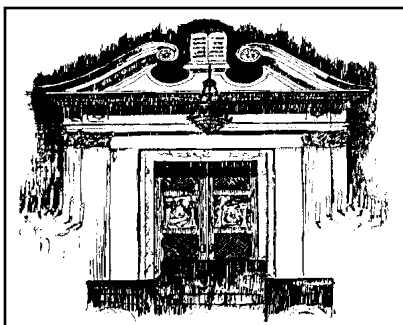


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Harold Spivack, Rabbi

George Lindenblatt, Cantor

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK



Whoever is elected President of the United States on November 2 will have the awesome responsibility of using America's power to maintain some kind of stability in the world. My conviction is that we do not so much need democracy in the world patterned after the sort of society that we in the U.S. call democracy, but rather a respect for the humanity in the world's societies that will enable us to live together in mutual trust. Now that we have opened the Pandora's box of the threat of nuclear annihilation, there is more at stake in our ability to maintain peace than in the days when we merely hacked each other to death one-on-one. Nevertheless, we know that even with more primitive weapons we destroyed each other en masse. For example the Mongols—the golden horde—swept across Asia slaughtering tens of thousands showing no mercy.

We also owe future generations a world in which nature has not been despoiled beyond redemption. There is a rabbinic story relating that a boat carrying people was fording a river when suddenly one of the passengers began to bore a hole in the bottom of the vessel. Another passenger began to admonish the foolish driller that if he continued, the boat would sink, but the man with the auger protested that after all he was only drilling a hole under his own seat. Sadly, the boat we call earth is being drilled, chopped, blasted, burned and pummeled for short-term profit with not enough regard for long-term stewardship of our finite wealth.

In another vein, I will be offering a course for prospective converts on Shabbat afternoons beginning in January. For November I would like to offer a four-session course after Shabbat morning services dealing with *Key Characters in Modern American-Jewish Literature*. The writers I will be discussing and reading from are Henry Roth, Philip Roth, Bernard Malamud, Chaim Potok, Saul Bellow, and possibly others. I hope that many of you can stay and enjoy.

Rabbi Harold Spivack



Late Friday Night Services

begin on November 5...

Join us!

MAKE FRIDAY NIGHT
CENTER NIGHT
WORSHIP WITH YOUR FAMILY



Schedule of Services

First Friday Night Service

Friday, November 5

Candles4:29 pm
Services8:00 pm
*Pre-Service Refreshments hosted by
Tom Muscatello at 7:00 pm*

Sabbath Morning Service

Saturday, November 6

Services9:30 am
Weekly Portion: CHAYE SARAH
Sabbath ends.....5:34 pm

HHH

Friday Night Service

Friday, November 12

Candles4:22 pm
Chavurah Service8:00 pm
*A Potluck Dinner starts at 6:45 pm
in our social hall*

Sabbath Morning Service

Saturday, November 13

Services9:30 am
Weekly Portion: TOLEDOT
Sabbath ends.....5:27 pm

HHH

Friday Night Service

Friday, November 19

Candles4:16 pm
Services8:00 pm
*Jewish War Veterans Sabbath
Roberta Saltzman will speak at the oneg*

Sabbath Morning Service

Saturday, November 20

Services9:30 am
Weekly Portion: VAYETZE
Sabbath ends.....5:21 pm

HHH

Friday Night Service

Friday, November 26

Candles4:12 pm
Services8:00 pm

Sabbath Morning Service

Saturday, November 27

Services9:30 am
Weekly Portion: VAYISLACH
Sabbath ends.....5:17 pm

**SPECIAL EVENINGS
IN NOVEMBER**



Friday, Nov. 5:

First Friday Night Service

We again come together to welcome the Sabbath at Friday services, beginning at 8:00 pm. As a special season-opener treat, our legendary president Tom Muscatello will host a social hour at 7:00 pm featuring haimische highlights such as cholent & kugel catered by Aaron's Gourmet of Rego Park. Feed your body & spirit at the ACI!

