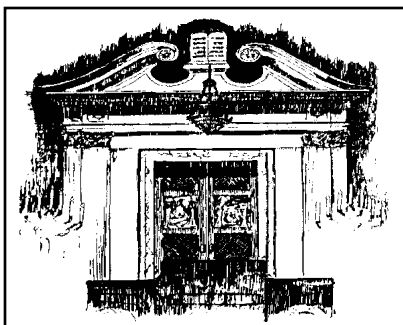


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Candle Lightings: 8:05, 8:09, 8:12, 8:13

12 Sivan 5764

Harold Spivack, Rabbi

George Lindenblatt, Cantor

You are cordially invited to the

Annual Testimonial Service

of the

ASTORIA CENTER OF ISRAEL

honoring

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and

Elaine Lindenblatt

WITH

RABBI HAROLD SPIVACK

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Friday, June 18, 2004 • 8:00 p.m.

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Schedule of Services

MAKE FRIDAY NIGHT CENTER NIGHT
WORSHIP WITH YOUR FAMILY



Friday Night Service

Friday, June 4

Candles8:05 pm
Services8:00 pm

Sabbath Morning Service

Saturday, June 5

Services9:30 am
Weekly Portion: BEHA'ALOTEKHA
Sabbath ends.....9:10 pm

HHH

Friday Night Service

Friday, June 11

Candles8:09 pm
Chavurah Service8:00 pm
A Potluck Dinner starts at 6:45 pm

Sabbath Morning Service

Saturday, June 12

Services9:30 am
Bat Mitzvah of Jean Mendelson-Moylan
Weekly Portion: SHELAH
Valerie Mendelson-Moylan will host the kiddush.
Sabbath ends.....9:14 pm

HHH

The Center will host the onegei shabbat & kiddushim unless otherwise noted.

HHH

Friday Night Service

Friday, June 18

Candles8:12 pm

ANNUAL JOURNAL SERVICE
8:00 pm
See page 1

Sabbath Morning Service

Saturday, June 19

Rosh Hodesh Tammuz

Services9:30 am
Weekly Portion: KORAH
Sabbath ends.....9:17 pm

HHH

Final Friday Night Service

Friday, June 25

Candles8:13 pm

Sabbath Morning Service

Saturday, June 26

Services9:30 am
Weekly Portion: HUKKAT
Sabbath ends.....9:18 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS IN JUNE...AND BEYOND

Opening Tuesday, June 8

A.C.I. Café

The Café will feature accordionist Art Bailey & other professional musicians, on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month running through the end of August. \$5 cover fee; refreshments will be sold.



Wednesdays, June 9, July 7, & August 4, 7:30 pm

Summer Klezmer Jams

The temperature goes up, but we're still making cool music with our resident virtuoso Margot Leverett & pals. An engaging corps of musicians ensures you'll have a grand evening.



Friday, June 11

Potluck/Chavurah

Be on hand at 6:45 pm in our social hall, for a final festive potluck dinner supplied by you—and then our Chavurah service at 8:00 pm led by the Rabbi.



Sunday, August 1, 1:30 pm Picnic & Square Dance

Right here in our social hall, with the acclaimed caller Ginny Remske. This promises to be a fun-filled family event. Help spread the word: call the Center office (718-278-2680) with any additional names to receive a mail reminder, which will go out soon. Tickets: members \$18, non-members \$20, children under 12 \$5. Reservations deadline: Wednesday, July 21.



FROM THE RABBI'S DESK



Moses: A Leader for the Ages

In this season when we contemplate the experience of the people of Israel at Sinai, I often wonder why Moses was chosen to be the intermediary between the Eternal and the Jews. Tradition gives many reasons.

1. He was a faithful shepherd. The rabbis tell us that when even one of his lambs went astray he would spare no effort to bring the little animal back to the herd so that it should not fall prey to predators.

2. He was compassionate. When he saw an Egyptian taskmaster beating an Israelite slave mercilessly, he slew the murderous slavedriver to save the Israelite's life. Thus he showed that his Jewish heart had awakened from the slumber that was the result of being raised in Pharaoh's palaces.

3. He had a passion for justice and fairness. Moses pleaded with the Eternal, as did Abraham, to save the people from divine wrath after their disobedience. He was passionate enough for justice to take even the Eternal to task when the Ribono shel Olam threatened to destroy all the people for the sins of only some of the Israelites.

