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The Rabbi's Desk: Your Answers to "What Are You Doing Here?"



On the second day of Rosh HaShanah, I asked our community: What are you doing here in shul today? The obvious answer could have been, "It's Rosh HaShanah and I am a Jew." I asked you more specifically to consider not only what you were doing in a synagogue, but what you were doing in a synagogue affiliated with Conservative Judaism. I asked you to think about it over the rest of the holiday and Shabbat and then write to tell me why you were in a Conservative shul. I asked you, "What do you find here that is different than your other options for Jewish affiliation? What serves your needs or the needs of your family? What is it about a Conservative synagogue that feels comfortable to you?"

I was gratified to receive several dozen responses to the question in the weeks that followed. (If you intended to write and still have not, I would be honored to read your thoughts.) I categorized the responses that I received and found that the most common answers fell into five categories which I named: a) Tradition, b) Sense of Community, c) Fit between Beliefs and Practice, d) Spirituality and Personal Growth, and e) Peoplehood.

As always, our congregants are insightful and articulate teachers. In many of the responses, congregants spoke of joining a synagogue that was like the one in which they grew up (or in the case of two respondents, the very synagogue in which they grew up!). I called this type of response **Tradition**. One congregant wrote that he had never thought about it until I asked. "I grew up in a Midwest Conservative synagogue with USY and Ramah. I looked for what I recognized."

More than any other category, respondents to my question included the idea of **Sense of Community**. Jeff Adams wrote, "OJC is vibrant and warm. It is our religious home. We hope to learn, grow, and participate as a family for years to come. What brought us to OJC was the death of my father; what keeps us with you is the love we experience."

The third category of response, **Fit between Beliefs and Practice**, was articulated by people who want their Jewish lives and their "life" to be one, or at least not to be in conflict with each other. One congregant wrote about a Judaism that supports her love of being Jewish but allows her to honor non-Jewish family members and travel in non-Jewish social circles. Another wrote that he is proud that the Judaism he has learned about as an adult at the OJC includes thoughtful consideration of world events and action with regard to issues of social justice.

Bob Katz wrote about egalitarianism as a belief of his that is supported at our shul: "Now that I have become more involved as a Jewish adult, I think that I belong because it is the morally right way for me. I believe very strongly in the egalitarian model that our community has adopted. I cannot imagine regularly attending services that do not allow for women to equally participate . . . Conservative Judaism feels right because it allows me to observe all the rites and rituals with respect to the tradition and the past while also acknowledging the present."

For some, a Conservative Jewish synagogue is the place that meets the needs of spouses who come from different backgrounds. Mark Weinstein wrote, "I've always felt that Conservative Judaism provides a balance not only for an individual, but also within a family . . . Although I can easily follow the service in a traditional Orthodox shul, I don't like the separation of men and women. In Alice's case [Mark's wife] I think that overall she feels more comfortable in the environment at OJC. As she cannot read Hebrew, she can still follow the service and as a couple we can sit together during the service or sit with others regardless of their gender."

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From the President's Pen



I love the holiday of Thanksgiving. First of all, it takes place during my favorite season of the year. The temperature is perfect and I can't get enough of the magnificent colors of the changing leaves. I also appreciate that there are no real rules that dictate what the Thanksgiving celebration should be, and that we can all create our own traditions. It is a time to be with family and friends, enjoy a good meal (and some good football games, which is not my thing but I know it is for others), and also to take time to realize what we are truly thankful for in our lives. I am incredibly thankful for my three girls, my mom, and my husband. I am grateful to him not just for his ongoing support, but because he cooks most of the Thanksgiving meal that I enjoy so much!

October was a busy month of simchas for me. I attended a wedding of a friend from my childhood, a Bar Mitzvah of my cousin's son, and another of the son of a close friend of mine for over twenty years. Although I was not necessarily thankful for the long distances I had to travel to attend these celebrations, I was thankful that I was able to be there to celebrate. There was a lot of reminiscing, and "remember when" discussions during those visits. It was wonderful to share these joyous occasions, and I was thankful for the time I had to spend with family and friends. I was also happy to come back and celebrate Shabbat again with the OJC. The OJC and the people who have become such an important part of my life are among the many reasons for which I am thankful.

There is much to be thankful for at the OJC. In particular, over the last couple of months, two projects have been completed which deserve our attention and our gratitude. The first is the Seymour Cohen Torah Fund Project. The beautiful Torah scroll sculpture that resides in the main lobby is now being utilized as it was originally intended. The names of the congregants who have donated parts of the weekly *parsha*, or the entire *parsha*, or the book for which the *parsha* is found, can now be viewed inside the glass Torah scroll. I would like to thank Amy Nelson and Hara Hartman for their hours and hours of time spent creating the templates that display the names of each dedication made. Their work is not yet complete, but we should all recognize their incredible devotion and time to this project. This is an ongoing project, and dedications are still possible. It is a mitzvah to be able to "write" a Torah, and through the Seymour Cohen Torah Fund Project, you can be part of that mitzvah.

As the OJC comes to the end of its 50th year, we have recognized this milestone with the lovely sculptured glass wall hanging located outside of the main office. I would like to thank Marc Levine and Andrea Weinberger for all their time and effort in seeing this project through from its inception to its completion. I also thank the congregants who made contributions in honor of our 50 years. In our 51st year, may we continue to go from strength to strength.

This Thanksgiving, I hope that we all take the time to appreciate what is good in our lives and to be thankful for all of our blessings as individuals, as families, and as a congregation.

