



# UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF HOBOKEN

## שופר The Shofar

### RABBINIC REMARKS FROM RABBI ROBERT SCHEINBERG

#### “Finishing the Book”

*Hazak Hazak ve-Nit'hazek!*

"Let us be strong and grow ever stronger!"

These are the words that are recited in the synagogue when we complete the reading of one of the five books of the Torah. With these words, we proclaim our pride in the strength needed to complete a significant unit of Torah study, while also expressing a hope that continued study will strengthen us.

April and May have been especially momentous for me because I have also completed a significant study-oriented task. For the last ten years, I have served on the Rabbinical Assembly's High Holiday Mahzor Editorial Committee. Our group of eight rabbis and two cantors was charged with writing and publishing a new prayerbook for Conservative synagogues to use for Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. We met for several hours each month, had numerous conference calls in between meetings, and each put in countless hours between meetings studying, writing, and proofreading. And finally, in April, I received one of the first bound copies of the finished product, *Mahzor Lev Shalem*.

Conservative Judaism last published a Mahzor (High Holiday prayerbook) in 1972. If you have been to High Holiday services at the United Synagogue of Hoboken in the last 15 years, you have used it. I am very fond of that prayerbook and some of its brilliant innovations. Even though the translation was written more than 30 years ago, it still often strikes me as fresh and contemporary. But every prayerbook translation has a "shelf life." There have been various

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### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

*By James Weinstein  
President, USH Board of Trustees*

I am writing this column as I sit on a plane. I am redefining multi-tasking: I am travelling, writing, and watching a movie, "Up in the Air" all at once.

If you have not already seen "Up in the Air" it is a recent movie starring George Clooney, whose character, Ryan Bingham, travels around the country on American Airlines, stays in Hilton hotels, and drives Hertz rental cars. And his job is firing people. One at a time, in person, but by the end of the movie, he has fired so many that the audience and the character have lost count.

He has an assistant, a boss, a romantic interest, a business rival/protégé, and a couple of sisters. He is diffident about family, considers the airport and hotels his community, and is seemingly happy. His apartment, which he is in 40 days a year, is far less homey than any hotel he stays in. The film has a lesson, and it does not have a happy ending. Even when he reaches his goal, Bingham is consigned to a life alone. By the end of the movie, he seems to realize this is a sentence, not an achievement.

What's "Up in the Air" got to do with USH? Or with you? By your choice to become a member of USH you become part of a community. Not only is your financial commitment, through dues and contributions, absolutely critical to the building and continuation of our community, your fulfillment of your volunteer requirement is of great import as well in meeting our challenge to create a stronger and more vibrant Jewish community in Hoboken and neighboring areas.

By now, you should have received your synagogue membership renewal form in the mail. Please take the time to

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## HELP ME... HELP YOU

By Laurie Palumbo  
Co-Op/Volunteer Coordinator

OK, so with apologies to "Jerry Maguire"... Help me... help you...help USH.

### 2010-2011 USH Membership Application:

Regardless of whether you are a new member or a returning member, please fill out and return the Service Requirement page of the membership application. Whenever possible, we try to match the interests of our members to the needs of the synagogue, and the Service Requirement page is the best tool that we have to do so. It is necessary to fill out this page every year, regardless of whether or not any of your membership information has changed from a prior year.

If you did not receive a membership application in the mail, you can download a copy of the application from the USH website, [www.HobokenSynagogue.org](http://www.HobokenSynagogue.org) or call the synagogue office to have one mailed to you.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

#### **Immediate need: Help Build "Adult Sitting Area"**

Julie Harari has generously offered to create an "adult sitting area" in the USH backyard. If you haven't already started to see the fruits of her labor, you will soon! If you would like to help with this project, please contact Building Chair Steven Sperber at [steven.sperber@cbre.com](mailto:steven.sperber@cbre.com) or 201-456-2760, and he'll put you in touch with Julie.

### **Hoboken Homeless Shelter: Donations Needed (and no, it's not food)**

You may be familiar with USH's association with the Shelter, and may even have helped prepare dinner for the Shelter's needy residents and guests.

But another tremendous need is various supplies and toiletries including:

Hot/cold cups, paper/plastic plates, napkins, plastic utensils, laundry detergent, toilet paper, garbage bags (55 gallon), postage stamps, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, and razors.

Donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday, 9 am-3 pm and 5 pm-9 pm, and Saturday-Sunday, 5 pm-9 pm.

The Shelter is located at 300 Bloomfield St. (3rd and Bloomfield) in Hoboken, on the ground floor of St. John's Lutheran Church (entrance down the ramp on the 3rd St. side).

For more information, please contact USH member Mike Shaw at [mikeshaw1021@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeshaw1021@yahoo.com).

### **Monday, July 19th, 7:00pm-9:30pm: Tisha B'Av Evening study and service.**

For general information about the evening, as well as

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## **USH UNITED SYNAGOGUE YOUTH**

By Mark Glass  
USH Youth Commissioner

We recently sent two Hoboken USY (United Synagogue Youth) members to the Crown Plaza in Somerset for the annual regional spring convention. This is USY's biggest convention of the year. During the convention the kids elect regional officers and receive chapter awards. Hoboken USY won four awards!!! They were:

- 1) Communications Award, for most improved chapter;
- 2) Membership Award, for an increase in chapter membership;
- 3) Kadima Integration Award, for Purim supermarket sweep program;
- and
- 4) Best Revived Chapter Award (one of the most important).

The kids have been working very hard all year to make this THEIR youth group within United Synagogue of Hoboken in which they can spend time with their friends in a Jewish environment. I'm so proud of them and look forward to their continued success. ✨

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## THE LIONS, THE EAGLE AND THE ARK

*By Ken Schept*

*Restoration Chair*

An artisan who also carved animals for carousels may have created the lions that face each other over our ark.

Dr. Vivian Mann offered that unexpected insight during her lecture at the USH community brunch on Sunday, April 25, kicking off Phase 2 of the restoration of the Star of Israel, which focuses on refurbishing the ark wall and the rest of the sanctuary.

A renowned art history scholar, professor at JTS and former curator of The Jewish Museum in Manhattan, Dr. Mann spoke about the evolution of the Torah, the ark and ark walls in Jewish history.

She began by describing how of the three monotheistic religions, only Jewish sacred texts remained scrolls while Christians and Muslims adopted the codex or book form. The five scrolls of the Torah originally were wrapped around five separate spindles. These scrolls were stored in decorated stone cases. Later, they were secured outside synagogues in arks built into exterior walls. The scrolls often were placed horizontally in individual cubicles.

When the five scrolls were consolidated into one scroll, the weight required adding a second spindle, which resulted in the Torah as it appears today. Ark construction also changed. In the earliest existing synagogue, Prague's Alte-Neue Shul, the ark is placed inside the vaulted early Gothic sanctuary. Arks eventually were influenced by Jewish and secular decorative traditions. Dr. Mann showed examples that ranged from simple to ornate Italian rococo.

The gold flourishes on our ark, for example, are French decorative motifs popular in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Our ark includes many historical elements, but not all the elements are placed in their traditional positions. The lions, for example, come from an ancient tradition of facing animals as a protecting presence. Although lion images are found on early arks, they would have been located lower on the wall and closer to the ark. By rearranging the elements, Dr. Mann thought that the creators of our ark wall were exhibiting a modern, deconstructionist sensibility.

Finally, the carousels: When the Star of Israel was built, in 1915, the same artisans who created figures for houses of worship often sculpted the animals for carousels, which were popular at the time. And the eagle: Birds have been a recurring theme in ark design, but our bald eagle is undoubtedly an expression of patriotism by the recent immigrants to America who founded our community. ☆

## LEARN STAINED GLASS

*By Martin Cohen*

Here is an opportunity to learn stained glass, have a great summer vacation, and help the synagogue—all at once! Susan Klein, who restored our historic Rose Window and the stained-glass windows in the front and rear of the Star of Israel sanctuary, is now embarking on a new project—the creation of 108 new stained glass windows on the north and south sides of the sanctuary. Many USH members helped Susan during the four-year restoration. This is an opportunity to learn stained glass “from the ground up,” including patternmaking, cutting, assembling, and soldering of new panels. Susan will be in Haverhill, New Hampshire, all summer running the Gibson House Bed and Breakfast, [www.gibsonhousebb.com](http://www.gibsonhousebb.com). She is available to give private and group instruction (without charge) in stained glass.

