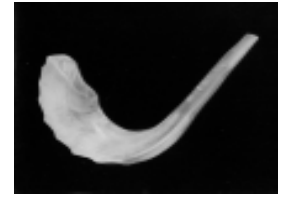




# Hashofar



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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the summer fades we once again reach out to our members, friends and community. Our synagogue continues to be the beacon of Yiddishkeit, of Jewish experience for the people, old and young, of Manhattan Beach. Throughout the summer we have continued our series of shiurim and learning classes led by Rabbi Zelikovitz, every Monday (Talmud) and Wednesday (Parsha). Judaism is synonymous with learning; learning being the light that illuminates Torah. Our programs for learning will continue in the fall and will include a Thursday evening program on the spiritual joys of Judaism led by Rabbi Daniel Finkelman, our outreach director, to bring our Jewish neighbors from the former Soviet Union closer to their Jewish roots and to Klal Yisrael.

This past summer we were privileged to hear former refusnik, Josef Begun, give an inspiring presentation about life in the former Soviet Union before Glasnost. A brief film of his years as a Russian Prisoner of Conscience was also shown. You could not help but admire this now elderly man, and the strength of character of his fight to be Jewish. If challenged could we go through the same ordeal?

Alon Davidi, head of the Sderot Council in Israel, a resident of Sderot travels the world telling his audiences what it's like to be targets. He came to MBJC to remind us that while Operation Cast Lead, the IDF's limited invasion of Gaza, helped, it did not end the random firing of Katyusha rockets and other missiles against Southern Israel. The courage of the people of Sderot to remain and grow their city despite the ob-



*Rubin Margules*

## FROM THE RABBI

Dear Friends,

Shlomo Hamelech, King Solomon, tells us in the beginning of Koheles, דור הולך ודור בא והארץ לעולם עומדת "A generation goes and a generation comes but the earth endures forever."

I, fortunately, had the opportunity this summer to visit Cape Breton Highlands National Park with my family. The park is located at the Northern tip of Cape Breton Island in the province of Nova Scotia, Canada.

The highlands plateau with its steep cliffs and fantastic ocean scenery is incredible. The various hikes and lookouts on the world renowned Cabot Trail are truly magnificent. One stands, a speck among the great mountains and valleys, and feels quite humbled.

But the majestic views are only part of the humbling process. The park was created by the Canadian government in 1936-roughly 75 years ago. Four years later, in 1940, the Cabot Trail was reconstructed. In 1948, a new road from Ingonish-a town on the Southeastern side of the park was initiated. In 1951/1952 a road was built to Pleasant Bay - a village on the Northwestern side. And finally in 1961 the Cabot Trail was paved.

We stopped by the Visitor Center (in Canada they spell it "Centre") and saw some short films depicting footage from 50-75 years ago, when the park was created. Young men and women working and then celebrating when the park was completed. We walk on the trails and paths that are the fruit of their labor but they, the generation from 75 years ago, are no longer with us.

One thinks: "Many have traversed and enjoyed this park before us and are now gone. Many more will come and enjoy this park long after our tenure on this world."

As King Solomon states, "A generation goes and a generation comes, [yet] the land eternally remains."

Recently, a friend showed me some photos of Coney Island. One was taken in 1900 and one in 1952.



*Rabbi Yehoshua Zelikovitz*

## SISTERHOOD NEWS

By Ruth Kleinman

### THE YOM KIPPUR MIRACLE

My treasured parents loved Yiddishkeit. Their belief in Hashem was unwavering. My darling Daddy used to tell me that if I am ever afraid, say Shema. Whenever I was troubled, my precious Mommy would tell me Gut vet helfin. Those who knew my Daddy well, were privileged to hear his Army Stories. The most profound event which he recounted was The Yom Kippur Miracle. The year 2009 was horrific, for my family. How could Hashem take my Daddy away? How could He then take Mommy, too? How could something so absolutely awful possibly happen? Taking my Daddy's advice, I said Shema many, many times. Hearing my Mommy's voice, I waited to see how Gut vet helfin. When my deepest faith wavered, when I had doubts, when I was fearful and troubled, I thought about Daddy's Yom Kippur Miracle; this would confirm what I truly knew, deep within my heart—there is a G-d and He does know what is best, even if we cannot understand His actions. A short time ago, I found a folder which contained my Daddy's handwritten account of the Yom Kippur Miracle. I am sharing it with you, hoping that this event will provide solace and hope to those who need it. I dedicate this article to the memories of my darling Daddy (Rafal Chaim Sholom Feivel ben Reb Meir Shlomo OBM) and to my precious Mommy (Chaya bas Reb Yitzchak, HK"m). May their neshamas have alleeyahs.

"The year was 1944. I was in the Burmese Jungles along the Irawaddy River. We just took over a stronghold from the Japanese called Myitkyina (pronounced Mytchinow). We were cut off from all physical contact with the outside world. Our only contacts were the Radio and Drops.

Suddenly, a call came out to all Jewish Servicemen to gather at a particular place at sundown, under a large tent, in the area. I couldn't imagine why? It wasn't Friday; that's when we would gather for Services.

I started to think why?; then it dawned on me that it was the month of September. 'Oh' I said to myself, 'It must be Rosh Hashanah'. I went to the place. It was early. I was the only one there. I took out my JWB (Jewish Welfare Board) prayer book and as the sun began to set, with a heavy heart, I started to say Mincha. Gradually, more and more Soldiers began to arrive. It wasn't too long before the tent was filled to capacity—standing room only. Then, I found

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## GOLDEN BOOK

Mazel Tov to *Mr and Mrs David Rauch* on the marriage of Rebecca to Jeremy, from: *Rosalie & Harold Rosenthal*  
Mazel Tov to *Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Rosensweig* on the birth of their granddaughter, Kayla, from: *Rosalie & Harold Rosenthal*

Mazel Tov to *Rabbi and Mrs. Yehoshua Zelikovitz* on the graduations of their daughters, from: *Leonore Huberman*

Refuah Shlome to *Marshall Cohen*, from: *Pnina & Sidney Orbach*

Congratulations to a very special doctor and friend, *Dr. Mal Brenner*, on his very special birthday. With love from your patient and friend, *Vera Katz*.

