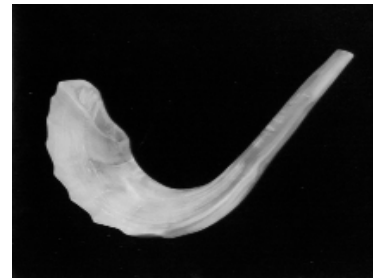




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 March 29, 2010 - 7:45 PM

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A delicious Pesach meal will be served.

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PURIM AT THE MANHATTAN BEACH JEWISH CENTER

Pictures Courtesy of Marina Milkis



On Saturday evening February 27th, the Purim festivities began at MBJC with the Reading of the Megilla Esther by our Rabbi whose voice reverberated throughout the synagogue and was drowned out only with the graggers of the considerable crowd each time that Haman's name was mentioned.



The Megilla reading was followed by a lively concert featuring the singing and music of Yehuda Greene. The performance kept the crowd which included adults and children very involved with the singing and some of the audience got up to dance to the music which kept everyone in the joyous holiday mood.

Yehuda started off the concert with a beautiful Havdalah service. He sang many Shlomo Carlebach songs for which he is well known. Among his own songs were Esa Eynei, Bshem Hashem and finished off with the song, Dear Brothers and Sisters, How Do I Say Goodbye. In addition we were treated to a duet of our own Cantor Pinchas Cohen who performed a duet with Yehuda Greene. The orchestra accompanying Yehuda Greene consisted of Israel Edelson on the keyboard, Shlomo Reich on the harmonica, Aaron Zutler on the guitar and Shlomi Recu on the drums.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The past few months have been anything but quiet here at MBJC.

The MBJC elections in November were a surprise by the degree of its bitterness and polarization. Nonetheless, the majority of our members believed in the administration and gave us the opportunity to continue to serve you for two more years. We thank you, and want you to know that we will work hard to ensure that your trust is not misplaced, MBJC will continue to grow and improve and remain the beacon of Torah. We are here to welcome everyone who looks to strengthen their Jewish identity.

Our annual dinner led by our Guests of Honor Jocheved and Joe Ohrbach was an astounding success and thanks to our chairman of the event Alfred Gollomp, Bernard Laufer and Mark Orbach. Also, our Community Service Awardee, Dr. Eyal Levit who's leadership role as a caring physician and member of the Russian-American community we recognize.

Our Bar-Bat Mitzvah program under the able leadership of Matt and Lainie Isaacson continues to provide an opportunity for those in our community with little Jewish background to learn what it is to be proud Jew. At MBJC we nurture the "Pintele Yid" in every Jew.

Our Shiurim, including a new Gemara class every Monday evening, led by Rabbi Zelikovitz is open to everyone. Our Friday night onegs brought Shabbas Ruach and warmth on even the coldest winter night. Every Yom Tov was celebrated and I want to thank all of our hard working congregants who made it all possible. Our Shul strives to bring the spiritual warmth and beauty of Yiddishkeit to our wonderful community. I urge all of you to join together, with Ahavos Yisrael, so that we may be successful together.

Best wishes to all our congregants and

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FROM THE RABBI

One of the greatest paradoxes of

מצרים יציאת
the Exodus, is the Midrash that tells us, "in the merit of three special attributes the Jewish nation was taken from Egypt"

שלא שינו את שמם, לישונם, ומלבושם. They did not change their Hebrew names, they spoke the Jewish

language and they wore clothing that identified them as Jews. Based on this Midrash it sounds as if the Jewish people were strong in their Jewishness.

However, the Talmud tells us that the Jewish nation sunk to the 49th level of impurity. Had the Almighty not saved them when he did, they would have fallen further and would have ceased to exist as the Jewish nation. They would have been totally assimilated and not recognizable as a separate entity.

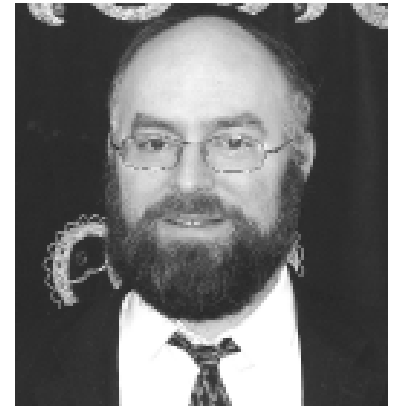
How do we reconcile these two accounts?

It would seem that in areas of Jewish identity they were strong but in Jewish practice they were weak. They proudly carried themselves as Jews, as is evident by their choice of names, language and clothing. However, in behavior and morals they were acting like Egyptians. We can discern from this an important lesson. While Jewish identity is important, laudable and was the primary merit that caused our salvation from Egypt, identity without practice does not remain. Had they stayed in Egypt longer, their Jewish identity would have faded because it was not grounded in action.

