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Turning Teshuva into Action

“A person must see oneself and the world as equally balanced on two ends of the scale – by doing one good deed, one tips the scale and brings the self and the entire world redemption and salvation. Therefore in the days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, more than all year round, it is recommended to increase *tzedaka*, good deeds, and the performance of *mitzvot*.”

Rambam, Laws of *Teshuva* 3:4

What a serious weight of responsibility Rambam's interpretation of law places on us during the *Yamim Noraim*, the Days of Awe. Should each one of us feel responsible for redeeming the entire world? It seems beyond reason. Yet, imagine aiming toward that level of energy for just ten days out of the year. Rambam is asking us to live with intense awareness from Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur. Jews call this heightened consciousness *teshuva* (repentance), and the actions that concretize repentance are listed here as *tzedaka*, deeds of loving kindness and fulfilling commandments.

The first days of October coincide with the brand new days of the year 5772, the ten days from Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur. Whether or not we choose to see ourselves as influencing the entire world, it is certain that our behavior during these days can set into motion our destiny for the year ahead. It is truly *awesome* that the conversations we have with ourselves, our loved ones and God can lead us toward the path that we are supposed to be treading. All of us lose our way. The Days of Awe can help us find ourselves and our path, but we must make use of the days.

How do we make use of the days? Some of us might want to give up before we begin, believing that our attempts at *teshuva* will be for things that have been habitual in us for many years. We have tried to change in the past without lasting success. If you are one of these people, persevere. Maybe this time it will work out in a way that it never has before. A Hasidic teaching asks what is it that Jews do from year to year? The answer is: We fall and get up, fall and get up, then fall and get up again.

Once again, how do we make use of the days? Clearly we need a plan. Our blessing is that we are a part of the OJC community that affords a wide variety of gateways for us to find ourselves and our path. I suggest three wide open gates for you here. If none of these seem to fit your needs, call Rabbi Scheff or me. We can suggest many other gateways. One of them is certain to be the opening you need.

Tzedaka. Support our synagogue with a meaningful donation to the High Holy Day Appeal and/or to the upcoming Dor l'Dor celebration on November 19. *Tzedaka* is directly connected to *teshuva* if we make our gifts meaningful. We consider what the synagogue means to us. We look carefully at our attitudes to money, to what it purchases for us, to how secure we feel in the world with the resources we have. And then with full hearts we make our pledges. If we feel proud of our donation, if we give with a grateful heart, then it is most certainly a meaningful gift of *tzedaka*.

Gemilut Hasadim. Good deeds. We sometimes think that acts of loving kindness must be grand gestures such as feeding the homeless, raising money for global hunger or collecting school supplies for children living in poverty. The OJC indeed offers opportunities for all of these good deeds. On the other hand, I am suggesting a good deed that we can do every time we come to the OJC, a simple action that is truly one of loving kindness. Look for newcomers or lonely congregants. Invite them to sit next to you at a class. Pull up a chair for someone at your Kiddush table on Shabbat. Hand a siddur to someone and ask him or her to sit with you at a service. We can never know how such a simple gesture can warm the heart of someone who feels ill at ease. Such an act of loving kindness pushes us out of our safety zone and reminds us that we can be a true help to someone if we overcome our reticence or habits. (*continued on p. 12*)

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From the President's Pen



Shalom Chaverim!

Although this is the October article, I am writing on the last days of summer vacation. I love the summer and admit I am not welcoming its end. This summer brought some new experiences for my family, particularly for my kids. It was these summer experiences I decided to write about, even though we are already into fall. Why? Because I realized that my girls' summer experiences were very much connected to their Jewish identity. As much as I would like to take sole credit for those identities, I can't. It is the OJC and the Jewish foundations we build for our children here that deserve the credit as well.

My oldest daughter spent the summer as a counselor in a Jewish sleep away camp. It was hard work for not so much pay, but there was no question that was where she wanted to spend her summer. She returned home for two weeks and last Thursday we brought her to college to begin her freshman year. This was the new experience for her, Howard and me. We were all filled with excitement, anxiety, and expectation. We left her with our few last bits of advice for college happiness and success, not knowing what she actually heard or would heed. So what's so Jewish about this story? On Saturday night I received a text from my daughter telling me that she spent Friday night, the second night on campus, at Hillel for Shabbat dinner and services! Whoo hoo, I thought to myself, but played my response back to her much cooler than that. I was happy with her decision because it was, in fact, *her* decision to spend Friday night at Hillel. I was proud that her Jewish identity, fostered and strengthened by her years at the OJC, was as important to pursue as anything else in this new environment. The Jewish foundations we provide our kids in the OJC community extend far longer than their Bat Mitzvah or Na'aseh years.

My middle daughter had the summer of a lifetime, spending 6½ weeks on USY Wheels. She traveled the country by bus with 45 other Jewish kids from the east coast. She too chose this Jewish program over secular programs because of her experiences at the OJC. Although she left in June with some trepidation about her level of Hebrew knowledge and concerns if she would be "Jewish enough" for such a trip, she came home recognizing not only was she "Jewish enough" but that *her* OJC is an awesome community! Growing up at the OJC provided her with a solid Jewish foundation, which allowed her to feel perfectly comfortable among other Jewish teens with varying levels of religious observance. In the weeks that followed the trip, there were lots of visits among the "wheelnicks." This gave me an opportunity to meet parents from different regions and synagogues. It was evident through my discussions with them that the OJC community provides our kids with unique opportunities for learning, for socializing and for creating an environment where our kids *want to be*. This is not the case in all communities. We should recognize and be very proud that our congregation and board of trustees strongly support current and future programs for our youth community.

Finally, my youngest daughter, who also spent the summer at Jewish camps, spent the last day of her summer vacation at the first Bat Mitzvah of one of her Religious School classmates. She knew the routine, having witnessed the "bat mitzvah year circuit" from her older sisters, but now it was her year! As I watched her take her seat among her classmates, I knew it was not only the beginning of a fun year of celebrations, but also a year of forming relationships with other kids who would become part of *her* Jewish identity. Interestingly, her signature on her cell phone is "12 months, 24 days," her Bat Mitzvah countdown. The OJC is simply and thankfully a part of our children's lives!

My children were not the only ones who have felt the power of the OJC community, and many of them are sharing their Jewish passion with the larger community. Matthew Nelson spent his summer working at the METNY office planning USY Encampment 2011. The OJC had 49 kids load the bus for the week-long program. From all accounts it was amazing! *Yasher koach* to Matt. Additionally, Morgan Brill and Stephanie Nelson both hold positions on the USY regional board, and so many of our youth have taken leadership roles on the OJC USY board or participate in our youth programs. We are helping create Jewish identities and Jewish leaders. What a beautiful source of pride for us all.

