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Rabbi's Reflections

Who Are Our Mothers?

BY RABBI LINA ZERBARINI



When Jews pray, we call to mind our ancestors. The Amidah, known as *HaTefilah/The* prayer, is traditionally recited three times daily, and begins by calling to mind our ancestors,

Abraham and Sarah

Isaac and Rebekah

Jacob and Rachel and Leah.

But these are not the only ancestors of the Jewish people. Two other women bore four of Jacob's sons, four of the tribes of Israel. These are Bilhah and Zilpah, maids/slaves of Rachel and Leah.

When Rachel is unable to conceive, after her sister Leah, their shared husband Jacob's first wife, has already borne four sons, she gives Bilhah to Jacob as her surrogate. Bilhah bears Dan and Naftali. Leah is unloved (the Hebrew is blunter: "hated") by Jacob, so she is in a child-bearing "arms race," trying to gain her husband's love through giving him an abundance of sons. So she, in turn, gives her maid Zilpah to Jacob and Gad and Asher are born.

Bilhah and Zilpah are mothers of a third of the tribes, yet most Jews probably do not know their names. They are not traditionally recited in

prayers when we list the patriarchs and matriarchs, such as the *Mi Sheberach*: May the One who blessed our ancestors.....Why not?

The rabbis of old offer two reasons: first, that Bilhah and Zilpah were not wives. This is complicated. In many cases, they *are* described as wives. And although they clearly have lower status than Rachel and Leah, does this mean that they are unworthy of mention and remembrance?

Secondly, the rabbis say that by the time the prayers were developed, the tribes of Gad, Naftali, Asher and Dan were already lost to the Jewish people. No descendants, no need to mention their mothers. But we still mention Rachel and the tribes of Joseph and Benjamin are gone – as are all the tribes besides Levi and Judah. We do not forget Rachel because we do not know what has become of her children.

These are not solely literary and mythical concerns. This discussion has me thinking about our mothers and who we count and who we do not. I am thinking about those who give birth to us and those who bring us children. Birth mothers, egg donors, surrogates. These mothers share Bilhah and Zilpah's marginalization. Can we allow these women

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to come out of invisibility into our presence, with honor? Can we claim them in our lineage and in those of our children and other family members?

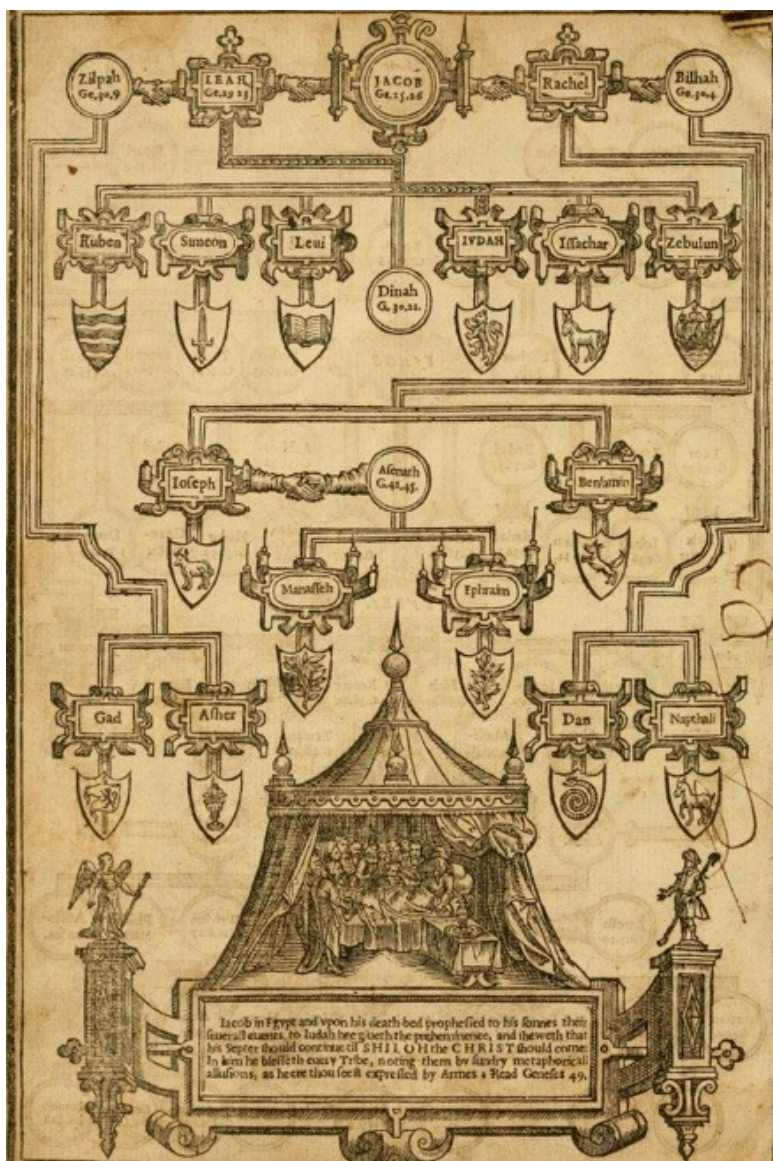
My own experience reflects this exclusion. Until two years ago, New York State adoption records were sealed. Adoptees were unable to learn the identities of their birth mothers or fathers, and birth parents were never able to know their children. When a child is adopted, a new birth certificate is issued with the adoptive parents' names included and the birth parents' names erased. As Gad and Asher are counted as Leah's sons.