## PRAYER BOOK

To the *Berger Family* on the loss of their Husband and Father, *Saul Berger*, from: *Ruth Kleinman*

To the *Davidson Family* on the loss of their Husband and Father, *Bob Davidson*, from: *Ruth Kleinman*

To *Leslie Flug* on the loss of her Mother, *Roslyn Sherman*, from: *The Sisterhood, Vivian Singer, Muriel & Bruce Bayroff, Ruth Kleinman, Bunny & Mark Fleischer, Leonore Huberman, Pauline & Ira Bilus, Lee & Murray Novick, Geraldine Melinger*

To *Hilda Mirwis and Family* on the loss of their Husband and Father, *Alan Mirwis*, from: *Geraldine Melinger, Vivian Weinrib, Lee & Murray Novick, Harry Wanderer, Fran & Arthur Solomon, Rosalie & Harold Rosenthal, Pnina & Sidney Orbach, Helen & Mark Orbach, Arline Harris*

To *Mr. and Mrs. Aron Lieberman* on the loss of his Brother, *Sam Lieberman*, from: *Helen and Mark Orbach*

The Rabbi, and Officers of MBJC want to express our gratitude to Rabbi Shimon Golding who gave several D'Var Torahs on Shabbat morning, presented Pirke Avot classes on Shabbat afternoon and gave several Parsha of the Week Classes on Wednesday evenings. All who attended the above events were extremely impressed with Rabbi Golding's presentations and knowledge.

## **ISRAEL AND THE PEACE PROCESS HERE WE GO AGAIN...**

“Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it”

Never has George Santayana’s oft-quoted warning had greater significance than when it comes to Middle East “peace talks,” including the latest round of scheduled to begin September 2nd in Washington, D.C. In constantly pressuring Israel to go far beyond the multiple and unreciprocated concessions it has already made, the United States ensures repetition of past mistakes, which will produce the same outcome.

Some history and results for those who would learn:

- \* The Balfour Declaration (1917) and the Palestinian Mandate (1922). These called for the formation of a Jewish homeland while recognizing “nothing shall be done which might prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine.” The Arab response: A series of riots, largely instigated by the Mufti Mohammad Amin al-Husayni.
- \* The Peel Commission (1936) was formed to investigate the cause of the Arab Revolt (1936-1939). The commission recommended the partition of Jews and Arabs. The Zionist Congress accepts the proposal as the basis of negotiation. The Arab response: Outright rejection and a continuation of the revolt.
- \* UN Partition Plan for Palestine (1947) proposed a two-state solution and a divided Jerusalem supervised by the United Nations. The Arab response: Outright rejection, followed by violence. When Israel declared its independence, May 15, 1948, armies of neighboring Arab states invaded. According to the secretary general of the Arab League at the time, Azzam Pasha, the goal was “a war of extermination and a momentous massacre which will be spoken of like the Mongolian massacres and the Crusades.”
- \* Oslo Accords (1993). Negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians lead to a Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements. The response, according to the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs: The killing continues. By one estimate, nearly 300 people were killed by Palestinian terrorism between 1993 and 2000.
- \* The Camp David Offer (2000). Prime Minister Ehud Barak offers PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat most of what he asks for. The response: rejection and the second intifada, which according to Israel’s Foreign Ministry, killed more than 5400 and injured

more than 8,000.

There were other “peace talks” and initiatives, among them the Madrid Peace Conference (1991), the Wye River Memorandum (1995), Oslo II (1995), Taba (2001), Road Map for Peace (2003), and the Geneva Accord (2003). Some of these led to Israeli withdrawal from land that it occupied for security purposes, amid continued threats and terrorism, following the 1967 war. These withdrawals predictably led to more terror attacks from Arab regions.

To Israel’s enemies, talks and agreements are incremental steps toward their ultimate goal of annihilating the Jewish state. Two examples: According to the Endowment for Middle East Truth, 16 years after Oslo, in 2009, the official platform of the terrorist organization Fatah continues to affirm “armed struggle” against Israel. And the Palestinian Authority continues to practice incitement against Israel through student textbooks, television programs, sermons, editorials and the naming of public streets and buildings after terrorist “martyrs.”

At the upcoming talks in Washington, the issues will likely be the same as Camp David 2000: Jerusalem.

The Palestinian demand for a “right of return” for “refugees” and their descendants to places in Israel for which the original “refugees” claim to have come. This would overwhelm Israel, which is the point of the demand.

Territorial compromise (again).

Agreement on the legitimacy of Israel’s sovereignty in the region, producing to an end to the war and termination of future claims, which Hamas and Hezbollah have promised never to accept.

If the all too familiar scenario pays out, Israel will give up more land, the Palestinians will make more promises which, like the others, they will break, and more riots and terrorism will follow under the pretext that Israel has not ceded enough. After the maximum propaganda value has been extracted, the Palestinians will agree to more talks and the scenario will be replayed.

To top it off, the Obama administration has assured Israel that Iran is not an “imminent” nuclear threat. This claim has been made before and then withdrawn. Why should it have credence now?

The United States and the West have learned nothing from history and, thus, are doomed to repeat it.

**POINTLESS TALKS**  
*by Cal Thomas*

## BAR MITZVAH PROGRAM

Wednesday night, June 23rd, 2010, our Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program brought together graduates and current members of the program for a gala end of year dinner at the Clubhouse Café on 46th Street Manhattan! We decided to treat these wonderful students to a young and exciting kosher meal in an exciting NY environment. The food and ambiance was terrific, and the young adults of our group had a splendid time.



Thanks to Mike and Joan Penn for selecting the restaurant and making arrangements, to Raya Zegel and Lainie for chaperoning and

helping drive the students, and Rabbi Zelikovitz for his cheerful presence and support. There was a quick dvar torah by none other than myself on the fact that we Jews are witnesses for Hashem and our behavior is important for that reason alone. After washing and blessings, we all dug into whatever there was to eat and drink. Particular thanks and yasher koach to Harry Wanderer, who graciously offered to subsidize these festivities!



*Matthew Isaacson*

## CONGRESSMAN ANTHONY WEINER VISITS MBJC

On Monday evening, April 19th, Congressman Anthony Weiner held a Town Hall Meeting at the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center. His topic was U.S. - Israeli relations. A lively discussion ensued, many important issues were discussed. We would like to thank Congressman Weiner for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit with us.

## HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Sunday, April 11, 2010, Yom Hashoah, the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center in conjunction with the Holocaust Memorial Committee and the Lena Cymbrowitz Foundation hosted over 300 people – students, Holocaust survivors, community members, teachers and principals,

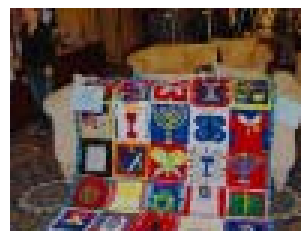


at a ceremony honoring the winners of Assemblyman Cymbrowitz's Holocaust Essay, Poetry, Performance and Art Contest.

Among the many speakers was Rubin Margules, President of the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center. He spoke of his feelings as a child of survivors and



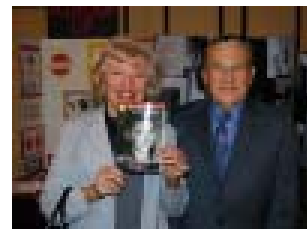
and how important these types of gatherings are for Jews and non Jews to remember what happened.



Winning artwork greeted ceremony attendees as they entered the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center

and student performances were interspersed with speakers and a moving candlelight ceremony, to further focus attention on young people. The performances, which included a cellist, choral reading group, poet, films and chorus all explored themes related to the Holocaust.

The three dimensional artwork vividly conveyed the horrors of the Nazi era with detailed depictions of concentration camps and even a small coffin with bones.



Included in the exhibit area was an exhibit on loan from The Harriet and Kenneth Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center and Archives, paying tribute to the "Diplomats of Mercy." These individuals, stationed in various European embassies of Europe worked to save the lives of thousands of Jews, often without the permission of their own governments.

# MBJC SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLIDAY & SUKKOT SYNAGOGUE SERVICES - 2010

## Monday, August 30th

Rabbi Zelikovitz: Understanding Repentance - What We Must Do ..... 7:40 PM

## Wednesday, September 1

Rabbi Zelikovitz: Understanding the Power of the Shofar ..... 7:40 PM

## Saturday, September 4

Video - "Tears For Moshiach" ..... 9:30 PM  
Selichot ..... 11:00 PM

## Monday, September 6

Rabbi Zelikovitz: Understanding the logical sequence of the Rosh Hashana Shemona Esrei ..... 7:30 PM

## Wednesday, September 8 - Erev Rosh Hashana

Selichot & Shacharit ..... 5:30 & 7:30 AM  
Candle Lighting ..... 6:59 PM  
Mincha ..... 7:05 PM  
Remember to make an Eruv Tavshillin

## Thursday, September 9- 1st Day Rosh Hashana

Shacharit ..... 8:00/8:15 AM  
Shofar Blowing ..... 10:30 AM  
**Tashlich by the Bay/Tehillim for Israeli Soldiers in Captivity** ..... 6:05 PM  
Mincha ..... 6:45 PM  
Maariv ..... 7:15 PM  
Candle Lighting ..... after 7:56 PM



## Friday, September 10- 2nd Day Rosh Hashana

Shacharit ..... 8:00/8:15 AM  
Shofar Blowing ..... 10:30 AM  
Mincha ..... 5:30 PM  
Kabbalat Shabbat  
Maariv ..... 5:53 PM  
Light Candles ..... 5:53-6:55 PM

## Saturday, September 11 - Shabbat Shuva

Shacharit ..... 7:45/8:55 AM  
Mincha ..... 6:05 PM  
Family Seudah Shelishit/Shabbat Shuva Drasha ..... 6:40 PM  
Maariv ..... 7:40 PM  
Shabbat Ends ..... 7:53 PM

יום גדליה

## Sunday, September 12 - Tzom Gedalyah

Fast begins ..... 5:21 AM  
Selichot & Shacharit ..... 8:30 AM  
Mincha ..... 6:45 PM  
Fast Ends ..... 7:51 PM

## Monday, September 13

Yom Iyun - Rabbi Eliezer Feuer ..... 8:00 PM

## Wednesday, September 15

Rabbi Zelikovitz - Understanding Yiskor .... 7:15 PM

## Friday, September 17- Erev Yom Kippur

Shacharit & Selichot ..... 6:00 & 7:30 AM  
Mincha ..... 4:30 PM  
Kol Nidre ..... 6:30 PM  
Candle Lighting ..... 5:44-6:43 PM  
Fast begins ..... 7:01 PM



## Saturday, September 18 - Yom Kippur

Shacharit ..... 8:00/8:30 AM  
Yizkor ..... 10:20/11:00 AM  
Mincha ..... 4:45 PM  
Neilah (Concluding Services) ..... 6:00 PM  
Yom Kippur Concludes ..... 7:41 PM  
Final Shofar blowing ..... 7:41 PM



## Monday, September 20

Shacharit ..... 6:00 & 7:30 AM  
Mincha ..... 6:40 PM  
Rabbi Zelikovitz: Laws of Sukkot ..... 7:05 PM

## Wednesday, September 22- Erev Sukkot

Shacharit ..... 6:10/7:30 AM  
Light Candles ..... 6:34 PM  
Mincha ..... 6:40 PM  
Remember to make an Eruv Tavshillin  
Maariv

# MBJC SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLIDAY & SUKKOT SYNAGOGUE SERVICES - 2010

## Thursday, September 23 - First Day of Sukkot

Shacharit ..... 7:45/8:55 AM  
 Mincha ..... 6:30 PM  
 Maariv ..... 6:51 PM  
 Candle lighting ..... after 7:31 PM  
 Gather at Bilus Sukkah 9:15 PM (4089 Ocean Ave.)



