5777 Resolutions

Rabbi Adir Yolkut

Here are the phrases we normally associate with the New Year: a new diet, new workout regimen, new hobby. Right as the first notes of Auld Lang Syne begin on New Year’s Eve, people immediately begin to formulate their plans for the year ahead. How can I lose this? How can I improve that activity? How can I take advantage of that new business opportunity? Resolutions for the secular New Year are as ubiquitous as spinach-artichoke dip at your New Year’s party. In contemporary times, they are known as much for their futility than anything else. According to the New York Times, 45% of the population of the United States makes resolutions, while only 8% of people actually fulfill them. But what if we reengineered them and instead of thinking of them as a January 1st thing, we thought of them as a 5777 and onward thing?

The truth is that it’s not such a farfetched idea. New Year’s resolutions have their roots in over 4,000 years of history. The Babylonians were the first to introduce them in a ceremony called Akitu where they promised their gods all sorts of favors for the year to receive blessings and not curses. I imagine then that their successes or failures had their roots in 4,000 years of history. Today, in the era of social media and smartphones, people are formulating their resolutions on the spot, with the help of a quick search on the web.

Shana tovah! We are now getting back to full steam at WJC. Schools are in session, committees are meeting once again and programming is underway. Of course, we all take a break from those activities for the High Holidays, but remember to pick up your Program Guide for 2016-2017 from Kim Lewis and greeters when you enter or leave the building.

In years where the holidays are “late” (I love that expression), it gives us a chance to pause to reflect and look inward and then go ahead with a little bit of perspective.

As we get ready for the holidays, I want to thank all the clergy, staff and lay leadership who put countless hours into making each service, program and activity meaningful for you and your families. And I hope the new seating arrangement will provide you an enhanced High Holiday experience.

There is a lot to focus on for the upcoming year at the shul. There are programs, initiatives, activities and areas of synagogue life that have remained important to WJC and can never be ignored, whether it is holiday services, the many programs we provide to our family and youth, our schools, learning opportunities for all ages, our social action work and so forth. But we can’t remain static.

By implementing suggestions in the Strategic Plan we have developed many successful new programs and initiatives. I like to say that many seeds have been planted. It is my responsibility as WJC President to work with Officers, Trustees, committeee chairs and other leaders to nurture and grow those seeds, assess what works, what needs improvement and make adjustments accordingly to ensure their long term success.
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The Year Ahead…continued from cover

cess rate was a little higher than the current American one! Even closer to home though, we Jews have our version of New Year resolutions that I think can offer us a great opportunity for growth in the coming year.

First, we have to understand the premise of “Jewish resolutions” is vastly different than the secular ones. With the latter, we are trying to improve mostly superficial content in our lives. With the former though, we are required, during this season, to practice Heshbon Ha’Nefesh-soul searching - to figure out how we can become the best versions of ourselves, work on our relationship with God, and be a part of fixing a broken world. We need to look no further than our High Holy Day texts to remind us of that. On Yom Kippur, we read the Haftarah from the Prophet Isaiah, in which he decries flawed forms of repentance and, I might add, resolutions.

In responding to the people’s complaints that God has not responded to their fasting and attempts at self-affliction, God retorts “Because on your fast day you sought out personal desires…Because you fast with resolutions of our heart, soul, and body.” And yet, we Jews have our version of New Year resolutions that I think can offer us a new title: Triple T: Torah, Talmud, Tuesdays! Even closer to home—New Year resolutions that I think can offer us a new leadership program, Sulam for Purposeful Living, headed by Victor Badner. The target group for this program is empty nesters who are in the baby boomer generation. The program will encourage the use of Jewish wisdom and life experience to review and repurpose relationships, including with family, friends and their synagogue community.

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I look forward to developing a more robust Welcoming Committee. Thank you to Marc Strongin who has chaired this committee, laid a great foundation and positioned it to take the next step. Marc will remain on the committee, sharing his expertise and knowledge. Welcome to Betsy Goldman and Jennifer Winters, the new co-chairs. The new Welcoming Committee will have two goals—creating a welcoming atmosphere to all members, new and established, and recruiting new members. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact the office or me and we’ll put you in touch with Betsy or Jennifer.

We are also beginning to explore ways to reach out and be more inviting to our Empty Nesters and Seniors. These groups represent an important part of our community and we want to keep them involved at WJC. I am pleased to say that we have a new leadership program, Sulam for Purposeful Living, headed by Victor Badner. The target group for this program is empty nesters who are in the baby boomer generation. The program will encourage the use of Jewish wisdom and life experience to review and repurpose relationships, including with family, friends and their synagogue community.