When I was adopted, the agency told my parents that my background was just like theirs. They chose not to distinguish between my birth father's German Jewish background and my dad's mother's German heritage. I was 36 when I met my birth father, but the legacy he gave me is significant. As is that of my maternal side, where birth parents were also lost. My maternal biological grandmother was adopted and no records were kept – only family stories. It took decades for my aunts to search out and reclaim their (our) history. Although adopted by Irish Catholics, my grandmother wanted to be buried as a Jew, in honor of her Jewish birth mother.

I know my passion for Judaism comes from my ancestors. I am lucky to have learned this aspect of my heritage. And so much comes from my parents – my love for family, tradition, culture, cooking, service, and many things I am unable to name.

We are not always consistent in whose parenting we recognize. Sometimes, we recognize only birth parents; other times, only adoptive parents. Moses was raised by Pharaoh's daughter, but she is unnamed in the Torah. She's honored by the rabbis, who call her Batya – daughter of God. All of these parents are important; all add to who we are.

Our Rosh Chodesh group discussed the role of Bilhah and Zilpah in the creation of the Jewish people and recommended to the Ritual Committee that we include them in our liturgy. The Ritual Committee concurred. Beginning this month, an insert will be placed into our prayerbooks and we will name Bilhah and Zilpah among our matriarchs. May their memories and their stories inspire us to honor all those who contribute to us, genetically and otherwise. ❖



From the Presidents

Happy New Year! Happy New Year!

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BY BEVERLY MANNIX

I would like to wish everyone a happy and especially healthy New Year. Many of us probably never thought we would still be dealing with a pandemic as 2022 begins. As we celebrate this secular New Year, I am reminded that the Jewish calendar has four different New Years established to provide boundaries and markers to ensure certain commandments were completed at their appointed times. The ancient Israelites were required to contribute a tenth of the current year's produce so they had to know when the agricultural year began and ended.



Of course, we are all most familiar with the first Jewish New Year, 1 Tishrei, Rosh Hashanah. It literally means “head of the year” and is mentioned in the Torah as a “day when the horn is sounded” (Numbers 29:1).

The second New Year is 15 Shevat, the New Year for trees. This date was selected since most of the winter rains are over and the fruit has begun to ripen.

At Kehillath Shalom we will be celebrating **Tu B'Shvat** with a seder on Saturday, January 15, which we hope many of you will attend. It includes eating fruit from the new season, and fruit with and without shells.



1 Nisan is the third Jewish New Year and corresponds to the season of redemption from Egypt and the birth of the Israelite nation. The Torah commands that Nisan is the beginning of months and tied all counting of Jewish religious festivals to the Exodus from Egypt. This distinguishes Israel from all other nations.

1 Elul is the New Year for the tithing of cattle. This had to be made from cattle born in the same fiscal year between 1 Elul one year and

the next.