We must be proud Jews but we also must be practicing Jews. We must respect our Torah from where our code of behavior and morals emanate. We must serve as a light onto the nations and as a beacon of morality to the people of the world. If we do our part, certainly the Almighty will do his part and shower us with Bracha, Hatzlacha and Gezunt.

A Freilich Pesach.

חג כשר ושמח



Rabbi Yehoshua Zelikovitz

Yehoshua Zelikovitz

SISTERHOOD NEWS

By Ruth Kleinman

My wonderful, sweet Mom was always concerned about the shul. Even when not feeling well, Mom wanted to know when the next HaShofar was due and she made sure there was always a Sisterhood article and that Golden Book and Prayer Book information were sent in in a timely fashion. In November 2009, from her hospital bed, Mom asked me to please call Ilene and find out if she would need a Chanukah article for the next HaShofar. A Chanukah edition of the Hashofar was anticipated but did not come to fruition. Mom had a brief article sent in. Mom apologized that she was not including a recipe, as well. My wonderful, sweet Mom was taken from this world, suddenly and unexpectedly, on 2 Tevet 5770. Chanukah, a joyous holiday, will never be the same. However, Mom's message of unity and love of Yiddishkeit will always be with us. Below, please find Mom's final article. As you read it, please pray that the Neshomah of my wonderful, sweet Mom (Chaya Bas Reb Yitzchak, HK" M) should have an aliyah. Mom and Dad's love for each other knew no bounds. They were inseparable in life and their love will transcend eternity. My Dad loved Yiddishkeit and was looking forward to being in shul, again. However, Dad was suddenly and unexpectedly taken from this world on 19 Shevat 5769. Please pray that the Neshomah of my wonderful, sweet Dad (Rafal Chaim Sholom Feivel Ben Reb Meir Shlomo, OBM) should have an aliyah.

Ruth

November 22, 2009

MBJC Sisterhood News

By Ida Kleinman

"Oh Chanukah Oh Chanukah come light the menorah. Let's have a party. We'll all dance the horah..."

On the twenty-fifth day of Kislev, we begin the celebration of Chanukah. On behalf of the MBJC Sisterhood, I wish you a joyful Chanukah.

Chanukah, the festival of lights, commemorates the struggle and victory of the Jews against religious persecution. The victory of the Maccabeans against their Hellenistic enemies inspired generations of Jews to continue the fight for religious freedom. Chanukah, which means dedication is a celebration of the rededication of our Temple.

As we light the Chanukah candles, let us strive to strengthen the alliance of the Jewish people so the light of Yiddishkeit will burn forever.

PRAYER BOOK

To *Ruth Kleinman*, on the loss of her *Mother, Ida Kleinman*, from: The Sisterhood, Jon Sobel, Helen & Mark Orbach, Pnina & Sidney Orbach, Martin & Bea Slepoy, Arline & Abe Harris, Greta Weingarten, The Eberman Family, Evelyn & Alfred Gollomp, Pauline & Ira Bilus, Tzippy & Joe Binder, Allen and Teri Litman, Mel Zahler, Dr DeSantis & Staff, Barbara Lubliner Sachs, Pearl Schnee, Rosalie & Harold Rosenthal, Professor Oscar & Shelly Mohl, Muriel & Bruce Bayroff, Janet & Mel Kwassman, Geraldine Melinger, Sandy Cacamese, Heather Perillo, Margie Ziegler, Rabbi Rafael Goldstein, Madison PT, Bea & Alan Larkin, Mildred Altman, Leonore Huberman, Libby Linner, Irene & Sheldon Fiedel, Fran & Arthur Solomon, Harry Wanderer, Vera Katz, Roslyn Wolfson, Access Nursing, Cherie & Joe Bermudez, Natalie Sutcliffe, Dr Anne Rafal, Dr Stephan Haas, Sharon & Barry Berman, Bnai Brith Schoolmen's Lodge, Dr Heidi Shale, Lillian Libow, George Nielsen, Barbara Morano, Gregory Stein, Pauline & Harry Shale, Dr Paulina Kim, Dr Judy Howe, Robert Breslin, Mount Sinai Medical Center ICU Staff, James J Peters Veterans Administration Community Living Center Staff

To *Matthew Isaacson*, on the loss of his *Father, Daniel Louis Isaacson* from: The Sisterhood, Janet & Mel Kwassman, Esther & Abraham Sher, Vivian Weinrib, Leonore Huberman, Geraldine Melinger, Allen & Teri Litman, Ruth Kleinman, Murray Faber
To *Joseph Feldman*, on the loss of his *Wife, Sarah Feldman*, from: The Sisterhood, Janet & Mel Kwassman, Helen & Mark Orbach, Geraldine Melinger, Ruth Kleinman, Mildred Altman, Muriel & Bruce Bayroff, Vera Katz, Lee & Murray Novick, Leonore Huberman, Evelyn & Alfred Gollomp