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Finally, I want to better train our new leaders. My goal is to make the transition...continued on page 3

A heartfelt thank you to all who helped make this difficult time a little easier. Your compassion and support will always be remembered.

From Myra Levine Harris and the family of Alan Lubitz
to deeper leadership less daunting and more inviting. I also want our leaders to be educated beyond the committees they may have been involved with and begin to see WJC through a wider lens. We have already started a mentor program for Trustees and Officers and an orientation program that we successfully launched last June. It will help them be better advocates for you as well as better ambassadors for WJC in general. My hope is that with better education, our governance will continue to improve as well as communication with the congregation.

With that in mind, I want to introduce the new Trustees for the upcoming year and thank them for their service. I look forward to working with each of you and hope you find becoming involved as rewarding an experience as I have found it to be.

New Trustees -

Ilene Bellovin and her family have been WJC members for 26 years. She and her husband Marshall have two sons, Rick (20) and Gabriel (25) who attended WJC Religious and Hebrew High Schools. Ilene is chair of the WJC Library Committee.

Amy Fastenberg and her family have been WJC members for 15 years. She and her husband, James Marsh, have three children: Sara, Jonah and Daniel. Jonah and Daniel attended WJC Nursery and Religious Schools. Sara and Jonah had their B’nei Mitzvah at WJC. Daniel’s Bar Mitzvah is scheduled for November 2017. From 2008-2010, Amy served as Religious School Sub-Committee Chair. Amy is now a member of the Teen Engagement Committee and the Holocaust Learning Center Committee and looks forward to serving as a trustee.

Betsy Goldman and her family have been WJC members for almost two years. Betsy is a 2015 Sulam graduate. She has served as the ECC Policy & Procedure Committee Co-Chair for the past two years, and has served as the Chairperson of the Prospective Family Outreach Committee for the past year. She is also a member of the Family Youth and Education Council. As Betsy begins her term as Trustee, she is also assuming her new role as Co-Chair of WJC’s Welcoming Committee. Betsy and her husband, David, have two sons, Henry and Ethan. Henry entered Kindergarten and attends Religious School at WJC. Ethan is in the 3s program at the ECC.

Lawrence Jason and his family have been WJC members for 27 years. He and his wife Cara have three children, Sara, 33, Jessica 32 and Emily 29. Larry is a member of the Spiritual Life Committee and the Study Service Committee.

Ellen Marcus has been a member of WJC for 16 years. She and her husband, Eric, have three children, Rachel (20), Sarah (18) and Becca (16). All three children attended WJC Nursery and Religious Schools and had their B’nee Mitzvah at WJC. Ellen was the co-chair of the Hebrew High School Board of Education Subcommittee and an active member of the former Board of Education. Also, Ellen worked in the Nursery School as a teacher for several years, as well as working as the Assistant Director for a year. She is currently a member of the WJC Teen Engagement Committee.

Dina Nelson’s family have been members of WJC for nearly 50 years. Dina grew up at WJC and has been a member with her own family for 18 years. She has three daughters -Rachael, Rebecca and Sara. She is a member of the WJC Holocaust Learning Center Committee. Dina appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the congregation by reading Torah on Shabbat and during the week.

Rob Weissstuch and his family have been WJC members for fourteen years. He and his wife Faith Glazer have three children, Caroline, Hayley and Sydney. Hayley and Sydney attended WJC Nursery and all three attend (ed) WJC Religious School. They all had their B’nee Mitzvah at WJC. Rob was chair of the Religious School Sub-Committee. He served on the Strategic Plan Committee and chaired the Ad Hoc group studying the WJC staff structure.

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I look forward to wishing you a happy and sweet 5777 in person during our High Holiday services.

May the rest of your holidays be fulfilling.
Bar Mitzvah
Avi Jacob Farkas
October 31, 2016

My name is Avi Jacob Farkas and I’m in the eighth grade at Hommocks Middle School. I attended MAS for grade school and WJC for Religious School so I have lots of friends whom I’ve known for years.

I just spent the summer first visiting my grandmother’s house and family in Guatemala and then staying with my grandfather’s brother and family in Efrat, Israel. I’m especially honored to be a fifth-generation member of the WJC congregation and able to celebrate my Bar Mitzvah in the same shul as my father and grandfather.