B'Shalom,
Kim Lori Sokol



From the Educational Director's Desk



I know this is the November Shaliach, but as this article goes to press, it is the end of September and I am sitting in my *sukkah* amid beautiful (and some eccentric) decorations my family has accumulated over the years. I am reflecting back to the successful opening of our constantly growing Religious School. There was truly a *chavurah* spirit as our children renewed and made new relationships with their friends and teachers. Happily, I am remembering our students at the Opening Assembly, when our classes in grades 3-7 each created a delightful skit, poem, rap, and/or song, and even a human pyramid with a Hebrew cheer. Our children in grades K—2 were so proud of how smart they proved to be with a fun Jewish truth and fib game presented by our teachers and the aides. For *Sukkot*, all of our students ate treats in the *sukkah* and had “*Lulav* lessons” and for *Simchat Torah*, our 5th grade teacher, *Moreh Michael*, led us in joyous song. Of course, there was stimulating, insightful age-appropriate learning with all our teachers and rabbis. Our school is fortunate that most of our amazing teachers return year after year and we would like to welcome our new sixth grade teacher, Tina Chamak, and our new Hebrew enrichment teacher, Deb Klock. The OJC is privileged to have two fantastic rabbinic interns from the Jewish Theological Seminary, Ami Hersh and Joshua Ackerman, who are a part of our school’s educational community. As always, it is exciting to watch our students grow in connection, commitment, spirituality, knowledge, skills and character as a happy dedicated community of learners. We are all fortunate that our Religious School is a place where *Torah* is learned, lived, and loved.

The time our students spend at the Religious School is wonderfully productive, but parents please remember that YOU are your children’s most important teachers, role models, guides and supporters. Education is a road that students, parents, teachers and administrators must travel together. During the school year, the OJC Religious School offers many opportunities for our families to make Jewish education and life a priority. As always, we invite our Religious School families to welcome *Shabbat* together as a community at our Family Services, the first Friday night of every month at 6:00pm, and we encourage our students to attend Junior Congregation services every Shabbat morning at 10:30am. We anticipate our Junior Congregation Kickoff Party to be a huge success. We invite you to join us for our Religious School *Erev Shabbat* services on November 5th at 6pm. “Parents are our Partners” at the OJC Religious School, so involvement in the Jewish educational process is necessary, welcomed and appreciated.

We thank all the parents who showed their children that Jewish education was important by joining us at our Open School Days. We know the parents who had the opportunity to observe what their children are learning, as well as watching them interacting with their peers and teachers, *kvelled* with joy. *Todah Rabbah* (many thanks) to our community for their support of the OJC Religious School’s Eighth Annual Jewish Book Fair. Mark your calendar for our *Chanukah* Boutique on Tuesday, November 16th from 4-8pm. Our students will have time during school to visit the boutique and there will be a variety of vendors selling Israeli jewelry, Judaic gifts, children’s clothing, stationery, beads and more, including for our adults a “gold buyer.”

Good communication is the key to success for every community to thrive and this year we are trying to “GO GREEN.” Our Religious School parents will be informed about the details of our upcoming educational programs, school events, student news and school closings via email. If you have not been receiving our emails, please email your email address to Marc.Levine@theojc.org with “RS list serve” in the subject line. All flyers will also be posted on our website www.theojc.org (click “Education”) and in the synagogue’s weekly email, This Week @ the OJC. Please stay informed!

It is November, and our minds are filled with pleasant images of roast turkey, pumpkin pie, and family gatherings for Thanksgiving. This American holiday is so compatible with Judaism that many popular historical interpretations say that the Pilgrims modeled Thanksgiving after Sukkot. So why not make Thanksgiving a special Jewish family day!! The classic Jewish way of enjoying our blessings is to share them with others. One great idea would be to donate *tzedakah* (money or food) to an organization to help feed the hungry. A more hands-on approach would be to volunteer at a community Thanksgiving dinner for the needy or deliver meals to shut-ins. Please call me if you want specific local *mitzvah* opportunities. Why not treat your family Thanksgiving feast as a *seudah* (festive meal) complete with *brachot* (blessings) to acknowledge gratitude to God, including the prayers for wine and bread before the festive meal. In addition, ask all the people at the table to share one thing they are thankful for. You can say *Birkat HaMazon* (Grace after Meals), which can be found in a *siddur* (prayer book), thanking God for our many blessings of food and nourishment and/or have your family members compose their own prayer. The holiday of Thanksgiving affords us many opportunities as Jews to bring God and thankfulness into our lives and our world. When we create a space for God in our lives we will surely feel a sense of blessings, celebration, peace and gratitude. I wish you and your loved ones a happy, memorable Thanksgiving.

*B' Shalom, Lehitra'ot,
Sandy Borowsky*

Kohen, Levi or Yisrael?



In the days of the Bet Hamikdash or Temple, the Kohanim were the priests and the Levi'im were their assistants. Everyone else was a commoner or Yisrael. While the Temple has not existed for over 2,000 years, we still have a couple of vestiges of Temple life. In Orthodox and many Conservative synagogues, one of those is the order in which we call people to the Torah. Regardless of whether it is a weekday with three *aliyot*, *chagim* with five, or Shabbat with seven, the honor of the first *aliyah* goes to a Kohen, the second to a Levi and the remaining to Yisraelim.

This is also our practice at the OJC. Whether it is for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah or a regular service, the *gabbai* or person who is giving out the honors will designate *aliyot* based on the traditional Kohen, Levi or Yisrael delineations. You may find yourself being asked by one of our *gabbaim*, "Are you a Kohen or Levi?" If you are a Kohen or Levi please let the *gabbai* know so we can offer you the proper *aliyah* if one is available. Conversely, if you are offered an *aliyah* that is reserved for a Yisrael please let us know that as well so we can reassign it.

