



# שבת שלום SHABBAT SHALOM

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DAILY MINYAN IN TEMPLE: MONDAY-FRIDAY...8:00 AM, SUNDAY...9:00 AM

SHABBAT, JUNE 18, 2022



## MELDADOS

JUNE 11 – JUNE 17, 2022  
(12 SIVAN – 18 SIVAN)

LEONARD MARSH	FLORENCE MAZZAS
LEAH LEVIN	REBECCA CORDOVI
FRIEDA GREEN	RITA CORDOVI
ROSETTE BILLIG	LAURA J. BAKER
LEO WALDMAN	SINYORA VARON
NISSIM ALDEROTY	ANNA TELIAS
OVADIA FRANCES	ANNETTE JOSEPH
VICTORIA S. MEVORACH	ASLON HASSON
MATILDA PARDO	HILDA GLICKSTEIN
LOUIS MATZA	MAE ESKENAZI
REBECCA SCHNEIDER	VIDA CHIPRUT
JULIA MATSIL JEUDA	REGINA CASPI
BERNARD EPSTEIN	MICHAEL KLEIN
LEE FRIEDMAN	BEN FRIED
REGINA STATMAN	LEAH PARITS
HELEN APPELBAUM	JACK IRUSHALME
HYMAN ISAAC COHEN	LEON JESSULA COLCHAMIRO
JULIA ASHER	LOUIS FRANCIS
JACK CRESPI	DAVID ALCOSSER
FAY DAVIS	LUNA PARDO
JULIUS (JERRY) B. KAMHI	JACK PAPARO
ALBERT AZARIA	HAIM MORHAIM
JEROME (JERRY) GOLDBERG	MOISHE BENEZRA
EVA CALDERON GANIS	JACK CORDOVA
JACK ISAAC PAPARO	

### FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2022

LIGHT CANDLES: 8:10 PM  
SHIR HASHIRIM: 6:45 PM  
שיר השירים  
SERVICES 7:00 PM  
מנחה וערבית

### SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022 (19 SIVAN 5782)

PARASHAT BEHA'ALOTEKHA  
פרשת בהעלתך

SHABBAT SERVICES 8:45 AM

שחרית, קריאת התורה, ומוסף

HAVDALAH AFTER: 9:02 PM

## MELDADOS



JUNE 18 – JUNE 24, 2022  
(19 SIVAN – 25 SIVAN)

RACHEL GABAY	HILDA SCHIEBER LEVY
ELIE HEFFEZ	RACHEL ELIAS MARQUIT
HENRY QUENTZEL	RAPHAEL A. SALEM
EDWARD ROY WERTHEIMER	SOL A. FIUME
SARAH ELHAI	BERTHA HOLTZMAN
ESTHER PESSOT	JULIA BENARDO
BETTY TURNER	ZOILA MORDO LEVY
ALLEN FEIN	ANNA S. BEHAR
SOL ORLINSKY	SINURU SABETAY ALBO
DORIE M. GOLDEN	ALBERT SALINAS
JOHN GEULA	RACHEL FRANCO
TURAN DARDASHTI	CELIA EIDER
ROSE ROTHCHILD	EVGENIA KOFMAN
ANNE TAUB	ELIA CRESPI
BARBARA SILLMAN	JOSEPH I. COHEN
ETHEL RUSSO	LOUISE JOSEPH KAPLAN
BURTON DAVIS	SOLOMON SAMUEL HAZAN
ISAAC SOUSTIEL	ISAAC R. AZAR
MORTY SAMBERG	AMRAM J. COHEN
ADELE HAKIM	DORA SARDY
JACK S. AZUS	HARRY MATSIL
SARAH MATSIL	SALLY TORRES
LOUIS BERG	JACK BENEZRA
REBECCA TACHER	LILLIE AMERI
RACHEL BERMAN	ARTHUR GABAY
HAZZAN HYMAN I. SKY	SAMUEL ALBALA
ESTHER BABECOFF	SOLOMON GATTEGNO
MAX AROUTY	JACK ESKENAZI
HARRY SHERMAK	RACHEL DAVID
MINNIE COHEN	SAM BENEZRA
FLORA PESSO	SENORA LEVY
MACK MASLEACH	FAYE DANON
LOUIS J. LEVY	RACHEL AZUZ
LOUISA JOSEPH MARCUS	SARINA COLCHAMIRO



