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Gratitude and Thinking Big

*By Rabbi Benjamin
Hassan*



I am honored with my recent appointment to the Samis Foundation as Rabbinic Trustee. This remarkable foundation lowers the financial barrier to entry for Jewish schools, camps, and trips to Israel for Seattle residents.

As a synagogue Rabbi who teaches at two schools and serves on several boards and committees, I get to hear my fair share of community politics. For many people, the solution to the expenses of Jewish life, the lack of Judaic faculty, and the shortage of affordable rentals in Seward Park is easy: Samis should give even more dollars. This is looking at the glass half empty and not realizing just how fortunate we are in Seattle to have the Samis Foundation. Without Samis, our day schools would not exist in their current state, and we would be all the poorer without them. We need to be grateful for the support the foundation provides financially.

Samis is not our only resource. You are our biggest resource! Our community, communication, intellect, creativity, ability to work toward a shared vision, and passion for our Jewish community that you contribute are our greatest resources. Together we must figure out where we struggle and how we can be fortifying.

An area of concern that I openly share with you is the lack of young couples and younger families in our neighborhood. This demographic is moving to the North End due to the scarcity of affordable and available rental apartments in Seward Park. This tells me people still want to live in Seattle, but a critical

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mass of affordable housing is needed in our community to enable young couples to move here.

As a community I know we have the resources and the talent to develop a strategy providing us with a strong future, including attracting young educators to our schools and young professionals to our workforce. Achieving that future requires us to have frank conversations and imagine new opportunities.

First, we need to define our vision. How do we perceive our future, and what can we do to get us there? What if we redeveloped community assets to have apartments? What if we used our combined resources to buy homes? These are just some of the questions we need to address in our long-term strategic plan.

The issues facing SBH touch upon larger Jewish community issues and the cost and availability of housing in Seattle. As such we must endeavor to look out from our narrow viewpoint and see that we have so much to be grateful for and yet so much we must do. We need to ask ourselves what we are doing for our community and what more we can do to ensure we are alive and thriving 20 to 50 years down the road and beyond.

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Now is the time to act and get involved. SBH has a strategic planning committee and this title truly defines the work ahead. We must plan for our future and we must be intentional and strategic in this work to ensure vibrancy and continuity for our beautiful community. Please reach out to me to join the strategic planning committee and become more involved in this important work.

Warmly,
Rabbi Hassan

Why Should I?

By *Rubissa Sharona Hassan*



“Why should I?” I hear this question often from children, usually when an upcoming activity is not to their liking. My students frequently ask the same question. But rarely do I hear adults articulate these words, nor do I often contemplate them. What draws us to complete a

task we don’t like?

When trying to teach children to do something they otherwise would avoid, positive reinforcement is a solid tool. Sticker charts, reward systems and verbal affirmation are regularly given to encourage the completion of chores, brushed teeth or to minimize sibling conflict. If you do what is expected of you, you merit reward.

The other common method is punishment. If children have not done what is expected of them, they lose their privileges and suffer negative consequences.

Some children need these motivators less than others. Many children are eager to do what is right and expected, simply because they know what is right and are eager to please.

Adults generally need neither direct reward nor punishment in these situations. We don’t ask “Why should I?” because we know if we fail to complete our responsibilities in a timely manner, we suffer our

own natural consequences, like poor job performance leading to unemployment. Incomplete dental hygiene may mean more time and money at the dentist. Fighting with siblings or the people around you leads to social isolation and loneliness. Experiencing natural consequences often fosters mindfulness and responsibility in adults.

Recently a co-worker asked why my classes about Jewish life, ideology and practice never mention the afterlife. I explained that although many have written on this topic, and everyone is guaranteed a place in *Olam Ha’ba*, the World to Come, we know very little about what will be when we pass from this world. We will not know for certain until we get there.

The co-worker expressed her surprise. “In my Christian upbringing, everything was about Heaven and Hell. We had to do the right thing, always, or we would suffer the flames of Hell in the World to Come. And in Islam, all actions are done to earn reward in the world to come. The Quran describes explicitly the rewards in death for actions in life.” We paused to contemplate these religious views. “I think my favorite thing about Judaism,” she said, “is that you do the right thing because it’s the right thing, not because of reward or punishment.”

I’ve spent a lot of time reflecting on her words. Do most Jews live their lives as good people, serving Hashem and the greater Jewish community, without intrinsic motivation? Does our moral compass supersede any need to emphasize reward and punishment?

Every year, in the weeks between Passover and Shavuot, a tractate of the Mishna, *Pirkei Avot*, is studied. At SBH we read the text in Hebrew, English, and Ladino, learning the ethical teachings, maxims, and powerful advice within. This learning is always introduced with a text from another tractate of Mishna:

All Jews have a share in the World to Come, as it says, (Isaiah 60:21), “Thy people are all righteous; they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, that I may be glorified.”

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There we go! We add to our learning this text to reassure us, we will get a reward. You don't need to worry about reward and punishment. Hashem's relationship with us is established. Without anyone asking, 'Why should I?', Hashem has already answered, 'You are My children and I love you and I will take care of you forever!'

As one begins learning the text of *Pirkei Avot*, the text articulates our tradition of the expected relationship with God, reward, and punishment.

Antigonos, man of Sokho, received from Shimon the Righteous. He would say, "Do not be as servants who are serving the master in order to receive a reward, rather be servants who are serving the master not in order to receive a reward; and may the awe of Heaven be upon you."

