



# The Voice of West Clarkstown Jewish Center

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## Rabbi's Message Sept/Oct 2019

Usually, the High Holidays come in a big rush. August winds down, families return from vacation, Labor Day comes and goes, pools close, kids go off to school, activities that are often put on hold during the summer start-up again. And amidst all this flurry of activity, suddenly it is Rosh Hashanah, and we are not ready!

This year we have been given a gift. September is here, but the holidays don't start until the end of the month. That means we can experience the arrival of the holidays this year in Jewish time.

What do I mean by that? The month before Rosh Hashanah, called Elul in the Jewish calendar, was designed as time to prepare ourselves for the Holidays. Every day in Elul, a special Psalm is said, and the shofar is blown - a single blast, every day except Shabbat. The Psalm is a gentle reminder, and the shofar blast is a wake-up call - for our souls. "Get ready!", they tell us. "It's time!", they remind us. And, before we get into the flurry of cooking and preparing, we have the luxury to do what we are meant to do during this season - *heshbon ha-nefesh*, an accounting of our lives.

Are we where we want to be? Doing what we want to be doing? Are we using our days wisely? Are our relationships the best they can be? What needs to stay the same, and what needs to change? What things are under our control and what things must we simply learn to accept? And how can we tell the difference?

This is soul work, and it is not easy. But this year, we have been given a gift. The month of Elul stretches for almost the entire month of September - Jewish and secular calendars coming together in rare agreement. Use this

gift wisely. As the Talmud's Rabbi Hillel famously said, "If not now, when?"

Shimmy and I wish you and your loved ones a happy, healthy, and fulfilling New Year 5780. Shana tova u'metuka (a good and sweet year),

*Rabbi Jill*

**Reminder: You can find information about service times, synagogue activities, copies of our newsletter and more**

**at our synagogue**  
website: [westclarkstownjc.org](http://westclarkstownjc.org)

## Help WCJC by Selling on E-Bay

Barbara & Julie Shair have access to an E-Bay website. Items can be sold here. Please donate jewelry...costume, gold, silver, single earrings or parts of a piece are acceptable.

Small antique items can be listed.

You can bring items to Harriet in the office Tues. or Thurs. 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

The funds support our Kiddishes.

Call: **Barbara Shair 845-354-7223**

Remember before you throw away we use e-bay.

## Ask our Rabbi

### **Q: Why is the Amidah said two times on Shabbat morning?**

**A:** I'll answer a question with a story. In the year 70 CE, the Romans besieged Jerusalem and destroyed the Temple which was the center of the Jewish religion of that time. How could a religion, which depended on sacrifices to God at the Temple, continue in the face of the Temple's destruction? Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai had a solution. His students smuggled him out of Jerusalem in a coffin, allowing him to escape the burning city, and he got permission from the Roman Emperor to settle in the town of Yavne, which he founded as a center of Jewish study. The Sages of Yavne were faced with the need to preserve a Judaism that had lost its Temple. They did this by creating a service that substituted prayer for sacrifice. The recitation of the Amidah became the substitute for each sacrificial service. Every day, in Temple times, there was a daily burnt-offering in the morning, which corresponds to the Amidah that we say every morning including on Shabbat, during the Shacharit (morning) service. But on Shabbat, there was a special additional offering, *"a burnt offering for every Shabbat, in addition to the regular burnt-offering."* (Numbers 28:10). This has become the Musaf Amidah that we recite each Shabbat after the Torah is returned to the ark. (The word "Musaf" means "additional"). And so, the Musaf Amidah provides another way for us to connect to the earliest traditions of our ancestors.

## Thank You

Thank you to the following people who donated food or money to our kitchen:

Marilyn & David Tessel  
Lil & Gil Zinn  
Susan & Stan Alpert  
Susan Ravner & Al Tabin  
Harvey & Maddie Ingber  
Linda & Al Scherzer

### **Minyan List For Sept.**

Sept. 6 & 7	Shair, Shane, Talmas
Sept. 13 & 14	Tessel, Weiner, Zinn
Sept. 20 & 21	Alpert, Ansel, Benson
Sept. 27 & 28	Bialo, Bloomfeld, Boxer

### **Minyan List for Oct.**

Oct. 4 & 5	I. Davis, R. Davis, Deutschman
Oct. 11 & 12	Finkelberg, Geneslaw, Ingber
Oct. 18 & 19	Jacobson, Klein, Levine
Oct. 25 & 26	Moskowitz, Paris, Perlmutter

### **Just a Thought:**

How come there are long lines when the New Marvel Comic film, or any film for that matter comes out?

But there is never a line, in the morning, when the local library opens.