Parashat **BEHA'ALOTEKHA...** is a long parashah with many different themes. It is divided into two separate sections by the two inverted “nuns” which precede and follow chapter 10, verses 35-36. Quite suddenly the idyllic situation which is described in the first ten chapters of Bemidbar give way to dissension, complaint, and rebellion against G-d. Despite the fact that the Israelites lived in an environment where all their needs were supplied, they allowed their pettiness and greed to destroy the very comforts they had gained.



*Father's Day Sunday, June 19*



# IN THE TEMPLE FAMILY

THE SEPHARDIC TEMPLE WEEKLY BULLETIN · JUNE 18, 2022

## SEPHARDIC TEMPLE WORSHIP SERVICES

Minyan Services will be held in the Chapel and Shabbat Morning Services will be held in the Sanctuary as outlined in our updated COVID-19 Policy, available on our website: [www.sephardictemplecedarhurst.org/covid-19](http://www.sephardictemplecedarhurst.org/covid-19)

**Registration to the Temple office for Shabbat requested by Thursday.**

Please be advised that there will be a Bar Mitzvah in the building catered by Genadeen occurring simultaneously with our Shabbat morning services on June 18. We provide this information to help you plan accordingly.

### בסימן טוב ומזל טוב SIMAN TOV & MAZAL TOV



On the Birth of a Baby Girl:  
*Lilia Maya Norman*



**Parents:**  
Raquel and Zachary Norman

**Grandparents:**  
Avi Hamias  
Gayle Fromer  
Michelle and Doug Norman

### Siman Tov & Mazal Tov



Congratulations on the recent wedding of  
*Max Margulis*  
&  
*Jamie Brodtkin*

**Parents:**  
*Lori Epstein & Steven Margulis*  
*Beth & Dr. Joshua Brodtkin*

**Grandparents:**  
*Ruth & the late Bernard Epstein*  
*Avis Weeks & the late William Margulis*  
*Mimi & the late Edmund Brodtkin*  
*The late Estelle & the late Lawrence Friedman*



On Shabbat, July 2 there will be a *Nosh and Derash* learning session with Rabbi Golden entitled:  
*Jewish Perspectives on Abortion - Part Two*  
and we will also celebrate our  
*July Birthday and Anniversary Shabbat*



Please contact the Temple office to let us know if you have a birthday or anniversary in July that you would like to be acknowledged

### *Ladino Phrase of the Week*

אוראסיון סין כוונה קומו און פואירפו סין נשמה

*Orasion sin kavana, komo un puerpo sin neshama*

Prayer with no concentration, is like a body with no soul

***Please see below for a transcript of Mel Matsil's speech from our  
Reconsecration Ceremony and Journal Testimonial Shabbat on June 11***

Rabbi Golden, Cantor Yonati, President Isaac Mayo, Alex Cohen, Testimonial Chairman Jerry Hattem, Journal Chairman Russ Posner and dear family, Temple family and friends. Shabbat Shalom!

I am honored and humbled to be here today as the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Sephardic Temple Journal Testimonial Honoree. I am truly touched by the outpouring of your love and support as you have chosen me to be honored at this special occasion.

I would like to thank: Rabbi Golden and Shira, Cantor Yonati and Naomi, Mrs. Zipporah Marans, Temple President Isaac Mayo, Honorary Life Trustee Alex Cohen and fellow Board Members, Men's Club President Marc Tenzer, Sisterhood President Susan Bahaloul, Sisterhood Treasurer Tina Erbes, the Minyanaires for their support, Bob Gally and his team for keeping us safe, Angel De Leon and Damian Orellana for keeping everything neat and tidy, and Genadeen Caterers for our delicious lunch.

I must acknowledge my family, friends, and Temple members for making this journal a huge success. This would not have happened without the help of some special people including our amazing Executive Director Lloyd Denenberg, Executive Assistant Ashley Rothbart, and the ladies of the Temple office Dee Soll and Robin Cohen.

