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The Rabbi's Desk: First Plant the Sapling

Rabban Yochanan ben Zakkai was known to say, “If you are holding a sapling in your hand and someone says that the Messiah has drawn near, first plant the sapling, and then go and greet the Messiah.” (*Avot de Rabbi Nathan*, Chapter 31)

We Jews have had an intense relationship to trees ever since Eve took a bite of the fruit of one back in the Book of *Bereishit*. Rules in the Torah and the Talmud legislate the treatment of trees in times of war and the necessity of building towns only in the presence of trees. The Mishnah describes four new years for the Jewish people: Passover, the time of tithing the cattle, Rosh Hashana, and the New Year for the Trees.

This New Year for the Trees, Tu B'Shevat (the 15th of the month of Shevat), is a holy day marking the rising of sap in the trees of ancient Israel. It is a day tied to its geographical origins and makes logical sense when celebrated in the land of Israel today. In the month of Shevat, the almond trees show their blossoms, the sap begins to rise and the promise of spring is in the air. On the other hand, we celebrate in Rockland County just as we try to pull our shoulders back and lift our chins to continue the slow, cold trudge through winter. When I was a child in Maine, we were given dry pods of boxer from Israel to chew and dutifully brought in our JNF boxes filled with coins to plant trees in Israel. It made perfect sense to me when I was eleven, but does it make sense to us today as adults? How can we make sense of a holiday like this one? Its name is a date, so it would not make sense to move it to a more mild time of the year. Its origins are in the land of Israel and our celebration connects us there. What shall this day be?

In the past twenty years, we Jews have solved the conundrum in two ways. We have recast the day as one for environmental awareness and we have reached back in time to a custom from the 18th century – the Tu B'Shevat seder of the followers of Shabbetai Tzvi. (His messianic promises failed but more than 200 years later, his mystical seder has re-emerged as a beloved rite of this birthday of the trees.) At our shul this year, we will continue to innovate as we have done for several years. We will weave the two solutions into one wonderful experience. On Thursday, January 20th, the 15th day of Shevat, we will celebrate with a mystical seder that will educate us about the environment and our responsibility to it. (See the publicity in this issue of the Shaliach.) We will teach about the Jewish Community of Rockland County's CSA that is deep in the planning stages. CSA is community supported agriculture, a system of pre-purchasing produce from a local organic farm to allow them to compete against the large corporate farms. Participating in a CSA helps us to buy organic, decrease our carbon footprint, and in supporting a local farmer, get closer to our food supply. Our seder will be a way to think about our connection to the land of Israel and to our calendar. It will be a way to plant a sapling as we work together to ensure a better, safer, cleaner planet for the next generation.

*Kol tuv, all the best,
Rabbi Paula Mack Drill*

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From the President's Pen



Dear Chaverim,

During last month's holiday season, one of the messages reflected around the world was the idea of giving of one's self and of giving to charity in the spirit of making the world a better place. At the OJC we pursue the act of *tikkun olam*, repairing the world, throughout the entire year. We help those within our community, within our county, and within Israel. Over the past several months the OJC's efforts have made a positive impact in all of these places.

In November, for the twelfth consecutive year, the OJC Mitzvah Day was once again a huge success. It began with an idea of Nohra Leff's to have a day for all of us to perform mitzvot together. For the past ten years Diana Hess and Fran Friedman have chaired our Mitzvah Day. I would like to thank both of these women for their hard work and dedication on this awesome day. Our community comes together, with volunteers of all ages to do their part to repair the world. We provided pillows for heart patients, books on tape for hospitalized children, scarves for the homeless, stuffed animals for sick children in Israel, food for People to People, and collections that served so many others in need. Groups traveled to the Esplanade Nursing home and to the Salmon House in New City, to spend time with the residents and share the gift of time together. We should take pride in the many ways we have helped so many.

Each month our seventh grade Religious School visits the Esplanade Nursing Home to spend time, play games, share stories and build relationships with the residents of the home. I know from my own experience, how much joy we bring to the residents and how appreciative they are of our children's visits and the other visits we make throughout the year.

Once again this winter, the OJC will house a group of homeless people in Rockland County. Our Helping Hands Committee works hard and with love to provide a delicious meal and a warm place to sleep for people who have nowhere else to go on these cold winter nights. Providing shelter to strangers—a mitzvah that exemplifies who we are and what we value at the OJC.

Our mission to Israel in November was a short but intense opportunity for our congregants to help repair Eretz Yisrael. It was inspiring to listen to the rabbi's sermon and to read his updates about their trip. Our congregants touched the lives of our Israelis in need, and I am sure were as touched by the experience in return.

As I write this article, Israel is unfortunately again in need of our help. As we lit our small flames to celebrate Hanukkah, destructive flames burned through Northern Israel in a devastating forest fire. I know we have sent emails, but I wanted to provide information again with ways in which you can help rebuild and repair Israel.

Help replenish trees in Israel's forests

- Go to www.jnf.org/trees and plant a tree.

-Go to the Jewish Federation of Rockland website at <http://www.jewishrockland.org>. The Jewish Federation of North America has set up several relief programs and you can get information about ways to help from our local Rockland Federation.

In these cold winter months, let's continue to repair the world and to bring hope and warmth to all those who benefit from our mitzvot of *tikkun olam*.

B'shalom,
Kim Lori Sokol



From the Educational Director's Desk



I received an extraordinary email that shares a message every adult should read and remember. Children are ALWAYS looking and they will DO AS YOU DO, NOT AS YOU SAY. From children. . . .

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking I heard you say a prayer, and I knew that there is a God I could always talk to, and I learned to trust in God.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing, and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it, and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good, and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and committed Jewish person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking I looked at you and wanted to say, 'Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.'

So for those of you who do so much for others, but think that no one ever sees, CHILDREN'S EYES SEE EVERYTHING. Each of us – a parent, grandparent, teacher, aunt, uncle, friend – EVERYONE INFLUENCES THE LIFE OF A CHILD.