As our children are busy with their school work, activities and daily routines, it is our responsibility to ensure that the OJC is part of their experiences. The OJC should always remain a place for them to learn, to grow and to explore their Jewish identities. The Jewish identities that our children and grandchildren develop at the OJC will be the core of their Jewish lives well beyond the walls of the OJC.

B'shalom,
Kim Lori

From the Educational Director's Desk



Shalom Chaverim,

During this month of *Tishre*, the *High Holidays*, *Sukkot*, *Shemini Atzeret* and *Simchat Torah* will create the rhythm of our Jewish lives. From my earliest childhood, I remember standing next to my mother in synagogue as the shofar was sounded. A feeling of awe and trepidation descended upon the entire congregation. Time stood still; no one moved. Still now, I am affected by the sanctity of it all. The words “Who shall live? Who shall die? Who shall be at ease? Who shall be tormented?” . . . “*V'al kulam Elo-ah selichot, selach lanu, mechal lanu, kapper lanu,*” “For all these sins, forgiving God, forgive us, pardon us, grant us atonement . . .” “*Avinu malkeinu . . .*” These words and all the solemn prayers have stayed in my heart and thoughts since I was so very young. All our children are capable of developmentally understanding the meaning, seriousness and importance of these sacred holy days. But in addition to these revered days, it is important to create fun, everlasting Jewish memories to form strong Jewish identities.

This month with the “kid friendly” holidays of *Sukkot* and *Simchat Torah* is called *Z'man Simchateinu*—the time of our joy. On *Sukkot*, we return to the beauty of nature spending by time outdoors and opening our temporary homes to guests, emphasizing the importance of relationships. This is a holiday to appreciate the harvest and the bounty of food our families are privileged to have. What can be more memorable for children than building a sukkah, hanging their creative decorations, inviting guests, eating and doing everyday activities outdoors with family and friends? And then *Simchat Torah* arrives!!! What can be more exciting then seeing the whole *Torah* rolled out as we complete and start to read the *Torah* again? There is truly unforgettable fun on *Simchat Torah* with congregants of all ages clasping hands to dance with happiness as we keep our holiest teaching, our *Torah*, in the center of our joy. These holidays are designed with children in mind, so PLEASE JOIN US! Check this bulletin, the This WEEK @ the OJC.org e-mail and our website at www.theOJC.org for all the wonderful details for your family.

In the past, our school has had many mottos.

LEARN TORAH, LIVE TORAH AND PASS IT ON WITH LOVE
PARENTS ARE OUR PARTNERS
CONNECTION + COMMITMENT = COMMUNITY + CONTINUITY
FAITH, FAMILY, FRIENDS, FUN AND FUTURE

To conclude, for this new school year, our motto is “Let’s GROW together.”

GROW is an acronym for these four questions I hope each family will ask.

Goal: What do I want for my Jewish family, now and in the future?

Reality: What am I doing to foster these goals in my home and at the OJC?

Obstacles: What, if anything, is in my way of reaching these goals?

Will: How serious am I about attaining these Jewish goals for my family?

Please let me know how our school and synagogue can help your family “GROW” Jewishly. How can the OJC make your family’s Jewish goals a reality? Let us help overcome any obstacles, if you have any. Let’s GROW Together to attain all the joys of Judaism for ourselves, for our children and for our future.

Gmar Chatima Tova v' Chag Sameach,

May You be Inscribed for Good and Happy Holiday,

Sandy Borowsky

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Recent studies reinforce just how diverse the American-Jewish community is. Now more than ever, synagogues need a wide range of opportunities to reach out to welcome individuals and families seeking Jewish connections. As couples marry and start families, their involvement in Jewish communities is often a low priority. Statistics show that many of these people have not been actively engaged in a Jewish life between the time they leave high school through the time they enroll their child in Religious School. This can be a fifteen or twenty year period (or more) without any meaningful association with a Jewish community. One of most vital entry points at the OJC is our Nursery School because it welcomes under-engaged and unaffiliated Jews. Our Nursery School is the crucial gateway for these parents and our youngest students to build connections to Jewish life and our congregation.

Our Nursery School parents are committed to a stellar education for their children. Our Nursery School is not only welcoming; it also offers a high-quality secular educational program and Jewish learning for our students and their families. Our extraordinary Nursery School educators infuse our curriculum with Jewish content beyond Kiddush over grape juice. Jewish content flows freely in our classrooms. Our school days are filled with age-appropriate secular learning but there is also talk about God, gratitude, *tzdekah*, good deeds and faith.

Our Nursery School prides itself on the fact that we communicate with and care about our families. Our Nursery School parents are OJC members and perspective members who participate in and volunteer for many of our congregational events. Our parents are involved in Sisterhood and Men Club programming, Shabbat services, holiday celebrations, family education events, adult learning experiences, fundraising and more.

We are so proud that the OJC Nursery School is a program that provides a positive gateway to help young families find meaning, purpose and joy in Jewish life. The Nursery School fulfills the OJC's educational mission and we are blessed that our synagogue community fosters the beginning of these young families' Jewish journeys. The OJC Nursery School is truly a valuable and vital part of our vibrant growing synagogue.

Our BABY N' ME for children from birth through 18 months old, along with their parent, grandparent or caregiver, begins October 24th and meets Mondays from 10-11 am. The class features socialization, learning through play, gross motor activities, singing in Hebrew and English, dancing, puppets, parachute, parenting discussions and more. It's guaranteed to be a great time and costs \$350 for the school year through May 14th. There is also ongoing enrollment for our Terrific Twos, Thrilling Threes and Fabulous Fours programs.

Please call (845-359-3982, ext. 110) for a free class and tour of our school and visit our website at www.theojc.org. We look forward to "growing" together!

B' Shalom,
Sandy Borowsky, Educational Director





The OJC Religious School
JEWISH BOOK FAIR

Tuesday, October 25th:

4:00 p.m.-6:30p.m.

Wednesday, October 26th:

4:00 p.m.-6:30p.m.

Thursday, October 27th:

4:00 p.m.-6:30p.m.

Literary selections for all ages!



**PARENTS ARE
OUR PARTNERS**



Open School Days will take place on

Grades 3-5	Tuesday, 10/25/11	4:15-6:15pm
Grades K-2	Wednesday, 10/26/11	4:15-6:15pm
Grades 6 & 7	Thursday, 10/27/11	4:15-6:15pm

We look forward to having our parents in our classrooms!

Communication and a team approach between parents and the Religious School contributes enormously to our success.

