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LETTER from the PRESIDENT

Dear Congregants:

Community offers the opportunity to create and foster long and meaningful relationships and friendships. Of course, the community that is Central Synagogue helps each of us form and build a personal relationship with our faith. The Central Synagogue community also encourages each of us to meet our fellow congregants and to create wonderful friendships. I have been

reflecting upon the many friends that Jill and I have made over the years and the ways that such friendships enrich our lives. Two recent events come to mind.

A few weeks ago, Jill and I hosted a Shabbat dinner at our home with Rabbi Mo Salth and his wonderful wife, Hilary Hotchkiss. We gathered at the Shabbat table with six dear friends, all members of Central Synagogue and all so very fortunate to share these special hours together. We prayed, we ate and we talked for many hours, learning more about each other, our lives, our concerns, and our aspirations. The conversation flowed, as we were connected by our faith, Central Synagogue and its community of people. It was an incredible evening that Jill and I will remember for many years.

A few days later, we visited with a very special couple, long-time members of Central Synagogue, who have become our friends over the past years. Although we are of different generations, we have much in common. But we also have much to learn from each other. The four of us shared a lunch, spending hours discussing Israel, politics, health, healing, and life. The couple had suffered all too many accidents and medical issues in the past few years. Each has experienced injury, illness and healing. But notwithstanding their misfortunes, our dear friends were upbeat and very positive about the future. Our time together was truly inspiring for many reasons. If it was not Central Synagogue, we never would have met these wonderful people.

Central Synagogue's community is diverse and so very special. We are all enriched as we reach out to each other, creating and building our friendships. This gift from Central Synagogue and from our faith truly blesses all of our lives.

Howard F. Sharfstein



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MESSAGE from the RABBI

Change often occurs at a lumbering and inconsequential pace. Take for instance the focus of a vexing annoyance for me: the absence of signals for pedestrians in our synagogue's neighborhood on Park Avenue from 46th-56th Street. Pedestrians who cross Park Avenue are aware of the lack of signals, especially when they are on the middle island and do not know whether they can venture out on the second part of their crossing since they cannot see the traffic light hanging above. The inability to know whether it is safe to walk has resulted in an undue number of pedestrian accidents in the area.

Now, I had assumed that this anomaly was a matter of land-marking, what some people call the "hoity-toity" taste of the Park Avenue residents. But I just learned from a friend that the Walk Sign vacuum has nothing to do with style but with a long-time feud between the city and Metro-North Railroad over jurisdiction. If the city put in the poles to hold the pedestrian signs, it would be puncturing the ceiling of the railroad tunnel below. Safety for pedestrians means leaks on the tracks.

Apparently, an agreement between the city and the railroad was made in 2007, and the decades old feud was moving to solution. But I haven't seen evidence of pedestrian signals. Change comes slowly.

Yet, in other arenas of life, change happens (literally) at lightning speed. Being very ignorant about the ways our children are communicating, I took a virtual tour of the technological mechanisms they are using to be in touch with each other, including Facebook. I also explored some of the professional networking tools available online. I am told that our youth group and college students communicate with each other and the synagogue entirely through these Web sites. They don't run off mimeograph stencils or send out flyers in the mail, the "traditional" style of youth group communication, and many of my generation refrain from accessing on-line community Web sites so as not to receive more communication from an ever expanding "virtual" community. Despite us, change comes instantaneously.

The synagogue is caught at the intersection between slow-changing constancy and fast moving technology, the most apparent example being the Webcasting of our worship services on <http://www.centralsynagogue.org/>. People who have never entered our building and our students who are away at college are accessing our Shabbat services on-line. We are hearing from them and often receive notes from Jews throughout the country who have made our Webcast part of their weekly Shabbat observances. Others who are not facile with computers are calling in, and listening to, services over the phone (1-888-758-7870; password 5992969).

Users of these technologies report that they are drawn by the spiritual connection, the music and the personal engagement they feel by listening in. They consider themselves part of the Central Synagogue community. This is a new frontier for us and for our Reform movement. Being in our "space" is no longer limited to being in our "building." We are exploring the full and mutual benefits gained by expanding, and paying attention to, the possibility of bringing the anchor of Jewish life to those who want it from afar.

Rabbi Peter J. Rubinstein

NEW FORMAT FOR LUACH

This issue of *Luach* introduces a slightly new format. Our goal is to make it easier for you to learn about special services, programs and events in March. Our services, educational programs and community programs and events will now be listed in one of two categories:

- Special Services...Programs...Events (for each month)
- Each Month at Central (ongoing weekly services and programs)

We appreciate your feedback as we continue to try to improve the quality of our print and electronic communications.

This Month at Central Synagogue

Information about our services and educational and community programs is listed on the following pages. For a quick look at each day's activities, see the calendar section at the back of *Luach*. For the most up-to-date information about programs and events, visit our Web site at www.centralsynagogue.org. Program information may also be found in our weekly Order of Service and on flyers posted in the Community House's elevators.

LOOKING AHEAD at CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE

Pesach Begins at Sundown

April 8

Nursery School & Parenting Center Closed for Pesach and Spring Break

April 6-17

Religious School Closed for Pesach

April 6-10

S.O.S – Service on Sundays

April 19

Israel in the 21st Century

April 2, 16 & 23

WORSHIP

Interfaith Trialogue Lecture & Prayer Service

Sunday, March 8, 2 pm, Community House

RSVP for Dinner Required:

Stephan Cotton, 212-744-6803 or trialogue@censyn.org

Join fellow congregants and clergy as we gather with Marble Collegiate Church and the Islamic Cultural Center in Jamaica, Queens, for a lecture, prayer service and dinner. The dinner is free and the service will begin at 3:00 p.m. Congregants should meet at the Community House at 2:00 p.m. for transportation to the Islamic Cultural Center.

