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Rabbi Meyers' Message

"Ani B'Ma'arav, Aval Libi B'Mizrach." These enduring words, originating from the eloquent pen of the poet Rabbi Yehuda Halevi nearly a millennium ago, encapsulate a profound resonance within the hearts of the Jewish people. They speak to an intrinsic yearning, a longing that transcends the constraints of physical space, as our hearts traverse the boundaries of our immediate surroundings.

The resonance of these words, deeply rooted in our collective history and heritage, have undoubtedly defined our own experience here in the diaspora, ever since the horrific tragedy of October 7th. Our collective Jewish heart, irrespective of geographic origins, beats in unison, throbbing with concern for our extended family of our ten million brothers and sisters dwelling in our cherished homeland of Eretz Yisrael. And as the expressions of hatred and violence spread across the globe, the world around us has transformed into a chilling reality, where an icy indifference prevails. Just as the season begins to change, society itself seems to have grown colder and darker.

As someone who enjoys spending time outside, I am always keenly aware of the changing weather. Yet, in this year, my awareness of the changing of the seasons resonates more acutely

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President's Perspective

I wonder if today's young people still understand or use the phrase, "shifting into reverse on the highway." In a sense, that is how we have come out of the great high of the holidays, and find ourselves progressing through the calendar. Our holiday prayers and celebrations were lovely this year, and I believe we all benefited from Joshua Miller as our Hazzan, and Rabbi Yehuda Meyers as our rabbi. I for one look forward to that duo again in the future.



Our sukkah, designed and executed by our own Henry Kalter, served us well for many meals and even a Men's Club event.

Then came the cataclysmic and unanticipated tragic close to the holiday season. Now our prayers are a little more pointed and urgent, and we are becoming more familiar with some of the Psalms as supreme expressions of our innermost prayers. We are paying a little more attention to our "sixth sense" of danger around us.

We have seen this in the past in our history. Today we can thank G-d that we have a nation, Israel, with an army, the IDF, to carry on the fight. And as a community, we stand together to support each other and our larger family.

Just think, in only about a month and a half, we will light our candles on our Hanukiyot to publicize the miracle of a time long ago and in our time. Stick with us, join us at shul, and we will pray and celebrate together.

Dan Gutstein
President

A promotional graphic for a Chanukah event. On the left, there is a close-up of a white ceramic menorah with several lit candles. The menorah has a Star of David on its front. In the foreground, there are several donuts decorated with colorful icing and letters. The background is dark blue with white and orange text.

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Announcements

Mazal Tov:

To Sylvia & Max Panitch on the Bar Mitzvah of grandson Dovie Aiden Finkel and to Dovie's parents, Leah & Eitan Finkel

To Judy Srebro & Aaron Shafter on their marriage

Condolences to the family of:

Clara Kornfeld
Sister of David Marcus

Silvia Nagelberg
Toby Pogrund

Please get your articles in for the shul bulletin

If you have a program, announcement or event, please get your information to the Shul *Bulletin* so everyone will know about it! Send your electronic submissions to the editor at: bulletin@ljcagbi.org or submit a hard copy to the Shul office before the deadline, **January/February 2024 issue, Wednesday, December 20, 2023**. All material is subject to approval by the editor and may be modified for space or content. Inserts must also be approved by the editor before inclusion in the *Bulletin*. Please email bulletin@ljcagbi.org for further details.

High Holiday Thanks

To Stuart Kalman & Paul Kramer who helped usher during Services.

To our babysitter, Sarah Kramer

To Ryshard & Yadwiga for helping set up.

And to Walsh Security and the Lincolnwood Police Department.

Steve Kramer

Happy Day Cards

Due to rising postal rates and printing costs, LJCAGBI has decided to raise the cost of *Happy Day Cards*, postage included, to \$7.00. Cards bought without postage are \$6.00. Contact the office at 847.676.0491 for further Information.

