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SENATOR BIAGGI'S TOWN HALL BRUNCH

The Van Cortlandt Jewish Center is having a Town Hall Brunch to welcome our new State Senator Alessandra Biaggi on **Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 11:00 am**. The brunch is free and open to the public. Senator Biaggi is the Democratic New York State Senator in her home district (Bronx/Westchester), and Chair of the revived Ethics and Internal Governance Committee.

The granddaughter of Italian immigrants who lived in Hunts Point and born in Mount Vernon, Biaggi attended Pelham public schools and holds degrees from New York University and Fordham Law School. She is also a graduate of the Women's Campaign School at Yale University. Senator Biaggi's run for office was preceded by a decade of advocacy and service to the people of New York.

Also attending will be our Assemblyman Jeffery Dinowitz and Council Member Andrew Cohen. Per our President Bob Gillman, "Van Cortlandt Jewish Center is glad to welcome our new senator, Ms. Biaggi. We hope to work with her as we have in the past with Assemblyman Dinowitz, Councilman Cohen and Congressman Espaillat. We are lucky to have such dedicated elected officials representing us."

The Town Hall will begin with brunch, followed by brief statements from our elected officials and then questions from the audience through our moderator and answers from these politicians. This is your opportunity to be seen and heard, and to express your thoughts and concerns. While there is no charge for this event, **reservations are required** to ensure there is enough food.

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★ HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE ★

▶ EREV ROSH HASHANAH – Sunday, Sept. 29

Shachris 8:30 am

🕯 **Candle Lighting** 6:24 pm

Mincha 6:30 pm

▶ ROSH HASHANAH – Day 1 – Monday, Sept. 30

Shachris 7:45 am

Shofar blowing approx. 10:15 am

Tashlich 4:00 pm

Mincha 6:35 pm

🕯 **Candle Lighting** 7:28 pm or later

▶ ROSH HASHANAH – Day 2 – Tuesday, Oct. 1

Shachris 7:45 am

Shofar blowing approx. 10:15 am

Mincha 6:30 pm

Yom Tov ends 7:28 pm

▶ FAST OF GEDALIAH – Wednesday, Oct. 2

Shachris 6:45 am

▶ EREV YOM KIPPUR – Tuesday, Oct. 8

Shachris 7:00 am

Mincha 2:00 pm

🕯 **Candle Lighting** 6:06 pm

KOL NIDRE 6:15 pm

▶ YOM KIPPUR – Wednesday, Oct. 9

Shachris 8:00 am

YIZKOR 11:00 am

Ne'ila 6:25 pm

Yom Tov ends 7:16 pm

CANDLE LIGHTING SCHEDULE



<u>Candle Lighting</u>		<u>Shabbos Ends</u>
Fri. Sept. 6	7:02	
Sat. Sept. 7		8:06
Fri. Sept. 13	6:51	
Sat. Sept. 14		7:55
Fri. Sept. 20	6:39	
Sat. Sept. 21		7:43
Fri. Sept. 27	6:27	
Sat. Sept. 28		7:31
Sun. Sept. 29	6:24	
Rosh Hashanah 1		
Mon. Sept. 30	7:28 or later	
Rosh Hashanah 2		
<i>Kindle the Sabbath Lights</i>		

VAN CORTLANDT VILLAGE NOTES SEPTEMBER

REFUAH SHLEMAH

... Mickey Axelbank, Arnold Geismar, Miriam Gollop, Marcy Harris, Neil Harrow, Sabrina Heit, Elliot Kaufman, Saul Lieman, Howard Leventhal, Marilyn Newman, Jules Rubinstein, Mayer Sodden, Renee Stoller, Al Tenenbaum

WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

... Brian D. Miller, Leonid Pomirchi, Nathan Solomon, Ron Wegsman

WE WISH Marilyn Newman much good health and happiness in her new assisted living apartment in Woodcliff Lake, NJ. She is living near her daughter Robin Glucksman.

MAZEL TOV

... Helene Ackerman on the birth of a grandson, Jacob Isaac born to her daughter and son-in-law Ann & Aaron Slotkin. The baby was named after his great grandfather and our beloved Rabbi, Jacob Sodden, obm" Also, Mazel Tov to great Uncle Mayer Sodden and to great Aunt and great Uncle Aaron & Sheila Sodden.

