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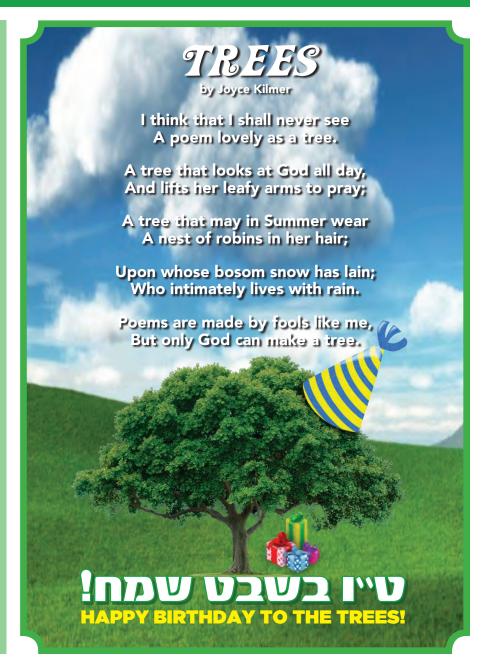
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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



Dear friends,

It is often said that the denominational divides within American Jewry are becoming increasingly unbridgeable. Admittedly, there is an element of truth to such assertions. And yet, sometimes our people can come together in common purpose and mutual respect. Three episodes in the past month are worthy of being brought to your attention:

On Thursday, November 29th the Jewish community of New Rochelle gathered at YINR for a Shloshim observance in memory of the victims of the terror attack at Congregation Tree of Life in Pittsburgh, PA. This was a joint venture of Young Israel of New Rochelle, Young Israel of Scarsdale, Temple Israel, Beth El, Magen David, and Anshe Sholom. Among the clergy invited to recite prayers or offer words of inspiration were Rabbis Fink, Morgenstern, Nichols, Schuck, Sitkin, Axelrod, and myself. [Miriam Leiderman spoke beautifully about her aunt Joyce.] This was the first time in my tenure at Anshe Sholom that local rabbis representing Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform synagogues all spoke from the same pulpit. It was a somber evening of reflection and grieving. Yet it was uplifting and reassuring to know that the disparate factions within our broader community can coalesce when we so choose. My prayer is that we are able to do so for happy occasions and not only in response to tragedy and death.

On Tuesday, December 11th I participated in Sheilat Rav at Solomon Schechter of Westchester Lower School in White Plains. The program is an opportunity for fourth grade students at a Conservative day school to ask questions about religion to rabbis of all Jewish denominations. Of the twelve rabbis participating, ten were non-Orthodox and one was an Open Orthodox female Rabbah from HIR. So, in theory, I was the token Orthodox fundamentalist. Considering their age, the kids asked quite sophisticated questions about theology, Sabbath observance, liturgy, and Biblical interpretation. I was pleasantly surprised that the answers offered by my heterodox colleagues were largely consistent with what I wanted the nine-year-old kids to hear. The only real controversy pertained to Sabbath observance, when the Conservative rabbis firmly upheld the importance of tradition in response to the permissiveness of one of the Reform representatives. Ultimately, a good time was had by all. The Schechter Principal ended the program with a joke, noting that it was the first time he could ever say "Todah Rabbah, Rabbah."

At the December meeting of the Executive Committee of the Westchester Board of Rabbis, the board's secretary noted that a certain well-known restaurant was interested in hosting an upcoming Board of Rabbis meeting. My Reform colleagues were quick to reject the suggestion, mindful of the fact that Orthodox members of the board would feel uncomfortable stepping foot in an eatery that is open on Shabbat, sells non-Glatt meat, and lacks a full-time mashgiach under the auspices of a reputable hashgacha. I didn't need to say anything. The matter was resolved favorably because people understood and were deferential to religious scruples not their own.

In 2019 I look forward to even greater cooperation and collaboration among the various local synagogues and Jewish institutions. We don't have to agree on everything in the purely religious realm. But there is so much we can do together for which philosophical divergence proves no obstacle at all.