To *Ruthie Chavkin* on the loss of her *Father-In-Law and Brother-In-Law*, from: Evelyn & Alfred Gollomp

To *Milton Zegerman* on the loss of his *mother, Dora*, from: The Sisterhood, Mel & Janet Kwassman and Family, Allen & Teri Litman, Evelyn & Alfred Gollomp

To *Helen Schwimmer* on the loss of her *mother, Dora Zegerman* from: The Sisterhood, Mel & Janet Kwassman and Family, Allen & Teri Litman

To *Miriam Lindenblatt* on the loss of her mother, from: The Sisterhood, Evelyn & Alfred Gollomp

To Gail Weiss on the loss of her sister, from: The Sisterhood, Helen & Mark Orbach

Passover Prayer Service & Observance Schedule

Two classes on Laws of Pesach, March 17 @ 7:30 PM, March 24 @ 7:30 PM

Sunday, March 28th

After 7:57 pm: **Bedikat Chometz** -- Search for Chometz
Say the first **Kol Chamira** nullification

Monday, March 29th

Fast of the First Born
Siyum - After morning services followed by a light breakfast (Seudah)
10:31 am: **Last time for Eating Chametz**
11:46 am: **Chametz must be burned by this time.**
Say the second **Kol Chamira** nullification.
6:59 pm: Light Yom Tov Candles, Bracha for Yom Tov and Shehechaynu
7:05 pm: Mincha
Maariv
Celebrate the first seder
1:00 am: Latest time for eating the Afikomen

Tuesday, March 30th – First Day of Pesach

8:55 am: Services in Main Sanctuary
– The blessing of Tal
7:00 pm: Mincha
7:20 pm: Maariv: Sefirat Ha'Omer
after 7:59 pm: Begin preparing Seder and light candles with Bracha for Yom Tov and Shehechaynu
Celebrate the Second Seder

Wednesday, March 31st – Second Day of Pesach

8:55 am: Services in Main Sanctuary
7:05 pm: Mincha
Class
7:50 pm: Maariv
8:00 pm: Yom Tov ends

Thursday, April 1st - 1st Day, Chol Hamoed

5:30/8:30 am: Shacharit
7:05 pm: Mincha

Friday, April 2nd - 2nd Day, Chol Hamoed

5:45/8:30 am: Shacharit
7:03 pm: Light Candles
7:00 pm: Mincha
7:15 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv

Shabbat Chol Hamoed - April 3rd

8:55 am: Services in Main Sanctuary
10:00 am: Shir Hashirim
6:00 pm: Class on Shir Hashirim
6:45 pm: Mincha
Family Shalosh Seudot
8:04 pm: Shabbat Concludes

Sunday, April 4th - 4th Day, Chol Hamoed

8:30 am: Shacharit
7:10 pm: Mincha
7:06 pm: Light candles Bracha for Yom Tov, no Shehechaynu

Monday, April 5th - 7th day of Pesach

8:55 am: Shacharit
6:20 pm: Class on Shir Hashirim
7:05 pm : Mincha
7:25 pm: Maariv
after 8:06 pm: Begin preparing and light Yom Tov candles - Bracha for Yom Tov

Tuesday, April 6th - 8th day of Pesach

8:55 am: Shacharit
10:30 am: Yiskor
7:10 pm: Mincha
- Shiur
7:55 pm: Maariv
8:07 pm: Yom Tov Ends
8:45 pm: Refrain from opening or eating the chometz that was sold until this time

Wednesday, April 7th - Isru Chag

6:10/7:30 am: Shacharit
7:10 pm: Mincha

Friday, April 9th

6:10/7:30 am: Shacharit
7:00 pm: Mincha
7:11 pm: Light Candles

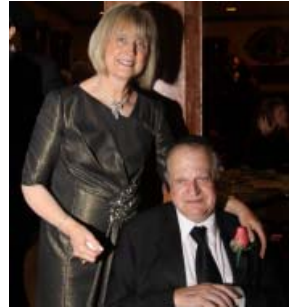
Shabbat, April 10th - Shabbat Mevorchim

Cantor Pinchas Cohen officiating
7:45/8:55 am: Shacharit
6:00 pm: Pirke Avot class
6:50 pm: Mincha
Family Shalosh Seudot
8:12 pm: Shabbat ends

MBJC DINNER - NOVEMBER 14, 2009

Pictures courtesy of Gady Schwartz

On Saturday evening, November 14, 2009, the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center celebrated its 87th Annual Journal Dinner. The guests of honor were Joseph & Jocheved Orbach as Shofar Awardees and Dr. Eyal Levit, Community Service Awardee.



