

MARCH 2025

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Madison Jewish Center

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR MARCH 2025

Saturday March 1⁵t Services in the Beit Hamidrash at 9:30am Torah portion: Terumah

Friday March 7th Candle Lighting 5:36pm Shabbat Across America dinner and live services starting at 6:00pm; Services in Main Sanctuary

Saturday March 8th Services in the Beit Hamidrash at 9:30am Torah portion: Tetzaveh

Friday March 14th Candle Lighting 6:44pm ZOOM Services 7:30pm Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat Saturday March 15th Services in the Beit Hamidrash at 9:30am Torah portion: Ki Tisa

Friday March 21st Candle Lighting 6:51pm 7:30pm Services on ZOOM

Saturday March 22nd Services in the Beit Hamidrash at 9:30am Torah portion: Vayak'hel

Friday March 28th Candle Lighting 6:59pm 7:30pm Services on ZOOM

Saturday March 29th Services in the Beit Hamidrash at 9:30am Torah portion: Pekudai

Rabbi's March Message

People complain to me that I am too much of a literalist, which might be true because I have cat, and we have a litter box. I grew up in a household of many languages. Until I was seven or eight, my parents spoke mostly German, even around my sisters and myself. I don't think they made us multilingual, they were just more comfortable in their native tongue. My parents spoke other languages as well. Unlike his son, my father didn't speak much. So, when they learned English or other languages, they *adhered more to the exact letter or the literal sense*, as in translation or interpretation: This, they passed on to their children.

As I learned German, I heard some very strange statements. Most didn't make sense to a seven-year-old. My father would constantly say to my mother, "Einen Zahn zulegen." Literal translation: To put a tooth on. My mother would say at times to my father, "Du gehst mir auf den Keks." Literal translation: You're walking on my cake/cookie.

I was recently reminded of this after visiting my mother in Israel a couple of weeks ago. Due to her dementia, she has at times reverted to the language of her birth. When asked what she means, she has difficulty translating to English. My parents spoke different dialects of German. These childhood statements began flooding my brain. Then my mother said **"Ich glaub ich spinne."** Literal translation: I am a spider.

Germans tend to be very exact and less emotional and use language in an indirect way to share their true emotions. She meant to say that she felt she was going crazy, that she no longer felt in control of herself. So, on a joyful lucid moment, I revisited the strange statements of my childhood to get answers to how my parents communicated.

My mother smiled and laughed. She stated that my father didn't like her driving too slow, he would say did "Einen Zahn zulegen.," to put a tooth on, which is how Germans say speed up or step on the gas. The statement, "Du gehst mir auf den Keks.," You're walking on my cake/cookie meant, you are annoying me.

As the upcoming holidays of Purim and Pesach approach, give some thought to discussing and sharing memories of/ to your children and grandchildren. We are commanded more than once in the Torah Zachor (remember). On Purin we state Zachor (remember what Amalek did to you when you left Egypt) and during the Pesach Seder we say Zachor (remember with a strong hand and outstretched arm, the Lord took you out of Egypt). It applies not just to Jewish Law but to our lives, remember, remember.

So, I will close with this German statement; **"Sich die Rosinen herauspicken."** Literal translation: To pick out the raisins, which means... To choose only the best parts.

B'shalom,

Rabbi B.

President's Message March 2025

As I sat down to write this message, the first thing that came to my mind is that this month marks one year since the passing of my dear friend and former co-President Paul. While I can't believe it is March already, and that Purim and spring are almost here, nothing marks the passage of time more. When making decisions about the good and welfare of Madison, I know I'm not the only one wondering "what would Paul do?"

We all know that time doesn't stand still, and this March is going to be the busiest we've seen in quite some time. For the first time since before the pandemic, Madison Jewish Center is participating in Shabbat Across America and Canada with a community Shabbat dinner and services. Bring a friend or two and join in the Shabbat spirit.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Shabbat Across America dinner, Sisterhood's Torah Fund Brunch, and our Purim festivities. March surely has something for us all!