So how do I know which category I'm in? The definition of who is a Jew is matriarchal but a person is a Kohen, Levi or Yisrael as determined by his or her father. At the OJC we are egalitarian, so if you are any child of a male Kohen, you are considered one as well. If you are not sure, many times (but not always) last names are telling. For example, common names of Kohanim are Katz, Kaplan, Klein and Rappaport; common Levi'im names are Levy, Levinson and Lewis. That said, at the OJC we have Cohens who are not Kohanim and Levinsons who are not Levi'im. We call them impostors . . . just kidding!

So in light of what I've written earlier, you may notice on a Shabbat morning a Kohen or Levi taking what seems to be an eighth *aliyah*, not including the *Maftir* for the *Haftarah* reader. You may ask, how can this be if only seven are prescribed? It is indeed permissible to add *aliyot* and for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah where a family may need an extra *aliyah* we add one called *Acharon* (meaning last). In this case the person can be a Kohen, Levi or Yisrael. The rules of the *Hagbah* or Torah lifter and *G'lilah*, the Torah dresser are similar in that these honors can go to anyone.

We have had the good fortune of having many new members join our synagogue over the years. Unfortunately, I have not kept up the "official" list of who is a Kohen, Levi or Yisrael since 2004. If you are a Kohen or Levi, please drop me an e-mail at lloydf@optonline.net so I can put together an updated list and share it with all the OJC *gabbaim*. We want to make sure that all congregants receive the correct honors they deserve.

B'shalom,

Lloyd Fishman, OJC Ritual Committee

Then there's the old joke about the man who came to his rabbi in great distress because he wanted more than anything to be a Kohen.

"I'll donate a thousand dollars to your discretionary fund, Rabbi," the man pleaded. "Just please make me a Kohen."

"I'm sorry," said the rabbi, "but I can't do that."

"Ten thousand," begged the man, "plus I'll redecorate the whole sanctuary."

"Tell me," asked the rabbi, "why do you want so desperately to be a Kohen?"

"Well," said the congregant, "my father was a Kohen, my grandfather was a Kohen, my great-grandfather was a Kohen"

OJC ONGOING LEARNING AT A GLANCE

November 2010

Journey Group

Monday, November 1, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
A year-long Jewish journey using text as our guide

Torah n' Treats

Wednesdays, November 3 and 17 at 12:30 p.m.
Studies in the Bible's Book of Ketuvim with Rabbi Scheff

Text and Context

Thursdays: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., November 4, 11 and 18
Parashat hashavua (the weekly Torah portion) with Rabbi Scheff

Iyyun Tefillah

Saturday at 8:45 a.m., November 6
An in-depth exploration of the Shabbat liturgy

Biblical Archaeology

Monday, November 8 at 7:30 p.m.
Join Barry Yarkon to discuss the methods and findings of Biblical Archaeology as they apply to Jewish history and the Tanakh!

Rabbi's Talmud Study Group

Resumes Wednesday, November 10 and 24 at 7:30 p.m.
A weekly group study of Talmudic passages with Rabbi Scheff

Monday Morning Midrash

Monday, November 22 at 11:00 a.m.
Join Rabbi Drill monthly as we explore the creative lore of our tradition

Biography of God

Monday, November 29 at 7:30 p.m.
Explore Jewish perspectives and personal theologies monthly with Rabbi Drill

And introducing:

The Hebrew Literacy Campaign

Learn to read Hebrew in 10 weeks with Tzippy Salzhauer!
Mondays, weekly, beginning November 1 at 7:30 p.m.



Saying “No” to the Delegitimization of Israel

Every day we read something new about the global campaign to delegitimize Israel. From world capitals and the United Nations, to university campuses and so-called human rights organizations, Israel is branded with labels usually reserved for the world’s worst regimes.

With so much hostility directed toward Israel, it’s important to note whenever a group of people decides to push back against those who wish to demonize the Jewish state.

A new group called Friends of Israel is doing just that. Established in Europe over the summer, the group is led by people who are not Jewish and whose motivations are based on the firm conviction that Israel is part of the Western world. The initiative is led by Former Spanish Prime Minister José María Aznar. “All we want is a normal and reasonable conversation about Israel,” he says on the group’s website. “Surely, that is not too much to ask.”

To publicize Friends of Israel, Aznar traveled to Washington, D.C., for his organization’s American premiere. While in town, he hosted a breakfast briefing for members of Congress and delivered the keynote address at a Georgetown dinner for Washington-area journalists.

“Israel is under a new kind of attack,” Aznar said in his speech. “Not conventional war as in 1948, ’56, ’67 or ’73. Not terrorism as we saw in the 70s, 80s and 90s. But a new kind of attack—an attack on Israel’s legitimacy, on her right to exist. A ‘soft-war’ where many of its adversaries are employing legal tricks, multinational bodies and an army of dubious NGOs to present Israel internationally as an illegitimate state, as a barbarian state, a state that should be isolated and converted into a pariah state.

“We think this is intolerable. It is unjust, morally wrong, and a strategic risk—not only for Israel and its people—but for all of us.”

Friends of Israel has assembled an impressive group of founding members, including Vaclav Havel, former Czech president and anti-Communist dissident; Alejandro Toledo, former president of Peru; Lord William David Trimble, former first minister of Northern Ireland and a Nobel Peace Prize winner; Marcello Pera, former president of the Italian senate; Fiamma Nirenstein, Italian journalist, author and politician; and many more.

The group, if it is to be successful, must overcome the widespread view that Israel is to blame for the decades-long Arab-Israeli conflict. Here’s hoping that the voice of reason prevails in Europe, and that Israel is treated as an equal member in the community of nations.