4. Moses was not arrogant. He is described as the most humble of men, but his humility did not stop him from being strong in the face of opposition and personal dangers.

5. He was a lawgiver. Moses seemed to be supremely interested in the administration of justice among an unruly multitude of ex-slaves.

These were the traits that distinguished Moses from the rest. In this election year, might we use these criteria to enlighten our choices for our own leaders?

Rabbi Harold Spivack

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN



It's short but sincere: a peaceful and happy summer to all.

Abraham "Tom" Muscatello

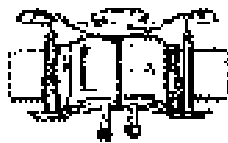


...to our Journal 2004 solicitors and contributors. We thank you for a most successful campaign.

In Memoriam

We mourn the passing of our associate member
DR. DAVID EISENBERG

son of the late
Irving Eisenberg, A.C.I. President,
& Esther Eisenberg
Heartfelt condolences to
his wife Sonia, children Sandra & Paul,
and the entire family.



May his memory be for a blessing.

CENTER FUND

Joel & Virginia Michaels-For opening the Ark on

March 20 on yahrzeit of Nettie Michaels.

Andrea Pack-Get well to William Dirr.

Alex & Jeanne Siegel-In memory of Sally Scotch;

happy birthday to Sydelle Diner.

Mark Sohmer-Yahrzeit of grandmother Ethel Sohmer & mother Sarah Sohmer, yiskor for loved ones; in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Jonah Cohen's grandson's bar mitzvah; get well to Florence Melnick and Sue Ann Blas, in memory of Dr. David Eisenberg.

Lotte Finnochiaro-In memory of husband Jerry; get well to Zohar Brandesdorfer.

Martha Michaels-Passover yiskor for loved ones; happy birthday to Sydelle Diner and Alex Siegel; get well to Bea Blas; in honor of bar mitzvah of Mr. & Mrs. Jonah Cohen's grandson and Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Cohen's son.

Kenneth Post-In memory of mother Lisdotte Post.

Edward Bard-In memory of parents Rose & Julius Bard.

Emil Pomerantz-In memory of mother Elizabeth Pomerantz.

Mike Dreher-In memory of Sally Scotch; good health to George Scotch, Margit Cohn, Lenny & Doty Cohen.

Maurine & Jonah Cohen-In honor of Alex Siegel's birthday & uncle Sam Reisfield's 96th birthday.

Marcia Kammerman-Yahrzeit of father Bernard Steinberg.

Rita Kunofsky-In memory of Sylvia Robbins.

Jerome Moss-In memory of Hilda Ross.

Ann Marrero-Yahrzeit of grandmother Rebecca Markowitz.

Rita Goldberg-Happy birthday to Sydelle Diner.

Michael Braum-In memory of father Al Braum.

Ruth Blumenthal-Misha Berach said for niece Jayne Shapiro Dales.

Sylvia Ostrov Kay-In memory of husband Howard Kay.

Arthur & Paul Meyers-Shavuot yiskor for parents Sally & Maurice Meyers.

Shirley Sirefman-Yiskor for husband David, mother Lena Kushinoff, and father Barnett Kushinoff.

Funds (cont'd on back page)



