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Rabbi's Corner

Purim was so wonderful this year. Thanks to everyone who made it special. A special thanks to Rabbi Weiss for *leyning* the *megillah* for us FOUR times over Purim. This is in addition to the *leyning* that he did Shabbat morning including an extra reading of *Zachor*, Shabbat afternoon, and Purim morning. It is no easy task and we really appreciate all his efforts! Also, thank you so much to Steven Bernstein for being on the joint committee that planned the community Purim *Seudah* at Agudas Achim. A good time was had by all. Steven put in lots of hard work and made sure that our *shul* was a part of the event.

Thanks to the Pava's for hosting an amazing wine tasting event this week. It was packed with people and we tasted so many different wines. It was a fun event and a great way to make Pesach preparation/shopping just a little more fun...! You still have time to place your orders with Steven Luger, Lenny Margulis, and Gene Wittenberg. Forms are available in the lobby or on the website. Our shul gets 20% of every purchase and there is no tax. It's a great deal and they have SO many interesting wines. We have made a lot of money so far but can do so much better. Order for the next few months – it won't go bad!

I will be away this week from Sunday evening until Wednesday evening. As you have read a few times before, I am part of a fellowship through YU called the Legacy Heritage Distinguished Rabbinic Fellowship which meets in Edison, NJ. A group of about 20 rabbis gather twice a year to study with Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter and be enriched by his scholarship. Rabbi Schacter and I are close and it is always an exciting time for me to learn from him as well as from my colleagues. These conferences are also great in terms of sharing experiences and getting feedback from other rabbis in the field and also for networking. I will be available by email or cell

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SHABBAT PARAH PARSHAT SHMINI

March 26, 2011 ✪ 20 Adar II 5771

Kiddush this Shabbat

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מזל טוב

מזל טוב to Rachel Luger on her engagement to Dave Levi, of Woodmere. **מזל טוב** to her happy parents Debbie & Steven; to her sisters, Rena & Judith; to her brother-in-law Eli Aroesty-Cohen; to her aunts, uncles, and cousins, niece & nephews; and **מזל טוב** to Florence and Menashe Levi!

מזל טוב

מזל טוב to Davida & Elly Rutstein on the birth of Mayan Devora! **מזל טוב** to proud grandparents Evelyn & Stan Rutstein, and Marcie & Michael Langbaum; **מזל טוב** to Aunts, uncles, & cousins, Rochel, Avi, Chana & Eliyahu Rosenholtz; Tzirel, Yaakov, Tehilla Bracha & Rena Fraida Rutstein. May she grow L'Torah, L'Chupah, u'L'Maasim Tovim!

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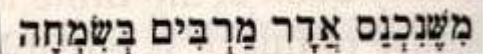
מזל טוב to Rena & Elliot Einbinder on the birth of Tova Bena! **מזל טוב** to proud grandparents Helen & Les Loew; Proud great-grandmother Margot Jeremias; to siblings Tzipora & Meira; and aunts, Uncles, & cousins, Rabbi Daniel, Chanie, Nachi, Moshe, Avi, Yitzzy & Atarah Loew; and Aviva, Shalom, Ella, Elan & Tamar Shoshana Kovacs! May she grow L'Torah, L'Chupah, u'L'Maasim Tovim!

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מזל טוב to Lorie & Mark Zackin on Ari's Bar Mitzvah! **מזל טוב** to sister Eliana; proud grandparents Aaron & Sylvia Cheerman, and Arnie & Ruth Zackin.

צאתכם לשלום

צאתכם לשלום to Rabbi Mordechai Weiss and the HAGH 8th grade class who are leaving on Sunday for their trip to Israel; and from YIWH, Danielle Dulberg, Segev Kanik and Miriam Young.



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THIS IS A BUSY TIME WITH PESACH AROUND THE CORNER
THE DEADLINES AND CONTACTS FOR DIFFERENT SALES AND EVENTS
ARE LISTED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

PESACH WINE SALE FROM SKYVIEW WINE AND SPIRITS OF RIVERDALE (20% to YIWH)

DEADLINE: MARCH 30TH CONTACT: STEVEN LUGER swluger2@yahoo.com

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DEADLINE: APRIL 1ST CONTACT: BATSHEVA GOLDFISHER batshevagold@gmail.com

PESACH SHMURA MATZOH SALE

DEADLINE: ORDERS PREPAID BY APRIL 7TH CONTACT: STEVEN LUGER
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ANY QUESTIONS WRITE OR CALL THE INDIVIDUAL CONTACT PERSON
YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

SAVE THE DATES

UPCOMING YIWH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

LADIES NIGHT AT HHNE

Monday, March 28th

From 6:00 - 8:00 PM

This AMAZING women-only event features:

- Girls' choir performance • Girls' hip-hop performance
 - Vendors including: Pampered Chef, The Mad Hatter, Deborah Levine, Leora Hessing, and Negev Sun
 - Clothing swap ~ BROADWAY - THEMED DINNER
- ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE HARTFORD WOMEN'S SHELTER