Regards, Rabbi Evan Hoffman

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Every argument that is for [the sake of] heaven's name, is destined to endure. But if it is not for [the sake of] heaven's name it is not destined to endure. Mishna Avot 5:17

 $I\!\! k$ THE ANNÍVERSARY **OF YOUR** BAR MITZVAH IS **APPROACHING** AND YOU **WOULD LIKE TO READ** YOUR Haftarah or Torah PORTION. IT WOULD BE **MY PLEASURE** TO HELP YOU PREPARE. DON'T BE SHY YOU CAN DO IT



THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Dear Friends,

The Board, Marc and I send warm regards during this coldest period of the year. As the secular calendar starts again, we look forward to the months ahead. The days get longer, Shabbos starts and ends later, and we anticipate the warmth of Springtime (while playing in the snow). I invite you to gather at our beloved Shul for some warmth, friendship, and Torah during these blustery days.

The last two months have been difficult, and we are still reeling from the shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. I believe that the leadership at our Shul acted quickly and appropriately in providing Police protection in the subsequent weeks. The Board is rededicated to improve the security and safety at Anshe Sholom. The front door has been secured, and additional improvements to our security infrastructure are coming, including alarm systems and some strategically placed bullet proof glass. We gratefully thank all of those who donated in the name of security.

As always, I encourage all to enjoy our Shul events and education. In December, we had a most enjoyable Chanukah Carnival with the sweet sounds of the Westchester Klezmer Program, featuring Morris Schoeneman on fiddle. Our growing numbers of children had a wonderful time in the gym on the amusements provided by Dave's Cast of Characters. Laurie Kracko is to be commended for throwing a great party, with help from Joanne Wiesner-Steiner and Flori to pull it all together. In January and February, consider catching a class from Rabbis Hoffman and Kracko, and we anticipate another Superbowl party on February 3rd.

Finally, I'd like to bid a fond farewell to Florence and David Simhon, who will be leaving New Rochelle in the near future for Florida. They have been strong, active and supportive members of our community for over 40 years. We will miss them, and I sincerely hope that they come to visit us again soon. On a much happier note, Dr. Isaac Manaster matched in a Pediatric Intensive Care fellowship position at Montefiore-congratulations!

Have a Great Winter and All the Best!

Tom Grimaldi



As part of our security plan, a punch code lock has been installed on the front doors of our building. From this point forward, you will need to use a code to enter. The combination will be posted in Hebrew letters adjacent to the lock. If anyone has difficulties with reading the combination, please contact Rabbi Hoffman or any board member. We ask your patience as we all adjust to this new system. THANK YOU.

All Israel are responsible for one another [Chazal]



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Thoughts on the Parashah

in honor or in memory of a loved one.

A MESSAGE FROM SISTERHOOD

Dear Friends,

Hope you are keeping warm, whether a snowbird or staying home. Personally, I am keeping warm with memories of latkes and sufganiyot. I can't believe Chanukah is over already, the candles and oil wicks packed away until next year. The joy of the Chanukah Carnival and Klezmer Concert was great!

In November, we hosted Alex Joffe, who gave us a somber update on Antisemitism - Where are we in 2018? It was an all too timely topic in light of the recent tragedy in Pittsburgh. Alex was so kind to field all our questions. We thank him for his patience!

We are reaching out to the women in our community, longtime as well as newcomers, to become a part of Sisterhood. We welcome Diane Silverman as our newest Lifetime Member!

We strive to plan interesting events that will engage our talents and help us raise funds for Anshe Sholom. Right now, we are looking into having an artistic workshop that will result in lovely gifts for giving — or keeping. If you are available on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, the Sisterhood Board will be meeting in the library to preview our next event. Thank you to Lee Katz for arranging this.

At the Testimonial Dinner in June, The City of New Rochelle presented us with a proclamation, now hanging in the David Evan Hirsch Library, that detailed the aims and workings of Sisterhood. We have included a reproduction of the proclamation on the following page of this Kol Sholom.

We wish Florence and David Simhon a fond farewell and best wishes on their relocation to Florida! Florence has been an active member of our Sisterhood Board. We will miss you! L'hitraot!

After serving as co-President for the past four years, AnnBeth Cohen is stepping down from that position. She will continue to be an active member and sounding board for me! Thank you so much AnnBeth!

> Wishing everyone a warm, peaceful winter, and Happy (Secular) New Year!

