

Special Notice



Dear Congregants,

It will be appreciated if congregants and guests wear masks in all areas of the shul, regardless of vaccination status.

All masks should be properly worn by assuring that your nose and mouth are covered during services.

Board of Directors



Thank you.



Kol Hashofar

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President's Message

Wishing everyone a happy Purim and a healthy and enjoyable Pesach.

With Covid waning, I hope to see more of our regulars in shul in the near future, even if it is not every week. Hopefully we can get back to some normalcy. I would like to thank everyone who has helped us maintain our minyan through this pandemic.

Pesach is a time for families to get together and hopefully people will be able to get together with their families this year, and realize all that we have to be thankful for.

We have started to have some kiddushes, when there is a sponsor. If you would like to sponsor a kiddush, please let the Rebbetzin know so you can reserve a date.



Charles Miller
President

VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

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Someone once said, “Just when you think you know the answers, I change the questions.”

As we were winding down from a devastating pandemic that lasted two and half years, and all the troubles that it caused, we are now in the midst of a dangerous and frightening war, which has already claimed many lives, and has disrupted numerous communities, including dislocating countless Jewish families. Busloads of men, women and children from all over Ukraine were seen fleeing their country, as it was being attacked from land, sea and air. While everyone is hoping and praying for a swift end to this war, the prospects seem grim. Some political experts are predicting a long and drawn out conflict; let’s hope they are wrong. But in the mean time, so many people are fleeing their homes and communities, not knowing when they will return.

We cannot stand by idly. We must help those who need our support, and financially assist in the rescue effort. Additionally, as Jews and as believers, we know that everything that happens is by the hands of G-d, and we need to pray to Him to bring about a speedy and lasting peace to that part of the world.

By Divine Providence, this unexpected turn of events is occurring shortly before the holiday of Purim, a time when Jews all over the world were in grave danger. Logically, the predicament Jews were in at the time could have resulted, Heaven forbid, in the annihilation of the entire Jewish people. And yet, in a completely irrational way, the perpetrators of injustice found their untimely end, while the Jewish people are here today to tell the tale.

Having a special relationship with G-d means that we are not bound by the laws of nature. Of course, He expects us to work with nature to pursue what is needed. However, a Jew’s primary mode of resolving any problem is by tuning in to Hashem’s infinite powers. This is done, primarily, through prayer and by giving charity. These are the time-tested ways for meriting any miracle, especially one so desperately needed.

May G-d watch over the whole world, and especially over the Jewish people, wherever they may be, and quickly usher the era of Moshiach when peace will reign the world over.

Wishing you and yours a joyous Purim!



RABBI Y. GOLDENBERG



Happy Purim!

Baskets will be prepared for the following:

The Goldenberg Family	The Lev Family
The Abramowitz Family	The Levin Family
Tybie Abrams	The Levine Family (Aaron & Rhoda)
The Altchek Family	Linda Levine
The Aronoff Family	Jeffrey Lewin
Eric Barash	Arthur Levner
Dr. Devin Belden	The Lonstein Family
The Bitcover Family	The Miller Family
The Brown Family	The Miskin family
Mort Cohen	The Redel Family
Judy Dogin	Miriam Rogers
The Eventoff Family	The Sacharov Family
The Ferstenberg Family	The Seiden Family
Martha Friedman	The Shafman Family
The Finkelstein Family	The Stockhammer Family
Eleanor Heck	The Vishevnik Family
Andrew Kravetsky	The Zur Family

Baskets will be available for pickup at the shul on Purim.

Young Israel Renovation Update

Young Israel of Lawrenceville has been excitedly making plans for an indoor renovation of our Shul. A beautiful brochure has been sent out – if you have not yet received one, please call the Shul and we will mail one to you.

Please be in touch with any of the YI board members or myself if you would like to participate in this great project that will benefit the future of our community for many years to come.

If you have questions about the project, simply email a Board member, and someone will get back to you.



Proposed seating diagram

Thank you!

Rabbi Y. Goldenberg

Services will be held at the Rabbi's home during renovations.

