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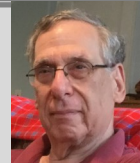
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LET OUR FAMILY WELCOME YOURS



MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENTS

DAVID SCHWARTZ AND SAM WEISS



Fellow Congregants,

We begin the new year on a high note, welcoming Rabbi Hillel, his wife, Rabbi Yonah, and their son Hisda, into the ICCJ family. Arriving in Queens at the beginning of September, the Rabbi immediately started leading Shabbat services and was feted by the Congregation at a Kiddush Luncheon on September 10. The event, we are happy to say, was a huge success, as more than ninety members of the congregation showed up for the occasion, including many old-time congregants whom we haven't seen at the synagogue in a while, as well as several new members and their children.

Aside from leading services and preparing for the High Holidays, the Rabbi hit the ground running; attending a Young Families event at the Queens Farm; leading a inter-synagogue Selichot Service; schmoozing at Sisterhood's Garage Sale; and strolling with his family on Chaverim's Walk through Central Park.

As of this writing, about 190 High Holiday tickets have been sold, another solid sign that the membership is ready for a return to pre-covid "normalcy" as the public health crisis continues to stabilize. In coming weeks, we hope to hold a communal Sukkot event, featuring music and refreshments, and resume in-person Friday night services, along with regular monthly congregational dinners. Looking a bit further into the future, we expect both Rabbi Hillel and Cantor Ribowsky to provide in-person learning sessions, and are planning for some educational and cultural events to resume at the synagogue in the months ahead.

As mentioned above, we are really pleased to welcome several new families to the congregation, and see so many of you back at synagogue. It promises to be an exciting and invigorating new year.

Once again, we want to wish all of you a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

L'Shana Tova,

David and Sam

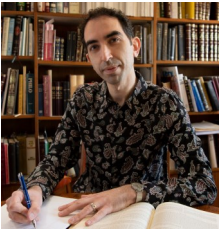
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online @ iccj2004.org

Watch your eblasts for current events

FROM OUR RABBI : Rabbi Hillel Lavery-Yisraeli

Being The Sandwich Generation



One of my favorite parts of the High Holiday liturgy is a *piyut* (liturgical song) called “*Ahot Ketana*” – “Little Sister.” It is often sung on the first night of Rosh Hashana before *Bar’khu*. It is found in most *Mahzorim* (but not *Lev Shalem*).

Ahot Ketana was written in Spain in the 13th century by Rabbi Avraham Hazzan. In the *piyut*, drawing on imagery from the end of *Shir HaShirim* (the Song of Songs), the People of Israel are described as a little sister suffering in exile. Each verse except the last ends with the refrain “*tikhleh shana v’kil’loteha*” – “let this [old] year end, along with all its curses.” The last verse replaces that refrain with “*tahel shana uvirkhoteha*” – “let [the new] year begin, along with all its blessings.”

If we are the younger sister, who is the older one? The answer is not so clear in the *piyut* itself. Interestingly, in *Shir HaShirim*, which metaphorically speaks of our relationship with God as a passionate romance between lovers, we play the role of the older sister who, at the successful completion of her long courtship ordeal, is worried about her younger sister not withstanding the same tribulations that she was able to withstand.

Since one generation literally gives birth to the next, it is natural to regard the different generations as a hierarchy: the older generation has authority over the next one to instruct and direct, and when a younger generation decides to take a new direction, it is insubordinate and obstinate. Combining the imagery of *Shir HaShirim* and *Ahot Ketana* opens our eyes to the possibility of viewing the passage of generations as being more equal and more of a partnership, with the ability to inform but not demand, guide but not command, dialog but not lecture, more lateral than linear – as the relationship between siblings ought to be. Simultaneously, we are the younger sister to the previous generations, while also the older sister to the future generations yet to come.

This is, indeed, a unique strength of Conservative Judaism, in respectful dialogue with our ancient sources, rooted in tradition with an eye towards the future. This is also the key to succeeding as a modern, relevant synagogue for years to come, *l’dor vador*.

As both a new year, and a new ICCJ rabbinic era begin, let’s work together to actualize this!

Shana tova,

Rabbi Hillel Lavery-Yisraeli

COMMUNICATIONS: Nina Greebler & Linda Korobelnik

The Communications Committee is so thrilled to finally have Rabbi Hillel and his family in residence at ICCJ. We are looking forward to many years of collaboration and spirituality.