This secular New Year's Day, we read about the first seven plagues in *Parshah Va'eira*, leading to the redemption from Egypt. We should not view them as merely supernatural events that wracked Egypt 3300 years ago. Many commentators say the plagues show their retaliatory nature. A broader reason is to prove God's power to both the Pharaoh and the Egyptian people. They will realize the overreaching power of ONE GOD. But the plagues also impress upon the Israelites the knowledge of God as well. Both Israelites and Egyptians needed the plagues to fully and completely hear God's message.



Let us all be aware this New Year to continue to hear God's message. Let us continue to fight climate change and support all the ongoing scientific research fighting this pandemic. We must consistently be reminded, as the Egyptians and Jews were by the plagues, that the needs of our world must continuously be tended to. ❖



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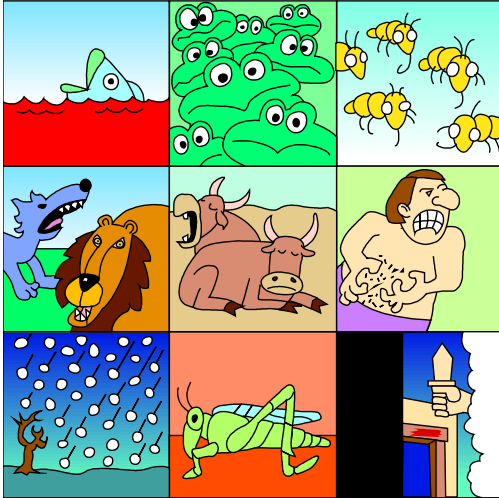
SHABBAT SERVICES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

No scheduled service

Torah Portion: *Vaera*, Exodus 6:2—9:35

God tells Moses and Aaron to free the Israelites. The first eight plagues.



FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

Soup Shabbat 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

Torah Study 10 am

Tefilah 11:15 am

Torah School Workshop

Torah Portion: *Bo*, Exodus 10:1-13:16

The last two plagues: locusts and the slaying of the first-born. The first Passover and the departure from Egypt.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

Candlelighting 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

Tu B'Shvat Seder 10 am

Torah Portion: *B'shalach*, Exodus 13:17-17:16

The parting of the Sea of Reeds. The *Song of the Sea*. God provides manna, including double portions for Shabbat.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

Torah Study 10 am

Meditation Service 11:15 am

Torah Portion: *Yitro*, Exodus 18:1-20:23

Moses sets up a system for settling disputes, relieving himself of some of the burden of moral guardianship. The Israelites arrive at Sinai. God tells Moses and Aaron to ascend the mountain to receive the Ten Commandments.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

Candlelighting 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

Torah Study 10 am

Tefilah 11:15 am

Torah Portion: *Mishpatim*, Exodus 21:1-24:18

Moses ascends Sinai, spending forty days and nights there, and receiving the law. Many important laws are mentioned in this section and the holidays of Passover, Shavuot and Sukkot are established. ❖

Zoom Quick Reference Schedule

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Morning Gathering		8 am			8 am	
Torah Study & Tefilah						10 am
Candlelighting					6:30 pm	
Lunch & Learn				12:30 pm		

Zoom Meeting ID for most events 882 6522 6225, Password 046 425

TU BISHEVAT SEDER

Saturday, January 15 @ 10 am

Tu BiShevat is: Trees

Tu BiShevat is: the Environment

Tu BiShevat is: Fruit of the Tree and Fruit of the Vine

Tu BiShevat is: Israel

Tu BiShevat is: New Life

The KSS Tu BiShevat Seder is all of the above.

RSVP to Rabbi Lina



MLK DAY OF SERVICE

MLK Day was established to be a national day of service: "a day on, not a day off." Join us at KSS to prepare soup, sandwiches, and cupcakes for Helping Hands Rescue Mission's Tuesday lunch program. RSVP to Rabbi Lina very helpful! Children and adults welcome.



Monday, January 21@11am

Reliable News Sources: Israel and the Middle East

BY JUDY DAVIS

At some point during our Forums, people often ask where they can find reliable, comprehensive, and unbiased news about Israel and Jewish life. Here are some sources:

YNET NEWS

www.ynetnews.com

“ynetnews is Israel's most comprehensive, authoritative daily source in English for breaking news and current events from Israel and the Jewish world.”