ELISHA ROSENSWEIG'S CLASS

TUESDAY, March 29th at 8:00 PM

We are studying the Book of Daniel
at the home of Judy Brenner, 103 Steele Road

HHNE SPRING HAT SHOW

MONDAY, April 4th at 6:00 PM

At the home of Fran Wittenberg, 36 Whetton Road

HHNE COOKBOOK

On sale now at HHNE Office for \$20.00

Or from Karen Benjamin 860-232-1471

Proceeds benefit the new kitchen

UPCOMING PESACH CLASSES

Wednesday, April 6th at 8:00PM

"Navigating Your Way Through Pesach Preparations"
Repeated on Shabbat Afternoon, April 9th at 5:45PM

Monday, April 11th at 8:00PM

"Insights into the Haggadah"

Shabbat Afternoon, April 16th at 5:45 PM

Shabbat HaGadol Drasha

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

WELCOME TO WEST HARTFORD SHABBAT LUNCHEON

Reservations for the Luncheon are closed.

We were able to come up with a creative solution to our wonderful "problem" of having too many people. We are encouraging all children over the age of 3 to eat lunch after "Ein kelokeynu". It will be plated, ready and waiting for them when they come downstairs. Additionally, the rabbi will be speaking after davening that morning to allow more time for the kids to eat and for us to reset the table. Afterward, we are having babysitters watching the children upstairs, and, hopefully, outside, to allow the adults more space and a worry-free lunch experience.

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SODA BOTTLE COLLECTION

Eliza Katz is collecting bottles, cans, and glass to raise money for the Rabbi's Fund. A good time to clean out your bottles before Pesach! Please bring empties to her address: 24 Miamis Road; 860-680-9847

Dvar Torah of the Week - By Rabbi David Silverberg - www.vbm-torah.org

In Parashat Shemini the Torah introduces a prohibition forbidding the *kohanim* from entering the *Mikdash* in a state of intoxication. The Torah speaks in this context of "yayin ve-sheikhar" (10:9), which is generally translated as "wine and other intoxicating beverages." Rashi, however, interprets this phrase to mean "wine [drunk] in an intoxicating manner" ("yayin derekh shikhruto"). As the Ramban and Chizkuni explain, Rashi understands the word *sheikhar* in this phrase not as including other intoxicating beverages under this prohibition, but rather as qualifying the prohibition. Namely, it applies only if one drank a quantity and in a manner that could cause intoxication. If a *kohen* drank less than this quantity, or if he drank sporadically, such that he is not inebriated, he may enter the Sanctuary and perform the *avoda* (service).

It thus emerges that according to Rashi, a *kohen* is forbidden to enter the *Mikdash* only after drinking wine, but not after drinking other beverages. Since the term *ve-sheikhar* comes to qualify the prohibition against wine, rather than to expand the scope of the prohibition to include other beverages, the prohibition relates specifically to intoxication obtained through drinking wine. This is the position taken by the Ramban, as well.

The Rambam, however, in *Hilkhot Bi'at Mikdash* (1:2), accepts the straightforward reading of this phrase, whereby it refers to both wine and other inebriating agents. In his view, a *kohen* who drinks any intoxicating beverage may not enter the *Mikdash* during his state of inebriation.

Already the Tur, in his Torah commentary (*Peirush Ha-Tur*), raises the question as to why Rashi and the Ramban would distinguish between wine and other alcoholic drinks in this regard. If the Torah forbids *kohanim* from entering the Sanctuary under intoxication, what difference does it make whether they had drunk wine or other drinks?

Rav Yaakov Kopel Schwartz, in his work *Yekev Efrayim* (New York, 5761), suggested that the Ramban (and Rashi) adopted an entirely different approach in understanding the nature of this prohibition. The Ramban writes, "The reason for this command at this point is so that the *kohen* will not err in his drunkenness from wine and come upon an improper thought and die as a result, just as his [Aharon's] sons did." Given the severity of even a slight infraction regarding the service in the *Mikdash*, the Torah forbade performing the service after drinking wine, which might result in misjudgment. Rav Schwartz suggests that the concern here relates not to the actual state of intoxication – in which the *kohen* is incapable of thinking properly at all – but rather to the general frame of mind that often accompanies gluttonous drinking. Wine not only intoxicates; it also brings upon a mood of levity and a carefree feeling that could easily result in laxity with regard to the strict responsibilities of the *avoda*. The Torah therefore restricted this prohibition to wine, which was generally drunk more liberally and was thus more likely to lead to excess and overindulgence. More so than other beverages, drinking wine posed the risk of causing the *kohen* to feel overconfident and too relaxed as he entered the *Mikdash*, which might result in a similar mistake to that committed by Aharon's sons.

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phone but please be patient for my response as I will be in sessions most of the day and night.

I would like to wish Rabbi Weiss and the 8th graders from Hebrew Academy a safe and meaningful trip to Israel. I am proud that our school makes experiencing Israel such a high priority.

