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# 2015 President's Council 2016

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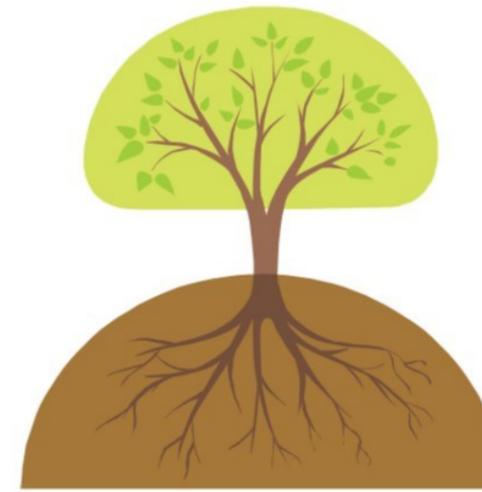
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# Tu B'Shevat Shabbat – Seder & Supper & Shabbat Together Musical Service

Friday, February 10th, 2016

*Dinner 6:00pm - Musical Service 7:00pm - Oneg follows service*

*Everyone is welcome to attend the service.  
Reservations for the dinner and seder are a must!*

Please complete the form below and return it to the Synagogue office no later than Wednesday, February 8th.

## Congregational Dinner – February 10th, 2016

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If you are on the Synagogue's email list, then you receive my weekly Shab Sha! – and you know that I regularly exhort/plead/beg you to support our weekday minyan, especially during vacation times and holiday weekends. (And Sunday nights are notoriously tough...)

I know that coming to the minyan can be intimidating: you don't know the people, you don't know the service, you feel awkward and out of place, there seems to be a dynamic among the regulars that excludes you, it seems tough to break in and to feel at home. But let me encourage you, **to give it a chance – to give attendance at minyan a little bit of time, and see if any of this changes for you.**

In my search for new ways to present our minyanim as appealing to you, a wonderful gift was presented to me: her name is **Regina Friedman**, and she spoke to me about what coming to the minyan has given to her. I asked her if she would write it up so that I could share it with the congregation.

**Regina** now joins a group of members who came to say *Kaddish* – and have stayed to help secure our minyan on a regular basis. That's how **Ken Feldman**, our late co-president discovered our shul (of the evening minyan, he was fond of saying, "It's great! Jeopardy finishes at 7:30, and in 15 minutes I can easily make it on time for the 7:45 service!"). **Adrian Osian**, **Jeff Adler** and **Sy Green** and **others** came originally to say *Kaddish*, too, and they have stayed to continue to support the minyan.

And **Regina** just gave me another gift: she brought to my attention an article in the New York Times about loneliness in which she found this quote by a Dr. Tang: "*You don't need a playmate every day. But knowing you're valued and a contributing member of society is incredibly reaffirming.*"

So please consider doing something incredibly reaffirming for yourself and for your synagogue...

**The Minyan**

My husband and I were Friday night regulars. We were moved by the service that the cantor conducted, enjoyed listening to the rabbi, and we were glad to get to know the other congregants. Then suddenly my husband died, and among the many changes thrust upon my life was the obligation to say *Kaddish* twice daily for thirty days. This was what brought me to the minyan.

When I first walked in, I had no idea what to expect, even where to sit (I was sure each person had a favorite seat) and most especially, what to do. I was, to put it mildly, short on synagogue skills. Although I did recognize some of the minyan men (as I called them) I was a stranger to them. As the morning service began, I knew I had never heard such fast Hebrew in my life. They kindly interrupted the flow of words to call out the pages—for me, obviously, since everyone else knew exactly where they were in the service. It was a bit strange, but I came back that evening and got some friendly and encouraging nods and greetings. By the third day I had begun to fall into the rhythm. At the end of the service, one of the congregants said "May you have no more sorrows in your life Mrs. Friedman," and I knew I had found a group of people who deeply understood. A connection had been formed.

