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# VAN CORTLANDT JEWISH CENTER

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OCTOBER 2019 TISHRI/CHESHVAN 5780

#### <u>TOWN HALL BRUNCH</u> <u>WELCOMING SENATOR BIAGGI WITH</u> <u>ASSEMBLYMAN DINOWITZ</u>

Van Cortlandt Jewish Center had a Town Hall Brunch welcoming our newly elected State Senator Alessandra Biaggi. Also joining us was Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz. Council Member Andrew Cohen was invited but had a scheduling conflict and couldn't make it.

It was held on Sunday, September 15, 2019 in the ballroom of the Van Cortlandt Jewish Center. The event started at 11:00 AM and ended at 1:00PM. Over 100 people were in attendance; both members of VCJC and from Van Cortlandt Village.

The event started with a large assortment of foods for brunch including salads, white fish, lox, rolls, muffins, bagels, coffee, juices and much more. During brunch, participants submitted written questions for the officials.

The audience and elected officials were then welcomed to VCJC by the President, Robert Gillman, who introduced the moderator for the day, Michael Stoller. Michael Stoller told how when his grandmother went to vote, she would look for the Jewish names AND State Senator Biaggi's grandfather, Mario Biaggi, to vote for.

Each elected official gave short opening remarks. This was followed by a question and answer period. State Senator Biaggi and Assemblyman Dinowitz answered questions on several topics. Many people asked what could be done about parking and the cost of housing. One question that had a lot of interest was on the BDS Movement and anti-Semitic feelings across the country. (continued page 5)

# $\Rightarrow$ high holiday schedule $\Rightarrow$

► ROSH HASHANAH – Day 2 – Shachris	Tuesday, Oct. 1 7:45 am
	10:15 am
Mincha	6:30 pm
<b>≭</b> Yom Tov ends	7:28 pm
►FAST OF GEDALIAH – Wedn	
Shachris	6:45 am
► EREV YOM KIPPUR – Tuesda	av Oct 8
Shachris	7:00 am
Mincha	2:00 pm
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Candle Lighting	6:09 pm
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►YOM KIPPUR – Wednesday,	Oct 9
Shachris	8:00 am
	1:00 am
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Evening	6:10 pm
<sup>8</sup> Candle Lighting	6:01 pm
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Evening	6:15 pm
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	7:05 or later
► SUCCOS – Day 2 – Tuesday	, October 15
Morning	8:45am
Evening	6:10 pm
<b>₩</b> Yom Tov ends	7:05 pm
	(continued page 5)

# CANDLE LIGHTING SCHEDULE

Kindle the Sabbath & Holiday Lights



Candle Lighting		Shabbos Ends
Fri. Oct. 4 Sat. Oct. 5	6:15	7.10
Fri. Oct. 11	6:04	7:19
Sat. Oct. 12 Fri. Oct. 18	5:53	7:08
Sat. Oct. 19 Fri. Oct. 25	5:43	6:57
Sat. Oct. 26	0.10	6:47

## ★ See October calendar for complete listing of all Holiday times ★

# ☆ <u>SCHEDULE OF SERVICES</u> Please Attend & Guarantee our Minyanim

#### Morning Services:

Saturday	8:45
Sunday	8:30
Monday & Thursday	6:50
Tues., Wed., & Friday	7:00
Tues. & Wed. Oct. 29 & 30	
Rosh Chodesh – Cheshvan	6:30
<b>Evening Services</b>	

#### Friday, Oct. 4 Saturday, Oct. 5 Friday, Oct. 11 Saturday, Oct. 12 Friday, Oct. 18 Saturday, Oct. 19 Friday, Oct. 25 Saturday, Oct. 26

See pages 1 & 5 for times of Holiday services \*

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# VAN CORTLANDT VILLAGE NOTES OCTOBER

#### **REFUAH SHLEMAH**

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

### **OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY**

... Dr. Rhonda Schnur-Heymann & family on the loss of her mother, Jean Schnur. Jean was a member of our synagogue for many years and also a member of Sisterhood, before moving to Commack, Long Island to be near her daughter.

. . . to the family of Hannah Grossman. Hannah was a regular member of the JASA Senior Center.

