

The Bulletin

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Rabbi's Message

We will soon be celebrating the festival of Purim, which although considered a minor holiday in our calendar, has become a much more important observance. When we were children, Purim was about dressing in costume and making noise during the reading of the Megillah. Today, exchanging portions of food and giving tzedakah have become more prominent. There is a serious side to Purim.

The Megillah recounts a threat to the existence of the Jewish community of Persia, engendered by a high official with a personal axe to grind. In pursuing his vendetta, he defamed the entire Jewish community accusing the Jews of "keeping apart, maintaining their own laws and disregarding the laws of the land". These accusations, of course, are both unfounded and not true! But this suggestion of disloyalty to the host country has plagued the Jewish people ever since, almost everywhere we have resided.

In recent weeks, this charge has been leveled against American Jews, indirectly, because of our support of the State of Israel. We have been accused somewhat openly of supporting the State of Israel against the interests of the United States. We have been accused of using our

wealth to inappropriately affect the decisions of the government regarding the State of Israel. These attacks are not directed against the State of Israel but against us as American Jews. They can only be characterized as anti-Semitic remarks based on misunderstandings and misperceptions of the facts. I am not going to make the case for the mutuality of interests between the State of Israel and the United States nor am I going to defend our right as Americans to petition the government about issues of concern to us. What I am concerned about is the potential short-term and long-term effects of these baseless charges and how they might to continue to be expressed in the weeks and months to come.

These charges have been made before by individuals and groups already identified as harboring and fostering anti-Semitic sentiments. What is new is that these charges have come from elected officials who are cloaking them in the garb of public policy. There is a big difference between legitimate disagreements over public policy and delegitimizing a position because of who is advocating for it.

It is inevitable that in a free society, like the United States, uncomfortable and even hateful points of view will be expressed concerning a wide range of issues. But we

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Fri., Mar. 1	Services & Candle Lighting 5:28 pm
Sat., Mar. 2	Parsha Vayakhel Morning Services 9:00 am
Fri., Mar. 8	Services & Candle Lighting 5:35 pm
Sat., Mar. 9	Parsha Pekude Morning Services 9:00 am
Fri., Mar. 15	Services & Candle Lighting 6:43 pm
Sat., Mar. 16	Parsha Vayikra Shabbat Zahor Services 9:00 am
Wed., Mar. 20	Megillah Reading 9:30 pm
Thurs., Mar. 21	Purim Megillah Reading 6:30am and 11:00 am [at Wing Wan]
Fri., Mar. 22	Services & Candle Lighting 6:52 pm
Sat., Mar. 23	Parsha Tzav Services 9:00 am
Fri., Mar. 29	Services & Candle Lighting 6:58 pm
Sat., Mar. 30	Parsha Shmini Shabbat Parah Services 9:00 am

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 MONDAY AND THURSDAY: 6:30 AM
 SUNDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY &
 FRIDAY: 8:30 AM
 SUNDAY - THURSDAY: 8:00 PM

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Rabbi's Office Hours:
 Tuesday:
 1:00 pm-4:00 pm
 Wednesday:
 10:00 am-2:00 pm
 Thursday:
 1:00 pm—4:00 pm
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In my early days as an Architect (before I was even licensed), I worked at a great firm that specialized in high-end restaurant design. It was a small firm (around 18 people), with a mix of architects and interior designers from schools such as RISD(y), Pratt Institute, NJIT, Virginia Tech, and other wonderful schools with design orientated programs. It was a great group of co-workers, and so was our boss. Looking back, I see a lot of similarities between us. He was pretty high strung, and while trying to quit smoking he would frantically chew Nicorette gum, sometimes popping multiple pieces into his mouth at time. All the while he would be racing from meeting to meeting (always just on time or a few minutes late), or in a design team meeting, or fielding calls from clients while practically ripping his hair out.

Aside from my boss, my general co-workers, and the great projects we produced as a team, one major thing has stuck with me in the 20+ years since I left that firm. I had 2 direct supervisors, and on my first job as project manager, we were strategizing a problem he turned to me and said:



...and drew it out on a piece of tracing paper, in a triangle formation. He told me that on any job, all that I can do is achieve 2 of them. Want it FAST and CHEAP? It won't be good. Want it GOOD and

FAST? Watch out, it won't be cheap. Lastly, if you get it GOOD and CHEAP expect that it will not be fast. So true.

