



Madison Jewish Center

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2021

ALL SERVICES ON ZOOM and SOME SERVICES IN PERSON

Friday December 3rd

BEFORE lighting Shabbat Candles

Light 6 Hanukkah Lights

Recite 2 Hanukkah B'rakhot

1st B'rakhah ending with

L'hadlik Ner Shel Hanukkah

2nd B'rakhah ending with

La'avoteinu Bayamim

Haheim Baz'man Hazeh

Candle Lighting 4:10pm

ZOOM Service 7:30pm

Saturday December 4th

ZOOM Service

10:30am

Recite Ya'aleh v'Yavo for Rosh Hodesh

Recite Al haNissim for Hanukkah

Parashat MIKKEITZ

Genesis 41:1-44:17

Rosh Hodesh Reading

Numbers 28:9-15

Hanukkah Maftir Reading

Numbers 7:42-47

HAFTARAH Z'kharyah 2:14-4:7

RABBI KANE'S D'VAR TORAH

Friday December 10th

Candle Lighting 4:10pm

ZOOM Service 7:30pm

Saturday December 11th

ZOOM Service

10:30am

Parashat vaYIGGASH

Genesis 46:28-47:27

HAFTARAH Y'hezk'eil 37:15-28

RABBI KANE'S D'VAR TORAH

Friday December 17th

Candle Lighting 4:12pm

ZOOM Service 7:30pm

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY SHABBAT

Saturday December 18th

IN PERSON SERVICES IN

THE MAIN SANCTUARY 10:30am

SERVICES WILL ALSO BE ON ZOOM

Parashat vaY'HI

Genesis 49:27-50:26

HAFTARAH: Sefer M'Ikim Alef 2:1-12

RABBI KANE'S D'VAR TORAH

Friday December 24th

Candle Lighting 4:15pm

ZOOM Service 7:30pm

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Saturday December 25th
ZOOM Service 10:30am
Parashat SH'MOT
Exodus 4:18-6:1
HAFTARAH Y'SHAYAH 27:62-28:13;
29:22-23
RABBI KANE'S *D'VAR TORAH*

Friday December 31st

Candle Lighting 4:20pm ZOOM Service 7:30pm

Saturday January 1, 2022 ZOOM Service 10:30am SHABBAT M'VARKHIM ha<u>H</u>ODESH

Parashat va'Eira
Exodus 8:16-9:33
HAFTARAH Y'hezk'eil 28:25-29:21
RABBI KANE'S D'VAR TORAH

MESSAGE ARTICLE – December 2021 Rabbi Shae J. Kane D.D.

The transition from one secular year to another is an interesting experience for us as Jews. Rosh haSHannah is our new year, but for those of us living in North America, we also split our time following the Jewish Calendar and the secular Gregorian calendar. And people all around us are now making New Year's resolutions. As Jews, who participated in the High Holy Days, this year in September - living in two different time zones as it were - we have another opportunity to reflect upon the commitments that we made during the N'ilah service at the conclusion of Yom Kippur.

Psychologists say it is a natural human reaction to seek control rather than trusting in the unknown. We all make plans and promises, hoping to be worthy of a year of blessing. But, when the ending of a moment in time causes us anxiety, we are forced to confront our insecurity and mortality. Trusting in the unknown future is a spiritual skill that requires practice. This is one of the reasons why so many of our religious rituals center around the transitions of life cycle events, seasonal changes or even, as the Havdallah Service, shifting us from the sanctity of Shabbat to the ordinary events of a new week.

During these moments of transition, it is helpful to harken back to those things that are positive and unchanging, and to affirm them publicly, so that we can remain centered in the daunting tasks in the future that we shall have to overcome. As we come to the end of 2021, we recognize that this past pandemic year has been a difficult one for our world, for our country, for our synagogue, for our families and for each of us as individuals. We all hope and pray that 2022 will be a year in which our society, our civilization, and our world will be transformed into some semblance of normalcy, and thereby once again allow us the preference of participating in those activities that bring joy, pleasure, comfort, and satisfaction into our lives.

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President's Message





December 2021

"The quiet transition from autumn to winter is not a bad time at all. It's a time for protecting and securing things and for making sure you've got in as many supplies as you can. It's nice to gather together everything you possess as close to you as possible, to store up your warmth and your thoughts and burrow yourself into a deep hole inside, a core of safety where you can defend what is important and precious and your very own. Then the cold and the storms and the darkness can do their worst. They can grope their way up the walls looking for a way in, but they won't find one, everything is shut, and you sit inside, laughing in your warmth and your solitude, for you have had foresight."