We are ONE WEEK AWAY from our SHABBATON!!! This is SO exciting. We have TEN families signed up to join us for that Shabbat. Please make every effort to be in *shul* for *davening*. If you have kids that live away, invite them to come home and speak about the great aspects of growing up in West Hartford. I am happy to see that the lunch in *shul* is filled to capacity. Please try to come to our Saturday night event and to mingle with our guests in *shul*.

Shabbat Shalom!

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FRIDAY, March 25th Shacharit Candle Lighting Mincha/Maariv SHABBAT, March 26th Rabbi Sheinkopf's Mishna Brura Class Shacharit Sof Zman Kriat Shma Shabbat Morning Youth Groups Mincha Followed by Seudah Shlishit Shabbat Ends & Maariv SUNDAY, March 27th - THURSDAY, March 31st Earliest Tallit & Tefillin Shacharit...Sunday Shacharit...Monday - Thursday Mincha/Maariv @ YIWH FRIDAY, April 1st Shacharit Candle Lighting Mincha/Maariv	6:45 a.m. 6:49 p.m. 6:54 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 9:51 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:35 p.m. 7:51 p.m. 5:53 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 6:45 a.m. 6:55 p.m. 6:45 a.m. 6:57 p.m. 7:02 p.m.	Shul handles set up & Clean up! Contact Judie Patel at 236-4178 or judiep@gmail.com to check the availability of the date you need & call Fran Wittenberg 860-232-2320 to make the arrangements for the type of Kiddush you want to sponsor. <u>Checks need to be received</u> <u>the Sunday prior to your</u> <u>Kiddush date.</u> Send to David Cohen at 19 Mansfield Avenue. There are three types of Kiddushim: Standard for \$150, Semi-Deluxe for \$250 & Deluxe for \$350 With supplements available. For Seudah Shlishit contact Stan Rutstein at 232-3369 <u>KIDDUSH SCHEDULE</u>

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FRIDAY, April 1st Shacharit Candle Lighting Mincha/Maariv SHABBAT, April 2nd - WELCOME TO WEST HARTFORD Rabbi Sheinkopf's <i>Mishna Brura</i> Class Shacharit Sof Zman Kriat Shma Shabbat Morning Youth Groups Mincha Followed by Seudah Shlishit Shabbat Ends & Maariv SUNDAY, April 3rd - THURSDAY, April 7th Earliest Tallit & Tefillin Shacharit...Sunday Shacharit...Monday, Wednesday & Thursday Shacharit...Tuesday ~ Rosh Chodesh Nisan Mincha/Maariv @ YIWH FRIDAY, April 8th Shacharit Mincha/Maariv Candle Lighting	6:45 a.m. 6:57 p.m. 7:02 p.m. 8:00a.m. 8:45 a.m. 9:44 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:58 p.m. 5:41 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 6:45 a.m. 6:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 6:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:05 p.m.	Shul handles set up & Clean up! Contact Judie Patel at 236-4178 or judiep@gmail.com to check the availability of the date you need & call Fran Wittenberg 860-232-2320 to make the arrangements for the type of Kiddush you want to sponsor. <u>Checks need to be received</u> <u>the Sunday prior to your</u> <u>Kiddush date.</u> Send to David Cohen at 19 Mansfield Avenue. There are three types of Kiddushim: Standard for \$150, Semi-Deluxe for \$250 & Deluxe for \$350 With supplements available. For Seudah Shlishit contact Stan Rutstein at 232-3369 <u>KIDDUSH SCHEDULE</u>

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<p>FRIDAY, April 8th Shacharit Mincha/Maariv Candle Lighting</p> <p>SHABBAT, April 9th Rabbi Sheinkopf's Mishna Brura Class Shacharit Sof Zman Kriat Shma Shabbat Morning Youth Groups Mincha Followed by Seudah Shlishit Shabbat Ends & Maariv</p> <p>SUNDAY, April 10th - THURSDAY, April 14th Earliest Tallit & Tefillin Shacharit...Sunday Shacharit...Monday - Thursday Mincha/Maariv @ YIWH</p> <p>FRIDAY, April 15th Shacharit Mincha/Maariv Candle Lighting</p>	<p>6:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:05 p.m.</p> <p>8:00a.m. 8:45 a.m. 9:38 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:50 p.m. 8:06 p.m.</p> <p>5:28 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 6:45 a.m. 7:10 p.m.</p> <p>6:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:12 p.m.</p>	<p>Shul handles set up & Clean up! Contact Judie Patel at 236-4178 or judiep@gmail.com to check the availability of the date you need & call Fran Wittenberg 860-232-2320 to make the arrangements for the type of Kiddush you want to sponsor. <u>Checks need to be received the Sunday prior to your Kiddush date.</u> Send to David Cohen at 19 Mansfield Avenue. There are three types of Kiddushim: Standard for \$150, Semi-Deluxe for \$250 & Deluxe for \$350 With supplements available.</p> <p>For Seudah Shlishit contact Stan Rutstein at 232-3369</p> <p><u>KIDDUSH SCHEDULE</u></p>

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