Here we are, at Congregation Shaaray Shalom at the start of 2019. We have so much going on; it is both amazing and scary at the same time. In this bulletin you will find updates from the Building (House) Committee regarding all the updates and maintenance efforts underway. You will also find updates from the Security Committee on many of the things they are working on. Sisterhood seems to have engaged with Wonder Woman and her entire extended family, because they have a torrent of activities coming up and I don't even understand how they can do so much. But wait, there's more: Shabbat Across America, Yom HaShoah, Israel Independence Day...and let's not forget about Jewish observances!

How does all this relate to GOOD-CHEAP-FAST? For the most part, I think we operate on the GOOD-CHEAP model. We manage to get so much done, on such a low budget, it's impressive. Many times, the process is slow and slightly painful, but it gets done. With the exception of a small group of clergy, office staff, and maintenance, we operate entirely on a volunteer basis. I loathe the CHEAP-FAST model, because definitely (and clearly) nothing GOOD will come of it.

One last note: I would like to thank our Bulletin Editor for her hard work on keeping the bulletin coming out monthly, on time, and feature rich.

Alan Shamoun

The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Most synagogue funds are used for the benefit of the synagogue, but the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund in particular, is for the benefit of people in need in the community. Unfortunately, as the needs have increased, contributions to the Fund have decreased. Keep making the contributions that you have, but if you are able to give something additional for this Fund, please do. All donors are acknowledged, both with a card and in the Bulletin, unless you wish your donation to be anonymous. Thanks and best wishes.

Our Daily Minyan is in Need of Your Support

Congregation Shaaray Shalom has a long history of supporting the many congregants who need to say Kaddish and observe yahrzeiten. Our constant pleas for participation sometimes work. We have a few new faces and some returning ones. All are welcome to spend a few minutes on Monday and Thursday mornings at 6:30 am and Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8:30 am. This is another NO EXPERIENCE needed program and our clergy are always willing to help you learn and become more proficient at davening and maybe someday be a leader. We now conduct minyan services in memory and honor of David Weiss, ז"ר.

We are looking to start a small list of those who can be on standby via TEXT messaging for any of the mornings. A group text would be sent only if we are missing #10 and if one person responds, the others would go on their way. It is a modern approach to the old fashioned apparatus on the wall and it can contact many people in a FLASH.

Please contact Rich Selzer: 516 680 3710 / Rjselzer@gmail.com or Leah Freeberg: 516 984-7782 / leahf584@aol.com to add your name to this list .

Our minyan continues to be one of our strengths. Please help us continue it.

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You may also call the office at [516] 481-7448 and let Ira know that you will be coming.



Congregation Shaaray Shalom

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APARTMENT WANTED

Chánene Hinds, our admin. assistant, is looking for a new home for herself and her two sons. She needs a one to two bedroom [preferably]. Reasonable rent, please call the office at 516 481-7448 if you have an apartment. Excellent references guaranteed.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Congratulations to Renee & Lenny Drachtman on the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter Ella Sophie, daughter of Ilisa & Kevin Harrison

BUILDING UPDATE

Fellow congregants

As we prepare to come out of hibernation from the winter the building committee has been hard at work changing from one season to the next. We have addressed many security issues on our premises and we are looking into more ways to protect our building, our program attendees, our tenants and, of course, our congregants.

A new key pad access system has been installed on our common side entrance. Our front main doors will be getting a push bar upgrade for a safer egress from our building, while making our entrance safer for all. We are looking into a full makeover of our burglar alarm system and additional security measures as we move forward into the year.

A major project underway is our heat and air conditioning system, we have identified a major deficiency in some of our ducts in the ballroom and sanctuary which have been the root cause of our continued issue of balancing the temperatures in those areas. We have found a new vendor to assist in getting this project back on track. A new contractor has been engaged and our baseboard heating systems for the first floor have been rebalanced and many cold spots have been corrected and the overheating of the Mosseson and Wachtel rooms have been reduced.

Our team continues to maintain the many areas of our building with Jorge, our caretaker. We are keeping up with roof maintenance, rear driveway cleanups and resealing as needed. We have a large and overused building and are a busy congregation but we do our best in keeping up with all of our systems.

If you have a problem or suggestions please get it to our committee

Best to all
Richie S.

PRESERVING THE TRACES OF EGYPT'S LOST JEWS *By Lucette Lagnado*

In the early 20th century, the country was home to a flourishing Jewish community. Now one of the last survivors wants to keep its memory alive.

