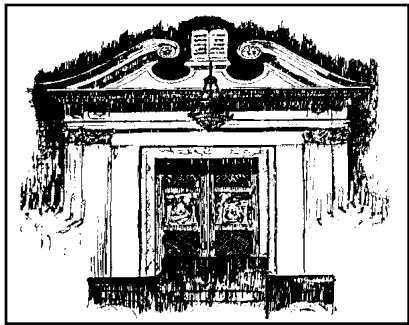


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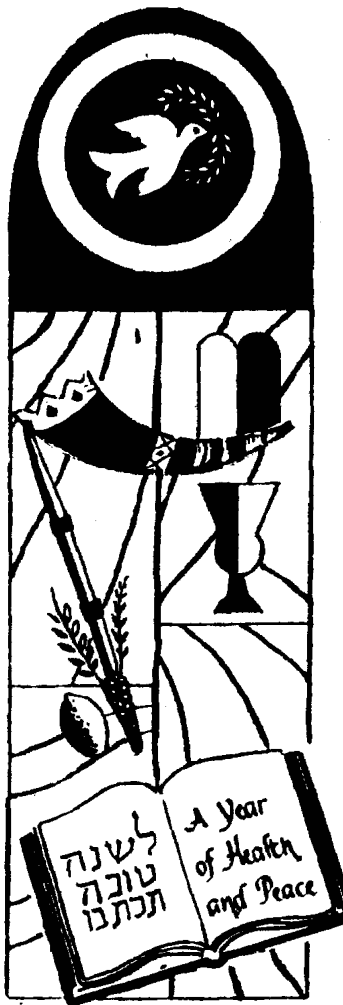
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15 Elul 5764

Harold Spivack, Rabbi

George Lindenblatt, Cantor



*May the New Year
bring to you and yours
days of joy and serenity,
moments of purpose
and achievement,
fulfillment of our People's
ancient and modern hopes.*



Rabbi Harold Spivack

Cantor George Lindenblatt

Abraham (Tom) Muscatello
President, Astoria Center of Israel

Zelda Hampton
President, Ladies' Guild

William Melnick
President, ACI Social Club



High Holy Days 5765

Schedule of Services



Friday, September 3

Candles 7:06 pm
 Sabbath Morning Service

Saturday, September 4

Services 9:30 am
 Weekly Portion KI TAVO
 Sabbath ends..... 8:11 pm
 HHH

Friday, September 10

Candles 6:54 pm
 Sabbath Morning Service

Saturday, September 11

Services 9:30 am
 Weekly Portion NIZZAVIM-
 VAYELEKH
 Sabbath ends..... 7:59 pm
 HHH

Selichot Service

Saturday, September 11

A.C.I. Social Club meeting 7:30 pm
 Collation 8:00 pm
 Services 9:00 pm

HHH

Rosh Hashanah 5765

Wednesday, September 15

Candles 6:46 pm
 Services 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 16

Morning Services 8:00 am

Children's Service —Ages 4-13
 Rosh Hashanah—first morning only
 in the Weisberg Chapel following
 Services at approximately 12:45 pm
 20-minute service conducted by
 Rabbi Spivack

Tashlikh Service directly following
 at the river

Evening Services 7:00 pm
 Candles 7:48 pm

Friday, September 17

Morning Services 8:00 am
 Candles 6:43 pm

Sabbath Morning Service *Shabbat Shuvah*

Saturday, September 18

Services 9:30 am
 Weekly Portion: HA' AZINU
 Sabbath ends..... 7:58 pm

HHH

Sunday, September 19

Fast of Gedaliah

HHH

Kol Nidre

Friday, September 24

Candles 6:31 pm
 Services 6:30 pm

Dom Kippur

Saturday, September 25

Services 9:00 am
 Torah Reading 11:00 am
 Musaf..... 12:00 noon
 Sermon..... 2:00 pm
 Yiskor 2:15 pm
Learning Session during the break
 Mincha..... 4:30 pm
 Ne'ilah 5:30 pm

HHH

First Day of Sukkot

Wednesday, September 29

Candles 6:22 pm

Thursday, September 30

Services 9:30 am

Second Day of Sukkot

Thursday, September 30

Candles 7:26 pm

Friday, October 1

Services 9:30 am

*The complete Sukkot schedule
 will appear in the October Bulletin*

REMINDER TO ALL CONGREGANTS

Bring your holiday tickets with you during the High Holy Days Services. They will be checked at the door, for security purposes.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN



Elul, the month of preparation for the High Holy Days, ends on September 15. May our personal preparations ultimately lead to a positive experience!