Tove Jansson

This passage reminds me of the "winter" of the pandemic, where we were all forced to stay home, upend our regular routines and reevaluate our priorities. As with the season of winter, it also became a time to reflect on what gives us warmth and feelings of safety. For most of us, the answer to that is friends and family, good health, (and toilet paper). We defended what is important and precious to us by getting vaccinated and wearing masks and socially distancing.

By our preparations and foresight, we were able to weather the pandemic "winter", and now we are beginning to see the spring season ahead of us. We are slowly resuming our in-person services and events, such as the annual Vodka and Latke party on December 11, where celebrating seeing our Madison family and friends will take on a different meaning than it has in years past.

So make sure this winter you are stocked up on cherished friends and family (and toilet paper) and come to Madison in person to celebrate the triumph of the human spirit!

> שמח пігр Happy Winter

Rachel

RABBI KANE'S OFFICE HOURS FOR DECEMBER 2021

Rabbi Kane's office hours at MJC, during the month of December 2021, will be on Monday afternoons from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. You may call him at the Synagogue number 718.339.7755 during that time. If you need to reach Rabbi Kane at any other time, please feel free to reach out to him without any hesitation whatsoever as he welcomes your calls or texts on his cell phone 718.813.1158. If you call Rabbi Kane, and he is temporarily unavailable, please be kind enough to leave a message and he will get back to you as soon as possible. If you prefer, you may also email Rabbi Kane at rabsjk4@gmail.com.

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Sisterhood December 2021

Sisterhood programs are well underway for the 2021- 2022 season. We enjoyed Marlene Podell's book review of "Eli's Promise" by Ronald Balson in November. Thanks to Marlene for the excellent inspiring discussion. Join us on December 11th for a night of fun together with Social Club as we present our annual Vodka and Latka night in person at MJC. Eat, drink (as much chocolate vodka as you like) and be merry. At the December 27th Virtual Sisterhood meeting we will have a Pre-New Year's secular celebration at 7:30 PM. Chairs Barbara Stein and Ilene Marcus promise a fun night with no charge. All are welcome. The Sisterhood's 2022 new Tree of Life will be printed every month in the Message beginning in January. Honor your family members with a leaf. The cost is \$10 per name. Checks are due by December 8th made out to Sisterhood of MJC, and sent to Teresa Gottesmann. As more people are getting together in person (hopefully after getting your booster shots), be sure to contact Ellen Green for the new Mah Jongg cards. Happy Chanukah and Happy Secular New Year to all.

Mady Kiner



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MJC SOCIAL CLUB HAPPENINGS

December 2021

We are finally starting to open the shul with live services. Saturday morning services in the main sanctuary will take place on December 18th. Hope to see you there. Zoom will also be available.

Our monthly mini raffle is still ongoing. For only \$10, you have a chance to win \$200. Please send in your entry forms as soon as possible. Myra Lee Fleischman was the October winner. The December donor wants to remain anonymous.

On November 7th, the Social Club went on a virtual trip to the Greek Synagogue on the Lower East Side. The tour was wonderful. We learned many interesting facts about the Jews from Greece. Thank you, Mario, for all your hard work in making this event successful.

Vodka and Latke in conjunction with Sisterhood will take place live on Saturday night, December 11th. We are in the process of planning the evening. Watch for more information.

BINGO is scheduled for January 22nd. We are also working on a crafts night and ping pong. The Social Club Shabbat will take place on Friday evening, May 20th. Please let us know if you have any additional suggestions.

The gala celebration for Cantor Rimer was a tremendous success. Many people came to thank him for his guidance and service for 47 years at MJC. He will be greatly missed. Please keep MJC alive by supporting as many activities as you can. Check your email and the Message for further information. Phone trees will also go out every week. Watch for flyers.

Happy and healthy secular New Year to all!

Ilene Karpas

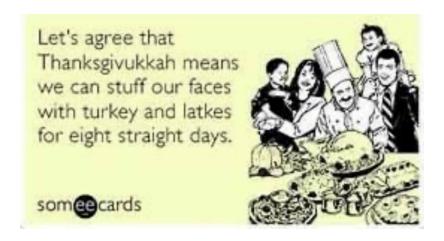
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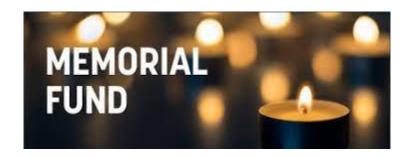
Shalom parents,

We hope you are all having a great Hanukkah. Thank you to all of the students and parents who attended the community Hanukkiah lighting at our synagogue.

The Rabbi and the teachers are doing a great job teaching all the students at the Hebrew school. The students are learning so much more this year in person than last year. Thank you all who keep supporting our gift cards, and remember, we are still selling them. You can either order them online at www.glscrip.com or you can e-mail me at stevenmel718@aol.com or Ellen Green at emg522@aol.com and we will put an order through for you.



