of-

GOLDEN BOOK

Refuah Shlema to Ida Kleinman from: The Sisterhood, Lee & Murray Novick, Ruth Kleinman, The Posnick family, The Fuld Family, Carol & Brian Bromberg, Pauline & Harry Shale, Claudia, Angela, Abigail, Raxon & Eileen

Refuah Shlema to Irene Feidel, from: The Sisterhood, Muriel & Bruce Bayroff, The Kleinmans

Refuah Shlema to Lee Huberman, from: The Sisterhood, the Kleinmans

Refuah Shlema to Bruce Bayroff, from: The Kleinman's

Refuah Shlema to Sippy Binder from: The Sisterhood, The Kleinmans

Refuah Shlema to Michael Penn, from: Muriel & Bruce Bayroff

Mazel Tov to Martin and Bea Slepoy on the birth of a great grandchild, from: The Sisterhood, Libby Linner, The Kleinmans

Mazel Tov to Geraldine Melinger on the high school graduation of her grandchild, Caroline, from: Muriel & Bruce Bayroff

Mazel Tov to Vivian Singer on becoming President of her Hadassah chapter, from: Muriel & Bruce Bayroff

PRAYER BOOK

To Leora Harari, on the loss of her husband Yehiel Harari, from: Big Al Salem and Family

To Alana Tabakman, on the loss of her sister, from: The Sisterhood, The Kleinman's, Lee Huberman, Muriel & Bruce Bayroff, Janet & Mel Kwassman & Family, Pauline & Ira Bilus

To Lainie Isaacson, on the loss of her father, Sam Cohen, from: The Sisterhood, Janet & Mel Kwassman & Family, Lee Huberman, The Kleinman's, Geraldine Melinger, Muriel & Bruce Bayroff, Helen & Mark Orbach,, Harry Wanderer, Fran & Arthur Solomon, Vivian Singer, Lee & Murray Novick, Rosalie & Harold Rosenthal, Pauline & Ira Bilus

To Miriam Lindenblatt, on the loss of her mother, Terez Farkas, from: The Sisterhood, Geraldine Melinger, The Kleinman's, Muriel & Bruce Bayroff, Helen & Mark Orbach, Harry Wanderer, Fran & Arthur Solomon, Lee & Murray Novick, Rosalie & Harold Rosenthal, Janet & Mel Kwassman & Family, Vivian Singer, Pauline & Ira Bilus

To Milton Zegerman, on the loss of his mother, Dora, from: Pauline & Ira Bilus

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

On Sunday, July 19th, MBJC conducted a food distribution drive in its parking lot. The distribution was made by Rafi under the co-sponsorship



of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island, Inc. and the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center. Approximately 600 people from the Brighton, Manhattan Beach and Sheepshead Bay communities received produce, canned goods and packaged food items. Prior to the distribution the food that was distributed occupied two entire 20 foot trucks. The distribution took place for a period of 5 hours and the distributors told the MBJC that it was one of their most successful food distribution drives ever. As a result of the need that was shown by the hundreds of people who came to our food distribution, we will be sponsoring another distribution on Sunday, October 18th. Anyone interested in volunteering are urged to contact the shul office.

OUTREACH BREAKFAST

Manhattan Beach Jewish Center is proud to announce that its 3rd Annual Outreach breakfast will take place on Sunday morning, October 25, 2009 at 10 AM in the Grand Ballroom of the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center. The keynote speaker will be Rabbi Y.Y. Jacobson.



Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak (YY) Jacobson, editor-in-chief of the largest Yiddish-English weekly *The Algemeiner Journal*, is one of the most sought after speakers in the Jewish world today and a teacher and mentor to many thousands across the globe.

Rabbi Jacobson is the first rabbi invited by the Pentagon to present the annual religious keynote to all of the 4,000 US military chaplains, and to the 34,000 employees of the National Security Agency. He serves as the spiritual leader of congregation Bait Shmuel in New York, and is the dean of *TheYeshiva.net*.

REMEMBERING HEBRON

By Jerold S. Auerbach

No theme is more deeply embedded in Jewish history than exile and return. The biblical exodus from Egypt to the Promised Land, the return from Babylonian exile, and most recently, the establishment of the state of Israel all affirmed the enduring determination of the Jewish people to return to their homeland.

Yet another wrenching exile and return now rarely remembered, occurred 80 years ago. On August 23-24, 1929, the Jewish community of Hebron was exiled following a horrific pogrom. The tragedy is known as *Tarpat*, an acronym for its date in the Hebrew calendar.