Synagogue members will receive a special rate for overnight accommodations, which include a full breakfast. People who receive this instruction will be able to assist in the execution of new panels in the fall.

Please contact Susan directly at [gibsonhousebb@charter.net](mailto:gibsonhousebb@charter.net) or [martin.cohen4@verizon.net](mailto:martin.cohen4@verizon.net). You can reach her by phone at 201-420-7339 or 603-989-3125 starting in June. ☆



## RESTORATION UPDATE

*By Ken Schep  
Restoration Chair*

We plan to substantially restore the sanctuary by the High Holidays.

Accomplishing that goal requires the community's continued financial generosity as we move into Phase 2 of the restoration of the Star of Israel.

USH members and friends have contributed enough funds to repair and paint the walls in the sanctuary and the stairways, to refurbish the ark wall and to refinish the sanctuary floors. With more funds we could accomplish additional work, including:

- Refinishing some if not all of the pews;
- Refinishing doors and woodwork in the sanctuary;
- Refinishing woodwork in the stairways;
- Installing new carpeting in the sanctuary; and
- Upgrading more lighting

It makes sense to complete most of Phase 2 this summer for at least three reasons:

1. To continue the momentum from Phase 1: We finished all the infrastructure work, including new wiring and roof repairs, by the High Holidays last year.
2. To benefit from advantageous prices. Construction costs will increase as the building business recovers from the recession.
3. To avoid disrupting synagogue life. It is difficult to conduct extensive restoration work without impacting the life of our growing and active community with many simchas, a preschool and a learning center.

Accomplishing the basics will cost a minimum of \$195,000. Two recent events—a community brunch at the synagogue on Sunday, April 25, and a parlor meeting at the home of the Calmas family on Thursday evening, April 22—helped meet some of that need. Both events featured a talk on the history of the ark by Dr. Vivian Mann, a JTS professor in Jewish art and Curator Emeritus of The Jewish Museum.

Many individuals and families responded positively. The Mason Family generously pledged to match all donations up to a total of \$15,000. Money raised from the April events along with almost \$65,000 from the Kaplan Family Foundation and a small balance in the campaign fund enables us to begin the sanctuary restoration.

To help complete the work, please pledge any amount that you're able to comfortably pay by June 30, the end of the membership year. Or accelerate payment of an existing pledge to meet that deadline. Contact any of the capital

campaign co-chairs directly—Lauren Calmas, Heidi Learner and Talya Schaeffer—or email [campaign@hobokensynagogue.org](mailto:campaign@hobokensynagogue.org). Also, if your employer matches charitable contributions, USH, a 501(c) 3 non-profit, could be eligible. ✨

## MATCHING FUNDS AND MATCHING LIONS

*By Myrna Kasser*

Have you ever wondered about the bald eagle perched over our ark or the matching lions poised along side the stained-glass window of the Ten Commandments? Dr. Vivian Mann, an art historian, professor at JTS and former curator of The Jewish Museum in Manhattan, offered some surprising insights at the community brunch, on Sunday, April 25, kicking off phase 2 of the restoration.

Inspired by Dr. Mann, many USH members recently contributed toward the effort to complete the restoration of the sanctuary by the High Holidays. The Mason family generously volunteered to match all donations dollar-for-dollar to a total of \$15,000.

To help restore the sanctuary by the High Holidays and fully match the Mason grant, please consider making a pledge.

Contact the capital campaign chairs—Lauren Calmas, Heidi Learner or Talya Schaeffer—or email [campaign@hobokensynagogue.org](mailto:campaign@hobokensynagogue.org).

To learn more about Dr. Mann's comments, our ark wall and our restoration plans, you can visit the website below: <http://www.HobokenSynagogue.org/restoration.php> ✨

### WHAT'S GOING ON AT USH?

You can get regular updates about USH events and the community (including births, deaths and shiva information) through our ListServ.

Send an e-mail to [Listserv@uscj.org](mailto:Listserv@uscj.org).

Leave the subject line blank.

Write this for the message:

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For example, if your name is Zachary Goodman, your message will read:

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## CULTURE IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

*By Judy Marcus*

**Jewish Museum**, 5th Avenue at 92<sup>nd</sup> Street, NYC  
([www.thejewishmuseum.org](http://www.thejewishmuseum.org))

- Now through Aug. 1 – Curious George Saves the Day: The Art of Margaret and H.A. Rey.
- Now through Aug. 1 – Modern Art, Sacred Space: Motherwell, Ferber and Gottlieb. A look at contemporary artwork for the modern synagogue in Milburn, New Jersey.