In the new secular year of 2011, ask yourself, how will you touch the life of someone today? Let's live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, and leave the rest to God.

Kol Tuv, All the best,
Sandy Borowsky

Mid-year progress reports will be e-mailed home by the end of January with an opportunity for parent-teacher conferences. Please check your school e-news, This Week@theojc.org and our website for our full schedule of class and school community activities. As always, we welcome your input and thank you for making Jewish education a priority.

Kitah Korner

Kitah Bet (second grade) has been so amazingly busy these past few months! Our fourteen wonderful students have squeezed in a tremendous amount of learning and fun and we are only though half of the school year! Some of the special events that we had include Kippot for Keppis, Menorah making, a Hanukkah celebration with U.S. soldiers, and a concert with The Bossy Frog. Our children also have library and music at least once a month. Along with all these great events we still have learned many of our Alef Bet letters, their sounds, the vowels, as well as studying Torah stories and learning about all the Jewish holidays and the customs. Our students are so busy but they love every minute of it. We look forward to keeping up this fun schedule of learning and activities, which can only occur in the OJC Religious School!

Moreh Shlomo and Jake Lewis (teacher's aide)

January Bar Mitzvah

Tommy Mosner

Tommy is a seventh grade honor student at Felix Festa Middle School. He is very active in theater, garnering major roles in his first attempts at it. He has always had a great love for and curiosity about animals, frequently watching Animal Planet on TV. That's why Tommy chose to volunteer for the Hudson Valley Humane Society for his Bar Mitzvah project. He is always ready to lend a hand, whether it's with the Rockland Chapter of Hadassah, the OJC Men's Club or on his recent volunteer mission to Israel. We are all very proud of him as he is growing into a very nice, caring young man.

Barbara, Phil & Laurie, and Andy Mosner

Fly Swatting Skills: An Essay by Herbert Krantz, Father of Paula Kaplan

Ed. Note: *This essay is one of a series of daily letters Acting Sergeant Major Krantz wrote home to his parents during his two-year stint in the Korean War. He was moved a few months prior to completing his duty to behind the main line into an office situation because of his typing skills. When he was in high school, he had to choose an elective—either library or typing. He really wanted library, but the librarian was mean while the typing teacher was kind. He was surprised that typing would get him behind the main line but quite relieved.*

Having had much practice in fly swatting because of vacationing in the Catskills, I am in perfect form at the present time for this particular job. My aim is quite accurate and my perfect stroke is incomparable. Before I continue, let me inform you that fly swatting has become much of an art—first having to spot this intruder and then to get him into proper position for a strike. It takes time, patience and quite a lot of intestinal fortitude. BUT . . .being a brutal murderer from the first kill the inclination increases.

Being away from home and away from my beloved Catskills gives me ample opportunity to survey a completely new form of specimen. Here they are much larger than the normal housefly and far more brazen, therefore making liquidation of same a bit easier on my conscience. These specimens take a little bit more effort to destroy than the species we know of back home. It takes a perfect stroke and a firm hand—perhaps there would be a similar comparison to tennis or even handball . . . if you are swatting in midair. Then we have a combination of a golf stroke and handball. Spotting the intruder on the floor, you quickly get him in position for a rebound shot off a wall or as the case may ne, the side of the tent. Then, swiftly swooping down an underhanded shot that will cause him to bounce off the wall or as the case may be the tent and applying the finish with a sidearm movement. This is rather difficult, so you must have constant practice and naturally an ample amount of flies around. However I do not suggest leaving doors and windows open so you will have enough to work with. Having done a favorable job this morning on this subject, I am about to go to the synagogue to repent.

OJC ONGOING LEARNING AT A GLANCE

January 2011

Torah n' Treats

Wednesdays, January 5 and 19 at 12:30 p.m.
Studies in the Bible's Book of *Ketuvim* with Rabbi Scheff

Text and Context

Thursdays, January 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 10 a.m.
Parashat hashavua (the weekly Torah portion) with Rabbi Scheff

Iyyun Tefillah

Saturday, January 15 at 8:45 a.m.
An in-depth exploration of the Shabbat liturgy with Rabbi Drill

Rabbi's Talmud Study Group

Wednesdays, January 12 and 26 at 7:30 p.m.
A weekly group study of Talmudic passages with Rabbi Scheff

Monday Morning Midrash

Monday, January 10 at 11:00 a.m.
Join Rabbi Drill monthly as we explore the creative lore of our tradition

Biblical Archaeology

Monday, January 10 at 7:30 pm
Join Barry Yarkon to discuss the methods and findings of Biblical Archaeology as they apply to Jewish history and the Tanakh!

Biography of God

Monday, January 31 at 7:30 pm
Explore Jewish Perspectives and Personal Theologies with Rabbi Drill



Details of the Deal

In November 2010, then-chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Rep. Howard Berman (D-CA), and then-ranking member, Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), initiated a letter to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates that raises questions about the Obama administration's decision to sell \$60 billion in weaponry to Saudi Arabia.

The arms package reportedly includes 84 F-15 fighter jets, 72 Black Hawk helicopters, 70 Longbow Apache helicopters and 36 Little Bird helicopters. The sale is also expected to include technology and equipment to modernize 70 of the F-15 jets that Saudi Arabia has previously purchased from the United States.

While the United States has consulted extensively with Israel about the Saudi arms deal, the Jewish state still has reason for concern. Saudi Arabia is among the 20 of 22 Arab states that do not recognize Israel. In fact, the Saudi government refuses to have any contacts with Jerusalem until Israel withdraws from every inch of land that it captured in the 1967 Six-Day War.

In addition, Riyadh actively participates in the longstanding Arab League boycott of Israel. And while Israel does not share a border with Saudi Arabia, the desert kingdom is visible from the Eilat Mountains. A Saudi F-15 stationed in northwest Saudi Arabia could fly to Israel in minutes.