Purim-spiel: The Maltese Purim

Monday, March 9, 6 pm, Sanctuary

The 1941 Film Noir classic "The Maltese Falcon" won't hold a candle to our "The Maltese Purim." Come join your clergy, teachers and fellow congregants at a newly revised Purim Service that will include the chanting of the Megillah and another creative take on the story of Esther. Feel free to come in costume. Festive *oneg* to follow.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Tot Shabbat

Saturdays: March 7 & 28, 9 am, Joslin Hall

Contact: Matt Check at 212-838-5122, ext. 4032,
or via email at CheckM@censyn.org

Our Tot Shabbat program is held on Saturday mornings when there is no school vacation. The program is designed for nursery school children under five years old.



LEARNING *Limud*

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Note: Religious School will be closed for Purim on Monday, March 9. The Religious School also will be closed from March 15-22 for its spring break.

Jewish Values for Raising Jewish Teens: A Program for Seventh Grade Parents

Monday, March 2, 5:30 – 6:30 pm, Room 302

RSVP to Crystal Gipe, Education Coordinator, at gipiec@censyn.org or 212-838-5122, ext. 4033

Please join Rabbi Rubinstein for a discussion about how to raise teens in NYC with strong Jewish values, keeping in mind the many challenges and temptations they face. You need not have attended prior sessions to come to this class.

Third Grade Parent Wine and Cheese

Thursday, March 5, 5 pm, Joslin Hall

RSVP to Crystal Gipe at gipiec@censyn.org or 212-838-5122, ext. 4033

Meet other parents from Central Synagogue's Religious School, along with Yonni Wattenmaker, RJE, Director of Lifelong Learning, for an hour of noshing, schmoozing and getting to know one another before the children finish class.

A Parent's Introduction to Prayer

Tuesday, March 31, 12 – 1:30 pm, Room 503

Led by Rabbi Michael Friedman and Yonni Wattenmaker

RSVP's strongly preferred to Yonni Wattenmaker at ymw@censyn.org or 212-838-5122, ext. 4031

All Religious School parents are invited to join us for an exploration of Jewish prayer—the words we say and why we say them. No prior knowledge of Hebrew or Jewish worship is necessary and please feel free to bring lunch with you.

Making Passover Meaningful for Children

Tuesday, March 31, 4:30 – 5:30 pm, Joslin Hall

Wednesday, April 1, 9 – 10:30 am, Room 503

Led by Rabbi Mo Salth

The Passover seder was designed to engage children in the understanding of our people's Exodus from Egypt. Come learn and share innovative ways to help children, ages 3-13, play, learn, discover, and experience this foundational story of our people. No experience required, just come prepared to laugh, learn and have fun!



LEARNING *Limud*

ADULTS

Note: There will be no Adult Education classes March 15-22.

Israeli Film Series

Mondays: March 2 & 23, 6:30 pm, Room 503

Led by Miri Kubovy

RSVP's Required: Yonni Wattenmaker, ymw@censyn.org or 212-838-5122, ext. 4031

Come explore the world of Israeli films and the messages hidden within. Refreshments will be served.

Clergy Film Series: "Dirty Dancing"

Wednesday, March 4, 6:30 pm, Pavilion

Led by Rabbi Peter Rubinstein

Please join us for "Dirty Dancing," the 1987 film, starring Patrick Swayze, Jennifer Grey and Jerry Orbach. Popcorn and soda will be served.

Israel in the 21st Century: International Affairs and Perceptions

Thursdays: March 5, March 12, March 26, April 2, April 16, & April 23, 12:30 – 2 pm, Room 302

Contact: Ari Goldman, 212-838-5122, ext. 4045, or goldmana@censyn.org

How does Israel manage diplomatic and strategic challenges in international affairs and how is Israel perceived internationally? This engaging six-part series will focus on Operation Cast Lead and Israel and Iran, the Arab world, the media, academia, and world opinion. No prior knowledge of Israeli history is required.

The May Family Nursery School's Spring Benefit: "Flights Around the World"

Thursday, March 5, 6:30, Pavilion

To purchase tickets, contact: Ann Obsatz at 212-838-5122, ext. 4002, or ann@censyn.org

Join the Nursery School's children, parents and staff for an International Wine and Beer Festival. Among the evening's highlights will be an exhibit of original children's art work, decorated lamps and many auction items for bidding.



Book Group

Fridays: March 6, 13 & 27, 9:15-10:15 am, Room 602

Led by Patti Sayre, a licensed social worker and psychologist

Join our Book Group and explore a broad range of topics and issues that encourage self-reflection and group connectedness.

Life in Israel: A 35-Year Retrospective

Monday, March 30, 7pm, Room 503

Guest Lecturer: Rabbi David Forman

Israel has never experienced calm seas. Feelings of exhilaration and sadness, abundant pride and deep shame and penetrating fear are inherent in Israeli society. Rabbi Forman—founding chairperson of Israeli Rabbis for Human Rights, columnist for the Israeli press and the author of four books—will share with us the experience of riding an Israeli emotional roller coaster.

Clergy Film Series: "Evan Almighty"

Wednesday, April 1, 6:30 pm, Pavilion

Led by Rabbinic Intern Sandi Intraub

Please join us for "Evan Almighty." The comedy stars Steve Carell, whom God contacts and tells to build an ark in preparation for a great flood. Directed by Tom Shadyac, the film is an interesting examination of people's relationships to God. Popcorn and soda will be served.

TEENS

Calling All Eighth to Twelfth Graders to Prep for Purim Carnival

Saturday, March 7, 3 – 6 pm, Pavilion

Contact: Greg Weitzman at WeitzmanG@censyn.org
or 212-838-5122, ext. 4038

Perform a mitzvah and earn Community Service hours for Middle School or High School as you help us set up for our Purim Carnival or help out at the Carnival on Sunday. Let's give the younger members of Central Synagogue a special treat this Purim.

Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 8, 11 am – 1:30 pm, Pavilion

Hosted by CiTY, Mini-CiTY & 56 Club

Contact: Greg Weitzman at WeitzmanG@censyn.org
or 212-838-5122, ext. 4038

Children and families are invited to enjoy "Purim around the World," featuring international treats and games! At 12:30 p.m., Joanie Leeds will be perform. The carnival games will be free, however we are asking for a donation to be made to a charity. Food will be sold throughout the event.

