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President's Message

If you have not been to our Friday night minyan, I recommend that you give it a try. It is a very uplifting experience.

As we approach the summer season, I am sure that many of you have vacation plans. If anyone has anything interesting planned and would like to write an article for our next newsletter, please contact Lynda Sacharov. Also if you are going to be away for Shabbos, please let either me or the Rabbi know, so that we can make sure we have a minyan.

As we approach Shavous and the last Yizkor of the Jewish year, please consider increasing you Yizkor pledge, so that we may end the year on a positive note. One of our best fundraisers, with no additional cost to you, are the Shop-Rite vouchers. To order you vouchers, call Eleanor Heck.

Charles Miller President





VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

Beyond cheesecake ...

From the three major Jewish festivals, Shavuot is unique in that there are no special biblically mandated practices that are commanded. Besides for the ordinary observances that apply to any yomtov (similar to Shabbos, minus some restrictions about food preparation,) there are no other obligations that are Torah based.

The custom for eating dairy foods comes from the fact that having just been given the Torah, the Jewish people were still learning about the Kosher dietary laws, and sticking to dairy was a safe bet, as it avoided any issues concerning animal slaughter and kasherization of meat.

What we do have on Shavuot that is of high importance is the Torah reading of the first day, since this is when the Ten Commandments are read. It is this holiday's primary task.

When G-d came to Sinai 3,331 years ago to give us our code for optimal living, He did so with great fanfare. But when thinking about what actually took place on the auspicious day, we realize that it was a revelation of G-dliness. It was the only time in history when Hashem revealed Himself to the universe in such an accessible way. Whereas He is ordinarily concealed, this time, He removed the veil and allowed Himself to be experienced by ordinary humans.

And although no revelation of that degree has occurred since, one time a year, on Shavuot, we are gifted with a resemblance of that experience. When the Ten Commandments will be read next Sunday, we will be able to benefit from the G-dly expression of His interest in having a relationship with mankind. This, when done in the context of a Minyan, touches the soul in the most profound way. So be sure to attend Torah reading next Sunday, and give yourself the gift of experiencing the closest thing to Sinai.

With heartfelt wishes for a profound and joyful receiving of the Torah!



Rabbi Y. Goldenberg



Young Israel—Community Bulletin Board

Adult Education Program

Kiddushim

lease 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



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Our Shul has a 🗖 Tzedakah fund to help those in

Synagogue is a special way

special need of assistance The fund to honor, in perpetuity, the memory of departed loved ones. primarily from Plaques are \$250 each and may contributions collected from the "pushka" in Shul. If you know of be ordered by contacting the Synagogue.

such a person, please advise either Rabbi Goldenberg or Charles Miller.

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.



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Yahrzeit Advisory

t is very important that our Shul provide a minyan to enable members and others to observe а Yahrzeit Whenever you anniversary. 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





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).

BARBARA AND EDWARD BERLINER In memory of Karen Rodney

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Thank you all for your contributions, and your support of the Shul! Δ



Kiddush donations

THE FINKELSTEIN FAMILY

BRUCE BITCOVER

In honor of his Bar Mitzvah anniversary

JEFFREY AND ROSE LONSTEIN

In honor of family celebrations, Israel's mission to the moon, and Shabbos Hachodesh.

JEFFREY LEWIN

In memory of his daughter, Jessica

FRIDAY NIGHTS - SPONGE CAKE AND WINE

Shuli Levin (March)

Lee Stockhammer (May)



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 <u>smile.amazon.com</u> (instead of <u>www.amazon.com</u>) 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 <u>smile.amazon.com</u>. 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".

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

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Daniel Zuckerman



Keep Smilin'



YOUNG ISRAEL OF LAWRENCEVILLE

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ALL NIGHT TORAH-THON

SATURDAY NIGHT

BEGINNING 12:00 MIDNIGHT

COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED INTERACTIVE DISCUSSIONS ON A VARIETY OF TORAH TOPICS YOUNG ISRAEL OF LAWRENCEVILLE 2556 PRINCETON PIKE LAWRENCEVILLE, NEW JERSEY RSVP: RABBI@JEWISHLAWRENCE.COM



SHAVUDT CELEBRATION

HEAR THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

> DAIRY BUFFET KIDDUSH ICE CREAM PARTY AND PUPPET SHOW

GAMES - FUN FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY, JUNE 9 11:00 AM

YOUNG ISRAEL OF LAWRENCEVILLE 2556 PRINCETON PIKE, LAWRENCEVILLE

MORE INFORMATION: WWW.JEWISHLAWRENCE.COM 609-883-8833

Jewish Heritage Night

Mark the date August 8, 2019 Kosher food will be available If 20 people sign up, Young Israel will be acknowledged on the scoreboard! TICKETS COST \$12. EMAIL CAROL ARONOFF AT Billcar2@verizon.net or call 609-530-0366 TO RESERVE TICKETS by July 1, 2019. PAYMENT SHOULD BE SENT TO NORMAN FERSTENBERG AT 2620 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

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Have you ever hit a wall when asked to speak in public or to write something? I usually do not have a problem writing my article for the newsletter. This time I am stuck. I know the middle and even the end. I just do not know how to begin. I guess I just did.

Even though it is almost 50 days/7 weeks plus one day since Passover, I would hope that everyone's holiday was joyful. Am I the only one who cannot find everything that was put away for the holiday? I know that if I replace something, I will find it, but I need the stuff now! I also know that I have unpacked and packed away things that I have not used for three years. Oh well, maybe next year.