Chag Purim Sameach. Wishing you and your loved ones a joyous and meaningful Purim celebration filled with laughter, love and many blessings. May the joy of Purim inspire us to make the world a brighter more compassionate place.

Linda

Memorial Fund

To: Seth Flash & Family A donation has been made on the loss of your beloved grandmother & great grandmother Rosalie Guss

By: Linda & Stephen Bell Irma & Roy Alexander Ellen Green Marlene Podell Ilene Karpas Linda & Michael Parnes

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<u>The Latest from Sisterhood</u> March 2025

This is a very busy month for Sisterhood. Many events will be taking place. On Monday February 24th, we had our annual health night. Instructor Iris lead a Full Body Workout class. Grab and Go refreshments were available. Thank you Ilene Marcus and Eva Hirsch for chairing this evening's program.

The Torah fund brunch will be held on Sunday, March 9th from 10:00 to 12 noon. The guest speaker is Ron Schweiger. He will present a lecture on the history of Sheepshead Bay. The chair is Marlene Podell. The cost is only \$25. All proceeds go to the Torah Fund campaign of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism. The Fund supports the Jewish Theological Seminary.

On March 17th, the program will be the history of Jews in Ireland. They are a diverse group of people. Rachel Kaylie and Harriett Cohen are the chairs. The cost is \$5 and there will be Irish refreshments including whiskey and Baileys. It will be an in-person event.

Our annual get together "Spring Fling: Taking a Ride on the Wild Side" is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21st. There will be delicious food, a DJ, dancing, and raffles. The chair is Barbara Stein. Many more activities are being planned. Watch for flyers and check your email for further information. A phone tree also goes out every week. Ilene Karpas

Shalom parents,



We still need a parent to run the Parent's Association

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SOCIAL CLUB HAPPENINGS

March 2025

BINGO night took place on Saturday evening, February 8th. Everyone had a good time despite the bad weather. Thank you goes to Larry Blatt for acting as our excellent caller. He had a variety of games planned. Thank you to Harriett Cohen for chairing the event.

Michele Blatt and Elyse Glenn have been working hard planning our annual educational trip. We will be visiting the YIVO Learning and Media Center at 15 West 16th Street. The program is titled "The Paper Brigade." It chronicles those living in the Vilna ghetto in Lithuania. They risked their lives to save Jewish treasures from both the Nazis and the Russians. After the presentation, we will view photos, diaries, and ID cards. The cost is only \$18.

The Social Club Shabbat is scheduled for Friday evening, May 9th. It will be preceded by a delicious dinner. Ilene Karpas is the chair. We will be unveiling a plaque in memory of Cantor Leslie Rimer z'h. Please try to attend and support our members who will be conducting the service. The annual end of year barbecue will be held on June 8th. Further information to follow. Please keep MJC alive by supporting as many activities as you can. Check your email and the Message for further information. Phone trees will be going out every week. Watch for flyers. Ilene Karpas

R'fuah Sh'leimah Prayer

For: Arlene Kane By: Michael Sosin Stu Cohen Ilene Karpas For; Andrew Menkes Michael Sosin Stu Cohen Albert & Myra Lee Fleischman

Madison Jewish Center

Wouldn't you like to be a Kiddush sponsor with good food and good friends, continuing a successful tradition? Madison Jewish Center's major function is to provide for our religious and spiritual needs. Social needs are often closely related to these. Joining with other members of the MJC community to sit down to a meal can give us religious, spiritual, and social benefits. Following Saturday services Madison Jewish Center has a weekly Kiddush luncheon, giving attendees quality time together. We would like to encourage as many people as possible to sponsor or co-sponsor these weekly luncheons. Comments from past participants range from, "great conversations," "opportunity to make good new friends," "no need to run home after services" to "hope these continue." There are levels of sponsorship to suit every budget. We are offering you the opportunity to donate \$25.00 a month as a co-sponsor (or just \$200.00 for the year) or \$50.00 per month as a Platinum level co-sponsor (or just \$300.00 per year), to our Kiddush Fund. If you sign up you will be listed in the monthly Message. If you choose to be a full sponsor for a special occasion, the cost is \$200.00 for the basic Kiddush (tuna, egg salad, bagels, cream cheese, cake, coffee, and tea) for a limited number of people. Please email your response to emg522@aol.com, or send your check to the MJC office if you wish to be a regular or Platinum level sponsor for the 2024-25 year. Checks should be made out to Madison Jewish Center, (or you can use Zelle to info@madisonjc.org). See you at services! Thank you,

