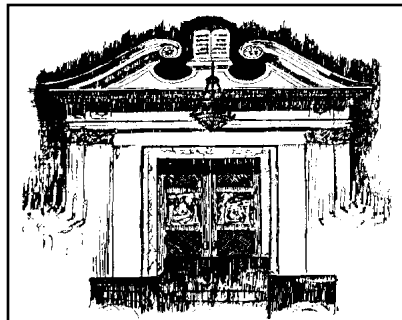


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20 Tevet 5765

Harold Spivack, Rabbi

George Lindenblatt, Cantor

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK



The question of “values” was raised in the recent presidential election. Yet, according to the figures released by polling organizations, only about a quarter of the voters said that “values”—whatever that means—were the most important factor in their choice of president.

Which values are we talking about? Feeding the hungry? Curing the sick? Being responsible stewards of God’s creation? Establishing peace in the world? Maintaining respect for reason and learning?

These values that are of primary importance in Judaism do not seem to be the values that are respected in the current American climate. Instead, we place our highest values on an “ownership” society fueled by concentration on consumerism, and especially conspicuous consumption. Indeed, we are told that if we don’t buy what is pushed at us, our entire economy will be in danger of collapsing. Gone are the values of prudent use of what we have, of satisfaction with adequate resources, of saving for a rainy day. These values are now considered a threat to “growth,” “expansion,” economic domination, superiority in the hurly-burly of competition.

Nowadays, corporations that fall even one cent below profit expectations are considered poor performers whose stocks plummet in value on Wall Street.

When the rabbis of Pirke Avot asked what are the primary values of society, they answered their own question. They said: Upon three things (values) is the world established: upon the Torah, upon service (alternately understood as the service of God or prayer, which has replaced the Temple sacrifices), and upon good works. And in another place: The world is established upon three values: On Truth, on Law and on Peace. These values, again, are not the ones recently mentioned in the popular press but they are important enough to be inscribed upon the walls of our synagogue.

It is important that we Jews continue to promulgate the values that we cherish as a people dedicated to the perpetuation of our ancient gift to humanity, and not be detoured by flimsy distractions meant to draw our attention from the really important issues of our day.

Rabbi Harold Spivack

MAKE FRIDAY CENTER NIGHT WORSHIP WITH YOUR FAMILY

Schedule of Services



Friday, December 31
Candles4:20 pm
Sabbath Morning Service

Saturday, January 1
Services 9:30 am
Weekly Portion: SHEMOT
Sabbath ends.....5:25 pm

HHH

Friday, January 7
Candles4:27 pm
Services8:00 pm
Sabbath Morning Service

Saturday, January 8
Services 9:30 am
Weekly Portion: VAERA
Sabbath ends.....5:32 pm

HHH

Friday, January 14
Candles4:34 pm
Services8:00 pm
Sabbath Morning Service

Saturday, January 15
Services 9:30 am
Weekly Portion: BO
Sabbath ends.....5:39 pm

HHH

Friday, January 21
Candles4:42 pm
Services8:00 pm
Sabbath Morning Service

Saturday, January 22
Shabbat Shira
Services 9:30 am
Weekly Portion: BESHALACH
Sabbath ends.....5:47 pm

HHH

Friday, January 28
Candles4:51 pm
Services8:00 pm
Sabbath Morning Service

Saturday, January 29
Services 9:30 am
Weekly Portion: YITRO
Sabbath ends.....5:56 pm

Friday, February 4
Candles4:59 pm
Services8:00 pm
Sabbath Morning Service

Saturday, February 5
Services 9:30 am
Weekly Portion: MISHPATIM
Sabbath ends.....6:04 pm

HHH

Friday, February 11
Candles5:08 pm
Services8:00 pm
Sabbath Morning Service

Saturday, February 12
Services 9:30 am
Weekly Portion: TERUMAH
Sabbath ends.....6:13 pm

HHH

Friday, February 18
Candles5:16 pm
Services8:00 pm
Sabbath Morning Service

Saturday, February 19
Services 9:30 am
Weekly Portion: TETZAVEH
Sabbath ends.....6:21 pm

HHH

Friday, February 25
Candles5:25 pm
Services8:00 pm
Sabbath Morning Service

Saturday, February 26
Services 9:30 am
Weekly Portion: KI TISSA
Sabbath ends.....6:30 pm

HHH

Rabbi Spivack and Cantor Lindenblatt will officiate.

HHH

The Center will host the kiddushim.

POEM OF THE MONTH

May 2005 bring you only the best of news, starting with this: please PAY YOUR DUES.