Over 200 people attended and had the privilege of enjoying delicious smorgasbord presentation including a sushi bar provided by New Star Caterers. The presentations took place in the main sanctuary emceed by our President, Rubin Margules and were punctuated by inspiring words from our honorees, Joseph & Jocheved Orbach and Dr. Eyal Levit.

Joseph & Jocheved presented a stimulating dialogue in which they highlighted the histories of their families and their relationships that they had experienced during their many years as members of MBJC and the Manhattan Beach community.



The attendees were extremely impressed with the dynamic presentation of Dr. Eyal Levit, including his family background, education and professional accomplishments as well as the extensive time that he expends in support of many philanthropic causes.



Besides their inspiring words we had the privilege of hearing a six year old violinist, Michelle Chaya Stern and her mother accompanying Cantor Pinchas Cohen during the American and Israeli National Anthems as well as performing two classical compositions after which she received a standing ovation.



We then proceeded to the Grand Ballroom where we feasted on a cold salmon salad appetizer and a delicious steak main course. Of course, there was plenty of dancing with continuous music by the Shlomie Dachs Orchestra. The dessert was highlighted by a birthday cake for our honoree Jocheved Orbach, may she have many more happy ones. Everyone agreed that this dinner was a great success to which we owe a debt of gratitude to the Orbachs and Dr. Levit for their hands on efforts in mobilizing their friends and colleagues to support the MBJC.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank the dinner chairpeople and journal chairpeople, Evelyn & Alfred Gollomp, Helen & Mark Orbach, Bernard Laufer, Lev Rivkin and Harry Wanderer and all other members of the Dinner Committee.

Last but not least our greatest thanks to our President Rubin Margules who is the overseer of the entire dinner and for the financial support which he obtained and the time which he expended to insure that the dinner was a successful one.

Hope to see you all at our 88th Annual Journal Dinner next November.

RABBI DR. JOSEPH I. SINGER WAY

On Sunday, March 6, 2010, West End Avenue (at the corner of Cass Place) was named Rabbi Dr. Joseph I. Singer Way. This street naming came to be as a result of



much hard work by his daughter, Vivian Singer. On a sunny winter afternoon, a well-attended gathering of many family members, friends, and former and present congregation members were there in honor of



the street naming. Vivian Singer along with several of Rabbi Singer's friends and congregants spoke movingly of Rabbi Singer who passed away just six years ago in March 2004.



March Yarzeits

MON	29	RABBI CHAIM HELLER, grandfather of Vivian Singer
TUE	30	REGINA OSDOBA, mother of Sam Osdoba
WED	31	MORRIS BAYROFF, father of Bruce Bayroff

APRIL YARZEITS

THU	1	EDWARD RUSTON, father of Dr. Henry Ruston FRANCES SORKIN, mother of Morton Sorkin
SAT	3	DAVID WOLFSON, father of Evelyn Gollomp
SUN	4	NOSSON GELERNTER, father of Ted Gelernter GITLA ORBACH, mother of Mark, Joe & Sidney Orbach
MON	5	JOSEPH KATZ, husband of Vera Katz
WED	7	HILLEL MACK, brother of Harold Mack
FRI	9	ETHEL GROSS, mother of Rosalie Rosenthal
SAT	10	CLARA FABER, mother of Murray Faber
TUE	13	JOSEPH ZIMMERMAN, father of Marjorie Halper
THU	15	DAVID ISAAC FLOM, father of Bernard Flom
FRI	16	PAULINE SHERLING, mother of Helen Priceman MARION SOLOMON, mother of Arthur Solomon & Evelyn Haies
SAT	17	FRIEDA HELLER, grandmother of Vivian Singer
WED	21	SOFIA KAGAN, mother of Ari Kagan
MON	26	MAX SCHWARTZ, father of Leonard Schwartz RABBI HENOCH SINGER, grandfather of Vivian Singer
TUE	27	BREINE BLOOM, sister of Meier Stessel LEO LIBOW, husband of Lillian Libow
FRI	30	MIKHAIL KAGAN, father of Ari Kagan DR. KURT PINE, husband of Bessie Pine

I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for the outpouring of comfort, love and support at the time of the tragic loss of my cherished Mom, Ida Kleinman (Chaya Bas Reb Yitzchak-Hareini Kaporas Mishkavo).

Ruth Kleinman

In loving memory of our
Beloved Aunt Sarah
A woman of great kindness
A warm and giving spirit
A shining light to all

Always in our hearts,
The Steger/Hesney Family

A donation has been made to the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center on behalf of the Isaacson family, thanking the congregation for the generosity and kindness expressed after the loss of our father, grandfather and husband, Daniel Isaacson. It was a true comfort for the family.