☆ SCHEDULE OF SERVICES ☆

Please Attend & Guarantee our Minyanim

Morning Services:

Saturday	8:45
Sunday	8:30
Monday & Thursday	6:50
Tues., Wed., & Friday	7:00
Mon. Sept. 2 – Labor Day	8:30
Mon. Sept. 30 Rosh Hashanah Day 1	7:45

Evening Services

Friday, Sept. 6	7:00
Saturday, Sept. 7	6:50
Friday, Sept. 13	6:55
Saturday, Sept. 14	6:40
Friday, Sept. 20	6:45
Saturday, Sept. 21	6:30
Saturday, Sept. 21 –Selichot	10:00
Friday, Sept. 27	6:35
Saturday, Sept. 28	6:20
Sun. Sept. 29 Erev Rosh Hashanah	6:30
Mon. Sept. 30 Rosh Hashanah Day 1	6:35

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September 2019

1 Elul 5779- 1 Tishrei 5780



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1 ELUL Rosh Chodesh Elul - Day 2 Morning . . 8:30	2 2 ELUL Labor Day Morning . . 8:30 (Office Closed)	3 3 ELUL Morning . . 7:00 Finance Committee meeting 7:00 pm	4 4 ELUL Morning . . 7:00	5 5 ELUL Morning . . 6:50 Fundraising Committee meeting 7:00 pm	6 6 ELUL Morning . . 7:00 Evening . . 7:00 Candles 7:02	7 7 ELUL Shoftim Morning . . 8:45 Evening . . 6:50 Shabbos ends 8:06
8 8 ELUL Morning . . 8:30	9 9 ELUL Morning . . 6:50	10 10 ELUL Morning . . 7:00 Board meeting 7:00 pm	11 11 ELUL Morning . . 7:00	12 12 ELUL Morning . . 6:50	13 13 ELUL Morning . . 7:00 Evening . . 6:55 Candles 6:51	14 14 ELUL Ki Teitzei Morning . . 8:45 Evening . . 6:40 Shabbos ends 7:55
15 15 ELUL Morning . . 8:30 Senator Biaggi Town Hall Brunch 11:00 am	16 16 ELUL Morning . . 6:50	17 17 ELUL Morning . . 7:00	18 18 ELUL Morning . . 7:00	19 19 ELUL Morning . . 6:50	20 20 ELUL Morning . . 7:00 Evening . . 6:45 Candles 6:39	21 21 ELUL Ki Tavo Morning . . 8:45 Evening . . 6:30 Shabbos ends 7:43 Selichot 10 pm
22 22 ELUL Morning . . 8:30 Sisterhood meeting 10:30 am	23 23 ELUL Morning . . 6:50	24 24 ELUL Morning . . 7:00	25 25 ELUL Morning . . 7:00	26 26 ELUL Morning . . 6:50	27 27 ELUL Morning . . 7:00 Evening . . 6:35 Candles 6:27	28 28 ELUL Nitzavim Morning . . 8:45 Evening . . 6:20 Shabbos ends 7:31
29 29 ELUL Erev Rosh Hashanah Morning . . 8:30 Evening . . 6:30 Candles 6:24	30 1 TISHREI Rosh Hashanah - Day 1 Shachris . . 7:45 Tashlich . . 4:00 Mincha . . . 6:35 Candles 7:28 or later		OFFICE HOURS beginning September 3 MON. TO THURS 9 am to 5 pm and FRIDAY 9 am to 1 pm		HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE	


☆ *Yahrzeits* ☆

<u>SEPT.</u>		<u>ELUL</u>
1	Jack Mandel	1
1	Ceil Levine	1
1	Bertha Winevsky	1
2	Olga Szalavits	2
2	Max Bougen	2
5	Louis Linn	5
5	Seymour Bara	5
5	Ethel Barnett	5
5	Harry Greif	5
7	Harriet Lorraine Baggish	7
7	Louis Tenenbaum	7
7	Howard Ross	7
7	Ruth Tennen	7
7	Leon Newman	7
8	Tessie Belkin	8
9	Harry Forman	9
9	Aaron Becker	9
11	Edward Goodman	11
11	Isidor Zimmerman	11
12	Murray Rosenberg	12
13	Milton Heit	13
13	Robert Ganberg	13
14	Irving Lieman	14
15	Mildred Rosenberg	15
15	Gussie Rosenbloom	15
16	Celia Rubin	16
16	Rose Koch	16
17	Leon Goldstein	17
18	Shirley Citron	18
18	Matilda Moskowitz	18
18	Samuel Halberg	18
18	Janet Lieboff	18
19	Toba Lehrach	19
20	Noah Gritz	20
20	Dr. Marvin Silver	20
21	Louis Rudich	21
21	Rose Wechsler	21
21	Philip Belosofsky	21
22	Selma Farrago	22
22	Sylvia Sides	22
22	Alan Fudell	22
25	Max Goldstein	25
25	Ina Martinson	25
25	Israel Friedberg	25

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☆ *Yahrzeits* ☆

<u>SEPT.</u>		<u>ELUL</u>
27	Samuel Saunders	27
27	Emanuel Karger	27
27	Sadie Goldenberg	27
27	Philip Kachalsky	27
27	Stephen Portnoy	27
29	Jacob Melter	29
		<u>TISHRI</u>
30	Dr. George J. Pease	1

 *Remember to light a Yahrzeit candle the night before*

We thank all those who make donations to VCJC throughout the year.