JEWISH NEWS SYNDICATE (JNS)

www.jns.org

“JNS.org is an independent, non-profit news agency committed to growing the coverage of Israel news and broader global Jewish news. We provide news from around the world, as well as a rich assortment of photos and art, culture and lifestyle features, and commentary.”

TIMES OF ISRAEL

www.timesofisrael.com

The Times of Israel is your one-stop site for news, features, live blogs and more - on Israel, the region and the Jewish world

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www.jpost.com

“The Jerusalem Post is the leading English news source of American Jewry. Jpost.com is its online version. It delivers Israel news, Arab and Israeli conflict updates, and news about Jewish life”

THE FORWARD

forward.com

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Middle East, Israel and around the world

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www.honestreporting.com

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NGO MONITOR

www.ngo-monitor.org

“...We publish fact-based research and independent analysis about non-governmental organizations (NGOs), their funders, and other stakeholders, primarily

in the context of the Arab-Israeli conflict...”

CAMERA [COMMITTEE FOR ACCURACY IN MIDDLE EAST REPORTING AND ANALYSIS]

www.camera.org

“...a media-monitoring, research and membership organization devoted to promoting accurate and balanced coverage of Israel and the Middle East. CAMERA fosters rigorous reporting, while educating news consumers about Middle East issues and the role of the media. Because public opinion ultimately shapes public policy, distorted news coverage that misleads the public can be detrimental to sound policymaking. A non-partisan organization, CAMERA takes no position with regard to American or Israeli political issues or with regard to ultimate solutions to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

... Frequently inaccurate and skewed characterizations of Israel and of events in the Middle East may fuel anti-Israel and anti-Jewish prejudice.”

STANDWITHUS

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“StandWithUs is an international and non-partisan Israel education organization that inspires and educates people of all ages and backgrounds, challenges misinformation and fights antisemitism...”

“StandWithUs is not politically aligned in any country. It does not and has never advocated specific policies for Israel. Our work and our respect for Israel's democratically elected government are not contingent on which parties are in power. Our goal is to counter antisemitism

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MAKING SACRED DECISIONS AT THE END-OF-LIFE

Sunday, January 23 @ 10 am

Most of us will not be blessed, as Moses was, to die "by the kiss of God," at the fullness of our strength, without frailty or illness or pain. The aging and dying process will offer choices to many of us — how much treatment and what kind? How to respond when the quality of our lives is no longer tenable? What are our options after death? These questions can be hard to face, but they are part of our experience of life. Making thought-through decisions in advance can help us and our families when we face these difficult realities.

RSVP to [Rabbi Ling](#) required.

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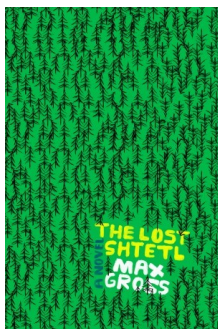
SUBCOMMITTEE OF SOCIAL ACTION

If you would like to know more about a particular committee — what it does, how much time it entails, or anything else — please contact the people above. Asking for more information does not commit you to anything! But it could lead to a rewarding experience, working with others to strengthen and grow our community. ❖

bagels & books

There was unanimous agreement that our December discussion of *How to Fight Anti-Semitism*, by Bari Weiss, was one of our most worthwhile ever. Learning that antisemitism is far older than most of us thought, and appears in different guises, coming from varying political, cultural, and historic angles, as well as sharing various experiences that we have had in dealing with it, enriched our understanding of this resurgent problem as well as learning more about, as the title of the book says, how to fight it. Kudos to Arlene Fell and Ileen Koenig for suggesting it.

What if there were a hidden Jewish village in Poland that had escaped the Holocaust? And the rise and fall of communism, electricity, modern medicine, the establishment of the State of Israel, and the internet? *The Lost Shtetl*, Max Gross's "howlingly funny, achingly sad" novel, reminiscent of Sholem Aleichem, Isaac Bashevis Singer, and Michael Chabon, with dashes of Mark Twain and Woody Allen, explores that scenario for our discussion on January 16. A National Jewish Book Award winner.