**Tenement Museum**, 108 Orchard Street, NYC  
([www.tenement.org](http://www.tenement.org))

- Only seen with a guided tour. An NYC museum that tells the stories of immigrants who lived at this location, typical immigrant experiences of the early 1900's.

**Museum of Jewish Heritage**, 36 Battery Place, NYC  
([www.mjhnyc.org](http://www.mjhnyc.org))

- Now through Jan. 2011 – Project Mah Jongg. A look at an Asian game that became a Jewish-American tradition.
- Now through Dec. – The Morgenthau. History of three generations who impacted the social, political and Jewish life in NY.
- Now through Aug. 15 –Traces of Memory. Explores the history of destroyed Jewish people's civilization that flourished in Poland before the War.

**Eldridge Street Synagogue**, 12 Eldridge St., NYC  
([www.eldridgestreet.org](http://www.eldridgestreet.org))

- Various events are scheduled through June and beyond.✧

### USH COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA)

In January, Nigel Savage, founder of Hazon, the largest American Jewish environmental group ([www.hazon.org](http://www.hazon.org)), was a guest speaker at USH. His speech sparked an already growing interest in arranging for a USH CSA program. A CSA entails working with a farming group to bring fresh produce to USH, where participating members would pick up their weekly, prepaid shares. CSA's are becoming more widespread throughout the Jewish community, especially through the work of Hazon, which indicates that CSA's:

- directly support local, organic farms;
- promote the awareness of environmental issues in the Jewish community ;
- broaden the Jewish commitment of those who are already Jewishly involved;

## PRELIMINARY RESTORATION WORK SCHEDULE

*By Ken Schept  
Restoration Chair*

Rabbi Scheinberg, Grace and Rachele met with Raul and Harold of MLB, our contractor, and me, late last month to begin scheduling the summer's restoration work in a way that accommodates synagogue, Learning Center and preschool activities. Here is the preliminary plan, which is subject to revision:

### Late May to Mid-June

Work was expected to begin during the last week in May. Until June 17, the work will be confined to repairing the walls in the balcony. Then work will pause to prepare the sanctuary for a bar mitzvah on June 19.

### Mid-June to Early August

At the end of June, work will continue in the balcony and a scaffold will be erected on the bima, which will be draped with plastic. The restoration of the ark will begin and the repair and painting of the sanctuary walls will continue during this period, from mid-June until early August. If we have the funds, pews will be removed for refinishing. The two stairways will be alternately closed for plastering and painting.

### Early August to September

In early August, the scaffold on the bima will be removed and the sanctuary prepared for a bar mitzvah on August 7. Following the bar mitzvah, work will continue on the ark wall and in the sanctuary and stairways with final coats of paint and refurbishment of the floors. New carpet will be installed if we have the funds.

Shabbat services probably will move to the social hall in late June for the duration of the summer. ✧

- create an accessible gateway to Jewish life for those who have less or no involvement in the organized Jewish community;
- foster volunteer leadership;
- create a platform for serious, engaging and innovative Jewish education; and
- encourage Jewish people to re-examine what it means for food to be kosher-"fit" for us as well as for the community and the earth

Thanks to Julie Steinberg and her committee who have worked hard to get this project to this point: Jennifer Giattino, Lelia Marcus, David Swirnoff, Elissa Aaronson, Pamela Strell, Janice Springer, and Julie Harari. For more information, contact Julie at [jdsteinberg@optonline.net](mailto:jdsteinberg@optonline.net). ✧

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societal and linguistic changes since 1972 that make us now ready for a new High Holiday prayerbook. Today, most of us prefer to use gender-neutral language, resisting the use of the word "man" to refer to all of humanity. Many of us also prefer to use gender-neutral language to refer to God, in recognition of the fact that, as an incorporeal being, Jewish tradition holds that God is neither male nor female. These are a couple of the changes one would notice in the new *Mahzor Lev Shalem*.

The most notable change, though, is that each page has a commentary in the margins, to help the worshiper to connect to the words and the themes of the High Holidays. It was writing the commentary that occupied most of our time during our meetings. I am confident that it will help today's congregants to experience Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur in a more engaged and meaningful way.