Your support is very much appreciated more so NOW than ever!



 **SISTERHOOD NEWS** 

It's hard to believe that the summer is almost over and a new season of the VCJC Sisterhood is about to begin. I hope that everyone has had a restful and enjoyable summer and is ready for another year of activities, meetings events and more!

Our first meeting of the season is scheduled for **Sunday, September 22nd at 10:30 am** in the game room. Refreshments will be served. Please bring yourself and perhaps a friend, along with any suggestions you might have to make this year both successful and meaningful. I'm hoping that we can schedule some activities or events that will be attended and enjoyable to not only our members, but our community as well.

By now, you should have received a letter asking for this year's dues. **Dues are \$30 for the upcoming year.** If you are coming to the meeting and have not already sent yours into the office, please bring it with you.

Michael Stoller asked me if the Sisterhood would plan a visit to see his mother, Renee at the Hebrew Home. I thought perhaps after our meeting on Sept. 22nd we could visit with Renee, Miriam Gollop and Al Tenenbaum. I'm sure they would appreciate us coming and spending time with them. I have room for 4 people in my car and we could plan to have some lunch in their café and then visit with them.

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SISTERHOOD NEWS – continued

My son Matthew told me that Marilyn Newman was a guest at the Rabbi’s Brunch on August 18th. I am sorry that I missed her, since I was in Chicago visiting my grandchildren. I hope that some of you got the opportunity to speak with her and will share your conversations with us. I will be planning a visit with Marilyn in the near future.

Sisterhood wishes everyone in the Van Cortlandt Jewish Center and Beyond a very Happy, Healthy and Sweet New Year!

L’Shana Tova!
Ceil Hartstein, President

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Celebrating a special occasion, such as a significant birthday or anniversary, or a birth, wedding or graduation in the family? Or observing a yahrzeit? Or just want to honor a special person or event? Why not share it with the congregation by sponsoring a **Shalosh Seudos or mini-Kiddush?**

The **Shalosh Seudos** (third meal) is a light meal held every Shabbos afternoon between the mincha (afternoon) and maariv (evening) services. The menu can be customized but usually consists of sliced gefilte fish, tuna fish or egg salad, other light foods, fresh fruit, cookies or pastries, challah and crackers, and soda. The cost of sponsoring is approximately \$50 depending on the final menu. \$10 of this amount is a donation to the VCJC.

The **mini-Kiddush** is held every Shabbos morning in the Boyarsky Hall immediately following services. It consists of wine and grape juice for reciting the Kiddush, accompanied by a variety of pareve pastries and cookies. The cost to sponsor is a more modest \$25.

A **third option** is sponsoring one of the monthly lectures held between January and June. Preceding each lecture, we serve a light breakfast of bagels, cream cheese and lox along with coffee. Sponsorship costs \$100.

If you wish to be a **sponsor** for any of these events, simply contact the office to book the date, preferably at least two weeks in advance. The office staff will take care of making all the arrangements. We look forward to your participation in these programs.

SENATOR BIAGGI’S BRUNCH – continued

In addition, **donations are greatly appreciated** and to help defray costs we will also hold a **50/50 Cash Raffle**. Please fill out the form below and return it to the VCJC office by **Tuesday, September 10th**. We look forward to your support at what we hope to be a well-attended event.

Reservations can also be made on our website at <https://vcjewishcenter.org/senator-biaggis-town-hall-brunch/> or go to vcjewishcenter.org and it’s on the main menu

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SENATOR BIAGGI’S TOWN HALL BRUNCH

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/_/ Here is my donation to help defray the cost of the brunch..... Amount \$ _____

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**The Van Cortlandt Jewish Center invites you to attend
A TOWN HALL BRUNCH WELCOMING NY STATE SENATOR ALESSANDRA BIAGGI**



What: Buffet brunch followed by introductions from Senator Biaggi and other elected officials (Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz and Council Member Andrew Cohen) with a question and answer session based on questions from the audience through our moderator.

When: **Sunday, September 15th, 2019, beginning at 11:00 am.**

Where: VAN CORTLANDT JEWISH CENTER, 3880 SEDGWICK AVE., Main Dining Hall

This event, including the brunch, is free. Reservations are required (no later than Sept. 10th). Sponsorships (\$100 and up) and donations are graciously accepted. There will also be a 50/50 cash raffle to help defray costs.



SENATOR BIAGGI'S TOWN HALL BRUNCH

Name _____

Address _____

- I/we will attend the Town Hall Brunch Number attending _____
 Here is my donation to help defray the cost of the Brunch - Amount \$ _____

If donating, please make check payable to: Van Cortlandt Jewish Center

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