Luncheon Kiddush Committee

The Luncheon Kiddush Sponsorship list for 2024-2025:

Platinum sponsors:

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HONOR FUND

To: Hope & Matt Lieber A donation has been made in honor of your daughter Julie Lieber's Bat Mitzvah: By: Shelli & Ron Feldman

To: Eva & Elias Hirsch A donation has been made in honor of your son Daniel's marriage to Lina By: Shelli & Ron Feldman Harriett & Stephen Cohen

To: Morris & Marina A donation has been made in honor of the birth of your new granddaughter By: Linda & Stephen Bell Irma & Roy Alexander Ellen Green Marlene Podell Linda & Michael Parnes Irina Makarovskaya Bella Benders Bunny & Brian Bender

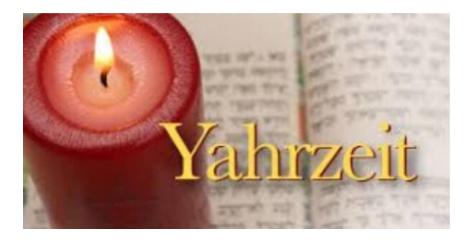
Thank you for your donations to the Honor Fund To wish me a R'fuah Sh'leimah! It's much appreciated and has helped me on my road to recovery. Erwin Schussel.

Thank you everyone who gave donation to the Honor Fund in honor of the marriage of Daniel and Lina Eva & Eli Hirch

I am very grateful for your invitation to your Virtual TuB'shvat Seder. I attended and enjoyed it very much! Judy Korcz To: Steven & Joanne Pereira & Arlene **McIntyre** A donation has been made in memory of your beloved father, grandfather & father-in-law Marvin Pereira By: Linda & Stephen Bell Irma & Roy Alexander Ellen Green Marlene Podell Ilene Karpas Linda & Michael Parnes **Bunny & Brian Bender** Michael Sosin Myra Lee & Al Fleischman Stu & Adam Cohen Irina Makarovskaya **Bella Benders** Erwin Schussel Barbara & Barry Stein

In memory of Marvin Pereira Thank you for good memories. May you rest in peace. Ronni Mendelson

To: Barry Resnick & Family A donation has been made on the loss of your beloved brother: Linda & Stephen Bell Irma & Roy Alexander Ellen Green Marlene Podell Ilene Karpas Linda & Michael Parnes Bunny & Brian Bender Michael Sosin Myra Lee & Al Fleischman Stu & Adam Cohen Barbara & Barry Stein



DONATIONS FOR MARCH 2025 HAVE BEEN MADE BY:

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SAVE THE DATE

<u>Sisterhood</u>

Sunday March 9th Monday, March 17th Wednesday, May 21st Torah Fund Brunch 10AM-Noon Jews of Ireland Spring Fling

Social Club

May 9th June 8th Social Club Shabbat End of year barbecue

Congregation

March 7th March 13

THE MESSAGE

Published 11 times a year * July/August * 1 issue Affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism 2989 Nostrand Avenue., Brooklyn, NY 11229 718-339-7755 * email: info@madisonjc.org Fax: 718-375-2271 Rabbi Johanan Bickhardt......Rabbi Leslie Rimer z'h......Cantor Emeritus

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Shabbat Across America dinner Purim celebration & Megillah Reading

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday Evening 7:30 PM Saturday Morning ...9:30 AM Weekday Minyanim (Monday & Thursday) on ZOOM.......7:15 AM

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

If you have Yahrzeit and need a minyan on a day when we don't have a service scheduled, please contact the office, so we can schedule a service for that day.