The completion of any long project gives us a heightened sense of the passage of time. The other rabbis on the committee noted that when they met me, I had just become a father, and sometimes my daughter would be crawling around outside the room during our meetings. They also reminded me that when they met me, my hair was a different color! It has been an extraordinary privilege for me to devote so much time and energy to this project, and especially to learn so much from my colleagues on the committee. I don't know what future activities I will have that will offer the same level of intellectual and spiritual stimulation, week after week for many years. And at the same time, it feels very satisfying to finally share the fruits of our labors with Jews around the world.

It is our congregation's hope to purchase these new Mahzorim for the High Holidays of 2011. As you can imagine, this is a costly proposition, but one that is within reach if we seek to attain it together. You can see samples of *Mahzor LevShalem* at <http://rabbinicalassembly.org/mahzor.html>.

"Let us be strong and grow ever stronger!" ☆



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check it over and send it back, preferably this month, before the start of our next fiscal year.

Membership is the number one revenue line for USH. Fundraising is a not-very-close second. And the effort which goes into fundraising is far larger than into membership, so getting your forms back without us having to remind you is much appreciated. In addition, I will repeat my request from last summer: if you are going to need financial assistance this year in the form of a dues reduction, please let the Rabbi or our Treasurer, Myrna Kasser, or our Membership Chair, Monique Haas, know. No one is turned away from our shul as a member due to financial reasons. Giving us notice early is absolutely necessary for us to have a balanced budget, so your help in this regard is very important.

We are currently in the midst of our budgeting process; our school directors, the Rabbi, and Myrna are working extremely hard in this regard. We have a tremendously dedicated staff and volunteers who will work through the summer on our behalf to be ready for the High Holidays and the beginning of the school year, and who are doing extra duty right now even as school is winding down. Thanks again Grace, Rachelle, Myrna, and Rob for all your hard (and successful) work as the school year ends.

I will hold off this month on discussing the synagogue's finances, or other items that deserve discussion as we near the end of the fiscal year; I will discuss these at the synagogue annual meeting scheduled for early June. Please come and join the members of the board and professional staff who will be speaking about the accomplishments in this past year, and our goals for the future.

You should already be aware that we expect the interior of the Star of Israel building to be transformed by the High Holidays thanks to the gifts and hard work of three families: as mentioned last month, the Kaplan Family Foundation has pledged the funds to repaint, plaster, and fix the interior of the sanctuary. Ricky and Beth Mason have provided a matching pledge that will allow for the refinishing of the floors and other interior improvements. And Susan Klein and her husband Marty Cohen are working hard at completing the first set of new stained-glass windows for the sanctuary, which we hope will be installed by September.

Finally, one story from my family's recent trip to Israel: we were questioned by a security agent at Lod airport at the end of our trip. "Are you a member of a community?," she asked. Four years ago, Alicia and I had been asked a similar question, and on this trip I had told my children to notice the difference between US security (mostly silent and basically an ID check) and Israeli (where they ask questions about you). Five year-old Evan proceeded to announce that I was the President of the Synagogue. I then said to Evan, "The next question the lady wants to ask is, 'Who is your Rabbi?,' to which Evan answered immediately, "Rabbi Rob." As you can imagine, the agent blushed, just a little, immediately tagged our bags for clearance, and sent us on our way. Just another benefit of being a member of the USH community... ☆

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potential volunteering needs, please contact Rabbi Rob Scheinberg at [rabbi@hobokensynagogue.org](mailto:rabbi@hobokensynagogue.org)

### **Ongoing Needs:**

Handy People: The USH Building Committee needs handy people to help on miscellaneous fixer-upper projects around the synagogue. Contact Steven Sperber at [steven.sperber@cbre.com](mailto:steven.sperber@cbre.com) or 201-456-2760.

Friday Night Shabbat kiddush: Help set up refreshments for kiddush on Friday nights, following Friday night services. Please contact Rabbi Rob Scheinberg at [rabbi@hobokensynagogue.org](mailto:rabbi@hobokensynagogue.org)

USH nights to help prepare and serve dinner at the Hoboken Homeless Shelter: The 2nd Monday of every month. Upcoming dates: Monday, June 14 and Monday, July 12. Dinner prep begins at 5:30pm. Please arrive no later than 6:00pm.