THE BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM

By Matthew Isaacson, director

The Bar/Bat Mitzvah program of the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center has been busy! We had a Purim spectacular at the Isaacsons where our students put together shaloch manot bags to give out to their friends and families. The kids loved it for all the obvious reasons- lots of candy, grape juice and stuff. Also, Hebrew training for this class has been completed, and Alina Bernstein, Paul Litvak, Daniel Furman and Eytan Galanter are reading very well. Also Norman Kontarovich is gearing up for our next class and is starting to attend the Shabbos Bar/Bat Mitzvah Minyan. By the way, a refuah shalama to Eytan who got hit by a car which broke his leg! (He is okay!)



Thank you to Muriel Bayroff for a couple of generous donations. Also, thank you to Eli Offenbacher who is teaching Eytan how to leyn for his bar mitzvah. In addition, a yasher koach to Joan Penn who is working with Alina on her speech. The Shabbos of Vayikra, March 20th, saw Paul Litvak become a bar mitzvah. Thanks for joining in our simcha.

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

Condolences to Ruth Kleinman upon the loss of her mother, our long time Sisterhood President, Ida Kleinman
Condolences to Joseph Feldman upon the loss of his wife, Sarah Feldman

Condolences to Yelena Gendelman upon the loss of her father, Abram Sirota

Condolences to Matthew Isaacson upon the loss of his father, Daniel Isaacson

Condolences to the family of our long time member, Sigmund Frucht.

Mazel tov to Jay and Evelyn Haies upon the birth of a grandson, Shmuel Mikhail, to David and Angela Haies.

Mazel tov to Dr. Yeruchem and Sue Reich upon the birth of a grandson, Yonah, to Yitzchak and Riki Reich

Mazel tov to Joseph & Jochevet Orbach upon the birth of a grandson to Meyer & Jessica Orbach

Mazel tov to Jerry & Hindy Greenwald upon the birth of a granddaughter, Matanelle Gabriella, to Meir & Ziona Greenwald and a grandson, Dovid Noach, to Miriam & Mark Klein

Mazel tov to Leo Zucker upon the engagement of his daughter and the bar mitzvah of his grandson.

Refuah Shlema to Joe Binder, Evelyn Haies & Ira Bilus.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

During the months of December, January and February and March, the MBJC had 8 Saturday evenings at the movies. We screened ET, a science



fiction movie about an alien from outer space, PHILADELPHIA, about a lawyer fighting AIDS discrimination, AN AMERICAN TAIL, an animated film depicting a mouse family who came from Russia, TOOTSIE, about an actor who becomes successful after disguising himself as a woman, SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE about a widower and his son and finding new relationships and HARRY POTTER, & THE SORCERER'S STONE, the first film in the Harry Potter Series which is the tale of an 11 year old boy who discovers that he is a wizard. We hopefully will have another

season of "SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES" back in the fall when the clock is changed once again.

GOLDEN BOOK

Refuah Shlome to Ira Bilus from: Leonore Huberman



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The Myth of Relaxation

A recent Wall Street Journal article discussed the results of a fascinating study. People who work under high pressure conditions will often take time off to get away from it all, relax and “decompress”; this, common wisdom assumes, is the way to alleviate the accumulative effects of stress. Alas, the study’s findings indicate that a cycle of intense stress followed by utter relaxation does nothing to counter the deleterious physical and mental health effects of chronic stress. The only thing that really helps is learning to respond in effective ways to stress-inducing situations as they arise. Relaxation is not what heals stress, but reshaping our day-to-day behavior in a way that makes for a less stressful life.

Passover is a celebration of our capacity to attain freedom in “every generation” (as the Haggadah challenges us), to leave whichever “Egypt” our souls languish in. Yet when we think of freedom, we usually think in terms of being free of care, worry and the burdens of life — in other words, freedom equals “relaxation”. Passover seems to contradict this with its laws on banishing every crumb of leaven from every nook and cranny of our home, with the requirement to eat precise amounts of matzah and drink a certain measure of wine with each of the “four cups”. Religiously speaking — without eating and drinking the specified amounts, we have not really celebrated the Seder.

Is this focus on detail freedom? Indeed, there is no other true freedom. We are physical beings living in a world of myriad details and minutia. If we say, “I can only spread my wings and feel uplifted when I transcend the body, the earth, and all its petty details,” we are basically saying that G-d cannot be felt here in our world. In this model, G-d is imprisoned in the sublime, and we are imprisoned in the petty. Escaping the petty won’t help either — sooner or later we’ll need to return from the vacation, and then we’re back to square one.