For the rest of the year:

February 20 — *What We Will Become: A Mother, a Son, and a Journey of Transformation*, by Mimi Lemay

March 20 — *The Book of Lost Names*, by Kristin Harmel

April 24 — *The Last Kings of Shanghai: The Rival Jewish Dynasties that Helped Create Modern China*, by Jonathan Kaufman

May 22 — *The Hidden Palace: A Novel of the Golem and the Jinni*, by Helene Wecker

June 26 — *Concealed: Memoir of a Jewish-Iranian Daughter Caught Between the Chador and America*, by Esther Amini

Until further notice, we will continue Zooming on Barbara Kremen's account at 10 am Sundays. Bring your own bagel, lox, and coffee, or whatever Sunday morning treat you'd like and please join us for any books that interest you. RSVP to Barbara, bskhere@yahoo.com. ❖



Reliable News Sources

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and to educate the public about Israel and empower others to educate their communities, and to make it possible to have reasonable, informed conversations about Israel's policies on campuses and in communities."

MOSAIC

www.mosaicmagazine.com

"The main feature in *Mosaic* is a full-length monthly essay on an issue or theme of pressing significance for Jews, Judaism, or the Jewish state. To enrich discussion of each essay, invited experts offer responses to the author's contentions and conclusions, followed, at the end of the month, by the author's reply.

In addition, *Mosaic* regularly carries a variety of briefer opinion pieces, thoughts on issues and events of the day, historical reflections, and the like. Finally, a permanent feature of the website is the daily "Editors' Picks": a handful of the day's most urgent items, gathered from far-flung places around the web and introduced in short summaries of their specific substance and import.

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COMING IN FEBRUARY...

Friday, February 4 – Soup Shabbat

Saturday, February 5 – Camp Havaya/Torah School Late Night@KSS, 7 – 9:30 pm

Sunday, February 6 – Adar I Rosh Chodesh Group@10 am

Thursday, February 9 – KSS Trivia Night, 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 12 – Israel Forum

Wednesday, February 16 – Movies & Munchies, 7:30 pm

Friday, February 18 – Musical Kabbalat Shabbat on Zoom, 6:30 pm

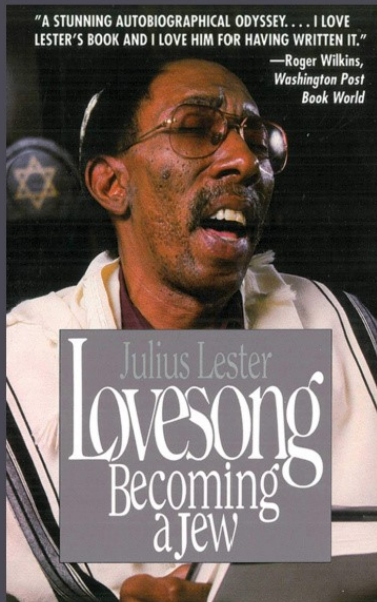
Sunday, February 20 – Bagels & Books, 10 am

And more! Watch TWAKS and your email for more info.

SHEVAT ROSH CHODESH GROUP

Welcome Shevat, the month of trees, with an exploration of ancient and contemporary understandings of the life, role, and gifts of trees in our world. Those in person will enjoy the fruits of trees as we share food and make our own books. RSVP to Rabbi Lina for link and location.

Sunday, January 9 @ 10 am



Lunch & Learn

Lovesong by Julius Lester

Begins 12/16/21@12:30 by Zoom



LOOKING FOR A NEW OIL COMPANY? Do You Zelle?

Skaggs-Walsh, KSS' heating oil supplier, gives us cash thank-yous if you sign up with them and say Kehillath Shalom Synagogue referred you. Our first two referrals, ABBY PARISER and PETER GOLLON, and JANE KÜNSTLER and CLIFF BROFFMAN, earned us \$100 each. The third referral is worth \$200! Will you be the one? Referrals #4 and 5 would also earn us \$100 each, and #6 would be another \$200, and so on.