Young Israel—Community Bulletin Board

YIOL offers a range of programs and services which enables opportunities for exploring Judaism in a non-judgmental way. Whether it be a prayer service, Torah class, or social gathering that you're seeking, you will be enthusiastically welcomed and celebrated, So come for a visit...and stay a while.

Adult Education Program

Please join us for our classes. All classes are conducted in English and are held at the Synagogue.

- **Tuesday evening class** -- Rabbi Goldenberg will be announcing a new series for his Tuesday night class.
- **Women's class** — Rebbetzin Goldenberg teaches a women's class on alternate Mondays at 7:30.

There is no charge for participation. For further information, call the synagogue at (609) 883-8833 any day from Saturday at nightfall through Friday early afternoon. If there is no reply, leave a message on the answering machine

Tzedakah Fund



Our Shul has a Tzedakah fund to help those in special need of assistance. The fund is derived primarily from contributions collected from the "pushka" in Shul. If you know of such a person, please advise either Rabbi Goldenberg or Charles Miller.

Kiddushim

Our thanks to those who have sponsored kiddushim. For a full list of recent kiddush sponsors, please refer to Donations and Good Tidings. To celebrate your special occasion with a kiddush, please e-mail Dina Goldenberg:

dinagoldenberg@aol.com

When paying your dues, please send your Kiddush assessment (\$100) in a separate check, payable to the Sisterhood.



The Memorial Board

The Memorial Board in the Synagogue is a special way to honor, in perpetuity, the memory of departed loved ones. Plaques are \$250 each and may be ordered by contacting the Synagogue.



Yahrzeit Advisory

It is very important that our Shul provide a minyan to enable members and others to observe a Yahrzeit anniversary. Whenever you need to observe a Yahrzeit, please contact one of our gabbaim several days in advance so we can ensure a minyan will be available. Please contact Charles Miller (530-1846).

Visiting the Sick



It is a religious duty (a *mitzvah*) to visit someone who is ill. If you become aware of someone who is unwell or infirm, please advise Rabbi Goldenberg or Charles Miller immediately so that the person may be contacted and visited at an appropriate and convenient time



Donations and Good Tidings

“May G-d bless those who dedicate synagogues for prayer and those who enter them to pray, those who provide light for them, wine for Kiddush and Havdalah, bread for guests and charity to the poor and all who are involved faithfully in the needs of the community.”

(from the Yekum Purkan prayer said every Shabbot at the end of the Shacharis service).

DONATIONS

BARRY ABRAMOWITZ

- General donation

TYBIE ABRAMS

- General donation

NORMAN AND KARRIELYN FERSTENBERG

- For the yahrtzeit of Henry Ferstenberg
- In honor of Fay Lonstein’s new grandchild
- For the speedy recovery of Carol Aronoff

MARTHA FRIEDMAN

- Yizkor
- In memory of Mrs. Eva Rosenstock

THE GOLDENBERG FAMILY

- Yizkor

STUART AND PAULA GOSS

- In honor of Chabad

ELEANOR HECK

- In memory of Mrs. Eva Rosenstock
- For the yahrtzeit of William Sander Heck
- In Honor of Fay Lonstein’s new grandchild
- Yizkor

DAVID KLEIN

- Yizkor

DAVID AND ANDREA LEV

- Yizkor

FAY LONSTEIN

- Yizkor

CHARLES AND DIANE MILLER

- In memory of Eva Rosenstock
- General donation
- In honor of the shul’s anniversary

