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MARCH 2020

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PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR BREAKFAST LECTURE SERIES

► SUNDAY, MARCH 15

SPEAKER: Rabbi Yale Butler

TOPIC: Secret Agent: How I Got China to
Stop Helping Terrorists in
Israel and more

Breakfast at 9:30 am
Lecture begins at 10 am

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► SUNDAY, APRIL 19

SPEAKER: Larry Hartstein

TOPIC: to be announced

Yom Hashoah Memorial Program

Holocaust Remembrance

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► SUNDAY, MAY 17

SPEAKER: Rabbi Jared Vidars

TOPIC: to be announced

SAVE THE DATE

JOURNAL GALA

SUNDAY, JUNE 28th

Honoring

Jeffrey Dinowitz
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Event will be held at the
Hebrew Institute of Riverdale



MARCH

CANDLE LIGHTING SCHEDULE



<u>Candle Lighting</u>		<u>Shabbos Ends</u>
Fri. Mar. 6	5:35	
Sat. Mar. 7		6:39
Fri. Mar. 13	6:43	
Sat. Mar. 14		7:47
Fri. Mar. 20	6:50	
Sat. Mar. 21		7:54
Fri. Mar. 27	6:58	
Sat. Mar. 28		8:02

Kindle the Sabbath Lights

VAN CORTLANDT VILLAGE NOTES

MARCH

►REFUAH SHLEMAH

... Rabbi David Borenstein, Arnold Geismar, Miriam Gollop, Neil Harrow, Saul Lieman, Marilyn Newman, Mayer Sodden, Renee Stoller, Michelle Sullivan, Al Tenenbaum

►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.

►REMINDER

Sunday, March 8th – Daylight Savings Time Begins
Remember to turn your clocks **AHEAD** one hour before going to bed Saturday evening.



☆ **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. Mar. 9 Fast of Esther	6:45
Tues. Mar. 10 Purim	6:30
Thurs. Mar. 26 – Rosh Chodesh Nisan	6:30

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

Evening Services

Friday, Mar. 6	5:40
Saturday, Mar. 7	5:30
Friday, Mar. 13	6:50
Saturday, Mar. 14	6:40
Friday, Mar. 20	6:55
Saturday, Mar. 21	6:45
Friday, Mar. 27	7:05
Saturday, Mar. 28	6:55

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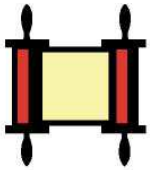
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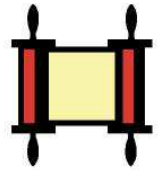
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March 2020

5 Adar - 6 Nisan 5780



HAPPY PURIM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 5 ADAR Morning . . 8:30	2 6 ADAR Morning . . 6:50	3 7 ADAR Morning . . 7:00	4 8 ADAR Morning . . 7:00	5 9 ADAR Morning . . 6:50	6 10 ADAR Morning . . 7:00 Evening . . 5:40 Candles 5:35	7 11 ADAR Tetzaveh Shabbat Zachor Morning . . 8:30 Evening . . 5:30 Shabbos ends 6:39
8 12 ADAR Morning . . 8:30 Daylight Savings Time Begins move clock ahead one hour	9 13 ADAR Fast of Esther Morning . . 6:45 Evening . . 6:30 Reading of the Megillah in the Evening . . 7:30 followed by Purim Party	10 14 ADAR Purim Morning . . 6:30 Megillah Reading in the Morning . . 7:15	11 15 ADAR Shushan Purim Morning . . 7:00 Board meeting 7 pm	12 16 ADAR Morning . . 6:50	13 17 ADAR Morning . . 7:00 Evening . . 6:50 Candles 6:43	14 18 ADAR Ki Tisa Shabbat Parah Morning . . 8:30 Evening . . 6:40 Shabbos ends 7:47
15 19 ADAR Morning . . 8:30 Lecture Series Rabbi Yale Butler Breakfast 9:30 am Lecture 10 am	16 20 ADAR Morning . . 6:50	17 21 ADAR Morning . . 7:00	18 22 ADAR Morning . . 7:00	19 23 ADAR Morning . . 6:50 Spring Begins	20 24 ADAR Morning . . 7:00 Evening . . 6:55 Candles 6:50	21 25 ADAR Vayakhel Pekudei Shabbat Hachodesh Morning . . 8:30 Evening . . 6:45 Shabbos ends 7:54
22 26 ADAR Morning . . 8:30 Vladeck Hall Event Entertainment Chinese Lunch Raffle Prizes Door open 11 am	23 27 ADAR Morning . . 6:50	24 28 ADAR Morning . . 7:00	25 29 ADAR Morning . . 7:00	26 1 NISAN Rosh Chodesh Nisan Morning . . 6:30	27 2 NISAN Morning . . 7:00 Evening . . 7:05 Candles 6:58	28 3 NISAN Vayikra Morning . . 8:30 Evening . . 6:55 Shabbos ends 8:02
29 4 NISAN Morning . . 8:30 Sisterhood meeting 10:30	30 5 NISAN Morning . . 6:50	31 6 NISAN Morning . . 7:00				