I'm a lucky guy. How wonderful that my grandparents made the trip to America pulling up stakes of their lives in Greece to make a new life here in America. Because we lived around the corner from an Ashkenazi synagogue in the Bronx, that's where I went to Hebrew school and became a Bar Mitzvah. The Greek Jewish community in our neighborhood was small and held High Holy Day services in a tiny classroom on the top floor of the shul.

I'm a lucky guy. My Jewish roots are Romaniote which means that my family, including all four grandparents, came to the US from Janina, Greece where my paternal grandfather, after whom I was named, became a rabbi. He eventually brought his family to the US where he was a rabbi at the Kehila Kedosha Janina on the lower East Side - the only Romaniote synagogue in the western hemisphere.

My maternal grandmother, Sophie Jeuda, lived with us. She believed in keeping family close. So when my Uncle Murray and Aunt Esther decided to move to the Five Towns in 1958, my Uncle Jack and Aunt Julie, as well as my parents, decided they would leave the Bronx and move here too. I was lucky to meet good friends here, two of which I still remain in touch with. My cousins were like brothers and sisters to me, living just around the corner in North Woodmere.

My connection to the Sephardic Temple does not run as deep as our previous honorees Karen and Russ Posner. When we moved to North Woodmere in 1959, we belonged to Temple Hillel. When the Sephardic Temple was built, one of its congregants, Julie Yohai, encouraged my father to join here. After some coaxing, he did. Years later my cousin Eileen and her husband, Frank, also moved here. Her daughter Rebecca, husband Mitch, and children David and Sophie followed. We share Shabbat dinners on Friday nights. How wonderful is that!

My luck continued professionally when my Principal suggested I specialize in Reading for my Masters Degree. So many gave me good advice. I worked for 31 years teaching in the NYC school system where I met one of my closest friends, Seth Moin, who is here today. Not only do we share a birthday, but also a love of movies. My friend Howie Schoor encouraged me to take a position as a Reading Specialist when I was offered one.

My father used to beg me to come with him to the Sephardic Temple on Shabbat and I usually made some excuse. After he passed away I began coming here on the High Holy Days and for his Meldados. One fateful Shabbat, Rabbi Marans, of blessed memory, approached me and said, "Why don't you come to Temple sometimes just because it is Shabbat". Well, I came the next week and weeks after that. I realized that each week I learned something new about my Jewish roots and Torah. One Shabbat, Jerry Hattem, who usually sat next to me, went up to the pulpit to sing the Shuvah prayer which returns the Torah to the Ark. His mellifluous heartfelt voice brought a lump to my throat and a tear to my eye. What a moment!

A number of years ago, Rabbi Golden heard of my film interest and suggested a series of Jewish oriented films to be shown here at the Sephardic Temple. Rabbi Golden also started a class for some of the congregants who wanted to learn to read Hebrew. This evolved into our Bible Class. As the years passed, I continued becoming more involved here at the Temple.

One winter while in Florida the pandemic hit us all hard. Rabbi Golden started to Zoom our morning Minyan. When we finally returned to the Chapel for Minyan I began coming daily. Rabbi Marans always encouraged me to come to the Minyan. He said it would change my life. Here I have become friends with the wonderful Minyanaires. Some pundit said that it is helpful to get through the isolation and stress of the pandemic by daily meditation or prayer. This was

another piece of good advice. When Rabbi Marans encouraged me to come to the daily Minyan, he said it would change my life. He was right. The daily Minyanaires have become good friends too. Arty and Freddie's breakfast omelets are delicious too.

I love when congregants come up to me and ask me, "Mel, when is our next movie?". It's my joy to continue screening films here with Rabbi Golden's help. I would also like to mention my Uncle Sol Matsil who sat in front of me every Shabbat and good friends Richard and Trudy Franco who I looked forward to seeing every week.

As I stand here today, I feel so grateful to have been acknowledged as an integral part of the Sephardic community. Thank you all for being here today to help make this so special.

With heartfelt love,  
Mel Matsil