Until 1029 Jews had lived in Hebron for three millennia. There Abraham purchased the cave of Machpelah to bury Sarah. It was the first parcel of land owned by the Jewish people in their promised land. Ever since, religious Jews revered Hebron as the burial site of their matriarchs and patriarchs. Conquered, massacred and expelled over the centuries, Jews always returned to this sacred place.

After 1267, under Muslim rule, no Jews were permitted to pray inside the magnificent enclosure, built by King Herod in the 1st Century, that still surrounds the burial caves. But following the expulsion of Jews from Spain at the end of the 15th century, a small group of religious Jews rebuilt a community of study and prayer in Hebron.

In August 1929, that community was suddenly and brutally attacked. Incited by the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, who claimed that Jews were endangering Muslim holy sites on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem – Arab rioters swept through Palestine. In Hebron, the carnage was horrendous.

It began on Friday afternoon when Arabs attacked Jews with clubs and murdered a yeshiva student. The next morning, joined by local villagers, Arabs swarmed through Hebron screaming “Kill the Jews”. They broke into the home of Dan Slonim, where many Jews had gathered for safety. There they wielded knives and axes to murder 22 innocents. In the Anglo-Palestine Bank, where 23 corpses were discovered, blood covered the tile floor. That day, three children under the age of five were murdered. Teenage girls, their mothers and grandmothers were raped and killed. Rabbis and their students were castrated before they were slain. A surviving yeshiva student recounted that he “had seen greater horrors than Dante in hell.”

When the slaughter finally subsided, 67 Jews had been murdered. Three days later, British soldiers

MBJC SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLIDAY & SUKKOT SYNAGOGUE SERVICES - 2009

Saturday, September 12

From the Ashes - (Holocaust Video) 9:45 PM

Selichot 11:00 PM

Monday, September 14

Rabbi Dovid Goldwasser 8:00 PM

Wednesday, September 16

Understanding the power of the Shofar 7:30 PM

Friday, September 18 - Erev Rosh Hashana

Selichot & Shacharit 5:30 & 7:30 AM

Candle Lighting 6:41 PM

Mincha 6:45 PM

Mizmor Shir

Maariv

Saturday, September 19- 1st Day Rosh Hashana

Shacharit 8:15/8:00 AM

Mincha 6:30 PM

Maariv 6:58 PM

Candle Lighting after 7:38 PM



Sunday, September 20- 2nd Day Rosh Hashana

Shacharit 8:15/8:00 AM

Shofar Blowing approx. 10:30 AM

**Tashlich by the Bay/Tehillim for Israeli Soldiers
in Captivity** 5:55 PM

Mincha 6:35 PM

Class

Maariv 7:25 PM

Yom Tov Ends 7:37 PM

Monday, September 21 - Tzom Gedalyah

Fast begins 5:31 AM

Selichot & Shacharit 5:30 & 7:30 AM

Mincha 6:30 PM

Fast Ends 7:35 PM

יום גדליה

Wednesday, September 23

Rabbi Zelikovitz: Understanding Yizkor 7:15 PM

Saturday, September 26 - Shabbat Shuva

Shacharit 7:45/8:55 AM

Mincha 5:35 PM

Family Seudah Shelishit/Shabbat Shuva Drasha

..... 6:10 PM

Maariv 7:10 PM

Shabbat Ends 7:26 PM



Sunday, September 27- Erev Yom Kippur

Shacharit & Selichot 8:30 AM

Mincha 4:15 PM

Kol Nidre 6:15 PM

Candle Lighting 5:30-6:26 PM

Fast begins 6:44 PM



Monday, September 28 - Yom Kippur

Shacharit 8:30/8:00 AM

Yizkor approx. 11:00 AM

Mincha 4:30 PM

Neilah (Concluding Services) 5:45 PM

Yom Kippur Concludes 7:23 PM

A Meaning of Prayer

A new Kabbalah/Chasidut class is being given by Rabbi Daniel Finkelman every Thursday evening at 7:30 PM on the 3rd floor. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MBJC SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLIDAY & SUKKOT SYNAGOGUE SERVICES - 2009

Wednesday, September 30

Shacharit 6:10 & 7:30 AM
 Mincha 6:25 AM
 Rabbi Zelikovitz: Laws of Sukkot 7:00 PM

Friday, October 2- Erev Sukkot

Shacharit 6:10/7:30 AM
 Light Candles 6:18 PM
 Mincha 6:20 PM
 Mizmor Shir
 Maariv

Saturday, October 3 - First Day of Sukkot

Shacharit 7:45/8:55 AM
 Mincha 6:10 PM
 Maariv 6:34 PM
 Candle lighting after 7:15 PM
 Gather at Bilus Sukkah 9:00 PM (4089 Ocean Ave.)



