

JANUARY 2020

Message

Our 89th Year



Tevet/SH'vat 5780

Madison Jewish Center

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2020

Friday January 3rd

Candle Lighting 4:22pm

Services 7:30pm

Saturday January 4th

Services 9:00am

Weekly Portion: *va YIGGASH*

Genesis 44:18-45:27

HAFTARAH Ezekiel 37:15-28

RABBI'S STUDY SESSION

Friday January 10th

Candle Lighting 4:29pm

Services 7:30 pm

Saturday January 11th

Services 9:00 am

Weekly Portion: *vaY'HI*

Genesis 47:28-48:22

HAFTARAH 1 King 2:1-12

SECRETS OF THE SIDDUR

Friday January 17th

Candle Lighting 4:37pm

Service 7:30pm

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

SHABBAT

SPEAKER SERIES -

RABBI KANE & ARLENE'S

TOPIC: "THE UNITED

SYNAGOGUE CONVENTION"

Saturday January 18th

Services 9:00am

Weekly Portion **SH'MOT**

Exodus 1:1-2:25

HAFTARAH: Isaiah

27:6-28:13; 29:22-23

ASK THE RABBI

Friday January 24th

Candle Lighting 4:45pm

Service 7:30pm

Saturday January 25th

Services 9:00am

BIRKAT haHODESH

Weekly Portion: *va'EIRA*

Exodus 6:2-7:7

HAFTARAH: Ezekiel 28.25-29:21

D'VAR TORAH

Friday January 31st

Candle Lighting 4:54pm

Service 7:30pm

Saturday February 1st

Services 9:00am

Weekly Portion: **BO**

Exodus 10:1:11-3

HAFTARAH Jeremiah 46:13-28

RABBI'S SERMON

MESSAGE ARTICLE – JANUARY 2020

Rabbi Shae J. Kane D.D.

The Jewish New Year And The Secular New Year!

1. **VOWS:** On Dec 31st people make their yearly resolutions to eat less as part of their weight loss resolution. On *Rosh haSHannah*, we resolve to cut back on our caffeine intake because we're in preparing for *Yom Kippur*.
 2. **WRITING:** Come Jan 1st thru the 7th, people will (out of force of habit) jot down 2019 when they sign and date something. After last *Rosh haSHannah*, no Jew will accidentally write 5779 when writing out checks.
 3. **PRESSURE:** The last week in December everyone is asking everyone else, "What's your big deal plan for New Year's and what will you be wearing? And you're not staying home just doing nothing, are you?" In *Elul*, Jews are preparing for *Rosh haSHannah* with the gathering of families at home for our festive meal and in *Schule* for an accounting of our souls.
 4. **SONGS:** Auld Lang Syne is a traditional melody to belt out on New Year's, but after "Should auld acquaintance be forgot..." many have also forgotten the rest of the lyrics and so they fake it with lame mumbling. But we are overwhelmed by the repetition in the *hen'ni - b' Rosh haSHannah yikateivun uv'Yom Tzom Kippur yeihateimun* on *Rosh haSHannah* our fate is written and on *Yom Kippur* it is sealed..."
 5. **MIDNIGHT:** It's the crucial countdown, and apparently some people have the habit of kissing someone at the exact moment when the clock strikes midnight. But we Jews are different. After *minhah* we begin the *Rosh haSHannah Ma'ariv* chanting the *Bar'chu* along with the *Hazzan* in the *yontifdikka niggun*.
 6. **WHEN:** Ask anyone when the secular New Year will ring in and you'll get a quizzical look. But inquire what date *Rosh haSHannah* begins this year and instantly eight Jews are on their cell phones googling their hebcal or texting their rabbis.
 7. **ENTERTAINMENT:** There's probably a cool DJ at a New Year's Eve party and he's going to be up on all the latest and greatest from the Top 40 and interact heavily with all the guests. But we chant the *Ashamnu*, an interaction of our Jewish souls with *haSHem*.
- From my family to you and your families a happy, healthy, peaceful and safe 2020.