FROM THE BULLETIN

This is a combined issue for the months of January-February. Our next Bulletin will appear in March.



As the above schedule indicates, due to popular demand Friday Night Services will continue during the months of January & February. December 31: No Friday service.

Save the Date

Circle Sunday, March 13, 2005, on your calendar, for our gala **Art Exhibit & Silent Auction**. This major fundraiser offers fun and surprises, as we view and bid on a range of art and collectibles that are now being amassed. Many items have been created by our members, and will be on display for the first time. Come for a delightful dose of culture, A.C.I.-style. And we need volunteers to help organize and work that day: call the Center office, 718-278-2680, and get involved! (See below for more.)

Report from...

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

As we start the New Year, the Special Events Committee would like to thank the people who have made the Center an important part of the cultural life of the area. Margot Leverett and her faithful troupe of both amateur and professional musicians have been bringing us the Jam Sessions on the third Wednesday of the month for the past four years. She has enriched the lives of the musicians and brought joy to those of us who have attended the sessions.

Art Bailey's Orkestra Popilar, consisting of Art on the accordion, Nick Cudahy on bass, Yaeko Miranda on violin, and Brandon Seabrook on the mandolin, has been playing at the ACI Café since last June, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:30. They delighted the large audience at the 350th anniversary of Jews arriving in America and we have been able to follow the talented melding of this charming musical group. We thank both Margot and Art for their efforts in our behalf.

Teresa Bailey, through her listings on the web and her culinary skills in whipping up luscious cakes, is also to be congratulated. We also thank Martha Michaels, Sydelle Diner, and Tom Muscatello for their contributions to the calories at the Café.

On **Sunday, March 13th at 3:00 PM** we will host an **Art Exhibit and Silent Auction**. There are many talented artists and families of artists who have already promised to contribute their art works to the event: Margit and Susan Cohn and family, Rabbi Spivack, Elaine Lindenblatt, and Suzie Raphael Berkson, among others. Sally Constain, Bea Frisch, Sydelle Diner, Juliet Markowitz, Sophie Kline, and Tom Muscatello are contributing collectibles. We are seeking more art and additional items such as silver, porcelain, and other valuables. Other attractions are in store, for a totally unique event. Its success depends on the contributions of the membership and your attendance at what promises to be a rewarding afternoon. There will be a \$5 charge at the door (unless you are a contributor) and refreshments will be served.

Please complete the form that was sent in the mail, or come or call the office for an additional form that describes your contribution. **All items must be at the Center by March 1.**

THERE IS NO BULLETIN IN FEBRUARY SO PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR
now so that your contribution arrives in time to be catalogued.

Sydelle Diner, Chairperson

MONTHLY KLEZMER JAMS

Stay warm through the cold winter with our **Klezmer Sessions**: Wednesdays, January 19 and February 16, starting at 7:30 pm. Always a sizzling-good evening.

CAFÉ SOCIETY

Join our Orkestra Popilar Café sessions with Art Bailey: Tuesdays, January 11 and February 8, at 7:30 pm. A informal and invigorating evening; \$5 admission.

ADULT EDUCATION

Rabbi Spivack welcomes inquiries from prospective converts to Judaism, re a course and/or counseling sessions. Leave a message at the office, 718-278-2680, and the Rabbi will contact you.

OUR APOLOGIES

Steven Guralnick was inadvertently omitted from the slate of officers printed in the December Bulletin, as a member of the Board of Governors, term ending 2005.

FAMILY NEWS**Simcha Street, Revisited**

We thank Judy Markowitz for hosting a lovely kiddush on Nov. 27 in honor of husband Steve's 50th Birthday, and wish the Markowitz family many more happy occasions to celebrate with us.

Birth Blvd.

A hearty mazel tov to Dorothy Marcus on the birth of great-granddaughter Sarah Joan, daughter of Rachel & Sean Marcus. May she be a source of great joy.

A.C.I. SOCIAL CLUB

William Melnick, President

After our winter hiatus because of expected inclement weather, we next meet on Saturday, March 12, 2005, at 8:00 pm. The evening's program is in the planning stage and will be announced at a future Sabbath service. We extend thanks to all our members for their past participation and offer best wishes for a happy, healthy, and fulfilling New Year.

Bill

LADIES GUILD

Zelda Hampton, President



Since we don't meet in January and February, have a good, healthy winter. See you in March.

Zelda

As we greet 2005...

Words from the Wise

A thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday, when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

—Psalms

Tu B'Shevat is January 25...