Serving, loving, respecting, appreciating God for all He is the crux of the relationship. Judaism created ethical monotheism. Abraham taught the world that there is a higher power, one God, who controls all. Christianity, Islam and other religions came to embrace this world view in their own way.

But their ways require a motivator, a system of reward and punishment. Devotion to Jewish ideals does not ask "Why should I?" Maybe we are motivated by guilt, or by a strong moral compass. Maybe it is experience which taught us that our way of life is ideal. Perhaps you just know what you're doing is right. You are the work of His hands and you do His work, just because you should.



***Rabbi Liaison
Committee***

The Rabbi Liaison Committee meets quarterly with Rabbi Hassan. If you have any comments or concerns please send an email to sbhliasion@gmail.com. All comments are confidential.

Remembering Sephardic Summer Camp

By Jack Schaloum



The cherry trees on the quad at the U dub have bloomed, the Masters Tournament has been played, Coachella is wrapping up, and Passover has come and gone. This means one thing. Summer is right around the corner.

Summertime as a kid was my favorite time of year and as an adult nothing has changed. Two things I looked forward to all year happened during summer. The hydro races and Sephardic Summer Camp. For those of you who went to camp, you know exactly what I'm talking about. We made lifelong friends and memories there. Frank (Rabbi) Varon, Ben Babani, Norman Azose, Larry Adatto, Larry Azose and Rick Leavitt of blessed memory. We were all in the same cabin every year at camp. Of course, we had great counselors: Ralph Maimon, Stan Bensussen, Leonard Rose, Isaac Varon, Mark Abolofia, Jon Calvo and Victor Hasson (did I miss anyone?) Our counselors were always very strict with us.

Oh, who am I kidding? They wanted to have as much fun as we did. We had raids on other cabins in the middle of the night where shaving cream was a must! There was the year we had a retaliatory raid from one of the girl cabins. One of the girls, whose name will not be mentioned (Eileen), got liquid smoke from her father's fish market down at the Pike Place Market and sprinkled it all over our cabin at two in the morning. We smelled like smoked pishkado for the next couple days! We had color wars and squirt gun/water balloon 'fights' where Rabbi Maimon would participate but for some reason, we could not squirt him back. He knew that and with a smile on his face took advantage of it!

Speaking of Rabbi Maimon, you probably couldn't find a better athlete on the field. He would play softball with us and smack the cover off the ball. I'll never forget at Camp Burton on Vashon Island we had a foot race across this huge field. For the first 10 yards Rabbi kept even with the kids and counselors. Then suddenly, it was like he was shot out of a cannon. He won the race by a huge margin. There

was that smile! We had cabin inspections to make sure our bunk beds were made and that we kept a clean cabin. We even had mixed dancing with the other girls cabin! That's where a lot of relationships (and dare I say) marriages started to blossom. We would come back to our respective cabins and the discussion would always be "I think she really likes you" or "I think he really likes you!" We all looked forward to Auntie Beya's couscous. Who could forget little Raeanne Belur singing "we love you Rabbi"?

Luckily, there wasn't social media back then or we would still be in a lot of trouble to this day. Although there are some pictures courtesy of Allen Altchek. One great picture is of Frank and me soaking wet from being tipped over while we were on a small dock casually eating lunch and talking. Our good friend Larry Azose (now Frank's brother-in-law) decided to jump on the dock to join us, but in doing so, he completely flipped it over! He was nowhere to be found, but boy did Frank and I get a scolding from our Camp Director Mort Roberts! Mort and Fannie of blessed memory were our camp directors for many years. They were great! Camp wasn't only on Vashon Island but also at Lake Retreat in Ravensdale and Camp Casey on Whidbey Island. I know there are so many other memories and people that I have missed here, and for that I apologize. Feel free to email me your memories and I would be more than glad to publish them in the next LaBoz.

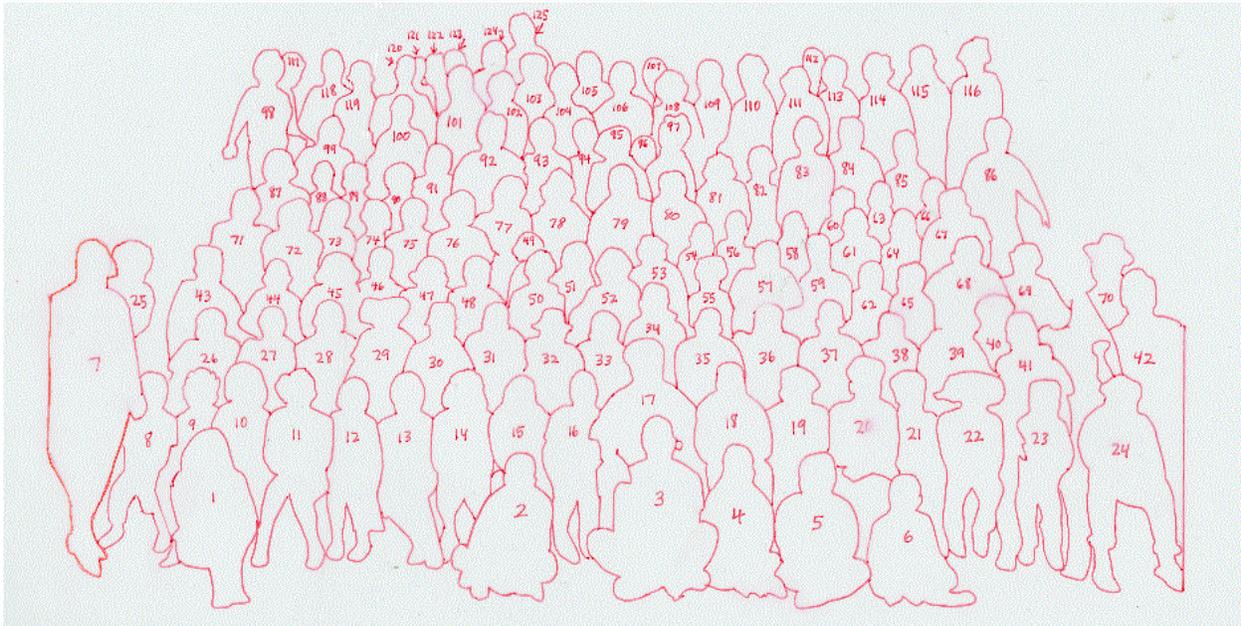
One thing I did have a question about. How in the heck did my brother Henry and my sister Lucia get to become "Counselors of the year" and that honor evaded me? The voting must've been rigged. Maybe it was because I would ask Frank "I thought you were watching the kids" and he would ask me "yeah I thought you were watching the kids"! Kensave! If your kids are already going to camp, they will thank you for the rest of their lives. It was and is a great way to make and keep lifelong close friends. My niece and nephew even fly out here from New York to go to camp!