Our committee has worked diligently updating the website and of course we are not done yet. As you know this is a work in progress. We have refreshed several pictures, added new tabs including upcoming events which now contains all committee flyers. This will be updated as a new flyer becomes available. As an outreach to both our members and the community, our social media avenues have been updated as well. Our previous Instagram had site issues so our “teen tech” department has opened a new account. Please friend us on Facebook and Instagram so you can keep up with all the latest information, flyers, simchas etc. Our Instagram handle is [iccjraelcenter](#). There will be major changes and additions to our social media

outreach campaign. Please look for upcoming changes to our website to reflect this.

Many of these committee pages on [iccj2004.org](#) have not been updated in the last year or two. We are asking that all Committee Chairs review their committee's mission statements, make any relevant changes and send these changes to us as word documents. Additionally we need the help of Committee Chairs to submit pictures from the previous year's events on Zoom or in person. Please identify the event and the date. All photos need to be sent to Nina Greebler at ngreebler@gmail.com.

Just a reminder that you can find this October/ November issue on the website under Publications. You can also find the link to stream the Shabbat services by clicking on the appropriate link.

Wishing you and your family a Happy and Healthy New Year. L’shana Tovah.

RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS: Michelle Fouks

Shalom from Religious Affairs

We hope you are all well and settling into somewhat cooler weather. As the High Holidays are over, we hope you all enjoyed the wonderful services provided by our Clergy. Whether you attended in person in the Sanctuary, outdoors or via streaming we are happy you joined our community. Yasher Koach to Rabbi Hillel Lavery-Yisraeli, Cantor Ribowsky and the many other members that worked so hard to make the services enjoyable. We look forward to a lively Succot celebration (come shake your etrog and lulav with us) and an even livelier Simchat Torah celebration. Please put on your dancing shoes and come dance the night away. We hope to have a luncheon on Simchat Torah after more dancing in the morning. Come meet your friends, make new friends and enjoy as the Holidays come to a close. There will be more news about these events, so follow the eblasts. Thank you so much to the catering committee for preparing the luncheon. Please venture out and join us for future events.



At Religious Affairs we are going back to work and diligently preparing for our Chanukah in-person celebrations, with other ICCJ committees. If you have ideas

don't be shy, we are always happy to hear innovative suggestions that can make ICCJ festivities even better.

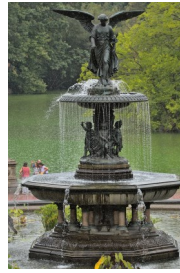
Please remember we have daily evening services via Zoom as well as Friday morning services on Zoom. By the time you read this we are planning & hoping to have in-person Kabbalat Shabbat and Havdalah Services (check the eblasts for the times). Shabbat Services are in-person in the sanctuary as well as streamed. Please attend and join our exciting Shabbat discussions.

Wishing you a Healthy & Happy Thanksgiving with your family & friends. Stay Safe and if you need anything feel free to let us know.

Looking forward to seeing you in person ASAP.

L'hitraot

CHAVERIM: Co-Presidents Susan Losow & Betty Shaffer



On September 11, our own ICCJ Co-President, Sam Weiss, led the Chaverim Walking Tour of Central Park.

The rain did not dampen the spirits of all in attendance.

BBYO: Talia Braun



BBYO is an organization for young Jewish teens starting from eighth grade to twelfth grade.

BBYO is a welcoming and warm place for all Jewish teens to learn about Jewish holidays, create fun and engaging activities and learn leadership skills which you can take part in and help your community.



What makes BBYO so special is its community all around the world. In many events, teens are able to connect locally in New York, and internationally in places such as Argentina and the Ukraine.

BBYO has given me a home in my own Jewish community.

MEMBERSHIP: Betty Shaffer



With the High Holy days upon us, we look forward to a new year and a renewal of activities. This is a time to make a commitment to ourselves and ICCJ. We are all thinking about

what we can do to improve ourselves and our relationships with our families and friends. By participating in the various opportunities available to everyone at ICCJ, you can enrich your lives and your relationships.

ICCJ is happy to announce that we have new members who have just joined.

We welcome:

Tali and Eliezer Feuer and their children, Liev, Maya and Gal

Emily Kahn-Freedman and Noah Freedman

Anne Jennis and Israel Tuchman

Paul and Michelle Perskin, and their children Logan and Scarlett.