Thanks to Aleza and all my WJC teachers for their effort. Thanks to Cantor Goldberg for his help and Cantor Shoshi for her friendship. Special thank you to Rabbi Segelman for helping me prepare and especially for his guidance and patience, I know it’s not easy! Mama and Papa...luv ya!

Have a GOOD New Year
SABRINA LANDAU, ECC DIRECTOR

On the holiday of Rosh Hashana (the Jewish New Year), it is customary to wish each other a Shana Tova (a good year). We do not say have a happy New Year as is the tradition for the January first secular calendar New Year. So, what is the difference and what does the word “good” really mean when expressing this greeting?

I was recently reading an article on the Aish.com website explaining a little more about this interesting difference. In our Torah, when God created the world, it says at the end of each day “it was good.” The commentators suggest that it was good because it fulfilled God’s purpose and was what it was meant to be. This profound insight suggests that we are “good” when we achieve our purpose in life and fulfill what our lives are meant to be.

In our Reggio Inspired Early Childhood Center, we set up our classrooms to inspire children to explore and stretch to reach their potential – what they’re meant to be. We as a staff have been on this journey, learning and delving deep into what this means. From summer readings to online discussions and plenty of professional development courses, we have been focused on improving our own practice to bring meaning to our profession, to our lives and to the lives of our students and families – what we’re meant to be.

A ‘happy” New Year is an empty statement. Happiness without meaning is hedonistic and shallow. A wish for a good year implies a fulfilling life full of meaning and purpose. Reaching one’s potential and becoming what we’re meant to be leads to true happiness. So, I wish you all a Shana Tova in its full blessing!
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Israeli Dance Enriches Us Mentally and Physically!
Linda Alpert, Israeli Committee Chair

Earlier this year, I wrote an article for the Review that described the benefits of Israeli dance for adults, such as how dance can help keep dementia at bay. New recent research demonstrates that dance also helps children and teens make new and better brain connections to enhance their maturity and ability to learn in school.

In an article by Judith Lynne Hanna, PhD, http://sharpbrains.com/blog/2016/01/22/what-educators-and-parents-should-know-about-neuroplasticity-learning-and-dance/, Dr. Hanna writes:

“Dance is a language of physical exercise that sparks new brain cells (neurogenesis) and their connections. These connections are responsible for acquiring knowledge and thinking. Dancing stimulates the release of the brain-derived protein neurotropic factor that promotes the growth, maintenance, and plasticity of neurons necessary for learning and memory. Plus, dancing makes some neurons nimble so that they readily wire into the neural network [emphasis supplied].”

Her article points out that children who learned different types of dance enhanced their ability to learn new information and stay healthy. Isn’t that something we want for our children, especially when it comes within a Jewish context?

Today’s Israeli dances are set to modern Israeli music, which is a fusion of Middle Eastern, Hassidic and pop flavors that will lift your spirits. Many of the songs we dance to are taken directly from the bible or prayer book, so you can actually dance to ancient texts from our heritage! (Yedid Nefesh, Tzaddik Katamar, Tziltzelei Shama, etc.) Our teacher Shmulik Gov-Ari (who also teaches at our Nursery School) is very patient with beginners and children. Shmulik not only makes learning dance fun, but also teaches the meaning behind the songs and moves and gives an occasional brief d’var torah (he is the son of a rabbi). Who knew dancing can also teach us about Torah, Israel, and our heritage?

Our program meets every Monday evening (except during holiday weeks), from 7:30 pm to 10 pm. We serve light refreshments and ice cold water, which feels great when you’ve worked up a sweat. So as a new year comes upon us, do something good for you, and join us. Learn some dances, get healthier, make new friends, and raise yourself spiritually, all at the same time. Bring your teens too! There is no charge for children or teens who attend with a WJC member (members pay a reduced fee of $10 per class).
As our community begins the New Year, it is important to remember that Jewish learning and the education of our children should be a priority. As role models, we should always be aware of the message that we send to each of the children in the community. It is important for each child to see how unique our religion is and that we are proud to be Jewish.

There are many ways we can demonstrate this pride. Our 7th grade students each year visit the Museum of Jewish Heritage where they are able to experience their Judaism and learn about our history as part of their Holocaust curriculum. We also encourage our families outside of school time to plan family visits to different places to learn about our history and culture. We want our children to know there is always more to see and do in the community and being Jewish can be fun and an exciting adventure.