## Friday, September 24 - 2nd Day of Sukkot

Shacharit ..... 7:45/8:55 AM  
 Mincha ..... 5:15 PM  
 Kabbalat Shabbat  
 Maariv ..... 5:34 PM  
 Light Candles ..... 5:34-6:31 PM

## Saturday, September 25 - Shabbat Chol HaMoed

Shacharit ..... 7:45 /8:55 AM  
 Kohelles ..... 10:00 AM  
 Class on Kohelles ..... 5:05 PM  
 Mincha ..... 6:00 PM  
 Family Shalosh Seudot in Sukkah  
 Maariv ..... 7:15 PM  
 Shabbat ends ..... 7:28 PM

## Sunday, September 26 - Chol HaMoed

Shacharit ..... 8:30 AM  
 Mincha ..... 6:30 PM

## Monday, September 27- Chol HaMoed

Shacharit ..... 5:45/8:30 AM  
 Mincha ..... 6:30 PM  
 Simchat Beit Hashoeyva in Sukkah ..... 7:00 PM

## Tuesday, September 28 - Chol HaMoed

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

## Wednesday, September 29 - Hoshana Rabba

Shacharit ..... 5:30 & 8:30 AM  
 Candle Lighting ..... 6:23 PM  
 Mincha ..... 6:30 PM  
 Remember to make an Eruv Tavshillin



## Thursday, September 30 - Shmini Atzeret

Shacharit ..... 7:45/8:55 AM  
 Yiskor ..... 9:30/10:45 AM  
 Geshem ..... 10:00/11:15 AM  
 Mincha ..... 6:15 PM  
 Selling of Ato Horaysa ..... 6:40 PM  
 Maariv ..... 6:55 PM  
 Yom Tov Candle lighting ..... after 7:20 PM  
 Hakafot ..... 7:20 PM

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

## Friday, October 1 - 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  
 Simchat Torah Luncheon ..... 12:00 PM  
 Mincha ..... 5:05 PM  
 Kabbalat Shabbat  
 Maariv ..... 5:24 PM  
 Light Candles ..... 5:24 - 6:19 PM



## Saturday, October 2- Shabbat Mevorchim

Shacharit ..... 7:45/8:55 AM  
 Pirke Avot ..... 5:00 PM  
 Mincha ..... 5:55 PM  
 Family Shalosh Seudot  
 Shabbat Ends ..... 7:16 PM

## Saturday, October 9 - Shabbat Rosh Chodesh Services led by Cantor Pinchas Cohen Bar Mitzvah of Eytan Galanter

Shacharit ..... 7:45/8:55 AM  
 Pirke Avot ..... 4:50 PM  
 Mincha ..... 5:45 PM  
 Family Shalosh Seudot  
 Shabbat ends ..... 7:05 PM

## Saturday, October 16 - Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Furman

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

## HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

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Many remained anonymous until very recently.

New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli traveled from Albany to talk to the young audience about the dangers of hatred.

DiNapoli pointed out that

we can never let our guard down because hatred continues to be a part of the makeup of the world. Other elected officials, including Rep. Anthony Weiner, State Senator Carl Kruger and Assemblyman Richard Brodsky echoed DiNapoli's message, reminding the students that hatred is dangerous, even if it's not on the scale that occurred during the Holocaust.

Mill Basin resident, Holocaust survivor and author of "Destined to Live," Ruth Gruener and her husband Jack, discussed their personal survival stories, putting human faces on the Holocaust's statistics. Mrs. Gruener spent eight months hiding from the Nazis with a non-Jewish family, while her husband survived being a prisoner in ten concentration camps.

Over 600 students entered the contest, representing diverse religions and nationalities. The essays, poems, performances and artwork were judged on three levels – elementary, middle and high school. Every student entering the contest will receive an Assembly Certificate of Merit. The winning entries were awarded cash prizes, the students also received Holocaust books and the schools of the first place winners will receive computers.

Assemblyman Cymbrowitz, who is a second generation Holocaust survivor, has sponsored the Holocaust Essay, Poetry, Performance and Art Contest annually for the past ten years. This year marks the first year that the ceremony was conducted as a stand alone event. In previous years it was part of the Holocaust Memorial Committee's Holocaust Gathering in June.

The Manhattan Beach Jewish Center would like to welcome the following new members:

Assemblyman Steven Cymbrowitz  
Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Grossman  
Mr. & Mrs. Vladimir Lamm  
Dr. & Mrs. Eyal Levit  
Mr. Yehuda Loeffler

## YOM IYUN- SEPTEMBER 13th

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 eleven 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 13th at 8:00 PM MBJC is proud to welcome Rabbi Eliezer Feuer, morah d'asra of the Young Israel of Wavecrest/Bayswater. This year's Yom Iyun topic will be "KEDOSHIM TI'HYU. Elul/Tishrei is a perfect time to help elevate our loved ones neshamas through Torah learning. If you would like to contribute in their names towards this evening of Torah learning, please contact Shirley Heller, 718-646-0281

## TISHA B'AV

On Tisha B'Av 2010 the MBJC participated in the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation nation-wide video presentation –Our One Safe Harbor – featuring Rabbi Mattisyahu Solomon, Rabbi Paysach Krohn and Rabbi Fishel Schachter.

For the past eleven 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 and to Shirley Heller for arranging this event every year.

## KIDDUSHIM & SHALOSH SEUDOT

Sponsoring a kiddush is a wonderful way to share a simcha or to commemorate a yarzeit with all the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following for their sponsorships of the weekly kiddush : Mr. & Mrs. Ilya Braz, in memory of his grandfather, Alexander, Mr. Murray Faber, Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Flug, in memory of his father, Murray, Dr. & Mrs. Oliver Klapper, Dr. & Mrs. David Korman, Litvak family in honor of Prof. & Mrs. Oscar Mohl, Mr. & Mrs. Lev Rivkin, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Rosenthal

The following have graciously sponsored the weekly shalosh seudot: Mr. & Mrs. Ira Bilus, Mr. Itzhak Fridman, in memory of his wife, Mr. & Mrs. Jay Haies, in memory of his father, Vivian Singer, in memory of her mother, Rebecca, Zegerman & Schwimmer families in memory of their mother.

## SISTERHOOD NEWS

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out that it wasn't Rosh Hashanah. It was Yom Kippur. I had lost Rosh Hashanah. You could imagine how I felt.

My friend Murray Fox was the Cantor. He began the Kol Nidre with such a strong voice that I knew the Japanese heard him because, in the jungles, your voice travels far. We were all highly emotional. There we were, in full battle gear, unashamedly, the tears rolled down our faces.