Passover responds by telling us that if we truly want our spirits to soar, we must find G-d in the details of the world we live in — in the same way that stress is not eliminated by escaping our life-frames, but by remaining within them and transforming them from within. At the Passover Seder, the ordinary act of eating embodies the will of the infinite, packaged in a few mouthfuls. G-d is not imprisoned, and neither are we. G-d can be wherever G-d chooses to be, even in the act of eating a piece of matzah or the sounds of a small child asking the Four Questions. And we, too, are set free, as we discover the transcendent in the stuff of everyday life.

Rabbi Daniel Finkelman

MBJC ELECTIONS

On a snowy Sunday, December 20, 2009, members of the MBJC braved the elements to come out to vote in an election that chose the leaders of our shul for the next two years. Those chosen were:

OPERATING OFFICERS

President Rubin Margules
Chairman of the Board Jay Haies
Treasurer Alfred Gollomp
Vice President Ritual Ira Bilus
Vice President Emeritus Ritual Meier Stessel
Vice President Membership Lev Rivkin
2nd Vice President Property
..... Sidney Orbach & Noah Cohen

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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

We wish these new officers and committee chairpeople the best in leading our shul to new heights.

GIVE TO THE NEEDY

One of the most time honored traditions of the Passover season is for members of the Jewish community to give generously to their local Maot Chittim charity campaign. Anyone who has been shopping for Kosher for Passover food lately is well aware of the high cost of the essentials for this holiday. Many worthy Jewish individuals and households in our community have approached us for assistance during this holiday period. On Shabbos, March 27th we had our annual Maot Chittim appeal. Please send in your Maot Chittim contribution to the shul office in time for the funds to be distributed before Yom Tov.

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friends for a truly wonderful and fulfilling Chag Kosher V'Semach Pesach. May we enjoy this Yom Tov, and as Jews, not forget the neediest among us. Let us remember that the struggle for freedom and Jewish identity is on going and we all share in the ultimate redemption of Klal Yisrael and Eretz Yisrael.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE SEDER

There are five basic mitzvot performed by each Jew, in the course of the seder conducted according to the traditional Haggadah. They are: Eating Matzo, drinking four cups of wine, eating bitter herbs, relating the story of the exodus (Haggadah or Magid), reciting Psalms of praise (Hallel)

In order to fulfill the mitzvot of the Passover Seder, it is necessary to consume a minimum quantity of the four cups of wine, matzo and maror, within a maximum period of time. For wine, the minimum volume is 3 fluid ounces. Each seder participant must drink more than half this volume for each of the four cups to fulfill the mitzvah. For matzo, the minimum quantity is approximately one half of an average machine made matzo or one third of a hand made matzo. For maror, the minimum amount of bitter herbs is for horseradish, .7 ounces. When using lettuce leaves, use enough to cover an area of 80 square inches (8" by 10"). When using lettuce stalks, use enough to cover an area of 15 square inches (3" by 5").

Some people are careful to follow those opinions which teach that the entire amounts for each mitzvah should be consumed in one or two swallows. In any case, the drinking of each cup of wine and the eating of the matzo and maror should be completed within four minutes.

The eating of the afikomen should be concluded before chatzot which this year falls out at 1 AM.



PURIM AT MBJC

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After the concert the crowd at MBJC went into the Sisterhood Room for music and dancing with Israel Edelson at the keyboard accompanied by the serving of stuffed cabbage, vegetables and drinks which helped everyone maintain their holiday spirits until 11:30 P.M.



During the concert and the Sisterhood room Purim party activities, many children were kept busy in arts and crafts activities in the playroom under the guidance and supervision of Lila Shleifstein. Such activities included face painting, sand art, bead art, magic scratch art of crowns and masks, making hamentachen, and painting wooden graggers and marrachas, hand clappers and drums.

Everyone who came to MBJC on Purim evening will long remember the great time which they experienced.

FAST OF THE FIRSTBORN

Fast of the Firstborn (Hebrew: **תענית בכורים** *Ta'anit B'khorim*); is a unique fast day in Judaism which usually falls on the day before Passover (i.e. the fourteenth day of Nisan, a month in the Jewish calendar. Passover always begins on the fifteenth of the month). Usually, the fast is broken at a siyum celebration (typically made at the conclusion of the morning services), which, according to prevailing custom, creates an atmosphere of rejoicing that overrides the requirement to continue the fast. This fast commemorates the salvation of the Israelite firstborns during the Plague of the Firstborn (according to the Book of Exodus, the tenth of the ten plagues wrought upon Ancient Egypt prior to the Exodus of the Children of Israel), when, according to Exodus (12:29): "...God struck every firstborn in the Land of Mitzrayim (Ancient Egypt)...." Unlike most Jewish fast days, only firstborns are required to fast on the Fast of the Firstborn. This year the Fast of the Firstborn will be commemorated on Monday, March 29th. Shacharit will take place at 6:10 and 7:30 AM with a siyum to follow each minyan.