Sunday, October 4 - 2nd Day of Sukkot

Shacharit 7:45/8:55 AM
 Mincha 6:15 PM
 Class
 Maariv 7:00 PM
 Yom Tov Ends 7:13 PM

Monday, October 5 - Chol HaMoed

Shacharit 5:45/8:30 AM
 Mincha 6:15 PM

Tuesday, October 6 - Chol HaMoed

Shacharit 5:45/8:30 AM
 Mincha 6:15 PM

Wednesday, October 7- Chol HaMoed

Shacharit 5:45/8:30 AM
 Mincha 6:15 PM
 Simchat Beit Hashoeyva in Sukka 6:45 PM

Thursday, October 8 - Chol HaMoed

Shacharit 5:45 & 8:30 AM
 Mincha 6:15 PM

Friday, October 9 - Hoshana Rabba

Shacharit 5:30 & 8:30 AM
 Candle Lighting 6:07 PM
 Mincha 6:10 PM



Saturday, October 10 - Shmini Atzeret

Shacharit 7:45/8:55 AM
 Reading of Koheles 10:00 AM
 Yiskor approximately 11:00 AM
 Geshem 11:30 AM
 Mincha 6:05 PM
 Selling of Ato Horesa 6:30 PM
 Maariv 6:45 PM
 Yom Tov Candle lighting after 7:04 PM
 Hakafot 7:05 PM

**Hot Refreshments, Dancing in the
 Streets, Block Party, Flags for the Kids**

Sunday, October 11 - Simchat Torah

Shacharit 7:45/8:55 AM
 Hakafot 8:50/10:00 AM
 (Hot food and drink)
 Aliya l'torah 9:30/10:45 AM
 Mincha 6:00 PM
 Class
 Maariv 6:50 PM
 Yom Tov Ends 7:02 PM



Saturday, October 17- Shabbat Mevorchim Services led by Cantor Pinchas Cohen

Shacharit 7:45/8:55 AM
 Pirke Avot 4:40 PM
 Mincha 5:35 PM
 Family Shalosh Seudot
 Shabbat Ends 6:53 PM

**Manhattan Beach Jewish Center Extends
Special Support to
Shorefront JCC Passover Distribution**



In an action to demonstrate solidarity with Jewish people in need and an abiding concern for the well-being of the local community, the M a n h a t t a n Beach Jewish

Center extended a special contribution of \$1500 to the Shorefront Jewish Community Council (SJCC) for its annual Passover food distribution. The check was presented by Rubin Margules, President of the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center, to Rabbi Moshe Wiener, Executive Director of the SJCC, at the day-long event on April 2nd at the JASA Brighton Beach Scheuer House, where kosher-for-Passover food packages were handed out to more than 1,000 poor and elderly area residents.

“We feel that it is important for us as a religious institution serving this community to led as much support as we can to our economically disadvantaged neighbors,” said Margules, who also joined in to help distribute the packages to the throngs of appreciative recipients. “This is particularly appropriate at Passover, when the Jewish people come together to celebrate their faith and the Divine blessing of freedom.”

“With this generous gift,” Rabbi Wiener stated in response, “the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center has once again shown its desire to offer tangible assistance to those in our midst who are struggling to make ends meet. The synagogue’s compassionate contribution towards this distribution will enable so many local residents to enjoy the Passover holiday with dignity and genuine peace of mind.”

On behalf of my brother, Fred Cohen, myself and our families, we would like to thank you for the support and comfort you gave us during my father’s illness. Thank you for listening, sharing and appreciating my father, Sam Cohen, and his special relationship to us. Thank you for your generous donations!

We were comforted by your concern and will always remember your kindness.

Lainie, Matthew, Anna and Jess Isaacson
Fred, Susan and Erica Cohen

TISHA B’AV

On Tisha B’Av 2009, the MBJC participated in the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation nation-wide video presentation – Sinas Chinam – conquering our mightiest foe – featuring Rabbis David Orlofsky and Eli Mansour.

Rabbi Orlofsky, a renowned lecturer is associated with prominent outreach institutions in Israel. Rabbi Mansour, a leading voice in the Sephardic community and Rabbi of Congregation Bet Yaakob in Brooklyn, has recorded shiurim that are widely distributed (www.learn Torah.com) . Together they painted a portrait of a pervasive deceptive enemy that has successfully kept the Jewish people in exile for centuries to an audience of sixty attendees.