ADULTS

Habitat for Humanity Project

Sunday, March 1, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Meet at the Community House at 8.30 am

Contact: Ivan Dreyer at habitat@censyn.org or 212-838-5122, ext. 5002

Ten Central Synagogue volunteers will work in the Ocean Hill-Brownsville section of Brooklyn on "finishing" projects in a 41-unit apartment complex, the largest and greenest project that Habitat-NYC has undertaken.

Shabbat Home Visits

Fridays: March 6 and April 3

To Participate Contact: Lisa Lebowitz and Renee Ward at homevisits@censyn.org

In the spirit of Shabbat, we have been visiting some of our long-time members and bringing them Shabbat gift baskets. Take advantage of this opportunity to reach out and make a difference in someone's life. It is a beautiful way to welcome the Sabbath!

Mendelssohn in the Romantic Century: Organ Concert Series

Wednesday, March 11, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary, Free

The second in the Mendelssohn concert series at Central Synagogue will feature Gail Archer, performing *Sonata IV* (Mendelssohn), *Prelude and Fugue for Organ* (Clara Schumann), *Sechs Fugen Über den Namen Bach* (Robert Schumann), *Elf Choralevorspiel* (Brahms), and *Fantasie über den Choral* (Reger).

S.O.S – Service on Sundays

Sunday, March 22, 10 am – 1 pm, God's Love We Deliver,
166 Avenue of the Americas at Spring Street

Contact sos@censyn.org or 212-838-5122, ext. 5013

Join us as we chop, dice and prepare meals for people suffering with HIV/AIDS and other illnesses, which prevent them from going out of their homes. No culinary skills required just a caring heart and helping hands.

Young Married's/Young Professionals Cooking Class

Thursday, March 26, 7pm, Pavilion

RSVP's required to Yonni Wattenmaker,
212-838-5122, ext. 4031, or ymw@censyn.org

Meet fellow congregants as you learn new recipes for entertaining at Passover. It's a great way to get recipes to impress your family and friends, and build new relationships with other members of Central Synagogue.

Pre-Oneg for Long-Time Members

Friday, March 27, 5 pm, Pavilion

Contact: Amy Schwach at 212-508-3009 or amy@censyn.org

Congregants who joined Central Synagogue 25 years ago—or 30, 35, 40, 45, or 50 years ago—are cordially invited to a pre-oneg with our clergy.

Reel Religion: A Century of the Bible and Film at the Mobia Museum

Wednesday, April 1, 12 pm, Museum of Biblical Art,
1865 Broadway at 61st Street

Admissions is \$8; \$4 for Seniors

RSVP's Required by March 27 to Yonni Wattenmaker,
212-838-5122, ext. 4031, or ymw@censyn.org

During a tour of "Reel Religion," congregants will view over 50 vintage posters advertising international Biblical films. The collection offers the opportunity to compare and contrast unique national approaches to promoting the same films with worldwide distribution. Enhancing the exhibition will be a selection of film memorabilia.

WORSHIP

Shabbat Services

Every Friday: 6 pm, Sanctuary; Every Saturday: 10:30 am, Sanctuary

Hearing enhancement devices are available in the Sanctuary. If you would like to use one, please ask an usher.

Note: Central Synagogue uses the *Mishkan T'filah* prayer book. To order a copy, call the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) at 212-972-3636 or place your order online at <http://ccarpress.org/mishkan>

Phone In or Go Online for Real Time Shabbat Services

If you cannot attend service in person, you can be there by phone or by viewing live streaming on our Web site. These programs are underwritten by the Youngwood family and friends in memory of Judith G. Youngwood.

- **Phone In:** Dial toll-free 1-888-758-7870. At the prompt, use the following pass code: 5992969.
- **Live Streaming:** On the homepage of our Web site, "Live Streaming." You can also find a link in the Worship section of the Web site. If you have any technical problems, contact livestreaming@censyn.org for help.

Morning Minyan

Every Monday through Friday at 8 am in the Community House, except on Holy Days, most Federal holidays and the day after Thanksgiving. We do have morning minyan on Columbus Day and Veterans Day.

ADULTS

Brunch and Learn Torah Study: Parshat Ha-Shavua

Every Wednesday: 11 -12:15 pm, Room 504

Led by Rabbi Mo Salth

Come and explore the text of the Torah and enjoy preparing for class by reading the week's Torah portion in English at home. No previous background or Hebrew experience necessary. Please bring your own nosh!

Beginning Hebrew for Adults

Wednesdays: 7 – 8:30 pm, Room 504, Except April 1

Led by Professor Miri Kubovy

Intermediate Hebrew for Adults

Every Wednesday, 6 – 7 pm, Joslin Hall

Led by Rabbinical Intern Sandi Intraub

This course is for adults comfortable in Hebrew reading as they explore a variety of Jewish sources.

Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class

Every Wednesday, 7:30 – 9 pm, Joslin Hall

Led by Rabbinical Intern Sandi Intraub

Basic knowledge of Hebrew is required to participate. The *B'nei Mitzvah* ceremony will take place on May 8, 2009.

Bible and Bagels: Verse by Verse in the Torah

Thursdays, 8:15-9 am, Room 504

Led by Rabbi Michael Friedman

Join us for a line by line look at our sacred text from many perspectives and its relevance in our lives. No knowledge of Hebrew is necessary.

Advanced Hebrew Class

Thursdays, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, Room 503

Led by Matthew Check

Study prayers from the siddur, as well as Biblical and Modern Hebrew and learn the rudiments of grammar and syntax.



Alper Talmud Study: Sages of the Talmud

Every Friday: 8:15-9:15 am, Room 504

Led by Cantor Elizabeth Sacks

Explore the lives and rulings of some of the most famous personalities in the Talmud and deepen your understanding of the historical and social context of the Talmud. No previous knowledge of Hebrew or Talmud is necessary.

Torah and Commentaries

Every Saturday: 9 am, Community House

Verse by Verse in the Torah, taught by Rabbi Philip Hiat

Me'ah

Every Tuesday: 6 – 9 pm., Room 301

Led by Me'ah Staff

Me'ah, an intensive two-year course, includes text study, active questioning, community building, and personal enrichment. Registration for the current year is closed.