SEE FLYER INSERTED IN THIS ISSUE FOR SUCCAH MEALS Three meals will be served – 2 dinners and 1 lunch

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October 2019

Tishrei - Cheshvan 5780





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21	Miriam Rolnick	22
21	Frances Rader	22
22	Yaakov Schreck	23
22	Joseph Kuperberg	23
22	Irving Schwartz	23
23	Esther Sarah Silver	24
23	Sylvia Margulis	24
23	Seymour Pollack	24
24	Gussie Chast	25
24	Jack Spielberg	25
24	Gussie Honig	25
25	Gary Charles Josepher	26
25	Flora Marcus	26
25	Beckie Lieber	26
25	Dora Peck	26
26	Mary Shtender	27
26	Angelica Banyay	27
26	Harry Wessler	27
26	Hodos Lehrach	27
26	Isidor Migdal	27
28	Edna Tillman	29
28	Harry Glicksman	29
28	Isidor Kaminer	29
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30	Joseph Soloff	1
30	Paul Seecof	1
31	Rebecca Barnestein	2
31	Jerry Ross	1 2 2 2 2 2
31	Rose Belosofsk	2
31	Robert Cohen	2
31	Jack Herman	Z

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# Remember to light a Yahrzeit candle the night before

Van Cortlandt Jewish Center thanks everyone who makes donations to our Yizkor appeal. It is very much appreciated.

# B<u>SISTERHOOD NEWS</u>B

On Sunday, September 22nd, Sisterhood had its first meeting of the season. There were only eight ladies attending and I want to thank them for being there. Even though we were a small group the meeting was very successful. Sharon Godlewicz reported on our finances as we begin the new year. We do not have much money in the bank since last year our only income was our dues. We discussed our usual donation to the shul at the Yom Kippur Yizkor appeal. We will be giving a donation, but it will be much less than we have given in the past. At this point in time our only income is our dues collection.

If you have not paid your dues yet, please send your check in the amount of \$30.00 into the office. If you know anyone who would like to become a member please give them the information.

On November 3rd we will have a Books & Bagels Brunch. If you would like to share your thoughts about books you've recently read please join us for a breakfast brunch of bagels & lox, dessert & coffee. The price of the brunch will be \$10.00. If you would like to donate books, please bring them with you. If you do not want to share your ideas but just want to have brunch please join us for an enjoyable time with your friends and neighbors. Both women and men are welcome! If you are interested in coming please call or come into the office to reserve a spot.

Sisterhood wishes everyone in the Van Cortlandt Synagogue and beyond a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

L'Shana Tova

Ceil Hartstein, President

#### TOWN HALL BRUNCH – continued

Both officials were strongly against sanctions and anti Semitism. They spoke for several minutes on how wrong and anti-American these topics are.

The Town Hall concluded with closing statements by both officials. Both officials mentioned that they have local offices in Riverdale and if anyone had any issues, to contact their offices. State Senator Biaggi can be reached at 718-822-2049 and Assemblyman Dinowitz can be reached at 718-796-5345.

After the closing statements, a 50/50 raffle was drawn and the winner was Jack Spiegel.

We'd like to thank the following sponsors:

- Amalgamated Housing Corporation
- Kingsbridge Riverdale Van Cortlandt Development Corporation (KRVC)
- Riverdale Kosher Market
- Van Cortlandt Cooperative Federal Credit Union (VCCFCU)

VCJC Sisterhood

This event couldn't be done without the following people: Ceil Hartstein; Marcy Gillman-Harris, Stu Harris, Glenn Fleischman, Howard Kamiel, Bob Gillman, Michael Stoller, Phil Friedman. Roberta Seidner, Claire Haime and Jack Spiegel. Thank you all.

Because of the huge success of this event, we hope to have more community events in the future. Our next event, which will be open to all, will be our **Bazaar & Carnival which will be on December 8<sup>th</sup>**. Watch for more information.