When he finished singing Kol Nidre the third time, there was a moment of silence. Then, suddenly, there was the most devastating bombardment imaginable. You see, the Japs got a beam on us and were able to get our exact location. The bombardment went on for almost one half hour. When it stopped, we immediately started calling names to see who was wounded or killed. You know, NOT ONE of us even received a scratch. Miracle of Miracles. The bombs fell everywhere—not one came near where we were. The Almighty, Blessed be He, looked after us.”

*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!*

## FROM THE RABBI

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1900



1952



2003



Contrast those pictures to the picture taken in 2003.

The sand, water and background are the same. The people are the ones that are entering and exiting. Those standing on the beach in 1900 are no longer with us. New people have taken their places. But the beach remains constant.

דור הולך ודור בא, וזה ארץ לעולם עומדת

With Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur - the High Holidays - approaching we must redouble our efforts to make significant and meaningful impacts on people and society during our brief sojourn on this world. There are some givens that cannot be changed. Our frailty and weakness and ultimately fleeting existence cannot be altered. The mountains, valleys and beaches immortal nature is also, figuratively and literally, etched in stone.

However, we do have the capacity in our days on this world to be catalysts for G-dliness. We can help our fellow Jews and society at large, serving as a beacon of light onto the nations of the world. We can reaffirm and energize our spiritual commitment to Hashem and his Torah thereby making the world a better place.

No, we can never be like the mountains and the beaches. They are eternal and we are mortal. But what we can do is leave this world a better place for future generations before we move on.

Wishing one and all

לשנה טובה תכתבו ותחתמו לאלתר חיים טובים ולשלום

May we all be inscribed in the book of good long life and tranquility. אמן

*Yehoshua Zelikovitz*

## CALLING MOSES

by Rabbi Daniel Finkelman

Grab a pencil and a piece of paper. This is one of those insta-quizzes that psychoanalyze your personality, improve your marriage and solve the world's problems — all in a single go.

Ready? Here goes: Write down the most negative arbitrary happenstance or purposeful engagement? It should be a short (3-to-10 word) common phrase you might use every day with no particularly malevolent intensions, but which does untold damage to your inner self and outer universe.

Examples: "I hate you." "What's in it for me?" "I couldn't care less." "Everyone does it." "It's hopeless." You get the idea.

Here's what I wrote: "*It so happened that....*"

Sounds pretty benign, doesn't it? But according to the Chassidic masters, these four seemingly innocuous words are at the root of the difference between the holy and the profane, and—ultimately—between good and evil.

Holiness is purposeful; profanity is arbitrary. In the realm of the sacred, actions and events have significance; in the realm of the profane, they are adrift in a void of futility. Goodness is the faith that life has meaning and the commitment to actualize it; evil is the denial of meaning and the absence of commitment.

Goodness is the faith that life has meaning and the commitment to actualize it... evil is the denial of meaning and the absence of commitment. The difference will often be quite subtle. Two people will look at the same set of occurrences, and one will see a splatter of coincidences while the other sees an intricate and purposeful process. Two people will contemplate an earth-shaking event; one will regard it as a hiccup of history, while the other discerns a milestone in the unfolding purpose of Creation. But they are really not that far apart: the merest shift in perspective will take one from one view to the other. Yet that tiny shift will make all the difference in the world.

In the Holy Tongue, this paradigm shift is represented by a pair of words: *vayikar* and *vayikra*. *Vayikar* means "and he happened upon"; *vayikra* means "and he called upon." When G-d talks to the evil prophet Bilaam, the Torah uses the term *vayikar*—"And G-d happened upon Bilaam"; when G-d talks to Moses, it is in the form of *vayikra*—"And G-d called upon Moses."

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The difference between these two words hinges upon the presence of a single letter—the Hebrew letter *aleph*—which transforms *vayikar* into *vayikra*. In fact, in the opening verse of the Book of Leviticus, *vayikra* is written in the Torah with a miniature *aleph*, further emphasizing how ostensibly similar the two words are. Yet the apparent similarity enfolds within it a vast difference: the difference between arbitrary happenstance and purposeful engagement.

We all stand poised, every moment of time, on the cusp of these two faces of reality. At every juncture of our lives we face a choice: Do we surrender to the anti-truth of happenstance? Or do we embrace the divine calling of meaningful life?

### OVER 200 PEOPLE ENJOYED SEDERS HOSTED BY MBJC

The first seder was celebrated in two places.

In the MBJC Regency Room, 90 people from the Russian speaking community gathered for a beautiful seder prepared by Mrs. Tzipora Finkelman.

In the Zelikovitz home, 45 people from the Manhattan Beach community gathered for a beautiful seder prepared by Rebbitzin Sarah Zelikovitz.

The second seder was conducted in the Finkelman home for 45 people from the Russian speaking community.



A special guest at the Russian speaking seders was Refusnik Yosef Begun who spent 10 years in Soviet prison for his Jewish beliefs among Natan Sharansky and others.

Mr. Begun, who currently resides in Israel, came on a special trip to the United States and spent the holiday at MBJC - staying with people who 30 years ago fought for his release - Ira and Pauline Bilus.

Much thanks to MBJC, Mr. & Mrs. Lev Rivkin, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Adelsberg, and Mr. & Mrs. Vladimir Lamm for their sponsorships of the Russian speaking seders.

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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stacles and the threat of war should teach us about courage and faith.

As the New Year dawns there are many issues and problems facing Jewish communities in Israel and around the world, but let us also remember that we, as a people, have been facing them for 4000 years!!! Our New Year Tefillot teaches us that with Tefilot, Tshuva and Tzedaka we can look optimistically toward 5771, t"ga., for ourselves, our synagogue, our country, and Eretz Yisrael.

On behalf of myself, my family and the officers and members of the MBJC, I will you all a Healthy and Sweet New Year and may we together build and strengthen the beacon of Torah that is the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center.