I fulfilled my obligation to say *Kaddish* for 30 days, and at the end of the *Sh'loshim* I knew that I would not walk away. The minyan had been a place of comfort, offering companionship and warmth. I also saw the anger I had been experiencing slipping away. I felt more peaceful. I knew that if I could help to create this environment for someone else in my position, I would make every effort to do so. I'm quite at home now in the minyan, having joined the "boys' club" as the rabbi calls it (we do see women too- and it would be great to see more women as regulars). I walk in, sit wherever, grab my *kippa* and *siddur*, chat with the men, and count heads waiting to see if we have the necessary number.

On the days when work or other obligations prevent me from attending minyan, I feel a loss—that something is missing. Through the prayers said by the minyan, we who attend receive support, understanding and a real sense of community. We contribute to something bigger than ourselves. When I'm not there, I'm a little less me; I feel a bit off kilter. The minyan has helped me to feel more centered and grounded. I don't think you have to have suffered a loss to feel this; it is simply in the air, in the sanctuary, at the minyan.

- Monday-Friday mornings at 7:00 a.m.
- Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday-Thursday evenings at 7:45 p.m.
- Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m.
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**A GOD FOR ALL SEASONS**



First, I want to take the opportunity to thank all of you who came to our concert on December 3rd. A hearty “**Yasher Koach**” to all the supporters and underwriters who helped make the concert the successful and memorable evening that it was. I am very appreciative to all of you who took the time to come

out and spend that evening with us. I hope you were fascinated not only by the hypnotist, **Tom DeLuca**, but by the laughter inspired by our newest member and congregant, **Dave Goldstein**.

If one studies the **Psalms** and hears the plaintive and joyful melodies that are invoked by the poetry and the music of the **Psalms** attributed to **King David**, one cannot help but be inspired. Most **Psalms** used in our liturgy fall into the category of **Psalms of Praise**, which in themselves are a great blessing. Some of you may be familiar with the morning service section called “**P’sukay D’zimrah**”. They are filled with songs of praise and adulation of God. In these verses we give thanks to our creator for the blessings on all of us.

The final chapter of the **Book of Psalms** is **Psalm 150**. It is well known for its listing of the various instruments used in the ancient temple worship services conducted by the **Levites**.  
 “All living things praise God, Halleluyah”...

Similar ideas are echoed in the music of the **Hallel** service that has become a Geshher Shalom favorite not only of mine and of our Rabbi, but yours as well. **Hallel** are prayers that are recited on Festivals, on every **Rosh Chodesh** (at least once a month), and on other minor holidays like **Chanukah** and **Yom Haatzmaut**.

This past **Simchat Torah** in our own shul, we honored **Jeff Adler** as **Chatan Torah**, and one of our Torah readers, **Dr. Avi Yacobi** as our **Chatan B’reishit**. At that service, when we recited **Hallel**, there was one phrase that sums up the mood that everyone should feel when they get up every day with a sense of refreshment of vigor, of strength and optimism.

“**Ma Ashiv L’Adonai**”, we pray, tells us what the mood of every Jew of old always felt, when he took on the challenges of a new day. “How can we repay you Oh Lord, for the gifts that you give us every day?”

One of the most recited **Psalms**, is **Psalm 23**, which expresses a variety of sentiments. It gives us comfort when we feel down, and when we are sad and uncertain about the future. For millennia, Christians and Jews have recited the Psalm to remind us that we never walk alone. A higher power guides us. We know, no matter where we are, whatever our circumstances may be, we can feel God’s presence, lifting us up, encouraging us and enabling us, with God’s comfort and strength.

**May the new secular year 2017 be one that will help us to fulfill our dreams.**

*FRIDAY NIGHT MUSICAL SERVICE*



February 10th - 7:00pm

Led by Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern  
 & Cantor Paul Zim

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*A CSI Scholar Fund Program*

**Tuesday January 10th 1:00 pm**

(refreshments at 12:30 pm followed by concert at 1:00 pm)

**If you love the haunting liturgical melodies that are chanted in synagogues, and the secular tunes that speak to the Jewish experience, this program is for you. A narrated concert, Matt will illustrate how these melodies lend themselves to the jazz idiom.**



*Matt Chertkoff, a graduate of the University of Miami School of Music with a degree in Jazz Performance, is featured on several CDs; has appeared on international TV networks; and performed at jazz festivals here and abroad. He can be seen locally at many popular jazz venues in New York City.*