The month of Tishri follows Elul. I think that the month of Tishri is the "richest" month in our calendar. It includes awesome days—Rosh Ha-Shanah and Yom Kippur as well as the happiest days—Sukkot and Simchat Torah. We are presented with so many opportunities for fulfillment and merit during this month.

To sum up the Elul and Tishri months, please allow me to express that we all be properly prepared for the judgment, worthy of forgiveness, and able to cherish and value the renewal of a relationship bestowed upon us by G-d.

In recognizing that Astoria does not have a kosher bakery, before Rosh Ha-Shanah I will place an order with Sanders Bakery on Lee Avenue in Williamsburg for anyone who wishes to have challah, with or without raisins, and honey cake. Just ask Cantor Lindenblatt how delicious their goods are! I have brought their cakes and breads to our shul many times. Please call Joyce at the Center to place your order, which will be delivered on Monday, Sept. 13. You will have to pick up the items at the Center on the 13th between 11am and 4pm. If you do not have transportation, leave your address with Joyce and our "bakery brigade" will bring your order to your doorstep.

Happy New Year to our wonderful ACI officers and board members, and to each of you.

Abraham "Tom" Muscatello

LADIES GUILD

Zelda Hampton, President



I hope you all had a happy and healthy summer. The first meeting of the Ladies Guild will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 1:00 pm. Come to this meeting with ideas for a fruitful season. See you then.

Zelda

WALL CALENDARS FOR 5765

available at our office. One calendar for members and seatholders only, please.

BREAK-FAST WITH US

We are pleased to announce the annual BREAK-FAST, at the conclusion of Yom Kippur services on Saturday, September 25.

The BREAK-FAST will follow immediately after Ne'ilah and Maariv. Donations make this event possible each year—we suggest \$10 per adult. Please make your check payable to Astoria Center of Israel and specify that your donation is for the BREAK-FAST.

The BREAK-FAST is for seatholders only. **You also must make an advance reservation by Monday, September 20, at noon.** Call the Center office at 718-278-2680.

Yes, I would like to make ___ reservations for the ACI's 5765 Yom Kippur Break-Fast. ___ I enclose my check, made payable to Astoria Center of Israel, for \$_____ as a donation to defray costs.

Names, address, and phone numbers of attendees:

GIFT SHOP

We have many beautiful items for your holidays needs—kiddush cups, memorial lights, and other useful gifts. See our display case in the lobby.

A.C.I. SOCIAL CLUB

William Melnick, President

Our traditional opening meeting of the fall season will take place on Saturday, Sept. 11, at 7:30 pm, followed by an 8:00 pm colation for all synagogue members who wish to join us before the Selichot service (*see top of p. 3*). We look forward to greeting and welcoming all our members and congregants at this first activity of the New Year.

Bill

GIVE GENEROUSLY TO THE KOL NIDRE APPEAL

Report from...

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

IT'S HERE!

The long-awaited chairlift has arrived. It is safe, comfortable, and quiet, and we are so pleased that it is installed in time for the High Holidays. Our Special Events Committee, for the past three years, raised the funds to make our building accessible to people with disabilities. We thank the congregation, relatives and friends, and members of the community who have supported our events to make the chairlift a reality.