The sale, when completed, would force Israel to spend more money in order to retain its qualitative military edge in the Middle East. Recently, Israel approved the purchase of 20 F-35 jets from the United States to help ensure its aerial superiority over its foes. But the purchase comes at a substantial cost. The \$2.75 billion price tag for the 20 jets will force Israel to re-appropriate funds from other defense programs and needs.

Because of such concerns, Berman and Ros-Lehtinen explicitly wrote in their letter to Clinton and Gates that, "We also want a clear understanding of how these sales are likely to impact others in the region. America has long been committed to Israel's qualitative military edge (QME)—that is, its ability to prevail against any combination of regional threats. While we understand the Administration has worked productively with Israel to address Israeli security concerns, we would like to know how these arms sales will affect Israel's QME and what steps we have taken or are planning to take to maintain and strengthen Israel's edge."

By sending this letter, Berman, Ros-Lehtinen and the 196 other members of the House of Representatives who signed this letter have sent a powerful message to the Secretaries of State and Defense: Such a large sale of weapons to Saudi Arabia demands that Congress clearly understand what steps are being taken to ensure that America's most reliable and stable Middle Eastern ally, Israel, remains strong enough to defend itself.

Sisterhood

Community. We hear this word a lot at the OJC—we say it with pride whenever anyone asks us what it is that makes us special. We use it as an adjective to describe the feeling of belonging that we have whenever we walk through the doors of our synagogue, attend services, participate in classes or events, or celebrate a joyous occasion together. And our Sisterhood is a wonderful example of how a community of women can come together for the betterment of our larger community.

We all came together on Mitzvah Day on November 21st with the purpose of helping those less fortunate. With Mimi Rosenstock as chairperson, Sisterhood provided a delicious lunch for over 100 of our dedicated volunteers. Lunch was cooked by our chef-in-residence, Laurie Liner, with the able assistance of Barbara Brumer. We thank all who participated, set up, and served. They include Pam Berg, Russell Filip, Barry Friedman, Michele Kleinberger, Lois Lesserson, Rhoda Pochter, and Carmel Rosenthal.

The month of January is always an exciting one for our OJC Sisterhood, because we get to bond together as a community of women to celebrate the joys of Shabbat together. This year, our weekend will take place on January 21st to 23rd, when we welcome Rabbi Dahlia Kronish to teach us and worship with us. Please be sure to rsvp for the Friday night dinner to Faye Dinowitz or Barbara Brumer. Contact Rosina Hirsh if you are still interested in participating in the service. Sisterhood Shabbat is a wonderful opportunity for us to pray together as a community.

Our Sisterhood also knows how to have a good time! So mark your calendars—March 13th will be a special “Girls’ Night Out” fundraising event. We are still in the planning stages, but rest assured that it will include everything women need to have a good time—friends, food, drinks, and of course, lots of laughs. We hope to see you there!



Men's Club Happenings



On Mitzvah Day, November 21, the Men's Club deconstructed the sukkah. As usual, it was a labor-intensive job. Lonnie Jacobs, Arthur Kupferman, and Jack Teadore led the crew. Assisting them were Dan Ames, Russell Berg, Michael Filip, Leonard Goldstein, Barry Judelman, David Klein, and Jeff Lewis. Lisa Jacobs was the lone women who decided to help. The job would never have been completed without our younger generation doing a lot of the cleanup and other work. They included: Michael Brill, Ben Brown, Sam Filip, Lewis Gelb, Samantha Gelb, Ben Hack, Daniel Hack, William Jacobs, Mitchell Jacobs, Russell Jacobs, Jake Lewis, Vincent Pepe, Jared Scheff and Jason Scheff. This crew did the job in record time.

On Sunday, December 5, we brought back jazz performer and composer Jon Weber. This was another day of amazing music and education. If you missed this event, you missed something very special.

Be sure to save the date, **February 6, 2011**. I know it's Super Bowl Sunday, but in the morning we will be doing our second annual World Wide Wrap. It is actually the 11th year for this program, run by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. It connects us to synagogues in a number of countries, including some in South America and Australia. This is something for men to reconnect to and for women to experience. Last year's Wrap had 65 people and was a joyous and emotional day. This year we have a goal of 100 people. We provide instruction and have some extra of tefilin for you to use.

We are also asking parents to bring their children to the World Wide Wrap (particularly 5th and 6th graders) because after the Wrap we will have the Build-A-Pair program where children build their own pair of simulated tefilin. They learn the history of this basic mitzvah while building their own pair. We will raffle off a free set of tefilin to one of the children. The morning will be completed with a Tail Gate party (in keeping with Super Bowl Sunday).

Other Dates to Save:

Sunday, February 27, 2011, we will be hearing from former Israeli Ambassador Asher Naim, who will talk to us about the Arab-Israeli conflict. There will be a brunch and a question and answer period. Tickets will be sold in advance and seating will be limited.

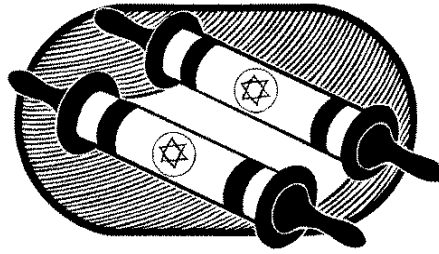
Saturday, March 26, 2011 features two events. Our Men's Club Shabbat will take place in the morning. Contact Lloyd Fishman if you would like to read Torah, Haftorah or any other part.

Saturday night, March 26, 2011, will bring the 3rd Annual Men's Club Comedy Show. Jay Rifkin has written another sensational set of skits and song parodies. Jay is a keen observer of what goes on at the OJC and the rest of the Jewish world – he manages to get a lot of it into the show. You may notice yourself in one of the skits (only the names have been changed to protect the ...). There is new material and some new performers as well. **DO NOT MISS THIS EVENT!!** The buzz from the first two shows should be enough to convince you.