We know that choosing a synagogue is a major step and we are pleased that you have chosen ICCJ. We look forward to seeing you and getting to know you.

Wishing everyone a Shana Tova.

SISTERHOOD NEWS: President Lisa Woliner



The start of programs in our Sisterhood family has already brought us the "Shanghai Ghetto", presented by Helene Herman. This program was utterly fascinating and very informative, thank you Nina for bringing it to us. In addition, we held our first ever "Garage Sale" in the parking lot of the building with the wonderful participation from our "ICCJ families".



Our program, on October 30, will feature Susan Speidler who will be entertaining us with Golde & Yenta A Musical. Our November, Paid Up Membership event, led by our Membership Chair, Linda Korobelnik, will bring us, "I'll Have What She's Having", a virtual Deli exhibit from the New York Historical Society.

Our beautiful conglomeration of the Sisterhood ICCJ Cookbook is now on sale, along with our new Judaica and Non-Judaica items in our new and improved Gift Shop. If you can't get into the building, pictures of the items will be on our ICCJ website and Facebook page. Remember, Chanukah is knocking on the door! By you shopping at the Sisterhood Gift Shop, you will be supporting congregation.

Last, but not least, our annual Designer Pocketbook Bingo will be held on Saturday evening, November 19 with full attendance in the building on hybrid. Our special guest caller for the evening will be our very own Rabbi Hillel Lavery-Yisraeli. It promises to be a fun night with lots of winners and laughter. Thank you to all those involved.

Be well/stay safe



Announcing the New Torah Fund Campaign for 2022-2023

The 80th Anniversary of Torah Fund is an Important Milestone

by Rita Wertlieb and Margie Miller

Co-Chairs of the Torah Fund 80th Anniversary Celebration and Past International Presidents of Women's League for Conservative Judaism



According to custom, each wedding anniversary year has a specific traditional gift source. Interestingly, the traditional gift for an 80th anniversary happens to be oak. The oak tree takes years to mature, which directly relates to the longstanding commitment for an 80-year-old marriage to sustain itself.

This year, the Torah Fund campaign - the dedicated philanthropy of Women's League for Conservative Judaism - has reached its 80th birthday. Just like the oak tree, the dedication and nurturing of generations of our members has allowed this campaign to thrive and succeed in its goals. It is our hope that every member of Women's League, whether individually or through her affiliated Sisterhood, finds a way to honor and celebrate this milestone year. The most significant way to ensure the success of our Torah Fund campaign is to contribute generously.

Our levels of giving have been constant for over a decade. We are asking every donor, regardless of her giving level, to consider making a "Plus 80" gift. Just imagine if every donor contributed an additional \$80 in honor of this 80th anniversary! The five institutions we support have every expectation of being able to service the needs of our people for well over eight decades in the future. We can be a part of that today. Just like the strength of the oak tree, our long-range commitment and nurturing will ensure this. Plus \$80 for 80 Years will allow us to remain strong and vigilant in furthering our beloved Torah Fund campaign.



The New Torah Fund Pin

Chazak v'Ematz: Be Strong and Courageous

This year's pin symbolizes the story of the Israelites preparing to enter the Promised Land, when leadership transitions from Moses to Joshua. The Israelites are instructed to "be strong and courageous." (*Deuteronomy 31:5, 7, 23; Joshua 1:6, 7, 9, 18*) The 5783 Torah Fund pin represents 80 years of ever-increasing strength of Torah Fund.

Here are several ways you may participate in this year's Torah Fund Campaign.

Purchase greeting cards with a purpose. Send Torah Fund cards to acknowledge life cycle events. They're very affordable at \$5 each. **To buy one card or purchase a custom-made bundle, please contact Cynthia Begel, cbegel@gmail.com.**

Make an \$80 for 80 Years gift. Join the celebration by acknowledging this significant anniversary.

Share your passion for fashion. Proudly wear the *Chazak v'Ematz* pin. Donate \$180 and receive this beautiful thank you gift from Torah Fund.

Donating to Torah Fund is a win-win-win idea: It's a gift to someone special; it's a contribution to a worthy cause; and it's tax-deductible.

For more information about how you may be a part of the Torah Fund Campaign now, as well as the future, **please contact Anise Parnes, a.parnes8166@gmail.com.**

Shanah tovah umetukah!