Sisterhood: Chanukah Is Early This Year

How can Chanukah be early if it's always on time? A conundrum!! But, truly, Chanukah arrives early in our daily calendar this year—December 1 to be exact.

So we get to consider the miracle of Chanukah while celebrating Thanksgiving? No matter. Chanukah is no less a miracle before winter begins. We cherish the miracle of the holiday, the miracle of our children, the miracle of our families. We celebrate our OJC community and our SISTERHOOD.

In the great OJC tradition, Sisterhood supports the Chanukah Boutique sponsored by the Religious School on November 16 during and after school hours, 4:00-6:00. It is also traditional at OJC for our Gift Shop to have an outstanding presence at the Boutique and throughout the year. There you can find traditional and contemporary Judaica, gifts, toys and holiday goodies. Prices are always competitive with outside shops and online sales.

Did you get to the Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Dinner? It was a wonderful evening, packed with entertainment by Harmony on the Hudson, the Women's Chorus, recommended by our own Maureen Scollo who sings with the group. Delicious food, lots of friends, lots of fun!! Thanks to Rhonda Plawner, Gail Sanders and their committee for planning this great evening.

If you did not choose a part for Sisterhood Shabbat services on January 21-22, please contact Rosina Hirsh (hirshiebar@verizon.net).



SAVE THE DATE:

*November 15: "Dor l'dor: Sharing Our Family Memories" – Rabbi Drill will lead us in shared family reminiscences spurred by special items brought from home.

*January 21-22: Sisterhood Shabbat

As always, we encourage everyone to join us at OJC Mitzvah Day, November 21. Fran Friedman is coordinator. Watch for information about all the activities and if you are hungry for lunch, Sisterhood provides a full lunch for all volunteers.

"Women of the Torah" pictures of Rockland women holding the Torah were taken at OJC on Sept. 14 and sent by Rabbi Drill to the Women of the Torah coordinating committee. They will join the thousands of pictures sent to Israel—Prime Minister Netanyahu and all the government officials. Stand by to hear about our ongoing activities to bring attention to Women of the Wall and the place of the Torah in our lives. See the montage on our website by visiting http://www.theojc.org/video_ojcwomen.htm.

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Men's Club Happenings



On September 12th and 19th the sukkah was erected and decorated. Jack Teadore organized both days. On September 12th, the construction was led by Karl Hess, Lonnie Jacobs, and Arthur Kupferman. The “crew” consisted of Dan Ames, Mike Freedman, Scott Gelman, Walter Goldman, Barry Judelman, Barry Kraushaar, Bruce Machlis, Neil Morris, Phil Mosner, Alan Pressman, Ari Shapiro, and Larry Tillis. Second generation crew members were Brandon Jacobs and Mitchell Jacobs.

September 19th saw the completion and decoration of the sukkah. Jack Teadore led the construction crew consisting of Michael Filip and his son, Russell, Gabriel Fox, Scott Gelman and his son, Sam, Jon Lesserson, Bruce Machlis, Alan Pressman, and Howard Price. April Kupferman led the sukkah decorating group assisted by Nancy Ames, Tammy Fox and Robin Gelman. The children who came out to decorate were Hayley Ames, Jack and Sam Filip, Zeke and Micah Fox, Rachael Gelman, Hannah and Michael Greenfield, Jeremy Lesserson, Sarah Machlis, and Eliana and Nathaniel Pressman. Thank you to all for a great community service. Special thanks to Bruce Machlis for the Sukkah Palooza cooking.

Looking Forward

On November 21st we will be taking down the sukkah. Contact Jack Teadore to sign up to help.

Mark December 5th on your calendar for a return engagement by Jon Weber, noted jazz pianist and WBGO radio personality. His musical knowledge and wit made the last Jazz Brunch a memorable occasion.

February 27th, 2011 will feature former Israeli Ambassador Asher Naim speaking about Israel and the Arab conflict. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to hear from someone who has been on the inside. This event will be open to the entire community. Look for information in flyers and e-blasts. Seating will be limited so sign up as soon as you get the notice.

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

Bart Bookman, Men's Club President

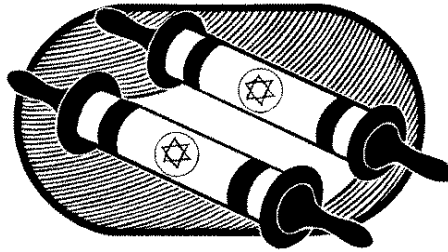
ANNOUNCING: THE MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL BRUCE COWEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

This program provides a \$1000 scholarship to a student about to enter college for the first time. The goal of the program is to encourage and reward students actively involved in community.

If you wish to apply for the scholarship, please submit an essay describing your beliefs about community and how you have contributed to it in the past. If you know of someone who might qualify, please inform that person.

Essays should be submitted to Dr. Marty Cohen, either at the OJC office or via email at genesisx@optonline.net. The deadline for submission is January 31, 2011.





The Book of Samuel describes in much detail the life and exploits of David, who rose from a humble shepherd boy to become the mighty king of the united tribes of Israel.

There is much room for discussion about many of the events in David's life. Though he is generally considered to be a great warrior, poet and monarch, many of his actions are subject to criticism. Certainly great blame is laid upon David for his scheming to kill Uriah, the husband of pregnant (by David) Bathsheba.

There is another aspect of David's life that I'd like to discuss this month. This is his role as the leader of a troop of about 600 armed men before he became king.

The background is that King Saul became insanely jealous of David (and I mean that literally). David was everyone's hero and the whole country seemed to have loved him. In addition to all his other attributes, he was a great military leader and provided the Israelites with many victories, especially against the Philistines, that Saul could never do. Because of his jealousy, Saul sought to kill David and eventually David had to flee for his life. He took his personal band of warriors with him and operated in the southern part of the country as an independent war lord.