Merle Warshausky
Happy Day Card Chairman

Your presence is greatly needed: please attend

Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation A G Beth Israel, our Shul, has always maintained two daily minyanim for Shacharit and for Mincha/Maariv (or just Maariv during the winter months). It continues to be difficult to guarantee that 10 men will be present for davening. **Your help is urgently needed to ensure that a full minyan is present for everyone, especially those who have Yahrzeit or are in their year of mourning. Please attend whenever you are able.**



than ever before. As the chill in the air intensifies, it mirrors the encroaching coldness that envelops the world. The external frostiness seems all the more piercing when contrasted against the cold indifference to the shedding of Jewish blood.

The daylight hours recede incrementally, each day growing shorter, and seems to reflect the veiled yet persistent cloud of hate that obscures the sun, making it seemingly impossible to discern a glimmer of hope on the horizon. The world looms in a dark shadow, and as we peer into the uncertain tunnel ahead, the prospect of perceiving any light or warmth seems increasingly elusive.

Yet, in the heart of this enveloping darkness and amidst the biting cold, the Jewish spirit remains unwavering in its faith. "Od Lo Avdah Tikvateinu" — our hope remains undiminished. It is our belief that, even when the divine light appears concealed, it endures, a timeless presence within our souls, resonating with unwavering faith.

Indeed, this conviction encapsulates the essence of Chanukah, a festival coinciding with the darkest and coldest days of the year, often aligned with the winter equinox. While we light a menorah adorned with multiple candles, the central mitzvah, the core requirement, is to kindle a solitary candle. One candle, that's all we need.

Chanukah serves as a poignant reminder that, even in the bleakest of times, a single candle wields the power to dispel the gloom, diffusing warmth and illumination into our lives and the wider world.

And though we stand a month away from Chanukah's arrival, and even when it does come, the menorah graces us with its glow for just eight fleeting days, Jewish tradition bestows a profound and timeless truth. The light emanating from the menorah is but a reflection of the profound, divine light dwelling within each one of us. "Ki Ner Hashem Nishmat Adam" — the candle of God is man's soul. Regardless of external circumstances and the world's dark shadows, the light and warmth within our souls remain steadfast and unquenchable. We possess the power to illuminate our path, and to ignite not only our own souls but those of others.

I bless each and every one of us, no matter how forbidding and bleak the external world may appear, may we merit to experience, cherish, and share the light and warmth residing within us. And may we, as a community and a people, become torchbearers of this light, extending its radiance not only to our families but also to our wider community, our nation, and indeed, the entire world. Because it is through this shared luminance, that we possess the power to dispel the darkness and forge a path toward a brighter, more hopeful future.

The Succah Crew—Up & Down

Thanks to the team that assembled and disassembled our Succah:

Rob Chimberoff
Aaron Goldman
Gary Goodman
Dan Gutstein

Eyal Gutstein
Yonah Gutstein
Russell Katz
Paul Kramer

Steve Kramer
Jeff Light
Rabbi Hillel Meyers
Rabbi Yehuda Meyers

A special thanks to our foreman, Henry Kalter.



November/December 2023 Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 5	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Tuesday, November 14	Rosh Chodesh Kislev
Wednesday, November 15	Board meeting
Sunday, November 19	Jewish Legal Seminar
Thursday, November 23	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, December 8-15	Chanukah
Wednesday, December 13	Rosh Chodesh Tevet
Wednesday, December 20	Board meeting
Friday, December 22	Fast of the 10th of Tevet
Monday, December 25	Christmas Day

Thanks to LJCAGBI Simchat Torah Fund Sponsors

Simchat Torah was a lovely event, with lively hakafot and dinner courtesy of Michael and Annie Kirshner. The Simchat Torah luncheon completed the festivities. Thanks to Ryszard and Yadviga for setting up the lobby and kiddush room and to Starr Kosher Catering, for providing all the delicious meals. Special thanks to Regine Meisel and Rabbi Meyers for offering woman's study sessions.