This summer the Center offered a medley of treats. Art Bailey's Café Sessions in the lobby were just delightful. Many of the compositions played by the musicians were either written or adapted by Art. He was accompanied by a bassist and either a mandolin player or a violinist. If that wasn't enough to delight you, there were wonderful desserts. Theresa Bailey's chocolate cheesecakes were heavenly, Martha Michaels provided a luscious Kentucky Derby bourbon pie, and Tom, Naomi, and Sydelle contributed other yummy cakes. Art will continue his Café evenings after the Holidays on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

Margot continues with her lively Klezmer jam Sessions that seem to attract more and more enthusiastic musicians each month. No jam session in September, but then Margot will resume the Jams on the third Wednesday of each month. We are ever so fortunate to have Art, Theresa, and Margot as members of the Center—their talents have enhanced the enjoyment of our membership and the community.

On Thursday, September 9 at 7:30, the Center will host one of the musical commemorations of the 350th anniversary of Jews arriving in the New World. Throughout that week the Knitting Factory will extensively advertise these musical events. We are delighted to have Art Bailey and fellow musicians bring this tribute to our doorstep. Please come to show your support and appreciation that our Center has been chosen as the Queens location for this event. Tickets are \$10.

Check the October Bulletin, as well as the calendar prepared by Tom Muscatello, for ongoing news of the exciting programs planned by Special Events. *L'Shanah Tovah.*

Sydelle Diner
Chairperson

Words from the Wise...

NE'ILAH

This season again gives us the opportunity to honor the memory of our esteemed Cantor Emeritus Richard Cohn by recalling his words.



Occurring before the sun has finally set but toward the end of the holiest of Jewish holidays—the day of fasting and prayer and so often intense emotion—*Ne'ilah*, the concluding section of the Yom Kippur service, is also its emotional climax; it contains perhaps the most moving passages in the entire Jewish liturgy. The emotional intensity of the *Ne'ilah* service is explained by musicologist Judith Kaplan Eisenstein in her text *Heritage of Music: The Music of the Jewish People*. "To the pious Jew," she writes, "this is the last opportunity to appeal to the 'ear' of the Almighty with a final plea for forgiveness, for mercy and for a new year of life and blessing."

In Europe it was traditional for the *Ne'ilah* service to be conducted by the rabbi; to him belonged the task of conveying to his congregation the awesomeness of these, the final moments of the most solemn and sacred of days. I can recall most vividly the fervor of devotion which my own revered rabbi, the well-known Talmudic scholar Dr. Samuel Ochs, brought to his rendition of *Ne'ilah*. The memory of his piety and reverence has been an inspiration to me throughout the years, and I have always sought to conduct *Ne'ilah* with his example in mind. I hope that God will give me the strength to do so for many years to come.

May all of you be inscribed for a happy and healthy life in the New Year.

Cantor Richard Cohn



Please Note...

This is the time to register your child in the Hebrew School.
Call the Center Office at 278-2680 now.

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK***A Sketch From My Childhood***

Money was always in short supply when we were growing up during the Depression of the 1930s. My father, *alav hashalom*, was a hazan paid hardly enough to subsist on. The bank closures of 1933 wiped out everything we had saved. In those days of balloon mortgages one paid only the interest every month. In our case we couldn't come up with the payments, resulting in foreclosure by the bank, which then became our landlord.

To make ends meet my mother took in boarders. Of course, they were pensioners who could afford only a few dollars in rent, but this extra income was enough to sustain us from month to month—provided that my mother took the trolley to the other side of town and shopped in the cheap stores on Fourth Street, in Philadelphia's Little Italy.

When the High Holy Days rolled around each year I recall that the rabbi, the shamash, and the hazan put out plates on a table in the shul foyer. Each plate had a label on it designating the recipient of any munificent gift. I felt keenly my father's loss of dignity to have to depend on the "kindness of strangers," in the words of Tennessee Williams, for a charity handout to supplement his meager wages. It didn't fully compensate for the outpourings of his soul during the Days of Awe and the other holy days of the year. He would assemble his choir and rehearse them for days at a time. Good voices who would sing for low pay were hard to come by. (Eddie Fisher was a boy alto in my father's choir in the '40s.)

The point of this vignette is that one of our boarders was a retired shoe salesman named Mr. Buchman, who occupied the choicest bedroom in the house. He drove around in an ancient Buick coupe with a huge salesman's trunk. He often spoke about the women he consorted with, and he often came in very late at night.