Tuesday, Nov. 9:

Café with Orkestra Popular



Art Bailey & Friends provide the music & refreshments, at 7:30 pm on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month. Don't miss a beat—join us. \$5 admission.

Fri., Nov. 12: Chavurah & Potluck

The Potluck strikes again, courtesy of each of you who supplies a dairy/pareve creation for a diversified dining delight, starting at 6:45 pm. The Chavurah service follows at 8:00 pm—all in our social hall.

Wednesday, Nov. 17: Klezmer Jam

It's toe-tapping time at 7:30 pm, when Margot Leverett & Pals bring their ever-popular jam session to the Center. Scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of the month.



Friday, Nov. 19: JWV Sabbath & Isaac Bashevis Singer Centennial Talk



It's our annual Jewish War Veterans Sabbath, orchestrated by our own JWV guru Bill Melnick. We sincerely thank the JWV, L.I.C. Post 110, for their generous support of and participation in our Center. They will host the oneg. As an added attraction, to mark Jewish Book Month as well as the centennial of the birth of I.B. Singer, member Roberta Saltzman will speak at the oneg. Roberta, Assistant to the Chief Librarian of NY Public Library's Jewish Division, is a noted Singer researcher and scholar. Don't miss this unique evening.

Tuesday, Nov. 23:

Art Bailey's Café, again



Another chance to join members and friends alike, who have been coming from near and far to partake in the melodic doings. Starts at 7:30 pm. \$5 admission.

POEM OF THE MONTH

In this season of Thanksgiving
we thank each of you
for being aware that
YOUR DUES ARE DUE.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

We regret to report that the Children's Orchestra Concert, scheduled for November 14, has been cancelled, due to unforeseen circumstances. We thank the Orchestra and look forward to working with them in the future.

ADULT EDUCATION



November: *Key Characters in Modern American-Jewish Literature.* Come revisit your favorites, and meet some new ones; see Rabbi's column, p. 1, for details. Saturdays, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, immediately following services. An enlightening tribute to Jewish Bok Month.

January: Looking ahead, the Rabbi offers a course for prospective converts on Shabbat afternoons. Spread the word.

More Holiday Greetings

Ruth Blumenthal

BREAK-FAST BOUQUETS



We thank the organizers, preparers, and contributors for another lovely Yom Kippur break-fast repast—namely Abraham Marcus, Eve Lindenblatt, Anna Maria Borg, Ruth Blumenthal, Veronique Marcus, Chloe Marcus. The ambiance and food were most appreciated by all present.

LADIES GUILD

Zelda Hampton, President



Join us at our next meeting, on Tuesday, November 9, at 1:00 pm.

Zelda

HAVE YOU NOTICED...

Check out the table set up in our entry foyer, for attractive flyers on the latest doings at the ACI. We thank Teresa Bailey for her time and creativity, in providing this wonderful public relations service for members and guests alike.

Words from the Wise

The generous man will be enriched;
And he who waters
will himself be watered.

—Book of Proverbs

Report from...

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Special Events and Aging

We are aware that with aging, repairs to the body need to be made. Thus it is with our 80-year-old building. Some of the repairs must be done on an emergency basis and others can be put off, but not for too long. We need a ramp on our outside stairs to carry through with making our building accessible for people with disabilities. The men's and women's restrooms need to be redone; and the social hall is badly in need of renovation. These are not just cosmetic repairs. How can we accomplish these goals? That is where the special events come to the rescue. The Committee plans the events and your attendance helps to repair the problems. **YOUR ARRIVAL IS OUR SURVIVAL.**

This fall we continue to have Art Bailey and the *Orkestra Popular* on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Margot Leverett will hold her *Jam Session* on the 3rd Wednesday. See page 2 for specific dates and times.

We'll report the results of the Sanctuary Tour and Wine & Cheese Party, held on October 17, in the December Bulletin. However, we do want to thank Andrea Pack & Phylis Hochberg for chairing and planning this event; Teresa Bailey for designing the beautiful postcard used for advertising; and Rabbi Spivack for leading the informative tour describing the symbolism of our prized artwork. We acknowledge Dominick's Wine and Spirits store for contributing the wine, and Estie Wartenberg for starting us on the road to being wine connoisseurs.