**PLANT A TREE**

It is traditional to plant a tree in Israel at Tu B'Shevat, the New Year of the Trees, either in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The center has a special account with the Jewish National Fund, so simply call the office at 278-2680 and we will take care of the rest. You will be helping the A.C.I. and the State of Israel, at the same time!

OUR CENTER FUNDS

We are grateful to our friends for their contributions to our...

CENTER FUND

Susan Sands-Best wishes for peace, health and contentment in the New Year.

Joel & Michelle Michaels-In memory of father & grandfather Peter Michaels.

Edward & Sally Constain-In memory of Irene Salamon.

Seymour Miller-In memory of Gertrude Miller.

Rose & Izzy Seiden-Speedy recovery to Meyer Steinberg, Happy 50th Birthday to Steve Markowitz.

Edward Berman-Yahrzeit for wife Leah and mother Rose Wollman Berman

Alex & Jeanne Siegel-In memory of Irene Salamon and of Tom Muscatello's aunt; Happy 50th Birthday to Steve Markowitz.

Judy, Jill & Leah Markowitz-In honor of Steven Markowitz's 50th Birthday.

Rose Ratnoff-In memory of Dr. William Schwartz's father Gabriel; Happy 50th Birthday to Steve Markowitz.

Mark Sohmer-In memory of uncles Michael & Rubin Sohmer; Happy 50th birthday to Steven Markowitz.

Dr. Bernard Telsey-In memory of father Dr. Jacob Telsey.

Mr. & Mrs. Murray Lambert-In memory of mother Celia Lambert.

Meyer & Ruth Steinberg-In honor of Rose & Izzy Seiden for good health.

Michael Braun-In memory of mother Elizabeth.

Ruth Braunschweig-In memory of husband Dr. I. Morton Braunschweig.

Charlotte Kramer-To thank all for the *Misha b'rachs* & get-well wishes during her recent illness.

Elaine Brichta-In memory of father Louis; Happy 50th Birthday to Steve Markowitz and to Donald Brichta.

Funds (cont'd on back page)



Yahrzeit Anniversaries



The following names will be read from the pulpit immediately preceding the kaddish at our sabbath services. The families of the dear departed ones are invited to attend our services and participate in the kaddish prayer.