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*Sisterhood's Mishlo'ach Manot Project*

*Your Purim gift lists will be mailed soon, please fill them out and return them to the Center office with your check. Help us to surpass our fundraising goal.*



*Will you help deliver our gifts on Sunday, March 12th? Call Debbie 201-947-1735 ext 312 or Ethel 201-224-7215 to volunteer.*

Out with the old - Ring in the new. 2016 has officially become 2017. And we of course, have turned our thoughts to our first general membership meeting of the new year. We are once again co-hosting with ORT America. The date to remember is Tuesday, March 14th at 12:30pm. A wonderful program is already on the planning board. Look for further details in our next issue.

Remember - Sisterhood perpetuates an active and knowledgeable observance of Jewish traditions in the home and community each and every day by its programs and projects. Our support and loyalty to our beloved synagogue is first and foremost. Our charity outreach efforts are second to none. Your helping hand is always welcome and needed. Join us now! Your check for \$36.00 will cover your current dues. Thank you.

Our Chanukah Celebration was well attended and enjoyed by one and all. We feasted on latkes and jelly doughnuts with no thought of our calorie intake. And then we were treated to a musical interlude by our talented member, Reina Stern. Many thanks to Naomi Altschul and Kathy Grazian for putting it all together.

Congratulations to Hilda Froelke, Alice Grodman, Vera Kishinevsky, Marcia Orange, Sally Seymour and Charlene Stern who celebrated their B'not Mitzvah at a recent Saturday morning Shabbat service.

***Sisterhood Book Group Resumes in the Spring***

**Tuesday, March 21st - 1:00pm**

**“The Waiting Room”**

*By Leah Kaminsky*

*Refreshments served*

**Chairpersons  
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**On the Road With the Rabbi...**

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**The First Jewish Americans:  
Freedom and Culture in the New World**

Join us for a professionally-led guided tour of this special exhibition at the NY Historical Society

**Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 1:00pm**



*A 180-page memoir and prayer book handwritten by Luis de Carvajal the Younger in colonial Mexico in 1595.*



*This 1831 portrait is of pioneering philanthropist Rebecca Gratz, the model for Rebecca in “Ivanhoe.”*

How did Jewish settlers come to inhabit—and change—the New World? Jews in colonial America and the young United States, while only a tiny fraction of the population, significantly negotiated the freedoms offered by the new nation and contributed to the flowering of American culture. *The First Jewish Americans: Freedom and Culture in the New World* follows the trajectory of a people forced from their ancestral lands in Europe, as well as their homes in South America and the Caribbean, to



*Rimonim, finished in 1776, from Shearith Israel in Manhattan*

their controversial arrival in New Amsterdam in 1654 to the unprecedented political freedoms they gained in early 19th-century New York, Philadelphia, and Charleston. In this groundbreaking exhibition, rare portraits, drawings, maps, documents, and ritual objects illuminate how 18th- and 19th-century artists, writers, activists, and more adopted American ideals while struggling to remain distinct and socially cohesive amidst the birth of a new Jewish American tradition.

**RSVP to Rabbi Stern via phone or email  
201/947-1735 or rabbi@geshershalom.org**

We are proud of all of the students that pass through our Hebrew School. In the next several months, we will highlight some of the accomplishments of our graduates. Some of them have travelled far afield, others are still active in our local community.

This month we are visiting with two students who have turned their love of doing Mitzvot into a way to truly achieve Tikkun Olam, healing the world. This month we interviewed Max and Jake Klein.

**So Max and Jake, tell me a little bit about yourselves, your backgrounds and why you decided to start Kids That Do Good?**

We are currently in 9<sup>th</sup> Grade at Leonia High School, we are in a new specialized academy for Marketing, Business and Finance and we are so excited to be there. This program focuses on business and marketing classes and allows us to learn these subjects in a similar depth as we would be learning it in college. This year we are taking Introduction to Marketing and Introduction to Economics. We have also joined the DECA Marketing Club, The Debate Team and are eager to join the school's Tennis Team this spring. We are your average teenagers who, outside of school, like water sports, hanging with friends and watching movies.

