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FROM THE DESK OF RABBI PEARL

November is a favorite month for anyone in a government job. No less than three paid holidays: Election Day, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving, make it an easy work month. I'd like to focus on the concept that Thanksgiving Day brings to us, the concept of giving thanks.

No need to repeat the story of the Pilgrims; we all know it from childhood. But the concept of thankfulness, of gratitude for G-d's gifts, is one that predates the Pilgrims and their landing on Plymouth Rock, and bears repeating. It is very much a Jewish concept. It is incumbent upon a Jew, prescribed in Jewish law, to utter 100 blessings every day. It is by blessing G-d that we begin and end every day. It is by having blessings on every act of eating and drinking, on the bodily functions, on the viewing of the acts of nature, on reaching goals and milestones in our lives, that we reinforce our constant thankfulness.

I know of a Rabbi in Brooklyn who has made it a habit to pause before the directories of medical centers, where the names of doctors and their specialties are listed. After each medical practice area, he will say "Thank G-d I don't have that illness"; "Thank G-d I am not suffering from that affliction." He does it to reinforce the feeling of being thankful.

Is Thanksgiving an American holiday? Yes, of course. But is being thankful an innovation of America? Not at all. The practice and importance of thankfulness is a Jewish custom, and our gift to the world. Let us practice it, and teach others to appreciate it as well.

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FRIDAY CANDLE LIGHTING

11/06	-	4:29 pm	-	Cheshvan 19
11/13	-	4:22 pm	-	Cheshvan 26
11/20	-	4:17 pm	-	Kislev 4
11/27	-	4:13 pm	-	Kislev 11

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Sisterhood resumed its Sunday Zoom meeting. There were twelve participants.

We had a very nice get-together in the park on Nelson Avenue on October 8. We met again at the same place on October 22. We hope to continue our Sisterhood meetings at the temple once it becomes too cold to meet outside.

Sisterhood is reading "The Interpreter" by A. J. Sidransky and are looking into having a "Zoom" discussion with him at a later date.

Laurie Raps

SPECIAL THANK YOU

I wish to convey my thanks for the High Holiday services that were successfully conducted at B'nai Israel this year, in the face of the many challenges presented by the pandemic. Many thanks to Rabbi Pearl for editing the High Holiday prayers and keeping the services short, so that no one felt uncomfortable staying in shul for long periods of time, and for davening the Shacharis services.

Many thanks to Cantor Milton Ackerman, who cooperated with our needs for concise prayers, and did a great job.

Many thanks to Susan Finkelstein, Mel Fox and Janice Rappaport for organizing socially distant seating, and special thanks to Susan and Eduardo for organizing a revised seating plan.

Many thanks to David Raps for assisting at services and reading the Torah and again to Mel Fox for distributing honors.

Thanks again to Rabbi Pearl for excellent shofar blowing and to Lee Brosnick for demonstrating his skills in the area as well and to David Raps for calling the shofar notes.

Many thanks to Kevin Brosnick for his eloquent appeals for our congregation at the multiple Yizkor services.

Additional thanks to Richie Finkelstein, Barry Kashubo and Joel Cohen for all their help as well.

Last but not least, many thanks to all of you for your participation and continued support of our synagogue.

Ilene and I pray that you may all be blessed with a year of health, prosperity and happiness in merit of your loyalty and generosity.

Charlie Greinsky

WHAT DOES IT MEAN WHEN A BOY BECOMES A "BAR MITZVAH"

According to Jewish law, when a boy is 13 years old, he becomes accountable for his actions and becomes a bar mitzvah. Before the child reaches bar mitzvah age, parents hold the responsibility for their child's actions. After the bar mitzvah, the child bears his own responsibility for Jewish ritual law, tradition and ethics and is able to participate in all areas of Jewish law, tradition and ethics.

Wikipedia

We celebrate today as traditions of the past are shared for the future

MAZEL TOV!!!

Congratulations to Michele and Martin Lomangino on their son, Joseph, becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Joseph's brother, Justin, and the entire Lomangino family are very proud of Joseph's Hebrew School accomplishments.

The Lomanginos have been proud members of CBI for over ten years. Joey has attended CBI Hebrew School since he was in first grade. He attends the eighth grade at IS 48 and has always earned good grades. Joey plays football and swims competitively on a swim team. He loves to play the guitar and has studied music for several years.



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K E G S T A R O F D A V I D U
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T O R T E S A M K B E E F B E
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Eight days
Esther
Hanukkah
Jerusalem
kosher
latkes



matzoh
menorah
Passover
Purim
Star of David
torte

Yahrzeits FOR FOR Nov 2020

Yahrzeits begin on the evening before the given date. If you need to say Kaddish for a Yahrzeit, please call the office two weeks before and we will try to have a Minyan. It would be helpful if you could have a few family members or friends attend the services to make sure there is a Minyan. For additions or corrections to this list, please contact Scott Diamond at 917-674-3317 or slzdiamond@homail.com

Nov	Day	Cheshvan	Yahrzeit Of	Relationship	Relative
1	Sun	14	Morris Kettner	Father	Bette Goldstein
2	Mon	15	Sara Szymanski	Mother	Marsha Schnall
3	Tues	16	Israel Holder	Uncle	Blanche Myron
8	Sun	21	Yetta Sohn	Mother	Rita Eisenberg
14	Sat	27	Rebecca Herzekow	Grandmother	Diane Schwartz
14	Sat	27	Rose Gilden Talbin	Aunt	Cheryl Guterman
16	Mon	29	Miriam Goretsky	Mother	Jay Goretsky
		Kislev			
18	Wed	2	Jeane Epstein	Mother-In-Law	Al Marin
18	Wed	2	Irene Schwartz	Mother	Harris Schwartz
18	Wed	2	Selma Rosenblum	Mother	Laurie Raps
20	Fri	4	Roslyn Zeitlin	Sister	Flo Weiss
22	Sun	6	Bertha Perlin	Grandmother	Roger Lader
22	Sun	6	Jack Goretsky	Father	Jay Goretsky
24	Tues	8	Sonya Rosenfeld	Grandmother	Mrs. Papirov
25	Wed	9	David Brownstein	Father	Cheryl Guterman
27	Fri	11	Genia Fisch	Mother	Leo Fisch
28	Sat	12	Fay Frey	Mother	Steve Frey
28	Sat	12	Morris Kirsch	Relative	Larry Kirsch
28	Sat	12	Leo Ziegler	Father	Gladys Graham
29	Sun	13	Frances Cohen Baumbach	Mother	Florence Kalvo
29	Sun	13	Harold Hoff	Uncle	Diane Schwartz

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