AARON AND LYNDA SACHAROV

- General donation

STEVEN AND EVE MILLSTEIN DONOR ADVISED FUND

- General donation





MOSHE EVENTOFF

In memory of a beloved friend



ANONYMOUS

In memory of Lester Weiss



THE SACHAROV FAMILY

In memory of David Fern



THE GOLDENBERG FAMILY

In honor of Eric Barash's birthday

In honor of the birthday of Mendy
Goldenberg

In memory of R' Nachum Elazal ben
Yosef



THE FINKELSTEIN FAMILY



THE MISKIN FAMILY

In honor of the birthdays of Meir and
Carrie



THE SACHAROV FAMILY

In memory of Dorothy Fern



DANIEL LAPIDOW

In memory of his grandfather, Floyd
Lapidow



LEE AND MIRIAM STOCKHAMMER

In memory of Rabbi Gershon Lerer



MOSHE EVENTOFF

In honor of the children of our
congregation

In honor of the Rebbe



THE MANDLER FAMILY

Kiddush List



Certificate authorizing sale of *chametz*

I (we*) _____ authorize Rabbi Yitzchak Goldenberg to dispose all *chametz* that may be in my (our) possession wherever it may be – at home, at my (our) place of business, or elsewhere – in accordance with the requirements of Jewish Law as incorporated in this special contract for sale of *chametz*.

Residence address _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Address _____ Suite _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

**Signature(s) _____ Date _____

*Husband and wife, specify names.

** Must be signed by head of household and preferably by all parties.

All forms need to be received no later than Thursday, April 14.

Please send to:

Rabbi Y. Goldenberg
2556 Princeton Pike
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

About the Sale of *Chametz*

Since it is prohibited to possess chametz on Passover, any chametz left un-disposed must be sold to a non-Jew.

All such chametz, as well as all chametz utensils that were not thoroughly cleaned, should be stored away. The storage area should be locked or taped shut for the duration of the holiday.

Since there are many legal intricacies involved in this sale, a rabbi acts as our agent both to sell the chametz to the non-Jew on the morning before Passover and also to buy it back the evening after Passover ends.



SISTERS IN THE HOOD

I'm back and so is Purim. Purim comes once a year and it feels like I have been away from this news letter for the same amount of time. I apologize for my absence. I spent the last year and a half recovering from broken bones in my legs. I have been home from Rehab since the middle of October and plan on staying here.

I will whisper the next sentence...

One month after Purim comes Passover.

Don't worry, you still have plenty of time to use up your flour and to use the last of your matzah from last year for Matzah Brei. Maybe for Sunday breakfast..My family does not eat matzah between Purim and Passover.. When Samuel/Shlomo and Matthew were little, I allowed them to eat any open chametz a week before Passover. It really helped to empty my cabinets but gave them sugar highs. Maybe I should invite them to repeat that this year. The sugar highs would not be my problem, but their wives.

I want to thank the shopping crew and packing group for doing a great job with the Purim bags. It is like a birthday party when you get a "goody bag". Hope you enjoy all the wonderful treats inside.

I just called and found out that Shop-Rite has their Passover section setup. Take the stress out of last minute, shop early.

Condolences to our friend, Linda Levine and her son Ryan on the passing of her

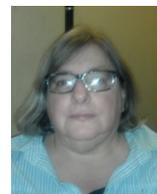
mother, Marylin Silbert. Linda's husband, Alan past away from Covid near the beginning of it. Ryan celebrated his Bar Mitzvah at Young Israel about 15 or 16 years ago. May the Levine family and all mourners find comfort in Zion.

A few months ago, I started having a weekly phone visit with my Mechutan, (Kit's mother). She lives in Pittsburgh and we have only met face-face 2 or 3 times. It is very interesting to find all about a person in a once a week , one hour phone conversation. It must be like getting to know a J-Date match before meeting in person.

Nechama Dina's women's Zoom class meets weekly except when we don't. Right now we are discussing the weekly Parsha. We are looking at the underlying meaning and relating it to our lives. This past week we also learned about Purim.

This article is very over due and, I do not want to upset Lynda any more, so I will end. Also for my first writing in over a year, I think it is enough.

Please be careful, stay safe and healthy. Enjoy the upcoming holidays.



Carol for Sisterhood



Dryer Vent Safety

Your clothes dryer vent should be inspected annually. Lint gradually builds up, and although you might regularly clean out the interior lint screen, it's important that the vent leading to the outside must also be cleaned.

Facts about Home Clothes Dryer Fires

"2,900 home clothes dryer fires are reported each year and cause an estimated 5 deaths, 100 injuries, and \$35 million in property loss.

Failure to clean the dryer (34 percent) is the leading cause of home clothes dryer fires.

More home clothes dryer fires occur in the fall and winter months, peaking in January.