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. Please Join Us Sisterhood of Madison Jewish Center 2989 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11229 718-339-7755 www.madisonjc.org

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Sunday, March 9, 2025 10:00 AM – Noon (start of Daylight Savings Time)



Madison Jewish Center

Torah Fund Brunch

Guest Speaker

Brooklyn Borough Historian Ron Schweiger Topic: History of Sheepshead Bay



<u>\$25 per person</u> payable to Sisterhood of Madison Jewish Center -Mail to Teresa Gottesmann, 1849 East 26th St. Brooklyn, NY 11229 or Zelle Teresa at 718-490-6735.

All proceeds go to the Torah Fund Campaign of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. The Fund supports the Jewish Theological Seminary, scholarships for students and other Jewish institutions.

You must reserve so food can be ordered. RSVP by 3/3/25. Questions to Marlene at 718-531-7911 or marlst2@aol.com



Please Join Us Sisterhood of Madison Jewish Center

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Monday, March 17, 2025 at Sisterhood Board Meeting In the middle classroom



Followed by **The History of the Jews in Ireland Led By** *Operation of the Second Complete Column*

Rachel Kaylie and Harriett Cohen

The history of Jews in Ireland encompasses a diverse mix of people from all walks of life. Some of them made important impacts on politics, while others impacted Irish and Jewish cultural life.

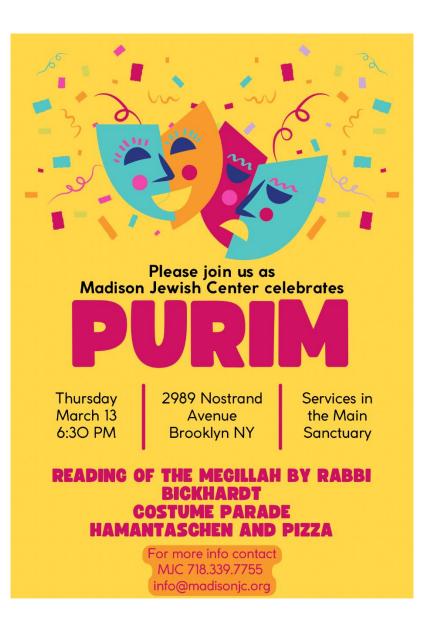
It will be an in-person event - followed by -"Refreshments with an Irish

Flair!"

Cost: \$5 pp payable to Sisterhood of Madison Jewish Center. Mail checks to Teresa Gottesmann, 1849 East 26th St., Brooklyn, NY 11229, or via Zelle to Teresa - (718) 490 - 6735.

Reservations are requested by March 11th so we can plan accordingly. Please contact Rachel Kaylie at Rkaylie@aol.com or text at 718-974-8180 or Harriett Cohen at Harriett.cohen08@gmail.com or text at 718-916-7772 for questions & reservations.





Madison Jewish Center 2989 Nostrand Avenue Brooklyn.NY 11229 718.339.7755 Rabbi Johanan Bickhardt.....Linda Parnes, President



On Friday night, March 7th Madison Jewish Center is joining with hundreds of locations throughout North America in sponsoring the 28th annual "Shabbat Across America and Canada (SAA/C)," a nationwide effort coordinated by NJOP to share the beauty of Shabbat with marginally affiliated and unaffiliated Jews. Our program will include a special Friday night service and Shabbat dinner beginning at 6 PM

Help encourage participation in Madison Jewish Center's SAA/C program. Everyone has at least one friend, family member, co-worker, or someone you know who has not truly experienced Shabbat in a long time – if at all. Tell them about Shabbat Across America and Canada and invite them to participate. How special it will be to fill up Madison Jewish Center and engage Jews of all denominations and affiliations.

We look forward to sharing this wonderful Shabbat experience with you. Reservations for dinner are a must, and must be received by Tuesday March 4^{co} Cost is \$20 per adult, \$10 children 13 and under. Vegetarian meal is available upon request. Please send reservations to the MJC office attention Social Club.

