

MILESTONES

Mazel Tov!

Births

- ◆ Irina & Michael Diamond on the birth of a daughter (grandparents Naoma & Isaac Stern)
- ◆ Yocheved & Ken Gelula on the birth of two granddaughters
- ◆ Sandy & Eliezer Gunzburg on the birth of a granddaughter (parents Ronit & Eli Gunzburg) and grandson (parents Dina & Avi Gunzburg)
- ◆ Chassie & Rabbi Joshua Hertzberg on the birth of great-grandson and great-granddaughter (parents Chaya & Elliott Rosenthal and Tali & Yosef Friedman; grandparents Mindy & Josh Rosenthal)
- ◆ Dorothy Hettleman on the birth of twin great-granddaughters and great-grandson (grandparents Lesley & Jeff Silverberg; aunt.uncle Karen & Rabbi Dovid Katz)
- ◆ Robin & Rabbi Shimon Levine on the birth of a grandson
- ◆ Rena Rotenberg & family upon the birth of great-grandson (grandparents Saul & Ester Rotenberg, aunt/uncle Rachel & Seth Rotenberg)
- ◆ Paula & Nat Weinstein on the birth of a great-grandson
- ◆ Sherri & Darrell Zaslow on the birth of a granddaughter (parents Janna & Aryeh Henesch)
- ◆ Pearl & Moshe Rosensaft on the birth of a son
- ◆ Bessie & Victor Reznick on the birth of a great granddaughter

Bar/Bas Mitzvahs

- ◆ Martha & Jonathan Goodman on the Bar Mitzvah of son Aryeh Leib
- ◆ Felicia Kaufman, on the Bar Mitzvah of grandson Joshua (parents Susan & Israel Kaufman)
- ◆ Bessie & Victor Reznick on the Bar Mitzvah of great-grandson Yaakov Yitzchak
- ◆ Rena Rotenberg on the Bar Mitzvah of grandson Ilan (parents Rachel & Seth Rotenberg).

Engagements

- ◆ Janet & Alan Abramowitz on the engagement of son Yonah to Sharona Bloom (grandparents Grace & Irving Abramowitz)

Weddings

- ◆ Sarah & Rabbi Cy Hertzberg on the marriage of granddaughter Ariella Shifra to Aryeh Yosef Rosenbaum (parents Hadar & Harris Bram and Andrea & Rabbi Yehuda Rosenbaum).
- ◆ Ari Mizel to Jocheved Leiman of Queens (parents Diane & Monroe Mizel and Rifkah & Shneur Leiman).
- ◆ Shoshana & Mayer Liebman upon the marriage of their son Benjamin Harris to Malka Leah Eskenazi (parents Miriam & Barry Eskenazi and Jane & Joseph Meyer).
- ◆ Hannah & Moshe Wolfish upon the marriage of Yehudis & Avraham Tzvi Wolfish

- To announce milestones in the Bulletin, contact Seth Moshman (410-358-1726)
- To sponsor a kiddush or shalosh seudos: Ralph Frier (358-1544)
- To rent the social hall: Tzipora Frager (358-1699)
- To send a mitzvahcard Judy Goldman (410-358-1507)
- To place a leaf on the Tree of Life: Barbara Lasson (358-4649)
- To join the Sisterhood: Ariella Schuchman (542-8223)

Condolences

- to Robin Levine, on the passing of her mother
- to Riva Pheterson, on the passing of her sister
- to the Schecter Family, on the passing of Rabbi Joseph Schecter z"l

Weekly Classes

- Shabbos (men & ladies / Rabbi Katz)
{90 minutes before Mincha}
- Sunday (men / Rabbi Menken)
{following Shacharis}
- Monday (ladies / Rabbi Katz) / 9:30 am
- Monday (men / Rabbi Katz) / 8:00 pm

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Message from the Rabbi

I write these lines at home ten days before Pesach, surrounded by the sights, smells, and *shailos* of the pre-Pesach season, but wrapped in thought about something I read the other day in the sefer of Rabbi Hertzberg z"l. Let me share with you an insight of his concerning Pesach, which I found both fascinating and disturbing. Rabbi Hertzberg relates the holiday of "Pass-Over" to the experience of American Jewry during the Holocaust, when they were "passed over" by the Hitlerian *malach ha-moves* while European Jewry was compelled to experience the full fury of the Angel of Death. Why was one set of Jewish communities spared when other communities – older, wiser, and more traditional – were not? This question clearly preoccupied Rabbi Hertzberg on Passovers during the war years a after. He finds no satisfying answer other than to say "*Zos chukkas ha-Pesach,*" such is the *chok*, the inscrutable way of Providence in choosing whom to strike and whom to pass over.

I share this with you obviously because of its connection with the history of our shul and its invocation of the memory of those scarred Holocaust survivors who comprised much of Rabbi Hertzberg's audience when he cogitated in public over what must have been the burning question of "Pass Over" to so many in the shul, so many who are no longer with us. But I also share it with you as an example to follow. Rabbi Hertzberg did not satisfy himself with the usual platitudes about Pesach. Rather, he sought to discover the immediate relevance to our real lives, even if it meant raising painful questions that could not be answered. We, too, should devote quality time in the upcoming holiday season and the *Omer* period following it to reflect, each of us, on how the themes of Pesach – including suffering, liberation, loss, redemption, and Providence – relate to our own lives and those of our fellow Jews around the globe, who view the future with faith but with grave concern; about an international community in which anti-Semitism and hatred refuse to die, and where Jews can be threatened without the world batting an eyelash. But with it all, we will soon recite the old refrain, how "in every generation they try to destroy us but the Holy One Blessed Be He saves us from their hand."

Karen and the kids join me in wishing everyone a *chag kasher ve-sameach*.

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