Every now and then I'll run into someone who was in my cabin that I haven't seen in many years. We'd stop and reflect on those great times at Sephardic Summer Camp. As Sly and the Family Stone sing it "them summer days, those summer days, that's when I had most of my fun..."!

Enjoy your summer everyone!

Summer Camp season is upon us

We are publishing this picture from Summer Camp circa 1960. For those of you who attended camp, we hope it brings back fond memories. Maybe you can help solve a mystery. Donna Amira is trying to determine the identity of camper #66 using the outline below. Call the SBH office if you know!



What if?

By Jerry Mezistrano



The other day.... I was thinking of reupping in the Army. What if I put twenty in, I could probably retire as a general or at least a colonel. Wait, before I do this I better check with my wife. After all, being a military wife is not easy. “Who knows where and when I could be deployed and, in addition, I could be away for a year at a time,” I told my wife Rosa. I thought my possible absence might disturb her, but it actually brought a smile to her face, and she said she was totally on board with the idea. “I understand if you have to be gone for a year or more, you must go where your country needs you,” she replied. I thought to myself, ‘isn’t it wonderful I have such a supportive wife?’

Then after the service I could get another government job (double dip), put twenty in there and then retire. Let’s see, that would give me two pensions and with social security, I’d be set for life. Of course, at that point I would be one hundred and twenty-seven years old, but what the heck. Like they say, age is only a number.

The real question is, what if? I think it is only human nature for all of us to think at times what if? What if I had chosen a different path? Today maybe I’d be a pilot, an elevator repairman, a hand model, an actor, or a Research Scientist at UW (no, that would be my twin brother, Dr. Rene Levy, he got the brains, looks, and personality. Hey, what did I get?)

What if? I wonder If my cousin Dr. Joe Mezistrano lies in bed and thinks, ‘if I hadn’t chosen medicine, I could have been a plumber today?’ Who am I kidding, Joe is the only guy I know who tackles every plumbing job with a hammer. How about our own religious leader Rabbi Hassan? He is probably thinking, ‘what if I hadn’t chosen the clergy? I love the outdoors and animals. I know I could have been a shepherd. Hey, why not? There were a lot of shepherds in the bible and it is an honorable profession.’

Even though we love our wives and husbands, again it is just human nature to think what if? I’m

sure once in a while every man looks at his lovely wife and thinks, ‘I am so lucky to be married to such a wonderful woman. I owe all my success to her and I wouldn’t change a thing but, what if I had married Gloria? Where would I be today?’ And I’m sure many a day women look at their husband and occasionally think to herself, ‘Darn, I knew I should have married Bob’.

What if? If you ask someone what if it eventually always comes down to money. Now it is no longer what if but instead it is now, if only. If only I had bought Amazon stock when it was twenty dollars a share. If only I had bought that piece of property when it was fifty thousand dollars. Today it is worth millions. If only I had done that. Today I would be living large in my villa on the Rivera.

I think it is also human nature to compare ourselves to others. Hey, look at how great Ed is doing? Ed is a wonderful guy and I am not jealous, but I wish I had been as successful as him. Do you think Bill Gates thinks to himself, ‘I have sixty-seven billion dollars but that Jeff Besos is worth one hundred billion?’ Who knows?

Asking ourselves what if and only if is a complete waste of time and energy. None of us can change the past and all of us have made mistakes. Like my old pal Frank Sinatra sings, “Regrets, I had a few but then again, too few to mention”.

It now has been a number of months since Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. I know Yom Kippur is the time to make amends and repent for your sins, but it only takes me twenty-two minutes to repent for all my sins. What am I supposed to think about for the next twenty-three hours?

Instead of thinking, what if? How about, What can I do? What can I do for my family? That does not mean working more hours in order to buy more materialistic things for them, but instead being more present, more supportive, and less critical. Tell your family and friends how important they are to you and how much you appreciate them. The bottom line is what can I do to become a better person. Don’t waste any more time thinking about the past. Instead, look toward

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What if? (continued)

the future. What can I do for my family, friends, or synagogue? What can I do for my community? What can I do for my country?