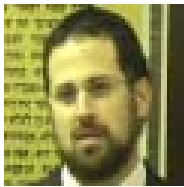
ONEG SHABBAT

On March 5th we celebrated the end of our Oneg Shabbat season. Since November when Eastern Standard time began our members have opened their homes to us on Friday nights for classes and singing and dancing. Thanks to the following people for hosting: Jay & Joelle Lessler, Dr. Eliezer & Barbara Offenbacher, Mark & Helen Orbach, Sidney & Pnina Orbach, Rabbi Yehoshua & Sarah Zelikovitz, Vivian Weinrib, Milton & Deborah Zegerman, Ira & Pauline Bilus, Jay & Evelyn Haies and Rubin & Cecelia Margules.

YOM HASHOAH PROGRAM

On Sunday, April 11th, Yom Hashoah, we will be participating in Assemblyman Steven Cymbrowitz's 2010 Holocaust Memorial Essay, Poetry, Performance and Art Contest Ceremony. We hope everyone will join us in remembering the victims of the Holocaust and also honoring the student Holocaust Contest winners. The keynote speaker will be NYS Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. Holocaust survivor and author of "Destined to Live", Ruth Gruener, will also speak and offer her personal insights. Winning entrants of Assemblyman Cymbrowitz's Holocaust Contests will be awarded their prizes. The Ceremony starts in our Jewish Center at 10 AM.

Noted Lecturer Rabbi Yitzchak Fingerer to appear at MBJC



Rabbi Yitzchak Fingerer, an inspiring and dynamic lecturer and accomplished author, has advanced rabbinical ordination from Yeshiva Torah Vodaas in addition to a degree in biology. The Rabbi has appeared on radio and television, lectured at prestigious college campuses, synagogues, religious organizations as well as other forums. He is a scholar in residence at Aish Hatorah and an adjunct professor at Lander College for Women. As director of Think and Care Tank, Rabbi Fingerer initiates and explores innovative models for Jewish education and outreach. Many of his op-eds have appeared in the Jewish Press. On the web, he may be heard and seen on JWisdom.com, TorahAnyTime.com and TorahMedia.com. His books address many issues on philosophy, science and psychology with Torah answers that have been endorsed in today's Torah world by prominent Rabbis. Rabbi Fingerer will be speaking at MBJC on Sunday, April 25th at 8 pm. Please make every effort to attend and welcome him to our community. A book signing will be conducted after the lecture.

KIDDUSHIM & SHALOSH SEUDOT

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

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following for their sponsorships of the weekly kiddush in the past few weeks: Dr. Ruth Kleinman, Naomi Mauer and Lev Rivikn.

The following have graciously sponsored the weekly shalosh seudot: Yefim Buberan, Mike Goldstein, Dr. Ruth Kleinman, Pnina Orbach and Lev Rivkin.

For available dates to share your simcha or commemorate a yarzeit, please call the shul office.

MISHLOACH MANOT

On Purim all members of the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center received beautiful Mishloach Manot. The selection of goodies was very tastefully selected and bought by our own Rabbi Yehoshua and Rebbitzin Sarah Zelikovitz. For this they deserve our deepest thanks.

Kudos also to those who packed them into the boxes. Thanks to Evelyn Weinberger, Evelyn Gollomp, Derrick Vernon, Ronald D'Meza, Evelyn D'Meza, Marina Milkis, Maya Berg and Eugene Pakhman. Without their help the boxes would not have been packed in a timely fashion.

This function was financially a success due to the participation of the following individuals: Steve & Renee Adelsberg, Bruce & Muriel Bayroff, Dr. Alexander & Simona Berenblit, Maya Berg, Ira & Pauline Bilus, Yefim & Valentina Buberan, Boris & Victoria Evelkin, Hon. Michael & Marlene Feinberg, Mark & Bernice Fleischer, Mr. & Mrs. Simon Fleischman, Dr. Leonard & Leslie Flug, Alfred & Evelyn Gollomp, Jay & Evelyn Haies, Arline & Abe Harris, Shirley Heller, Leanore Huberman, Matthew & Lainie Isaacson, Martin & Esther Izaak, Winnie & Lori Jacobowitz, Dr. Oliver & Susan Klapper, Dr. Ruth Kleinman, Dr. David & Irina Korman, Bernard & Madeline Laufer, Jay & Joelle Lessler, Allen & Teri Litman, Richard & Raizella Mandel, Rubin & Cecelia Margules, Dr. Ivan & Naomi Mauer, Geraldine Melinger, Prof. Oscar & Shelley Mohl, Barry & Eileen Montrose, Iosif & Galina Nisimov, Murray & Lee Novick, Mark & Helen Orbach, Joseph & Jochevet Orbach, Sidney & Pnina Orbach, Dr. Yeruchem & Sue Reich, Lev & Sofia Rivkin, Harold & Rosalie Rosenthal, David & Yelena Safir, Gadi & Esther Schwartz, Abraham & Esther Sher, Yisrael & Lila Schleifstein, Vivian Singer, Meier & Zahava Stessel, Mitchell & Natalie Vilinsky, Harry Wanderer, Ted & Evelyn Weinberger, Vivian Weinrib, David & Gail Weiss, Rabbi Yehoshua & Sarah Zelikovitz, Leo Zucker

CELEBRATING A MILESTONE BIRTHDAY

In January 2010 David Goorevitch, a devoted and dedicated past member of our synagogue celebrated his 90th birthday.