L'shalom,

Anise

Anise Parnes



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1 - DAUBER

1 - DOOR PRIZE TICKET

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SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE: Philip Parnes

Dear Fellow Congregants,

I would like to thank all who participated in the many ICCJ Social Action projects of the last year, with an extra special thank you to all who contributed to our fundraiser for those who have been displaced by the war in Ukraine.

With the start of a new year, the Social Action Committee (Rita Ash, Karen Halper, Alice Jenna, Anise Parnes, Adah Sylvan) welcomes all in our community to be a part of one, some, or all of our 5783 projects.

Here's a taste of what's coming up:

Reverse Tashlich with guidance from Tikkun HaYam, the leading Jewish marine conservation movement;

Rain Gardens maintenance guided by New York City Department of Environmental Protection personnel;

Food Drives in partnership with City Harvest all year long, and special collections prior to Thanksgiving and Pesach;

Food Packing and Distribution at the Flushing Jewish Council's monthly food pantry;



Clothing Collection all year long, with emphasis on new and/or lightly worn warm weather outerwear and accessories in late fall;

CPR Training with New York City EMS personnel; and, Blood Drive managed by NY Blood Center and in coordination with our eastern Queens synagogue friends.

Look for additional Social Action Committee project information via eblast and future issues of *Tikvatenu*.

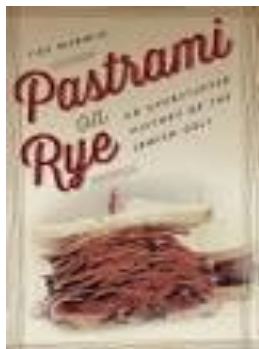
I'm looking forward to a great year ahead!

Wishing you and your family a happy, sweet and healthy New Year.

EDUCATION: Nina Greebler & Adam Greebler

October starts our Education series.

On October 23, we will be having Rabbi Chana Thompson Shor discussing ***The Ethical "Underpinnings" of Judaism: What are the underlying ethical themes found in both laws and narrative in the Hebrew Bible? Are they ever in conflict? How is biblical ethics reflected in rabbinic teachings, and in how we live a Jewish life today? What you learn may surprise you!*** We are very excited about this event. Please join us at 8pm via zoom.



On November 9, we are pleased to present author, Ted Merwin, author of *Pastrami on Rye: An Overstuffed History of the Jewish Deli*. We are proud to share this program with the Richter Library as part of the Book Café. Make sure you have your Pastrami on rye sandwich handy when tuning in to this

wonderful event.

Then, join us on November 13, when Rabbi Hillel will be hosting the Trolley program. Look out for more emails and eblasts for further details on this wonderful program.

ICCJ is once again a proud sponsor of Scholarstream.



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Please check your eblasts for the registration and link.

Looking forward to a year filled with very educational and exciting programs.

YOUNG ADULTS: Jordan Brantz & Maxwell Greebler



With a bitter end to long summer days and a new school year upon us, the Young Adults of ICCJ joined forces with the Men's Club on September 18th to lend a hand in

getting the ballroom ready for the High Holidays. Together, we laughed and lifted chair after chair to each chair's precise spot. We would like to thank Willie for all his assistance.

After our chair lifting workout, we enjoyed yummy bagels and shopping around the Shuk in the parking lot,

which was a community garage sale put together by the Sisterhood.

High Holidays are always a fun time to see old friends and meet new ones, to spend time with family and friends, and pray for happy, healthy, and meaningful new beginnings as we reflect on the year gone by.

Now as we look forward to the Fall foliage and falling leaves, it drives in programs, such as Spooky Scary Movie Night. Brace yourself for October 16th, are you brave enough to join us?

Check out our new Young Adults page on www.iccj2004.org and stay tuned for more updated content. If you or your friends are interested in joining our YA chat group, please send your info to Jordan Brantz at jaybeejordan@gmail.com.

YOUNG FAMILIES: Emilee Wyner



FUN WITH ICCJ FRIENDS AT THE APIARY

On Sunday, September 4, we had a wonderful trip to the Queens County Farm Museum! The trip included a fun and informative lesson on bees.

The children and adults in attendance were fascinated and engaged in the presentation. Afterwards, participants made candles out of bees' wax. The candles subtly smelled of honey and were fun to make. We then took a guided tour of the farm, learning about the farm's animals, crops, and history.