Actions speak louder than words. In fact, I am taking my own composition to heart. I could continue to write, but I feel I can do more for my country. That is why I made an appointment with my Army recruiter. I didn't tell the Sargent my age, but I know I am never too old to be Army Strong.

Roger that.

Please send questions and comments to jerrymezistrano@gmail.com.



Special thanks to our Kiddush Sponsors for the months of March & April

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Family of Jacquie Blumberg
Elias & Sharon Khabie

Special thanks to our Kiddush Sponsors for Rabbi Hassan's birthday celebration

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Community Highlights



Mazal Tov! Munchos i Buenos!

Mazal Tov to Joe Reback on his engagement to Tirtza Rosenthal of Pomona, NY!

Mazal Tov on the Wedding of Isaac and Tehila Levy! Isaac is the son of Elie and Miriam Levy, Grandson of Rene and Beloria Levy

Mazal Tov to Marcus Babani on his engagement to Ashley Okrent! Parents are Sam & Vicki Lynn Babani and Lynn Behar and Richard Okrent.



Mazal Tov to
Elias and Sharon Khabie
on the birth of baby girl
Elizabeth!

Mazal Tov on the
great grandson born to
Hazzan Ike Azose!

Mazal Tov on the
the great grandson born to
Betsy Babani!



May & June Anniversaries

*Munchos Y Buenos to all couples celebrating
their anniversaries in May & June*

Sonny & Gena Gorasht (5/27/1961) 61 yrs
Irvin & Miriam Condiotty (5/8/1966) 56 yrs
Leon & Linda Goodman (5/29/69) 52 yrs
Ralph and Esther Maimon (5/24/1970) 52 yrs
Robert & Lise Adatto (5/27/1979) 43 yrs
Elie & Miriam Levy (5/29/1994) 28 yrs
Sandy & Lesley Piha (5/26/1996) 26 yrs
Daniel & Diana Zwelling (5/25/2014) 8 yrs

Dave & Diana Azose (6/21/53) 69 yrs
Albert & Peggy Maimon (6/21/64) 58 yrs
Jack & Sharlene Calvo (6/22/69) 53 yrs
Robert & Estelle Handlin (6/14/70) 53 yrs
Albert & Arlene Azose (6/12/77) 45 yrs
Alan & Marie Scharhon (6/19/77) 45 yrs
**Michael Benzikry &
Evelyn Rubinstein-Benzikry** (6/20/78) 44 yrs
Larry & Lysa Almo (6/14/81) 41 yrs
Rabbi Moshe & Rivy Kletenik (6/28/81) 41 yrs
Howard & Donna Levens (6/1/86) 36 yrs
Steve & Janet Calvo (6/19/88) 34 yrs
Alon & Linda Israeli (6/18/89) 32 yrs
David & Joy Maimon (6/21/92) 30 yrs
Chaim & Sara Weiss (6/19/94) 28 yrs
Michael & Rinah Benliel (6/12/95) 27 yrs
Alan & Susan Condiotty (6/22/97) 25 yrs
Daniel & Ruth Gur (6/3/18) 4 yrs



Community Highlights



MAZAL TOV TO
Jacque Blumberg
on her Bat Mitzvah

Jacque is the daughter of
Beth Ann Varon and Greg Blumberg

Mazal Tov!

to Naftali Normand, grandson of
Eugene & Esther Normand, who
participated in the Finals of the Hidon
HaTanach and came in 5th Place.

Mazal Tov!

to **Rabbi** Dr. Adam Balkany
for completing
Yoreh Yoreh semicha



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Special thanks to Sharon Babani for sharing this delicious recipe!

This recipe for Almond Blondies is easy and delicious.

I made these for Pesah this year and they were a hit, and they are wonderful all year round.

ALMOND BLONDIES

2 eggs
1/3 cup sugar
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon Kosher salt
1+1/2 cups almond flour
1/2-3/4 cup chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350.
Combine ingredients in order listed.
Pour into an 8 inch square pan, lined
with parchment paper and sprayed with
cooking spray.
Bake for 30 minutes or until
lightly browned.

Community Life in Pictures

Escape from Egypt

In preparation for Pesach, the SBH Youth enjoyed an educational and challenging escape room, Escape from Egypt. More than forty children came together to experience puzzles related to the ten plagues. Only when they solved everything did Pharaoh let them free.



Pre-Purim Fun SBH Youth enjoyed crafts and carnival games in preparation for Purim



Shabbat Morning Groups at SBH

Every Shabbat morning our youth meet for *tefila*, *perasha*, games, snacks and fun in a safe and caring environment. Each group is led by 1-2 madrichim (youth leaders) who are trained and cultivated as positive role models for our children. The love of Jewish traditions and Sephardic heritage that the madrichim have is contagious!

The content for groups to reflect the Jewish year. Groups build on childrens' knowledge so that they gain mastery over songs and Jewish literacy as they get older.

Bring your children and grandchildren to SBH on Shabbat morning to participate in this fun, educational, and social opportunity.

Meet a Madrich

Victor Maimon

School and grade: NYHS grade 12

Hobbies/passions:

basketball, chazzanut, golf, bouldering

Job at SBH groups: Middle school madrich

Favorite things about working groups:

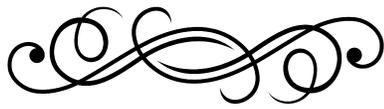
I love when I am able to learn with the kids and have meaningful discussions about the parsha, morality, Torah, etc.

