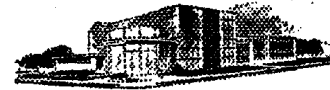


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of the Clifton Jewish Center

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JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2021



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**HAPPY JAN/FEB
BIRTHDAY TO**

**Martine Jaffe
Rabbi Bob
Elinor Alboum
Peter Levine
Le4slie Levine**



**HAPPY JAN/FEB
ANNIVERSARY TO**

**Leslie & Peter Levine
Joan & Ken Levenstein**

**MAZEL TOV TO
BETTY GOCHMAN
WINNER OF
OUR
CHANUKAH RAFFLE
AMERICAN EXPRESS
GIFT CARD**

**THANK YOU TO
ED GOLDBERG FOR
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PRE-CHANUKAH
CONCERT ON ZOOM
IN PERSON WE WOULD HAVE
BEEN DANCING AROUND THE
BALLROOM**

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**SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES
IF CONDUCTED INSIDE THE CENTER**

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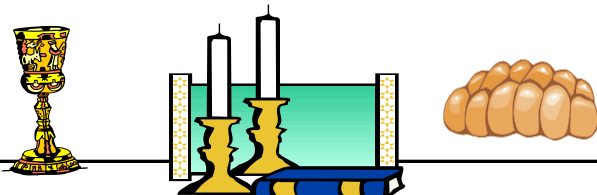
SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Morning Minyan, Monday & Thursday..8:00am
Friday Evenings.....7:30pm
Saturday Morning.....9:00am
Sunday Minyan.....8:30am

**Friday night ZOOM services at 7:30pm will
replace the above schedule if we are not at
the Center**

CANDLE LIGHTING TIME

Fri. Jan. 1	4:21pm
Fri. Jan. 8	4:28pm
Fri. Jan. 15	4:35pm
Fri. Jan. 22	4:44pm
Fri. Jan 29	4:52pm
Fri. Feb. 5	5:01pm
Fri. Feb. 12	5:09pm
Fri. Feb. 19	5:18pm
Fri. Feb. 26	5:26pm



SPECIAL EVENTS

**Sat. Jan. 9th 9:30am Shabbat
Services Please Call the
Rabbi if you are interested
in attending in Sanctuary
limited attendance per
COVID protocols**

**Sun. Jan. 10th 10:00am CJC Book
Club on ZOOM“Then
She Was Gone”by Lisa
Jewel**

**Sun. Jan. 24th 10:00am Board of
Directors Mtg. on ZOOM**

Thurs. Jan. 28th Tu B'Shevat

**Sat. Feb.6th 9:30am Shabbat
Services Please
call the Rabbi if you
are interested in
attending in Sanctuary
limited attendance per
COVID protocols**

**Thurs. Feb. 25th Fast of Esther Erev
Purim**

Fri. Feb. 26th Purim

**Sun. Feb 28th 10:00am Board of
Directors Mtg. on ZOOM**



RABBI'S MESSAGE
Jews and the battle against Covid



For Shabbat falling on 12/19, my message discussed my inability to understand why some Jews are ashamed (or at least not proud of who they are). Too many Jews listen to accusations with no basis in fact including charges that we control the world's finances and of late, that we Jews are the inventors of the Covid virus. This message will give you all the ammunition you need to shut those people up. Send it to your friends. Use it when you hear another accusation. **Without the Jews, the battle against Covid would be absolutely nowhere. Read on!**

As Moses led our people out of bondage these scientists are going to lead the word out of the pandemic.

Mikael Dolsten, Chief Scientific Officer at Pfizer, is Jewish. He grew up in Halmstad, Sweden, the son of a Jewish father with prewar roots in Sweden and a Jewish mother who escaped Austria in the early days of WWII. He visited Israel several times as a youngster and did a year of his doctoral work at the Weizmann Institute. There he learned cutting edge immunology which led him to pharmaceutical science. **Dolsten has referred in interviews to rising anti-Semitism in Sweden.**

Pfizer CEO Albert Borla is a Sephardic Jew from Thessalonika, Greece, a city whose Jewish population was almost completely wiped out during WWII. The Borla family's history in Thessalonika goes back 5 centuries and Borla visits his remaining family members there yearly. He now lives in New York City. Just think that as late as the 1960's the only Jews able to work for Pfizer were in the research department. In 1970-73, I was the first observant Jew to work for Pfizer in sales. My nickname (given to me by the then President of Pfizer labs, Mr. Powers) was the sundown kid because I always had to leave sales meetings early to be home on time for Shabbat.