President's Message January 2020

"Grow old along with me-the best is yet to be": Ben Ezra

December was replete with exciting, enjoyable, entertaining events. The MJC Shabbat Dinner, our annual Vodka and Latka Party, and the Community Hanukkah Lighting were extraordinary. Our Hebrew School students made their own olive oil and dreidels. We enjoyed services together, shared holiday traditions together, and the food was good, too!

Our December Friday Night Speaker, Marla Hesse, regaled us with stories and anecdotes about the Hesse Family Trip to Israel. If this presentation piqued your interest, the MJC group traveling to Israel in 2020 is still taking reservations.

Putting *UNITY* back in CommUNITY, our partnership with the Kings Highway United Methodist Church continues next month. Join us in bringing the gift of song to the residents of The Waterford on February 17th. More voices = more smiles. Details to follow.

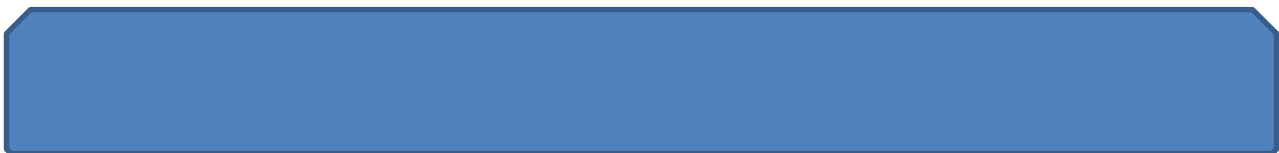
Our own Rabbi and Arlene Kane will be our January Friday Night Speakers, sharing the experiences they had at the December Judaism 2020 Conference. Mark your calendars for January 17th! - this is a presentation not to be missed!

The weather outside may be frightful, but here at MJC, we are pleased to be able to offer you a warm, delightful evening. On January 20th, MJC will feature the story behind the making of *Fiddler on The Roof*. This documentary is entitled *Fiddler: Miracles of Miracles* and stars Lin-Manuel Miranda.

We are adjusting to shorter days, longer nights, and colder temperatures. During the winter months, many of our members temporarily relocate to warmer climates, and take advantage of the many opportunities to travel around the world. Here in NYC, when the winter weather poses significant challenges to safe travel, we often find that attendance at services is insufficient for a minyan. If you would like to join us for services or MJC events and need assistance with travel, please call the office.

L'Dor v'Dor

Randi



The Latest from Sisterhood January 2020

December was 'Chocolate Month' for Sisterhood: from the delicious Hands-on No Bake Brownie Workshop led by Ilene Marcus at the December meeting, to the always popular Chocolate Vodka at the Vodka and Latka evening co-sponsored by Sisterhood and Social Club. Thanks to everyone who worked together to make these successful evenings enjoyable for all.

Thanks to Teresa Gottesmann for hosting the December Maj and Mingle. Watch for the date for the next session. You can also still order the new Mah Jongg cards for 2020 by contacting Ellen Green. Standard cards are \$8.00 each and large print are \$9.00.

Please join us on January 20th at 7PM for the meeting and 7:30 PM for Sisterhood Movie Night which will feature *Fiddler: Miracle of Miracles* starring Lin Manuel Miranda. This documentary chronicles the story of Fiddler on the Roof and its long reach across time and cultures. Refreshments will be provided by Barbara Stein. The cost of the evening is \$6.00. Invite your family and friends. Please RSVP to Rachel Streich at 718-974-8180 or email rkaylie@aol.com.

Have you added your names to the newly updated Tree of Life and Love appearing in the Message? It is not too late, as this is an ongoing project. Leaves are \$10.00 per name and will be printed every month in the Message throughout 2020. Checks should be made out to Sisterhood of Madison Jewish Center.

Mark your calendars: After indulging in holiday activities, we will come together at the Sisterhood Health Night Meeting on Monday, February 24th for an evening of Yoga with Kirell.