If there are special Jewish rituals that you enjoy in your family, allow your children to participate. Allow them to see that these rituals are part of a tradition that can be passed from one generation to the next. Each of us also can begin new traditions in our homes. Several years ago, a student in our religious school told me that Friday nights in her house are very special as the one night a week that her family came together, lit the Shabbat candles and enjoyed each other’s company. This became the tradition in her home and is something that each of us can do as a family.

As 5777 approaches, let’s all work together - at home, school, synagogue and the greater community, to create a caring and nurturing learning environment for the future.

How do we teach our children to help a friend who feels sick? Do we bring them chicken soup? Make them a card? Today, we can even encourage our children to sing a friend a song and make them a special video and send it on our smartphones. We can even Facetime with them since in-person visits might not be encouraged when someone is sick. This is all part of Bikur Cholim, the mitzvah of visiting the sick to bring them comfort and make them feel better.

On Sunday, November 6th, we hope our WJC families and friends will join Sammy Spider and his friends to learn about this important mitzvah. Written by Rebecca Schoffer and Joel Esher based on the book by Sylvia A. Rouss, Sammy Spider’s First Mitzvah: The Musical was originally developed and presented at the 92nd St Y and is now coming here to WJC! Yes, Sammy Spider, his mother, Mrs. Shapiro and Josh will all be here on Sunday, November 6th! We hope you will be here also as part of synagogue’s partnership with PJ Library!

More information can be found on in our flyer on this page or please contact Aleza Kulp at (914) 698-2966.
Youth

Aleza Kulp, Education Director and Congregation Program Coordinator

WJC Children in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade began celebrating the New Year by joining together at our Shofar Factory!

We hope all our children in Kindergarten – 6th grade will join us on Sunday, October 23rd as we continue to celebrate our fall holidays in the Sukkah!

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ARE American Jews LOSING THEIR JEWISH IDENTITY?

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Happy (Jewish) New Year, Teens!

SHOSHI ROSENBAUM, TEEN ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR

I am looking forward to seeing all of you on Rosh Hashannah and throughout the holiday season!

Our year is off to a great start. Some highlights so far include:

➤ Over 50 people attended our Kick-Off BBQ on September 11 to learn about new initiatives this year in our Teen Community (See photos below)
➤ We’ve had a full month of great programming at Hebrew High. It’s still not too late to sign up to join us for the rest of the year! Please contact me with any questions. Teens are welcome to try Hebrew High twice before registering.

➤ Our Teen Leadership Council is working hard on planning exciting programming for the rest of the year, including Sushi in the Sukkah, coming up in October!

Here’s some important information about what’s going on in the Teen Community over the Holidays. Please consider attending our Tashlich Experience on 10/3. It promises to be a wonderful, spirited experience, especially for families with teens.

October

Please note: There is NO Hebrew High in October because of the Holidays

10/3: Rosh Hashannah Teen Service led by Cantor Shoshi Rosenbaum and Shira Kogen, 11AM
10/3: Before the Water: A (Teen-Friendly) Tashlich Experience, 4PM
10/4: Rosh Hashannah Teen Service led by Cantor Shoshi Rosenbaum and Shira Kogen, 11AM
10/11: Teen Kol Nidre Study Session with Lee Epstein, 6:45PM
10/12: Yom Kippur Teen Service led by Shira Kogen, 11:15AM
10/23: Sushi in the Sukkah, 5-7PM in WJC’s Sukkah

On September 11, 2016, teens, their parents and family members, as well as WJC clergy and staff enjoyed a day of fun, food and friendship as they launched a new year of programming and community.
Mitzvah Day 2016 is Coming!
Social Action/Social Justice Committee

Note the changes made to meet changing needs in the community.
Look for more information and updates in the Weekly Newsletter & emails.

Mitzvah Day 2016
Sunday, November 20
9 am to 1 pm

Clothing Drive—Note Change
Donate nearly new children’s clothing sizes 2-14 to benefit the Don Bosco/Caritas Community Center in Port Chester.

Toiletry Drive
Donate toiletries for residents of Providence House in New Rochelle and My Sisters’ Place of Westchester, shelters for women. All items must be new and unopened: toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap and body wash, shampoo and conditioner, body and hand lotion, band aids and bacitracin.

Community Resource Center
Hooded sweatshirts, jackets, warm socks, hats and gloves in men’s small and teen sizes are needed for Day Laborers. Also needed is warm winter clothing for children. Should be bundled separately. All clothing should be in good condition.

Help the Hungry
Join fellow congregants at 12:00 pm preparing sandwiches for distribution to local shelters.