If you have any questions, please call Sandra Borowsky, Educational Director at 845-398-3982, x110 or email at OJCSchool@gmail.com

OJC ONGOING LEARNING AT A GLANCE

October 2011 and beyond

Torah n' Treats

Wednesday, October 5 at 12:30 p.m.
Studies in the Bible's Book of Proverbs with Rabbi Scheff

Text and Context

Thursdays: 10 a.m. – 11 a.m., October 27
Parashat hashavua (the weekly Torah portion) with Rabbi Scheff

A Reintroduction to Judaism

Resumes Thursday, 7:30 pm, October 27
Weekly lecture series ranging in topics from Jewish life cycle to ethics and history
Led by Rabbi Scheff, Rabbi Drill and Rabbinic Intern Dahlia Bernstein

Friday Night Lecture Series

Friday, October 28 at 7 p.m.
Dr. Marty Cohen lectures: "The History of the Kaddish"

Tough Questions Jews Ask

Mondays, October 31, November 28 and December 19 at 7:30 p.m.
Everything you always wanted to ask...but thought you couldn't...Now you can!
Three sessions with Rabbi Drill

Iyyun Tefillah

Monthly, resumes Saturday, November 5 at 8:45 a.m.
An in-depth exploration of the Shabbat liturgy with Rabbi Drill

Journey Group

Begins Monday, November 7 at 11:00 a.m.
A year-long Jewish journey using text as our guide
Monthly with Rabbi Drill

Monday Morning Midrash

Mondays, beginning November 14 at 11:00 a.m.
Explore stories of the rabbis from between the lines of Torah,
monthly with Rabbi Drill

Sisterhood

We are now full swing into fall. Our children and grandchildren have returned to school and their many activities have resumed. As they join friends, old and new, for a year of fun and learning, we, too, can join our OJC friends for the many wonderful events the Sisterhood has in store for us.

Here are a few of the great events coming our way, so mark your calendars.

October 10—Sisterhood Book Chat. We are continuing to read *The Prime Ministers*. Join us for a great discussion.

October 17—Sukkot Dinner. A wonderful evening the whole family will enjoy! Look in your High Holiday packet and this issue of the *Shaliach* for further information.

November 14—Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Dinner!

Our Military Bridge evening was held on September 21. High tea was served and a great time was had by all. What a fun way to meet new people!

We hope you noticed and enjoyed the beautiful flowers on the bimah at Rosh Hashanah. They were a gift from the Sisterhood. Did you know that Sisterhood also sends gift baskets for the holidays. We have a Sweet New Year Basket, a Chanukah Gift Basket, and a Purim Treat Basket. They're perfect for children or grandchildren or nieces and nephews who are away at school. Contact Dawn Kitz for more information.

OJC Sisterhood is looking forward to a new year filled with good friends, great times, and interesting new discoveries. Join us!

L'Shana Tova,
Gail Brady

VP Membership

Rhonda Plawner
Gail Sanders

VP Programming

Lydia Katz
Gabi Lewy

VP Ways and Means

Carol Baker
Pam Berg
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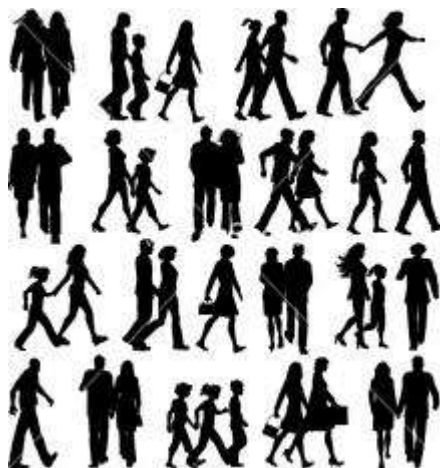
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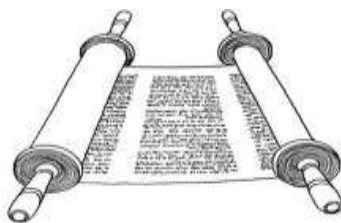
Hey everybody... on November 6th we are planning our first event of the season. A music concert led by our very own Charles Yassky honoring our veterans. This is sure to be a stirring and inspirational performance, along with a fascinating guest speaker and presentation. So let's do our OJC best and come out and support our vets as they have supported us and our country. Watch your emails for more details to follow.

On another note...

Did you hear the one about the Rabbi and the giraffe on the golf course??? Well, I'm not going to tell you... If you want to find out, you're going to have to come to the OJC on December 17th for our annual comedy night. It will be a night filled with food, fun, laughter and good spirits... yes, the drinking kind. So plan on spending the night together, bring friends and family and you will finally... finally... finally find out who let the dogs out!!!

Phil Mosner
Men's Club President





Last month we started our historical examination of the story of the exodus from Egypt. We saw that the ill treatment of Abraham, a Semite, at the hands of the Egyptians, correlates well with conditions during Abraham's time. In addition, the welcome given to Joseph and his brothers and Joseph's rise to power correlate well with Joseph's time when the Semitic Hyksos ruled over Egypt.

Then some time went by and, as the Bible tells, "There arose a new king over Egypt who did not 'know' Joseph." The term "know" can be interpreted several ways. It could mean that the king was literally unaware of Joseph and his contributions to Egyptian security or that he did not appreciate Joseph. This new pharaoh reversed the favored position of the Israelites in Egypt. The book of Exodus reports that he enslaved them, made their life bitter and forced them to work on the building of major projects in their home area of Goshen, which is to the east of the Nile valley. The question arises as to whether this tragic turn of circumstances can be traced to known historic events of the time.

Well, the answer is unmistakably "yes." Archaeology has definitively established that the rule of the Semitic Hyksos dynasty came to an abrupt end about the year 1500 BCE when the native Egyptians successfully revolted against the foreigners and re-established an Egyptian dynasty. As might be expected, now that the tables were turned, the new rulers persecuted the Semites who had been their rulers and those Semites living in Goshen would be no exception. Since the standard policy of new dynasties in Egypt was to efface the memory of prior dynasties by destroying records, statues, monuments and all other traces of the past, eventually the new pharaohs would be quite unaware of the triumphs of their predecessors and, indeed, would not "know" them.

Furthermore, archaeology has shown that these new rulers embarked on massive building projects in the Goshen area. The Bible reports that the Israelites were forced to build the store cities of Pithum and Rameses. Pithum is a form of Pi-Atum, which in Egyptian means the House of Atum, Atum being a god associated with sun worship. Rameses is probably named after the famous Egyptian pharaoh Rameses II (ca. 1300-1210 BCE). The beginning of his name, Ra, is also a sun god. The Greek version of the Bible, the Septuagint, adds a third city, On, which was later renamed Heliopolis, where "Helio" refers to the sun god as well. So all of Rameses' massive projects in Goshen, where the sun rises according to the Egyptians, seem to have some terminology in common.

The work force for these massive projects was recruited from the local population (which would be the Israelites, according to the Bible.) It was forced labor, indeed, but not the form of slavery that we associate with American plantations in the South up to the Civil War. The locals had to work on the massive projects but still lived with their families in their own villages and kept their own flocks of sheep, goats and herds of cattle. This situation is mirrored exactly in the descriptions of the bondage in Egypt as reported in Exodus.

So from Abraham's time, through that of Joseph, and continuing through the forced labor under Rameses II, the saga of the encounter of the Israelites with the Egyptians correlates very well with known historical facts.

