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FEBRUARY 2020

Shevat/Adar 5780

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th

A film will be shown called

"BAL EJ - THE HIDDEN JEWS OF ETHIOPIA"

directed by Irene Orleansky

The film runs 96 minutes long and there will be a short discussion afterwards

Light breakfast served at 9:30 am

**Film begins at 10:00 am.
in the ballroom**

**Sisterhood is sponsoring the breakfast.
There is no charge for the breakfast,
but donations are gratefully appreciated.**

*You can view two movie trailers and see information about the event.

<https://vcjewishcenter.org/film-presentation-feb-9>

*The trailers are also at:
<https://vimeo.com/181909784>

**Bring your friends and neighbors
All are welcome.
This is truly a very interesting film.**

SAVE THE DATE

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The Van Cortlandt Jewish Center is pleased to announce its annual

☆ **SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA** ☆
DINNER & PROGRAM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

Rabbi Nosson Loewenthal will lead the Friday evening Shabbos services and lead the singing at the Friday evening meal.

This is the annual continent-wide Friday night celebration that unites hundreds of synagogues and Jewish organizations of all sizes, backgrounds and ideologies. This program encourages synagogues and Jewish center members to invite their friends, neighbors and co-workers to participate together in a joyous kosher Shabbat meal and experience.

The cost of the dinner and the Shabbat Program

\$26 per person for chicken

\$30 per person for fish

Special "first timer" price \$18/21

Children 12 & under \$12, Children under 5 free

The dinner is catered by Riverdale Kosher Market

**Flyers have been mailed out. Please respond
by Friday, February 21st**

FEBRUARY

CANDLE LIGHTING SCHEDULE



<u>Candle Lighting</u>		<u>Shabbos Ends</u>
Sat. Feb. 1		5:58
Fri. Feb. 7	5:02	
Sat. Feb. 8		6:06
Fri. Feb. 14	5:11	
Sat. Feb. 15		6:15
Fri. Feb. 21	5:19	
Sat. Feb. 22		6:23
Fri. Feb. 28	5:27	
Sat. Feb. 29		6:31

Kindle the Sabbath Lights

☆ SCHEDULE OF SERVICES ☆

Please Attend & Guarantee our Minyanim

Morning Services:

Saturday	8:30 *
Sunday	8:30
Monday & Thursday	6:50
Tues., Wed., & Friday	7:00
Mon. Feb. 17 Presidents' Day	8:30
Tues. Feb. 25 Rosh Chodesh Adar Day 1	6:30
Wed. Feb. 26 Rosh Chodesh Adar Day 2	6:30

* Saturday morning services will remain at 8:30 till further notice.

Evening Services

Saturday, Feb. 1	4:50
Friday, Feb. 7	5:05
Saturday, Feb. 8	4:55
Friday, Feb. 14	5:15
Saturday, Feb. 15	5:05
Friday, Feb. 21	5:25
Saturday, Feb. 22	5:15
Friday, Feb. 28	5:30
Saturday, Feb. 29	5:20

VAN CORTLANDT VILLAGE NOTES

FEBRUARY

► REFUAH SHLEMAH

... Rabbi David Borenstein, Arnold Geismar, Miriam Gollop, Neil Harrow, Elliot Kaufman, Morty Levine, Faye Lieman, Saul Lieman, Kasey Lomax, Frieda Natt, Marilyn Newman, Jules Rubinstein, Mayer Sodden, Renee Stoller, Michelle Sullivan, Al Tenenbaum, Warren Withum.

► MAZEL TOV

... Jack & Batya Kleinfeld are delighted to welcome a new grandson, Nolan Cole Kleinfeld (Yosef Aviel ben Gavriel Ari HaKohan), son of Gabe & Val Kleinfeld.

► THANK YOU

... Laura Gillman & Ceil Hartstein for helping with the Purim mailing. It was very much appreciated.

► IMPORTANT

If someone is ill and needs to be contacted, please let the office staff know. If we don't know, we can't extend the courtesy of a visit, card or phone call to that person.