A happy and healthy secular New Year to everyone.

Mady Kiner



MJC SOCIAL CLUB HAPPENINGS

January 2020

I hope that everyone enjoyed all our Hanukkah celebrations and events.

Our annual Vodka and Latka celebration in conjunction with Sisterhood was held on Saturday night, December 21st. It was very well attended and it was a great way to spend time socializing with friends. Everyone had a great time.

January 4th is our Bingo & Bagels & Bundles of Prizes. We will be serving bagels, cream cheese, egg salad, and tuna. It promises to be a fun evening. The cost is only \$20. Please mark your calendars. Make your reservations as soon as possible.

An evening of ceramics or painting is scheduled for March 14th. Watch for further information.

Our annual educational trip this year is to the Greek Synagogue on the lower east side. It is scheduled for Sunday, May 3rd. Included is a tour, a film, and a Kosher Greek lunch which consists of bourekas, Greek salad, stuffed grape leaves, pita bread, grapes, kouloudia (biscuits), baklava, coffee, tea, and water. All this at a cost of only \$30.

The Social Club Shabbat is on Friday, May 8th. Following services, there will be a delicious oneg. Our annual barbecue honoring Jay Streich is on Sunday, June 14th.

Please let us know if you have any additional thoughts or ideas for the future.

Let's all try to make this the most successful year ever by supporting and participating in many of our activities. Watch for flyers, visit the website (madisonjc.org), and check the Message for further information. Reservations for all activities can be made through our email address (info@madisonjc.org).

Happy secular New Year!

Ilene Karpas



Shalom Parents,



I just wanted to start off by wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2020. On December 16th the Hebrew School was visited by Tzivos Hashem. They brought the Hanukkah Dreidel Workshop with them and all the children and adults who attended had a great time.

We are still selling gift cards if anyone needs them. Thank you for your support.

Melanie Green for the Parents' Association

Friday Night Speaker Series

If you have a passion for any topic and would like to share your passion, please consider being a Friday Night Speaker. If you know someone in your circle of friends, family, and professional acquaintances who may also wish to share their passion, please let them know of this opportunity.

Contact Barbara: bfsteach@hotmail.com)

Israel Update #2

Quentin Travel Service will be working with me on this trip. Melody and Hal are the contacts at Quentintvl@aol.com or 718-332-3500.

I will be away a great deal of this winter and during the summer. I will be at my country home. If you have any questions please call or email them and/or me. Airfare is \$1265 round trip on El Al. Call or email for the full price list.

Judy (Jposniack@aol.com or 718-377-0809)

SAVE THE DATE

Social Club

Saturday, January 4	8:00pm	Bingo, Bagels, and Bundles of Prizes
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Sisterhood

Monday, January 20	7:00PM	Movie Night
Monday, February 24	7:30PM	Yoga with Kirill
Thursday, May 14	6:30PM	Fashion Show

Congregation

Friday, January 17	7:30PM	Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat; Speakers: Rabbi & Arlene Kane
Friday, February 7	7:00PM	TuB'Shvat Seder following Services
Friday, February 28	6:15PM	Shabbat Across America Dinner & Services
Saturday, April 25	9:00PM	Yom ha'atzma'ut Cantorial Concert
Sunday, May 31	5:00PM	Journal Dinner Dance Honoring Barbara Stein

Madison Jewish Center (MJC) is one of the few Conservative Egalitarian synagogues in Brooklyn, and we are affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. For 89 years MJC has been serving the needs of the Madison/Marine Park community. Our goal is to create a warm, friendly and comfortable environment for all. Check out our website at madisonjc.org.

Ongoing Activities

Services Monday and Thursday at 6:45am

Friday Evening Service at 7:30pm

Saturday Morning Service at 9:00am

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SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday Evening & Erev Yom Tov.....7:30 PM

Saturday Morning & Yom Tov Morning.....9:00 AM

Weekday Minyanim (Mon. & Thurs.).....6:45 AM

Legal Holidays.....8:30 AM

*If you need a Minyan at any other time,
 please call the office and we will attempt to*

TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS

The Synagogue office will be open Monday
 through Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm,
 Friday from 9:00am -12 noon
 We are closed on all Jewish and legal holidays.