Note: Me'ah classes are open to registrants only.

Religious School Schedule

All classes are held in the Community House, unless otherwise indicated on specific dates in the calendar at the end of *Luach*.

Kindergarten & First Grade	Mondays, 4:00 – 5:30 pm
Second Grade	Wednesdays, 4:15 – 6:15 pm
Third Grade	Thursdays, 4:15 – 6:15 pm
Fourth Grade	Tuesdays, 4:15 – 6:15 pm
Fifth Grade	Wednesdays, 4:15 – 6:15 pm
Sixth Grade	Mondays, 4:30 – 6:30 pm
Seventh Grade	Mondays, 4:30 – 6:30 pm
Eighth & Ninth Grade	Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Eighth & Ninth Grade	Second Tuesday of Every Month, 6:00 – 7:15 pm
Confirmation Class	Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:45 pm

ADULTS

Organ Concerts

Professional Organ Concert: Tuesday, March 10, 12:30 pm, Sanctuary

Student Organ Concert: Tuesday, March 24, 12:30 pm, Sanctuary

Each month from October through May, Central Synagogue presents a half-hour lunchtime organ recital free to the public under the auspices of The Gabe Wiener Foundation with program director Dr. Gail Archer. A master class, to which all concertgoers are also invited at no cost, begins at 10:30 a.m. On March 10, the organist will be Faythe Freese from the University of Alabama Rudolph Kelber. Our student organist will be from University of Tennessee.

Why Knot Knit?

Every Wednesday: 9:30 am – 12 pm, Room 302

Contact: Michele Klausner at knitting@censyn.org

Knit scarves for the clients of Central Synagogue's Breakfast Program. No knowledge of knitting is required.

Caring Committee's Breakfast Program

Every Thursday & Friday: 5:30 – 7:30 am, Stern Lobby

Contact: Amy Heller at Caring_Committee@censyn.org or at 212-838-5122, ext. 5004

Volunteer as little as one hour a week to feed the homeless. Or donate plastic take-out containers, travel-size sundries from hotels, planes, etc. or clothing items such as socks and men's pants and shirts. Drop off donations at the Community House.

English in Action

Every Thursday: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Pavilion

Contact: Rosalyn Harber at 212-677-5664 or at rosharber@yahoo.com

Mentor individuals in conversational English. Volunteers work with foreigners who are living in the U.S. for a year or two and immigrants who hope to become American citizens.

Sanctuary Tour

Every Wednesday: 12:45 pm, Sanctuary

Contact: Archives Office: 212-838-5122, ext. 2041

Free and open to the public, no reservations necessary. Call the Archives Office for information, including fees for group tours.

Save the Date for a Concert Featuring Cantor Emeritus Richard Botton

Monday, May 4, 8 pm, the Merkin Concert Hall at Kaufman Center, 129 West 67th Street

On May 4, our Cantor Emeritus, Cantor Richard Botton, will be hosting and producing a program, entitled "Shir Artistry: The Modern Cantor," which will present the many faces of Jewish music and today's cantor. The program will be presented in association with Merkin Hall and the American-Israeli Cultural Foundation. Appearing with Cantor Botton will be Cantor David Lefkowitz of Park Avenue Synagogue (NYC), Cantor Mo Glazman of Kol Ami (White Plains), and Cantor Jill Abramson of Westchester Reform Temple (Scarsdale). They will be accompanied by a string quartet and other musicians from the AICF. Box office telephone number is 212-501-3303. The ticket price per person is \$30.

Congratulations to Judy Hertz

We offer our congratulations to congregant Judy Hertz who has been elected to the Union for Reform Judaism's Board of Trustees.

Condolences to our Associate Early Childhood Director

We offer sincere condolences to Ann Obsatz on the loss of her father, Ted Applebaum who passed away on January 29, 2009. We extend our sympathy to Ann's family: her husband, Alan, and her children, Joelle (Paul) and Evan (Jennifer).

Central Synagogue Cemetery

If you would like information about purchasing graves in Central Synagogue's beautiful section at Rose Hills Memorial Cemetery in Putnam Valley, New York, please call our director of member services, Amy Schwach at 212-508-3009 or e-mail amy@censyn.org.

No One Is a Stranger at Central Synagogue

Join us as we reach out to fellow congregants and to strengthen our community. Introduce yourself to another congregant, reach out to a congregant in need, or just take a moment to schmooze with others. Together, we can make sure that no one is a stranger at Central Synagogue. If you would like to find out more about this new initiative, contact either Debbie Palmer at debbie@djp.com, Alan Herman at aandsales@aol.com, or Audrey Zucker at Audreyz@aol.com.

Central Synagogue Goes Green

Central Synagogue's Green Team is focused on ways to "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" and committed to continually looking for ways to be more environmentally friendly. If you would like to share your ideas, please contact Beth Woloff, Director of Operations at 212-508-3007 or woloffb@censyn.org.

The following is an excerpt from the April 25, 1920, Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Temple Ahawath Chesed Shaar Hashomayim (the former name of Central Synagogue).

"The Congregation is and has been since it was organized a constituent member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Under its laws each Congregation is obligated to pay one dollar annually as dues for each member to help support the Hebrew Union College and other activities. Our attention has been directed to a laxity on our part to contribute this amount annually. Your board resolved that after March 1st this obligation of our Congregation would be lived up to. A request was sent to the Members to contribute, and we are happy to say, that the response was quick and generous.

"A Look Back in History" is prepared by Amy Goldberger, Chair, Archives Committee and Anne Mininberg, Archivist

B'NEI MITZVAH

Since we have established a policy not to have more than two children become *B'nei Mitzvah* at any service, we will have consecutive Saturday Shabbat services in the sanctuary when more than two children will celebrate the event on a Shabbat morning, the first at 10:30 a.m. and the second at 12:30 p.m. The liturgy and the role of the *B'nei Mitzvah* will be the same at both services and the same clergy will officiate.