BTW-----Prices at the library, as opposed to the aforementioned movies, restaurants, smart phones, etc.etc. etc. have stayed the same over the past 50 years?

As our dear friend David Talmas would say: "Gunist,mit Gunist always equas Gunist.

**Jeff Plotkin**

## **Yahrzeit Donations**

Gilbert & Lillian Zinn in memory of Rebecca Solbazan

Susan Ravner in memory of her father Jack Ravner

Ruth Geneslaw in memory of her father Benjamin Weinberg

David & Naomi Reinstein in memory of Rhoda Hilda Zurin

Sheree Kanegraber in memory of Gary Kane

Allen & Roberta Shane in memory of Betty Shane

Harvey & Madie Ingber in memory of his mother Ilse Ingber

Alfred & Linda Scherzer in memory of his father Julius Scherzer and her father Seymour Schomberg

Lori Goldstein in memory of her father Herman Goldberg

David Talmas in memory of his mother Goldie Talmas

Allen and Roberta Shane in memory of his father Charles Shane

Daniel & Sandra Seltzer in memory of his father Irving Seltzer

David & Roslyn Levine in memory of their granddaughter Emily Sarah Levine and her mother Eva Weiser

David and Victoria Stone

## **DONATIONS**

Jonah & Barbara Jacobson in honor of their grandson's graduation from college

## **Sunshine Cards**

**from** -Marilyn & David Tessel, Sheila & Steve Paris, Susan & Stan Alpert - **to** - Lil & Gil Zinn - Happy 67th anniversary and many more healthy, happy years

**from** - Sheila & Steve Paris-**to**- Harriet Moskowitz - Feel better soon

**from** -Sheila Paris - **to**- Rochelle Mezoff - Mazal Tov on the marriage of your granddaughter, Ashley to Jason

**from** -Marilyn & David Tessel, Sheila & Steve Paris -**to**- David Talmas - A hearty Mazal Tov on your 91st birthday

**from**-Marilyn & David Tessel, Susan & Stan Alpert, Sheila & Steve Paris -**to**- Lil & Gil Zinn- Mazal Tov on the marriage of your grandson, Daniel to Kate.

## **In Sympathy**

**from** -Susan & Stan Alpert, Sheila & Steve Paris, Marilyn & David Tessel, Harriet Moskowitzl -**to**- Sandy Seltzer - In memory of your sister, Bonnie Nelson

from -Sheila & Steve Paris -**to**- Dr. William Rifkin & family - In memory of your beloved father, Dr. Arthur Rifkin

## **Sisterhood News**

Shalom Rav!

Excluding the Garage Sale on July 21, Sisterhood has undergone a period of quiescence during the summer. We will once again become active in the fall.

Attending Shabbat Services on Saturday is nourishing both for the body and for the soul. Services are held with much congregational participation. Afterwards a hearty, healthy lunch, prepared by our kitchen crew, is consumed along with serious and lively chatter.

**GARAGE SALE - July 21** - Give ourselves a pat on our back for its immense success. A nice profit was added to our coffers. Herculean efforts produced monumental success for a lazy July day. My deepest heartfelt thanks to those who donated items, those who orchestrated the event, were there for pick-up, sorted by category, arranged displays and assisted on the day of the sale. Too many names to mention individually; you know who you are. Even members of Men's Club lent their assistance. KUDOS to everyone. It is a perfect example of teamwork.

Sisterhood will continue to sell jewelry in the Fall to continually bring in funds.

**Early Notice - Save the date.** Sisterhood's Annual Paid-up Brunch will be held on Sunday, October 20 at WCJC @ 10:00am. Breakfast will be served along with making plans for the year. Dues remain the same at \$36.00 per year.

Ladies Night Out will be held on Monday, September 16 at a local restaurant at 6:30 pm.

My family joins me in wishing you a healthy, happy, blessed and prosperous New Year. May your wishes be many like the seeds of a pomegranate (Rimon).

L'hetra'ot,

**Sheila Paris**

## **Men's Club News**

We would like to thank all the men and women that turned out to make the recent garage sale the huge success that it was. This was a Sisterhood run event, but everybody needed to help in an event of this magnitude.

The next Men's Club event is Sunday, October 13th at 9:30 A.M. We will have the task of building our Sukkah. Yes, the holiday begins at sundown on that day. We will have our usual gourmet breakfast, collect dues and build our temporary house. Dues will remain at \$36 per person for the year.

The Men's Club and I wish everyone a healthy and happy Jewish New Year. We also urge everyone to attend at least one full Friday evening and Saturday morning Shabbat service each month.