(to be continued)

From the Editor:

It's been awhile since I last complained about 21st century technology. In fact, it's been almost three whole minutes. It's not that I'm paranoid or anything but I sincerely believe that machines are out to get me. Where I used to work, there was a Xerox machine that despised me. Either it spat out crumpled copies of what I wanted, coughed up pages in Swahili, or refused to supply any pages at all. Buzzers buzzed, lights blinked, and the "Help" sign flashed whenever I was within ten feet of it. Maybe it was getting even for the time I gave it a good swift kick, but that's another story.

Here's a frinstance. Let's say I want to include a nice picture with someone's article. I listen to everyone who tells me how to do a picture, even if their instructions conflict. Then I promptly forget every word my advisers have advised. Then I ask again and forget again. This goes on for at least four rounds. In case you haven't realized it, this is the best way to get someone else to do a disagreeable task for you. Just act like you haven't a clue about how to do it. In my case, though, it's not acting.

So we finally get the picture in but now it's surrounded by a text box. Even *I* know what a text box is but I'll be #@%&!%& if I know how to get rid of one. So I mess around randomly with the keyboard and the next thing you know, the entire *Shaliach* has 7 columns per page, the font is THIS big, and I swear the computer is choking on its little hard drive with the giggles. So I try to undo. I actually know where the undo button is. What happens? The *entire* issue gets undone and I have to call everyone up to send me their articles all over again because I forgot to save them when they first came in. This earns me some bad words from contributors, some of which I never even heard of before!

Well, I get the articles back and attempt to insert them where they're supposed to go but the computer has other plans. The rabbi's message gets carved up into little tiny squares on the calendar page, the donations become the Sisterhood program for three Aprils ago, and the president's message comes out in Swahili—just like the old Xerox machine used to do. Not to mention that the pages are numbered starting with 87 and keep going until 3,692, even though the *Shaliach* has only 40. You do the math.

By this time, everyone I'm related to has filed for divorce from me and none of my friends take my calls or my emails. They are all justified. I have become a lunatic. I rave. I say many bad words in Swahili, in which I've now become fairly fluent. I vow to give up this thankless job and forego the monumental salary it provides. Even if OJC were to quadruple it, I resolve to quit.

Then someone says something wonderfully gratifying like "That last issue of the *Shaliach* wasn't half bad," or "I've read worse stuff in the *Inquirer*," and suddenly it all falls into place and I am once again a contented editor. Doesn't take much to make me happy. On the other hand, it doesn't take much to make me say \$%#@!%& either, in any language.

Incidentally, as I was finishing this article, the task bar suddenly disap

Judy Cohen

(Rabbi's message, continued)

Mitzvot. Jews have 613 commandments from which to choose. My suggestion is *Talmud Torah* – there are a variety of classes at the OJC through which you can fulfill the commandment to study Torah. Every Thursday night after evening minyan study with one of the rabbis or our rabbinic intern, Dahlia Bernstein, in our Reintroduction to Judaism class. Learn what you never knew or remember what you have forgotten. Take hold of your heritage and make it yours! Fulfilling this mitzvah reminds us that if we have traveled a distance from our Jewish path, it is within our power to turn back.

Teshuva is most often translated as “repentance” but it can also be translated as “return.” I wish all of us a meaningful return to Judaism, our community, and our best selves during these Days of Awe.

May you be sealed for a year of blessing, health and joy.

Rabbi Paula Mack Drill



The Importance of U.S. Aid to Israel

October marks the beginning of the 2012 fiscal year for the federal government, a year which promises to be filled with legislative initiatives focused on economic austerity. Yet, as Congress looks to tighten the purse strings, we must remind our representatives that foreign aid is an essential, cost-effective tool for promoting American interests abroad.

Foreign aid helps build stable societies in conflict zones, provides alternatives to violent ideologies, stops drugs and diseases from crossing our borders, and opens markets for American products. U.S. foreign aid also promotes exports to the developing world, which now accounts for nearly half of all U.S. exports. With 95 percent of the world's population, these countries present a tremendous potential for U.S. businesses.

Most importantly for those of us in the pro-Israel community, American security assistance to Israel in the annual foreign aid bill is the most tangible manifestation of the United States' support for the Jewish state.

In 2007, then-President Bush signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Israel that pledged \$30 billion in U.S. security assistance to Israel over a 10-year period. For fiscal year 2012, President Obama has asked Congress to appropriate the \$3.075 billion in aid to Israel called for in the MOU's fourth year.

The 10-year agreement embodies America's commitment to maintain Israel's qualitative military edge, which Congress has defined as the “ability to counter and defeat any credible conventional military threat from any individual state or possible coalition of states or from non-state actors.”

At this time of uncertainty in the Middle East, it is particularly important that the United States live up to its commitment to Israel's security. Israeli military innovations help save the lives of American troops and, because the United States has a deep strategic relationship with Israel, the U.S. military is able to learn from the Israel Defense Force's vast combat experience.

Moreover, Israeli aid dollars are spent right back here in America. Israel spends 75 percent of U.S. aid in the United States, purchasing U.S. military equipment.

Put plainly, the value that the United States receives from giving foreign aid, even in this time of economic caution, means that America simply cannot afford to neglect its foreign aid commitments. And, when our members of Congress vote for the annual foreign aid bill, they make a statement that supporting our ally Israel is an American priority.

To learn more about American aid to Israel visit www.aipac.org/ForeignAid.

An opportunity for OJC families
and an ongoing commitment
to reach out to
unaffiliated Jewish families
in our community:



We welcome all of you to the OJC
on Yom Kippur

Join Rabbi Craig Scheff & Rabbi Paula Mack Drill

Public Family Services

Saturday, October 8th at 3:00 p.m.

Orangetown Jewish Center, 8 Independence Ave, Orangeburg, NY
Services for families with children,
pre-school to middle school,
to share the meaning and messages
of the High Holidays.

Do you know a family without a place to go these High Holy
Days?

Invite them home for the holidays!
Questions? Contact Rabbi.Drill@theojc.org.

Orangetown Jewish Center

SUKKOT FAMILY FUN DAY

October 10th

(Columbus day- no school)

10:00-12:00AM



Family
activities
for children
of all ages

Create crafts
to decorate
the OJC sukkah

Come for
breakfast

**this is not
a drop off
activity**

Questions? - Contact Sabina @ 845-398-8176



OJC SISTERHOOD BOOK CHAT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2011

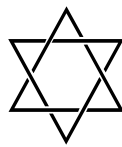
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THE PRIME MINISTERS
By YEHUDA AVNER

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OJC Religious School Open Board Meeting



If you are interested in joining the Board or just getting more involved in our school, come to this meeting and see what we are all about

Sunday, October 23, 2011

7:30 pm at the OJC

Questions? Call Staci Gelb at 845.708.2312

Tough Questions Jews Ask

Everything you always wanted to ask . . .
but thought you couldn't...Now you can!

