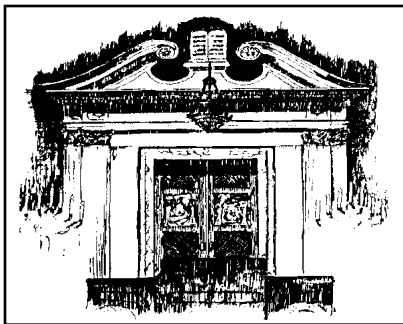


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*Harold Spivack*, Rabbi

*George Lindenblatt*, Cantor

## *The Golden Rule?*

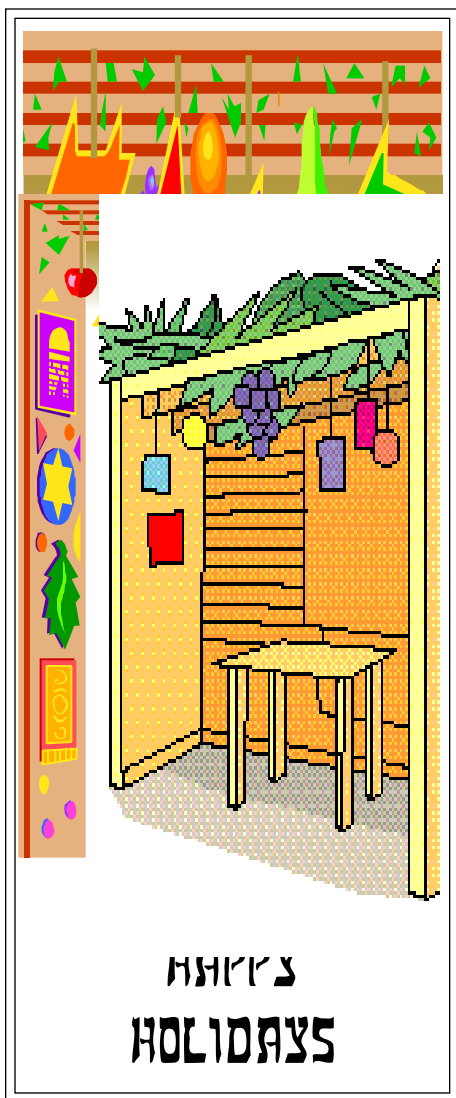
By the time this column reaches its readers there will remain only a few weeks before the presidential election. Without getting into partisan politics and debating the relative merits of the two candidates, I would like to share my experience of attending lectures on the development of the American political system. They were given on the Queen Mary II by Prof. Thomas Ferguson. He is a political historian at Harvard who has applied rigorous statistical analyses to election turnouts since the earliest days of the republic, and has concluded (Is it any surprise?) that elections follow the "golden rule": those that have the gold, rule. He has also arrived at the conclusion that the reason for low voter turnout in recent presidential elections is that vast numbers of Americans believe they have no stake in the elections. They feel manipulated or disenfranchised by tricks that tip the balance in favor of the richest party.

Although it is important to cast our ballots for the candidates we deem the best, what is more important is to become involved in the post-election political process, making our voices heard and letting the elected candidates know how we feel and think about major issues. Once again the key is to become involved in the ongoing democratic process. We must let City Hall, Albany and Washington know that they cannot escape our scrutiny and rest lazily in their cozy offices at leisure. Only when we know that our legislators listen can we have greater faith in the American political system.

*Rabbi Harold Spivack*

## **POEM OF THE MONTH**

Speaking of Election Day,  
why don't you try  
to **PAY YOUR DUES**:  
it's a vote for the A.C.I.



חגים  
HOLIDAYS

**Sukkot & Shabbat**

Schedule of Services

*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

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**Friday, October 1**  
Candles .....6:19 pm

*Sabbath Morning Service  
Shabbat Hol Hamoed Sukkot*

**Saturday, October 2**  
Services .....9:30 am  
Weekly Portion: EXODUS  
Sabbath ends.....7:24 pm

HHH

*Hoshana Rabbah*

**Wednesday, October 6**  
Candles .....6:09 pm

*Shemini Atzeret*

**Thursday, October 7**  
Services .....9:30 am

Yizkor Memorial Services  
11:00 am

*Simchat Torah*

**Thursday, October 7**  
Candles .....7:27 pm

*Hakafot - Processions*

Services .....7:00 pm

**Friday, October 8**  
Services .....9:30 am  
*Bring your children to the Service.  
This is a joyous festival for young and old.*