A special thanks to each of the Simchat Torah Fund sponsors. This fund helps to pay for kiddushim throughout the year, and these funds are greatly appreciated. This year's sponsors are:

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Schedule for Daily/Shabbat

NOVEMBER 2023/CHESHVAN-KISLEV 5784						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat
Key: S – Shacharit M- Maariv M/M-Mincha/Maariv CL – Candle Lighting H- Havdalah			1 S: 7:00am M: 7:30pm	2 S: 7:00am M: 7:30pm	3 S: 7:00am CL: 5:24pm M/M: 5:25pm	4 VAYEIRA S: 9:00am M/M: 5:15pm H: 6:23pm
5 S: 8:30am M/M: 5:25pm	6 S: 7:00am M: 7:30pm	7 S: 7:00am M: 7:30pm	8 S: 7:00am M: 7:30pm	9 S: 7:00am M: 7:30pm	10 S: 7:00am CL: 4:16pm M/M: 4:20pm	11 CHAYEI SARAH S: 9:00am M/M: 12:00pm H: 5:15pm
12 S: 8:30am M/M: 4:20pm	13 S: 7:00am M: 7:30pm	14 ROSH CHODESH KISLEV S: 7:00am M: 7:30pm	15 S: 7:00am M: 7:30pm	16 S: 7:00am M: 7:30pm	17 S: 7:00am CL: 4:10pm M/M: 4:15pm	18 TOLDOT S: 9:00am M/M: 12:00pm H: 5:09pm
19 S: 8:30am M/M: 4:10pm	20 S: 7:00am M: 7:30pm	21 S: 7:00am M: 7:30pm	22 S: 7:00am M: 7:30pm	23 S: 8:30am M/M: 4:10pm	24 S: 7:00am CL: 4:05pm M/M: 4:10pm	25 VAYEITZEI S: 9:00am M/M: 12:00pm H: 5:04pm
26 S: 8:30am M/M: 4:10pm	27 S: 7:00am M: 7:30pm	28 S: 7:00am M: 7:30pm	29 S: 7:00am M: 7:30pm	30 S: 7:00am M: 7:30pm		





Services & Candlelighting Times

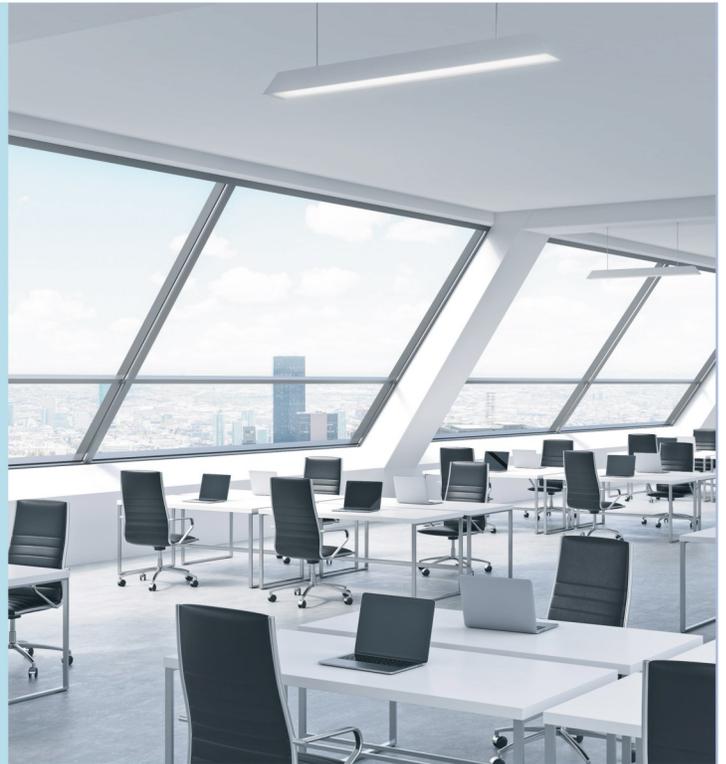
DECEMBER 2023/KISLEV-TEVET 5784						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat
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3 S: 8:30am M/M: 4:05pm	4 S: 7:00am M: 7:30pm	5 S: 7:00am M: 7:30pm	6 S: 7:00am M: 7:30pm:	7 S: 7:00am M: 7:30pm	8 CHANUKAH DAY 1 S: 7:00am CL: 4:01pm M/M: 4:05pm	9 VAYEISHEV CHANUKAH DAY 2 S: 9:00am Mincha: 12:00 pm H: 5:01pm M: 5:25pm
10 CHANUKAH DAY 3 S: 8:30am M/M: 4:05pm	11 CHANUKAH DAY 4 S: 7:00am M: 7:30pm	12 CHANUKAH DAY 5 S: 7:00am M: 7:30pm	13 ROSH CHODESH TEVET CHANUKAH DAY 6 S: 7:00am M: 7:30pm	14 CHANUKAH DAY 7 S: 7:00am M: 7:30pm	15 CHANUKAH DAY 8 S: 7:00am CL: 4:02pm M/M: 4:05pm	16 MIKEITZ S: 9:00am Mincha 12:00pm H 5:02pm M: 5:25pm
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Minyan times are subject to change. To confirm minyan time please check the shul website under the worship services tab or call/text Paul Kramer at 312.343.2200.