With much joy, we offer congratulations to the following congregants on becoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

March 7 (10:30 a.m. services): Jack Chemtob and Kimberly Murstein

March 7 (12:30 p.m. services): Matt Fischman

March 14: Michael Alexander Goldberg

March 21: Corey Brown

March 28: Paulina Bahary and Lily Coad

April 4: Sally Schwartz

CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE MOURNS THE PASSING OF ITS MEMBERS

Dr. Wayne Myers. We extend sincere condolences to his wife, Joanne, and to his daughter, Tracy Victoria Myers, and to his son, Blake Andrew Myers.

CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE CELEBRATES THE BIRTH OF

Oliver Felleman Hammel. We extend congratulations to his parents, Elizabeth and Jamie Hammel, and to his grandparents, Janet and George Felleman.

Hunter Scott Javeline. We extend congratulations to his mother, Beth Javeline, and to his grandparents, Sheryl Linden and Michael Wellner.

Pippa Dot Nussbaum. We extend congratulations to her parents, Darcy and Andrew Nussbaum, and to her sisters, Daisy Miller Nussbaum and Ella Bea Nussbaum.

Darren Lucas Spencer. We extend congratulations to his parents, Dana and Steven Spencer, and to his sister, Alexandra Spencer.

WE OFFER OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO

Robin Lynn and Lawrence Blumberg on the loss of his father, Gerald Blumberg

Marcia Fox on the loss of her brother, James Fox

Susan Hirschhorn and Arthur Klebanoff on the loss of his brother, Martin Klebanoff

Phyllis and Walter Loeb on the loss of her brother, George Bell

Donna and Richard Schaeffer on the loss of her father, Seymour Hertling

Jennifer and Jeffrey Schiamberg on the loss of her grandmother, Sylvia Lazar

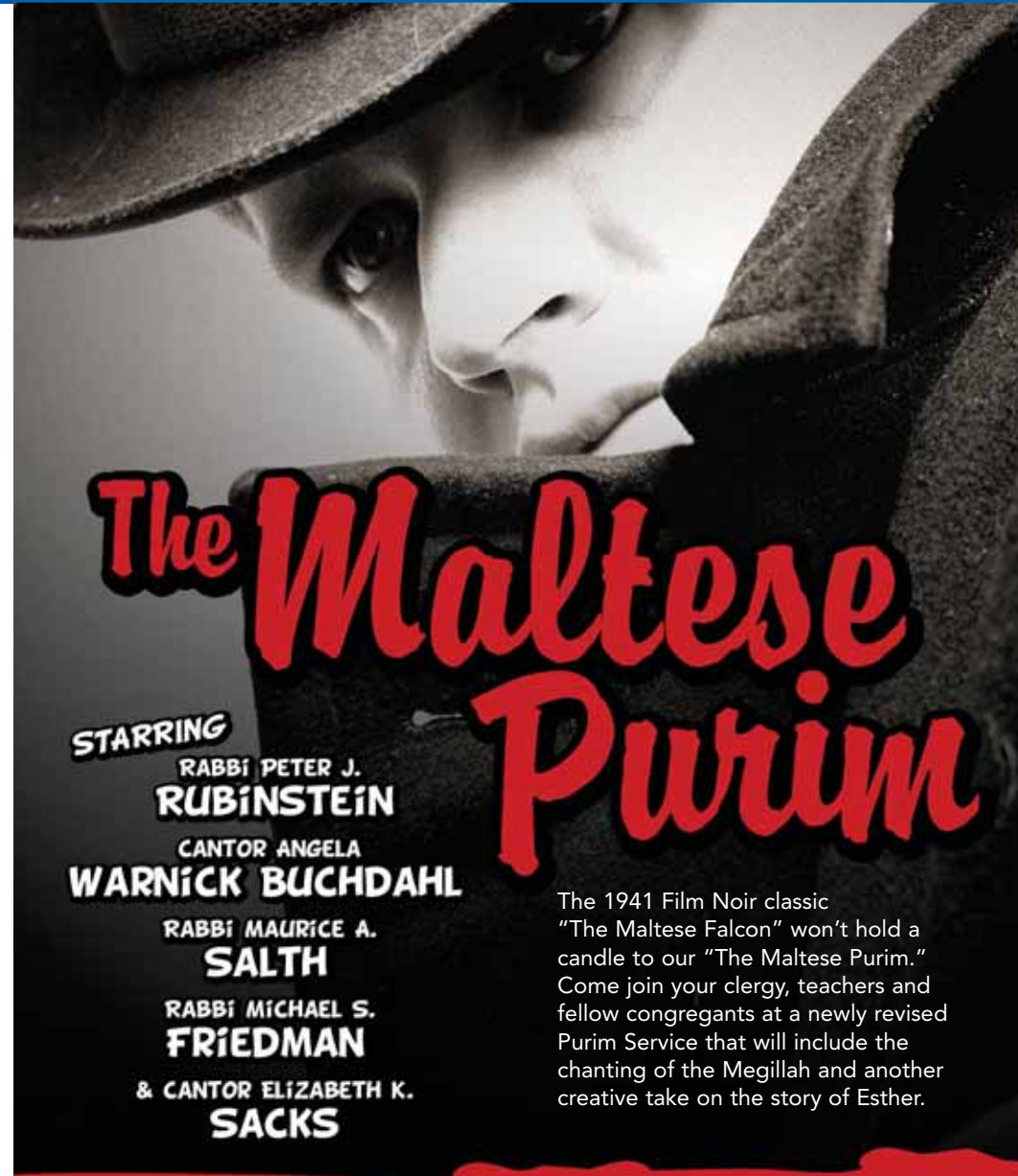
Alyssa and Michael Shabsels on the loss of her mother, Marilyn Levy

Susan and Michael Sokol on the loss of his mother, Frieda Sokol

Julia and Sophie Starck on the loss of their father, Christian Starck

Amy and Craig Weiner on the loss of her father, Solomon Katz

Life cycle notices in this issue of *Luach* include information made known to us between January 5 to February 2, 2009. If you would like to submit a life cycle notice, please contact Ana Morel in the Rabbis' Studies at 212-838-5122, ext. 1011, or via email at MorelA@centralsynagogue.org.