*To learn more about the causes and incidence of home clothes dryer fires, download our free report
Clothes Dryer Fires in Residential Buildings 2008-2010 PDF 612 Kb." **

**Obtained from U.S. Fire Administration https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/clothes_dryers.html*

Contact: Lynda Sacharov at LSach@msn.com for more information

The “No-Hassle Kiddush Initiative”

Dear Fellow Shul Goer,

I would like to present the community with an opportunity that could benefit its members: I’ll call it the “No-Hassle Kiddush Initiative”.

If you would like to sponsor a Kiddush but you can’t (or don’t want to!) deal with the headache of shopping, preparing, setting up, etc., no worries. I will do it for you. Yup, you read that correctly. I will prepare your entire Kiddush – all you need to do is show up! It’s that simple.

I will offer you choices of delicious homemade salads and baked goods, pretty platters, tasty deserts, and more. I will even include the paper goods J Below, you will find a list of options, as well as other information that you might need.

Note: this offer is my own personal initiative. It is in addition to, not in place of, what is currently being arranged by the YI sisterhood.

If you have any questions, you can contact me:

dinagoldenberg@aol.com

609-231-8609



From Dina's Kitchen

BASIC KIDDUSH - \$150

Salads (vegetable): Choice of 3

(Each additional salad \$7)

Eggplant – marinated

Eggplant – babaganoush

Taboule (quinoa)

Coleslaw

Potato

Carrot – cooked or grated

Tomato

Egg Salad

Olive dip

Chummus

Platters: Choice of 1

Fresh vegetable

Fresh fruit (seasonal)

Fish: Choice of 2

(Each additional \$10)

Gefilte fish with horseradish

Tuna (plain or scallion)

White fish salad (store bought)

Herring (store bought)

Nosh: One of each

(Each additional \$5)

Cookies – 2 types (rugelach, biscotti, chocolate chip, etc.)

Potato chips or Tortilla chips

Pretzels or other chips

Crackers – 2 types

Drinks: 2 seltzers and 1 juice (Soda upon request)

DELUXE KIDDUSH: \$225

Same as basic plus:

2 additional vegetable salads

Fish platter **OR** deli platter

Kugel – choice of potato, noodle or apple

Nuts or chocolate

Extras:

Cake for special occasion: \$50

*Price includes paper goods

*Liquor provided by Kiddush sponsor

List is flexible. If you would like specific or select items, that can be arranged.

One week advance notice for all orders!

Orders must be pre-paid.

NOTE: If you are expecting a larger than usual crowd, please indicate approximately how many additional



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AMAZON SMILE

Did you know that you can raise funds for Young Israel simply by shopping at Amazon?

It doesn't cost you anything extra! There's a one-time setup that needs to be done, and then just shop at smile.amazon.com (instead of www.amazon.com) like you normally would. All of your account settings will already be available.

To set this up for the first time, point your computer or mobile browser to smile.amazon.com. You will be asked to select a charity on the right side of the screen. Below the spotlight charities, there is an option to pick your own charitable organization. In the box, enter "Young Israel of Lawrenceville" and click "Search". The results will appear on the left, and you can select our Shul by clicking "Select" next to "Young Israel of Lawrenceville". Young Israel's unique charity link is: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2115751>.

After that, just remember to shop at smile.amazon.com, and all eligible purchases will generate a donation to Young Israel.

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Daniel Zuckerman



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Ask The Rabbi....

Q: Can we mourn a pet?



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On the Death of a Pet

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Thursday, 9 February, 2017 - 3:08 pm

Posted by Mrs. Nechama Eilfort

Rabbis are asked a large variety of questions. We field questions as diverse as the proper way to observe Shabbos, to the Kosher status of food, to how best to educate children, to where to purchase a Mezuzah, and on and on. Over the years I have been asked on several occasions if there is a proper way to mourn a beloved family pet that has died. I remember the first time I was asked this question I was taken aback. In response I hemmed and hawed and asked for some time to check on the correct answer.