HHH

**Friday, October 8**  
Candles .....6:08 pm

*Sabbath Morning Service*

**Saturday, October 9**  
Services .....9:30 am  
Weekly Portion: BERESHIT  
Sabbath ends.....7:13 pm

HHH

**Friday, October 15**  
Candles .....5:57 pm

*Sabbath Morning Service*

**Saturday, October 16**  
Services .....9:30 am  
Weekly Portion: NOAH  
Sabbath ends.....7:02 pm

HHH

**Friday, October 22**  
Candles .....5:47 pm

*Sabbath Morning Service*

**Saturday, October 23**  
Services .....9:30 am  
Weekly Portion: LEKH-LEKHA  
Sabbath ends.....6:52 pm

HHH

**Friday, October 29**  
Candles .....5:37 pm

*Sabbath Morning Service*

**Saturday, October 30**  
Services .....9:30 am  
Weekly Portion: VAYERA  
Sabbath ends.....6:42 pm

**Reminder: Turn clocks back 1 hour  
on the night of October 30**

The Center will host the Sabbath  
kiddushim in our Sukkah

**FIRST LATE FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE**

**November 5**

*Make Friday night*                      *Center night!*

*More Holiday Greetings*

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*Tom Muscatello*

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*Andrea Pack*

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*Ruth Schwartz*

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*Alex & Jeanne Siegel*

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*Shirley Sirefman*



**FAMILY NEWS**

**Birth Blvd.**

Mazel tov to Ruth Schwartz on the birth of great-grandson Matthew Aaron. May he be a source of much joy.

**Road to Recovery**

Speedy get-well wishes to Claire Arrian & Charlotte Kramer.

**IN THEIR OWN WORDS**

The chair lift is truly a godsend for the physically challenged who find it difficult to use the steep steps. Now all people can partake of simchas and other meaningful events in our social hall.

*Cynthia Groopman*

**LADIES GUILD**

*Zelda Hampton, President*



The Ladies Guild wishes you a happy and healthy New Year. See you at the next meeting on October 12, at 1:00 pm.

*Zelda*

**A.C.I. SOCIAL CLUB**

*William Melnick, President*

We next meet on Saturday, October 9, at 8:00 pm. Members are asked to bring in an artifact (a handmade item), and discuss its creation and other pertinent information about it. That should make for an interesting evening, so please join us.

*Bill*

*Tear off and mail to:*

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## SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

### Harvest of Events

This summer the Special Events Committee met to plan the fall events. We have already gleaned the successful bounty of the Commemoration Café, held on **September 9**. We thank Art and Teresa Bailey, Martha Michaels, Bea Blas, and Anna Maria & Leslie Borg for their help in making this an extraordinary event. Café dates for **October** are the **12<sup>th</sup>** & **26<sup>th</sup>**, \$5 admission.

Margot Leverett has a busy professional fall schedule and asks that you *check with the office* whether she will be available to conduct the **October 20** Jam Session. She has led these sessions for the past three years with an increasing group of enthusiastic musicians. We hope that this delightful activity will continue.

Is there kosher wine beyond Manischewitz? Find out on **Sunday, October 17** at 3:30, when we will have a Wine & Cheese Party and a tour through our very own vineyard, the murals in the sanctuary. The fee for the afternoon is \$10.

Save the Dates:

**Sunday, November 14 at 3:00**, Annual Concert, featuring the Faculty of the Children's Orchestra Society.

**Sunday, December 5 at 3:00**, Art Exhibit and Auction.

A harvest of ideas for events is measured by the enthusiasm of the consumer. Please give us your thoughts and your participation.

*Sydelle Diner*  
Chairperson

## GET INSPIRED!

Visit our beautiful new website at [www.astoriacenter.org](http://www.astoriacenter.org). It contains (almost) everything you ever wanted to know about the A.C.I. Invite your friends to visit.

### Words from the Wise

A.C.I. has a wonderful, warm congregation. It's small enough so that I feel like it makes a difference if I show up or not—I don't get lost in the crowd. And whatever I bring to it makes an impact.

—Margot Leverett

## OUR CENTER FUNDS

*We are grateful to our friends for their contributions to our...*

### CENTER FUND

Judy, Steve, Jill & Leah Markowitz-In honor of Cynthia Groopman's bat mitzvah anniversary.

Rose Ratnoff-In memory of Eleanor Strauss's mother Lillian.

Ceil Chiprut-In memory of Joseph Bell.

Geraldine Resnick-In memory of brother Sam Goldstein.

Martha Michaels-In honor of the engagement of Mr. & Mrs. John Lurio's son and Mr. & Mrs. Lynne Kauffman's grandson Andrew; thank you to Tom Muscatello for a great sabbath dinner.

Ruth Schwartz-In honor of her new great-grandson Matthew Aaron.

Barbara Halpern-In memory of son Jonathan and parents Sidney & Frances.

Sarah Opoliner-In memory of father Hyman Rubin.

Gladys Jordan-In memory of father Louis H. Leichter.

Andrea Pack-Get well to Sam Goldberg & Robert Stein.

Charlotte Kramer-In memory of husband Morris Kramer.

Phylis Hochberg-Thank you to Tom Muscatello for a great sabbath dinner; happy Birthday to Margot Leverett.