The Maltese Purim

STARRING
RABBI PETER J. RUBINSTEIN
CANTOR ANGELA WARNICK BUCHDAHL
RABBI MAURICE A. SALTH
RABBI MICHAEL S. FRIEDMAN
& CANTOR ELIZABETH K. SACKS

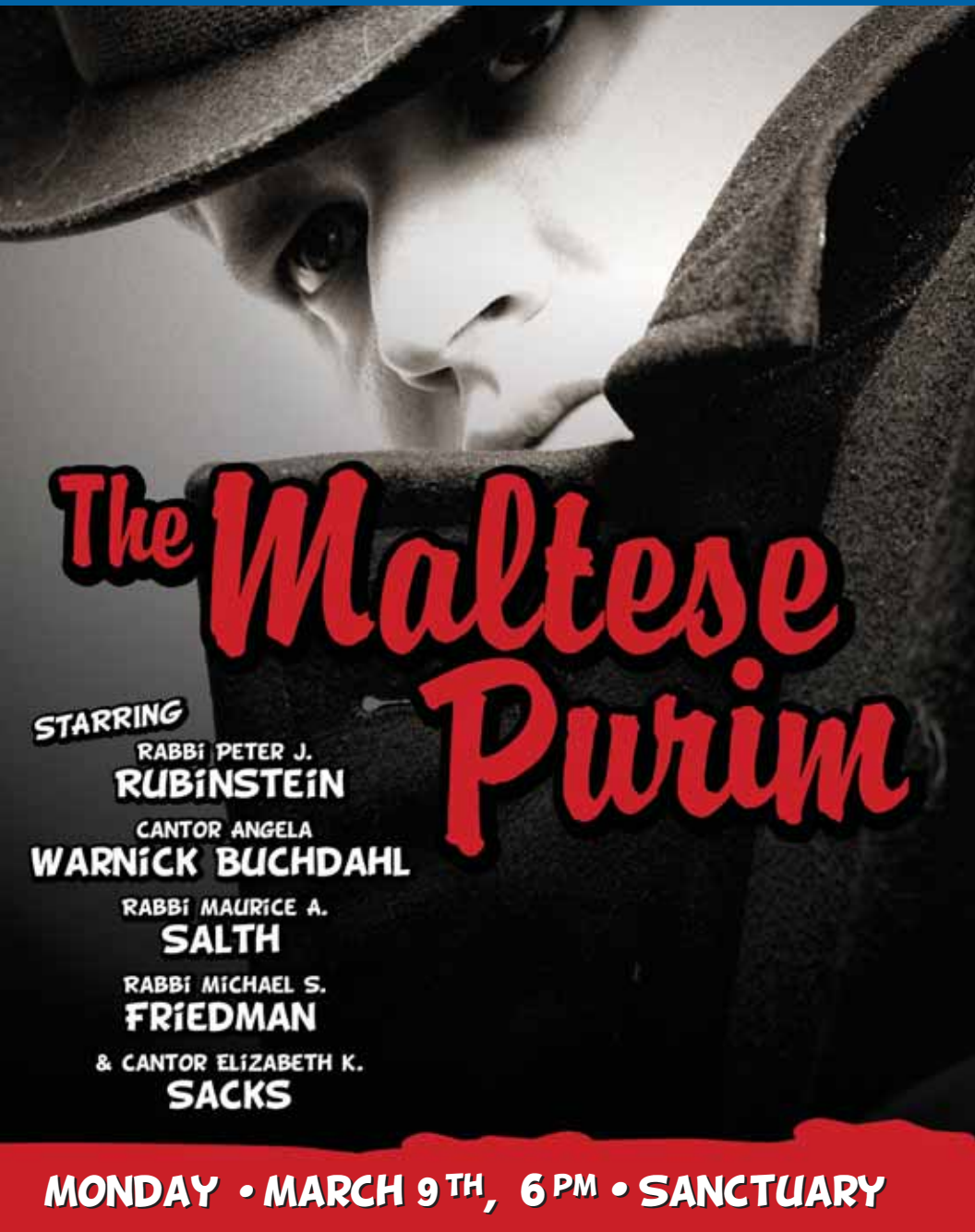
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MONDAY • MARCH 9TH, 6 PM • SANCTUARY

MARCH 2009 AT A GLANCE

Listings for regularly scheduled programs may be found in the day calendar section beginning on page 22.

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
Habitat for Humanity 1 8:30 am, Community House	Jewish Values for Raising Teens 2 5:30 pm, Room 302 Israeli Film Series 6:30 pm, Room 503	3	Clergy Film Series 4 6:30 pm, Pavilion	Israel in the 21st Century 5 12:30 pm, Room 302 3rd Grade Parent Social 5 pm, Joslin Hall NS Spring Benefit 6:30 pm, Pavilion	Shabbat Home Visits 6 Book Group 9:15 am, Room 602 Shabbat Services 6 pm, Sanctuary	Tot Shabbat 7 9 am, Joslin Hall Shabbat Services 10:30 am, Sanctuary Shabbat Services 12:30 pm, Sanctuary Purim Carnival Prep 3 pm, Pavilion
Purim Carnival 8 11 am, Pavilion Interfaith Trialogue Service 2 pm, Community House	Purim-spiel 9 6 pm, Sanctuary	Organ Concert 10 12:30 pm, Sanctuary	Mendelssohn Organ Concert 11 7:30 pm, Sanctuary	Israel in the 21st Century 12 12:30 pm, Room 302	Book Group 13 9:15 am, Room 602 Shabbat Services 6 pm, Sanctuary	Shabbat Services 14 10:30 am, Sanctuary
15	16	17	18	19	Shabbat Services 20 6 pm, Sanctuary	Shabbat Services 21 10:30 am, Sanctuary
Service on Sundays 22 10 am, 166 Avenue of the Americas	Israeli Film Series 23 6:30 pm, Room 503	Organ Concert 24 12:30 pm, Sanctuary	25	Israel in the 21st Century 26 12:30 pm, Room 302 Cooking Class 7 pm, Pavilion	Book Group 27 9:15 am, Room 602 Long-Time Members Pre-Oneg 5 pm, Pavilion Shabbat Services 6 pm, Sanctuary	Tot Shabbat 28 9 am, Joslin Hall Shabbat Services 10:30 am, Sanctuary
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SUNDAY 1 MARCH