Eventually Saul's pursuit of David became so hot that David actually hired himself and his small army out to one of the Philistine kings, which was quite a step, as the Philistines were the most bitter enemies of the Israelites. It was during this period that David went on raids – but who was he raiding? The Bible states that David raided the enemies of the Israelites but told his Philistine boss that he was raiding the tribe of Judah. I wonder about that. How long could this lie be kept up without word getting to the Philistines? Did David actually raid his fellow Israelites?

In one incident David goes to a local wealthy Israelite and asks for some reward for protecting the man and his cattle and sheep. Did David actually protect him? I don't know for sure.

Saul's end comes at a battle with the Philistines at Mt. Gilboa where he and several of his sons (including Jonathan) are slain. Before the battle, David offers to join the Philistine army. Perhaps, as some suggest, he was planning to attack the Philistines during the height of the battle. Perhaps not. The Philistines do not completely trust David and he is told to stay away from the battle, which he does.

Later, after the slaughter, David laments the loss of Saul and Jonathan. I believe the lament is honest and that David, who had opportunities to kill Saul earlier but never did, truly mourns Saul's death. He certainly mourns the death of Jonathan, his great friend.

Soon thereafter, David becomes king of the southern tribes and after a brief civil war, he becomes king of a united Israel. The tribes seem to look to David for salvation and, in doing so, overlook many of his past exploits, some of which are questionable.

From the Editor:

There is a theory circulating among Jews about why Thanksgiving is more than just an American institution. Yes, we're grateful for family, friends, community, and TV programs so bad that they're good. But the REAL message of Thanksgiving is that we're grateful there are no Jewish holidays in November! Check out your calendar for this past September and October. Many of you will find that any time not spent watching terrible TV was spent in davening. And if you don't believe me, go to your usual seats in the OJC sanctuary and you will find your very own individual tush-prints embedded deep into the cushions. That doesn't happen when you only daven once a week or less. It could be that in November, God has finally had enough of us and is willing to wait till the end of the month to receive our gratitude, along with that of the rest of America.

If we look at it from another angle, though, could it be that God is DISAPPOINTED that we're not filling the shul to capacity this month? Is it possible that God would ENJOY some November holidays but just hasn't gotten around to legislating them yet?

Here are some suggestions for November holidays that might get us back into the right spirit. For your consideration, then:

November 1 (or Rosh Hodesh Secularish): Just because the secular calendar differs from the Jewish one (and is thus lots easier to understand) doesn't mean that we can't enhance it by inserting a Rosh Hodesh after the spate of holidays in the autumn. If we really want to be adventurous, we could do this in December, January, February, and all those other months that don't celebrate their first days. Celebrating beginnings is a Good Thing. We Jews do it all the time.

My Birthday (November 14): Hey, I'm the editor, right? Frankly, I don't think enough people celebrate my birthday and there's no reason I can't campaign for its inclusion in our revisionist calendar. By the same token, anyone celebrating a birthday in November can legitimately add whatever date works best and we can ALL celebrate! Again, this concept is decidedly Jewish. God is always saying "Rejoice!"

November 19 or something (Arbitrarily Chosen Day): We have a day for groundhogs, the day the Great Backyard Bird Count begins (Honest! It's in February!), International Migratory Bird Day (that one's in May), Oceans Day, and World Population Day (which draws a considerable crowd), not to mention Free-Range Gossip Day and Moral Bankruptcy Day, both of which I just made up. So what would hurt if we added a day just because we want to add a day? As Murphy's Law Corollary states, "It's easier to get forgiveness than permission." Again, we're in a Jewish mode. Forgiveness is a biggie.

Day after Thanksgiving Day: In our family, that's the day after the in-laws have had all the kids for Thanksgiving dinner and now it's our turn. This is not yet a legislated holiday, but like the second Seder, it makes for good family relations where everybody gets the kids and grandkids on one day or the other. Someone should recognize this day for its inherent worth and set it firmly on the calendar. Without a doubt, family togetherness is a Jewish goodie.

These are just some suggestions. They may or may not bring us to the shul for more davening. They may or may not make God happy. But at least they will lead to a more festive month. So whatever you're celebrating, make it joyful! And start in November!

Judy Cohen

(“The Rabbi’s Desk,” continued from page 1)

Jeff Adams summed up this category powerfully. He wrote, “What I need is for the foundation of our faith to be traditionally respected, morally adjusted, and progressively interpreted. Judaism is not one-size-fits-all, not ‘easy,’ and requires a commitment. And yes, sometimes I need a kick in the *tookhis*.”

Many congregants included statements that gave voice to their seeking. They find themselves here in a Conservative synagogue that values individuality but still “stands for something.” They are comfortable in this synagogue because they want many opportunities for **Spirituality and Personal Growth**. One respondent wondered if she could find a complete “by the book” High Holiday service and a Healing Service all in one day anywhere but a Conservative synagogue. One congregant who had participated in the Mitzvah Initiative classes last year wrote, “I learned that the way I live is actually a life filled with mitzvot. I just never knew I could call it that before. Now I just want more.”

Those who wrote about **Peoplehood** expressed a desire to identify with all Jews, *Klal Yisrael*. Holding the center position of belief and practice, Conservative Judaism is able to teach acceptance of all streams of Judaism. One congregant explained that just as there is not judgment of personal practice within our synagogue community, so too there is not judgment of the practices of other ways of being Jewish. One parent of a Na’aseh participant remembered a session when three rabbis, Conservative, Reform, and Orthodox, answered the teens’ questions about theology and observance. She wrote, “I was proud that it was our shul that hosted such an event.”