The trip had a terrific turn out and was attended by many familiar faces, as well as several new ones. Amongst the new faces were Rabbi Hillel, and his son Hisda. The event concluded with an outdoor picnic. During the picnic, the Rabbi taught us about the upcoming holiday of Rosh Hashanah, and we all enjoyed apples and honey. Many stopped at the Farmer's market, picking up local produce before heading home.

We look forward to our next event, the Sukkot Ice Cream Social, details coming soon – hope to see you there!



LONGEVITY & AGING: Sheldon Ornstein Ed.D, RN, LNHA

“ A GOOD LIFE?”

In August of 2022 a Japanese woman by the name of Kane Tanaka died at the amazing age of 119, just two weeks shy of the biblical 120. When questioned at her 116th birthday what was her best diet for staying healthy and living a long life, her answer was simple, “I appreciate anything I eat.” When Mrs. Tanaka died she became the world’s oldest recorded person. She, in fact, lived seven years longer than the oldest American veteran of World War II.

The current average life span for a Japanese woman today is 87.7 years and 81.6 for a man. And the statistics continue growing! Government data reports that at present, Japan has the greatest number of centenarians (100 years plus) than any other country. As of August 2021 there were 86,000 individuals in Japan who have turned 100 in a country with a population of 125 million.

A question that frequently arises when engaged in conversation concerning the concept known as longevity is, “how old is old?” According to a recent study by the researchers Goldsmith and Neiens, “Individuals constantly fail to identify with their actual chronological classification.” This is not some new idea! We have, for too long known that the very old feel as if they were living a “middle aged” existence. There are several studies pointing out that age can be biologic, sociologic, subjective or even role referenced. Old is then a subjective concept!

One can feel old when occupying a role that is typically held by younger folks and the old feel young when maintaining a healthy approach to life.

When reflecting on the expectations society holds about the aged, researchers call them an “aging phenomenon.” The answer appears as a hopeful sign and promise for a long life.

According to the research, “A maximum life span is the time reached by the last surviving member of a cohort group. It is usually independent of environment and is determined genetically and with the characteristics of that species.” According to the researcher Walford, “The species life span does not depend on habit, custom, or food quality, but on fixed laws that regulate biologically the number of human years.”

There is a growing belief that with numerous advances in modern technology, we will someday be able to

totally conquer the so-called pre-determined view of human mortality. Longevity has been the goal of humans from time immemorial. The possibility of living one’s full life span and beyond has increased exponentially due to medical and technological discoveries and the eradication of a host of virulent diseases. However, for the moment, an extended life span remains outside the reach of most persons.

In 1992, Life magazine first featured aging with a question, “Can We Stop Aging,” and as a follow up, “Do We Want To?” The notion of prolonged longevity with an endless life-span as a possibility, periodically re-emerges just as fads and fashion tend to change with time. We often hear from gerontologists that life expectancy around 100 years ago stood at 48 years. However, it currently hovers somewhere in the 70+ range.

The implication is that in 100 years or sooner, many of us, and that includes future generations, will live well over 100, just as Mrs. Tanaka, who died at 119.

Scientists have aggressively been working to unlock the genetic code and the secrets of DNA.

Here are several comments on global aging. As you peruse them, try visualizing an aging population with a future that will eventually influence local and world politics, a burgeoning economy and an increased demand for a more complex medical approach to patient care.

Sweden – considered the world’s oldest country with an aging population.

Japan continues experiencing longest life expectancy, worldwide.

China has more than twice as many aged citizens 65+.

What then does a longer life have to offer? Longer life can be translated in several ways, either by added years of good health or years living with a disability or in a vegetative state. It therefore becomes necessary for scientists and gerontologists to invest more of their knowledge, time and investigation into the complexities of aging.

The following are several questions that offer a glimpse into how society focuses on the aging process and how they express their support for a healthy and productive life in the years ahead.

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1. Does an altered attitude toward the aged reflect how society treats their accomplishments and long years of extensive experiences?
2. Under which circumstances are the elderly more than likely to become pre-occupied with their mortality?
3. Can a serious illness or disabling condition foster a decline in one's mental and physical health? If so, are the elderly prepared for the inevitable limitation of longer life?