If I pray for something, will I get it?

Why does religion need so many rules?

Does God care if I eat a cheeseburger?

Why be Jewish?

Lively interactive study with Rabbi Paula Mack Driffel
Three Monday nights at 7:30 pm

Mark your calendar now!

Oct 31, Nov 28, Dec 19, 2011

Monday Morning Midrash

Stories of the Rabbis from between the lines of Torah texts...
from Ancient to Medieval to Modern . . . to us!

Study, Discuss, Create

Mondays (of course!) 11:00 – 12:30

Nov 14, Dec 12, 2011

Jan 16, Feb 13, March 12, April 16, May 14, June 11, 2012

Looking for a Place to Talk?

Following our August Healing Service, many congregants asked for short-term support groups organized around a variety of topics. Please contact Rabbi Drill Rabbi.Drill@theojc.org or 845-359-5920 x8 if you are interested in participating in any of these groups. Please list your best phone contact and whether you would attend a daytime or evening group. Suggested groups include:

- * Caregivers Support Group
- * Post-Divorce Rebuilding Support Group
- * Bereavement of Spouse Support Group
- * Coping with Mental Illness of Family or Friend
- * Chronic Illness Support Group

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How do we pray on Shabbat morning?

What do we say when we pray?

Why do we pray?

Gain confidence and a sense of connection!

Join Rabbi Paula Mack Drill and a welcoming circle of learners for a year of discussion and learning.

No prior knowledge required; all prior knowledge welcome!

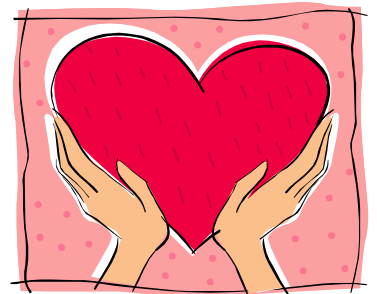
Drop in to class anytime!

November 5, December 3, 2011, January 7, February 4, 2012

Learning Center, 8:45 - 9:30 am

After class, we will go together into the Sanctuary for services.

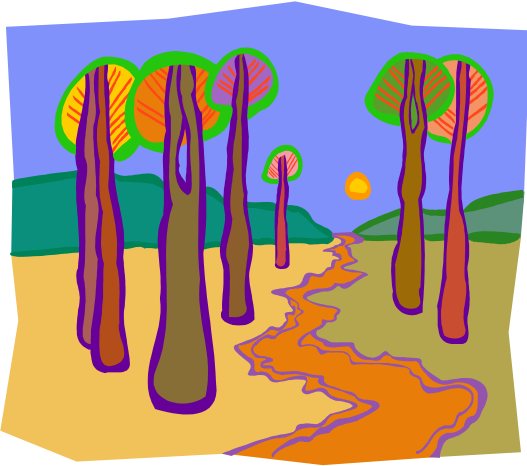
Mark your calendars today for a year of learning with your heart and soul.



Journey Group

A unique learning experience at the OJC

Living meaningfully
Cultivating gratitude
Practicing ethics



*Each of us is on our own Jewish journey.
Learning together can assist us on the way.*

Do you see this announcement each year and pass it by after a moment of consideration? The idea of growing Jewishly is intriguing but probably not for you. Maybe, this year, you are wrong. Is this is your year to join the Journey Group?

Study text: God in All Moments: Mystical and Practical Spiritual Wisdom from Hasidic Masters, by Or Rose

Commit now to this journey and we will all be the richer and wiser for your participation.

Study with us for the first session of the year – decide then if you would like to join us. If you have questions or are ready to RSVP, email rabbi.drill@theojc.org or call 359-5920 ext. 8.

Monday mornings, 11:00 – 12:30

November 7, December 5, 2011

January 9, February 6, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, 2012

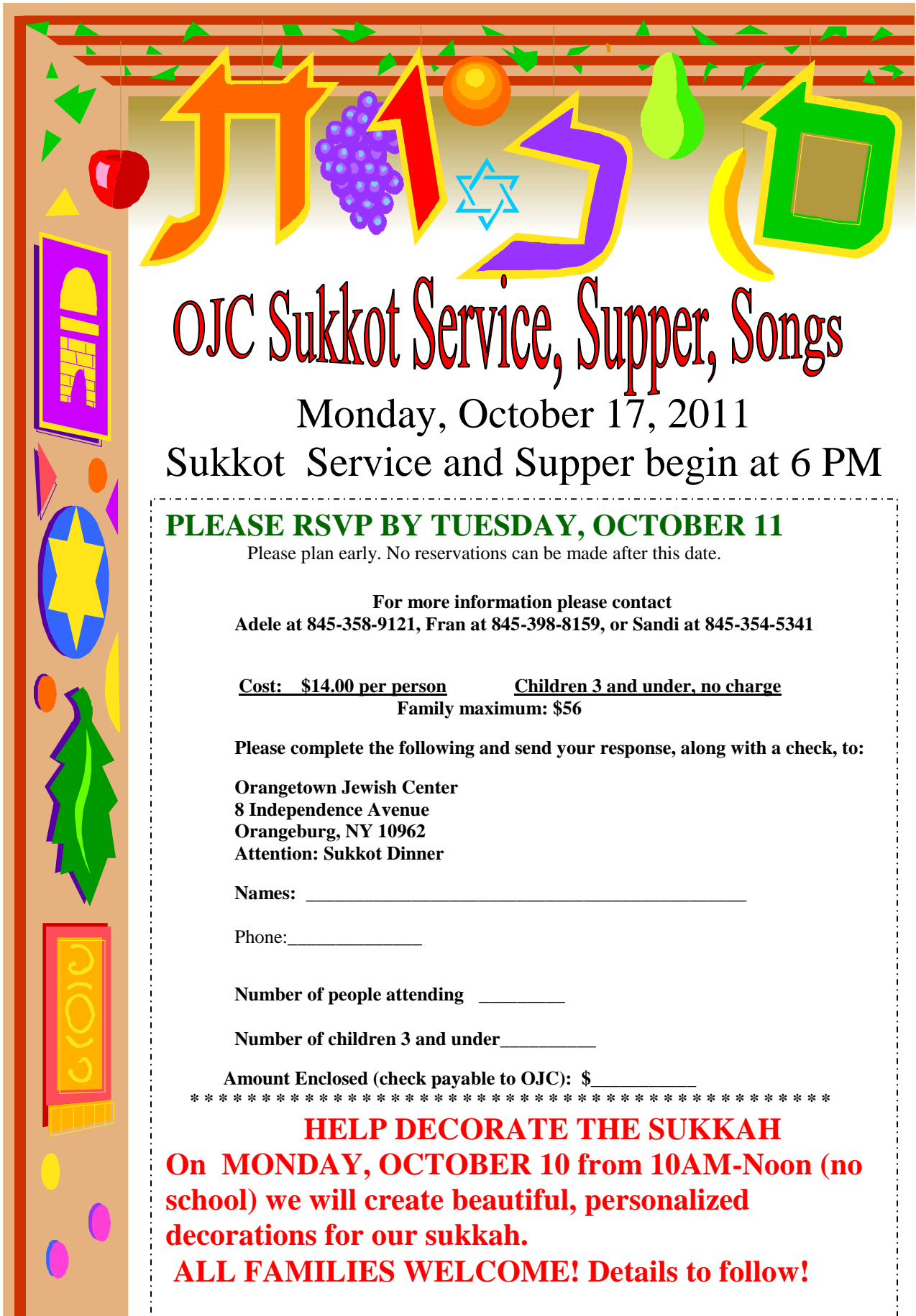
ANNOUNCING THE MEN'S CLUB BRUCE COWEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

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 ideas about community and how you have contributed to it personally. If you know of others who might qualify please inform them.