Number of years involved in SBH youth: 5 years

Favorite thing about SBH:

The family environment (maybe because I'm related to half of the community). But I am extremely comfortable at SBH and with each and every member.





Tributes:



Prayer Book

In Memory Of

Marcelle & Ralph Adatto, "For the salvation of their souls," with Love

Karen Adatto & Family

Stella Eskenazi

Marlene Piha

Shirley Jassen

Larry & Janet Jassen

Barbara Cordova

Lilly De Jaen

Chai Fund

In Honor of

Ukrainian Relief

Larry & Janet Jassen

In Memory Of

Azaria Scharhon

Jack & Barbara Cordova

Irving Calvo Youth Fund

In Honor Of

Rabbi Ben Hassan, Happy Birthday!

Mordo De Jaen

Good Health To

The entire SBH Community/Refuah Shelema for the ill

Ralph Maimon

Annette Hasson

Jack Codova, peace and good health to you and the entire family

Mordo De Jaen

In Memory Of

Carlie Varon Caraco

Beverly Varon De Jaen

Barbara Cardova

Mordo De Jaen

Ralph & Esther Maimon

Joel (Yosef) Cohen

Helene & Mo Azose

Ralph & Esther Maimon

General Fund

In Honor Of

Mo Azose, Happy Birthday!

Roz & Alan Bornstein

David Balint & Liz Azose, Happy Anniversary!- From Dad

Sol (Mo) Azose

Pearl Barocas, Happy Birthday!

Sol (Mo) Azose

Gershon Bergwerk & Patricia Kamoun, Happy Anniversary Greetings!

Sol (Mo) Azose

Rita Calderon, Happy 100th Birthday!

Sol (Mo) Azose

Jamie Merriman- Cohen;

Congratulations on your graduation!

Lilly De Jaen

Sue Condiotty, Thank you for all your help and understanding!

Jackie Symmes

Alexis DeBrock, Wishing you Happiness

Marcie Overbeck & Ruben Owen

Rabbi Ben Hassan, Happy Birthday!

Terry & David Azose

David & Sandra Altaras

Roz & Alan Bornstein

Renee Varon

Jack & Sue Barokas

Tributes (continued)

Janet Jassen

Larry Jassen

Beloria & Rene Levy, Be'sha'a tova a big Mazal Tov on the marriage of your first grandchild, Isaac. May you merit to marry all your grandchildren and enjoy great-grandchildren in good health B"H

With love, Evelyn & Michael Benzikry

Elie Levy and Family, Congratulations on marriage of son, Isaac!

Jack Cordova

Miriam & Elie Levy, Be'sha'a tova and a big Mazal Tov on the marriage of Isaac to Tehila. May you merit to marry all your grandchildren and enjoy great-grandchildren in good health B"H

With love, Evelyn & Michael Benzikry

Isaac Levy & Tehila Bouhadana, Mazal Tov on your new marriage

Stan Handaly & Pamela Goral

Sara Blumenzweig and Family

Randy & Jennifer Kessler

Bruce & Esther Caplan

Laura Negrin for Friendship and Support

Sharon Boguch

Ralph & Esther Maimon, Mazal Tov on your grandson's Bar Mitzvah

Rachel Vaillancourt

Moshe Kaplan and Rosie Maimon, Mazal Tov on your Engagement!

Abe Kaplan

David Oppenheimer, with wishes for continued good health

Barry & Susan Aaronson

Elias Khabie and Sharon Arakanchi, Welcome to our congregation!

Sephardic Bikur Holim
Congregation

Henry & Andrea Schaloum, Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary!

Renee Varon

Esther Maimon, Happy Birthday!

Marcie Overbeck & Ruben Owen

Ruth Haleva, Happy Birthday!

Marcie Overbeck

Lisa and Lee Schwartz, Congratulations on your new home!

Leonard and Lee Schwartz

Good Health To

Victor & Regina Amira

Jack Cordova

Selma Amon

Louise & Leonard Berman

Jean Angel

Marcie Overbeck & Ruben Owen

Barbara Calvo

Lilly DeJaen

Stan Handaly & Pamela Goral

Sol (Mo) Azose

Jack Cordova

David & Diana Azose

Jack Cordova

Sharlene Calvo

Stan Handaly & Pamela Goral

Ralph Maimon

Jack Cordova

Lilly DeJaen

Marcie Overbeck & Ruben Owen

Vicki Schain

Sally Maimon

Stan Handaly & Pamela Goral

Larry & Janet Jassen

Elie & Miriam Levy

Tributes (continued)

Rosie Maimon

Lilly DeJaen

In Memory Of

Jack I. Almo

Benjamin Lipman

Sally Chrem

Elisa Azose

Jack Azose

Moshe Friedman

Joel Cohen

Jason & Laura Haleva
Stan Handaly & Pamela Goral
Sephardic Brotherhood

Abby Michels Calvo

The Calvo and Michels Families

Lilly Cordova

Jack Cordova

Barbara Cordova

Jack & Fortunee Eskenazi
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Terry & David Azose
Sol (Mo) Azose
Steve & Janet Calvo
Steve & Diana Altchech
Larry and Janet Jassen

Stella Eskenazi

Steve and Diana Altchech
Leonard & Louise Berman
Marcie Overbeck & Ruben Owen
Stan Handaly & Pamela Goral
Ron & Linda Krivosha
Jack Schaloum & Lisa Nakamura