Magda Haroun likes to say she will be the last Jew left in Egypt. She sees it as her mission to prepare for that day, which is why she is obsessed with preserving the remnants of Egyptian Jewish culture. Today, many younger Egyptians don't know that, in the early 20th century, the country was home to some 80,000 Jews, who lived alongside Christians and Muslims in a flourishing multicultural society.

Ms. Haroun was born in 1952, the year when King Farouk was overthrown and life in Egypt changed dramatically. The Jews of Egypt had been departing in waves since 1948, the year of Israel's creation, when they suddenly found themselves the object of the rage that so many Egyptians felt over the new Jewish state. Still, Farouk was viewed by the Jewish community as a protector. When Colonel Gamal Abdel-Nasser took over, he made it clear that Egypt was only for Arabs; Jews, even whose families had lived there for generations, didn't qualify.

Nasser's government introduced new edicts that confiscated or nationalized private businesses. Jewish-owned companies were forced to take on Arab managers and employees. It became hard for Jews to find work, and financial uncertainty helped to fuel their departure, as much as darker fears of persecution.

Today, there are fewer than a dozen Jews living in Egypt, by some estimates.

But Ms. Haroun's family refused to leave. Her father, Shehata Haroun, was a charismatic Communist lawyer with strongly anti-Zionist sentiments. He did all he could to stay, including offering denunciations of Israel and Zionism. Still, he was jailed during the anti-Jewish frenzy that broke out during the Six Day War in 1967, when all Egyptian Jewish men between the ages of 18 and 60 were imprisoned, some for years.

When Shehata Haroun was released, he could have left the country—as most of the remaining Jews did—but he insisted that Egypt was his home. Ms. Haroun herself spent some of her adult life living abroad, in Kuwait, Hong Kong, Tokyo and Istanbul. But like her father, she saw Egypt as her home: “I always wanted to return to Egypt,” she says.

Today, there are fewer than a dozen Jews living in Egypt, by some estimates—Ms. Haroun says only four, including herself, are left in Cairo, and another Jewish woman in her 90s died this week. Nobody really knows the exact number, since so many of the Jews who stayed in the country married Muslims or Christians and have kept a low profile. As they aged and lost their spouses, they became, if possible, even more fearful.

But in recent years, some elderly Egyptians—mostly widows in their 80s or 90s—have “come out” to reclaim their Jewish identities. A couple of times a year, they journey shyly to the Gates of Heaven, the main synagogue on Adly Street, to attend a Passover Seder or a Hanukkah menorah lighting. To survive, they receive discreet financial help from the Joint Distribution Committee, the New York-based Jewish relief organization, which has quietly supported the last Jews of the Arab world, sending aid to Algeria and Libya until there were no Jews left to help.

So when Ms. Haroun became president of the country's Jewish community in 2013, she assumed the role with some trepidation. The community still owned several properties, including schools, synagogues and the vast Basatine cemetery. The synagogues, many abandoned decades ago, were filled with rubbish and had decaying walls and interiors. But the cemetery was in especially dire condition, vulnerable both to squatters and vandals. After going to visit her father's grave, Ms. Haroun found the area in disarray, writing in an emotional Facebook post: “Forgive me, Shehata Haroun—forgive me that your place of rest looks like this.”

To tackle the problem, Ms. Haroun made use of a venerable Jewish communal institution: La Goutte de Lait, a school for impoverished children founded in 1918 whose name means “the drop of milk.” Ms. Haroun inserted a new clause in its bylaws suggesting that since there are no longer any Jewish children in Egypt to educate, La Goutte de Lait would instead devote itself to restoring and preserving Jewish institutions throughout Cairo.

This embrace of the Jewish past is part of a far-reaching nostalgia for a time that most Egyptians have only heard about from their parents and older relatives.

This Pied Piper of Jewish Cairo has also enlisted a group of Egyptian Muslims and Christians to help in her efforts. Some, like Samy Ibrahim, Ms. Haroun's chief of staff, have Jewish relatives. (Mr. Ibrahim's father, an avowed Communist who converted to Islam, managed to remain in Egypt against the odds, and still lives in downtown Cairo.) Femony Okasha, whose grandmother was Jewish, is another active volunteer. “It is important that people remember how we all coexisted harmoniously in Egypt,” she says. Her work with Ms. Haroun is about emphasizing “values of tolerance and respect.”

The group's first goal has been to repair the dozen or so Cairo synagogues that are still viable and turn some of them into cultural centers to attract Muslim and Christian—and Jewish—visitors. With American grant money, an Egyptian design firm prepared detailed architectural drawings of Cairo's dozen synagogues as a first step toward refurbishing them.