Fay Blank-In memory of brother Sol Bernstein. Rita Goldberg, Lotte Finnochiaro, Zelda Hampton-Thank you to Tom Muscatello for a great sabbath dinner.

Maurine & Jonah Cohen-In honor of Bill & Florence Melnick's new grandson, Alex & Jeanne Siegel's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and Cantor George & Elaine Lindenblatt's new granddaughter.

Alex & Jeanne Siegel-Congratulations to Bill & Florence Melnick, Edward & Sally Constain, and Cantor George & Elaine Lindenblatt on their new grandchildren; congratulations to Cynthia Groopman on her bat mitzvah anniversary and to Ruth Levy on grandson Noah's marriage; good health to Claire Arrian and Charlotte Kramer.

Lisi Schuhmann-In memory of Fred N. Wolff.

Suzanne & Gershon Berkson-In memory of father Israel (Sirque) Raphael.

Steven & Ingrid Phillips-In memory of aunt Lucy Gang.

Edith F. Kaufman-In memory of brother-in-law Lipton B. Nemser, mother Elizabeth Fondiller, husband Meyer Kaufman, nephew Paul Fondiller, & sister Selma F. Levine.

Paul & Arthur Meyers-In memory of mother & father Sally & Maurice Meyers.

Rona F. Simon-In memory of father Emanuel Friedlander.

Mark Sohmer-Happy 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary to Alex & Jeanne Siegel; happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday to Sydelle Diner.

Murray & Carmela Lambert-In honor of Bill & Florence Melnick's new grandson.

Mildred Rubin-In memory of Hyman Rubin.

### CANTOR COHN FUND

Sue Ann Vajda Blas-In memory of mother Shirley Vajda.



## 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.*

### Oct. Tishri

1	16	Dr. Samuel Streim			Jacob Ilowitz
		Viola Holzman	18	3	Leonard M. Eisenberg
2	17	Nathan Levine			George Harris Weitzman
3	18	Charles Hilfreich	19	4	Murray Schwartz
		Ilse Illa Cohn			Lillian Meyer
5	20	Lena Stein			Harry Cohen
		Sylvia Peters	20	5	Rose Sommers
6	21	Esther Aberman			Tema Leah Jacobs
7	22	Florence P. Just			Josephine Norden
		Freda Rothfeld	21	6	Mary Streim
8	23	Anna Blumenthal			Florence Bauman
		Matilda Rabinowitz			Roscoe Bronstein
		Harry G. Muney			Ida Katz
		Daniel M. Horowitz	22	7	Walter Bersinger
9	24	Anna Fassler			Jeshua Melman
		Max Diller			Amy Geisler
10	25	David Lehrman	23	8	Sylvia Br ody
		Edith Berkowitz			Joseph Steinhardt
		Max Hampton			Doris Bronstein
11	26	Joseph Nadel	24	9	Jacob Bronstein
		Minnie Reicher			Sadie Sklarofsky
12	27	Bella Steinedr			Sam Wigod
		Helen Moss	25	10	Max Berkowitz
13	28	Rebecca Kalender			Isador Cohn
		Rosie Weisberg	26	11	Jennie Leinwol
14	29	Sarah Cohen			Jennie Braunschweig
		Sophie Hammer	27	12	Rosalie K. Kirshen
		Ruth Markowitz			Abraham Mishler
15	30	Theodore Rosen			Minnie Weisberg
					Bedssie Zipes
					Alexander Lindey
					Isaac Roth
					Herta Pressler
					Eddith Groopman
16	1	Joseph Sipes	28	13	Sarafh Schwelson
		Ely Kadetz	29	14	Rose Kaplan
		Rae Friedlander	31	16	Louis Arak
17	2	Fannie Friedman			
		Pesse Gillert			
		Martha Rottenberg			
		Ida Schwartz			

*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 preceding page.

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YOUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES  
WITH A MEMORIAL PLAQUE  
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Mrs. Sydelle Diner, in memory of her beloved Dr. Harold Diner, Dr. David & Birdie Eisenberg, Harry & Jennie Diner, Murray & Jack Diner, Dr. Sanford Eisenberg.

#### YOM KIPPUR

The Ladies Guild.

#### SIMCHAT TORAH

Mrs. Martha Michaels and Family, in memory of her beloved parents Lena and Harry Sklarofsky, her husband Morris Michaels, his parents Jacob and Ida Michaels, her sister and brother-in-law Dina and Harry Pack, and her brother Max Sklarofsky.

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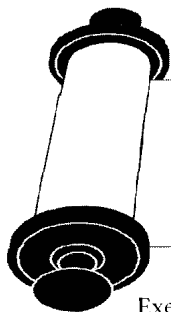
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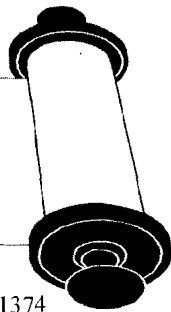
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