► PLEASE NOTE

**Saturday, Feb. 8 – Tu B'Shevat Shalosh Seudos
Jewish Arbor Day**

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February 2020



6 Shevat - 4 Adar 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <small>6 SHEVAT</small> Bo Morning . . 8:30 Evening . . 4:50 Shabbos ends 5:58
2 <small>7 SHEVAT</small> Morning . . 8:30	3 <small>8 SHEVAT</small> Morning . . 6:50	4 <small>9 SHEVAT</small> Morning . . 7:00	5 <small>10 SHEVAT</small> Morning . . 7:00	6 <small>11 SHEVAT</small> Morning . . 6:50	7 <small>12 SHEVAT</small> Morning . . 7:00 Evening . . 5:05 Candles 5:02	8 <small>13 SHEVAT</small> Beshalach Morning . . 8:30 Evening . . 4:55 Shabbos ends 6:06 Tu B'Shevat Shalosh Seudos
9 <small>14 SHEVAT</small> Morning . . 8:30 Lecture Series Breakfast 9:30am Lecture 10:00 am	10 <small>15 SHEVAT</small> Tu B'Shevat Jewish Arbor Day Morning . . 6:50	11 <small>16 SHEVAT</small> Morning . . 7:00 Board meeting 7 pm	12 <small>17 SHEVAT</small> Morning . . 7:00	13 <small>18 SHEVAT</small> Morning . . 6:50	14 <small>19 SHEVAT</small> Morning . . 7:00 Evening . . 5:15 Candles 5:11	15 <small>20 SHEVAT</small> Yitro Morning . . 8:30 Evening . . 5:05 Shabbos ends 6:15
16 <small>21 SHEVAT</small> Morning . . 8:30 Sisterhood meeting 10:30	17 <small>22 SHEVAT</small> Presidents' Day Morning . . 8:30 (office closed)	18 <small>23 SHEVAT</small> Morning . . 7:00	19 <small>24 SHEVAT</small> Morning . . 7:00	20 <small>25 SHEVAT</small> Morning . . 6:50	21 <small>26 SHEVAT</small> Morning . . 7:00 Evening . . 5:25 Candles 5:19	22 <small>27 SHEVAT</small> Mishpatim Shabbat Shekalim Morning . . 8:30 Evening . . 5:15 Shabbos ends 6:23
23 <small>28 SHEVAT</small> Morning . . 8:30	24 <small>29 SHEVAT</small> Morning . . 6:50	25 <small>30 SHEVAT</small> Rosh Chodesh Adar - Day 1 Morning . . 6:30	26 <small>1 ADAR</small> Rosh Chodesh Adar - Day 2 Morning . . 6:30	27 <small>2 ADAR</small> Morning . . 6:50	28 <small>3 ADAR</small> Morning . . 7:00 Evening . . 5:30 Candles 5:27 Shabbat Across America	29 <small>4 ADAR</small> Terumah Morning . . 8:30 Evening . . 5:20 Shabbos ends 6:31

☆ *Yahrzeits* ☆

<u>Februariy</u>		<u>Shevat</u>
1	Reuben Rosenberg	6
1	Abraham Lederman	6
2	Netty Eder	7
2	Philip Schildkraut	7
3	Howard Padernacht	8
3	Samuel Haren	8
3	Muriel Sachwald	8
3	Ruth Orloff	8
4	Jack Yesbek	9
6	Toby Gritz	11
6	Rachel Schlonsky	11
7	Ellis J. Moss	12
7	Moe Geller	12
7	Abe Smerling	12
7	Beatrice Rothfleish	12
8	Samuel Kriedman	13
8	Jack Orenge	13
9	Minnie Weitzman	14
9	Minnie Vantosh	14
10	Reva Nagel	15
10	Pauline Imas	15
10	Al Bronstein	15
11	Tillie Weiss	16
13	Solomon Honig	18
13	Helen Greenbaum	18
14	Meyer Walzer	19
14	Bob Centre	19
14	Irving Boyarsky	19
14	Isidor Grumet	19
15	Alex Balkowski	20
15	Moe Pushkin	20
15	Rose Cooper	20
16	Harvey Penn	21
17	Anna Green	22
17	Joseph Teig	22
18	Bessie Cohen	23
19	Joseph Feiner	24
19	Morris Salant	24
20	Jack Baiser	25
20	Miriam Rivkah Ghelberg	25
20	Evelyn Hellenbrand	25
20	Perry Siegel	25
21	Teresa Pinkowitz	26
21	Cantor Chaim Panush	26
21	Esther Satosky	26
22	Sara Herzel	27
22	Laura Friedman	27
22	George Pushkin	27
22	Dr. Harry Marcus	27
22	Anna Kaufman	27

☆ *Yahrzeits* ☆

<u>February</u>		<u>Shevat</u>
23	Esther Pushkin	28
23	Abraham Sultan	28
24	Minnie Feiner	29
24	Herman Markbreiter	29
25	Martin Harold Yaeger	30
		<u>Adar</u>
26	Charles Rosenbaum	1
26	Rabbi Henry Katz	1
26	Beatrice Fisher	1
27	Beckie Sugin	2
28	Selma Weeden	3
29	Isidore Heyman	4
29	Rose Josephs	4
29	William Nagel	4
29	Alvin Plotkin	4