The Shelter is located at 300 Bloomfield St. (3rd and Bloomfield) in Hoboken, on the ground floor of St. John's Lutheran Church (entrance down the ramp on the 3rd St. side).

Please contact USH member Mike Shaw at [mikeshaw1021@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeshaw1021@yahoo.com) before you go, as this is a popular volunteer opportunity. (And you know what they say about too many cooks.)

### Thank You's:

Sunday, March 21: "CareLink" pre-Passover visits to the home-bound elderly: Stacey Greene, Matt Meistrich, Allen Reuben, and Aliza Wilner.

Passover at USH: Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Sunday, March 28 kashering of the USH kitchen, and for help with the Tuesday, March 30 Community Seder. Special thanks to Rabbi Rob Scheinberg and Ritual Chair Louise Kurtz. For more details, please see the article entitled "Community Seder 2010" in last month's (May) Shofar.

Monday, April 12: USH nights to help prepare and serve dinner at the Hoboken Homeless Shelter: Jackie Marx and Dante Medici

Synagogue Restoration: Thank you to everyone who helped kick off "Phase 2" of the synagogue restoration, with the events featuring Dr. Vivian B. Mann on Thursday, April 22, and at the brunch on Sunday, April 25. Thank you to Steve Calmas and Gabrielle Schickler, and especially to Capital Campaign Committee members Lauren Calmas (co-chair), Heidi Learner (co-chair), Talya Schaeffer (co-chair), and Ken Schept.

Sunday, May 2: Hoboken's Art & Music Festival

Thank you to the following people who helped set up and staff the USH table: Seth Brown, Debbie Freeman, Tammy Freeman, Joel and Marilyn Freiser, Lee Gross, Monique Haas, Brett Levy, Mordechai and Karen Nemat-Nejat, Avi Ohring, Jane Porges, Allen Reuben, Ron Rosenberg, Scott Rosenblum, Ken Schept, and Barry Siegel, and especially to Matt Meistrich, who made it all happen.

Belated thanks to Sean and Danielle Tietjen for helping at the Hoboken Shelter in March, and for shopping for the Community Seder's shmuora matzoh and kosher-for-Passover soda.

### **How To Get Involved**

Please contact me, Laurie Palumbo, at 201-659-3728, or email me at [volunteer@HobokenSynagogue.org](mailto:volunteer@HobokenSynagogue.org). If you have participated in any activity since the beginning of this membership year on July 1, 2009, and have not seen your name listed in this or a previous Shofar, please contact me so that I can include your name in our "Thank You's" in a subsequent Shofar. ✨



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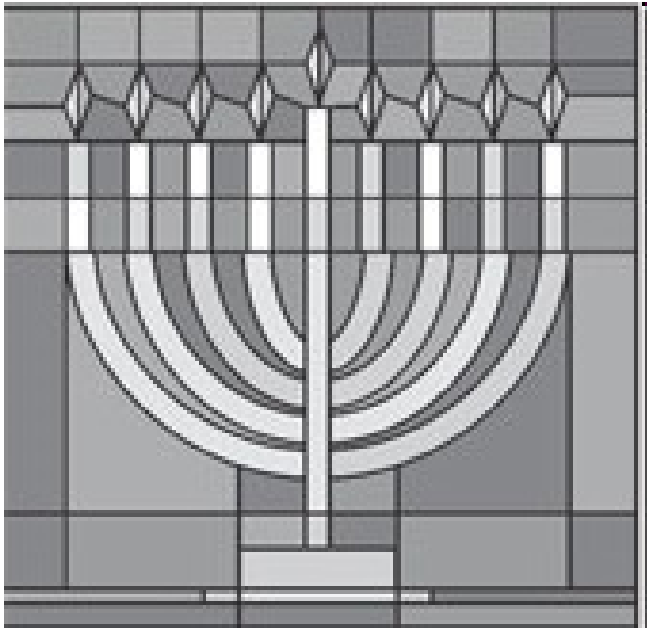
## THANKS FOR SPONSORING KIDDUSH

May 1, Merry Firschein and David Swirnoff in honor of their upcoming marriage.

May 8, Alysa Rosen and Leon Sangster in honor of their Aufruf and the Learning Center in honor of their Year-End celebration.