☆ *Yahrzeits* ☆

<u>MARCH</u>		<u>ADAR</u>
1	Suzanne Weitzman	5
1	Rebecca Nacman	5
1	Michael Shmid	5
1	Bessie Reznitsky	5
2	Joseph Bergfeld	6
2	Minnie Heyman	6
2	Estelle Peisach	6
2	Mildred Heit	6
3	Joseph Schwarz	7
3	Rose Friedland	7
3	Ruth Kardish	7
4	Philip Schwartz	8
5	Max Albert	9
6	Jack Leiken	10
6	Harry Epstein	10
6	Jacob Kaufman	10
7	David Kliban	11
7	Abraham Sanders	11
7	Max Vantosh	11
7	Martin Honig	11
7	Elsie Plotkin	11
7	Rebbetzin Faye Katz	11
8	David Melter	12
8	Meyer Strongwater	12
8	Sheldon Reznitsky	12
8	Solomon Heifitz	12
8	Morris Chast	12
9	Jack Silver	13
9	Helen Cohen	13
9	Goldie Kardish	13
10	Alex Aranyosy	14
10	Max Rothfleish	14
10	Frieda Spilka	14
11	Rabbi Jacob Sodden	15
11	Fred Imas	15
11	Rose Katz	15
12	Irving Dwork	16
12	David Martin	16
13	Ida Stanagel	17
13	Nathan Hornstein	17
13	Irving Winkler	17
14	Bert Siegel	18
14	Pearl Rizinsky	18
14	Norma Melter	18
14	Benjamin Landis	18
14	Irwin Kaplan	18
15	Marsha Zuckerman	19
15	Malvina Nussenfeld	19

☆ *Yahrzeits* ☆

<u>MARCH</u>		<u>ADAR</u>
16	Eva Miot	20
16	Abraham Winokur	20
16	Maurice Gordon	20
16	Annie Becker	20
17	Barney Goldman	21
17	Rose Kaufman	21
17	Maxwell Brooks	21
17	Albert Leal	21
18	Ann Seif	22
18	Rose Kaminer	22
18	Irving Hartstein	22
18	Harry Cohen	22
18	Tessie Kogan	22
19	Rhoda Lewis	23
20	Leah Steinhauer	24
20	Irving Weitzman	24
21	Sigmund Spira	25
21	Sarah Twarkowsky	25
22	Yetta Straussman	26
23	Frieda Newman	27
23	Barbara Fern Weinrauch	27
23	Caroline Pomeranz Mesh	27
23	William Harris	27
23	Tillie Kaplan	27
23	Rose Stien	27
23	Benjamin S. Kaminer	27
24	William Gendler	28
24	Rida Salant	28
24	Jerome Cohen	28
25	Helen Seecof	29
25	Samuel Rosenthal	29
		<u>NISAN</u>
26	Edith Vivian Pollack	1
27	Morris Pollack	2
27	Max Haren	2
28	Tillie Kuperberg	3
28	Sol Feiner	3
28	Michael Grodzicki	3
28	Kalman Weinrauch	3
29	Alfred Kleinfeld	4
29	Bella Strongwater	4
30	Pauline Yapkowitz	5
30	Alex Wechsler	5
30	Sheldon Pease	5
30	Sadie Penn	5
30	Paul David Miller	5
31	Benjamin Goldenberg	6
31	Ethel Boyarsky	6
31	Ruth Kwastel	6
31	Russell Lee Heit	6

🌸 **SISTERHOOD NEWS** 🌸

On Sunday, February 16th a small group of women attended our monthly meeting.

We discussed the movie "Bal Ej -The Hidden Jews of Ethiopia," that had been shown the week before as part of the shul's Lecture Series. The response was extremely positive and those of us who saw it praised the film maker for her excellent portrayal of these people and their devotion to the Orthodox Jewish religion. Batya Kleinfeld commented that the audience would have liked questions and answers after the movie, which did not take place. Unfortunately, there was no one available who could lead a discussion and I apologized for that. In addition I had to return the film to the producer and no longer have it in my possession to review at another time. Jack Spiegel, who is our Public Relations person, told us that a woman in Ethiopia who saw our Posting of the movie commented on it. I thought that was amazing and it just shows how the power of the internet can connect with people from all parts of the world.

The rest of the time was just spent discussing topics that were of interest to those in attendance. Upcoming events are our Annual Mother's Day Flower Sale and an end of the year luncheon. More information will be forthcoming as we approach these events.

I want to thank the ladies who came out and hope that those who were not there will join us on **Sunday, March 29 at 10:30** in the Game Room. Refreshments will be served.

Sisterhood wishes everyone in the Van Cortlandt Jewish Center and beyond a very Happy and Freilich Purim! **Chag Sameach Purim!**
Ceil Hartstein

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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.

The Van Cortlandt Jewish Center thanks all those who make donations to our synagogue throughout the year

AND

We hope that you continue to support our future events and fundraising efforts so that we can remain a viable institution for many years to come

RESERVATIONS FOR VLADECK HALL

SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd

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Address _____

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Buffet Kosher Chinese Lunch, Show & Dessert

►\$40 per person - - - - now through March 13

►After March 13- - - - \$45 per person

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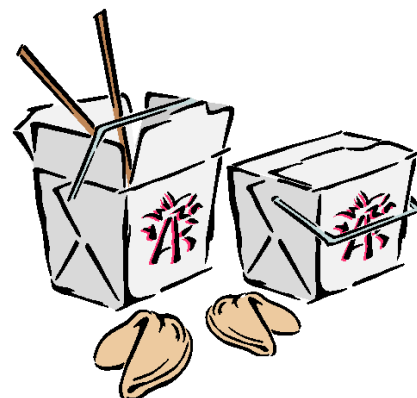
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Live entertainment by **The Original Mixed Company**, delicious hot Kosher Chinese buffet lunch catered by Kai Fan of Riverdale, dessert and our famous Pick-Your-Prize Raffle, with tons of prizes to be won, many for as little as \$1 per try!

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 musical entertainment by **The Original Mixed Company**. Then dessert, door prize and raffle drawing.

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,

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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, Mar. 15 – **Lecture Series**

. . . Tuesday, Mar. 10 – **Purim**

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

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

. . . Sunday, May 17 – **Lecture Series**

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