

HELLO SPRING WELCOME SUMMER



**HAPPY MAY/JUNE
BIRTHDAY TO**

**Elayne Eisenstein
Henry Poller
Art Schein
Shari Salkin
Bill Frisch**



**HAPPY MAY/JUNE
ANNIVERSARY TO**

**Iris & Mal Gang
Rabbi Bob and Gale Mark**



**Thank you
To
Larry Smith
For his most generous
donation in memory of
his beloved father,
Harold Smith**

**THANK YOU TO OUR MANY
FRIENDS FOR THEIR GENEROUS
CONTRIBUTION TO THE
“GO FUND ME” DRIVE FOR
OUR MUCH LOVED
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SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES
IF CONDUCTED INSIDE THE CENTER

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 re-
place the above schedule if we are not at the
Center

CANDLELIGHTING TIME

Fri. May 7 7:41pm
 Fri. May 14 7:48pm
 Fri. May 21 7:55pm
 Fri. May 28 8:01pm
 Fri. June 4 8:06pm
 Fri. June 11 8:10pm
 Fri. June 18 8:13pm
 Fri. June 25



SPECIAL EVENTS

* All services may return to the Center depending upon COVID 19 protocols

Sat. May 1st 9:30am Shabbat Services in Sanctuary. Please call Rabbi Mark if attending

Fri. May 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th 7:30pm ZOOM Shabbat Services

Tues. May 18th 9:30am Shavuot Services In Sanctuary Yiskor Memorial Service Please call Rabbi Mark if attending.

Sun. May 23rd 10:00am Board of Directors Mtg Possible ZOOM or outdoor mtg.

Fri. June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th 7:30pm ZOOM Shabbat Services

Sat. June 5th 9:30am Shabbat Services In Sanctuary. Please call Rabbi Mark if attending

Sun. June 13th 10:00am Board of Directors Mtg Possible ZOOM or outdoor mtg

Sun. June 27th 10:00am CJC Book Club Review of "The Girl With The Louding Voice" by Abi Dare Possible ZOOM or at Center. To be determined.



RABBI'S MESSAGE DECISION

The month of April marks 13 months that we have suffered from the Covid Pandemic. With rare exception on the first Shabbat of the month and holidays where an exception is made, our building sits empty and alone. I have tried everything possible to get people to come to shul, but the effort has largely gone for naught. Ironically, we are getting more people at Zoom services on Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat services than we got in person for many years. More often than not, we just about made minyan, sometimes we had 12 or 13. The same holds true for many congregations who have found that their Shabbat services are far better attended on Zoom than they ever were in person. However, as nice as that is, a Zoom service (at least for me) is not nearly as enjoyable as an in person service. We do however, take the opportunity to get more people involved in readings.

Virtually, all of our members have already received two shots of whatever vaccine they were given. Yet, many people are still hesitant to attend services in person, despite the fact that we still use all the protocols that have been in place to prevent the spread of the disease. Recently I read an article about people who have had both vaccines and still were unlucky enough to catch Covid. Does that sound shocking, it should not. If you are worried about that possibility, it would be best for you to never leave your home, or if you did, never to get into a car or take a flight or buy or eat any food that you did not prepare for yourself. If you are worried about that, one might as well plan to be in their homes for the duration. There is no 100% proof protection. There are already over 150 million people in the US who have received two doses of the vaccine. Of those people, 5800 have caught Covid(.00035%). If you analyze the numbers, you are talking about a very tiny fraction of less than one third of one percent of those fully vaccinated contracted Covid. Frankly, one has a greater chance of being killed or seriously injured just for leaving your home and a greater possibility of having a serious accident even if you remained in your home. If you think I am wrong, look at the number of our membership who have had serious accidents and falls in their home.

It is therefore, decision time. If you would like the CJC to continue as a viable synagogue, then **YOU** need to at least start to be willing to attend services at least some of the time. Our current demographic status is that we **DO NOT** have anywhere near a minyan of people who can be depended upon to attend services on Friday night or Shabbat morning. We have already given up on weekday services. That is simply not going to work. And we have gone from bad to worse.