Hillary Barnett wrote a thoughtful and thought-provoking response in which she compared Conservative Judaism to a middle child: “I see Conservative Judaism as a sort of middle child: not really the baby but not the eldest child either, fighting to find her place in the family, fighting to have an identity of her own without overlapping. She doesn’t want to get lost in who she really is and wants to be. But, just as I will not allow my child to ever use the ‘middle child syndrome’ excuse, I do not accept it when the Conservative Movement does the same. We have a place. We are a member of a family. We may not be the eldest. We may not be the baby. We are an integral part of a family who needs to find her place: define who she is, set goals, boundaries, and her set of adjectives. Each of my children is as important as the others—not one of them as a whole is better than the next. They each have their strengths and their weaknesses but together, we are a family. We are a strong and committed family. Although different, we share common threads that forever bind us.”

May Hillary’s words be a prophecy for good for all of Israel! May we be strong in who we are and at the same time see ourselves as a part of a strong and committed family.

*B’yedidut (with friendship),
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March 9, 2011

December 15, 2010

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May 4, 2011

February 9, 2011

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***We are also looking for volunteers for 15 minutes to ½ hour time slots after Torah and Treats on Wednesdays and after Text and Context on Thursdays**



***Mitzvah Day! Sunday, November 21, 2010
Watch your mail in early November
for schedule of events!***

Mitzvah Day is full day of community projects and activities for congregants and families of all ages and interests. It's a great day to meet OJC members while performing mitzvot.

Projects include visiting with residents of group homes and senior residences, various craft projects for patients in our community and in Israel, children's craft activities for special needs children in Israel, OJC and town park clean-up and beautification, recording children's books for patients, decoratively packaging the various donations collected on Mitzvah Day to benefit soldiers, the needy in our community and in Israel, feeding the Mitzvah Corps, preparing and serving breakfast to the homeless in NYC, collecting, packing, delivering and cooking for the needy in our community.

There will be a Blood Drive at the OJC on Mitzvah Day. Call Beverly Yarkon (845) 354-8521 to donate, to make phone calls, and to help during the drive.

Please call Fran Friedman (845) 398-8159 or Carol Blau (845) 365-0543 to volunteer for the Breakfast Run to New York City and to help shop and prepare food in advance.

Please save the following items for collection on Mitzvah Day:

Winter coats of all sizes, warm hats and gloves for People to People and the Nyack Homeless Project, hotel size toiletries, individually packaged candies, infant notions (diapers, bibs, washcloths, Q-tips, powder, lotions, etc.), gently used towels and bedding (twin size only) for Rockland County Family Shelter, new or gently used children's books for recording for Bikur Cholim, old cell/mobile phones to be refurbished for clients of family shelters for emergency 911 calls, new toys for Chanukah to be distributed by Jewish Family Services, and a donation to the Jewish Community Food Pantry of coffee, tea, and/or canned potatoes.

ALSO,

Very warm adult winter coats, hats and gloves, heavy quilts, new packages of men's underwear, toothbrushes and toothpaste will be donated to the homeless in NYC during our Breakfast Run. These items only, please, can be brought to the OJC after November 7. All other items are to be brought on Mitzvah Day. Thanks!

We need you! Please call us to volunteer!

Fran Friedman (845) 398-8159 and Diana Hess (845) 639-3295

October -- November B'nai Mitzvah

Benjamin Noah Brown

Benjamin Brown will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on October 30, 2010. We are so excited to celebrate this day with our families, friends, and the OJC community and would be honored if you would join us for the Saturday afternoon service.

Ben, an 8th grader at South Orangetown Middle School, enjoys math, science, art, and design. He is an active athlete, participating in snowboarding, Parkour, and trampolining. He has played basketball for the JCC and was fortunate enough to play on the South Orangetown Middle School 7th grade team last season. Ben hopes to make the team again this year,

We want to thank everyone at the OJC, especially Rabbi Scheff and Rabbi Drill, for their guidance and support through his preparations for this special day.

For his Mitzvah Project, Ben will be honoring the Jewish and deaf members of his family by giving a portion of his monetary gifts to two different organizations that support the deaf Jewish community: Our Way and The Jewish Deaf Resource Center.

We are so proud of Benjamin and look forward to his continued Jewish education through his participation in the OJC Na'aseh program.

Marianne and Morrie Brown



Jared Schiering

Our son, Jared, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on November 6, 2010. Jared is in 8th grade and is an honor student at Felix Festa Middle School. He has enjoyed many activities throughout the years, participating most recently in mock trial club, intramural able tennis, and Boy Scouts. Jared is also in his fifth year of playing trumpet in band.

For his Mitzvah Project, Jared will be collecting and personally delivering pet food for homebound Rockland County residents. Jared has been volunteering for almost two years with his parents and younger sister, Rayna, delivering meals for Meals on Wheels Programs and Services of Rockland. Jared feels his Mitzvah Project is a great way to combine his love of animals with his family's concerns for seniors in our community.

We are very proud of Jared's work toward becoming a Bar Mitzvah and all he has accomplished in his 13 years. Jared has grown into a thoughtful, caring person who enjoys learning and has a great sense of humor. We are grateful for all that he has brought to our lives and, in turn, we want to thank Rabbi Drill, Rabbi Scheff, Sandy Borowsky, and all of Jared's Religious School teachers as well as family, friends, and the entire OJC community for their wisdom, support, encouragement and love that have enabled us to bring Jared to this day.

Maddy and Matt Schiering



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led by Rabbi Drill

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Who remains with you too in the quiet evening air? Tell me.



“It Is What It Is!”