I never saw him attend the synagogue, but he told us that he had paid for a bronze plaque to be affixed to the wall of the vestibule of the shul in a conspicuous place befitting a generous donation, and sure enough I never failed to notice it when I came into the synagogue.

Rabbi (cont'd on back page)

FAMILY NEWS**Simcha Street*****Mazel tov to:***

Meyer Steinberg, on the milestone of his 80th Birthday.

Ruth Levy, on the marriage of her grandson Noah Borun.

Here We Grow Again

Florence & Bill Melnick, on the birth of their first grandchild Edward Frank, son of Matthew Melnick & Jasmine N. Smith.

Sally & Edward Constan, on the birth of grandson Gregory.

May they be a source of great joy.

Bravo Blvd.

Best wishes to Dr. Gershon Berkson, husband of Suzie Raphael Berkson, on receiving a lifetime award from the International Society for Research in Intellectual Disability.

Kudos Corner

Congrats to Cynthia Groopman on marking the 3rd anniversary of her bat mitzvah with a haftorah reading and delightful talk on August 7. We thank Cynthia and brother Jacob for hosting the sabbath kiddush in honor of the occasion.

Thank You From

Judy & Steve Markowitz, for all the donations in honor of daughter Jill's graduation.

Appreciation Alley

For hosting summer kiddushim, we thank Judy & Steve Markowitz, Abraham Amsilay, & Ruth Levy.

For their ongoing aid with Bulletin mailings, we thank Ruth Blumenthal, Rose Ratnoff, & Jeanne Siegel.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

We thank the officers, Board, and each of you for the memorable June 18 service and a beautiful Journal. Our sincere thanks, as well, for all the good wishes on the birth of our granddaughter, Ella Pearl Gilad.

Cantor George & Elaine Lindenblatt

**POEM OF THE MONTH**

A vibrant new season
beckons bright and clear;
Because you **PAY YOUR DUES**
we're still here.



Yahrzeit Anniversaries

The following names will be read from the pulpit immediately preceding the kaddish at our sabbath services. The families of the dear departed ones are invited to attend our services and participate in the kaddish prayer.



<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Elul</u>				
1	15	Fred N. Wolff	18	3	Bessie Stamler
		Shirley Vajda			Sol Bernstein
2	16	Herman Cohen			Lester Schulman
		Mel Reicher			Miriam Sternfeld
		Sylvia Levine			Lucy Gang
4	18	Samuel Hammer	19	4	Selam Fuld Hartman
		Boris Levy			Michael Sklarofsky
		Nat Lehrman			Hyman Rubin
5	19	Harry Epstein	20	5	Bella Rosenzweig
		Yetta Ross			Philip Petchusky
		Julius Safir			Ruth Goldstein
6	20	Sally Meyers	21	6	Rebecca Halpern
		Gussie Miller			Jacob Klein
		William Weinberger			Irving Lehman
7	21	Sidney Kant	22	7	Flora Rosenberg
		Shirley Lehman	23	8	Dr. David Eisenberg
8	22	Joseph Blumberg			Julius Smith
		Leon Goldberg			Mildred Backrack
		Yetta Goldstein			Mary Pomeranz
		William Seligman	24	9	Joseph Kahnofsky
9	23	Emanuel Friedlander			Benjamin Nussenblatt
10	24	Nat. J. Newman			Sidney Brichta
		Stanley Siegel			Rose Fuld
		Dr. Max Lipsett			Morris Gillert
		Augusta Gunsberg	25	10	Karl Geisingberg
		Louis Goldstein			Meta Geisingberg
11	25	Max Gross			Chasya Goldberg
		Florence Halpern			Mista Klatchkin
		Anna Kemp			Sonia Klatchkin
		Hermine Rosenthal			Sara Klatchkin
		Martha Hessel			Niomk Klatchkin
12	26	Reuben Freed			Eva Regina Witzling
13	27	Ralph Ilowite			Rosalie Witzling
		Alex Lebo			Edwin Franklin
		Morris Rosenberg			Esther Glickman
		Sonia Goodman	26	11	Louis Pomeranz
14	28	Bernard Sklarofsky			Ernst Cohn
15	29	Julius Brauschweig	27	12	Fannie Schneiderman
		Louis H. Leichter			Regina Benvenisti
		Volko Dorfman			Lipton B. Nemser
		Joseph Saler	28	13	Libby Liberman
		Charles Kaplan			A. Elliot Pinkus
			29	14	Leonard Gunsberger
			30	15	Max Weinstein
					Morris Sipes
16	1	Isidor Risik			Jennie Jackson
17	2	Yetta Myers			
		Gertrud Herrscher			