**I noticed that you guys are really big into giving back and have even donated some of your gifts (Birthday, Bar Mitzvah, Hanukkah, etc.) back to those less fortunate and in need. What inspires you to be so generous?**

Since we were young our parents taught us that we are very blessed and we should always find ways to give back. Since as far back as we can remember our parents were taking us to fundraisers, charity walks, town events and even encouraging us to use our birthdays as an opportunity to give back. Each year we would identify a charity, organization or event that we wanted to support and asked people to take the money they would have used to buy us a gift and donate it to that cause. When our grandfather was diagnosed with cancer, around our 8<sup>th</sup> birthday, we learned that cancer can affect adults AND even kids. We wanted to do something for kids fighting this terrible disease so we raised funds for Cookie for Kids Cancer. Other organizations for which we have raised funds include: A new electric stretcher for the volunteer fire squad in our town so they would not get hurt lifting people in their care, a Toughbook computer for the fire

department so they could load all the local home and building floor plans into it, making fighting fires safer for the Firemen, we have sung at local nursing homes, raised significant funds for families affected by the Avalon Fire in our town last year displacing 200 local families, used another birthday as a food drive for the local food pantry, and much more.

**Non-profits and examples of service are very important for college resumes and applications, have you two tried to recruit any of your friends to help bolster their chances of getting into their desired school?**

For us that's not what it's about and doing it for a college application misses the point. We want people to do good things just because- not necessarily thinking that they personally will benefit from it. We want young people to change the way they think and consider doing good things just because it is the right thing to do.

**Is there any one particular person(s) that you can point to for your inspiration of service and if so, how has this person been influential in your life?**

Our parents- they have taught us from an early age that in life you get what you give. We really try to give of ourselves and make things better. When someone is bullied at school, we step in. When someone is sick, we make them soup. When a friend needs help, we are there. That's what our parents have shown and taught us.

**What are the greatest challenges you are facing at the moment?**

Balancing school activities, sports and homework are a challenge but add to it Kids That Do Good and finding the time to do everything we want is our biggest challenge. Especially when you have your mom yelling at you that 11pm is not an appropriate bed time on a weeknight!

**How can other young people tap into their life purpose?**

Find something that you really care about, then making it happen is easy.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

1	Marcia Orange	10	Sheila Scherl	22	Rita Berliner
1	Michael Seymour	11	James Rosenberg	22	Elai Kindler
1	Reva Strasfeld	11	Ana Erlichman	23	Eran Gensler
2	Kenneth Rak	13	Allan Ginsburg	23	Sara Rak
2	Luba Veiland-Ciardello	13	Alfred Targovnik	24	Samuel Wasserman
3	Laurie Smilovitz	13	Jean Arbeiter	24	Livia Kraut
3	Valerie Maier	13	Janet Chertkoff	25	Ben Bell
3	Aviv Gensler	14	Lore Benario	25	Reggie Feuerstein
4	Gloria Salit	14	Anne Hall	25	Michael Glantz
4	Sally Seymour	14	Yakov Kishinevsky	26	Irwin Berger
4	Neil Benjamin Dasgupta	15	David Farshadfar	26	Gloria Deutsch
6	Susan Speiser	15	Marjorie Berger	27	Charlene Stern
7	Susan Ginsburg	16	Jackie Grossbard	28	Jodi Bergman
8	Selma Spielman	17	Hilde Straus	29	Randy Karpman
9	Chaim Garncarz	17	Karen Halpern	30	Charles Shatz
9	David Goldstein	17	Beth Schefflan	31	Stuart Kimberly
9	Romy Gabay	17	Aaron Gabay	31	Howard Schefflan
10	Doris Levin	20	Eve Kohut	31	Brooke London
		21	Greta Flam		
2	Jack & Hilda Reisner	23	Fred & Sharon Starr		
14	Alex & Rose Jakoby	26	Norman & Florence Silverberg		
17	Marvin & Suzette Josif	27	Robert & Trudi Mohl		
18	Ben & Esther Bell				