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





OJC Sukkot Service, Supper, Songs

Monday, October 17, 2011

Sukkot Service and Supper begin at 6 PM

PLEASE RSVP BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Please plan early. No reservations can be made after this date.

For more information please contact

Adele at 845-358-9121, Fran at 845-398-8159, or Sandi at 845-354-5341

Cost: \$14.00 per person Children 3 and under, no charge

Family maximum: \$56

Please complete the following and send your response, along with a check, to:

Orangetown Jewish Center
8 Independence Avenue
Orangeburg, NY 10962
Attention: Sukkot Dinner

Names: _____

Phone: _____

Number of people attending _____

Number of children 3 and under _____

Amount Enclosed (check payable to OJC): \$ _____

HELP DECORATE THE SUKKAH

On **MONDAY, OCTOBER 10** from 10AM-Noon (no school) we will create beautiful, personalized decorations for our sukkah.

ALL FAMILIES WELCOME! Details to follow!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:



A Reintroduction to Judaism



Thursdays, 7:30pm
Led by Rabbi Craig Scheff, Rabbi Paula Mack Drill
and Rabbinic Intern Dahlia Bernstein

A weekly lecture series ranging in topics from Jewish life cycle to literature, ethics and history. Those who complete both years of the course celebrate with our congregation as "Adult B'nai Mitzvah" in the spring of 2013. Individual lectures are open to the congregation, unless otherwise noted.

Weekly in November

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO GIVE YOURSELF THE GIFT OF LEARNING!

MAKE THE COMMITMENT NOW TO GAIN A DEEPER APPRECIATION OF
OUR SHARED HERITAGE, OUR CONNECTION TO GOD, AND THE WAYS
IN WHICH JUDAISM IMBUES OUR LIVES WITH MEANING!

October 2011 3 Tishre 5772 - 3 Cheshvan 5772

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 3 TISHRE Shabbat Ends: 7:29 Shabbat Service 9AM Mincha Maariv 5:45PM
2 4 TISHRE Fast of Gedalyah Minyan 8:45AM Minyan 7:30PM	3 5 TISHRE Nursery Sch 9:30AM Sisterhood Bd 7PM Minyan 7:30PM Bulletin/3rd Class Flyers Due!	4 6 TISHRE Minyan 8:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Rel School 4:15PM Minyan 7:30PM Exec Bd Mtg 7:30PM	5 7 TISHRE Nursery Sch 9:30AM Torah/Treats 12:30PM Rel School 4:15PM Minyan 7:30PM	6 8 TISHRE Minyan 6:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM NO REL SCHOOL Minyan 7:30PM Ritual Mtg 7:30PM	7 9 TISHRE Erev Yom Kippur 6:09 NO SCHOOL Nursery School 9-12 Holiday Service/Kol Nidre 6PM	8 10 TISHRE Yom Kippur Shabbat Ends: 7:17 SEE HIGH HOLIDAY BROCHURE FOR LISTING OF ALL SERVICE TIMES
9 11 TISHRE Minyan 8:45AM Minyan 7:30PM MBTNY LESY Kick-off dance - off-site	10 12 TISHRE Columbus Day Minyan 9AM NO NURSERY SCH Sukkot Decorations Family Day 10AM Sisterhood Book Chat 7PM Minyan 7:30PM	11 13 TISHRE Minyan 8:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Rel School 4:15PM Minyan 7:30PM	12 14 TISHRE 6:01 Nursery Sch 9:30AM NO SCHOOL Holiday Service 6PM	13 15 TISHRE Sukkot - Day 1 Yom Tov Ends: 7:09 OFFICE CLOSED NO SCHOOL Holiday Service 9AM and 6:45PM	14 16 TISHRE 5:58 Sukkot - Day 2 OFFICE CLOSED NO SCHOOL Holiday Service 9AM and 6PM	15 17 TISHRE Shabbat Ends: 7:06 Sukkot - First Intermediate Day Shabbat Service 9AM Mincha Maariv 5:30PM
16 18 TISHRE Sukkot - Second Intermediate Day Minyan 10AM Kelsey Rosenfeld B/M Minyan 7:30PM	17 19 TISHRE Sukkot - Third Intermediate Day Nursery Sch 9:30AM Minyan 6PM SUKKOT DINNER 6:30PM 1st Class Flyers Due!	18 20 TISHRE Sukkot - Fourth Intermediate Day Minyan 8:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Rel School 4:15PM Minyan 7:30PM	19 21 TISHRE Hosharah Rabbah 5:50 Sukkot - Sixth Intermediate Day Nursery Sch 9:30AM Torah/Treats 12:30PM NO REL SCHOOL Holiday Service 6:45AM and 5:45PM (with Yizkor)	20 22 TISHRE Shemini Atzeret Yom Tov Ends: 6:59 OFFICE CLOSED NO SCHOOL Holiday Service 9AM (Yizkor) and 6:30PM Simchat Torah Celebration	21 23 TISHRE 5:47 Simchat Torah OFFICE CLOSED NO SCHOOL Holiday Service 9AM and 5:30PM	22 24 TISHRE Shabbat Ends: 6:56 Shabbat Service 9AM Sababa Shabbat Prog Mincha Maariv 5:15PM
23 25 TISHRE Minyan 8:45AM Minyan 7:30PM School Bd Mtg 7:30PM Rusch Event - TBD	24 26 TISHRE Nursery Sch 9:30AM Baby n' Me Starts 10AM Minyan 7:30PM	25 27 TISHRE Minyan 8:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Rel School 4:15PM BOOK FAIR OPEN SCHOOL Minyan 7:30PM Trustee Mtg 7:30PM	26 28 TISHRE Nursery Sch 9:30AM Rel School 4:15PM BOOK FAIR OPEN SCHOOL Minyan 7:30PM NEFESH 7:30PM??? Older Adult Ministry Conference off-site	27 29 TISHRE Minyan 6:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Text/Content 10AM Rel School 4:15PM BOOK FAIR OPEN SCHOOL Minyan 7:30PM Intro to Judaism 7:30PM	28 30 TISHRE Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan - Day 1 5:38 Shabbat Service 7PM Dr. Martyr Cohen Lecture "The Origins and Development of the Kaddish Prayer"	29 1 CHESHVAN Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan - Day 2 Shabbat Ends: 6:46 Shabbat Service 9AM Lily Josephs B/M Mincha Maariv 5PM
30 2 CHESHVAN Minyan 8:45AM Minyan 7:30PM	31 3 CHESHVAN Nursery Sch 9:30AM Baby n' Me 10AM Minyan 7:30PM Tough Questions Jews Ask 7:30PM					