Final thoughts: When addressing the meaning of the term longevity and what it suggests, it is thought of as an opportunity for pursuing a long and healthy life. But what about a good life? What is a "good life?" The following points explore the basis for this phenomenon.

1. Have sufficient funds to live comfortably and be prepared to give aid to others when requested.
2. Maintain one's physical strength and mental outlook as a positive value for living well.
3. Seek spiritual guidance for personal as well as emo-

tional growth and for those who may wish to participate.

4. Cultivate a loving relationship with family and friends for the benefits gained in human satisfaction.
5. Make yourself available to those who are ill or are in dire straits and may require your intervention when called upon.
6. Establish with community, professional peers and close family members, "a good name" as a character reference.
7. Find a partner for life who can commit and share the frailties and successes upon finding each other.

In closing, might I suggest after reading the above points concerning a good life, that you pursue them as your guide for what is called a "daily mental nourishment."

Quotable Quote: "A good life is within realizable possibilities if you can fill the present with welcoming opportunities." - *Sheorn*

SPORTS CLINIC: Paul Gorel

I'm PROUD to let you know that the Sports Clinic is thriving!!

Everyone loves our newly repaired and painted pool and loves to jump on in.

The students are having a great time learning to swim and don't want to leave. We are filled and still have an extensive waiting list.

Our Water Aerobics led by Peggy is a hit and has seen many new participants to the program.

We will be starting Congregation Swim on Sunday, October 23, 2022; so, come on down by yourself or with the family and have a splashing time on:

Sunday 4:45pm – 6:00pm

Monday 8:00pm - 9:00pm

Tuesday 8:00pm –9:00pm

Happy 21st birthday to our staff member and daughter, Julie.



To join
Knit and Schmooze
each Thursday,
10:00 AM - 12 Noon
email Susan Losow: ejjmom@gmail.com for Zoom link

OHR CHADASH: School Administrator Shari Zuber



A Monumental Year Begins

In recent history, the date September 11th is regarded as a Day of Infamy, not unlike December 7th. However, for Ohr Chadash, September 11, 2022, was a celebratory day, for it marked the start of our fifteenth year of instructing Jewish youth in the joys of our faith. Happily, in addition to the Ohr Chadash returnees, the school roster now includes nine new students, with hopes of several more to come. Furthermore, we are glad to welcome back Morah Lynne Blander as our music teacher.

Parents, students, and teachers gathered in the spacious Moreida area of Hillcrest Jewish Center, the host synagogue for the school's fall semester, as Morah Lynne provided a lively musical welcome which had everyone in attendance clapping their hands and singing along to familiar tunes. Morot Marina and Zehava spoke of the school and what their children would learn in the months ahead. Morah Shari enlightened the parents as to the special experiential programs their children could look forward to in the months ahead: A unique Chanukah celebration, an extraordinary Purim event, and a commemorative program in honor of the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of the modern state of Israel.

Rabbi Manes Kogan officially greeted the assemblage and welcomed the student body to its home for the first portion of the school year. He spoke of the upcoming Tishrei holidays, and, as is done six days a week during the month of Elul, he magnificently blew the shofar, ending with a Tekiah Gadolah which no

doubt could be heard all along Union Turnpike into Nassau County. When the rabbi finally concluded, there was a rousing round of applause and awestruck cheers of "Yasher Koach".

As Arlene Ratzabi, of the Ohr Chadash School Board, graciously invited parents to partake of a delectable breakfast of bagels, bialies, lox spread, Danish, and coffee, the children proceeded to their respective classes for the official start of their day's learning.

At the conclusion of classes, the students returned to the Moreida area for Recap Time, during which they enjoyed a brisk game of *Shimon Omer*, better known as "Simon Says" in English, conducted by Morah Marina.

Before leaving for the day, both returning and new students were given gift bags, filled with a Hebrew graphics embossed pencil (to begin the year on the "write" foot), an apple, a jar of honey, and a water bottle emblazoned with the *Ohr Chadash* logo.

Our teachers would like to express our appreciation to Allegra Horn and Sabrina Weiler, our Gesher graduates from last year, who loved attending our school so much they volunteered to return this year to help out in whatever capacity they can. They are our MIT's – Morot-in-training and we are truly fortunate to have them at the ready whenever they are needed. There's no doubt that the love and devotion our educators have for our faith, for teaching, and for our children is reciprocated by our youngsters. We know that the Ohr Chadash experience will be one long remembered by all our attendees, and will have a positive lifelong influence upon their characters and their contributions and impact upon their Jewish communities.