Jan. Tevet								
1	20	Leib Hammer	19	9	Harry Aptakin	7	28	Terry Finch
		Irving Nadel			Abraham Goldenthal			Louis Elias Reinstein
		Claire Reisman			Julia Moss	8	29	Meyer Rubinstein
		Rae Wilson			Rose S. Robinson			Morris Fruchter
		Anna Bernstein			Sidney Young	Adar I		
2	21	Betsy Gottlieb	20	10	Irving Sipes	10	1	Barnet Richman
		Marion Stransky	21	11	Isaac J. Moss			Yetty Tuttmann
		Max Tobias			Isadore Bienstock			Max Schwartz
3	22	Jacob Frankel			Hyman Friedman			Charlotte Saslow
		Moses Friedman			Bertha Friedman			Ethel Steiger
		Fanny Kaplan	22	12	Jack Itskowitz	11	2	Mollie Fruchter
		Julius E. Leichter			Maxwell Sager			Jennie Schnee
		Maurice Meyers			Ignatz Wohl	12	3	Jacob Gang
		Rosalind Moss	23	13	Samuel Richman	13	4	Morris Kaplan
4	23	Libbie Goldstein			Anna Pack			Reba K. Newman
		Paul M. Kronowitz	24	14	Benjamin Pack			Jenny Wegner
		Minnie Leichter			Dora Baer			Rebecca Wahl
		Samuel Ziesk			Karl Herrscher	14	5	Dr. Jacob Feinberg
		Samuel Leinwol			Max Schreiber			Manfred Malsch
5	24	Rose Aptakin	25	15	Abraham A. Turoff			Anna Wasserman
		Jeannette Bronstein			Frances Bard			Freda Wax
		Bernard Weinbaum			Thomas Shaw	15	6	Louis Brettschneider
		Ida Neckin			Sarah Dubrofsky			Balbina Levy
		Lena Schechter			Louis Felkin			Ann Scawelson
6	25	Dina Rosenthal	27	17	Morris Badian			Blanch Jackson
		Ada Fireston			Oscar Golden			Joan L. Huttner Nisonoff
7	26	Henry Hennesis			Clara Klein	16	7	Morris M. Mushlin
		Libby Lehrman			Maritz Kline			Rebecca Rosenbaum
8	27	Elsie Baer			Tamar Leah Ratner			Dr. Paul Strasser
		Annie Marcus			Samuel Lehrman			Dr. Herman Altman
		Jennie Silver			Rose Zipes	17	8	H. Chaim Goldstein
		Gertrude Reich			Kadetz			Sarah Nelkin Mintz
9	28	Tillile Weiner	28	18	Rebecca Groopman			Mary Newman
		Benjamin Moss			Samuel Levine			Joseph Greenberger
		Sylvia Feinberg			Cantor Richard Cohn			Fredda Keller
		Isadore Dickstein	29	19	Ben Halpern	18	9	Sophie Wortman
		Dora Helene Gang			Lester Rosenthal			Dr. Samuel Rosen
10	29	Dr. Isadore Kuritsky			Joseph J. Leinwol			Reuben Schulman
		Fannie Levin	30	20	Dora Sklarofsky			David Marcus
		Shevat	31	21	Nathan L. Gunsberg	19	10	Hyman Segal
11	1	Arthur Hirschler			Nathan B. Cohen			Rose Zoob
		Morris Weissberger			Jacob Schawelson			James E. Tischler
		Margaret Pechter Klein			Max Kemp	20	11	Henry Kaplan
12	2	Bella Bernstein			Gertrude Schoenfeld			Benjamin Klein
		Anna Golubock	Feb. Shevat					Jacob Mansfield
		May Herman	1	22	Fannie Kupersmidt			Samuel Sokol
13	3	Jennie Grossman			Elsa Meyer	21	12	Arleen Klafter-Kaplowitz
		Pearl Rosenwasser			Betty Rothstein			Morris Goldstein
		Harry Wasserman	2	23	Amelia Eisenberg			Liselotte Post
		Hermine Zacks Stross			Millie Miller			Ben Herman
		Ethel Diller			Bella Segal			Rose Braunhut
14	4	Fanny Kusnetz			Isador Sipes	22	13	Israel Felbin
		Morris Helle			Clyde Stats	23	14	David Kempenske
15	5	Lena Sklarofsky			Mae June Siegel	24	15	Sylvia Breitzer
		Dora Nagel	3	24	Abraham Bernstein	25	16	Baila Ratner
		Benjamin Greiff			Emma Weiner			Morris Weiss
		Max Nashoffer			Edward Saunder			Dr. David Eisenberg
16	6	Jennie Goldstein	4	25	Anna H. Fox	26	17	Dr. Ludwig Moss
		David Blumenthal			Abraham C. Gottlieb	27	18	Richard Hirschler
		Sydney Snyderman			Dora Goldsmith			Morris Rosenthal
		Irving J. Pomerantz			Leonard L. Bernstein			Agatha Schneller
18	8	Samuel Pantiel			Dr. Alan A. Livingstein			Anna Heller
		Israel Ratner	5	26	Moses M. Birnbaum			Nathan Frank
		Bertha Rosenfeld			Isaiah Bronstein	28	19	Yetta Baer
		Betty Schwartz			Dora Rubinstein			Norman Schwartz
		Ralph Yohae	6	27	Yetta Kronowitz			Max Siegel
					Bertha Lehrman			Jacob Zoob
								Meyer Stamler

On the yahrzeit of a loved one, it is appropriate to give charity. Consider making a donation to one of our Center Funds, on pages 4 & 6.

They still live in the acts of goodness they performed and in the hearts of those who cherish their memory.

Funds (cont'd from p. 4)

Bill & Florence Melnick-In honor of the birth of Dorothy Marcus's great-grandchild Sarah Joan Marcus; in honor of Steve Markowitz's 50th Birthday, and thanks to Tom Muscatello for a wonderful dinner.

Sylvia Ostrov Kay-In memory of father Samuel Ostrov.

Martha Michaels-In honor of the birth of Dorothy Marcus's great grandchild; Happy 50th Birthday to Steve Markowitz.

Jean Simon-Happy 50th Birthday to Steve Markowitz.

Claire Arrian-In memory of sister-in-law Ida Greenberger.

Benjamin Levine-In memory of mother Harriet Levine.

David Dallob-In memory of uncle Eugene Wigod.

Regina Hazen, Jonathan and Seth Rosen-In memory of mother and grandmother Ida Greenberger.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Sydelle Diner-In honor of Steve Markowitz's birthday.

LADIES GUILD

Sylvia Steinberg, Izzy & Rose Seiden-In honor of the birth of Dorothy Marcus's great granddaughter.

Sylvia Steinberg-In honor of Steve Markowitz's 50th Birthday.

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