1943 – 400 rabbis receive
“cold” welcome at White House

2011 – 600 senators, congressmen,
dignitaries and administration officials
clamor to be recognized at AIPAC
conference roll call

In 1943, the Rabbis’ March was a protest for American and Allied action to stop the destruction of European Jewry. It took place in Washington, D.C. It involved 400 rabbis, mostly from New York and cities throughout the Eastern United States. Though the delegation was reluctantly received by Vice President Henry Wallace, President Franklin D. Roosevelt avoided meeting the rabbis.

Last week I had the privilege of hearing Ambassador Yehuda Avner address a small and elite group of AIPAC members. He spoke with the same passion, integrity and intelligence as reflected in his novel, *The Prime Ministers*. He concluded his presentation with personal remarks as stirring as one of my favorite passages in the novel in which Golda Meir has the following interchange with a soldier on the front during the Yom Kippur War. She asks, “Is there anyone who would like to ask me something?”

“One tank crew member—he seemed to be in his mid-twenties—raised his hand. He was caked with black basalt dust from head to toe, and his only contrasting features were the whites of his eyes. ‘I have a question,’ he said, in a voice throaty with exhaustion. ‘My father was killed in the war of forty-eight, and we won. My uncle was killed in the war of fifty-six, and we won. My brother lost an arm in the sixty-seven war and we won. Last week I lost my best friend over there.’—he was pointing to the Vale of Tears—‘and we’re going to win. But is all our sacrifice worthwhile, Golda? What’s the use of our sacrifice if we can’t win the peace?’

“So she answered, ‘I weep for your loss, just as I grieve for all our dead. I lie awake at night thinking of them. And, I must tell you in all honesty, were our sacrifices for ourselves alone then perhaps you would be right. I’m not at all sure they would be worthwhile. But, if our sacrifices are for the sake of the *whole* Jewish people, then I believe with all my heart that any price is worthwhile.’”

As a Jew in the Diaspora, I am grateful not to have to live in fear as the grandparent of an IDF soldier not answering the phone when I call to say, “hello and I love you.”

This is not 1943. We are empowered now. Each year I have attended the AIPAC Conference in Washington, D.C. the numbers of our delegation increase. I am proud to be one. That is my battle line. For each one of us contributes to the power of numbers. The first year I attended we were 6,000 strong. Last year we were 10,000.

Next year we encourage *each of you* to help increase the power of our numbers. Our children and our grandchildren are not on the front lines. But we have the opportunity . . .no, the **responsibility** to participate in a way that our oneness and togetherness as American citizens carries its own heft.

This year, the ’67 borders; the Palestinian quest for statehood, circumventing the peace process with Israel; and the Durban III Conference all form a confluence of delegitimizing the Jewish State which provides us with a core unity and pride as Jews, no matter where in the world we are.

1. Seek out AIPAC.org.
2. Read *The Prime Ministers* by Yehuda Avner.

Note: The conversation quoted above took place at a makeshift sukkah along a crest of the Golan Heights in a frenzied attempt to stop the Syrians from accessing a road leading to Haifa.

*Chag Sameach,
Rhoda Pochter*

Creation and Redemption

Rabbi Drill recently led a 3-week course on Judaism and poetry. We studied works from the Bible, through medieval up to modern poetry and then some participants wrote their own verses on the themes of creation and redemption, which were the topics of the first two-thirds of the course. Here are a few samples of the students' writings (more to come in future issues).

Revelation, by Rabbi Paula Mack Drill

Pitom!
And suddenly
it is clear to me
I understand all that is
Revelation
for within this word
is both
revel
and
elation
and from where come these joys?
relation
between finite and Infinite
between limited and Limitless
between me and my God.

Creation, by Lydia Katz

I emerged early in the morning into a still world
But not really still
The morning silence is shattered by the chattering of birds
I listen as they sing to each other across the branches
And through the leaves

I gaze at the magnificent trees surrounding the serenity of a lake
And I am astonished as I see the beauty of those trees
Created again by God's hand
As they are reflected in the still water.

I am amazed at the depth of God's imagination
Petals, stems, leaves, parts of all the flowers of the world
Yet each flower owning its own beauty in a different way
Eyes, nose, mouth, parts of all the living creatures of our world
Yet each so unique, so incredible, so awesome.

I am overwhelmed by all of this.
How did it all happen?
How did God create this wonder out of nothingness?
How did Yosemite and the Half Dome appear?
How did the Dead Sea come to be as it is so that I could actually "sit" in it?
How did the sky, and the earth, and life and death, and sadness and joy—
How did it all come to be?

I have no answers, just unsatisfied curiosity—
And immense and endless gratitude.

Outreach Redux, by Judy Cohen

And you believed I stopped talking to you
because you haven't heard a word or seen a sign
since the last of My prophets.

Here is My offer:
Uncover your eyes and ears.
Look and listen for as long as it takes
to move past the busyness of things—
the chaos and the clutter and the noise—
(There's not much I can do about that.)
Then, should you want to discuss it with Me
All you have to do is look at a tree.

That's Revelation, by Gil Marin

(to be recited or sung to the tune of "That's Entertainment")

Watching the sun rise at dawn
Seeing your first newborn
Opening your eyes each morn
That's revelation.

When poor Newton was struck on the head and created gravity
When Einstein explained the theory of relativity
When radiant Marie Curie discovered radioactivity
That's revelation.

An ancient Greek, while bathing, suddenly screams "Eureka"
Being lost in a raging tornado in Topeka
And when you get your first taste of paprika
That's revelation???

It's the High Holidays and you're deep in prayer
In torment your soul is laid bare
And at some moment you become fully aware, and you declare,
That's revelation!

Present, by Eileen Rogers

The greatest of gifts—Torah
God said He will present the Torah to Moses
It would be a present to the Hebrews.
It will happen in the present—now.
Moses was pre-sent to God to give this great present to us forever.
How lucky we are.

A Shabbes Goy, by Joe Velarde

(submitted by Sheila Bunin)

(Joe Velarde became the fencing coach of Columbia University in the 1940s- 50s and was an early advocate of civil rights in sports, eventually retiring to California.)