8:30 am **Habitat for Humanity Project**
 Community House

MONDAY 2 MARCH

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

8 am **Minyan**
 Community House

5:30 – 6:30 pm **Jewish Values for Raising Jewish Teens:
 A Program for Seventh Grade Parents**
 Room 302

6:30 am **Israeli Film Series**
 Room 503

TUESDAY 3 MARCH

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, NURSERY SCHOOL & PARENTING CENTER OPEN

8 am **Minyan**
 Community House

6 – 9 pm **Me'ah**
 Room 301

"Mordecai answered Esther: 'If you persist in staying silent at a time like this, help and deliverance will arrive for the Jews from someplace else. Who knows? Maybe you were made queen for just such a time as this.'" (Esther 4:14)

MARCH 4 WEDNESDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

8 am Community House	Minyan
8:15 am 110 East 55th Street	Executive Committee Meeting
9:30 am – 12 pm Room 302	Why Knot Knit?
11 am – 12:15 pm Room 504	Brunch & Learn: <i>Parshat Ha-Shavua</i>
12 – 2 pm	Sanctuary Open for Meditation Sanctuary Tour at 12:45 pm
6 – 7 pm Joslin Hall	Intermediate Hebrew for Adults
6:30 pm Pavilion	Clergy Film Series
7 – 8:30 pm Room 504	Beginning Hebrew for Adults
7:30 – 9 pm Joslin Hall	Adult <i>B'nei Mitzvah</i> Class

THURSDAY 5 MARCH

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, NURSERY SCHOOL & PARENTING CENTER OPEN

5:30 – 7:30 am Stern Lobby	Caring Committee's Breakfast Program
8 am Community House	Minyan
8:15 – 9 am Room 504	Bible and Bagels: Verse by Verse in the Torah
10:30 am – 12:30 pm Pavilion	English in Action
12:30 – 2 pm Room 302	Israel in the 21st Century
5 pm Joslin Hall	Third Grade Parent Wine and Cheese
6:30 pm Pavilion	Nursery School Spring Benefit
6:30 – 7:30 pm Room 503	Advanced Hebrew Class

FRIDAY 6 MARCH

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

5:30 – 7:30 am Stern Lobby	Caring Committee's Breakfast Program
8 am Community House	Minyan
8:15 – 9:15 am Room 504	Alper Talmud Study: Sages of the Talmud
9:15 – 10:15 am Room 602	Book Group
6 pm Sanctuary	Shabbat Services

MARCH 7 SATURDAY

9 am Torah and Commentaries
Community House

9 am Tot Shabbat
Joslin Hall

10:30 am Shabbat Services
Sanctuary

12:30 pm Shabbat Services
Sanctuary

3 – 6 pm Purim Carnival Preparations
Pavilion

Weekly Torah Portion — T'tzaveh, Exodus 27:20-30:10 | *Haftarah* Esther 7:1; 8:15-17

MARCH 8 SUNDAY

11 am – 1:30 pm Purim Carnival
Pavilion

2 pm Interfaith Trialogue Lecture & Prayer Service
Meet at Community House

MARCH 9 MONDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED | NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

8 am Minyan
Community House

6 pm Purim-spiel
Sanctuary

PURIM | TUESDAY 10 MARCH

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, NURSERY SCHOOL & PARENTING CENTER OPEN

8 am Minyan
Community House

12:30 pm Professional Organ Concert
Sanctuary

6 – 9 pm *Me'ah*
Room 301

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

8 am Minyan
Community House

8:15 am Board of Trustees Meeting
Pavilion

9:30 am – 12 pm Why Knot Knit?
Room 302

11 am – 12:15 pm Brunch & Learn: *Parshat Ha-Shavua*
Room 504

12 – 2 pm Sanctuary Open for Meditation
Sanctuary Tour at 12:45 pm

6 – 7 pm Intermediate Hebrew for Adults
Joslin Hall

7 – 8:30 pm Beginning Hebrew for Adults
Room 504

7:30 – 9 pm Adult *B'nei Mitzvah* Class
Joslin Hall

7:30 pm Mendelssohn Organ Concert
Sanctuary

"The sad truth is that most evil is done by people who never make up their minds to be either good or evil." (Hannah Arendt)

MARCH 12 THURSDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, NURSERY SCHOOL & PARENTING CENTER OPEN

5:30 – 7:30 am Caring Committee's Breakfast Program
Stern Lobby

8 am Minyan
Community House

8:15 – 9 am Bible and Bagels:
Verse by Verse in the Torah
Room 504

10:30 am – 12:30 pm English in Action
Pavilion

12:30 – 2 pm Israel in the 21st Century
Room 302

6:30 – 7:30 pm Advanced Hebrew Class
Room 503

MARCH 13 FRIDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

5:30 – 7:30 am Caring Committee's Breakfast Program
Stern Lobby

8 am Minyan
Community House

8:15 – 9:15 am Alper Talmud Study: Sages of the Talmud
Room 504

9:15 – 10:15 am Book Group
Room 602

6 pm Shabbat Services
Sanctuary

SATURDAY 14 MARCH

9 am Torah and Commentaries
Community House

10:30 am Shabbat Services
Sanctuary

Weekly Torah Portion — Ki Tisa, Exodus 30:11-34:35 | *Haftarah* Ezekiel 36:22-36

SUNDAY 15 MARCH

OFFICE CLOSED

MONDAY 16 MARCH

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED | NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

8 am Minyan
Community House

TUESDAY 17 MARCH

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED | NURSERY SCHOOL & PARENTING CENTER OPEN

8 am Minyan
Community House

“Rabban Shimon ben Gamliel said, ‘On three things the world stands: on justice, on truth, and on peace.’ Rav Muna said, ‘These three are one thing: Where justice is done, truth is done and peace is made.’” (Derekh Eretz Zuta)

MARCH 18 WEDNESDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED | NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

8 am
Community House
Minyan

9:30 am – 12 pm
Room 302
Why Knot Knit?