We look forward to seeing you at these events. If you have ideas for future programs, please contact me.

Have a happy and healthy 2011!!

Bart Bookman, Men's Club President



Last month we discussed the opposition among the early Israelites to all forms of magic and divination. Because witches try to bypass the Deity and go directly to the forces of nature, such practices were considered anathema from the time of Moses and onward. Indeed, we learn from the book of *Samuel* that King Saul had issued a proclamation of death for anyone convicted of sorcery, which is totally in line with the commandment given to Moses not to allow witches to live.

Yet the night before the fatal battle against the Philistines at Mt. Gilboa, a fearful and depressed Saul disguises himself and pays a visit to a reputed diviner, the Witch of Endor. He asks her to call up the ghost of the prophet Samuel, his erstwhile mentor. Saul needs Samuel to tell him the results of the future battle. This is an amazing event all by itself since sorcery had been banned by Saul. But what is even more amazing is that the spirit of Samuel actually does appear and tells Saul that he will lose the battle and be killed.

Rabbis and scholars find this a very difficult passage indeed. Was the appearance of a ghost genuine, a hallucination or an outright fraud on behalf of the witch? The venerated scholars of our traditions have many opposing takes on the incident.

If it really was the spirit of Samuel that appeared, does that mean the witch had real powers and that the raising of the dead is possible? Or did God will that the woman should succeed because God wanted Saul to receive the message?

The narrator of the story seems to have no doubts that Samuel actually appeared from the dead. But close examination of the text reveals that immediately after Saul asked the witch to raise the dead, Samuel appeared. The text never actually says that the witch caused the return of Samuel, just that it happened after Saul asked. Words to the effect “and the woman brought up the dead” do not appear.

Some of the rabbis of the Talmud interpreted the story as if it really happened, that the woman truly had the power to bring up the dead. However, later authorities were so against the possibility of this practice actually working that they denied that the woman had any powers at all. They also pointed to the place in the text when Samuel appears where it is mentioned that the woman cried out with a sharp cry. Perhaps she was just as amazed as anyone else that the ghost actually appeared. So it was all God’s doing.

Other great commentators, including Maimonides, were of the opinion that the incident was a fraud from beginning to end. The woman, noted for her powers, must have been a clever person, and discerning Saul’s frame of mind (the text indicates she recognized Saul in disguise for who he really was), and perhaps even knowing something about the military situation and the overwhelming power of the Philistines, was able to predict the outcome and maybe even, by further depressing Saul’s spirit, to have an actual effect on the outcome.

If you’re interested, you can read this incident in your Bible, in *Samuel I*, chapter 28, verses 3-25.

From the Editor:

Somebody recently sent me an email that declared “God’s last name isn’t Damn.” Well, that’s just one more in the huge collection of the names that God isn’t. We Jews have had a problem with God’s name since we first began calling on the Supreme Being. Sometimes I wonder what Abraham called God, or if he used any name at all. Maybe Abraham just said, “You—the one Who told me to leave everything I’ve ever known and go wherever You tell me to go—yes, You. Why me? Why not Heshie next tent over?”

When Moses asked what name he should use when addressing God, and God answered “I am that I am,” it sent ripples of uncertainty down through the ages, all the way to Popeye, who only amended that statement slightly. Scholars have wrestled with this problem for centuries, coming up with many conflicting interpretations. Some say it means that God is God and that’s all she wrote and we should just shut up and go with the flow. Others say that the recording device of the time got stuck in a groove and kept repeating the same phrase over and over again because nobody thought to give the machine a little kick. Still others think it might have been a mistranslation of “Moses, you’re a noodge.” Scholars have been mistranslating for eons, so there’s every reason to go along with that one. In any case, Talmud students, rabbis, scholars of ancient history, and Madonna continue to stretch their minds with the search for the name of God.

Then there’s the problem of gender. For more years than we can count, God was always referred to as “He.” This did not sit well with people like egalitarians, some seminarians (mostly of the female persuasion) and other sticklers for truth. Why should kids continue to imagine a big man with a long white beard sitting on a throne dispensing rewards and punishments? After all, mommies sometimes did that, not only daddies. Sometimes even your big sister gave you a smack when mommy and daddy weren’t looking. Interpolating from the family circle, we begin to see that there is no earthly (or even heavenly) reason to believe that God is a He. On the other hand, God is probably not a She either. On the third hand, God being an It makes most of us cringe. Scholars have worked up a blend, including the mighty male warrior of some of the Psalms and the caring *Shekhinah* of some of our Shabbat prayers. Okay, fine, but that might lead some wayward-thinking students to believe that God is more than one! Oops! Houston, we have a problem. Also, there’s the fact that kids (especially little kids) have a tough time internalizing and remembering anything that’s abstract, unless it’s a promise made in July that they can have anything they want for Chanukah in December.

We have a highly innovative rabbi here (the male one) who has reflexively referred to God as “God Godself.” Once you get past the initial awkwardness of the phrase, it begins to work nicely. Try saying it to yourself a few times. It has a nice rhythm and unlike “She sells sea shells at the seashore,” it doesn’t mess with your tongue.

Some of these solutions satisfy and some don’t. But the question does make for great discussion, especially at cocktail parties when one might feel at a loss for conversation topics that don’t cause irremediable boredom. So the next time you find yourself among a group of (hopefully) non-hostile strangers, you might start things rolling by asking, “Hey, what’s your favorite name for God?”