For the past ten years, this Tisha B’Av event has been brought to the MBJC in memory of Aaron Heller.

Special thanks to Elaine Weinberg for running this video event this year.

YOM IYUN



Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur – reflections on the year that’s passing, concerns about the year that’s arriving. Thinking about family, friends and loved ones who are not with us. Hopeful to receive Hashem’s blessings. So we reflect.

For the last ten years, MBJC has partnered with Agudath Israel in their annual nation-wide Yom Iyun – a day of learning with thoughts pertinent to this time of year.

On Monday evening, September 14th at 8:00 PM MBJC was proud to welcome prominent Rabbi, Scholar and Lecturer Rabbi Dovid Goldwasser. A columnist in the Jewish Press, featured weekly on the popular radio show JM in the AM and Rabbi of Khal Bais Yitzchak in Brooklyn, spoke on Learning Life’s Lessons in a Rough Year. This Yom Iyun was also a time to do something special for the neshamas of those who have passed as they are also being judged on Rosh Hashana, words of Torah in their memory elevate their souls.

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ten difficult to appreciate everything that Hashem has done. However, I grasp our ancient beliefs and believe that Hashem has His reasons.

Due to illnesses and the unexpected, horrifying loss of my darling Sidney (Rafal Chaim Sholom Feivel ben Reb Meir Shlomo, HK" M), it was very difficult to pursue the many Sisterhood activities which had been anticipated. I offer my apologies to you. With G-d's help, I hope to be able to pick up where we left off.

At this time, it is only appropriate to thank the people who have stood by me during my darkest hours. My dear friends Pauline & Ira Bilus, Tzippy & Joe Binder, and Vivian Singer sought to help me through these rough times. My dear Ruth—who lost her treasured and revered daddy—has tried so hard to keep us both headed in the right direction. Her heartwrenching tears and her visible pain are starkly contrasted by her devotion to Judaism and her love of and belief in Hashem.

Ruth and I want to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to our wonderful and caring Rabbi and Rebbetzin Zelikovitz for their tireless efforts, their comfort and ongoing support. May they go from strength to strength!

As we approach the Days of Awe, let us not forget from whence we came and let us remember the track we should be following. Let us always remember that we are the Chosen People and as such we owe much to Hashem. May we have the strength and wisdom to lead righteous lives. May Hashem inscribe His children for a year of good health, prosperity, happiness and peace.

May we hear good things from each other.

Gefilte fish, herring, kugel, wine and cake? It must be Shabbat Kiddush at MBJC! We eat, we shmooze. It's nice! What's even nicer is sponsoring the kiddush for a family member's yarzeit. This is one way to elevate the neshama.

This year MBJC is encouraging members who have yarzeits in a particular month to use the opportunity to sponsor a kiddush. You can do it individually, with another family in your month or with the shul.

The list of families sharing a yarzeit appears in the Hashofar so contacting a kiddush partner is easy. Sponsoring a kiddush helps everyone feel good.

Let's make Kiddush even more meaningful. Make it social but make it spiritual!

HOW TO STAY SAFE IN THE WORLD TODAY:

Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20 % of all fatal accidents.

Do not stay at home because 17 percent of all accidents occur in the home. (that's 37 % already)

Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14 percent of all accidents occur to pedestrians. (now that's 51%)

Avoid traveling by air, trains or buses, 16 percent of accidents involve these forms of transportation. (that's 67%)

Of the remaining 33 percent, 32 percent of all deaths occur in hospitals. Above all else avoid hospitals.

You will be pleased to learn that only 0.01 % of all deaths occur in a Shul, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders.

Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is in Synagogue.

Torah Study is even safer. The number of deaths during Torah Study is too small to register.

For safety's sake, go to Shul as often as possible, and attend Torah Study.

It could save your life!

LET'S SPEAK NICELY!

Hurtful speech consists of words that cut deeply causing pain and suffering to the defenseless victim. Sometimes words are said in anger or even malice, but mostly it is said in simple carelessness without regard to the consequences. But these words hurt as much as a deliberate insult leaving a tragic imprint on the spirit and soul of the recipient.

In the outside world, we are more polite and controlled because we are being heard by others. However, privately we take license thinking no one important will hear. But **SOMEBODY IS LISTENING AND RECORDING EVERY WORD!** In reality, Hashem's angels accompany each person daily recording every word that is spoken. Can you imagine??! Then one day in Shamayim these recordings will be played back and it will be shocking to believe one even said such words to others.