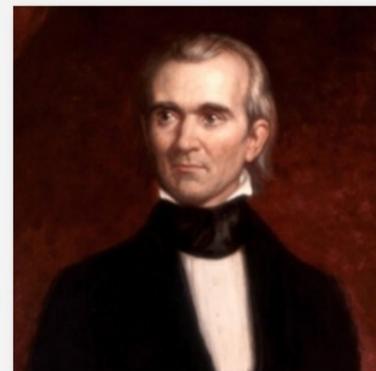
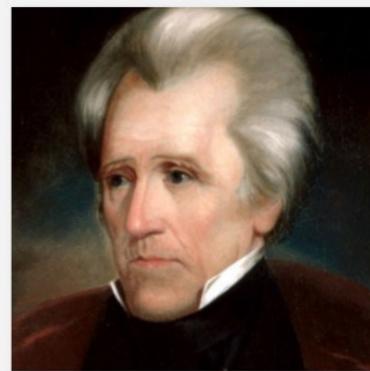
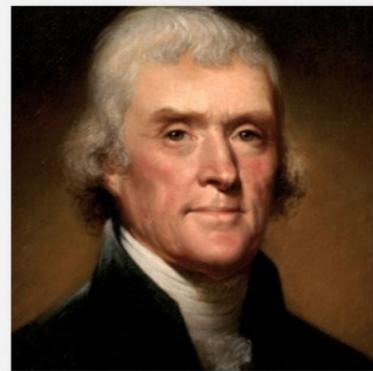
**Celebration Services**

*Birthdays and anniversaries will be celebrated on Saturday, January 21st at the 9:30am service.*

*If your birthday/anniversary is not listed, please call the office and we will update our records. 201-947-1735*

The JCC of Fort Lee & CSI Scholar Fund Presents  
**VISITING SCHOLAR JANET DINARDO WHITE**  
**Wednesdays, February 8, 15, & 22**  
**Lecture Series Topic - "Elections Have Consequences"**  
 (refreshments at 12:30 pm followed by speaker at 1:00 pm)

This lecture series will look at three of our early presidents, and examine how they left a lasting impact on our government, politics and society. When examined through the long lens of history, each left a mark that can still be felt today.



**February 8th**  
**Thomas Jefferson**  
*A case study in how seductive presidential power can be*

**February 15th**  
**Andrew Jackson**  
*2016 was not the first time "presidential character" was an issue in the election*

**February 22nd**  
**James Polk**  
*Even one term presidents can shape the nation*



*Janet DiNardo White spent over 20 years teaching high school history, with an emphasis on early American history; the period when our basic "personality" as a country was being formed. Since her retirement, she has taught several continuing education classes at Bergen Community College.*



**There is no charge for this lecture series; all are welcome to attend; RSVP not required.**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 3 Tevet HEBREW SCHOOL CLOSED	2 4 Tevet OFFICE CLOSED	3 5 Tevet Sisterhood Executive Board Meeting 1pm	4 6 Tevet	5 7 Tevet On the Road with the Rabbi The Met - NYC	6 8 Tevet Bible Study 11:30am  4:28PM	7 9 Tevet  MINCHAH 4:15PM VAYIGASH
8 10 Tevet Hebrew School Parents Event 8:45am	9 11 Tevet	10 12 Tevet CSI Scholar Fund Musical Program 12:30pm	11 13 Tevet	12 14 Tevet Rabbi's Class 10:30am	13 15 Tevet Bible Study 11:30am  4:35PM	14 16 Tevet  MINCHAH 4:15PM VAYECHI
15 17 Tevet	16 18 Tevet OFFICE CLOSED	17 19 Tevet	18 20 Tevet	19 21 Tevet Rabbi's Class 10:30am	20 22 Tevet Bible Study 11:30am  4:43PM	21 23 Tevet Birthday & Anniversary Service 9:30am  Club Shabbat 11am  MINCHAH 4:30PM SHEMOT
22 24 Tevet	23 25 Tevet	24 26 Tevet	25 27 Tevet	26 28 Tevet Rabbi's Class 10:30am	27 29 Tevet Bible Study 11:30am  4:51PM	28 1 Shevat  MINCHAH 4:30PM VA'ERA
29 2 Shevat	30 3 Shevat	31 4 Shevat				

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