Judy Cohen

Reflections from Our Rabbinic Intern, Ami Hersh

One of the great rabbinic minds of the twentieth century, Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, describes Torah study in the following way:

“When I sit down to study, I immediately find myself in the company of the scholars of the Mesorah (tradition). The relationship between us is personal. Rambam on my right, Rabbenu Tam on my left, Rashi sits at the head and explains. Rabbenu Tam queries. Rambam decides, Ravad challenges. They were all in my small room sitting around my table . . . Torah study is not just a didactic process, involvement with Torah texts is not just a technical and formal matter which is accomplished through the existence and exchange of ideas. It is a powerful experience of “comradeship” with many generations, a marriage of spirit with spirit, a unification of soul with soul.”

Since I have been here at the OJC, there have been many highlights. One experience has stood out above all the rest and it speaks perfectly to the teaching of Soloveitchik. On a couple of occasions I have been able to fill in for Rabbi Scheff and teach the Thursday morning “Text and Context” class. I use the word “teach” but the words “facilitate” or “join” would probably be more accurate to describe the experience. This special group of people gathers weekly in order to delve into study and discussion around a section of the weekly Torah reading. As I sit around the table I feel just like Soloveitchik. I am surrounded by masters of the text, all of them bringing their own insights their own backgrounds, and their own excitement to the topic at hand. Each individual is able to chime in at exactly the right moment to elucidate a confusion or bring new meaning to the entire group gathered. As Soloveitchik suggested, our study of Torah is just as much about the joining together of souls and the forging of relationships and it is about the technical. The Torah of this group feeds our souls and serves as the medium through which we grow closer.

I have always been in awe of the physical setup of a page of Talmud. The idea that a page of text can serve as a chronological history of our people’s thoughts is indeed special. Archaeologists make their living digging deep into the ground so that they can learn more about how the people of antiquity lived. They frequently encounter layers of myriad civilizations built on top of one another. In our traditional texts, the groundwork has been set to avoid this trouble and guesswork. Instead of casting out the old and worrying ourselves only with the new, we simply keep adding fresh ideas and thoughts to the periphery of the page.

Similar to a page of Talmud, I think that it is up to each generation to explore and express its views. The “Text and Context” class has allowed me a first-hand glimpse at this process in action. We use the best of our tradition and the finest of modernity in our quest for knowledge, growth and understanding. You are always invited to join and add your own thoughts to the periphery of the page.

OJC Schools present a new program:



Orangetown Jewish Center
Saturday, January 8, 2011
5:15 pm – 7:45 pm

Everyone is invited (bring your friends, too!).
We will sing, craft and watch a movie!
(bagels, popcorn, cookies and drinks included)

RSVP (a must) one of 3 ways:

Call: Hillary Barnett: 201-788-2320, Email: ojcschool@gmail.com or return this form (with bottom filled out) to Sandy Borowsky or Krista

This month's movie:

“Nanny McPhee Returns”

Children are invited to wear their PJs.
Please plan on staying with your child for the duration of the movie.
(Their safety and comfort is our utmost concern!)



See you there!!

This program is free of charge and geared for parents and children pre-school through second grade.

Yay! I can come! I am bringing _____ people.

Family Name: _____

Best # to reach you: _____



Join us for OJC's annual

Tu B'shvat Seder

January 20, 2011

11:30 P.M.

We'll enjoy a festive meal together
As we celebrate a
New Year for the Trees,
Reflect on the beauty of Creation,
Our connection with the Land of Israel,
And Judaism's environmental roots

We'll also learn about the Jewish Community
of Rockland County's new Community
Supported Agriculture (CSA) Project and
how *YOU* can be involved.

\$15 for members/\$20 non-members

Please RSVP by January 10th by sending the
completed form below along with your check
For more information contact:

Josh Ackerman, Rabbinic Intern

jsackerman@gmail.com (469) 248-6724

Please count me in for the OJC Tu B'shvat Seder

Name: _____

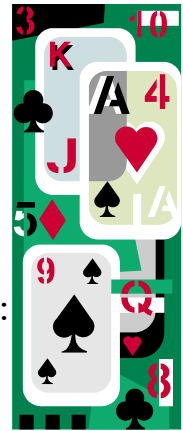
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Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for _____ Reservations

Please submit this form along with check payable to The OJC
8 Independence Avenue, Orangeburg, NY 10962

Attention: Josh Ackerman

HAZAK ANNUAL GAME DAY



Come in from the cold with your friends at the OJC!

Join us for this popular program, now in its sixth year:

Lunch and Learn and Games

Join us for a delicious lunch,

learn some Torah with Rabbinic Intern **Josh Ackerman**,

and play your favorite games:

Poker, Bridge, Scrabble, Canasta, Boggle ... you name it! We'll play it!

Tuesday, January 25, 2011--11:30 until you win your game!

Questions? Contact **Evelyn Winikoff**, EvDonWini@aol.com (845) 358-2564,

Miriam Neuren (201) 995-0722,

or **Faye Dinowitz**, fdinowitz6@aol.com (845) 353-1934.

RSVP by Wednesday, January 19th.

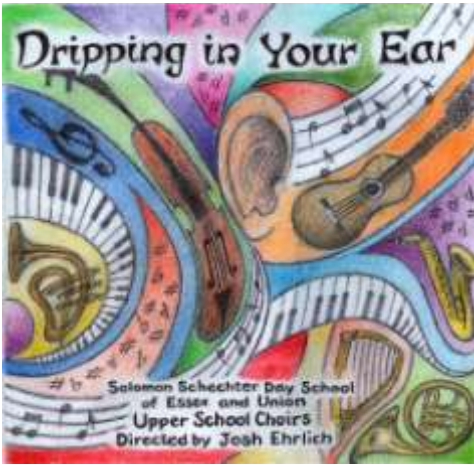


Return this slip with your check made out to OJC:
Congregants \$15, Guests \$20

Mail to: **Evelyn Winikoff**
12 Woodward Road
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Yes, sign me up for Lunch and Learn and Games!

Name: _____ **Best Day Phone:** _____



*Orangetown Jewish Center
Proudly Presents*

*An Unforgettable Evening
Of
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*A Concert with the Award-Winning High School Choir of
The Golda Och Academy,
a Solomon Schechter Day School
Sunday February 13, 2011*

3:30 Fun Foods and Silent Auction

[Great stuff for kids, teens and their parents!]