We, in Judaism, do not have specific prayers or mourning practices for pets. Why not? Those who have family pets can attest to the fact that a beloved dog or cat can seem like part of the family. The unbridled love and loyalty displayed by a tail-wagging dog or the comfort offered by a snuggling-purring cat can be downright therapeutic. In fact, animal therapy is a growing area of treatment of numerous human maladies. Pets have demonstrated incredible levels of what-can-only-be-described as heroism. So why don't we pray over a dead pet? Why is a mourning death ritual not described in our sources? Is there something affirmative that can be done?

Before answering it behooves us to try to better understand how Judaism views an animal. As we know from the story of Genesis animals are creations of G-d. In fact, animals were created before humankind. We are commanded in very strong terms not to be cruel to animals. One of the seven Noahide laws, which are considered universal in that they are commanded to all humanity, states that the children of Noah (all of humanity) may not eat the limb from a living animal, which many explain includes being cruel to animals. The Code of Jewish Law, based upon the Talmud even directs us to learn certain character traits from animals; for instance hard work, cleanliness, and discretion, all as modeled by different species.

We can go even further. In Lurianic Kabbalah we find the notion that everything that exists does so by virtue of a divine spark – a G-dly energy as it were - found within it. We typically call this divine spark a soul. If not for a particular vivifying energy, that being, whatever it may be (inanimate, plant, animal,

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On the Death of a Pet

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or human) would simply not exist. It is somewhat analogous to electricity within a lightbulb. If the electrical current is cut off the light goes out instantaneously. If the divine spark is removed, existence - also known as life - ceases.

From this explanation we see that our beloved pets indeed have souls. However, it is of critical importance to understand that the soul is radically different than that of a human. It is of extreme importance that we do not fall into the trap of viewing an animal's life or death as tragic as significant as a human's life and death. We see today the consequences of this lack of understanding, whereas many people have stated that when given the choice between rescuing a beloved pet or stranger from drowning, they would choose the pet. That is a moral failure of epic proportions.

At the same time, however, denying or even ignoring the death of a loving pet is unpalatable to the millions of people who have had their quality of life enhanced by a pet.

In the best tradition of the Baal Shem Tov, who enjoined us to learn from everything that happens and employ it in our service of G-d, we can indeed find ways to appropriately react to the death of a pet. May I suggest that the 'mourner' can take a careful inventory of what the pet did that helped make life better, and then make an honest attempt to try and make life better for another human being in a similar way. If one's pet dog always greeted the owner with a wagging tail (eg. unbridled joy) try and emulate that when meeting with friends etc.

The best part about pets is that they were receptacles of love by their human owners, teaching their owners how to bestow love – even on lower beings. And that is a grand lesson that can always come in handy!

The preceding article was first posted by Mrs. Nechama Eilfort
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Bereavement Services

King Solomon said, "There is a time for all under the heavens — a time to love, a time to journey, a time to plant, a time to reap, a time to rejoice and a time to mourn."

In a most loving and caring way and with the greatest sensitivity, Rabbi Goldenberg will make it his business to offer all the comfort, guidance and bereavement support needed. In addition, he will be glad to offer his assistance in preparation, officiating at the funeral, making Shiva services, arranging for the kaddish to be recited, etc.

For assistance, or for more information, please call: (609) 882-4330.



THIS SPACE HAS TRADITIONALLY LAID OUT LIGHTING AND SERVICE TIMES FOR SHABBOS AND YOM TOV. HOWEVER, THANKS TO THE CHABAD OF LAWRENCEVILLE CALENDAR THAT THE RABBI MAILS OUT ANNUALLY AND TO THE RABBI'S WEEKLY E-TORAH E-MAIL, WE HAVE DECIDED THAT IT MAY NO LONGER BE NECESSARY TO INCLUDE THE

INFORMATION IN THE NEWSLETTER. PLEASE NOTIFY RABBI GOLDENBERG IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE THE CALENDAR OR BE ADDED TO THE MAILING LIST TO RECEIVE THE E-TORAH PLEASE FEEL FREE TO NOTIFY ELEANOR, LYNDA, OR THE RABBI IF YOU WOULD PREFER THAT THE NEWSLETTER ALSO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION.





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