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To: Erwin Mevorah & Family
A donation has been made in memory
of your beloved mother Esther Mevorah
By: Paul Podell & Family
Michael Sosin

To: Diane Posniack & Family A donation has been made in memory of your beloved brother David Holstein By: Barbara & Barry Stein Marlene & Paul Podell Monique & Richard Ander Irma & Roy Alexander Bunny & Brian Bender Ellen Green Linda & Stephen Bell Ilene Shapiro Judy Posniack Shelli & Ronald Feldman Harriett & Stephen Cohen Michael Sosin Fran Liebowitz Ilene Karpas Ellen & Aviva Hamou

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YAHRZEIT



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William Epstein

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Elias Hirsch

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Zina Lewin

Susan Lurie

Carolyn Nagourney

Larry Novikoff

Helaine Packer

Mollie Pearlstein

Paul Podell

Eileen Sadof

Sari Schimek

Arnold Schloss

Ilene Shapiro

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If you can find this, please bring it to our Vodka & Latka Celebration on December 11th.



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R'FUAH SH'LEIMAH PRAYER

DONATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR SPEEDY RECOVERY PRAYERS

For: Ellen Green By: Ellen & Aviva Hamou



For: Eugenia Genyuk By: Ellen & Aviva Hamou



To: Bonnie & Bruce Solomon

A donation has been made to thank you for all your help
and everything you have done for us
By: Marlene & Paul Podell

To: Barry Weintrob

A donation has been made in honor of the 70th Anniversary of your Bar Mitzvah

By: Marlene & Paul Podell

Honor Fund

To: Fran Liebowitz & family
A donation has been made in honor of your grandson
Max Liebowitz's Bar Mitzvah:
By: Barbara & Barry Stein



To: Friends & Family of Madison Jewish Center
Thank you for your help and concern when I fell ill on Saturday night.
All the calls were very appreciated.
Sincerely,
Ilene Shapiro

Thank you to all people who came to my Retirement party & who put their kind words into the Book.

Cantor Leslie Rimer & Family

Thank you all for your good wishes and the baby gifts Irina Makarovskaya, Inga & Anthony Oren

Thank you for all the Mazel Tov wishes and donations made in honor of the birth of our grandson Asa Matai. We are truly blessed to be a part of the MJC family. Linda & Michael Parnes

FROM THE BIKKUR HOLIM COMMITTEE

Please contact us if you know of anyone who is ill, hospitalized, a shut-in, or in need of a phone call.

We will get in touch with them and/or visit them.

Irma: 718-375-9842 or Judy: 718-377-0809

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SAVE THE DATE

Social Club

Saturday, December 11th 8pm Vodka & Latka

Saturday, January 22nd Bingo Friday, May 20th Social Club Shabbat

Sisterhood

Saturday, December 11th Vodka & Latka

Monday, December 27th Secular New Year's Celebration

Parents' Association

Congregation

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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 Sunday Morning & Legal Holidays.....8:30 AM

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

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.

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PHOTOS OF OUR GALA CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF OUR OWN CANTOR RIMER



Bruce Solomon

– our Master of Ceremonies

Cantor and Mrs. Rimer entering the Shul.



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Cantor Rimer – our guest of honor

Co-Presidents Rachel Streich and Roy Alexander



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Our Treasurer Paul Podell congratulating Cantor Rimer

Ellen Green presenting flowers to Kate Rimer



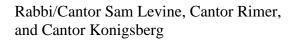
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Cantor Rimer's Family





Linda Parnes and Bonnie Solomon present Cantor Rimer with a scrapbook of memories





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From all of us at MJC a Hannukah Wish



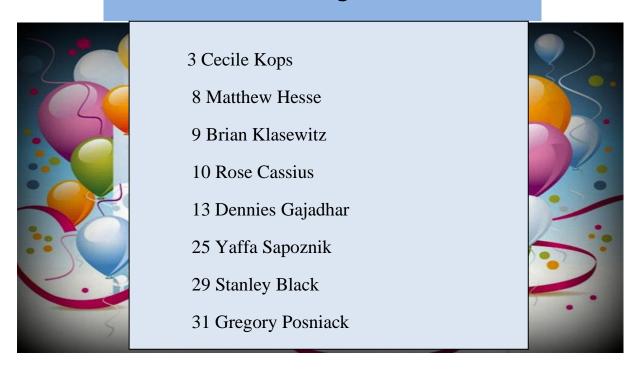
November 28th 2021: Lighting of the MJC Hannukah Menorah



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Birthday List





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Dear Members,

We want to thank everyone who participated in the Tree of Life project this year. With the support of the congregation the Tree of Life was a tremendous fundraiser for Sisterhood and Madison Jewish Center. Let's keep the tree growing by continuing to purchase leaves at \$10 a name. There is no limit to the number of names you can put on a leaf.