4:30 Concert with the Choir

5:30 Raffle Pull & Sing Down [Community VS. Your Rabbis!!]

Sponsored by The OJC Religious School & Youth Community

\$18 per person. \$12 for children 3-12. Maximum charge for family \$54

RSVP or questions to Pam Berg dae24124@optonline.net or 201-573-1660.

Family Name: _____

Number Attending ___ Adults ___ Children ___ Children under 3 (free)

Amount Enclosed: _____

Mail to Pam Berg, 556 Barr Court, River Vale, NJ 07675

OJC Sisterhood

BOOK CHAT

Book Chat

My Father's Paradise

by Ariel Sabas

February (date to be announced)

In a remote and dusty corner of the world, forgotten for nearly three thousand years, lived an ancient community of Kurdish Jews so isolated that they still spoke Aramaic. Mostly illiterate, they were self-made mystics and gifted storytellers, humble peddlers and rugged loggers who dwelt in harmony with their Muslim and Christian neighbors in the mountains of northern Iraq. To these descendants of the Lost Tribes of Israel, Yona Sabar was born.

This intimate yet powerful book uncovers the vanished history of a place that is now at the very center of the world's attention.

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SISTERHOOD SHABBAT



Please join us

January 21 and 22

Friday evening services 6:00pm

Dinner following services

Our guest speaker

RABBI DAHLIA KRONISH

Inclusion In Judaism: Created In God's Image

Rabbi Dahlia Kronish is the Director of Jewish Life at the Abraham Joshua Heschel High School in Manhattan. Rabbi Kronish grew up in Israel involved in the Masorti movement's schools, youth movement and camp. At Brandeis University, Rabbi Kronish majored in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies and minored in Philosophy, Women's Studies and Legal Studies. Rabbi Kronish graduated from the Jewish Theological Seminary, where she had the privilege of learning with Rabbi Mack Drill. Rabbi Kronish is the daughter and granddaughter of rabbis and is married to Joshua Maudlin.

afternoon text study with Rabbi Dahlia Kronish after birkat hamazon.

Havdallah Service conducted by the 5th and 6th grade Hebrew School

Please complete this form for FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER RESERVATIONS

Send it along with your check (made out to OJC Sisterhood) to:

Faye Dinowitz, 103 Gedney Street #1K, Nyack, NY 10960

Phone #: 845-353-1934, e-mail: fdinowitz6@aol.com

Donation: \$20 Per adult, \$12 Per child (12 years and younger) Family Maximum \$70

Name _____

Number of Adults _____ Number of Children _____

Phone Number _____

Please RSVP by January 14, 2011

January 2011 25 Tevet 5771 - 26 Shevat 5771

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 25 TEVET New Year's Day Shabbat Ends: 5:28 Shabbat Service 9AM Mincha Maariv 3:45PM
2 26 TEVET Minyan 9AM Purim Reh 10:30AM Minyan 7:30PM	3 27 TEVET Nursery Sch 9:30AM Journey Grp 11AM Sisterhood Bd 7PM Minyan 7:30PM <i>Ballets/3rd class flyers due</i>	4 28 TEVET Minyan 8:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Rel School 4:15PM Na'ash 6:30PM Minyan 7:30PM Exec Bd 7:30PM	5 29 TEVET Nursery Sch 9:30AM Torah and Treats 12:30PM Rel School 4:15PM Minyan 7:30PM	6 1 SHEVAT Rosh Chodesh Shevat Minyan 6:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Text and Context 10AM Rel School 4:15PM Minyan 7:30PM	7 2 SHEVAT 4:24 Nursery Sch 9:30AM Family Service 6PM	8 3 SHEVAT Shabbat Ends: 5:35 Shabbat Service 9AM Tommy Moner B/M Mincha Maariv 3:45PM Havdalah Wicks and Flicks 5:15PM
9 4 SHEVAT Minyan 9AM Purim Reh 10:30AM Rosh Hodesh Girls 11AM Minyan 7:30PM	10 5 SHEVAT Nursery Sch 9:30AM Midrash 11AM Minyan 7:30PM Biblical Archeology 7:30PM	11 6 SHEVAT Minyan 8:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Rel School/MUSIC 4:15PM Na'ash 6:30PM Minyan 7:30PM	12 7 SHEVAT Nursery Sch 9:30AM Rel School 4:15PM Minyan 7:30PM Rabbi's Talmud 7:30PM	13 8 SHEVAT Minyan 6:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Text and Context 10AM Rel School 4:15PM Ritual Mtg 7:30PM	14 9 SHEVAT 4:31 NO Nursery School/Parent Teacher Conf Shabbat Service 7PM Havurah Shabbat Dinner 8PM	15 10 SHEVAT Shabbat Ends: 5:42 Byyun Tefila 8:45AM Shabbat Service 9AM 2nd Grade Jr Cong Mincha Maariv / Jarett Morley Bar Mitzvah 4PM
16 11 SHEVAT Minyan 9AM Purim Reh 10:30AM Minyan 7:30PM	17 12 SHEVAT Martin Luther King Day NO Nursery School Minyan 7:30PM	18 13 SHEVAT Minyan 8:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Rel School 4:15PM Na'ash 6:30PM Minyan 7:30PM Trustee Mtg 7:30PM <i>1st class flyers due</i>	19 14 SHEVAT Nursery Sch 9:30AM Torah and Treats 12:30PM Rel School 4:15PM Minyan 7:30PM NEFESH 7:30PM	20 15 SHEVAT Tu B'Shevat Minyan 6:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Text and Context 10AM Rel School 4:15PM Minyan 7:30PM Tu B'Shevat Seder	21 16 SHEVAT 4:39 Nursery Sch 9:30AM Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner 5:45PM Sisterhood Shabbat Service 7PM	22 17 SHEVAT Shabbat Ends: 5:51 Shabbat Service 9AM Sisterhood Shabbat Mincha Maariv 5th/6th Grade Havdalah 4PM USY PROM
23 18 SHEVAT Minyan 9AM Purim Reh 10:30AM Minyan 7:30PM School Bd Mtg off-site	24 19 SHEVAT Nursery Sch 9:30AM Yiddish Club 11AM Minyan 7:30PM	25 20 SHEVAT Minyan 8:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM HAZAK Lunch Learn 11:30AM Rel School/MUSIC 4:15PM ACHI 6:30PM Minyan 7:30PM	26 21 SHEVAT Nursery Sch 9:30AM Rel School 4:15PM Minyan 7:30PM Rabbi's Talmud 7:30PM	27 22 SHEVAT Minyan 6:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Text and Context 10AM Rel School 4:15PM Minyan 7:30PM	28 23 SHEVAT 4:48 Nursery Sch 9:30AM Shabbat Service 7PM	29 24 SHEVAT Shabbat Ends: 5:59 Shabbat Service 9AM Mincha Maariv 4:15PM
30 25 SHEVAT Minyan 9AM Purim Reh 10:30AM USY Sushi and Movie 6:30PM Minyan 7:30PM	31 26 SHEVAT Nursery Sch 9:30AM Minyan 7:30PM Bio of God 7:30PM					