Contact Skaggs-Walsh at 516-227-3700, or skaggswalsh.com. ❖



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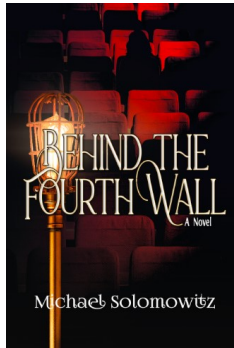
Make donations, pay for special events, pay dues — no checks, no stamps, no fees. Log into your bank account, find Zelle, and send to kehillath-shalom@optonline.net. **Note: Do NOT Zelle to the office phone! It won't work!**

Easy as aleph, bet, gimel!

Another KSS Author!

Former KSS member Mike Solomowitz writes from the sandy shores of Cape Cod, where he and Kathy now live, sending love and best wishes, and would like to let us know that his first novel, *Behind the Fourth Wall*, is being published January 13 and will be available from Amazon.

Months after losing his family, a New York playwright reluctantly retreats to Cape Cod. There he discovers the harrowing mystery behind his wife's death and the part he played in it. Harboring this devastating secret and confronted by a woman who urges him to face his reckoning, *Behind The Fourth Wall* is a story of hope and redemption, forgiveness and second chances, and ultimately, the courage to face one's darkest fears.



Advance reviewers said, "Powerful and poignant, with mystical elements ... A five star read that tears at your heartstrings," and "A cleverly written tale that delivers a riveting plot wrapped in a tightly-paced narrative ... filled with ... wonderfully flawed characters who stay with you long after the last page."

If you recall Mike's clever scripts for *Mordy and Gina's Wedding* and *Chooray for Hollywood*, *Behind the Fourth Wall* promises to be an enthralling read.

Click [here](#) to order *Behind the Fourth Wall* from Amazon for Kindle or in paperback. [Make sure to use Amazon Smile!]

We wish Mike the best of success with his novel, and look forward to more from his creative imagination. ❖

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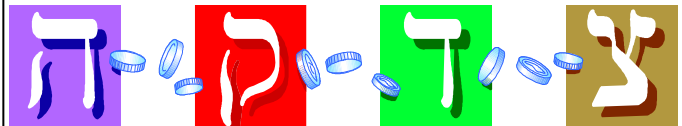
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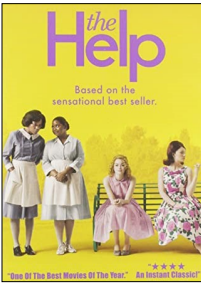
We welcome the free expression of ideas from different perspectives and will consider all submissions for publication.



Committee on Racial Justice

Our committee will meet this month to map our course for the next six months. Until then, we will look back on the year behind. Here is the annual report our committee submitted to the Board, outlining what we have accomplished since we began our work.

We meet monthly and our discussions about how best to carry out our work, both within the KSS community and in the larger Huntington community is ongoing.



We've hosted three movie nights: *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*, *One Night in Miami*, and *The Help*, each sparking good discussions.

We sponsored a movie night with the Noor Mosque, and planned a joint picnic with them that unfortunately had to be canceled. We hope to continue to reach out to this congregation.

We've invited several speakers to attend Torah Study and other programs, including Rabbi Sandra Lawson, and Rabbi Micah Guerin Weiss.

We sent a representative to a session of a year-long class on racial justice facilitated by Rabbi Weiss, during which we spoke about next steps for committees like ours.

We attend monthly meetings of the Huntington chapter of the NAACP and inquired about joining various committees; however, these overtures have not yet progressed beyond this stage.

CRJ contributed to the gala for ERASE Racism, a Long Island based anti-racism group that works on education and housing issues, primarily, and attended several phone calls about the situation in various school districts concerning the implementation of the new NYS inclusion curriculum.



Two members of CRJ regularly attend monthly meetings of the Huntington Anti-Bias Task Force.



We participated, for a few months, in a series of workshops run by Reconstructing Judaism during which we talked about how to welcome diversity into our congregations.

And we write this monthly column for the KSS Newsletter to keep you abreast of what's on our

mind, and to keep the ongoing struggle for racial justice in all our minds, as we work together to create a more perfect union.