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From the Catering Department

Whenever I'm reminded to write my article for the bulletin, my mind automatically goes to memories. And, of course my memories always go back to when I lived in an apartment in Albany Park as I was growing up. Naturally, I lived with my parents since I was still a kid. But when I think about it, it seems like only yesterday. I lived in a one bedroom apartment. I slept in the dining room, only we called it a dinette. I didn't have a bedroom of my own until I got married, and then I still shared my room—with my husband, of course. So, in reality, I never had my own room. I didn't realize how small our apartment was until I visited the apartment of one of my friends. She lived in a big apartment and she and her brother each had their own room. How times have changed.

I admit I never felt deprived. I had a drawer in my mother's dresser—I didn't need any more since I didn't have lots of clothes. For so many years I wore hand-me-down clothes even though I was an only child. But I never questioned it. I never knew where my clothes came from. The only new clothes I had growing up was underwear!

I started working when I was only thirteen, during the summer, when I worked in a bakery whose owner knew my grandpa. That's when I started buying my own clothes. Actually, I still shopped with my mother but I picked out my clothes since I was paying for them..

Actually, when I would go clothes shopping I usually went alone, although sometimes my husband would go with me. He would usually find a chair where he could fall asleep. But occasionally I would ask how he liked something and he would give me his opinion. He was better at grocery shopping. There was more stuff for him to like at the grocery store. I think most men don't like any kind of shopping. On occasion, I would ask my husband to pick something up on his way home from work. Not often, since I knew how he didn't like shopping. Usually I would ask him to stop at the Milk Pail, which was right on his way home. I know that some men actually like shopping since I see them in stores. Those wives don't know how lucky they are. My husband didn't mind shopping with me, if I knew what I was looking for, like a hat or even a dress, but not if I didn't have something specific in mind. Sometimes I just felt like looking at stuff.

Of course shopping on a vacation is also fun. The stuff you buy on a vacation is always different from shopping for something you need. Years ago my husband and I would go to New Orleans. I loved shopping there. The stuff was just different.

I honestly believe most women enjoy shopping more than men do. Once again the expression "viva la difference" between men and women.

Till next time,
Shirley Derdiger

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Remarks from the Gabbai

Borrowing from the 1942 movie “Casablanca” (appropriated by the Marx Brothers in “A Night in Casablanca” from 1946), it is time to round up the usual suspects, those who without their presence and participation we could not have a Minyon during the week or on Shabbat and Yom Tovim.