Another goal of La Goutte de Lait is to create a library to house several thousand Hebrew books that were

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SISTERHOOD

Efficiency is a wonderful thing, except it's giving me tsuris at the moment. About what new info can I write? Why should I tell you about upcoming events which you've already read? And then there's the deadline for this month's Bulletin -- just before our newest event -- our first Munch and. Mingle at Wing Wan. Talk about timing. Hopefully, all who came enjoyed the food, the company, the entertainment and the chance to gab uninterrupted.

Our officers are hoping that more will come of this casual afternoon. Since one of the main things we all have in common is Sisterhood itself, the possibility exists that people were remembering and talking about other activities they have shared as members. Maybe they came up with ideas for more. If you think about this and come up with something, please let Rita know. It could be something old, something new, even something borrowed from another organization. As for our luncheon, we are planning to make this a regular event. What better way to connect, especially in winter, with members who are NOT in Florida. When most of your friends are out of town who do you meet to "do lunch" with? Catch a movie? Go to dinner? Do some shopping?

Here's a good conversation starter: We're all being asked for bubbe meises. There's nothing like a group brainstorming session on family stories and foibles. My sister and I had a grand old time talking about our grandmother's lists of dos and don'ts. Remember the red ribbons on baby carriages? You get the idea. And then we turned to family recipes. Just keep a pad and pen handy, write them down, credit the person whose story it is and please, get this information to Judy Shostak. We are writing a book, and you will be a published contributor. If nothing else, you'll have a few good laughs.

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN BRIEF:

- Wednesday, March 6th Special Program, speaker, 8:15 PM
- Sunday, March 17th Assemble Purim baskets
- Tuesday, April 2nd Pizza and Game Night (6-ish)
- Sunday, May 5th Pre Mother's Day Brunch, speaker, Beat the Clock, raffles and more

Check for times. See you there.

Helene

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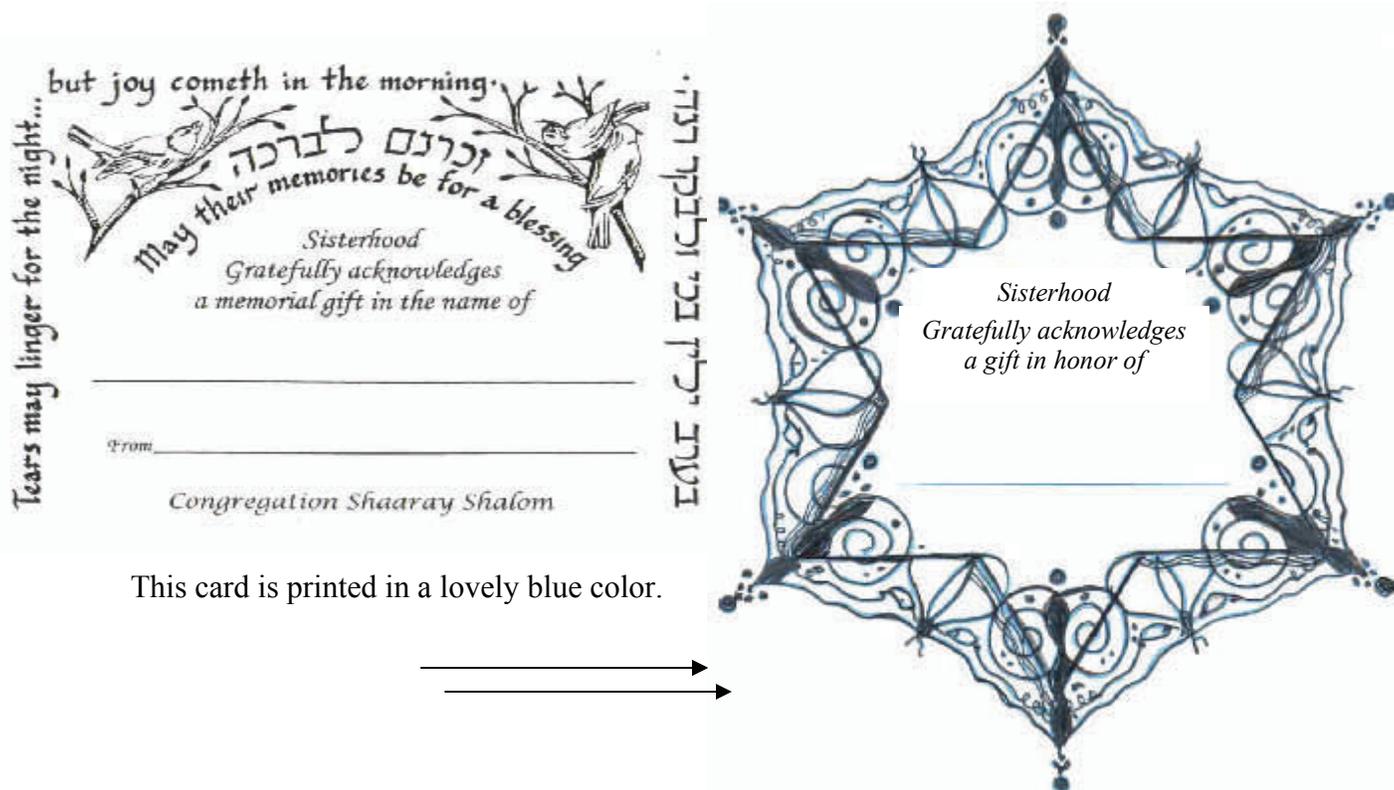
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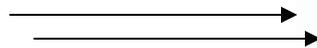
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May 'light and joy, gladness and honor' prevail (Esther 8:16)
Congregation Shaaray Shalom