Wishing everyone a Sweet, Healthy, and Joyous 5783



9/11— A NEW VIEW

Coming from Queens, our prospective of the 9-11 tragedy tends to focus on the assault upon the World Trade Center. For the past two decades the concentration of our annual commemorations has dealt solely with the lower Manhattan bombardment. This year, we were presented with a new recollection, that of a survivor of the aerial ambush upon the Pentagon.

On Sunday evening, September 11, 2022, more than fifty Zoom attendees listened with amazement as retired Lt. Col. Ryan Yantis recounted the details of that fateful Tuesday September morning, 21 years ago, after the Twin Towers had come under attack. Then Major Yantis and other armed forces officials sensed, once the possibility of an accident was eliminated after the second tower was hit, that the nation's symbol of military might would probably be next.

Call it Destiny or Divine Guidance, but some surreal force had a hand in Major Yantis' survival that fateful morning. He was slated to be in an area of the Pentagon which was the epicenter of the attack, but at the last minute was redirected to a different corridor of the edifice.

So that the assemblage could better grasp what transpired at the Pentagon, Lt. Col. Yantis provided a slide show presentation of the layout of the nation's five-sided military complex, which actually consists of five concentric rings. He also showed where American Airlines Flight 77 impacted and Yantis' proximity to that region.

Lt. Col. Yantis related the valiant rescue efforts he and other Pentagon personnel undertook to remove those injured and killed in the 9:45 AM attack on the west side of the structure. Amid debris, smoke, and soot he made multiple trips into the smoldering area to bring in medical supplies and lead out the wounded to the aid station.

Despite the horrors he had witnessed, the Major returned to the Pentagon at 5:00 AM the following morning, noticing the still aflame portion of the building. What struck him was the presence in the parking lot of cars which had been there the day before, the realization why they were still there, and that they would never been driven home by their owners.

At the time, Major Yantis' job was in communications and the onus fell upon him to issue statements and updates regarding the 9-11 attack upon the Pentagon. It was his sad duty to report that 125 were killed that

day, 55 of which were military personnel. Aboard Flight 77, 59 passengers and the five hijackers met their demise.

Although his career included dispensing information, for some years Lt. Col. Yantis found it difficult to speak of what he had witnessed on what eventually became known as Patriots' Day. However, after he retired from the military, he made it a personal mission to speak of his experiences. He currently serves as vice president of American Pride, Inc., a non-profit organization which supports Pentagon and World Trade Center 9/11 survivors. He coordinated with other 9/11 survivors from the Midwest to create the book *9/11 Survivors' Stories: Midwest Memories*, which was published in 2021.

The Q & A session which followed the conclusion of Lt. Col. Yantis' recollections proved even more enlightening. When asked about the plane which crashed in Shanksville and its intended destination, his professional assumption was either the U.S. Capitol or the White House. Lt. Col. Yantis also related the health aftermath of the Pentagon assailment, including various cancers, which, according to medical statistics, were not supposed to befall the individuals who were its victims. Lt. Col. Yantis, himself, is a double survivor, of the Pentagon assault and cancer.

For the past 21 years, Lisa Woliner has spearheaded a commemorative program to assure that "Never Forget" will always apply to the events of September 11, 2001, and the memory of those lost, both victims and first responders, and to those who have subsequently succumbed and are currently suffering from the repercussions of that date.

We thank all those who participated in this year's annual program; Alan Berkower, Michelle Fouks, Irene Meyerowitz, David Schwartz, Lisa and Jay Woliner, and Rabbi Hillel Lavery-Yisraeli. Last, but far from least, we appreciate Dr. Sheldon Ornstein for leading the attendees in *God Bless America*.

Besides being known as Patriots' Day, 9-11 has also garnered the appellation National Day of Service and Remembrance. However, service and remembrance is something that should be 365 days of the year, as it is with Lt. Col. Yantis. By dedicating ourselves to aiding those in need and remembering those who have sacrificed, there is no better way that homage can be paid.

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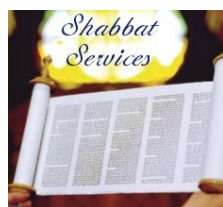
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