### September Yarzeits

TUE	1	SAM ADELSBERG, father of Steven Adelsberg
WED	2	ADA FRIDMAN, wife of Itzhak Fridman
SUN	5	HARRY ZOMBECK, father of Sandra Kallman
MON	6	PAUL WIENER, father of Arthur Wiener
FRI	10	LILLIAN BRICK, moother of Beverly Raderman
SAT	11	ROSE ROSENTHAL, mother of Harold Rosentha
WED	15	AMELIA GRUBSTEIN, mother of Muriel Bayroff
TUE	21	REGINA IZAAK, mother of Martin Izaak
FRI	24	MOSES HANDLER, father of Bessie Pine TZVI KOPPEL MANDEL, father of Richard Mandel
SAT	25	SIMON REICH, father of Dr. Raymond Reich
MON	27	father of Kira Tal-Tillis
WED	29	EDNA FLUG, mother of Dr. Leonard Flug

### October Yarzeits

FRI	1	JULIUS EPSTEIN, brother of Winnie Jacobowitz
SAT	2	PENNINAH BEMAK, mother of Sully Bemak
SUN	3	BELLA PORTNOYA, mother of Mendel Portnoy
TUE	5	CLIFFORD ADELSON, husband of Claire Adelson MOSHE ZEVALD, father of Esther Izaak
SAT	9	SARAH BILUS, mother of Ira Bilus LEONID BUBERMAN, father of Yefim Buberman
TUE	12	DR. VICTOR MARCUS, father of Nancy Bemak
WED	13	SADYE HARRIS, mother of Arline Harris & Abe Harris
FRI	15	FAY PASSICK, mother of Lois Guttman
TUE	19	BETTY WEINSTOCK, sister of Toby Levy
THU	21	ZALMAN HILSENRAD, father of Sue Reich
SAT	23	ABRAHAM NASH, husband of Rita Nash
SUN	24	FANNY STUCKHARDT, mother of Richard & Marc Stuckhardt
MON	25	JULIUS TERENS, father of Neil Terens
WED	27	ISIDORE GOLDSMITH, brother of Jean Maltz
SAT	30	MORRIS GREENWALD, father of Jerry Greenwald

## NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

Condolences to *Hilda Mirwis* upon the loss of her husband, Allan.

Mazel tov to *Rabbi Yehoshua and Sarah Zelikovitz* upon the graduations of their daughters, Nechama Leah with a MS in Early Childhood Education from Mercy College, Bracha with a BS in Behavioral Science from Mercy College, Rivka from Yeshiva of Brooklyn High School and Tova from Yeshiva of Brooklyn Elementary School.

Mazel tov to *Harold and Rosalie Rosenthal* upon the graduations of their grandchildren, Clarke from Lafayette University, Chandler from Berkeley Carroll, Perri from HANC.

Mazel tov to *Noah and Marilyn Cohen* upon the graduations of their children, Moshe from College and Braunie from Yeshiva of Flatbush Elementary School

Mazel tov to *Arthur and Fran Solomon* upon the graduation of their grandson Sammy Tbeile from elementary school

Mazel tov to *Harry Wanderer* upon the graduation of his granddaughter Ruth from middle school

Mazel tov to *Mr. & Mrs. Alex Mikhelson* upon the graduation of their son Eugene from High School.

Mazel tov to *Lev & Sofia Rivkin* upon the graduation of their daughter Liana from Yeshiva of Flatbush High School.

Mazel tov to *Ari & Bela Kagan* upon the graduation of their son Yaakov from high school

Mazel tov to *Thea & Isaac Fattal* upon the graduation of their son, Josh from the Yeshiva of Flatbush High School

Mazel tov to *Jay and Evelyn Haies* upon the birth of a grandson, Yaakov, born to Deborah and David Scop

Mazel tov to *Elliot and Judy Kurlander* upon the birth of a grandso, Max to Tzvi and Jennifer Kurlander

Mazel tov to *Hilda Mirwis* upon the birth of a grandson, Elchanan Natan to Talia and Rafi Mollot

Mazel tov to *Dr. Yeruchem and Sue Reich* upon the birth of a grandson, Mordechai to Yael and Dovid Schuster and the birth of a granddaughter Rayzee, to Avigail and Akiva Eisenstadt

Mazel tov to *Cantor Pinchas and Chaya Cohen* upon the birth of a granddaughter, Nomi Shira, to Debbie & Tully Beylus

Mazel tov to *Vivian Weinrib* upon her recent marriage to Joe Kahan.

## NEW MINYAN FOR YOUNG BEGINNERS

In addition to the Beginners Minyan that takes place every Shabbat morning in the Chevrah Mishnayot room which is targeted mainly to the Senior Citizens crowd, a new beginners Minyan was launched on June 19th that will meet every Shabbat at 10:45 am. The new Minyan, led by Rabbi Danny Finkelman focuses on young professionals from the community who share their desire to learn basic Judaism concepts and learn of the proper way to pray, so that eventually they can feel comfortable in joining the rest of the congregation in the main sanctuary.

## SOUL SHINE

There is a special excitement about something new. Every day we are gifted anew by Hashem in his kindness with life – He returns bright shiny soul to confront the new day’s challenges. If we were a new car, how careful we would be not to scratch or soil us and we would quickly restore ourselves to our original luster. He has given us our souls to “ride” through life to our ultimate destination – the World to Come. The dirt and scratches we acquire are our transgressions and the cleaning polish is teshuva. In our daily life let us remember our new car image so not to spoil our neshama. Go to the spiritual carwash as soon as possible to prevent a buildup of spiritual errors. Arrive at your future “destination” with a fresh clean glossy shine. (Rabbi Raymond Beyda)

## END OF DAYS

Rabbi Yitzchok Fingerer presented a Scholar In Residence lecture to a full house at the MBJC on April 25th. The topic “I r a n , America and Israel in Torah Prophecy” traced the origins



of present global conflicts to its roots in biblical times. This was followed with the Torah prophecy of Jeremiah who predicted the current global situation, the current “players” on the scene and what needs to happen before the conflict ends.

Rabbi Fingerer’s erudite and personable presentation was enlightening and thought provoking. Afterward a book signing and opportunity to speak with the Rabbi ensued. The rabbi’s book SEARCH JUDAISM in which this topic is addressed is available in Eichlers book store. Also you can access him on the web at JWisdom.com, TorahAnyTime.com and TorahMedia.com. Questions, comments can be emailed to SearchJudaism@gmail.com

Don’t miss out on future Scholar In Residence Lectures!