Diaper Drive
Donate newborn and infant diapers for residents of Providence House. Donate new diapers in sizes 4-6 for residents of My Sisters’ Place of Westchester.

My Sisters’ Place
Provide new and unopened twin sheet sets and knit or fleece twin size blankets. Also needed are new socks and underwear for children of all ages.

Yom Kippur Food Drive
Bring Your Breakfast
to benefit the Larchmont/Mamaroneck Food Pantry

On Yom Kippur, please bring cereal and dried milk to symbolically represent the breakfast that will not be eaten on Yom Kippur. As this food helps to save lives, it is permissible to carry it on the holiday.

If you prefer, send a check to:
Larchmont/Mamaroneck Hunger Task Force, Inc.
PO Box 112
Larchmont, New York 10538

Collections will be accepted until October 31

Social Action & Interfaith Activities
SHARON SILVER, SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE CHAIR

WJC is pleased to join with AJC Westchester/Fairfield and other synagogues, as well as regional churches and mosques, to once again co-sponsor a multi-faith prayer service. Testaments of Love: Love in our Faith Traditions, will be held on the afternoon of October 30 at Congregation Emmanu-El of Westchester. It will be a celebration of prayers, music, learning and testaments. It will be followed by an inter-racial Beloved Community potluck dinner, which will provide the opportunity to break bread and engage with diverse individuals in a safe space.

Interfaith/Social Justice Book Group will meet on Monday evening, October 10, Time and Place to be announced to discuss the book: Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome by Dr. Joy DeGruy.

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ON PLANNING AHEAD
Would you like to make a sad event a bit easier to bear? One of the immediate decisions families confront when someone dies is the choice of a burial site. Why not consider making arrangements now, before there is an urgent need. The WJC Cemetery Association oversees our beautiful and convenient cemetery, providing excellent perpetual care. For information, please contact one of us:
Ron Rosenberg: 967-4908
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Debbie Zelenetz: 837-3988
1. Scotch & Study with Rabbi Segelman.  
   Sunday, Sept 25 at 8:30pm
Join WJC Brotherhood for guys-only discussion with Rabbi Segelman. David Brause chairs this event and topics may include current events, Israel and What Does It Mean to be Successful (Money, Power, Satisfaction, and Good Deeds)? Scotch will be provided.

2. Poker in the Sukkah: Wednesday, Oct 19, 8:00pm
Join WJC Brotherhood for their annual friendly Poker tournament in the Sukkah from 8:00pm-10pm in the WJC Sukkah. Bring your best poker face, $10 ante (to cover beer and snacks) and get ready for some fun. This event is, of course, open to players of all levels. Please RSVP to Craig.Rubin@gmail.com

3. WJC Blood Drive: Sunday, November 20
Mark your calendars for the annual blood drive!

Spring Events include:
- Kostya Kennedy presents his new book on Football, Superbowl Sunday, Feb 5. 8:30am
- NCAA March Madness event: March 16
- Men’s Softball Team: Sundays April-June 2017

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Thursday, Oct 13: Grades 5-6: 7:15-8:15 pm
Sunday, Oct 23: Grades 7-8: 4:30-5:30 pm
H.S. - to be arranged soon

(wear sneakers and bring a parent to sign a release)
fee is $100.00 payable to WJC

Look for the signup sheets: WJC – outside the school office

Print your name, grade and phone number (legibly!)

For further information, contact (Mrs) Jill Caslin: 698-6614
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Sisterhood News
RAELIN KANTOR & ILEEN GREENBERG, CO-PRESIDENTS

Hard to believe we are already in the month of October! Due to the Jewish holidays being celebrated a bit later this year, it looks as though we have pushed out our dates a bit too. Not to worry though, we are planning a full schedule of events. We look forward to seeing you, and we welcome your help with any of our events.

We begin on Wednesday night September 28th our co sponsored book club with the Hendel Library and Larchmont Temple. Lynda Cohen Loigman, author of The Two Family House, will be at WJC to discuss her book. Please come and join in the conversation.

Randi Klaber will be leading us in decorating the congregational Sukkah, where many will celebrate the holiday surrounded by the fruits, flowers and loving labors of WJC helpers. Please help out on Sunday, October 16th for Sukkah Decorating 11am – 1pm.

SAVE Thursday, November 17th evening for our Opening Event. Come and learn from art critic and author, Susan Hodara, WHERE THE VISUAL ARTS AND CULTURAL GEMS ARE IN OUR OWN BACKYARD! For more info on Susan Hodara, check out her website; www.susanhodara.com.