Thank you for your support,

Roberta Israeloff, Chair
Barbara Heller
Gail Sacks
David Schwartz
Rabbi Lina Zerbarini

Coming This Month...

Your Bubbe might have said, "Why should we have to worry about the *shvartzes* (people of color)? We have enough *tzuris* with the antisemites."

Your Bubbe was partially right. Antisemitism *IS* an escalating issue and one that requires our attention and concern, as witnessed in the Bagels & Books discussion in December. But in today's complicated world that attacks Jews from both the right and the left, we can see a broader span of societal oppression and can draw strength in alliance.

You may ask why and how does that even work. For an enlightening perspective, you are invited to join us on Zoom, **Wednesday, January 19, at 7:30 pm**, for a video discussion titled *Stay in the Fight for Racial Justice with Eric Ward and Yavilah McCoy*. Originally sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women, the discussion may not change your opinion but it will certainly expand your perspective. Isn't that what we all would hope to be—better-informed people able to make better decisions?

Look for program information in upcoming TWAKS. ❖



A snowy day in Jerusalem, 2015.

ZOOM MEMBERSHIP!

Hi Mishpucha,

First of all, we are delighted to welcome our newest members, RHYA JERROLD and son NATE, of Plainview. Nate is in third grade and is enrolled in our Torah School, and Rhya found us through an online search. Yay internet!

Straight from approval at the December Board meeting, you can now tell all your friends and family (who live outside of a 36 mile distance*) that for only \$180 for the year, they can be part of Kehillath Shalom Synagogue by way of our newly created ZOOM MEMBERSHIP! They can join all of our thoroughly engaging programs virtually: light Shabbat candles together, discuss the weekly parsha at Torah study, watch the scheduled flick or read our current book and then join the Movies & Munchies and Bagels & Books discussions, hear the latest news from Israel at Nissim's Israel Forums, follow the activities of the Committee for Racial Justice, and take part in the popular weekly Lunch and Learn group expertly guided by Rabbi Lina.

Perhaps we can rendezvous with some of our former members who have moved out of the area. Let them know you miss them. Perhaps you can gift your family members whose faces you'd like to see more often. Virtual programming is here to stay in synagogues all over the country and we have joined them. Spread the word and inform the office if you'd like to purchase a Zoom Membership for someone you know.

On Sunday afternoon, January 30, we have scheduled a fun afternoon – “A Play Date for Grown-Ups.” We'll have board games and card games and canasta and bridge to play and learn. We'll set aside space for the knitters and crocheters. Following our synagogue Covid protocols, we will be using both the large and middle rooms but limiting attendance to a maximum of 30 people. RSVP required. Look for updates in TWAKS for confirmation and details.

If you miss seeing someone from the congregation, pick up the phone and say hello. They'll be surprised and happy to hear from you.

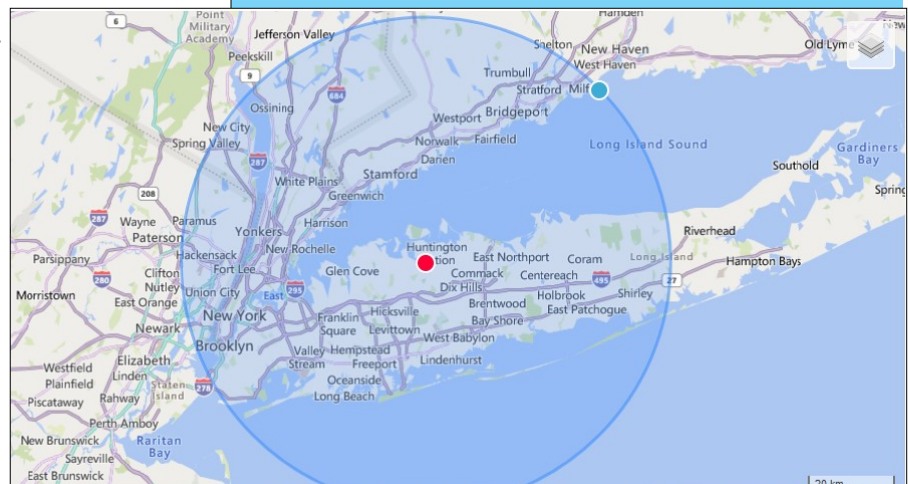
'Til next month,

Barbara Heller, Audrey Teich, Bernice Luken Celentano, Carole Valente, and Marie Korn

*The accompanying map shows a 36-mile radius around KSS. Obviously, many locations within that circle, particularly in Westchester and Connecticut, are much further than 36 miles when driving, and so would qualify for this special membership.