**Remember to light a
yahrzeit candle the night
before**



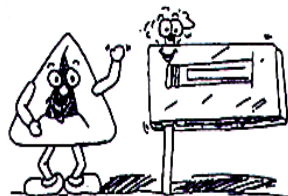
🌸 **SISTERHOOD NEWS** 🌸

On Sunday, January 19th the Sisterhood hosted a Family History Project and Breakfast event. We had 14 people which was comprised of Sisterhood members and 4 husbands. First we all enjoyed a delicious breakfast of bagels, cream cheese & lox along with coffee and pastries. We went around the table and people shared their personal recollections and details about their grandparents, parents and other family relatives. They spoke about where their relatives came from in Europe and where they settled in the U.S. They talked about their occupations and how difficult life was for them. They spoke about not having known some of their relatives and how they wished they could go back in time to find out more about them. Some of us brought old photographs and documents like wedding invitations, marriage certificates and other interesting memorabilia that were passed around for all to see. Everyone's story was unique, but there were many similarities as well and we learned a lot about each other. In conclusion we realized that these stories should be preserved for future reference and could either be written down or possibly video- taped. Jack Kleinfeld and I will discuss how we can make this happen. Stay tuned for part two of Family History Project!

I want to thank everyone who participated in this event and making it a very special one. In addition thanks to Roberta & Claire for all they do. Thanks to Ismael for setting up the coffee. Finally thanks to everyone who helped to set up & clean up.

**Our next meeting will be on
Sunday, February 16th at 10:30** in the Game Room. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Ceil Hartstein, President



This year PURIM falls out on March 10th

**We hope that you will participate in our
PURIM GREETINGS PROGRAM**

This is your opportunity to send
Purim Greetings to your
relatives, friends & neighbors

Each recipient will receive a beautifully
designed, cheerful greeting with a listing
of all who are sending them greetings

The Purim mailing has been mailed out.

**Deadline to order greetings is
February 18th**

Please respond as quickly as possible

PURIM SCHEDULE

Fast of Esther – Monday, March 9

Morning service.....	6:45 am
Evening service	6:30 pm
Megillah reading.....	7:45 pm
Purim Party follows Megillah reading	

Purim – Tuesday, March 10

Morning service.....	6:30 am
Megillah reading.....	7:15 am



BECOME A SPONSOR

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.

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our synagogue throughout the year

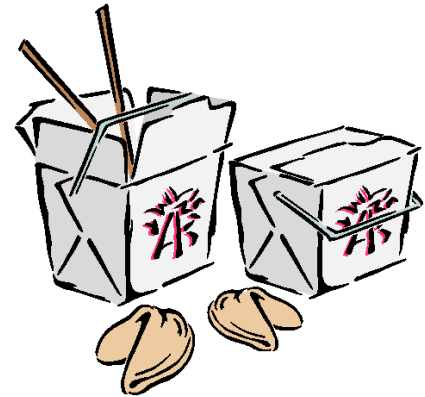
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We hope that you continue to support our
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that we can remain a viable institution for
many years to come

Come One, Come All!

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On Sunday, March 22nd, VCJC will host (at Amalgamated's Vladeck Hall,
74 Van Cortlandt Park South) its annual Winter Event

Live entertainment by *The Original Mixed Company*, delicious hot Kosher Chinese buffet lunch catered by Kai Fan of Riverdale, dessert and our famous Pick-Your-Prize Raffle, with tons of prizes to be won, many for as little as \$1 per try!

Doors will open at 11AM for browsing of raffle prizes and mingling with your friends and neighbors. **Lunch will be served at 12 noon**, followed by an hour of **Doo Wop** musical entertainment by *The Original Mixed Company*, dessert and raffle drawing. We will also have a Door Prize drawing (free admission for those attending the lunch and show).

Event price - \$40 now through March 13, \$45 after March 13th. Walk-ins will be welcome based on availability. Price includes live entertainment; buffet lunch, beverage, dessert, coffee/tea; \$1 free raffle entry; and door prize entry. Also available - **Show & Dessert Only for \$25**. RSVP forms will be distributed, or call the office at 718-884-6105 to sign up.

Tell your relatives, friends and neighbors – this is sure to be a great event they won't want to miss!

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. . . If you would like to sponsor a **Shalosh Seudos or Kiddush**, let the office know so we can reserve the date for you.

✓ **SAVE THE DATES**

. . . Sunday, Feb. 9 – **Lecture Series**

. . . Friday, Feb. 28 – **Shabbat Across America**

. . . Tuesday, Mar. 10 – **Purim**

. . . Sunday, Mar. 22 – **Vladeck Hall Event**

. . . Sunday, Apr. 19 – **Holocaust Program**

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