Let's remember that we were not sent into this world to make life miserable for others but to use the power of speech to heal and soothe the spirit. In this approaching New Year, let's appreciate the Divine gift of speech and deliberately use kind and thoughtful words in order to receive the Golden Blessings it brings to us. Shana Tova.

MBJC HEBREW SCHOOL

We are proud to announce that the MBJC Hebrew School will be headed by Rabbi Danny and Tzippy Finkelman. The school will meet every Sunday from 11 AM to 1 PM. The curriculum of the school will include Hebrew reading and writing, Jewish music, Jewish festivals, Jewish arts and crafts, and Jewish tradition. If you know any family that could avail themselves of this wonderful opportunity call either the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center at 718-891-8700 or Rabbi Daniel Finkelman at 732-766-2660.

ANNUAL DINNER

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Jocheved currently enjoys visiting each of her children and grandchildren as often as she can.

Joseph, along with his parents Gitla z"l and Naftali z"l, and his brothers, Mark and Sidney, came to our community through a circuitous route and under very harsh circumstances. They survived the horrors of the Holocaust after fleeing their home in Zolynia, Poland, were sent to a work camp in Siberia, then made numerous other stops in Russia, Khazakistan, and a DP camp in Germany before traveling by ship for New York. The family settled in Crown Heights, Brooklyn before moving to Manhattan Beach. Thereafter, Joseph met and married Jocheved and moved down the block from his parents, next door to Sidney and around the block from Mark. Family has always been integral to Joseph.

Joseph and Jocheved have eight wonderful children – 4 of their own along with the 4 spouses of their children. David, Meyer, Avi and Chaya were each educated at the Yeshivah of Flatbush Elementary and High Schools. They spent much of their time in our Shul, and each celebrated their Bar or Bat mitzvah's here. Joseph and Jocheved receive much nachas from seeing their children build their own families in their respective communities (Livingston, NJ; Englewood, NJ; Manhattan Beach, NY; and Montreal, Quebec, Canada) and are blessed with loving grandchildren.

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distinguished honors and awards.

Dr. Eyal Levit has worked throughout the US at hospitals and medical centers. He is now the Director of Dermatologic and Cosmetic Surgery at St. Luke's Hospital and teaches at Columbia University. He is well known and highly regarded in the community not only for his medical skills but for the services he provides many members of the community who otherwise could not afford medical care. He also is an organizer and supports and works on behalf of the Maccabi Games in Israel. We welcome his involvement with the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center and applaud his generosity to the community.

LATEST NEWS & OTHER JOKES

On Thursday evening, October 15th international Lecturer and cartoonist Yaakov Kirschen will be speaking at the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center at 7 PM.



Jerry Kirschen was born in Brooklyn and graduated from Queens College in 1961. He became a freelance gag cartoonist and won many awards for his political cartoons before moving to Israel in 1971. There, he changed his first name to Yaakov and started his comic strip "Dry Bones" in January 1973. In 2003 the strip celebrated its 30th year in the Jerusalem Post. Dry Bones has also been reprinted and quoted in Times Magazine, in the Associated Press and many other publications in the United States. Program presented by ZOA & MBJC.

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

Condolences to Miriam Lindenblatt upon the loss of her mother, Terez Farkas

Condolences to Lainie Isaccson upon the loss of her father, Sam Cohen

Condolences to Milton Zegerman upon the loss of his mother, Dora Zegerman

Condolences to Joe Nisimov upon the loss of his mother.

Condolences to Herb Yassky upon the loss of his wife.

Mazel tov to Ilya Braz upon his recent marriage.

Mazel tov to Arthur and Francine Solomon upon the bar mitzvah of their grandson Sammy Tbeile.

Mazel tov to our secretary Ilene and her husband Kenny upon the birth of a grandson, Chaim Arye, born to their daughter and son in law, Aviva and Jeff Ney.

Mazel tov to Rabbi Eli & Judy Greenwald upon the engagement of their son, Daniel

Mazel tov to Rabbi & Mrs. Moshe Plutchok upon the birth of a daughter

Mazel tov to Dr. Eli & Barbara Offenbacher upon the engagement of their son, Joseph

Refuah Shlema to Ida Kleinman, Sippy Binder, Michael Penn, Dr. Allan Mirwis, David Isaacson, Dr. Ivan Mauer, Irene Fiedel, Leanore Huberman, Sigmund Frucht

Dear Members of the MBJC,
My sister Helen and I and our entire family were very touched by your warm support for the minyanim held at my house during our Shiva period. We want to also thank you for your expressions of sympathy for the loss of our beloved mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, Dora Zegerman (Devorah Bas Mordechai)
Milton Zegerman, Helen Zegerman Schwimmer