Jacob Haleva, My Grandfather

Marcie Overbeck

Betty Halfon

Renee Varon

Regina Jean Israel

Marcie Overbeck & Ruben Owen

Mark Israel

Helene & Mo Azose

Stephen Mermelstein

Carole Capeloto

Rick Richardson

Jack and Barbara Cordova
Lilly DeJaen
Jason & Laura Haleva

Jack Sendowski

Leonard and Louise Berman

Robert Gordon Kaufman

Simon Kaufman

Steven Mermelstein

Carole Capeloto

Helen & Bennett Blum/ Esther & Fred Kahn

Edward & Vivian Blum

Elisa Blumenzweig

Sara Blumenzweig

Sally Varon, In loving memory

Rachelle Meyer

Sabetai Jerusalemi

David and Lea Polner



SBH Youth invites you and your family to

The Sweetest Things

Family Learning
&
Ice Cream Treats

1st Day of Shavuot
Sunday June 5th
After Morning Tefilah



SISTERHOOD & SPIRITUALITY
WOMEN'S EVENT

Learning led by Rubissa Sharona
Reflection and discussion groups
Socializing
Snacks

מגילת רות
Exploring the Book of Ruth:
Our relationships with
Ourselves
Women
Hashem

JUNE 4TH 5:00-6:30 PM
LOCATION TBD
BRING A FRIEND



Parashat Bemidbar and Shavuot
2022 - 5782
Schedule of Services
Friday Night, June 3, 2022

Minha.....	6:50 PM
Candle Lighting.....	7:22-8:42 PM

Shabbat, June 4, 2022

Tefila.....	9:00 AM
Sermon- Rabbi Hassan	
Classes.....	7:05 PM
Minha followed by Perek.....	8:05 PM
Arvit of Yom Tov.....	9:25 PM
Candle Lighting.....	anytime after 9:46 PM

1st Day of Shavuot - Sunday, June 5, 2022

Classes in the Midrash 12:30 - 2:30 AM	Velada in the Library 12:30 - 4:15 AM
4:15 AM: <i>Community Singing</i> (All classes are for men and women)	
1st Minyan in the Midrash.....	4:25 AM
2nd Minyan in the Main Sanctuary.....	9:00 AM
Sermon - Rabbi Frank Varon	
Minha, Ruth, Azharot and Arvit.....	6:45 PM
Candle Lighting (anytime after).....	7:25 PM

2nd Day of Shavuot - Monday, June 6, 2022

Tefila.....	9:00 AM
Sermon - Rabbi Hassan	
Minha, Ruth and Azharot.....	8:30 PM
Yom Tov Ends.....	9:33 PM

Meldados

Neiso Moscatel	Mother CALO bat SIMHA (Margaret Moscatel)	30 Nisan Sun May 1	Benjamin Caro	Grandfather MEIR bar MESSODA (Meir Caro)	9 Iyar Tues May 10
Neiso Moscatel	Grandmother BOHORA ALEGRA (Alegra Franco)	30 Nisan Sun May 1	Esther Caplan Alan Scharhon David Benveniste	Mother Mother Sister RAHEL bat ESTHER (Rachel Scharhon)	9 Iyar Tues May 10
Rosie Maimon Julia Jerusalmi Diana Azose	Father MOSHE BETZALEL ben BUENA LEAH (Rev. Morris Scharhon)	30 Nisan Sun May 1	Victor Halela	Wife MIRYAM bat ESTHER (Marlene Halela)	10 Iyar Wed May 11
Jack Ezraty	Father HAIM ben PERLA (Victor Ezraty)	1 Iyar Mon May 2	Beloria Levy	Sister HANNA bat AZIZA (Arlette Ohayon)	10 Iyar Wed May 11
Albert I. Maimon Ralph Maimon	Father Father YITZHAK ben VIDA SULTANA (Isaac Maimon)	1 Iyar Mon May 2	Steve Policar	Father REFAEL ben ESTHER (Ralph Policar)	12 Iyar Fri May 13
Fortunee Eskenazi	Mother MARGUERITE bat RAHEL (Marguerite Mashiah)	1 Iyar Mon May 2	Sonny Gorasht	Sister SHOSHANA bat MINKA (Blanche Shindell)	12 Iyar Fri May 13
Steven Hartholz	Father MOSHE YAAKOV ben HANAH ESTHER (Marshall Hartholz)	2 Iyar Tues May 3	Bob Benardout	Brother AHARON ben RIVKA (Alan Benardout)	13 Iyar Sat May 14
Terry Azose	Father MORDEHAI ben HANA (Mac Fingerroot)	3 Iyar Wed May 4	Linda Condiotty Victor Amira	Mother Sister KADUN bat ESTHER (Louise Hasson)	15 Iyar Mon May 16
Donna Amira	Mother SEMA bat DONNA (Selma Amira)	4 Iyar Thurs May 5	Marc Levy	Mother SULTANA bat ALLEGRA (Sue Levy)	16 Iyar Tues May 17 (9 mos)
Jack I. Eskenazi	Mother KADOON bat SARA (Louise Eskenazi)	4 Iyar Thurs May 5	Bob Benardout	Father BARUCH ben HANULA (Barney Benardout)	17 Iyar Wed May 18
Marie Scharhon	Mother JAMILA bat BEYA (Jean Halfon)	5 Iyar Fri May 6	Rachelle Mezistrano	Brother JOSEPH ben MIRIAM (Joseph Capeloto)	17 Iyar Wed May 18
David Altaras	Father SABETAI ben KADUN (Shabetai Altaras)	6 Iyar Sat May 7	Rabbi Benjamin Hassan	Uncle YAAKOV ben CLARA (Jacob Hassan)	17 Iyar Wed May 18
Michael Benzikry	Mother (Ruby Benzikry)	6 Iyar Sat May 7	Hazzan Isaac Azose	Mother KADUN bat VIDA SULTANA (Louise Azose)	18 Iyar Thurs May 19
Victor Halela	Brother AVRAHAM ben MAZAL TOV MERCADA (Albert Halel)	6 Iyar Sat May 7	Luann Bertram Morris Muscatel	Mother ESTHER bat LUNA (Esther Muscatel)	19 Iyar Fri May 20