At this time, I am suggesting that the Board make a decision to continue to stop kidding ourselves and hold Zoom services for the duration with in person services on the first Shabbat of the month, on certain Holidays when we can and on the High Holidays, if we can get enough people to attend. Making believe that we have a real possibility of continuing with in synagogue services is not going to work, unless there is a dramatic change in response to the crises. Demographics and our current membership and the facts of life (deaths, illness and lack of interest) tell the story.

If this all sounds harsh, it should not. It is a simple statement of reality. **YOU** can change that reality, by calling Elinor or myself or leave a message at the office to let us know that you are willing to attend services at least once on Friday night and once on Shabbat morning **PER MONTH** or either two times a month in either service.

We are all grown people and none of us are spring chickens. If you are, thank G-d healthy, take responsibility for your decision and understand where we are headed

If I have gotten you angry with this message, good, perhaps you will act upon it.

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Rabbi continued.....

To end on a nicer note, I want to extend my thanks to those of you who have joined our Zoom services and our in person services when we have had them. *Keyn Yirbu* (may our numbers grow). Special thanks to Amy Golden who leads us in *Lecha Dodi* every Friday night. Come and listen. You will not be disappointed. If you would like to lead part of the service let me know and I would be happy to teach you.

On another note: I finally reached Irving Cohen this week in Arizona. He is settled in there with his son, daughter-in-law and his family. He is getting excellent medical attention and is feeling somewhat better. As he put it, he was blessed to be able to take advantage of his son's offer and increase the possibilities of his remaining in relatively good health compared to where he was when he left. He sends his best personal regards to the entire congregation.

Rabbi Bob



Dear Members,

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you are getting out and enjoying the beautiful spring weather. As more and more people get vaccinated, our desire is to get back to normal at the Clifton Jewish Center. We have held in-person Shabbat services on the first Saturday of the month and had a service on the last day of Passover including Yiskor Memorial service. Check the Bulletin to see future dates for in person services and come join us. We follow COVID protocols and it is a pleasure to see and chat with other members after a long year apart.

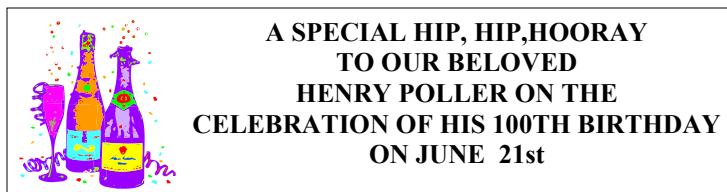
We are still holding Friday night services on ZOOM at 7:30pm. I want to thank Rabbi Mark and all those who participate for making it an enjoyable service. Special thanks to Amy Golden who has a lovely voice and leads us in the singing of *Lecha Dodi* every Friday.

March was a sad month for the Center as we saw the passing of two beloved Center members. We will miss Aaron Toledano and Bernie Broschowitz who were regulars at services, on the Board of Directors and contributed much to Center life.

We just had an interesting Center Book Club meeting and discussed the book, "The Silent Patient". All who attended the ZOOM meeting enjoyed the book and I highly recommend it if you haven't read it. Check the Bulletin for the next meeting scheduled in June.

We are hoping to have a Center get together in the summer and I look forward to seeing many of you in the near future.

Elinor Alboum, President





**LOCATED IN THE SUSSMAN LOUNGE IS OUR
BEAUTIFUL TREE OF LIFE.**

The Tree of Life sculpture in the above lounge was done by renown synagogue artist Sanford Werfel. The branches of the tree form the Hebrew words “Etz Chaim”. The stones at the roots of the tree are symbolic of the twelve Tribes of Israel. Share the joy by inscribing your family Simchas on our synagogue’s Tree of Life. The cost for a leaf is \$200. Please call the office to place your order.