Snow came early in the winter of 1933 when our extended Cuban family moved into the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn. I was ten years old. We were the first Spanish speakers to arrive, yet we fit more or less easily into that crowded multicultural neighborhood. Soon we began learning a little Italian, a few Greek and Polish words, lots of Yiddish and some heavily accented English.

I first heard the expression “Shabbes is falling” when Mr. Rosenthal refused to open the door of his dry goods store on Bedford Avenue. My mother had sent me with a dime to buy a pair of black socks for my father. In those days, men wore mostly black and navy blue. Brown and gray were somehow special and cost more. Mr. Rosenthal stood inside the locked door, arms folded, glaring at me through the thick glass while a heavy snow and darkness began to fall on a Friday evening. “We’re closed, already,” Mr. Rosenthal had said, shaking his head. “Can’t you see that Shabbes is falling? Don’t be a nudnik! Go home.” I could feel the cold wetness covering my head and thought that Shabbes was a Jewish word for snow.

My misperception of Shabbes didn’t last long, however, as the area’s dominant culture soon became apparent; Gentiles were the minority. From then on, as Shabbes fell with its immutable regularity and Jewish lore took over the life of the neighborhood, I came to realize that so many human activities, ordinarily mundane at any other time, ceased, and a palpable silence, a pleasant tranquility, fell over all of us. It was then that a family with an urgent need would dispatch a youngster to “get the Spanish boy, and hurry.”

That was me. In time, I stopped being nameless and became Yussel, sometimes Yuss or Yusseleh. And so began my life as a Shabbes Goy, voluntarily doing chores for my neighbors on Friday nights and Saturdays: lighting stoves, running errands, getting a prescription for an old tante, stoking coal furnaces, putting lights on or out, clearing snow and ice from slippery sidewalks and stoops. Doing just about anything that was forbidden to the devout by their religious code.

Friday afternoons were special. I’d walk home from school assailed by the rich aroma emanating from Jewish kitchens preparing that evening’s special menu. By now, I had developed a list of steady “clients,” Jewish families who depended on me. Furnaces, in particular, demanded frequent tending during Brooklyn’s many freezing winters. I shudder remembering brutally cold winds blowing off the East River. Anticipation ran high as I thought of the warm home-baked treats I’d bring home that night after my Shabbes rounds were over. Thanks to me, my entire family had become Jewish pastry junkies. Moi? I’m still addicted to checkerboard cake, halvah and egg creams (made only with Fox’s Ubet chocolate syrup).

I remember as if it were yesterday how I discovered that Jews were the smartest people in the world. You see, in our Cuban household we all loved the ends of bread loaves and, to keep peace, my father always decided who would get them. One harsh winter night I was rewarded for my Shabbes ministrations with a loaf of warm challah (we pronounced it “holly”) and I knew I was witnessing genius! Who else could have invented a bread that had wonderfully crusted ends all over it --enough for everyone in a large family?

There was an “international” aspect to my teen years in Williamsburg. The Sternberg family had two sons who had fought with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Spain. Whenever we kids could get their attention, they’d spellbind us with tales of hazardous adventures in the Spanish Civil War. These twenty-something war veterans also introduced us to a novel way of thinking, one that embraced such humane ideas as “From each according to his means and to each according to his needs.” In retrospect, this innocent exposure to a different philosophy

was the starting point of a journey that would also incorporate the concept of tzedakah in my personal guide to the world.

In what historians would later call the Great Depression, a nickel was a lot of mazuma and its economic power could buy a brand new Spaldeen, our local name for the pink-colored rubber ball then produced by the Spalding Company. The famous Spaldeen was central to our endless street games: stickball and punchball or the simpler stoop ball. On balmy summer evenings our youthful fantasies converted South Tenth Street into Ebbets Field with the Dodgers' Dolph Camilli swinging a broom handle at a viciously curving Spaldeen thrown by the Giants' great lefty, Carl Hubbell. We really thought it curved, I swear. Our neighbors, magically transformed into spectators kibitzing from their brownstone stoops and windows, were treated to a unique version of major league baseball.

My tenure as the resident Shabbes Goy came to an abrupt end after Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1941. I withdrew from Brooklyn College the following day and joined the U.S. Army. In June of 1944, the Army Air Corps shipped me home after flying sixty combat missions over Italy and the Balkans. I was overwhelmed to find that several of my Jewish friends and neighbors had set a place for me at their supper tables every Shabbes throughout my absence, including me in their prayers. What a mitzvah! My homecoming was highlighted by wonderful invitations to dinner. Can you imagine the effect after twenty-two months of Army field rations?

As my post-World War II life developed, the nature of the association I'd had with Jewish families during my formative years became clearer. I had learned the meaning of friendship, of loyalty, and of honor and respect. I discovered obedience without subservience. And caring about all living things had become as natural as breathing. The worth of a strong work ethic and of purposeful dedication was manifest. Love of learning blossomed and I began to set higher standards for my developing skills and loftier goals for future activities and dreams. Mind, none of this was the result of any sort of formal instruction; my yeshiva had been the neighborhood. I learned these things, absorbed them actually says it better, by association and role modeling by pursuing curious inquiry, and by what educators called "incidental learning" in the crucible that was pre-World War II Williamsburg. It seems many of life's most elemental lessons are learned this way.

While my parents' Cuban home sheltered me with warm, intimate affection and provided for my well-being and self-esteem, the group of Jewish families I came to know and help in the Williamsburg of the 1930s was a surrogate tribe that abetted my teenage rite of passage to adulthood. One might even say we had experienced a special kind of Bar Mitzvah. I couldn't explain then the concept of "tikkun olam," but I realized as I matured how well I had been oriented by the Jewish experience to live it and to apply it. What a truly uplifting outlook on life it is to be genuinely motivated "to repair the world."

In these twilight years when my good wife is occasionally told, "Your husband is a funny man," I'm aware that my humor has its roots in the shticks of Second Avenue Yiddish Theater, entertainers at Catskill summer resorts, and their many imitators. And, when I argue issues of human or civil rights and am cautioned about showing too much zeal, I recall how chutzpah first flourished on Williamsburg sidewalks, competing for filberts (hazelnuts) with tough kids wearing "peyis" and yarmulkes. Along the way I played chess and one-wall handball, learned to fence, listened to Rimsky-Korsakov, ate roasted chestnuts, read Maimonides and studied Saul Alinsky. I am ever grateful for having had the opportunity to be a Shabbes Goy.

Aleichem Shalom.



IN MEMORY OF:

Eileen Adler.....Audree Yorkes
 Lester Baitler.....Susan & Esta Baitler
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 Abraham Berkowitz.....Ken Berkowitz
 Lila Breiter.....Alan & Diane Breiter
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 Beatrice Cooperman.....Ted & Joan Cooperman
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 Audrey Dolber.....Robert Dolber
 Pearl Fener.....Edward & Thea Fener & Family
 Sidney Flusberg...Howard & Jeanne Weiner & Family
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