September Yarzeits

TUE	1	ANNA SAFERN, mother of Shirley Lipper
MON	7	GAIL MAUER, wife of Dr. Ivan Mauer
THU	10	IZAK IZAAK, father of Martin Izak
FRI	11	SAM ADELSBERG, father of Steven Adelsberg
SAT	12	ADA FRIDMAN, wife of Itzhak Fridman
TUE	15	HARRY ZOMBECK, father of Sandra Kallman
WED	16	PAUL WIENER, father of Arthur Wiener
SUN	20	LILLIAN BRICK, mother of Beverly Raderman
MON	21	ROSE ROSENTHAL, mother of Harold Rosenthal
FRI	25	AMELIA GRUBSTEIN, mother of Muriel Bayroff
SUN	27	SHOSHANA FLOM, mother of Bernard Flom

October Yarzeits

THU	1	REGINA IZAAK, mother of Martin Izaak
SUN	4	MOSES HANDLER, father of Bessie Pine TZVI KOPPEL MANDEL, father of Richard Mandel
MON	5	SIMON REICH, father of Dr. Raymond Reich
WED	7	father of Kira Tal-Tilis
FRI	9	EDNA FLUG, mother of Dr. Leonard Flug
SUN	11	JULIUS EPSTEIN, brother of Winnie Jacobowitz
MON	12	PENNINAH BEMAK, mother of Sully Bemak
TUE	13	BELLA PORTNOYA, mother of Mendel Portnoy
THU	15	CLIFFORD ADELSON, husband of Claire Adelson MOSHE ZEVALD, father of Esther Izaak
FRI	16	OLGA WEISS, mother of Alvin Wiess & David Weiss
MON	19	SARAH BILUS, mother of Ira Bilus LEONID BUBERMAN, father of Yefim Buberman
THU	22	DR. VICTOR MARCUS, father of Nancy Bemak
FRI	23	SADYE HARRIS, mother of Arline Harris & Abe Harris
SUN	25	FAY PASSICK, mother of Lois Guttman
THU	29	BETTY WEINSTOCK, sister of Toby Levy
SAT	31	ZALMAN HILSENRAD, father of Sue Reich

FROM THE RABBI

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We blow the shofar and begin saying special prayers (לדוד ה' אורי) one month prior to Rosh Hashanah. As we come closer to the High Holidays, one week before Rosh Hashanah, we start saying Slichos. The purpose of these minhagim is to touch us in a physical way and make us feel the impending judgement. On Rosh Hashanah, the white Puroches (covering of the Ark), the shofar and the various special foods that we eat carry this reality further.

Preparing for judgement while acknowledging a trial is easy. Acknowledging the trial is quite difficult.

May it be the will of Hashem that we and all our fellow brethren have the wisdom and clarity to see and feel the Yomim Noraim. If we have the proper insight and thereby experience Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur properly, we certainly will merit a year of gezunt, bracha and הצלחה.

לשנה טובה תכתבו ותחזתמו
לאחר חיים טובים ולשלום

Yehoshua Zelikovitz

A SPECIAL YASHER KOACH

The Rabbi, administration and members of the MBJC would like to thank our Chairman of the Board, Mr. Jay Haies for spearheading our Minyan over the months of June, July and August.

Jay did a superlative job and made sure that not a single Minyan for Shacharis or Mincha/Maariv was missed.

We would also like to thank all those who participated and helped keep our Minyanim strong: Maxim Avrakh, Ira Bilus, Joe Binder, Noah Cohen, Moshe Cohen, Rabbi Daniel Finkelman, Dr. Leonard Flug, Yitzchak Fridman, Zelig Gofman, Jay Haies, Matthew Isaacson, Abe Keller, Bernard Laufer, Jehuda Lindenblatt, Allen Litman, Rubin Margules Jack Mikulincer, Joe Nisimov, Chaim Notkowitz, Isaac Srouko, Meier Stessel, Abraham Streicher, Richard Stuckhardt, Herbert Yassky, Milton Zegerman, Rabbi Yehoshua Zelikovitz, & Shimshon Zelikovitz.

REMEMBERING HEBRON

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evacuated 484 survivors, including 153 children, to Jerusalem. The butchery in Hebron, Zionist and religious officials alleged was "without equal in the history of the country since the destructions of the Temple." Sir Walter Shaw, chairman of an exhaustive British royal investigation, concluded that "unspeakable atrocities" had occurred.