Joanne Wiesner-Steiner

President, Sisterhood of Congregation Anshe Sholom



MEMORIAL CARDS

To Florence Dratt, My sympathy on the loss of your husband Jimmy, from: Marilyn Mandelbaum

To Barbara Kelman, and family, My condolences on the passing of your mother Beatrice Cohen, from: Teena Miller

To Miriam Leiderman, Condolences on the loss of your beloved aunt Joyce Fienberg, from: Evelyn Breslaw and Marlene & Armand Lerner

To the Tree of Life Congregation, The whole world grieves with you for your great loss, from: Evelyn Breslaw

To Frances Rudofsky, Condolences on the passing of your daughter Phyllis, from: Sylvia Fistel



SUNSHINE CARDS

To Rose Lipshitz, Mazel tov on your move to your new home, May you be comfortable and happy, from: Evelyn Breslaw and the Anshe Sholom Sisterhood.

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contact: Marilyn Mandelbaum (914) 636-1715









IN THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE AND ASK THAT ALL RESIDENTS CELEBRATE THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION CONGREGATION ANSHE SHOLOM HAS MADE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

DONE AT NEW ROCHELLE, NEW YORK THIS 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2018.

NOAM BRAMSON MAYOR

CHANUKAH 2018 @ ANSHE SHOLOM





DONATIONS

In Memory Of ...

Bea Cohen, beloved mother of Barbara Kelman, from: Janice Joseph, Gnesha Ozick, Marilyn and Dan Webster.

Joyce Fienberg, beloved aunt of Miriam Leiderman, from: Janice Joseph, Joanne Wiesner-Steiner.

Bill Schecter, beloved grandfather of Sara Schreiber, from: Joanne Wiesner-Steiner.

> Avi, beloved son of Ellen and Yossi Berkovitch, from: Joanne Wiesner-Steiner.

In Honor Of ...

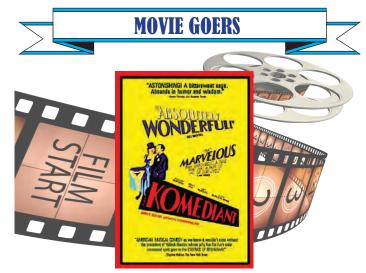
Tatiana Tchaikovskova and Eugeny Rubashevsky's new granddaughter, from: Gnesha Ozick, Janet and Gary Waller, and Joanne Wiesner-Steiner.

David Evan Hirsch Memorial Library

In memory of Bea Cohen, beloved mother of Barbara Kelman, from: Charlotte and Jerry Lovich.







The Komediani

(Israel 2000 • 1 hr 25 mins.)

Sunday, January 20th at 2:30 PM

Wistful and melancholy recollections of Yiddish Theatre centering on the Burstein family. Smoothly incorporating rare archival footage and interviews with Yiddish stage veterans (including Fyvush Finkel), this tightly edited, briskly paced documentary is filled with much laughter and tears, schmaltz and grit, like the Yiddish theater itself.



(Israel 2007 • 2 hrs. 6 mins.)

Sunday, February 17th at 2:30 PM

In the final days of the Israeli occupation of Lebanon, a band of soldiers prepares for the evacuation of a mountain stronghold called Beaufort. But their leader's strict adherence to the rules puts the men in harm's way.

> Suggested donation: \$5.00. Light refreshments will be served.

Congregation Anshe Sholom Golden Group

Wednesday, January 9, 2019 2:00 PM

Diane Steinfink

Will talk about

Gene Wilder

Actor, screenwriter, director, producer, songwriter, author and Humanistic Jew.

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Refreshments will be served Please call the office if you're coming (914) 632-9220

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Wednesday, February 13, 2019 2:00 PM

Rabbi Evan Hoffman

will enlighten us about

The Strange Economics of a Society of Learners

Haredim, their workforce and the life of Torah study. Ever wonder how it all came about?

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A person is absolutely permitted to ask for his needs in the blessing of "Shomeya' Tefillah" in the Amidah, and in the Birkat HaMazon. It is very important that any additional request that one makes in the prayers, be very specific and accurate, with no room for any misunderstanding or different interpretation. In addition, he should add that G-d's Name should not be desecrated on his account, because that will add weight to his request.

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