In December we will have an *Art Exhibit and Silent Auction*. We are interested in artistic endeavors of Center members and their family. If you paint, sculpt, draw, take photographs, or work in another medium that you would like to exhibit or sell, please call the office (278-2680) and a member of the committee will get back to you. We would be happy to also consider any high-quality antiques or collectibles that you wish to donate. With the active participation of each of you, we can showcase our multi-talented Center family and at the same time raise much-needed funds.

A.C.I. SOCIAL CLUB*William Melnick, President*

We next meet on Saturday, November 13, at 8:00 pm. Since this year is an important political one, our topic is *The Presidential Election—An Analysis and Its Meaning*. Your opinion counts, so don't miss the chance to provide your input.

As usual, a delightful collation will be served.

*Bill***FAMILY NEWS****Bat Blvd.**

Mazel tov to Allison Nunes on her bat mitzvah on Oct. 30. We thank Allison & husband James for hosting the kiddush in honor of the occasion.

Simcha Street

Mazel tov to Diane & Philip Mansdorf on the marriage of son Louis to Lisa Pollack.

Thank You from

Jeanne & Alex Siegel, for all the good wishes and donations on their 50th Anniversary.

OUR CENTER FUNDS

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

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Beryl Rosendorf-In memory of grandfather Harry Miller.

Zelda Hampton-In memory of mother Jennie Jackson and of Jack Steinglass; yahrzeit of father-in-law Max Hampton.

Elaine Brichta-In honor of Bill & Florence Melnick's grandson and Jeanne & Alex Siegel's 50th Anniversary; get well to Claire Arrian & to Charlotte Kramer.

Abraham Amsilay-In memory of friend Dorothy Dora Kerman Zal.

Stanley Back-In memory of mother Mary Back.

Eugene Streim-In memory of Dr. Samuel Streim.

Martha Michaels-Thank you to Tom Muscatello for the Sabbath dinner, and in memory of Tom's great aunt Ersilia.

Arthur & Teresa Bailey-Yiskor for Spartaco Miele & Janice Cooke.

Rose & Izzy Seiden-Yahrzeit of mother Rachel Jaffe.

Ann Marrero-Yiskor for parents Peter & Nettie Michaels, grandparents Benjamin & Rebecca Markowitz, daughter Rebecca Marrero Ortiz.

Murray & Betty Rosenbaum-In memory of parents and sister William & Pauline Kristein, Eli

Rosenbaum, Jean Rosenbaum Siegal, Marsha Spector.

Allison & James Nunes-Thank you for being honored as members of ACI & opening the ark.

Jean Simon-Yiskor for husband Sam, parents, sisters & brother.

Diane & Philip Mansdorf-In honor of son Louis' marriage to Lisa Pollack.

Ruth Levy-Yiskor donation.

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Edith Kaufman-In memory of father Louis Fondiller and brothers Myron, George, Julian.

Shirley, Helaine & Michelle Levine-Speedy get well to Claire Arrian.

Ruth Blumenthal-In memory of Tom Muscatello's great aunt Ersilia.

Abraham Ben Moshe Amsilay-To thank Rabbi and Cantor for his Simchat Torah honor; in memory of Tom Muscatello's great aunt Ersilia.

Beryl Rosendorf-Yahrzeit of mother Gussie Kamlet and of father Joseph Kamlet.

Beverly & Harold Kaye-Yahrzeit for all loved ones.

Margot Leverett-To thank Abe Marcus & family and Sydelle Diner for their holiday hospitality.

Florence & Bill Melnick-Congratulations to Allison Nunes on her Bat Mitzvah.

Long Island City Post 110, Jewish War Veterans-Donation.

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Abraham Ben Moshe Amsilay-Happy 80th Birthday to Meyer Steinberg.