Tarpat extinguished the most ancient Jewish community in Palestine. With synagogues destroyed, Jewish property converted into storerooms and barns for livestock, and the ancient cemetery desecrated, few signs remained that there had ever been a Jewish presence in Hebron.

But nearly 40 years later, after the Six-Day War of 1967, a small group of religious Zionists returned to Hebron to rebuild that destroyed community. "What was in the past in Hebron," declared their matriarch Miriam Levinger, "is what will happen in the future. Always!" So it would be.

The Jewish community of Hebron - someone 700 people - recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of Tarpat. All the other ancient peoples mentioned in the Bible have vanished. But Jews, a community of memory, still live in Hebron.

Hebron Jews are relentlessly vilified as fanatics who illegally occupy someone else's land. As religious Zionists, they are the militant Jewish settlers whom legions of Jewish and non-Jewish critics love to hate. It is seldom noticed that their most serious transgression - settlement in the biblical land of Israel - is the definition of Zionism: the return of Jews to their historic homeland.

ELUL RECALL NOTICE

Regardless of make or year, all units known as "human beings" are being recalled by the Manufacturer. This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named "Adam" and "Eve" resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect is technically termed, "Serious Internal Non-morality," but more commonly known as "SIN."

Some of the symptoms of the SIN defect:

- [a] Loss of direction
- [b] Lack of peace and joy
- [c] Depression
- [d] Foul vocal emissions
- [e] Selfishness
- [f] Ingratitude
- [g] Fearfulness
- [h] Rebellion
- [i] Jealousy

The Manufacturer is providing factory authorized repair service free of charge to correct the SIN defect.

The Repair Technician, Hashem, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. To repeat, there is no fee required.

The number to call in for repair in all areas is: PRAYER.

Once connected, please upload the burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure. Next, download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, Hashem, into the heart component of the human unit.. No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Hashem will replace it with:

- [a] Love [b] Joy [c] Peace [d] Kindness [e] Goodness
- [f] Faithfulness [g] Gentleness [h] Patience
- [i] Self-control

Please see the operating manual, TORAH, for further details on the use of these fixes. As an added upgrade, the Manufacturer has made available to all repaired units a facility enabling direct monitoring and assistance from the resident Maintenance Technician, Hashem. Repaired units need only make Him welcome and He will take up residence on the premises.

WARNING: Continuing to operate a human being unit without corrections voids the Manufacturer's warranty, exposes the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list, and will ultimately result in the human unit being incinerated.

Thank you for your immediate attention.

Please assist by notifying others of this important recall notice.

Have an uplifting Chodesh Elul!

TIME TRAVEL

by Rabbi D. Finkelman

Imagine you could go back in time... What would you do differently, now that you have the benefit of 20/20 hindsight and the added maturity and wisdom which comes with age and experience? There are so many things you would change that you probably wouldn't even know where to begin. Would you start with your teenage years when you dreadfully mistreated your parents, completely unappreciative of all they had done for you? Would you want to redo a job interview which you botched? Do you desperately wish you could have been kinder to your spouse, or perhaps would you want to have said "I love you" more often to a person who is no longer with us? Unfortunately, life isn't so kind. The tape of life annoyingly continues to roll, no matter how awful the recording may be, and there is no rewind button which allows you to erase and rerecord the parts which today you are so ashamed of. The moment a statement leaves your mouth, the moment you perpetrate any act, it is permanently etched in your file. Yes, you can ask forgiveness from an individual whom you wronged, and you can certainly improve your behavior from hereon forward, causing others to forgive and forget your prior lapses in judgment. But those awkward painful moments will forever be part of your life story...

The tape of life annoyingly continues to roll, no matter how awful the recording may be. All this is true with regards to our personal matters, business issues, and our interactions with others. It does not, however, apply to our relationship with G-d. The Talmud teaches that "repentance which is motivated by fear (of divine retribution), transforms all past willful transgressions into mere erroneous oversights. Repentance which is prompted by a genuine love for G-d causes all previous sins to become merits!" This means that through proper repentance not only do we cause G-d to forgive and forget our sins, we actually have the ability to "go back in time" – not only to neutralize our past mistakes, but to transform them into positive deeds!

The secret behind this nature-defying stunt is the Jewish soul which we all possess. The soul – which is especially revealed on Yom Kippur – is intrinsically a "part of G-d," and thus shares G-d's timeless nature. Just as G-d transcends the limitations of time, so too the Jew – who through proper repentance is fully in tune with his soul – has the ability to go beyond the limitations of the physical body and can actually "repair" an event which happened long ago. This Yom Kippur, be a part of a very special experience. After all, if someone offered you a ride on a time machine, wouldn't you jump at the opportunity?