MEN'S CLUB ON THE MOVE

The Men's Club thanks everyone who participated in our World Wide Wrap. It was a first ever event with Sisterhood joining in for the morning learn and munch session. Rabbi Vernon led a very informative program with Cantor Rosner on the importance of t'fillin and the women's role in why they do and don't put on t'fillin and how this has evolved in modern Judaism. It was a well attended and very informative program. thank you all for coming. The program concluded with the picking of numbers for our Super Bowl Bonanza. We thank everyone who participated. The game was made much more enjoyable by having the need to see how your boxes played in to the scores of the game. This is a no experience event and the Men's club thanks all who continue to participate in our programs.

Up coming events are the March 1st Shabbat Across America program. This event continues to be our kick off event of the spring. It promises to be a warm Friday night minyan service which culminates with a catered kosher Friday night Shabbat dinner with song and stories to make the evening lively and fun.

As we move forward into the new year, Men's Club is hoping to have a few informative Sunday morning or early evening sessions programs. Watch for our announcements.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Cantor's Class

Every Sunday @ 11:30 am

Men's Club Bowling:

Tuesdays @8:00 pm at
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Rabbi's Message [continued from page 1]

should assume that all Americans, including Jews, hold points of view which they believe to be in keeping with American values and the best interests of America. To accuse Jews of anything else, without substantial proof, is not legitimate debate - it is an attack on the Jewish community as Jews, and therefore

an expression of anti-Semitism.

The Jews of Persia overcame the threat to their existence by organizing and petitioning their government and they succeeded. And that was in a totalitarian monarchy! We shall do no less in the blessed democracy which is the United States.

Rabbi Art Vernon



Greetings from the Ritual Committee

At the present time during Shabbat service only those names which have memorial plaques in the Sanctuary are announced on their yartzheit dates. At its February 7th meeting the committee voted to include mentioning those individuals who do not have plaques but who have been of service to Congregation Shaaray Shalom which resulted in assisting with the functioning of the shul.

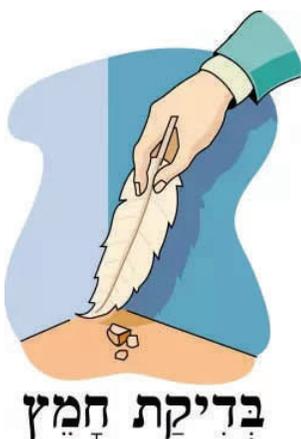
The committee also thanked those individuals that helped in the previous weeks with the conducting of our services.

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE OR RABBI KNOW IF YOU NEED A MINYAN TO SAY KADDISH SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE ACCORDINGLY.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2019.

Jeff Smith/ Henry Luft Co-Chairs

BEDIKAT CHAMETZ: The Search and Destroy Mission



The night before the first seder, one should go through the home and search for any chametz [leaven] that may have inadvertently been left behind. Of course we know that today's homemaker leaves nothing behind after a thorough cleaning, but still the head of the household should search. In order to make sure that actual chametz is found, 10 pieces are purposefully scattered in the home. Please note they should be solid enough not to cause crumbs and can be individually wrapped.

The search is conducted in the age old fashion using a wooden spoon, a candle, a feather and a paper bag. The candle is lit and the following is said: Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe who has sanctified us by His commandments and has commanded us concerning the removal of chametz. Using the feather, the bits are swept onto the spoon and deposited in the bag. When all are found, the bag is sealed.