Debbie Katz is planning a Mah jongg night in November, date to be confirmed.

Sunday, November 20th will be our Hanukkah Boutique from 10am -2pm. It’s not too early to think about all the great holiday gifts you can purchase at our gift shop and help out WJC at the same time. Please check out all the beautiful items at our shop, gifts for all occasions, and in our new display case near the office. Don’t hesitate to contact Carol Fasman at; cgfasman@gmail.com to make an appointment. Remember, as a Sisterhood member, you are entitled to a 10% discount (on regular priced goods) at the Sisterhood Gift Shop! Plus as an upcoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah, please remember to use your special gift shop credit towards the purchase of one of our beautiful talitot. Need a hostess gift for the holidays? The gift shop is the place to get it! And always remember... “it’s a mitzvah to shop there!”

In January we are planning an event at Equinox Sports Club. More info to follow. Sisterhood Shabbat will be taking place on January 21st. If you are interested in participating please contact us.

Keep your eyes open for info about all of these events and more. Look for the Sisterhood flyer on the lobby table.

We hope you have noticed our beautiful expanded Sisterhood Tree of Life in the Lower Lobby. Leaves are available to purchase for just $118 to commemorate/honor any celebration; such as births, bar/bat mitzvahs, weddings, birthdays, anniversaries or any happy Life Celebration! Contact Susan Levy for more information at: sl16@aol.com or pick up a card by the tree. Please contact Cheryl Nathony at cнатnathy@aol.com if you would like to donate prayer books.

WJC Sisterhood is for all of us...women of any age, who work part time, full time or not at all. We have a responsibility to our community & want to fulfill this by continuing to expand our membership. Sisterhood helps to create friendships while helping our synagogue, & we have fun doing it!

If you have any questions, or would like to participate, please contact, Raelin Kantor at rfkantor@gmail.com or Ileen Greenberg at ileen@optonline.net
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High Holiday Greetings
Best Wishes to ALL for a Healthy and Prosperous New Year from the following WJC families

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Friday, October 21st
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Family Service – 6:00pm
Rhythm & Ruach – 7:30pm
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May their memory be a blessing.
From The Review of October 1986
JILL CASLIN, ARCHIVIST

Born in Romania, where I attended the Rabbinic Seminary of Rabbi Y. Panet, I then went to Frankfurt in Germany, where I completed the course of studies at the well known yeshivah of Dr. J. Breuer.

To the disappointment of my father of blessed memory, I deviated from the Rabbinic path and decided to study architecture at the Architecture College in Stuttgart, Germany. In Frankfurt, I had met my dear wife. We were married and with the help of the Almighty we escaped the gas chambers of Hitler.

We left Germany the day before the borders were closed for Jews. We went to Palestine. I got work with the construction company of Solel Boneh, on the construction of the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, with the Public Works and the Royal Air Force.

After the British Mandatory Government left, I got work with the USA company of Knappen Tippets Abbet. I was in charge of their office in Haifa and designed the passenger terminal of Haifa port. In connection with this work, I was transferred in 1950 to the company's office in New York.

Three years later, after taking her medical exam, my dear wife joined me. We lived in Mount Vernon and moved to Mamaroneck in 1960 so that our son (now a surgeon) could go to Westchester Day School.

In 1961, I joined the Westchester Jewish Center. The following were my services for the Center as Shammas and Ritual Director for 25 years:

- Teaching in our Hebrew School, Class Hey
- Participating in our Adult Education courses
- Teaching all our Bar/Bat Mitzvah children through the years
- Being in charge of our Daily Minyan
- Reading the Torah every Sabbath and Holiday
- Leading the service for Shacharit and Mincha on Rosh Hashanah and
- Yom Kippur and blowing the shofar on Rosh Hashanah

The affectionate feelings of love and appreciation, the friendships of the young and not so young, will be treasured all our lives. With heartfelt thanks and all the best wishes for the future.

Max Friedman
Synagogue Family

Mazel Tov & Best Wishes to Louise & Bobby Cohen on the marriage of their son David to Susanna Fried… Amy & David Kriss on the marriage of their daughter, Mariel to Jamie Sholem… Dora & Neal Atterman on the engagement of their daughter, Eve to Rich Shanfeld… Howard Husock & Robin Henschel on the birth of a granddaughter, Stella Josephine to Eli Husock & Kathryn Dungan.

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Myra Levine-Harris & Family on the loss of her husband and our member, Alan Lubitz… Bonnie Silverman & Family on the loss of her father, Allan Silverman.

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