“It is what it is.” This is the phrase my rabbi chose to talk about in his sermon on Yom Kippur. As he went through many examples of the ways we use this phrase I thought about my own meaning for it. To me it is a good thing. It is acceptance for the way things are and not wishing for something different. The rabbi even referred to acceptance, then resignation and then he said something that woke me up. He said, “I hate that it is the way it is.” When you think this way there is no possibility. No future, no change.

Boom! Once again I ask myself, could Rabbi Scheff have taken Landmark, a series of seminars I have been taking about creating your best life? I know he hasn’t and his biblical studies have led him to this belief. Over and over I see how there are so many paths to transformation or enlightenment.

“It is what it is.” I will never use this phrase again. I certainly believe in not complaining about the way things are, and I move into this New Year filled with intention, *tzedakah* and forgiveness, for that is what will bring about possibility.

I was so happy I could relate and connect to his sermon. I have often been disappointed in myself for not feeling pious or repentant. It is customary to ask forgiveness of others on Yom Kippur and I find it awkward to do so; therefore I usually don’t. I see many around me in synagogue wearing white and I don’t feel I have reached a level of deservedness or holiness. When I am present in the service I strive for my religious connection. When I leave and I am in my home, the desire deserts me.

I love Rabbi Scheff’s sermons and this time I walked away with more than a thought like, “that was a good sermon” or “I liked what he said.” “It is what it is,” a phrase that I never questioned before now. I hope you question it too.

Roslyn Tanner Evans

The Ubiquitous Rule

Judaism: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:18)

Buddhism: Hurt not another with that which pains yourself. (Uda-navarga 5:18)

Christianity: All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. (Matthew 7:12)

Confucianism: Is there any one maxim which ought to be acted upon throughout one’s whole life? Surely the maxim of loving-kindness is such. Do not unto others what you would not they should do unto you. (Analects 15:23)

Hinduism: This is the sum of duty: do naught to others which if done to thee, would cause thee pain. (Mahabharata 5:1517).

Islam: No one of you is a believer until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself. (Traditions)

Jainism: In happiness and suffering, in joy and grief, we should regard all creatures as we regard our own self, and should therefore refrain from inflicting upon others such injury as would appear undesirable to us if inflicted upon ourselves. (Yogashastra 2:20)

Sikhism: As thou deemest thyself so deem others. Then shalt thou become a partner in heaven. (Kabir)

Taoism: Regard your neighbor’s gain as your own gain; and regard your neighbor’s loss as your own loss. (T’ai Shang Kan Ying P’ien)

Zoroastrianism: That nature only is good when it shall not do unto another whatever is not good for its own self. (Dadistan-i-dinik 94:5)

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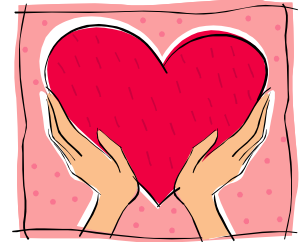
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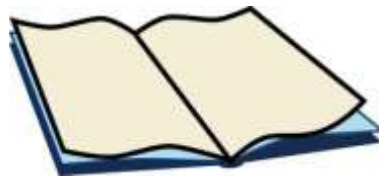
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Our next enjoyable task is to name the magazine. Like Marty Soloway's contribution (he won the contest to name the *Shaliach*), we're looking for a catchy, innovative title for our fledgling project. So along with your literary and art productions, please come up with a suitable name for this collection and let us have it (the title, that is). The winner will receive a free subscription to the magazine. Actually, *everyone* will receive a free subscription, but if you come up with the winning title, you will also receive printed recognition in the first issue and smiles all around. People will recognize you in the hallways of OJC and no, they won't laugh at you, they'll point at you with pride, even though their mothers told them it's not polite to point.

Caught your attention yet? Be among the brave. Please submit your work (and/or your suggested title) to Judy Cohen at gyzortle@optonline.net at any time. The computer never sleeps.