Gratitude and Jewish Education

We thank all of our congregants who accepted the challenge set by Gail and Ron Walerstein and their son Mark to raise funds for the Walerstein Education Fund established in memory of Jeffrey Walerstein, Gail and Ron's beloved son and Mark's beloved brother. Our congregation raised \$5000, an amount that has been generously matched by the Walersteins. With gratitude, we think about the many children in our congregation who are able to participate in our Religious School, learning what it means to be Jewish and experiencing the joy of Jewish life here at the OJC. The children are our future.

Todah rabbah to all of you who made donations and todah rabbah to the Walerstein family who lead the way in our community, showing us through example what tzedakah can accomplish.

The OJC Religious School is looking for donations of the following:

New, unopened children's items or toys

New, unopened electronics, houseware items, gift items, etc.

Gift certificates for services or tickets for events, i.e., manicures, consultations, professional services, gym memberships, etc.

Items will be raffled off at our upcoming Schechter Concert Fundraising Event on February 13, 2011 (see flyer in this *Shaliach*). Please contact Pam Berg at (201) 573-1660 or dae24124@optonline.net if you have any questions, if you have items or services you would like to donate, or if you would like to help out at the event.

Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE!

MARCH 13, 2011, at 5:00 PM: Sisterhood invites you to a special "Girls' Night Out" Event—food, drinks, lots of fun. No boys allowed! Watch your *Shaliach* and mailings for more details and mark your calendar!

A Poem by Hannah Yael Miller, 9-Year-Old Granddaughter of Janet and Jack Miller

"I Am From"

I am from the green hills and frost covered mountains
I am from the rainfull sky
I am from swimming in the big wide ocean, playing with Zev in the water
Going with my Mom and Dad or grandparents on a special trip
I am from the songs of the birds of the big blue sky
That I am from
Everything feels like it is falling from the sky
I am from the big meadow covered in white snow
I am from so much laughter I could almost burst
That I am from.

Many many thanks for the tremendous outpouring of love and congratulations by my OJC family and friends for my 90th birthday. I am truly blessed to belong to such a wonderful family led by two fantastic rabbis—Rabbi Scheff and Rabbi Drill.

Estelle Sollish

A British Historian's Speech on Israel, submitted by Phil Grossman

Ed. Note: The following are excerpts from a speech that was delivered in July 2010 to the Friends of Israel Initiative Committee at the House of Commons by Andrew Roberts, member.

I would like to speak to you today as an historian, because it seems to me that the State of Israel has packed more history into her 62 years on the planet than many other nations have in six hundred. There are many surprising things about this tiny, feisty, brave nation the size of Wales, but the most astonishing is that she has survived at all. The very day after the new state was established, she was invaded by the armies of no fewer than five Arab countries, and she has been struggling for her right to life ever since. And that is what we are here for today, to reiterate Israel's right to self-defence, inherent in all legitimate countries.

From Morocco to Afghanistan, from the Caspian Sea to Aden, the 5.25 million square miles of territory belonging to members of the Arab League is home to over 330 million people, whereas Israel covers only eight thousand square miles and is home to seven million citizens, one-fifth of whom are Arab. The Jews of the Holy Land are thus surrounded by hostile states 650 times their size in territory and sixty times their population; yet their last, best hope of ending two millennia of international persecution, the State of Israel, has somehow survived.

When during the Second World War, the island of Malta came through three terrible years of bombardment and destruction it was rightly awarded the George Medal for bravery: today Israel should be awarded a similar decoration for defending democracy, tolerance and Western values against a murderous onslaught that has lasted twenty times as long.

Jerusalem is the site of the Temple of Solomon. . . . The stones of a palace erected by King David himself are even now being unearthed just outside the walls of Jerusalem. Everything that makes a nation state legitimate—shed blood, tilled soil, two millennia of continuous residence, international agreements—argue for Israel's right to exist, yet that is still denied by the Arab League. For many of their governments, which are rich enough to have economically solved the Palestinian refugee problem decades ago, it is useful to have Israel as a scapegoat to divert attention from the tyranny, failure and corruption of their own regimes.

The tragic truth is that it suits Arab states very well to have the Palestinians endure permanent refugee status, and whenever Israel puts forward workable solutions they have been stymied by those whose interests put the destruction of Israel before the genuine well-being of the Palestinians. Both King Abdullah I of Jordan and Anwar Sadat of Egypt were assassinated when they attempted to come to some kind of accommodation with a country that most sane people now accept is not going away.