We will be starting a new Tree of Life in January 2022. Your names and money must be in by December 8, 2021 to be printed in the January 2022 MJC Message and they will be printed each month for the entire year of 2022.

If you put in your names after December 8th your names will not be put in until the February 2022 bulletin and will be put in each month till the end of December 2022.

Please use the attached form and submit your names and money by December 8th, 2021.

Purchasing a leaf is a wonderful way to honor family, relatives, friends and help Madison Jewish Center keep blooming and growing. We look forward to your continued support.

Thank you,

Judy Posniack
Babs Dobbs
Arlene Kane
Teresa Gottesmann
Fran Liebowitz

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HONOR YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS WITH A LEAF (OR LEAVES) IN

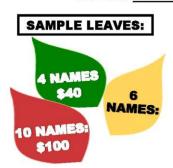


THE 2022 SISTERHOOD TREE OF LIFE AND LOVE

LEAVES WILL BE PRINTED IN THE MJC MESSAGE
EVERY MONTH FOR A WHOLE YEAR
BEGINNING JANUARY 2022
ONLY \$10 PER NAME

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JUDY: JPOSNIACK@AOL.COM-718-377-0809

OR FRAN: FLINBKLYN@AOL.COM—718-769-1213





PLEASE CUT HERE AND RETURN TO MJC BY **DECEMBER 8**WITH A CHECK PAYABLE TO SISTERHOOD MADISON JEWISH CENTER 2989 NOSTRAND AVE., BROOKLYN, NY 11229 ATT: TERESA GOTTESMANN

PHONE:		
AMOUNT ENCLOSED		
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Online Gift Cards are now available at M.J.C. through the Parents

Association. It is easy, fast, and available all year long!

- 1. Go to www.shopwithscrip.com
- 2. Click on family signup and then click on create an account.
- 3. Next fill out all the necessary info and set up an account.
- 4. You will see "join a nonprofit." Underneath will be a box marked Enter A3897D5229989 and then click on join.
- 5. Now you will be able to order your gift cards online through M.J.C.
- 6. All money for gift cards must be checks payable to M.J.C and sent to the office after you order your gift cards online. Please Label the envelope Attention: Melanie or Steven Green.
- 7. For those of you who are not comfortable ordering online we also have a printed list of gift cards that are available and a printed order form. These also get sent to the office with a check payable to M.J.C and marked attention Melanie or Steven Green.

No gifts cards will be sent to us unless we send them a check first.











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THE DECEMBER MINI

RAFFLE DRAWING

The October mini raffle was won by Myra Lee Fleischman.
The December sponsors wish to remain anonymous.

Winner will be chosen on January 1.

Send in your \$10.00 donation along with the Raffle form to:

Madison Jewish Center ATT: Social Club 2989 Nostrand Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11229

Form and donation must reach MJC before the end of the month!

Donating to
MJC is a
Mitzvah.
Do this
Mitzvah, and
you can be a
winner!

Your \$10.00 donation enters you in a drawing for a \$200.00 cash prize!

Name:	 December
Address:	
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Play our raffle: see page 22

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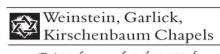
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IN PERSON SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE MAIN SANCTUARY

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5 Tevet 1	6 Tevet 2 ZOOM services at 7:30am	7 Tevet 3	8 Tevet 4	9 Tevet 5 ZOOM services at 7:30am	10 Tevet 6 Candle Lighting 4:12pm ZOOM Services 7:30pm	Tevet 7 ZOOM services 10:30am Vodka & Latka 8pm
12 Tevet 8	13 Tevet 9 ZOOM services at 7:30am ZOOM Exec. Bd. 8:00pm	14 Tevet 10 ZOOM Admin Bd. 8:00pm	15 Tevet 11	16 Tevet 12	17 Tevet 13 Candle Lighting 4:12pm ZOOM Services 7:30pm Birthday / Anniversary Shabbat	18 Tevet 14 Live Services at 10:30am
19 Tevet 15	20 Tevet 16 ZOOM services 7:30am	21 Tevet 17	22 Tevet 18	23 Tevet 19 ZOOM services at 7:30am	24 Tevet 20 Candle Lighting 4:15pm ZOOM Services 7:30pm	25 Tevet 21 ZOOM services at 10:30am
26 Tevet 22	27 Tevet 23 ZOOM Services 7:30am Sisterhood Meeting 8PM	28 Tevet 24 <u>H</u> annukah Social Club Meeting 8:00pm	29 Tevet 25	30 Tevet 26 ZOOM services at 7:30am	31 Tevet 27 Candle Lighting 4:20pm ZOOM Services 7:30pm	