R'FUAH SH'LEIMAH PRAYER

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To: Ellen Hamou
Thank you for the Kiddush Lunch
By: Barbara & Barry Stein

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To: Harry Lazarus & Family
A donation has been made in memory of your
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By: Judy Posniack
Myra Lee & Albert Fleischman

To: George Schindler & Family
A donation has been made in memory of
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By: Judy Posniack

To: Paul Podell
A donation has been made in memory of
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To: Paul Podell & family
On the loss of his sister-in-law Melanie Lazarus

Unity in the Community

Happy New Year everyone! Many of you know that Madison Jewish Center has had an exchange of pulpits with The Kings Highway United Methodist Church for quite some time. The members are lovely and have visited Madison and we have visited them on numerous occasions. Both groups seek unity in the community and have made efforts to do service projects supporting our neighborhood. Students in our Hebrew School and in their religious school have sent inspirational cards to recipients of City Meals on Wheels. Waterford Assisted Living residents have also joined us in making cards.

In February, members of both congregations will be singing some upbeat tunes together at The Waterford, spreading some winter cheer to the seniors. We have a date of Monday, February 17, 2020. An alternate date will be planned in case of inclement weather. Ideally, we would like members and friends of all ages to participate. Song sheets with the words of the songs will be available so everyone can join in. If you can join us, please contact Barbara Stein at bfsteach@hotmail.com).

Thank You!

Barbara Stein

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To: Roy Alexander

A donation has been made for a R'fuah Sh'leimah Prayer for you

By: Frances & Stephen Epstein

To: Harry Lazarus & Family

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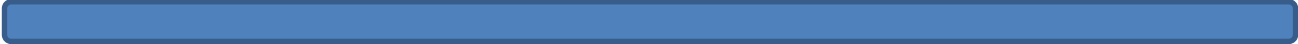
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Thank Yous



I want to thank all who have made donations to the Honor Fund
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their concern regarding my recent cataract surgery.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon,
with my present, much improved, visual clarity.

Rabbi Shae J. Kane D.D.



I would like to thank those who made
a donation in my name for the Honor Fund.

Roy Alexander



My thanks to all my friends
who wished me a R'fuah SH'leimah.

Roy Alexander



JANUARY 2020

Birthday List

3 Christina Kushner	16 Steven Green
9 Loretta Packer	16 Marla Hesse
12 Rita Kaufman	21 Debra Freedman
15 Irma Alexander	23 Barbara Kowalski
15 Babs Dobbs	29 Barbara Stein

Anniversary List

13 Melanie & Jamie Gioia

16 Marla & Matthew Hesse

31 Jill & Steven Saltzman

If we have misspelled a name, left something out, or have failed in any way to properly acknowledge anyone who should have been acknowledged, please forgive us.



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12 Tevet 15	13 Tevet 16 Exec. Bd. Meeting 7:30pm	14 Tevet 17 Congregation Board 8:00pm	15 Tevet 18	16 Tevet 19	17 Tevet 20 Candle Lighting 4:37pm Birthday/Anniv ersary Shabbat 7:30pm Speakers: Rabbi & Arlene Kane	18 Tevet 21 Services 9am
19 Tevet 22	20 Tevet 23 Sisterhood meeting and movie 7:00pm	21 Tevet 24	22 Tevet 25	23 Tevet 26	24 Tevet 27 Candle Lighting 4:45pm Services 7:30pm	25 Tevet 28 Services 9am
26 Tevet 29	27 Sh'vat 1	28 Sh'vat 2 Social Club Meeting 7:30pm	29 Sh'vat 3	30 Sh'vat 4	31 Sh'vat 5 Candle Lighting 4:54pm Services 7:30pm	