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The War of Return: How Western Indulgence of the Palestinian Dream Has Obstructed the Path to Peace, by Adi Schwartz and Einat Wilf

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SUNDAY, October 17 / 10 am

Update and Report from Israel and the Middle East

Saturday, November 13 / Services at 10 am, Forum at 11:15

Analysis of the Threats and Challenges Faced by Israel

Saturday, December 11 / Services at 10 am, Forum at 11:15

Israel and the Middle East: What American Media Don't Tell You

Saturday, February 12 / Services at 10 am, Forum at 11:15

Update and Report from Israel and the Middle East

Saturday, March 26 / Services at 10 am, Forum at 11:15

Moderated by Kehillath Shalom member Nissim Yeheskel, Israeli native and frequent visitor.



Mixed board games, cards, and handcrafts.

Coffee and wine.

Open to all; attendance limited.

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PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

For half a century and more, Kehillath Shalom Synagogue has played a role in the lives of generations of Jewish families. Through their work and their resources, the congregation’s pioneers made it possible for KSS to thrive and to survive for the generations to come. That work continues as does the opportunity to keep Kehillath Shalom active and vibrant for those who will come through its door tomorrow after tomorrow.

In the spirit of *L’Dor v’Dor* (“From generation to generation”), join those who have made a provision for Kehillath Shalom in planning for the future through their estate and financial planning. Your gift can help assure the long-term viability of the synagogue.

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Let's Light Candles Together



Friday evenings, 6:30

(When nothing else is scheduled)

We'll share, sing, and bring Shabbat peace.

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We will learn, study, share, pray.
As usual, come for Torah Study or Service or Both!

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**Shabbat Morning
Torah Study 10 am
Service 11:15 am**

Morning Gathering Stillness, Meditation, Blessings

Morning Gathering: Tuesday & Friday Mornings at 8 am
Establish a strong, centered, calm foundation for the day.
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Kislev/Shevat 5782



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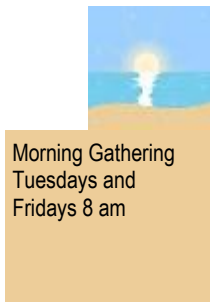
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No scheduled service

New Year's Day

Morning Gathering
Tuesdays and
Fridays 8 am

Lunch & Learn
Lovesong
12:30 pm

Soup Shabbat
6:30 pm

Torah Study 10 am
Shabbat Shirah Song
Service 11:15 am
Torah School
4:24 Workshop

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Rosh Chodesh Group
10 am

Board Meeting
7:30 pm

Lunch & Learn
Lovesong
12:30 pm

Candlelighting
On Zoom 6:30 pm

Tu B'Shvat Seder
10 am

4:31

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Bagels & Books
10 am
The Lost Shtetl

MLK Day of Service
Martin Luther King Jr.
Day
Tu B'Shevat

CRJ Video
Discussion
Racial Justice
7:30 pm

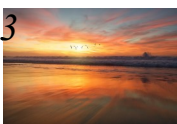
Lunch & Learn
Topic tba
Watch TWAKS
12:30 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat
Zoom only
6:30 pm

Torah Study 10 am
Meditation Service
11:15 am

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Adult Ed. 10 am
Making Sacred
Decisions at the End
of Life

Lunch & Learn
Topic tba
Watch TWAKS
12:30 pm

Candlelighting
On Zoom 6:30 pm

Torah Study 10 am
Tefilah 11:15 am

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Adult Play Date
Early afternoon
Details tba

Lunch & Learn
Topic tba
Watch TWAKS
12:30 pm

Soup Shabbat
6:30 pm

Torah Study 10 am
Tefilah 11:15 am
Camp Havaya/
Torah School
4:56 Overnight 7—9:30 pm