The Chief Medical Officer fro Moderna, a Cambridge, Mass.- based company, **is an Israeli immigrant named Tal Zaks.** Previously, he served as head of Global Oncology at Sanofi Pharmaceuticals. Zaks received his M.D. and PhD. degrees at Ben Gurion University and conducted post-doc research at the NIH. Moderna also cooperated with an Israeli company in developing their vaccine.

The scientist responsible, with a colleague, for the pioneering breakthroughs that allowed the development of an mRNA vaccine (the novel approach used by Moderna and Pfizer for dealing with Covid-19) is University of Pennsylvania's Drew Weissman. A Professor of Medicine at Penn, he received his BA and MA degrees at Brandeis and MD/Microbiology and PhD at Boston U. Weissman once worked with a fellowship at the NIH under Dr. Fauci,

Some additional notes: **President-elect Joe Biden this week named his new head for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention("CDC"), Dr Rochelle Walensky,** a professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Chief of Infectious Diseases at Massachusetts General Hospital. She works as a physician at a Jewish camp for a week each summer. **Also in the clan is Jeff Zients, who will be Biden's overseer for the entire federal coronavirus response. Zients led the successful effort to fix the government's Health.gov website when it became damaged during the launch of the Affordable Care Act.**

Feel free to join me in kvelling. And remember that we are less than 2% of the US population. BE PROUD!

Rabbi Bob Mark



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Members,

I hope that this Bulletin finds you all well and safe. I am writing this while looking out the window at the snow that is coming down. It is beautiful to look at but just one snowstorm a season is fine with me. Fortunately, our Friday night services on ZOOM are not affected by the weather or driving conditions. If you have not participated you should check it out. The services are a way for us to get together and welcome Shabbat as well as visiting with friends dearly missed.

In December we had a Saturday morning in person service in the main Sanctuary with 12 attendees and it worked out very well. We are planning another service for Jan 9th and Feb 6th. We are targeting the first Saturday of the month until it is safe to return to our normal lives. Please let Rabbi Mark or me know if you would like to attend. We have a limit of 20 people and have many protocols in place in the Sanctuary.

Our Chanukah celebration this year was a Zoom Klezmer concert with Ed Goldberg and I want to thank Karen Schutz and Martine Jaffe for helping to make it a success. Betty Gochman was the lucky winner of the raffle.

We are planning a ZOOM book club discussion in January and have some other plans in the works for ZOOM activities. I am hoping that when it is safe for us to return to the Center that we can enjoy a big celebration and put this weird time behind us.

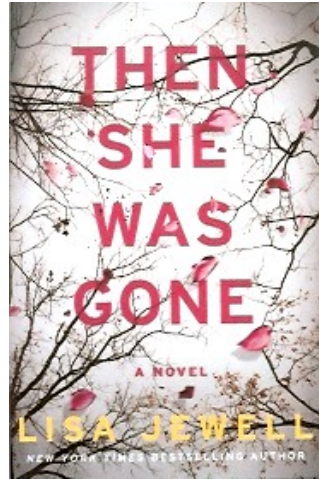
Please read the flyers from the Center and I hope that you support the fundraisers we have planned. The utility and other expenses of the Center continue even if we are not physically there and your financial support is more important than ever.

Stay safe and I hope that we can be together soon

Elinor Alboum



**PLEASE JOIN US WHEN THE
CJC BOOK CLUB
PRESENTS
“Then She Was Gone” by Lisa Jewell
Sunday, January 10, 2021
At 10:00 am on ZOOM**



A teenager, Ellie Mack has been missing for over a decade. Laurel, her mother along with the rest of her family was left with no answers in a case that failed to produce any leads. Laurel's life has been on hold for many years until she meets a new man drawn in by his charm. Meeting his daughter Poppy who looks so much like Ellie, Laurel thinks that this cannot be a coincidence.....