Dahzeit 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.*

June	Sivan	July					
1	12	1	12	Aryen Karr		Isidor Weiner	
				Arthur W. Thompson		Bella Goldstein	
		2	13	Anna Epstein	2	15	Joseph Block
				Ethel D. Klein			Joseph Bernstein
		3	14	Chaav S. Bronstein	3	16	Lena C. Neiderman
2	13			Rabbi Franklin Cohn			Morris J. Newman
				William Goodman			Esther Shapiro
		4	15	Fannie Frankel			Henrietta Feldman
				David Breitzer			Joyce Schuster
3	14			Irving S. Eisenberg			George Markowitz
				Josephine Dreher	4	17	Dora Twersky
4	15			Samuel Hennesis			Dorothy Wachs
		5	16	David Rice			Susan Brecher
				Fried Ostrow Kline	5	18	Ida Hirshfield
		6	17	Morris Wax			Mary Baer
		7	18	Sol Steiger			Rose Dall
5	16			Ida E. Kline			Evelyn Dall
				Marie Moss	6	19	George Felkin
6	17			Morris Friedman			Julius Finkelstein
		9	20	Lillian Golden			Solomon Jacobs
				Herman Hauptman	7	20	Minnie Simpson
		10	21	Celia Smith			Joseph Richter
				Dr. Jack Arak	8	21	Mollie Bleich
8	19			Anne Arak			Morris Sohmer
				Ida Schumacher			Leah Baron
		11	22	Joseph Pritz	9	22	Max Sklarofsky
9	20	12	23	David Arian			Dr. Philip Schoenfeld
				Joseph Greenberg			Dr. Milton Wigod
10	21			Sigmund Stern	10	23	Mary Back
				Paul G. Gang			Samuel Arian
		13	24	Evelyn Hecht			Bertha Gross
				Rose Horowitz			Ethel Gross
11	22			Lottie De			Rudolph Meyer
		14	25	Lizzie Gorkin	12	25	Rosa Le Bo
				Ida Wigod			Julius Dall
		15	26	Abe Benalt	13	26	Albert ross
12	23			Sarah Steiger			Morris Weiss
13	24			William Crell			Abraham Jacovsky
		16	27	Nettie Goldberg	14	27	Jacob Gunsburger
				Gisella Katz			Sophie Klein
14	25			Sidney Horowitz			Mary Pollack
		17	28	Celia Blumberg			Mollie Young
		18	29	Max Rosenthal			Samuel Rosenblum
15	26			Anna Marks			Harry Mille
16	27			Elsie Pinkus	15	28	Peretz Goodman
							Richard Satin
		19	<u>Av</u>	Anne Smith			Sarah Kupfer
			1	Sigmund Witzling			Pauline Goldberg
17	28			Rose Breitstein	16	29	Solomon Baer
		20	2	Gertrude Benumof			David Shaffer
18	29	21	3	Sopfie Hilfreich			Eva Brecher
				Elka Schwartz	17	30	David Tpelowitz
				Anna Wortman		<u>Elul</u>	David Blumenfeld
				Morris Kramer		1	Rebecca Holland
		22	4	Alfred Lustig	18		Flora Schwartz
19	30			Itzic Rosenzweig			Celia Herr
				Jennie Asofsky			Meyer Kaufman
				Ruth Goldberg			Shirley Wigod
20	<u>Tammuz</u>	23	5	Oscar Levin	19	2	Huld Cohen
	1			Bertha Senz			Abraham Groopman
		24	6	Joseph Zwicker			Max Bleich
				Hilda Freedman			Nat Reich
21	2			Issy Janofsky	20	3	Irving Gromet
22	3			Morris Braunschweig			Yanka Wohl
		25	7	Hannah Erbstein	21	4	Meyer Weisberg
				Herman Lehner			Dr. Harold Diner
23	4			Audree Eisenberg	23	6	Helen Altman
24	5			Selam F. Levine			Morris Michaels
		26	8	Samuel Okoskin	24	7	Louis Cohen
				Fannie Wigod			Philip Levy
25	6			Regian Grenbrg			Jerome Leichter
		27	9	Israel Kuhl			Molly Brecher
				Harry idel	25	8	Albert Green
				Elizabeth Strasser			Dr. Isaac Dall
				Dr. Maurice Marcus			Albert Glickman
26	7			Louis Himoff	26	9	Isidor Cooper
		28	10	Diana Sarnoff			Ilka Diamond
				Israel Raphael			Florence Smith
				Josephine Fried			George Kupfer
27	8			Harry Sanford			William Hirshfield
		29	11	Julius Gastwirth			Dr. George Miller
				Herman Greenwald	27	10	Joseph Brecher
		30	12	Dr. Harry Bogart	28	11	Rose Himoff
		31	13	Benjamin Amster			Max Winkler
28	9			Hyman Baer			Meyer S. Hirshfield
29	10			Grace Blumenthal	29	12	Fannie Birnbaum
		<u>Aug.</u>			30	13	Eugenia Frankel
		1			31	14	Miriam Toplowitz
30	11		14	Morris Bolitzer			Marilyn Turk
				Fannie Cohen			Harry Diner

FAMILY NEWS

An Invitation

Cynthia Groopman will be celebrating the third anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah at Sabbath services on Saturday, August 7. She will read from the Haftorah and give the sermon. Please join us for this happy occasion. Cynthia and her brother Jacob will host the kiddush.

Simcha Street

Mazel tov to Suzanne & Boaz Gilad on the birth of Noa's sister Ella Pearl, granddaughter of Cantor George & Elaine Lindenblatt, Nomi Gilad, & Shmulik Gilad. May she be a source of great joy.

Bat Blvd.