12 – 2 pm
Sanctuary Open for Meditation
Sanctuary Tour at 12:45 pm

MARCH 19 THURSDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED | NURSERY SCHOOL & PARENTING CENTER OPEN

5:30 – 7:30 am
Stern Lobby
Caring Committee's Breakfast Program

8 am
Community House
Minyan

10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Pavilion
English in Action

MARCH 20 FRIDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLOSED | NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

5:30 – 7:30 am
Stern Lobby
Caring Committee's Breakfast Program

8 am
Community House
Minyan

6 pm
Sanctuary
Shabbat Services

SATURDAY 21 MARCH

9 am
Community House
Torah and Commentaries

10:30 am
Sanctuary
Shabbat Services

Weekly Torah Portion — Vaya'heil-P'kudei, Exodus 35:1-40:38 | Haftarah Ezekiel 45:16-25

SUNDAY 22 MARCH

10 am – 2 pm
God's Love We Deliver
166 Avenue of the Americas at Spring Street
Service on Sundays

MONDAY 23 MARCH

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

8 am
Community House
Minyan

6:30 pm
Room 503
Israeli Film Series

MARCH 24 TUESDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, NURSERY SCHOOL & PARENTING CENTER OPEN

8 am **Minyan**
Community House

12:30 pm **Student Organ Concert**
Sanctuary

6 – 9 pm **Me'ah**
Room 301

MARCH 25 WEDNESDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

8 am **Minyan**
Community House

9:30 am – 12 pm **Why Knot Knit?**
Room 302

11 am – 12:15 pm **Brunch & Learn: Parshat Ha-Shavua**
Room 504

12 – 2 pm **Sanctuary Open for Meditation
Sanctuary Tour at 12:45 pm**

6 – 7 pm **Intermediate Hebrew for Adults**
Joslin Hall

7 – 8:30 pm **Beginning Hebrew for Adults**
Room 504

7:30 – 9 pm **Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class**
Joslin Hall

THURSDAY 26 MARCH

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, NURSERY SCHOOL & PARENTING CENTER OPEN

5:30 – 7:30 am **Caring Committee's Breakfast Program**
Stern Lobby

8 am **Minyan**
Community House

8:15 – 9 am **Bible and Bagels:
Verse by Verse in the Torah**
Room 504

10:30 am – 12:30 pm **English in Action**
Pavilion

12:30 – 2 pm **Israel in the 21st Century**
Room 302

6:30 – 7:30 pm **Advanced Hebrew Class**
Room 503

7 pm **Young Married's/Young
Professionals Cooking Class**
Pavilion

FRIDAY 27 MARCH

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

5:30 – 7:30 am **Caring Committee's Breakfast Program**
Stern Lobby

8 am **Minyan**
Community House

8:15 – 9:15 am **Alper Talmud Study: Sages of the Talmud**
Room 504

9:15 – 10:15 am **Book Group**
Room 602

5 pm **Pre-Oneg for Long-Time Members**
Pavilion

6 pm **Shabbat Services**
Sanctuary

MARCH 28 SATURDAY

9 am Torah and Commentaries
Community House

9 am Tot Shabbat
Joslin Hall

10:30 am Shabbat Services
Sanctuary

Weekly Torah Portion — Vayikra, Lev. 1:1-5:26 | *Haftarah* Isaiah 43:21-44:23

MARCH 29 SUNDAY

OFFICE CLOSED

MARCH 30 MONDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

8 am Minyan
Community House

7 pm Life in Israel: A 35-Year Retrospective
Room 503

MARCH 31 TUESDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, NURSERY SCHOOL & PARENTING CENTER OPEN

8 am Minyan
Community House

12 – 1:30 pm A Parent's Introduction to Prayer
Room 503

4:30 – 5:30 pm Marking Passover Meaningful for Children
Room 503

6 – 9 pm *Me'ah*
Room 301

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

8 am Minyan
Community House

8:15 am Executive Committee Meeting
110 East 55th Street

9 – 10:30 am Marking Passover Meaningful for Children
Room 503

9:30 am – 12 pm Why Knot Knit?
Room 302

11 am – 12:15 pm Brunch & Learn: *Parshat Ha-Shavua*
Room 504

12 – 2 pm Sanctuary Open for Meditation
Sanctuary Tour at 12:45 pm

12 pm Reel Religion: A Century of the Bible and Film at the Mobia Museum
Museum of Biblical Art, 1865 Broadway at 61st Street

6 – 7 pm Intermediate Hebrew for Adults
Joslin Hall

6:30 pm Clergy Film Series
Pavilion

7:30 – 9 pm Adult *B'nei Mitzvah* Class
Joslin Hall

"The groan and the crying out of the children of Israel was the beginning of redemption from slavery. As long as they did not cry out against their condition they were neither worthy nor ready for redemption." (The Rebbe of Gur)

APRIL 2 THURSDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, NURSERY SCHOOL & PARENTING CENTER OPEN

5:30 – 7:30 am Caring Committee's Breakfast Program
Stern Lobby

8 am Minyan
Community House

8:15 – 9 am Bible and Bagels:
Verse by Verse in the Torah
Room 504

10:30 am – 12:30 pm English in Action
Pavilion

12:30 – 2 pm Israel in the 21st Century
Room 302

6:30 – 7:30 pm Advanced Hebrew Class
Room 503

APRIL 3 FRIDAY

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN

5:30 – 7:30 am Caring Committee's Breakfast Program
Stern Lobby

8 am Minyan
Community House

8:15 – 9:15 am Alper Talmud Study: *Sages of the Talmud*
Room 504

6 pm Shabbat Services
Sanctuary

SATURDAY 4 APRIL

9 am Torah and Commentaries
Community House

10:30 am Shabbat Services
Sanctuary

Weekly Torah Portion — Tzav, Lev. 6:1-8:36 | *Haftarah* Malachi 3:4-24

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