Sydelle Diner-In memory of Clara Zahn, mother of Sharon Raphael.

Bea Blas & Family-Thanks to Tom Muscatello for a meaningful Sabbath dinner; in memory of Tom Muscatello's great aunt Ersilia; speedy recovery to Claire Arrian & Charlotte Kramer.

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Sydelle Diner-In memory of Tom Muscatello's great aunt Ersilia.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY FUND

Andrea Pack-In memory of Tom Muscatello's great aunt Ersilia and of Mindy Reich Shapiro's mother.



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.

Nov. Cheshvan

1	17	Ray P. Gold			Rubin Sohmer
2	18	Dorothy Kirshen	19	6	Herta Mendelson
3	19	George Fondiller			Harry Fassler
4	20	Samuel Barrel	20	7	Fannie Cooper
		Sarah Epstein			Rose Borscher
		Minnie Gunsburger			Frances Altman
		Rivka Karr			Jack Carrier
		Harry Rubinstein	21	8	Paul Leichter
5	21	Caroline Weinstein			Dr. Barnet Ash
6	22	Myron Fondiller			Milton L. Gunsberg
		Sadye Barrel			Sylvia Melman
7	23	Vitta Hennelis	22	9	Silvia Goldenthal
8	24	Louis Sklarofsky			George Kupersmidt
9	25	Ignatz Streim			Bernard Susser
		Louis Rosenblum			Phillip S. Pett
10	26	Morris Hofstadter			Elizabeth Braun
		Barnet Kaplan			Bernice Wohl
		Lotte Winkler	23	10	Morris Gunsberg
		Lou Moss	24	11	Dr. Guenther Winkler
		Max Finkelstein			Benjamin Wax
		Gussie Kamlet			Lillie Levey Hogan
11	27	Mollie Rosenzweig	25	12	Samuel Hyams
		Gertrude Miller			Jennie Ross
13	29	Fannie Kuhl			Gabriel Telem
		Michael Sohmer			Anna G. Rosenblum
					Murray Arrian
					BeBe Aron Kline
14	1	Robert Stern	27	14	Max Brecher
		S. Jacob Newman			Bernard D. Klein
		Hanna Cohn			Leo Oppsteiner
15	2	Lena Friedman			Dinah Cohen
		Israel Halpern	28	15	Isadore Block
16	3	Jacob Dall			Julian Walter Fondiller
		Rebecca Hyams			Sarah Leah Shraberg
		Mollie Singerkahn			Dr. William Telsey
17	4	Herman Rosenfeld			Hyman Hoffman
		Peter Michaels	30	17	Joseph Hauptman
18	5	William Kolker			

*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.

**PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF
YOUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES
WITH A MEMORIAL PLAQUE
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THANK YOU



We are grateful to everyone whose special efforts enhanced the entire cycle of High Holy day observance—including Selichot, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, & Simchat Torah. The A.C.I. has again proven itself a congregation of beautiful people.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

How spiritually enriched and fulfilled I was during the wonderful High Holiday services! The choir and the Cantor's golden voices were beautiful and enhanced the service so very much. The Rabbi's sermons were so inspiring and motivated me to reflect and to ponder. I was delighted to have been able to read one of the beautiful selections, chosen by Sydelle, that added splendor to the services. Mark and all of the people who worked so diligently and gave their all to making the services run smoothly are truly assets to our congregation, and I appreciate them deeply. After completing four years of active membership and participation in ACI, I must say that this was the best High Holiday service ever. ACI has changed my life profoundly and I am thankful to be part of this wonderful congregational family. May all of us celebrate every joyous occasion together for many years in our hallowed sanctuary.

Cynthia Groopman

As you celebrate Thanksgiving, consider sharing your bounty with the less fortunate. City Harvest (917-351-8700) will pick up leftover food and deliver it to the hungry. Happy Thanksgiving!

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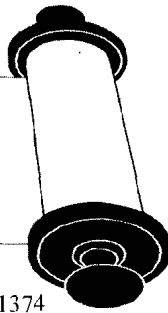


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