Meldados (continued)

Sharon Babani	Husband	21 Iyar	Rick Eskenazi	Mother	1 Sivan
Ben Babani	Brother	Sun May 22	Larry Barokas	Sister	Tues May 31
Sam Babani	Brother			ESTHER bat KADUN (Esther Eskenazi)	
	MOSHE BETZALEL ben SARA (Morris Babani)				
Anne Hirschhorn	Husband	21 Iyar	Sophie Morhaime	Mother	2 Sivan
	ELIEZER ben YEHUDIT	Sun May 22	Lillian Levy	SARA bat RIVKA (Sarah Baroh)	Wed June 1
	(George Hirschhorn)				
Jeff Merriman-Cohen	Grandmother	21 Iyar	Leon B. Mezistrano	Brother	2 Sivan
	HASHA bat SHOSHANA	Sun May 22	Vivian M. Houle	YEDIDYA ben MAZALTOV (Eddie Mezistrano)	Wed June 1
	(Annette Rubens)				
Sharlene Calvo	Mother	21 Iyar	Marilyn Mezistrano	Husband	4 Sivan
	GOLDA SARA	Sun May 22	Annette Hasson	Brother	Fri June 3
	bat HANA (Gloria Steinberg)		Rachelle Mezistrano	Brother-in-law DAVID ben EDA (David Mezistrano)	
Janet Jassen	Mother	22 Iyar	Marlene Piha	Husband	5 Sivan
Saralyn Negrin	HANA BLUMA bat YEHUDIT (Annabell Benezra)	Mon May 23	Samuel Piha	Father MOSHE ben VIDA (Morris Piha)	Sat June 4
David Benezra	Mother	22 Iyar	David Aboulafia	Mother	7 Sivan
Tamy Ben-Ezra	RIVA LEA bat RAZEL	Mon May 23	Diane Aboulafia	MIRIAM bat EUGENIA (Miriam Bernstein Aboulafia)	Mon June 6
Devine	(Riva Lea Benezra)				
Rosa Mezistrano	Father	22 Iyar	Robert Gladstein	Grandmother	7 Sivan
	AVRAHAM ben ETTA	Mon May 23		DIAMONTE bat MIRIAM (Daisy Cohen)	Mon June 6
	(Ady Furer)				
Marie Scharhon	Sister	24 Iyar	Sophie Morhaime	Brother	8 Sivan
Jean Scharhon	Aunt	Wed May 25	Lillian Levy	ELIYAHU ben LEAH (Leo Baroh)	Tues June 7
Andrew Scharhon	BULISSA bat JAMILLAH (Betty Halfon)	(9 mos)			
Simon Amiel	Mother	25 Iyar	Hazzan Isaac Azose	Sister	8 Sivan
	YEHUDIT PALOMBA	Thurs May 26		SIMHA bat KADOUN (Selma Friedman)	Tues June 7
	bat LEEZA (Judith Amiel)				
Blanche Hanoh	Husband	25 Iyar	Leon S. Mezistrano	Mother	8 Sivan
Bella Hanoh	Father	Thurs May 26	Joseph Mezistrano	LEONORA bat MAZALTOV	Tues June 7
Stella Hanoh-Coleman	SHALOM ben VIDA (Charles Hanoh)		Anne Hirschhorn	(Leonora Mezistrano)	
Rosie Maimon	Brother	25 Iyar	Michelle Mezistrano	Mother	9 Sivan
Julia Jerusalmi	HAIM ASHER ben	Thurs May 26		SHTERIL NESSA bat SHOSHANA (Estelle Brody Alt)	Wed June 8
Diana Azose	ESTHER (Victor Scharhon)				
Betsy Babani	Husband	28 Iyar	Eugene Normand	Father	9 Sivan
Ben Babani	Brother	Sun May 29		NAHMAN ben ESTHER (Norbert Normand)	Wed June 8
Sam Babani	Brother				
Sharon Babani	Brother-in-law		Kaden Oppenheimer	Father	10 Sivan
	YAAKOV ben SARA (Jack Babani)			YITZHAK HAIM ben KADEN HALEVI (Isaac Goldman)	Thurs June 9
Sharon Babani	Step Mother	28 Iyar	Vicki Schain	Husband	10 Sivan
Lysa Almo	Step Mother	Sun May 29	Al S. Maimon	Brother-in-law	Thurs June 9
	Bryndal bat Pauline (Berniece Grinspan)		Esther Normand	YOSEPH SHLOMO ben MOSHE NOAH HALEVY (Sid Schain)	(7 mos)

Meldados (continued)