In thanking those who have made our celebrations a success for another year, I as always start with acknowledging my reliance on both Rabbi Meyers and Rabbi Lehrfield, *Rabbi Emeritus*, for their help and guidance, particularly following the death of my mother Elsie Sandler, z”l, this past June. An aside here, our regular evening Minyon, co-ordinated by Paul Kramer, made sure I had a Minyon each night during Shiva, something we try to do for all members who request it.

In addition, as I have noted in the past, services do not run themselves, so I need to acknowledge those who make our Shabbat and Yom Tov services run. They stand up when asked or even volunteer before being asked, regardless of the weather. First are the Gabbaim who co-ordinate and direct our services: Dan Gutstein, Paul Kramer and Joe Silberman.

Next are daveners who regularly lead the services on Shabbat and Yom Tov: Dan Gutstein, Yonah Gutstein, Ron Ganellen, Gary Goodman, Joe Silberman, Aaron Goldman and Henry Kalter. These men daven from the Amud regularly without compensation.

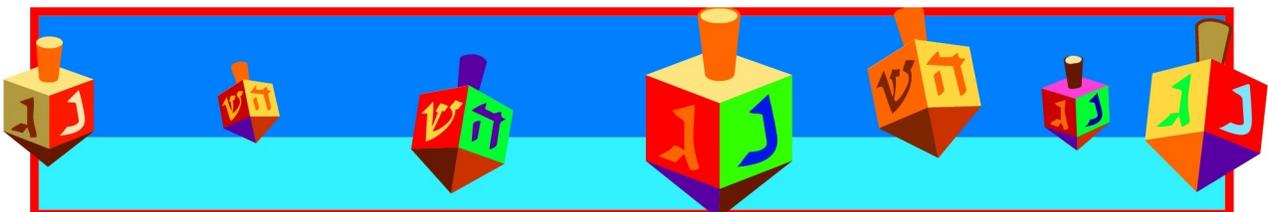
Next are those men who either volunteer before I can ask them or respond positively when I do to chant Haftarat throughout the year or on the Yom Tovim: Dan Gutstein, Aaron Goldman, Henry Kalter, Joe Silberman, Stuart Meisel, Gary Goodman, Ron Ganellen, Jay Goldstein, Larry Miller, Moshe Goldson and of course, Rabbi Meyers (who also reads the Chamesh Megillot).

One more thank you: to Moshe Goldson for again sponsoring the Hershey chocolate bars on Simchat Torah. While this year was difficult, people still had something sweet to which they could look forward.

Without their participation and that of those who come during the week, on Shabbat, or Yom Tov we do not have a Minyon. To them and all of those whose names I do not have the space to list, I wish to thank you for making my job an easy and enjoyable one. And I beg forbearance for any whose names I may have omitted by accident.

G-d willing, we will enjoy more years to come.

Mitchell





Off the Subject

The man has just died. The rabbi in the ceremony extends with the compliments: "The deceased was a good husband, a beautiful Jew, a G-d fearing man, a heart swelling with love, an exemplary father!"

The widow turns to one of her children and whispers in her ear: "Go to the box and see if it is your father who is inside...."



Abe, an aging Jewish man who owned and operated a small shoe store on the Lower East Side for forty years, had a problem when a bunch of young, ambitious competitors started springing up in the neighborhood. Eventually, Abe found himself sandwiched by two new, gleaming, state-of-the-art shoe stores, one on the right side of his store and one on the left.

Desperate, Abe came up with a solution: He hung up a huge sign over his front door with only two, massive, bold words. It read: "Main entrance!"



Upcoming Adult Education Events

Plans are in progress for new adult education programs:
(Dates to be announced)

- Guest speaker on the current Israel situation
- Monthly Shabbat morning Scholars-in-Residence
- NEW Women’s Study Group

Please send programming suggestions to Arlene Miller, adulthood@licagbi.org



SAVE THE DATE

LJCAGBI Challah "Bake"

Join us in the evening to prep, mix, knead and customize a challah for Shabbat. Creative sweet and savory ingredients provided to make this an extra special challah.

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WHEN:

Wed. evening 7:45 pm
December 20, 2023

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