A celebration of life was given by his dear children Bonnie Bibula and Mark Goorevitch. A party beautifully attended by generations of loving families, friends and guests.

David was born in January 1920 in Bronx, New York. Years later he moved to Brooklyn with his beloved wife Rosalyn Pesselnick, O.B.M. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II where he received the Bronze Star Valor of Honor. Ultimately, he managed a shipping and receiving department for a large sound and equipment corporation. David was an active member of the Jewish War Veterans, Brighton Beach Chapter.

He is a religious man and a devoted congregant with his lovely wife of 25 years, Judith, O.B.M.

In following years his relationship with Betty Timberg, both dedicated and active participants of our synagogue, was one of endearing friendship.

David is a very sweet and kind human being who gives from his heart and is loved by all who know him. He now resides in the Cloves Lakes Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center in Staten Island.

He graced his party with joy and on this birthday looked better than ever. This was a special meaningful occasion.

May he have many more birthdays in good health and happiness.

EXPERIENCING FREEDOM

The Manhattan Beach Jewish Center will host a communal Seder of over 120 people this year.

The majority of the people who will attend will be from the Russian speaking community of Manhattan Beach and Brighton Beach. It will be led by Rabbi Danny and Tziporah Finkelman in the Regency Room on March 29th at 8:00 pm.

The MBJC plays a major role in reaching out to those who are spiritually unaffiliated and cater their needs with the help of Rabbi Danny Finkelman; himself a son of Russian immigrants, who was born in Jerusalem, grew in NY, and has served as a Chabad emissary in the Ukraine prior to his position in Manhattan Beach.

For the past three years, many Russian speaking Jews have started coming to shul on a weekly basis, attending the weekly Torah classes given in both Russian and English by R' Danny and MBJC Rabbi Yehoshua Zelikovitz, and sending their sons and daughters to join in the very popular Bar-Bat Mitzvah club that is run by Matthew Isaacson.

Lately, four young men from the community went through circumcisions, three young ladies found their soul mates, and many others are on a new path of spiritual discovery. Once again, This Pesach they will celebrate the Seder at the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center.

Remember Sarah Feldman

Last week we had a huge storm. Winds howled, trees toppled, the lights went out. All of Nature, I thought, was sharing my grief, devastated at the death of my Aunt Sarah.

When I was a child, her presence alone brought light and warmth and comfort. She used to bring a lonely little girl dolls, and dresses, and record albums. She loved Elvis Presley. When she took me to see Cinderella, I knew that Sarah was my fairy godmother, and she continued to be for my whole life. She is the one who encouraged me to marry my husband, who held each of my sons in the car when we brought them home from the hospital, who cared for them when they were sick, bought them clothes and toys, and went to school functions when I was at work. When my son Jeffrey was in the second grade, his teacher asked the class what they were thankful for. (This was a Thanksgiving celebration in school that I could not attend so Sarah went in my place.) Jeff raised his hand and said, "I am thankful for my aunt Sarah."

We are all thankful that Sarah was in our lives. Not only her family — which consisted of five sisters and a brother as well as numerous nieces and nephews — but also the wonderful people she met at Manhattan Beach Jewish Center. She loved being active in the Kiddush Club, the Sisterhood, and the synagogue itself. She took great pleasure in participating in all the activities and events offered by the synagogue which honored her and her husband Joe for their good works.

"Enjoy your life," she would tell me. I think that Sarah (she never wanted me to call her "aunt") most definitely enjoyed her life to the fullest, and by doing so, inspired everyone who came in contact with her to be grateful for their own blessings, to always look at the positives, to appreciate the gifts that God bestows on us.

As I exited her funeral service, the sun was shining and one of her sisterhood friends said to me, "She was a great lady." Sarah was indeed a Great lady. It is no accident that all of Nature wept at her passing.

Cecelia Steger

The Manhattan Beach Jewish Center would like to take this opportunity to offer condolences to the family of the late Lillian Goldstein. Although Lillian was not a member of our shul, she graced us with her presence every week and contributed to the Hashofar with her jokes and funny stories. She will be missed.