## SHAVUOT AT MBJC

Shavuot was a very busy time at MBJC this year. The holiday began with a delicious Tuesday evening dinner in the Regency Room. The dinner was attended by approximately 80 people who enjoyed the meal simultaneously singing zemirot and various explanations of Rabbis Zelikovitz, Finkelman and Golding, which transformed the people’s minds into a learning mode. From 11:30 P.M. until 2:00 A.M. shiurim were given by Rabbis Yeshoshua Zelikovitz, Daniel Finkelman and Shimon Golding. The rabbis concentrated their presentations on the significance of what transpired at the time of the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people at Mount Sinai. and on different aspects of the story set forth in Megillat Ruth. Not even torrential rain, thunder and lightning storms could deter the attendance and enthusiasm of the people who attended the Shavuot events that evening.

After finishing at 2:00 A.M. some of the attendees continued their studying until early morning Shacharit services across the street at the Mesivta of Manhattan Beach.

The following morning the MBJC sanctuary was beautifully decorated with white flowers symbolizing the wedding between G-d and the Jewish people. Although a number of people had stayed up all night, the services were well attended during the first day.

On the second day, the attendance at services increased even more because our late-nighters returned and because of the inclusion of the Yizkor service in the davening. Our cantor Pinchas Cohen was in his top form for the holiday and everyone appreciated his important contribution to the service. Rabbi Zelikovitz spoke to us about the importance of saying Yizkor and how we can still positively affect the souls of our departed loved ones by the giving of charity in their name and by our actions which we engage in every day of our lives.

Later that day MBJC’s members finished the holiday by davening Mincha, hearing a shiur from Rabbi Yeshoshua Zelikovitz on Megillat Ruth and davening Maariv. I want to thank Marty Izaak for being the gabbai for the holiday and Yitzhak Fridman for helping arrange for the Torahs and other holiday essentials.

## YOM YERUSHALYIM CONCERT

To celebrate Yom Yerushalyim a crowd gathered in the Regency room on Tuesday, May 11th for a Yom Yerushalayim concert with Chassidic star Yeedle Werdyger.



The program started with beautiful opening remarks by MBJC president



Ruben Margules who spoke about the importance of keeping Yerushalayim united.

Then Yeedle, also known as the son of Chassidic superstar MBD, was introduced. He was accompanied by an acoustic guitar and a keyboard. He lit up the audience with his selection of popular Jewish songs from his own albums as

well as songs composed by Carlebach and others.

Yeedle, with his unique voice and energy literally got the crowd up from their seats as they started to dance until the show was over.



The program was co-sponsored by MBJC and the Yeshiva of Manhattan Beach and was organized and conducted by Rabbi Yehoshua Zelikovitz and Rabbi Danny Finkelman.

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## CANTORIAL CONVENTION

The Cantorial Council of America had its 50th anniversary celebration on Memorial Day Weekend at the Kutschers Country Club Hotel. Such celebration included a special Shabbat Chazanut as well as the organization's Annual Convention. Our Chazzan Pinchas Cohen was selected as this year's honoree because of his many years

of activities on behalf of the organization, both as its Vice President



and as an active participant in its various programs. The Cantorial Council of America, whose members consist of cantors from the sphere of Orthodox Judaism, is an affiliate of Belz School of Jewish Music and RIETS (Rabbi Issac Elchanan Theological Seminary).

Its goal is to study the melodies and compositions of Jewish Liturgical and Cantorial music and transmit their historical roots, beauty and soul to the Jewish people.



There were 150 people in the core group who attended the entire three day convention. The davening for Friday evening and Shabbat morning services were conducted by the cantors. On Shabbat afternoon an inspiring shiur was given by Rabbi Pesach Krohn. Motzi Shabbat a talent hour was presented by young and up- and- coming cantors who



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exhibited much enthusiasm and energy which was transmitted to the audience.



On Sunday morning and afternoon there were various lectures. One of such inspiring lectures was given by Rabbi Ephraim Epstein of Congregation 'Sons of Israel of Israel of Cherry Hill, New Jersey. who provided helpful hints and explanations of the significance of the Shabbat Mussaf service. There were additional lectures on Jewish music, Chazanut and Nusach Tefillah.

The convention culminated in the Cantorial Concert on Sunday evening. The principal performers were our own Cantor Pinchas Cohen, Cantor Yaakov Lemmer and Cantor Berel Zucker. The audience was treated to a beautiful evening of liturgical music and gave the performers a standing ovation at the conclusion of the evening.

The entire three-day convention was attended by Mark and Helen Orbach, Sidney and Penina Orbach and Jay and Evelyn Haies. On Sunday our President Rubin and Cecelia Margules, Rabbi and Dr. Sarah Zelikovitz, Ira and Pauline Bilus, Harry Wanderer, Toby Levy, Muriel Bayroff, Harold and Rosalie Rosenthal and Murray and Lee Novick came to see our Cantor receive his well-earned Service Award and to attend the Cantorial Concert.

All who attended the convention had a great time, and all of us are hoping to plan a Cantorial Concert at MBJC this year so we can all enjoy the unique music of the Jewish people.



## PHOTOGRAPHS TO REMEMBER

If you have an old photograph, with some other persons in it, send it to a museum or MBJC. It may make somebody very happy one day. This is what happened to the Stessels.

They were searching the internet for a place in Italy where there had been a Hachshara Center (an aliya preparatory station) in 1946. Hoping to find some general information, they suddenly discovered the following photograph.



Standing in the middle is Meier Stessel as a young man. Next to him on the right is Dr. Shlomo Tal, the editor of *Siddur Rinat Israel* and other works of religious subjects. As Dr. Tal has passed away, his son, Michael, donated the photographs to the United States Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

The picture was taken in Mekor Baruch, a hachshara in Bacoli, near Naples, Italy. Italy was then a passway, as survivors of the Shoah tried to reach Palestine. Mekor Baruch was established with the help of two rabbis that Meier Stessel met in at a Chanukah party in 1945 at a Jewish soldiers club in Naples. The rabbis, Baruch Epstein, a Palestinian rabbi serving in the British Army and the other, known only by his first name, Baruch, was a U.S. Army chaplain. Meier was unhappy in the place that he was staying which was too secular for a boy with a strong religious background. The Rabbis promised Meier their help. They worked with Meier and in March 1946 Mekor Baruch (bearing the two rabbis name) was established at a former U.S. Officers Club. It consisted of 90 members, almost all affiliated with Torah V'Avoda, religious Zionism. Because of its location by the sea, it was decided that the members should also be taught fishing.