“We owe it to the Jews,” wrote Winston Churchill in 1920, “a system of ethics which, even if it were entirely separated from the supernatural, would be incomparably the most precious possession of mankind, worth in fact the fruits of all wisdom and learning put together.”

The Jewish contribution to finance, science, the arts, academia, commerce and industry, literature, philanthropy and politics has been astonishing relative to their tiny numbers. Although they make up less than half of one per cent of the world's population, between 1901 and 1950 Jews won 14% of all the Nobel prizes awarded for literature and science, and between 1951 and 2000 Jews won 32% of the Nobel Prizes for medicine, 32% for physics, 39% for economics, and 29% for science. This, despite so many of their greatest intellects dying in the gas chambers. Civilization owes Judaism a debt it can never repay, and support for the right of a Jewish homeland to exist is the bare minimum we can provide. Yet we tend to treat Israel like a leper on the international scene, merely for defending herself, and threatening her with . . . boycotts if she builds separation wall that has so far reduced suicide bombings by 95% over three years. It is a disgrace that no senior member of the Royal Family has ever undertaken an official visit to Israel, as though the country is still in quarantine after more than six decades.

Her Majesty the Queen has been on the throne for 57 years and in that time has undertaken 250 official visits to 129 countries, yet she has not set foot in Israel. She has visited 14 Arab countries, so it cannot have been that she wasn't in the region. Although Prince Philip's mother Princess Alice is buried on the Mount of Olives because of her status as

Righteous Among Gentiles, the Foreign Office ordained that his visit to his mother's grave in 1994 had to be in a private capacity only. Royal visits are one of the ways legitimacy is conferred on nations, and the Coalition Government should end the Foreign Office de facto boycott.

After the Holocaust, the Jewish people recognized that they must have their own state, a homeland where they could forever be safe from a repetition of such horrors. Putting their trust in Western Civilization was never again going to be enough. Since then, Israel has had to fight no fewer than five major wars for her very existence. She has been on the front line in the War against Terror and has been fighting the West's battles for it decades before 9/11. . . ever happened. Radical Islam is never going to accept the concept of an Israeli State, so the struggle is likely to continue for another sixty years, but the Jews know that is less dangerous than entrusting their security to anyone else.

Very often in Britain, especially when faced with the overwhelmingly anti-Israeli bias that is endemic in our liberal media and the BBC, we fail to ask ourselves what we would have done placed in their position.

In July 2006, to take one example at random, Hezbollah crossed the border of Lebanon into Israel and killed eight patrolmen and kidnapped two others, and that summer fired four thousand Katyusha rockets into Israel, which killed a further 43 civilians. If we multiply those numbers by nine to get the British equivalent, just imagine what we would do if a terrorist organization based as close as Calais were to fire thirty-six thousand rockets into Sussex and Kent, killing 387 British civilians, after killing seventy-two British servicemen in an ambush and capturing eighteen.

There are absolutely no lengths to which our Government would not go to protect British subjects under those circumstances, and quite rightly too. Why should Israel be expected to behave any differently?

In the course of researching my latest book on the Second World War, I recently visited Auschwitz-Birkenau. Walking along a line of huts and the railway siding where their forebears had been worked and starved and beaten and frozen and gassed to death, were a group of Jewish schoolchildren, one of whom was carrying over his shoulder the Israeli flag, a blue Star of David on white background. It was a profoundly moving sight, for it was the sovereign independence represented by that flag which guarantees that the obscenity of genocide which killed six million people in Auschwitz and camps like it will never again befall the Jewish people, to whom the rest of Civilization owes so much.

I said at the start that I was speaking to you as an historian, and so I say: No people in History have needed the right to self-defence and legitimacy more than the Jews of Israel, and that is what we in the Friends of Israel Initiative demand here today.



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Jesse & Andrea Olitzky upon the birth of their daughter,
Cayla Penina
Mimi & Mel Rosenstock (RDF)
Helen & Gary Barnett (WSF)
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Mark, Dana & Charlie Goldstein upon the birth of their
daughter/little sister, Austin Jane
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Nina & Peter Tarley upon the first birthday of their
grandsons, Gavriel & Ezra
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Beverly & Alan Wertheim upon their grandson, Eric,
becoming a Bar Mitzvah
Lesley & Richard Lefkowitz (RDF)
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Our grandson, Eric Wertheim, on becoming
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Our granddaughter, Samantha, leading the Shacharit
service
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Marilyn & Seymour Shimkowitz upon their grandson,
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Alysa & Barry Ruback upon their daughter, Brianna,
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Sandy & Joe Mayer upon their grandson becoming
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Rabbi Craig Scheff upon the Simchat Bat of
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The youthful Estelle Sollish upon her 90th birthday
with love & admiration from her myriad of friends
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Mimi & Mel Rosenstock (RDF)
Sandra Weinberg (ARDF)
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Jonathan & Rabbi Paula Mack Drill's 25th anniversary
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Judith & Irwin Librot (ARDF)
Gail & Jeff Sanders (RDF)
Gabi & Maty Lewy (RDF)

David & Sara Schwarzberg upon their anniversary
Barbara & Jack Rosen (WSF)

Rabbi Craig upon his grandmother's birthday
& Scott's beautiful davening Shacharit
Miriam Neuren (RDF)

Nan & PopPop Marenoff . . . Just because . . .
we love you so much
Eli, Samuel, Susan & Daniel (R)

Happy Chanukah to our Nursery School
Ezra & Aliza Gosman (NS)

IN APPRECIATION OF

Rabbi Craig Scheff
Julie & Steve Riskin (RDF)
Donna & Glenn Kissler (RDF)
Rochelle & Gary Katz (RDF)
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Rabbi Paula Mack Drill
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Rabbi Scheff for making our grandson Eric's
Bar Mitzvah so special
Beverly & Alan Wertheim (RDF)

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