**Don't interfere with the Divine Process,
Mr. President** *Rabbi Eliezer Waldman*

In June we celebrated the anniversary of the liberation of Jerusalem and all of Judea and Samaria in the Six-Day War of 1967. With the help of the God of Israel we returned to the cradle of independent Jewish life in our homeland - to the ancient towns and cities: Jerusalem; Hebron; Bethlehem; Jericho; Beit El; and Shiloh. We returned to the hills of Judea and Samaria - to the geographical heights which helped to defend Jewish life in the valleys.

We also returned to the spiritual heights of prophecy and Divine morals which permeated the national life of the Jewish nation in Israel. We understood then that the gates of our homeland were opened, calling upon us to renew Jewish life in these areas. What a Divine privilege that our generation was enabled to implement and begin to fulfill our destiny.

Thank God that in the last 42 years we were witness to the beginning of the fulfillment of a dream. The barren hills of Judea and Samaria have seen the building of homes; the paving of roads; the establishment of institutions of Jewish learning and culture; the joy of young Jewish families bearing children. . . all this projecting the light of the process of the redemption of Israel.

"I will resettle the cities and rebuild the ruins and the desolate land shall be tilled. Whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by, They will say that the land that was desolate will become like a Garden of Eden. And the wasted cities have been fortified and inhabited" (Ezekiel 36).

We can see this with our own eyes and feel blessed to be part of this Divine Process.

Does President Obama really mean to interfere with this Divine Process? The God of Israel is recreating Jewish life by replanting our roots in the natural soil of our homeland. Does he really want to "freeze" the life of a redeemed people in its land? Does he fail to understand the immorality of such an attempt? Does he think it possible to go against the Living God of Israel and the eternal rights of the Jewish people? In his address in Cairo he attempted to explain the connection between the establishment of Israel and the Holocaust, suggesting that the tragic suffering brought upon the Jews obligated the world to give them an independent state.

I would ask Mr. Obama the following:

Do you seek to lend legitimacy to the Arab denial of our roots in the Land of Israel? Do you accept the Arab view that Israel is a foreign intruder in the Arab world? How can you close your eyes to biblical and historical reality? Do you not know that the scriptures have detailed descriptions of hundreds of years of the Children of Israel living an independent life in the holy land with Jerusalem as their capital and the holy Temple and the Temple Mount serving as their spiritual center? No other nation in history ever held sovereignty here.

Our legal and historical rights were recognized by the international community, by the Balfour Declaration of 1917, and by the League of Nations in its proclamation in 1922 calling for the reconstitution of a Jewish homeland in the Land of

Israel. All this was before the Holocaust.

True, we have a disagreement with the Arabs and some nations with regards to Israeli sovereignty in Judea and Samaria. Our claim to sovereignty is based on the previously mentioned historical, legal and biblical facts. Even if you support the claim of Arab rights to sovereignty in Judea and Samaria, how can you demand the freezing of Jewish life in these areas? How can you justify a double-standard morality that would have Arabs living under Israeli sovereignty with rights of citizenship and representation in the Knesset while denying Jews the most basic right to live in Judea and Samaria?

President Obama is the leader of a great country - the champion of human rights and democracy. He proudly carries the American tradition of equal rights for all peoples, as the founding fathers of the United States so eloquently expressed: "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Is Mr. Obama hinting or suggesting that tens of thousands of Jewish families, men women and children, be denied these basic rights? By uprooting them from their homes in Judea and Samaria under any future political arrangement he would be denying them their most basic human rights. How can he suggest "freezing" Jewish life? Is this not a form of racism?

I cannot believe that such a position can even be considered by an American president, let alone accepted by the Congress or the people of the United States. It certainly is unacceptable to us. We - who have been living in Hebron for more than forty years and have brought up third- and fourth-generation offspring who have created blossoming Jewish communities throughout Judea and Samaria - refuse to be "frozen" and uprooted.

I'd like to close by asking American Jews how they can sit by quietly while their president is taking such an immoral and unjust position toward Israel. Why do we not hear your voices sounding loudly? Where are your protests against a clearly racist policy aimed only against the Jews of Israel and negating the basics of American traditional values?

We need you to participate with us in securing the State of Israel and the lives and basic rights of the Jewish people. By expressing and demonstrating a proud Jewish and human position you will certainly bring a blessing to the people of Israel and to yourselves, and restore the moral principles of the people of the United States.

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