Dr. Shlomo Tal was the representative of Rabbi Baruch Epstein. Assisting the American chaplain was the tall young man, in the photograph. He is still waiting to delight a family who will identify him.

*Zahava Stessel*

## WELCOME RABBI ELIMELECH GOTTLIEB

The officers and members of the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center would like to welcome Rabbi Elimelech Gottlieb as the new head of school of the Yeshiva of Manhattan Beach. We wish him well in his new position.

For the past four years he has been the founding director of the Institute for Day School Management, an executive education program for heads of Jewish Day Schools, in conjunction with the Columbia University Graduate School of Business. He has held head of school positions in Yeshivas in the New York metropolitan area.

Rabbi Gottlieb is actively involved in educational organizations and initiatives including the Board of Jewish Education of NY, the Yeshiva University's Institute for School Partnership and Torah Umesorah. He serves as a mentor for teachers and new principals and facilitates workshops and lectures on a wide variety of topics for educators and parents as well as regular lectures and shiurim.

Rabbi Gottlieb received Yoram Yoram Yadin Yadin Smicha from Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim's Ner David Rabbinical Graduate Institute. He has a Masters Degree in Educational and holds a Specialist Certificate in Education from Yeshiva University where he completed his doctoral research.

Rabbi Gottlieb lives in Queens with his wife Chavah. They are the parents of Meir and Faygie, Moshe and Miki, Deena and Naphtaly Zachai, Dovid and the proud new grandparents of Chaim Yosef.

## A SPECIAL YASHER KOACH

The Rabbi, Administration and Members of the MBJC want to thank the following members for keeping of Minyanim operative during the summer months:

Maxim Avraham, Ira Bilus, Yoel Chavkin, Noah Cohen, Moshe Cohen, Rabbi Daniel Finkelman, Dr. Leonard Flug, Yitzchak Fridman, Ira Gendelman, Robert Gendelman, Jay Haies, Matthew Isaacson, Marty Izaak, Abe Keller, David Korman, Jehuda Lindenblatt, Allen Litman, Rubin Margules, Jack Mikulincer, Mark Milkis, Barry Montrose, Mendel Portnoy, Ron Rachaf, Yeruchem Reich, Yitzchak Reich, David Rubin, Gady Schwartz, Abe Sher, Meier Stessel, Abraham Streicher, Richard Stuckardt, Daniel Vered, Herbert Yassky, Milton Zegerman, Rabbi Yehoshua Zelikovitz, Shimshon Zelikovitz, Leo Zucker

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Manhattan Beach Jewish Center would like to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Eyal Levit, last year's Community Service Awardee. As a teenager he left Israel with his parents, Mr. Joseph & Dr. Susan Levit and studied 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 distinguished honors and awards.



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 the Levit family to the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center and applaud his generosity to the community.

## GRADUATION DINNER

On Friday evening July 23rd, one hundred guests attended a Shabbos dinner to celebrate the achievements of the four (4) daughters of Rabbi Yehoshua and Dr. Sarah Zelikovitz, with Nechama Leah receiving her MS in Early Childhood Education from Mercy College, Bracha receiving her BS in Behavioral Science from Mercy College, Rivka graduating from Yeshiva of Brooklyn high school and Tova graduating from Yeshiva of Brooklyn elementary school. All of our members received invitations to attend the dinner. The Zelikovitz's greeted the guests and thanked them for coming to share in their joyous evening. Our President Rubin Margules, Naomi Mauer, David Haies, Rabbi Shimon Golding and Vivian Singer conveyed their best wishes to the Zelikovitzes. Those who came enjoyed a festive evening with zemiros and social discourse. MBJC wishes the Zeikovitz's and their family continuous success as they go from strength to strength.

# The Shofar



"Then you shall transmit a blast on the horn; in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, the day of Yom Kippur, you shall have the horn sounded throughout the land...And proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." (Leviticus 25)

The Shofar, a well known symbol of Rosh Hashanah, is one of the earliest instruments used in Jewish music. Usually made from a rams horn, a shofar can also be made from the horns of other animals, including those of a goat or sheep. It is the one musical instrument that has not changed in over 5,000 years.

In Biblical times the shofar was blown to announce an important event, such as the alarm of war or the coming of peace. The Great shofar is said to have been sounded during the greatest event in all Jewish history, the giving of the ten commandments to Moses at Mount Sinai (see Shavuot).

The blowing of the Shofar is the only specific commandment for Rosh Hashanah. Just as trumpeters announced the presence of their mortal king, the Shofar is used by Jews to proclaim the coronation of the King of King.

The rams horn is blown 100 times. It is an appropriate symbol as it reminds Jews everywhere of the willingness of Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac, to fulfill G-d's command. At the last moment G-d ordered Abraham to exchange Isaac with a sacrificial lamb.

# CUSTOMS OF ROSH HASHANA

It is customary on Rosh Hashanah, during the evening meals, to eat foods symbolizing sweetness, blessings, and abundance

We dip the challah in honey; and afterwards, on the first night, we eat a piece of apple dipped in honey. In general, this time of year is a very profitable one for those in the honey business, as some families have the custom of using honey instead of salt for challah right through Sukkot and Shmini Atzeret, and honey is also a main ingredient in many holiday recipes.

After the appropriate blessing on the apple, we add: "May it be Your will to renew for us a good and sweet year." Other customs include eating the head of a fish, pomegranates and carrots. These foods are eaten as "simanim," "good omens," of success and happiness for the coming year.

It is customary to refrain from sleep during the day of Rosh HaShanah, and rather to engage in Torah study or other spiritually productive activity. If one is idle, it is as if he slept. The Talmud Yerushalmi writes, "If one sleeps at the year's beginning, his good fortune likewise sleeps."

It is customary to avoid eating nuts on Rosh Hashanah, mainly because the gematria (numeric value) of the Hebrew word for "nut," "egoz" is the same as that for the Hebrew word for "sin," "chet."

One should be especially careful to avoid anger on Rosh HaShanah. Always remember that G-d judges us in the same manner that we judge other people. If we get angry easily, so too will He.

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Happy & Healthy  
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