**PLEASE JOIN US ON ZOOM OR AT THE CENTER
(TO BE DETERMINED)
SUNDAY, JUNE 27TH AT 10:00AM
WHEN THE
CJC BOOK CLUB PRESENTS
“The Girl With the Louding Voice”
By Abi Dare**

The unforgettable, inspiring story of a teenage girl growing up in a rural Nigerian village who longs to get an education so that she can find her “louding voice” and speak up for herself. A heartbreaking and triumphant tale about the power of fighting for your dreams.

Books will be available at the Allwood Library later in May



UPCOMING MERGERS AS SEEN ON WALL STREET

Hale Business Systems, Mary K. Cosmetics, Fuller Brush and W.C. Grace will merge and become Hale, Mary, Fuller, Grace.

Polygram Records, Warner Bros., and Zesta Crackers join forces and become Poly, Warner, Cracker.

3M will merge with Goodyear and become MMMGood.

Zippo Manufacturing, Audi Motors, DoFasco and Dakota Mining will merge and become ZipAudiDoDa.

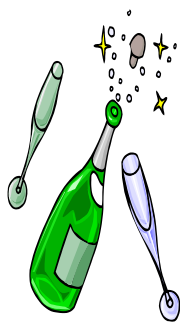
FedEx is expected to join its competitor UPS and become FedUP.

Fairchild Electronics and Honeywell Computers will become: Fairwell Honeychild.

Grey Poupon and Docker Pants are expected to become: PouponPants.

Knotts Berry Farm and the National Organization of Women will become: Knott NOW!

Now, please do not forget who provided you with these exceptional investment merger tips.



**WE ARE PLANNING A WELCOME HOME
EVENT SOMETIME THIS SUMMER.**

**WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DAY
WE CAN CELEBRATE TOGETHER
MORE INFORMATION WILL BE FORTH COMING**



OUR WONDERFUL HONEY SALE IS COMING SOON!! THIS YEAR EREV ROSH HASHANA BEGINS ON LABOR DAY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH. WE WILL BE OFFERING THE SALE OF HONEY TO YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AS IN YEARS PAST. HELP US TO CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR. WE WILL BE SENDING YOU LAST YEARS ORDERS TO PREVIEW.

TRIBUTES.....Thank you for caring

Center Family Notes

Condolences to

Nissim Toledano & Family
 Maxine Smith & Family
 Pauline Grossel
 Helen Rosenmertz
 Broschowitz Family

General Fund

Condolences to

Nissim Toledano

By Jackie & Art Schein
 By Karen & Michael Schutz
 By Martine Jaffe
 By Betty Gochman
 By Valery & Joseph Levy
 By Arlene & Sy Greenstein
 By Elaine Eisenstein

Maxine Smith

By Jackie & Art Schein

Pauline Grossel

By Betty Garrison
 By Karol Schackmer

General Fund

Congratulations to

Cantor Irving Cohen

Stay well in new home
 By Betty Gochman
 By Martine Jaffe

General Fund

Condolences to

Kamras Family

By Jackie & Art Schein
Singer Family

By Jackie & Art Schein

Amy Golden

By Betty Gochman
 By Martine Jaffe
 By Lillian Cooper

Judy Galese & Family

By Martine Jaffe
 By Betty Gochman

Broschowitz Family

By Karen & Michael Schutz
 By Lillian Cooper
 By Jackie & Art Schein



**HOW YOU CAN REACH
 RABBI MARK**
 Rabbi Mark's cell number is
 973-449-9117

If you know that a member of our congregation is ill please let Rabbi Mark know. The Rabbi schedules many visits to the area hospitals when he is allowed by Pandemic protocols and would like to look in on patients from our congregation. The only way we know that you or a family member is in the hospital is if we are informed. Thank you for helping us keep in touch.

Yahrzeit Donations

Through April 23, 2021

The following have remembered their loved ones by donating to the Clifton Jewish Center. If you would like to be reminded of the yahrzeit date of someone of blessed memory, please call the Center to add this information to your account.

Valery & Joseph Levy	Shari Salkin	Sylvia Rubinstein	Seymour Stadtmauer
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