May 15, Lois and Ben Goldman in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Emma Goldman

May 22, Robert and Elysa Lyons in honor of Samantha Lyons Bat Mitzvah. ☆



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## IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

### Congratulations

Mazal Tov to Ed and Flora Levin on the birth of their son!  
Mazal Tov to big sister Miriam!

Mazal Tov to Emma Goldman, daughter of Ben and Lois Goldman, on her Bat Mitzvah on May 15.

Mazal Tov to Samantha Lyons, daughter of Bob and Elysa Lyons, on her Bat Mitzvah on May 23.

Mazal Tov to Lexi and Robert Coen on the birth of their son! Mazal Tov to big sister Madeline!

Mazal Tov to the Hoboken USY Chapter on winning four major awards at the USY regional spring convention.

Mazal Tov to Mark Glass, to USY advisor Sarah Beth Roth, to USY President Samantha Glass, and to all members of USY and their parents!

Mazal Tov to Dana Glazer (former USH member) on the release of her documentary film "The Evolution of Dad." More information at [www.evolutionofdad.com](http://www.evolutionofdad.com).

### Condolences

We extend condolences to Russell Kriegel, his mother Lillian, sister Nina, wife Marni and children Addie, Nathan, and Coby on the loss of his father, Roland Kriegel.

### Misheberach

Because of privacy concerns, we are no longer including the Misheberach list of people who are ill in the Shofar newsletter. The list will continue to be sent out each Friday in the weekly Shabbat announcements email. To receive USH announcements by email, contact the synagogue office at [office@hobokensynagogue.org](mailto:office@hobokensynagogue.org).

We continue to offer prayers for everyone in the community who is in need:

May the Holy Blessed One grant healing of body and spirit to the loved ones of our community who are in need of healing.

We think of all those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States and of Israel, praying for safety and well-being for them and all others, and speedy return to their homes and families. ☆

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**Siddurim**

Roslyn Rose in memory of Sarah Rose

**Etz Chayim Repair**

Norman and Myrna Kasser in honor of Louise Kurtz  
 Dr. William and Myra Reider in memory of Paul Brothman

**Kaplan Family Learning Center**

Laura Kuhn

**Sarah Condiotti Chesed Fund**

David & Monique Perlmutter in memory of Sarah Condiotti

**Kaplan Cooperative Pre-School**

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**PJ Library**

Amanda Grant

**Young Adult Outreach Fund**

Harriet Sepinwall in memory of Dr. Jerry Sepinwall and in honor of the bris of Benjamin Sepinwall

**General Fund**

Leo and Sydell Wertheim in memory of Harry Ackerman  
 David and Melissa Mahl in honor of Sasha's baby naming  
 Jeff Sklar  
 Geraldine and Milton Schaeffer in honor of Matthew Cheng and Talya Schaeffer  
 UJA of Hoboken  
 Alix Biel  
 Beatrice and Carl Silverman

Gabriel, Tammi, Zeke and Micah Fox in memory Roland Kriegel

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Don Rifkin and Melissa Schaffer in memory of Bernice Schaffer  
 Alan and Marian Sepinwall in honor of the bris of Benjamin  
 Dante Medici in memory of Paul Brothman  
 Jonathan & Robyn Pecarsky in honor of the bris of Bennett Reid  
 Merry Firschein and David Swirnoff in honor of their wedding  
 Joseph and Mary Israel in loving memory of Isaac and Sarina Israel  
 UJA of Hoboken  
 Israeli Club Yom HaAtzma'ut

**Star of Israel Capital Campaign**

Elysa Lyons  
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 Jason and Cindy Altberger  
 Ken and Susan Schept  
 Gordy and Monique Haas  
 Monica Rodriguez  
 Judson Weaver and Carol Losos  
 Norman and Myrna Kasser in honor of the impending wedding of Merry Firschein and David Swirnoff; in memory of Roland Kriegel, father of Russell  
 Selma Silver in memory of her husband Stanley Silver ✨

**Remember a loved one... celebrate a happy occasion... honor someone you admire!**

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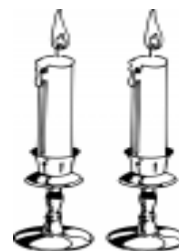


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(night)



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where you can meet old friends and make  
new ones.