The following morning the bag and all the contents: the remainder of the candle, the feather, the spoon and the chametz are burned. The following declaration is said: All leaven or anything leavened which is in my possession, which I have neither seen nor removed and about which I am unaware, shall be considered nullified and ownerless as the dust of the earth. [The text of the brachot are supplied with the kits.]

We realize that almost all of you don't stock feathers, wooden spoons, etc., for these searches. As a service to the congregation, free Chametz Search kits will be available in the shul's office. Check by calling to see if they are in and just stop by and pick one up, WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.



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To this I do hereby affix my signature on this _____ day of _____ 2019.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
26 Adar I	27 Adar I	28 Adar I	29 Adar I	30 Adar I	1 Adar II	2 Adar II
					 5:28	 6:27
						Vayakhel Shabbat Shekalim
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
3 Adar II	4 Adar II	5 Adar II	6 Adar II	7 Adar II	8 Adar II	9 Adar II
					 6:43	 7:43
						Vayikra Shabbat Zahor
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10 Adar II	11 Adar II	12 Adar II	13 Adar II	14 Adar II	15 Adar II	16 Adar II
					 6:52	 7:50
				Purim Megillah Reading at Wing Wan		
			Fast of Esther		Shushan Purim	Tzav
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
17 Adar II	18 Adar II	19 Adar II	20 Adar II	21 Adar II	22 Adar II	23 Adar II
					 6:58	 7:58
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31	24 Adar II					

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**IN MEMORY OF NORBERT
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REMEMBERING NORBERT FRIEDMAN

In the early days of February our beloved and longtime member, Norbert Friedman passed away. The following are the heartfelt remarks by his son.

My father Norbert Friedman passed away the morning of February 6th at the age of 96. A survivor of the Holocaust, he was imprisoned in 11 concentration camps before being liberated by the American Army. After studying at Frankfort University he immigrated to the United States in 1950. Over the past 50 years my father has spoken to and inspired hundreds of thousands of people from all ages and backgrounds with his testimony of courage, inclusion, faith and hope. He spoke often of his duty to “bear witness to the events of that fateful era and to draw positive lessons from Man’s most tragic experience.”

He was a fixture in the NY community and later in the Atlanta community with his moving Holocaust testimony and commitment to Jewish causes and social justice. In 1996 he became an educator and speaker with the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York. For his efforts and teaching about the Holocaust and other violations of human rights, the New York State Board of Regents awarded my Dad ‘Citizen of the Year’ in 2001.

My father published a highly touted memoir, *Sun Rays at Midnight*, in 2006. He moved to Atlanta in 2010 and was an active speaker for the William Bremen Museum of Jewish Heritage. I loved my Dad with all my heart and soul. He led an incredible life and was truly a remarkable man. His enormous spirit will be with me for the rest of my life.

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abandoned when the Jews left Egypt. And of course there is the cemetery. "Every day there are squatters," Ms. Haroun says. "I want to build a wall to safeguard it." Ms. Haroun has turned beyond Egypt for support. She spoke in New York last week at the American Sephardi Federation to make the case for rescuing Egypt's Jewish institutions.

Ms. Haroun has also been working with an Israeli scholar, Yoram Meital, to survey and analyze these properties. Dr. Meital, a professor of Middle Eastern Studies at Ben-Gurion University, has been chronicling what he calls "a very significant attitudinal shift within Egyptian society," the realization that Egypt suffered from the departure of its Jews. Recently, a group of young people from the once heavily Jewish neighborhood of Daher advertised an evening at the local synagogue, Temple Hanan, which has been closed for decades. Organizers expected 25 people to

respond. Instead, 5,000 Egyptians clamored to come.

This embrace of the Jewish past is part of a far-reaching nostalgia for a time that most Egyptians have only heard about from their parents and older relatives—the "golden age" of the early 20th century, when Cairo was a diverse, world-class city. The wider movement includes efforts to restore some areas of Cairo's downtown, which once boasted grand cafes, cinemas and department stores, many of which were Jewish-owned.

To be sure, the anti-Semitism that Egyptian authorities helped to fuel over decades is far from gone. But after years of hostility and estrangement and war, many Muslim citizens want to reconnect with their former Jewish neighbors. "People say to me, 'We miss the Jews,'" Prof. Meital says.

—Ms. Lagnao is a reporter for the Wall Street Journal

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