**Yahrzeit Donations
(Through December 20, 2020)**

The following have remembered their loved ones by donating to
the Clifton Jewish Center

Anne Siegelbaum	Ann Dairman	Irving Cohen
Florence Schoem	Jerry Starr	Mitzi Kramer
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Jackie & Art Schein	Berko Family Trust	Charles & Grace Oksenberg
Shari Salkin	Shari Goldstein	Sharon & David Millard
Mark Feldman	Phoebe Pollinger	

Tu B'SHEVAT - NEW YEAR OF TREES

Tu B'Shevat, the new year for the Trees, will be celebrated on Thursday January 28th. The word "Tu," pronounced "too" is constructed from the Hebrew letters "tet" and "vav". "Tet" is the ninth letter in the Hebrew alphabet; "vav" is the sixth. Nine + Six = Fifteen. B'Shevat means in the month of Shevat. The custom on Tu B'Shevat is to eat fruits from the seven species for which the Land of Israel is praised: A land of wheat and barley and grape vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and date trees and honey (Deut. 8:8).

The proper blessing before eating the fruit is:

Baruch Atah Ado-nai Elohai-nu Melech Haolam boray pri ha-aitz.

Blessed are you G-d, King of the Universe, Who creates the fruit of the tree.

On Tu B'Shevat, it is also customary to eat a new fruit (a seasonal fruit that you have not yet tasted this season), and to say the following blessing:

Baruch Atah Ado-nai, Elohai-nu Melech HaOlam, sheh-he-che-yanu vi-kee-yimanu vi-hee-gee-yanu laz-man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You G-d, King of the Universe, Who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to



To the ancient Israelites the earth itself was alive. The environmental laws in the Torah are based on this wisdom. Three thousand years ago Jews did not have words for the environment and ecology. What they had was the belief that a good life depended on preserving the land and the trees. This was a central theme in Judaism which we express when we celebrate Tu B'Shevat.



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Kids Make The Darndest Jokes About the Bible

In the first book of the Bible, Guinnessis, G-d got tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off.

Noah built an ark, which the animals came on in pears.

Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea. where they made unleavened bread.

The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments.

The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

Moses died before he even reached Canada.

Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.

The seventh commandment is thou shall not admit adultery.

David fought with the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.

Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines

COMING IN JANUARY

This year, the CJC is once again offering its successful
Way to wish your friends and family
a "HAG PURIM."

TO:



FROM:

*Has Made a
Donation in
Your Honor*

As a fundraiser, we will be offering a beautiful personalized Purim greeting to your friends and relatives. Sending these greetings will support the CJC and is a lovely way to acknowledge friendship. You will 21stbe receiving your form from last year in January and if you want to, you can add or delete recipients. Please send your completed form back to the Center by Mon. Jan. 21st



TRIBUTES.....Thank you for caring

Center Family Notes

Condolences to

Family of Sam Silverstein
Fran & Jerry Friend

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Congratulations to

Joan & Ken Levenstein
In honor of 65th Anniv.
By Elaine Kramer

Thank you to

Cari Brandon

By Jackie & Art Schein

Mazel Tov to

Sarah Brandon

On acceptance to all colleges
By Karen & Michael Schutz

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Get well to

Cantor Irving Cohen
Elaine Kramer
Eleanor Miller

General Fund

Mazel Tov to

Fran & Howard Muser
In honor of grandson
Bar Mitzvah
By Karen & Michael
Schutz

Get Well to

Bob Rosegarten

By Karen & Michael
Schutz

Condolences to

Fran & Jerry Friend

By Jackie & Art Schein

*Wishing You All A
Healthy and Happy
New Year*

*May This Coming Year
Bring An End To All
Our Troubles*

*May G-d Bless You
and God Bless America*

Warm Regards,

Karen, Cari and Giovanni

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