*They still live in the acts of goodness they performed
and in the hearts of those who cherish their memory.*

On the yahrzeit of a loved one,
it is appropriate to give charity.
Consider making a donation to one of
our Center Funds, on the pages that follow.

**PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF YOUR
DEPARTED LOVED ONES WITH A MEMORIAL
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Family of Sally Scotch-A bequest in memory of their mother.

Meyer Saltzman-In memory of Helen Saltzman.

Mike Dreher-In memory of Dr. David Eisenberg and Israel Ronis, congratulations to Jill Markowitz on her graduation, in memory of wife Josephine (Phenie), congratulations to Alex & Jeanne Siegel on their 50th Anniversary.

Dorothy Sareigo-In memory of Sam Markowitz.

Mark Sohmer-Speedy recovery to Frances Sklarofsky, congratulations to Cantor & Elaine Lindenblatt and to Suzanne & Boaz Gilad on the birth of Ella Pearl, *yahrzeit* of uncle Ralph Teddy Sohmer, *yiskor* for loved ones, *yahrzeit* for grandmother Rose Dash, congratulations to Jean Moylan on bat mitzvah, get well to Rabbi Alvin Kass and Izzy Ronis, congratulations to Jill Markowitz on her graduation and high school acceptance, in memory of Izzy Ronis, congratulations to Florence & Bill Melnick on the birth of grandson Edward Frank Smith, in memory of grandfather Morris Sohmer, congratulations to Cynthia Groopman on the 3rd anniversary of her bat mitzvah, get well to Judy Markowitz's mother, congratulations to Sally & Edward Costain on the birth of their grandson Gregory Nicholas.

Jean Simon-Yiskor for husband, parents, sisters & brother, in memory of Shirley Fields, congratulations to Jill Markowitz on her graduation, in memory of husband Sam, congratulations to Florence & Bill Melnick on their new grandson.

Herbert Arak-In memory of father Charles.

Geraldine Kusnetz-In memory of husband Milton & father-in-law.

Sydelle Diner-In honor of Meyer Steinberg's 80th Birthday.

Judy & Steve Markowitz-Yiskor for George Markowitz, aliyahs bestowed on the Markowitz family, anniversary of Jill's bat mitzvah, happy birthday to Abraham Amsilay, *yahrzeit* of father George, congratulations to Bill & Florence Melnick on the birth of grandson Edward Frank.

Hilda Ratner-In memory of father Solomon Philip Ratner, congratulations to Florence & Bill Melnick on the birth of grandson Edward Frank.

Barbara Rose-In memory of father David Kusnetz.

Alex & Jeanne Siegel-Happy birthday to sister Ida Odess & to Mike Dreher, congratulations to the Kasses on the birth of their grandchild, get well to Rabbi Alvin Kass, congratulations to Jill Markowitz on her graduation, in memory of Israel Ronis, in memory of Leslie Busch's sister.

Martha Michaels-Yiskor for loved ones, *yahrzeit* of sister Dina Pack, in honor of Cantor

& Elaine Lindenblatt's granddaughter, congratulations to Jean Moylan on her bat mitzvah, in honor of Jill Markowitz's graduation, in honor of Alex & Jeanne Siegel's 50th Anniversary, *yahrzeit* of brother Max Sklarofsky & husband Morris Michaels, speedy recovery to Sue Ann Blas and Rabbi Kass, happy birthday to Abraham Amsilay, congratulations to Ruth Levy on the marriage of her grandson, congratulations to Bill & Florence Melnick on the birth of their new grandson, in honor of Cynthia Groopman's bat mitzvah anniversary.