Larry Barokas	Father AVRAHAM ben ESTHER (Albert Barokas)	11 Sivan Fri June 10	Henry Schaloum Lucia De Funis Jack Schaloum	Mother MALKA bat SHEVA (Magda Schaloum)	22 Sivan Tues June 21
Victor Halela	Father YITZHAK ben MAZALTOV (Isaac Halela)	11 Sivan Fri June 10	Lee Benezra David Benezra	Mother SIMHULA bat ESTHER (Allegra Benezra)	23 Sivan Wed June 22
Gershon Bergwerk	Mother HANA RAISAL bat PERLA LEAH (Chana Bergwerk)	12 Sivan Sat June 11	Hazzan Isaac Azose	Grandfather HARAV YITZHAK ben SULTANA (Rabbi Isaac Azouz)	24 Sivan Thurs June 23
Stan Bensussen Dave Altaras	Mother Sister KADUN bat SARA (Louise Bensussen)	13 Sivan Sun June 12	Jack M. Calvo Esther Maimon	Sister-in-law (Janis Calvo-Lappenbush)	24 Sivan Thurs June 23
Sally Maimon	Father YAAKOV ben VIDA SULTANA (Jack Maimon)	13 Sivan Sun June 12	Saralyn Negrin Laura Haleva	Husband Father MORDEHAI ben SARA (Marvin Negrin)	24 Sivan Thurs June 23
Esther Maimon Jack M. Calvo	Father MORDEHAI YITZHAK ben PERLA (Marco I. Calvo)	14 Sivan Mon June 13	Gershon Bergwerk	Father MORDEHAI ben SARA (Mordechai Bergwerk)	25 Sivan Fri June 24
Jason Handaly	Mother SARA bat JOYA (Shirley Handaly)	15 Sivan Tues June 14	Tillie Amon Helene Behar Eileen Kulman Carlee Hollenback	Husband Father Father Father SHELOMO ben ESTRAYA (Sol Amon)	25 Sivan Fri June 24 (9 mos)
Renee Varon	Father REFAEL YOSEF ben REYNA (Ralph Joseph Varon)	16 Sivan Wed June 15	Allyn Adatto Larry Adatto	Mother MALKA ESTHER bat HANULA (Malka Adatto)	26 Sivan Sat June 25
Jack & Sue Barokas	Son YITZCHAK ben SUZANNE (Robert Barokas)	16 Sivan Wed June 15 (11 mos)	Michelle Almoslino David Almoslino	Father Father (DANIEL ben ESTRAYA) (Daniel Almoslino)	27 Sivan Sun June 26
Ben Varon	Mother SIMHA bat ESTREYA (Clemence Varon)	18 Sivan Thurs June 17	Frank Funis	Mother AMADA bat REYNA (Emma Funis)	27 Sivan Sun June 26
Janice Halfon Sally Halfon Rachel Halfon Rabbi Frank Varon	Daughter Sister Sister Niece MAZAL TOV bat REINA (Tara Halfon)	18 Sivan Thurs June 17 (7 mos)	David Naggar	Father NISSIM ben HANNA (Serge Carlos Nissim Naggar)	28 Sivan Tues June 27 (7 mos)
Berniece Belur Arlene Moscatel	Father SHEMUEL ben BULISSA (Sam Caston)	21 Sivan Mon June 20	Bob Benardout Sophie Morhaime Lillian Levy	Mother Sister RIVKA bat SARAH (Betty Benardout)	1 Tamuz Thurs June 30
Stanley Habib	Mother ESTHER bat SARA (Esther Habib)	22 Sivan Tues June 21			
Jerry Mezistrano	Father MOSHE ben HANULLA (Morris Mezistrano)	22 Sivan Tues June 21			

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Dear Brotherhood Member:

Your Seattle Sephardic Brotherhood announces the Fifty-ninth Scholarship Award for graduating High School Seniors (male and female) and current college students for the school term ending June, 2022.

This scholarship is available to college students who have not previously been awarded a scholarship even if you have applied before.

Again this year the Brotherhood is proud to provide two scholarships of \$4,000 each to the male and female best qualified..

The brotherhood scholarships will be made in honor of Steve Muscatel and Sol "Monie" Israel who have passed away after serving on the Brotherhood Board for many years.

The provisions of the scholarship set forth by the Board are as follows:

1. The amount of the scholarship is up to \$8,000, to be applied as a reduction to the tuition of the school of the student's choice. The school must be a college or university sanctioned by the National Association of Schools and Colleges. You must use the Scholarship for Calendar year 2022 tuition.
2. The requirements of the applicant for this scholarship are as follows:
 - a. He or She **MUST** be a current high school graduate or enrolled in a college or university.
 - b. Religious affiliation **MUST** be in Hebrew faith.
 - c. The student **MUST** be a son or daughter of a member in good standing with the Seattle Sephardic Brotherhood for a period of not less than two (2) years. Children of deceased members are eligible to apply. Grandchildren of Brotherhood members do not qualify for the Scholarship unless parents are current members of the Brotherhood.
 - d. The committee, in determining the award, will give equal consideration to scholastic achievement, Jewish involvement, extra curricular activities and leadership qualities.

All graduating seniors and current university students are encouraged to participate.

Any student qualifying and wishing to apply for this scholarship, please submit an essay regarding your goals as you see them now and how you plan to achieve those goals.

Please also fill out the Activity and Leadership form available by contacting SBH.

Include the final transcript of grades through your senior year or college transcript. All papers submitted will become the property of the Seattle Sephardic Brotherhood.

Upon receipt of this information the committee will consider all applications impartially and all applicants will be notified of their decision.

Applications and all corresponding documentation must be forwarded to the following address and postmarked not later than August 15, 2022.

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