# SAVE THE DATE! BAZAAR & CARNIVAL – SUNDAY, DEC. 8<sup>th</sup> From 11 am to 3 pm

Volunteers & Vendors needed Online auction will take place from Sunday morning Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> thru Saturday night, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> www.biddingforgood.com/vcjc

### HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - continued

SUCCOS – CHOL HAMOED – Oct. 16, 17, 18				
Morning	6:30 am			
HASHANNA RABBAH – Sunday O	<u>ct. 20</u>			
Morning	8:30 am			
Evening	5:55 pm			
Candles	5:50 pm			
SHEMINI ATZERET – Mon. October	<u>21</u>			
Morning	8:45 am			
	10:30 am			
Evening	6:00 pm			
🖞 Candles	6:54 pm or later			
Simchas Toray Party	,			
SIMCHAS TORAH – Tues. Oct. 22				
Morning	8:45 am			
Evening	5:55 pm			
*HOLIDAY ENDS	6:54 pm			

A special edition of the magazine **CITY & STATE NEW YORK** published its list of the Bronx Power 100 most influential people in the Bronx, Included in the list are Van Cortlandt Jewish Center members, Gary Axelbank at #52 and Brad Silver at #60

Also our local elected officials, Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz and State Senator Alessandra Biaggi, both who were here on Sunday at our Town Hall brunch were listed at #14 and #15.

Congratulations to all of them!

# **HOLIDAY GREETINGS - 2019**

A Happy, Healthy & Prosperous New Year to my family, friends & neighbors. Peace & Blessings Karen Armstrong	L'Shana Tova Tikasevu A Happy, Healthy, Sweet and Prosperous New Year from Israel to all officers, congregants, &	L'Shana Tova and above all, a healthy one Neil Harrow
L'Shana Tova Tikasevu to all my friends & neighbors in the Van Cortlandt Village Glenn Fleischman	friends of the Van Cortlandt Jewish Center Rabbi David & Daniela Borenstein & Family	L'Shana Tova Tikasevu to all my friends & neighbors in the Van Cortlandt Village
L'Shana Tova Tikasevu To all and wishes for peace here, in Israel and around the world Sonja & Arnold Geismar	A Happy and Healthy New Year to my Family and Friends	Ceil, Larry & Matthew Hartstein Wishing the VCJC family a Sweet New Year of Peace, Health & Happiness Razel Kessler
Good health for many years to come. Milton & Anita Gill & Family	Phil Friedman	L'Shana Tova Tikasevu to my friends in Van Cortlandt Village and to all my children & grandchildren. Wishes for a peaceful year. Marcia (Panken) & Paul Miller & family
A Happy & Healthy New Year to all of our family, friends and neighbors Sharon & Alan Godlewicz	L'Shana Tova Tikasevu to all my friends and neighbors in the Van Cortlandt Village and	L'Shana Tova Tikasevu to all our friends & neighbors in the Van Cortlandt Village Marilyn Newman & family
L'Shana Tova TikaSevu to all my friends & neighbors in the Van Cortlandt Village Ellen & Philip Goldstein & Alan Waletsky	wishes for peace here, in Israel and around the world Charlotte Oestreicher Ganberg	Happy New Year 5780 & many more to all the wonderful people at the Van Cortlandt Jewish Center Anya Raychuk & "Champagne"
L'Shana Tova Tikasevu to all my friends & neighbors in the Van Cortlandt Village Claire Haime	A Happy & Healthy New Year to our children, grandchildren and friends	L'Shana Tova Tikasevu from the Rossberg Family
L'Shana Tova Tikasevu to our family, friends, neighbors & our VCJC extended family	Laura & Bob Gillman	L'Shana Tova Tikasevu to my friends & neighbors in the Van Cortlandt Village and to my children & grandchild
Stuart & Marcy Harris & daughters		Ruth Solomon

L'Shana Tova Tikasevu To all my friends & neighbors In the Van Cortlandt Village Jack, Shelley & Michael Spiegel L'Shana Tova Tikasevu to our family & friends in the Van Cortlandt Jewish Center Shirley Spira Raizel Kaplun & Simcha	L'Shana Tova Tikasevu to all my friends and neighbors in the Van Cortlandt Village Tere & Howard E. Kamiel	L'Shana Tova Tikasevu Happy, Healthy & Prosperous New Year to all of our friends in the Van Cortlandt Village Fraidy & Cantor Moshe Nachman
L'Shana Tova Tikasevu to all our friends & neighbors Renee Stoller Michael Stoller & Jyl Braff L'Shana Tova Tikasevu To our friends & neighbors in the Van Cortlandt Village Dan & Michelle Sullivan	L'Shana Tova Tikasevu to all our friends & neighbors in the Van Cortlandt Village. And wishes for peace here, in Israel and around the world Batya & Jack Kleinfeld & family	L'Shana Tova Tikasevu to my beloved family and to my friends and neighbors in the Van Cortlandt Village and wishes for peace here, in Israel and around the world <i>May W. Nast</i>
L'Shana Tova and a Healthy, Happy New Year to the Congregants of the Van Cortlandt Jewish Center Sisterhood of the VCJC Holiday Greetings to all in the Van Cortlandt Village	L'Shana Tova Tikasevu to all our family, friends and neighbors. Our wishes for peace here, in Israel and around the world	May Hashem Bless Van Cortlandt Village and the entire World with a Peaceful, Happy, & Healthy 5780 Ben-Z Panush
Floridian Friends Stanley & Mildred Thalblum	Howie & Jackie Leventhal	
L'Shana Tova Tikasevu Wishing everyone a Healthy, Joyous & Spiritual fulfilling New Year Stuart Trivax We gratefully thank all our friends & neighbors for making a donation for the Holiday Greetings	L'Shana Tova Tikasevu A Happy & Healthy New Year to all our friends at the Van Cortlandt Jewish Center. We pray for peace here, in Israel and around the world Esther & David Malach	A Happy & Healthy New Year to all my friends & neighbors in the Van Cortlandt Village Lynn Schwarz