50 days/7 weeks plus one day from the second night of Passover is Shavuot. After the longest "road trip" known to man, woman and child, we reached Mt. Sinai. Moses put up with all the usual complaints; I'm hungry, I'm thirsty, I'm tired, I'm bored, there is nothing to do, I want to go home and the Biggie, "are we there yet?". Is it any wonder that he climbed the mountain for some peace and quiet? But when he came down, he had the greatest gift for the Jewish people. He had the **10 Utterances** – the literal name for the **Ten Commandments.** Little did we know that there were **603** more. Bill has two jokes about this…ask him when you see him. Enjoy this dairy holiday and try not to break too many commandments. I hope to see all of you in Shul on Sunday to hear them re-read to us.

Karen Rodney lived her life to the fullest and everything she did, she did it with joy. She always had a smile on her face and was truly glad to see you. Her marriage to Buddy was a second one for each of them, but they fit together very well. Karen took their two families and combined them to form one unit. My sympathies to Buddy, their children and grandchildren. I know that Karen will be missed in your hearts. She will also be missed by everyone who knew her.

A few months ago, Lee Stockhammer sponsored a kiddush in honor of his father's birthday. A few weeks ago, Lee's father past away. My sympathies to Lee, Miriam, their sons and the rest of the Stockhammer family.

May you all be comforted in Zion.

Thirty tickets have again been donated for Jewish Heritage Night with The Trenton Thunder. All money made on ticket sales is pure profit for the Shul. Last year this event brought in over \$120. Please join the YI family for a fun night of baseball, fireworks and Kosher food. Put Thursday, August 8, 2019 on your calendar. The game starts at 7 pm. Tickets are \$12 each. Please let me know how many you need. Deadline is July 1st, but ASAP would be helpful. Checks should be made out to YI, memo Trenton Thunder, mail to Norman.



According to the YI/Chabad calendar and my personal knowledge, the following people celebrated or will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. From one newsletter to another. In no order, birthdays are; Cyril Lonstein, Samuel/Shlomo Aronoff, Brilla Lonstein, Tybie Abrams, Kit Aronoff, Alex Ferstenberg, Matthew Aronoff, NachamaDina Goldenberg, Norman Ferstenberg, Rivka Goldenberg, Chezkel Goldenberg, Rochela Goldenberg, Bebe Brown, Aliya Lonstein, Lydia Bitcover, Bill Aronoff, Matt Eventoff, Nicole Eventoff and Eleanor Heck. Anniversaries include; Lydia & Bruce Bitcover, Nachama Dina & Rabbi Yitzchak Goldenberg, Shayna Goldenberg, Ellie & Matthew Aronoff and Kit & Samuel/Shlomo Aronoff. Mazel Tov to all of you. If you let me know the date of your occaison, I will include it next time.

Purim marked one year that Arthur has been a part of YI. Thanks for being here with us.

Memorial plaques are \$250 for members and \$300 for non-members. Talk to Rabbi G. about dedicating one.

The Goldenberg family has had some special simchas recently. Nachama Dina went to Florida for her brother, YisrolMeir's son's Brit. The Rabbi's sister Sherna's son celebrated his Bar Mitzvah at YI at the end of Passover, and then with a party in Monsey, NY. Chatzkel started putting on Tefillin and wearing a hat. His Bar Mitzvah is fast approaching.

The sale of ShopRite gift cards is an on going fund raiser. You buy the cards at face value, there is no extra cost to you. SR gives us 5% on ever \$1,000 of gift cards we buy. Call Eleanor to purchase.

I almost forgot, my whole family attended a Sci-Fi convention in Baltimore over the Memorial Day weekend. We all had a great time. My convention rule is that you have to be at Shabbos dinner and Havdalah. Everyone always complies. The Saturday night riot at the Inner Harbor was outside our hotel, but we were not involved.

Enjoy your summer. If you go away; vacation, small get away or camp have a great time. Go in health and safety,

Be on the look out for wedding and baby news next time. As Elmer Fudd of Looney Tunes says ,"That's All Folks!"

Carol for Sisterhood





Ask the Rabbi...

If there is a question you might like to ask Rabbi Goldenberg, email it to LSach@msn.com. Your answer will appear in the next newsletter.

Dear Rabbi, What is an unveiling?

What Is an Unveiling?

Marking the grave of the deceased with a gravestone is an ancient Jewish custom that dates back to biblical times. The unveiling ceremony, however, is a modern innovation containing little in the way of authentic custom or rite. In Hebrew, the unveiling event is known as the *hakamet ha-matzeiva* ("installation of the monument"), since it symbolically marks the erection of the tombstone. Held at the graveside, the ceremony typically lasts no longer than half an hour.

When Is the Unveiling Held?

Tradition tells us that the soul is finally at rest when the tombstone is erected. For that reason, many (including Chabad) erect the tombstone on the day following the seven days of *shiva*. Others wait 30 days, and still others wait 12 months. The headstone can be in place before the official unveiling, so if you hold an unveiling, it's okay to get the headstone installed at the proper time and then delay the unveiling as needed. If you are waiting, be sure to factor in weather, travel schedule and the rabbi's availability when picking a date.

This information is provided by Menachem Posner -Chabad.org

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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: <u>dinagoldenberg@aol.com</u>

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





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 MAILING LIST TO RECEIVE THE E-TORAH 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 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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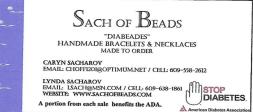
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