Shirley Levine & Family-Happy birthday to Mike Dreher.

Ruth Levy-In memory of Max Loeb Levy, in honor of Sydelle Diner's 80th birthday, Alex Siegel's birthday, and her grandson Noah's marriage.

Sylvia Steinberg-Shavout *yiskor* for loved ones.

Gina Horowitz-In memory of mother Myrtle Horowitz.

Norman Kempin-In memory of mother Jennie Kempin.

Robert Nussenblatt-In memory of Simon Nussenblatt & Rose Nussenblatt.

Zelda Hampton-Congratulations to Cantor & Elaine Lindenblatt on the birth of their grandchild and for their many years of service at the Astoria Center of Israel, congratulations to Alex & Jeanne Siegel on their 50th Anniversary, congratulations to Florence & Bill Melnick on their grandson.

Jeanette Albert-In memory of father Aaron Edzant.

Vivian Appleman-In memory of mother & father.

Abraham Amsilay-Mazel tov to Cantor & Elaine Lindenblatt and Suzanne & Boaz Gilad on the birth of Ella Pearl.

Arthur Richman-Yahrzeit for Milton, Clara, & Samuel Richman.

Edward H. Berman-Shavout *yiskor* for family of Nathan & Rose Berman, *yahrzeit* of Sally F. Berman.

Elaine Brichta-Congratulations to Cantor & Elaine Lindenblatt on the birth of granddaughter Ella, in honor of Jean Moylan's bat mitzvah, and of Cynthia Groopman for all her good work, in memory of Izzy Ronis, congratulations to Roberta & Elliot Gemunder on the marriage of daughter Vicki to Rob Tenagel.

Izzy & Rose Seiden-Happy 80th Birthday to Meyer Steinberg.

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Chiprut-Happy 80th Birthday to Meyer Steinberg.

Tom Muscatello-Mazel tov on the wedding of Ruth Levy's grandson Noah Borun, congratulations to Bill & Florence Melnick on the birth of their grandson.

Ellie & Danny Salmon-In honor of Cantor George & Elaine Lindenblatt on their many years with the Astoria Center of Israel.

Funds (cont'd from p. 8)

Juliette Markowitz-Congratulations to Cantor & Elaine Lindenblatt on the birth of granddaughter Ella.

Ruth Blumenthal-Get well to Rabbi Kass, in honor of Cantor George & Elaine Lindenblatt on their many years of service with the Astoria Center of Israel and on their new granddaughter Ella, congratulations to Jill Markowitz on her graduation, to Bill & Florence Melnick on the birth of their grandson, and to Mike Dreher on the marriage of his grandson Rob.

Sonia Eisenberg-In memory of father-in-law Irving Eisenberg.

Philip & Diane Mansdorf-In honor of son Dean's marriage to Solange Kaptó, in memory of Grace Dick.

Doris Kaufman-In memory of mother Lhia Etel.

Al & Sarah Opoliner-Mazel tov to Ruth Levy on the marriage of her grandson Noah.

Sylvia Ostrov Kay-In memory of sister Frieda Ostrov Kay.

Joel & Virginia Michaels-In honor of Cantor George & Elaine Lindenblatt for their many years of devoted service.

Elinor Saler-Congratulations to Cantor & Elaine Lindenblatt on the birth of their granddaughter Ella.

Chava Bat Esha & Richard Steiger-In memory of father Sol Steiger.

Judy, Steve, Jill & Leah Markowitz-Happy birthday to Abraham Amsilay.

Edward Kline-In memory of mother Ida R. Kline.

Fran & David Herschel & Barbara Blacksberg-In memory of mother Josephine Dreher.

Hannah & Bob Bluh-Happy 50th Anniversary to Alex & Jeanne Siegel.

Harold & Beverly Kaye-In memory of Israel Ronis.

Arthur & Paul Meyers-Yahrzeit for mother Sally Meyers.

Claire Arrian-In memory of brother-in-law David Arian & of sister-in-law Ruth Goldberg.