Fraternally yours,

**Steve Paris**

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Robert Talmas	Sept. 4
Allen Shane	Sept. 7
Diane Klein	Sept. 12
Douglas Goldstein	Sept. 12
Marianne Ansel	Sept. 17
Patrick Murphy	Sept. 17
Howard Geneslaw	Sept. 23
Lisa Breslaw	Sept. 30
Marc Levine	Sept. 30

## September Yahrzeits

Harry Yaruss	Sept. 3
Marilyn Sanders	Sept. 5
Donald Laurence Kletsky	Sept. 6
Fannie Zwirn	Sept. 7
Sigmund Paris	Sept. 7
Howard Berg	Sept. 9
Joseph Schleier	Sept. 11
Charles Adelson	Sept. 12
Bessie Zinn	Sept. 13
Rose Smith	Sept. 14
Anna Ellner	Sept. 15
Murray Rose	Sept. 15
Allen Schomberg	Sept. 16
Frances Weinstein	Sept. 16
Benjamin Alpert	Sept. 18
Lottie Klotz	Sept. 19
Henry Feurestein	Sept. 20
Irene Gaswirth	Sept. 22
Rose Kleinman	Sept. 22
Morris Sternberg	Sept. 23
Hyman Weinstein	Sept. 24
Rose Wittlin	Sept. 24
Samuel Silver	Sept. 26
Minnie Silver	Sept. 27
Diane Goldstein	Sept. 27
Murray Sachs	Sept. 28
Gertrude Prager	Sept. 29
Jacob Schiffman	Sept. 30
Anna Seltzer	Sept. 30

## October Birthdays

Sandy Wolk	Oct. 1
Michael Breslaw	Oct. 11
Glenn Rappaport	Oct. 18
Lily Shayna Murphy	Oct. 22
Marianne Bloomfeld	Oct. 26
Michael Levine	Oct. 30
Reva Davis	Oct. 31

## October Anniversaries

Susan & Stan Alpert	Oct. 9
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## October Yahrzeits

Harry Steinberg	Oct. 1
Benjamin Jacobson	Oct. 1
Claire Weinstein	Oct. 2
Bob Spellman	Oct. 3
Manny Markman	Oct. 4
Irving Tauber	Oct. 6
Anna Rosenblum	Oct.. 6
Jerry Lite	Oct. 6
Manny Elgisser	Oct. 10
Moses Samuel Ingber	Oct. 11
Gerry Weiss	Oct. 14
Clarence Sanford Davis	Oct. 17
Paul Weiss	Oct. 18
Mollie Levine	Oct. 22
Loretta Klein	Oct. 23
Felice Finkelberg	Oct. 26
Abram Schoenfeld	Oct. 27
Julia Migden	Oct. 29
David Ellner	Oct. 29
Ann Goldberg	Oct. 31
Max Ansel	Oct. 31

### **Challah of the Month Club**

**The following families have joined and participated in the Challah of the Month Club:**

#### **Thank you to:**

Maddie & Harvey Ingber  
Susan & Stan Alpert  
Fran & Paul Weiner  
Marilyn & David Tessel  
Herb & Fran Boxer  
Diane & Steve Klein  
Roberta & Allen Shane  
Marc Levine  
Shimmy Cohen  
Roberta Schoenfeld  
David & Anita Talmas  
Marianne & Harry Bloomfeld  
Barbara & Curt Schleier  
Roberta & Allen Shane  
Diane & Steve Klein  
Lil & Gil Zinn  
Ronnye and Barry Deutchman  
Maddie & Harvey Ingber  
Susan & Stan Alpert  
Sheila & Steve Paris  
Shimmy Cohen  
Ronnye & Barry Deutchman Marilyn & David Tessel  
Fran & Paul Weiner  
Tammy & Randy Davis  
Roberta & Allen Shane  
Lil & Gil Zinn  
Diane & Steve Klein  
Anita & Dave Talmas  
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Maddie & Harvey Ingber  
Ronnye & Barry Deutchman  
Bob & Stephanie Wechman  
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Barbara & Curt Schleier  
Marilyn & David Tessel  
Tammy & Randy Davis  
Roberta & Allen Shane  
Susan Ravner & Al Tabin

Dave Talmas  
Lil & Gil Zinn  
Susan & Stan Alpert  
Dave Talmas  
Susan Ravner & Al Tabin  
David Talmas  
Diane & Steve Klein  
Tammy & Randy Davis

#### **The next list is the families who have reserved a month in the near future:**

Linda & Al Scherzer Sept.  
Dave Talmas - Oct.  
Dave Talmas - Nov.  
Lil & Gil Zinn - Dec.  
Marilyn & David Tessel -Jan.

Please join the club and call **Susan Alpert** or **Herb Boxer** for information!