A Happy & Healthy New Year to my family & friends in the Van Cortlandt Village	A Happy & Healthy New Year to all my family & friends and wishes for Peace here, in Israel & around the world	Happy & Healthy New Year to everyone in the Van Cortlandt Jewish Center
Roberta Seidner	Sam & Bernice Sussman	Alvin Tenenbaum

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#### Town Hall Brunch in VCJC Ballroom, Sunday, September 15, 2019



Part of the Audience of over 100 people that joined us. There were members of VCJC and people from Van Cortlandt Village.



Michael Stoller is about to introduce Robert Gillman, President of VCJC to the audience, while Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz and State Senator Alessandra Biaggi get ready.

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FISCAL YEARS ENDED	<u>JUNE 30, 2019, 2018</u>	and 2017	
	Year Ended	Year Ended	Year Ended
	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017
INCOME:			
Dues and High Holiday Tickets	24,276	22,958	21,72
Contributions	54,091	60,455	56,179
Net Rental IncomeSenior Center Program	58,923	53,184	51,512
Net Rental IncomeMMCC Day Care Program	109,271	87,230	76,544
Rental Income	11,288	8,450	8,94
Net IncomeDinner/Journal	25,739	23,974	25,47
Net IncomeBook of Remembrance	7,799	7,614	6,89
Net IncomeBazaar & Carnival	9,405	5,690	9,65
Net IncomeBig Bronx Reunion	0	2,329	0,00
Net IncomeWinter Event	1,221	78	2,86
Net IncomeOther Auctions	6,327	4,001	35
Net IncomeMemorial Tablets & Kaddish	104	767	72
Anniversary Brunch	0	0	12
Net IncomePurim Cards	4595	4559	410
Center Light & Web Site Advertising	3,565	6,385	3,25
Net ExpenseShabbat Across America	10	42	(8
Net IncomePassover Seders	899	580	66
Other Income	4,219	4,784	5,86
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Total Receipts	321,732	293,080	274,74
EXPENSES:			
Salaries and Employee Benefits	123,487	121,543	120,22
Synagogue Expenses	19,023	20,820	20,91
Charitable Contributions	1,930	2,850	2,85
Office Expenses	23,741	20,518	16,70
Insurance	32,542	34,938	34,89
Electricity, Gas, Fuel & Water	39,016	35,066	44,08
Other Building Operations & Maintenance	59,765	69,474	55,70
Total Regular Expenditures	299,504	305,209	295,36
Excess (Deficit) of Receipts over			
Regular Expenditures	22,228	(12,129)	(20,620
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# ► HOT MEALS IN OUR SUCCAH

Once again, the Van Cortlandt Jewish Center will have hot meals in our Succah. This year there will be two (2) meals for Dinner and one (1) meal for Lunch

# \* DEADLINE IS ----- OCTOBER 8th \*

We can only accommodate 25 people in the Succah per meal. Please make your reservation NOW!

# PRICE . . . . \$25.00 for each meal

Check payable to: Van Cortlandt Jewish Center

# **SUCCAH MEALS**

Please check meals you would like and note number of people for each:

DINNER		LUNCH	
Sunday, Oct. 13		Shabbos, Oct. 19	
Friday, Oct. 18			
Name			
Address & Apt. #		Phone #	
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information? Y N			
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