Jerome & Carol Turk-In memory of mother Bertha Senz.

Pauline Valenti-In memory of Israel Ronis.

Josephine & Terry Kramer-In memory of father Morris Kramer.

Sophie Kline-In memory of George W. Kline, in honor of Florence & Bill Melnick's first grandchild.

Rose & Izzy Seiden-Congratulations to Florence & Bill Melnick on their grandchild, in honor of Cynthia Groopman's bat mitzvah anniversary.

Fran & David Hirschel-In honor of Jeanne & Alex Siegel's 50th Anniversary.

Andrea Pack-In memory of mother Dina Pack, and get well wishes to Arnold Pack.

Dr. Alexander & Helga Strasser-In memory of mother Elizabeth Strasser.

Margot Leverett-Special thanks to Tom Muscatello, Egon Brandel, Phylis Hochberg, Sydelle Diner, Martha Michaels, Andrea Pack, Rita Goldberg, & Ruth Levy for supporting the Klezmer Jam.

Phylis Spielberger-Congratulations to Bill & Florence Melnick on the birth of their grandson.

Ina Eisenberg-In memory of husband Isadore.

Gina Horowitz, Mollie Traub, Takako Nakamoto-In memory of our father Sidney Horowitz.

Annabelle Nemser-In memory of sister Selma F. Levine, brother-in-law Meyer Kaufman, nephew Paul Fondiller.

Bea Blas-Congratulations to Bill & Florence Melnick on the birth of their grandson; get well to Burt Stutchin.

Marsha Feinberg-In memory of father Sam Simon.

Juliette Markowitz-In memory of husband George.

Claire Arrian-In memory of mother Pauline Goldberg.

Sandy Roth & Family, Maxine Siegel Solvay-In memory of sister Joyce Siegel Schuster.

The Asner Family (Judy, Steve, Neil & Paul)-In memory of father and grandfather Sam Simon.

Florence & Bill Melnick-In honor of new grandson Edward Frank, with thanks to all those who contributed to A.C.I. in recognition of his birth; in honor of the 3rd anniversary of Cynthia Groopman's bat mitzvah and the strong support of her brother Dr. Jacob Groopman.

CANTOR COHN FUND

Abraham ben Moshe Amsilay-Mazel tov to grandparents Cantor George & Elaine Lindenblatt & parents Boaz & Suzanne Gilad, on the birth of Ella Pearl.

Sydelle Diner-In honor of Ella Pearl Gilad, Jean Mendelson's bar mitzvah, the marriage of Ruth Levy's grandson Noah Borun to Kate Gould, Jill Markowitz's graduation from the Solomon Schechter School, Cynthia Groopman's bat mitzvah anniversary, Abraham Amsilay's birthday, and Dr. Gershon Berkson's receiving a lifetime award from the Inter. Society for Research in Intellectual Disability.

Bea Blas & Family-In honor of Ella Pearl Gilad, Jean Mendelson's bat mitzvah, Jill Markowitz's graduation; get well to Rabbi Kass.

Christopher & Rhoda Friedrichs-Thank you for the generous donation.

A TIMELY REQUEST

Let us respect the sanctity of the Holidays, and of all our services throughout the years, by maintaining proper decorum when entering, in attendance, and exiting from the Sanctuary. An attitude of quiet attentiveness is most supportive of your fellow worshipers, as well as of the rabbi, cantor and others on the bima. We will, thus, all reap the benefits of an atmosphere of meaningful serenity.

The Board and Officers

From the Rabbi's Desk (cont'd from p. 6)

What struck me about him was that just before Rosh Hashanah I would hear strange sounds coming from his room. Through the door, which was left ajar, probably for effect, I could see Mr. Buchman pacing back and forth, the straps of his tefillin and the fringes of his tallis trailing behind him. He truly believed, it seems, that his murmured penitential prayers, uttered for a few hours a year, would cleanse him of his sins.

I was sent off to yeshivah soon afterwards. I learned that Mr. Buchman decided to move to cheaper quarters. I truly hope all of his sins were forgiven.

Rabbi Harold Spivack

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