Please contact Linda lip@aol.com or Ellen emg522@aol.com with any questions

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PLEASE JOIN US

The program titled, "The Paper Brigade" Social Club of Madison Jewish Center 2989 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11229 718-339-7755 Email: info@MadisonJC.org

ON SUNDAY, April 6th, 11:00 AM at YIVO LEARNING AND MEDIA CENTER 15 West 16th Street New York, N. Y. 10011

The program chronicles those living in the Vilna ghetto in Lithuania who risked their lives to save Jewish cultural treasures from both the Nazis and the Russians. After this one hour presentation we will examine archival boxes containing photos, diaries, ID cards and other memorabilia.

YouTube link with information about this program: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLXT-eTm5Zc

Cost of the program is \$18.00 payable to Madison Jewish Center. Mail or bring your donation to Madison Jewish Center (attention Social Club) by March 10.

There is room for only 30 guests, so get your reservation in as early as possible! You may invite family and friends who are not members of Madison Jewish Center to join us.

We plan to make arrangements to meet for lunch afterwards at a nearby restaurant for those who are interested. If you have questions, call either Elyse Glenn at 718-934-8685 or email at eglenn18@aol.com or Michele Blatt at 917-816-4111, micheleblatt@icloud.com.

Enclosed is \$_____ Payable to Madison Jewish Center

_will be attending the program at YIVO on April 6.

March

Birthday List

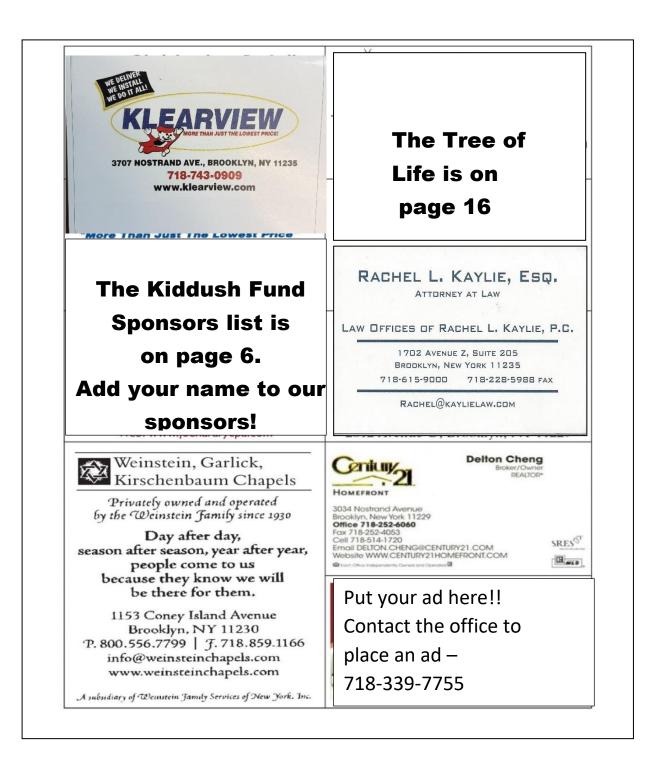


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2 Adar 2	3 Adar 3 ZOOM services at 7:15am	4 Adar 4	5 Adar 5	6 Adar 6 ZOOM services at 7:15am	7 Adar7 Candle Lighting 5:36pm Shabbat Across America 6 PM	8 Adar 8 Services in the Services in Beit Hamidrash, at 9:30am
9 Adar 9 10AM Torah Fund Brunch	10 Adar 10 ZOOM services at 7:15am Exec Bd meeting	11 Adar 11 Admin Bd meeting	12 Adar 12	13 Adar 13 ZOOM services at 7:15am Purim celebration 6:30PM main sanctuary	14 Adar 14 Candle Lighting 6:44pm ZOOM Services 7:30pm Birthday/Anniversary Shabbat	15 Adar 15 Services in the Beit Hamidrash at 9:30am
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