Book Chat

OJC Sisterhood

A Short History of a Tall Jew

by Dennis Danziger

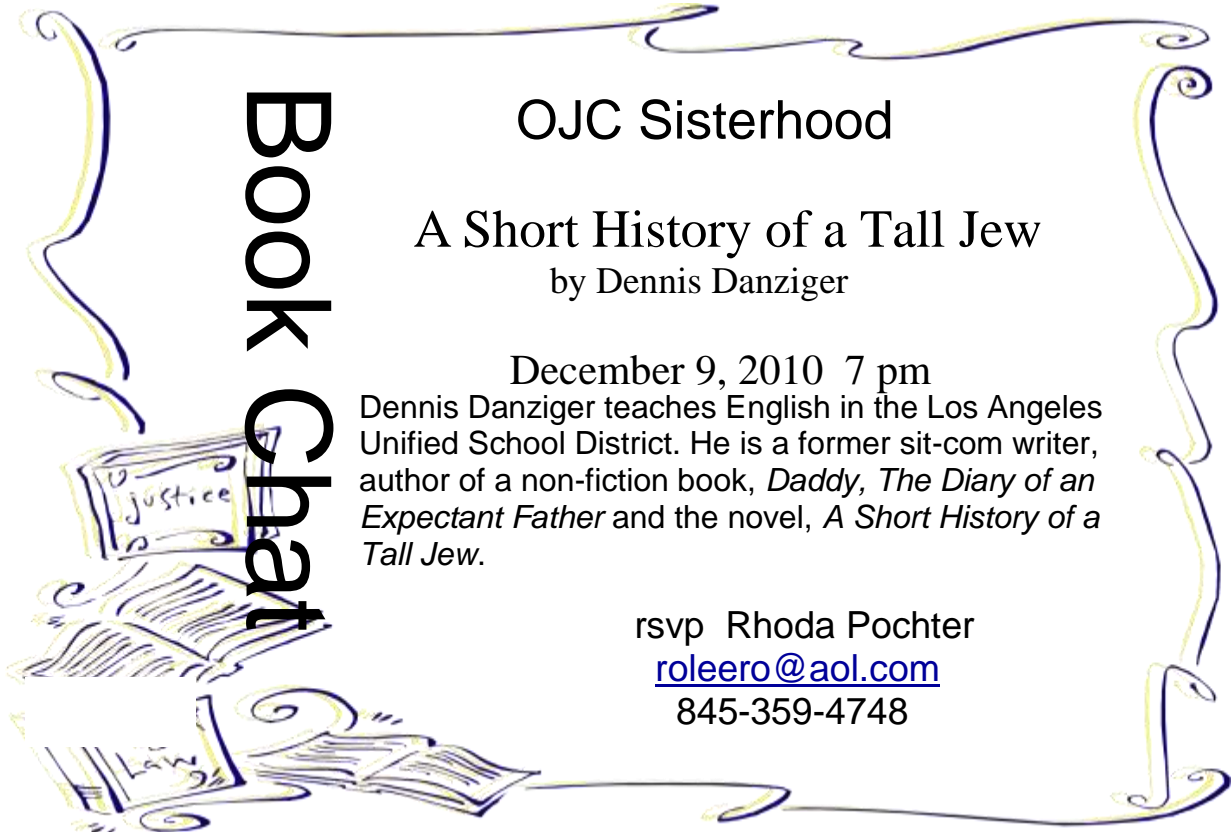
December 9, 2010 7 pm

Dennis Danziger teaches English in the Los Angeles Unified School District. He is a former sit-com writer, author of a non-fiction book, *Daddy*, *The Diary of an Expectant Father* and the novel, *A Short History of a Tall Jew*.

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Evelyn & Donald Winikoff (NS)
Gloria & Melvin Berg (S)
Marilyn & Franklin Schwartz (R)
Nina & Marvin Asch (RDF)

Evelyn & Donald Winikoff upon the birth of their
granddaughter, Jayden Aria
Gail & Jeff Sanders (ARDF)
Barbara Levinson (BSST-DN)
Sheila & Norman Wasserman (R)
Helen & Edward Atlas (S)
Fran & Barry Friedman (NBF)

Rhoda Pochter upon the birth of her grandson, Ezra Silas
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Miriam & Larry Suchoff upon the birth of their grandson
Marti, Charles, Avi & Ben Yassky (RDF)

Beverly & Barry Yarkon upon the birth of their
granddaughter, Kayla Hannah Khedouri
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Fran & Barry Friedman (NBF)
Beverly & Alan Wertheim (RDF)
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Maddie & Herb Roimisher upon the birth of their
grandson, Colton Mason
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Mr. & Mrs. Martin Schwalberg upon the birth of their 1st
great-grandchild, Sofia Rose Lempert
Roberta & Alvin Paullay (WSF)

Evelyn & Donald Winikoff upon the naming of their
granddaughter
Lydia & Louis Katz (WSF)

Sandy & Michael Ross upon their grandson, Stephen,
becoming a Bar Mitzvah
Karl Itzkowitz (PIMF)
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Helen & Gary Barnett upon their granddaughter, Clarey,
becoming a Bat Mitzvah
Janet & Jack Miller (NS)

Carol & Sherman Baker upon the marriage of their son,
Scott, to Elise
Mimi & Mel Rosenstock (RDF)
Lydia & Lou Katz (R)

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grandson, Jason, to Dawn
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Nancy Seigerman upon the marriage of Jodie & Jeff
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Rabbi Paula & Jonathan Drill upon their 25th anniversary
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Rabbi Scheff for a wonderful High Holiday
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Joshua Gorelick upon his beautiful chanting of Haftarah
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Sherman Baker upon being honored by RSVP
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Rabbi Scheff & Rabbi Drill for the honor
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In gratitude for the birth of our great-great grandson,
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Once again, we want to thank all of our wonderful people who so graciously and warmly helped out as greeters and ushers during the High Holidays. Things would not have run as smoothly as they did without your help.

A special THANK YOU to Phil Mosner, who is always there for us.

Again, wishing you and yours a Happy New Year,

Sincerely,
Maddie Reimisher and Amy Nelson

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Dear Rabbi Scheff, Rabbi Drill, and my dear friends at OJC,

Mel joins me in thanking you all for your kind and loving support after my accident and during my recuperation. The good wishes and prayers of this very special community did much to help me in my recovery.

Sincerely,
Mimi Rosenstock



THE CHESED COMMITTEE a/k/a GOOD & WELFARE COMMITTEE, Kim Lori Sokol, on behalf of the OJC Board of Trustees, and Madeline Roimisher & Adele Garber, on behalf of the Chesed Committee, would like to extend their

CONDOLENCES TO:

Alden Smith upon the loss of his beloved father, Marvin Smith.
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Art Lemay upon his birthday
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A Few Interesting Questions and the Answers Given by Kids

Q: What do most people do on a date?

A: Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough. (Liz, age 8)

Q: How can a stranger tell if two people are married?

A: You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids. (Sam, age 8)

Q: How do you decide who you're going to marry?

A: No person really decides before they grow up. God decides it all way before and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. (Lisa, age 10)

Q: When is it OK to kiss someone?

A: The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that. (Kenny, age 7)

Q: How would the world be different if people didn't get married?

A: There would sure be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there? (Greg, age 8)

Q: How would you make a marriage work?

A: Tell your wife she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck. (Ricky, age 10)



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