Mazel tov to Valerie Mendelson-Moylan on daughter Jean's forthcoming Bat Mitzvah. We thank Valerie for hosting the June 12 kiddush in honor of the occasion.

Laurels Lane

Congrats to Jessica Borg, daughter of our custodians Anna Maria & Leslie Borg and sister of Lesley Ann, on her First Communion. We thank the Borgs for hosting the May 15th kiddush in honor of the occasion.

Achievement Alley

In the news again is our resident superachiever Cynthia Groopman, selected by *Newsday*, Adelphi University, & a committee of prominent people representing all facets of life, as an Everyday Hero. Based on her dedicated volunteer community service, Cynthia will attend a ceremony at Adelphi in November honoring all the chosen heroes. She will also be featured in a page-long article, with photo, in a June issue of *Newsday*—watch for it. Kudos, Cynthia!

A.C.I. SOCIAL CLUB

William Melnick, President

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 12, at 8:00 pm. The evening's program is "Reminiscences of Dad," in commemoration of Father's Day. In essence, we'll recall the fun times with our dads, in our early years.

We will also vote on the slate of officers for 2004-2005. As usual, a delightful collation will be served. See you then.

Bill

LADIES GUILD

Zelda Hampton, President



Wishing everyone a healthy and happy summer. See you in September, with fresh ideas for fundraising from all.

Zelda

FROM THE EDITOR



Another year has flown, and now the Astoria Center is a hale and hearty 78, looking back on its proud history and bursting with all sorts of plans for the future. Thank you all for helping us to reach out through the Bulletin. For their special efforts each month, I am grateful to Ruth Blumenthal, Sydelle Diner, Cynthia Groopman, Zelda Hampton, Bill Melnick, Tom Muscatello, Andrea Pack, Jeanne & Alex Siegel, and Mark Sohmer. Special thanks to Rabbi Spivack, office secretary Joyce Kerrigan, custodians Anna Maria & Leslie Borg, and Irene Stundel of Flare Printers.

Deadline for the September issue: Wednesday, August 11. WE NEED ADS: our back page gives great publicity at low rates. Please place or get an ad!

Till the fall, may good news be yours.

Elaine

For Your Immediate Attention

See pp. 6-7 for reservation forms for:

- High Holy Day Tickets**
- New Year's Greetings**
- Kol Nidre Appeal**
- Book of Remembrance**

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

I must pay tribute to this year's honorees, namely Cantor George and editor Elaine. George, with his golden voice and unique style, has enriched our lives through the sound of music for the last 33 years. He has been caring, kind, and a true mensch. Elaine has a golden pen and has been our eyes and ears in providing us with wonderful Bulletins. May our Cantor and our editor continue to provide our synagogue with the joy of friendship, and may success and blessings be bestowed upon them and their family.

Cynthia Groopman

SUMMER CANDLE LIGHTING

Light Candles Sabbath Ends



July		
2	8:13 pm	9:18 pm
9	8:10 pm	9:15 pm
16	8:07 pm	9:12 pm
23	8:01 pm	9:06 pm
30	7:53 pm	8:58 pm
Aug		
6	7:47 pm	8:52 pm
13	7:30 pm	8:43 pm
20	7:28 pm	8:33 pm
27	7:17 pm	8:22 pm

POEM OF THE MONTH

By the month of June
we're nearly out of rhyme.
If you'd **PAY YOUR DUES**
it would be sublime!

Funds (cont'd from p. 3)

Claire Arrian-In memory of brother-in-law Sylvan Greenberger, nephew Harold Greenberg, & mother May Edzant.

Ena Fassler-In memory of husband Arthur. Beryl Rosendorf-Yiskor for parents Gussie & Joseph Kamlet.

Beverly & Harold Kaye-Speedy recovery to brother-in-law David Targove.

Regina E. Hazen, Jonathan & Seth Rosen-In memory of father & grandfather Sylvan Greenberger. Jerry Reicher-Yahrzeit of father Sol Reicher.

CANTOR COHN FUND

Cantor George & Elaine Lindenblatt-In memory of Sally Scotch & Dr. David Eisenberg.

LADIES GUILD FUND

Martha Michaels-In memory of Sally Scotch.

Words from the Wise

Be master of your will, and a servant to your conscience.

—Hasidic saying

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In order to retain the well-being of our Sabbath morning services during the summer, we need your presence. Make every effort to enable us to have the required minyan—and beyond. This is especially important with so many congregants away on vacation.

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