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# Havurat Returns Home

34th Anniversary Gala Journal Dinner



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106-20 70th Avenue, Forest Hills, New York



## ***COMING HOME – AT LAST!***

*by  
Rabbi David Algaze*

Tonight we celebrate a dream, a dream that our community has been dreaming for almost exactly seventeen years: the dream of coming home. Here we formed our congregation and here we shaped and enriched the lives of thousands of Jews.

The essence of our synagogue is neither a geographical location nor the architecture of a physical building but it is rather the people who with their special talents and gifts make this community vibrant and special--these are the real beams and roof of our building. Yet, having this special community return to its original location is a double blessing for us, for Am Israel and for our city.

When a group of young couples back in 1981 wanted to deepen their knowledge of Judaism in the humble beginnings of basements, borrowed spaces and even, at times, movie theaters, the prospects were not encouraging. Who could have dreamt that from such inauspicious beginnings would emerge such a force in ruchaniut and in originality of implementation, as have been the characteristics of Havurat? Starting out from “some flowers and a Torah” -- a veritable nomadic synagogue, Havurat has had a greater impact on the Jewish people than many castle-like structures and other larger institutions. Exact corresponding numbers are never fortuitous and it is certainly not a coincidence that exactly the same period of 17 years formed the first part of our life was also the period of our dislocation. In this period we succeeded in transforming many lives and the thousands of children who are now in yeshiva and the hundreds of

observant families that started at Havurat are the dividend of work, creativity and above all hope in the spirit of every Jew. Through this warm and welcoming atmosphere that Havurat developed, it has also left an indelible mark on the life of the American Jewish community in general.

In this work, we recognize the many “angels” that Hashem sent our way: the numerous teachers who have blessed the learning community of Havurat, especially the invaluable assistance from the Hafetz Hayim Yeshiva community in Forest Hills and its Rosh Yeshiva, Rav Henoch Leibowitz, zt’l, the precious help offered by the teachings of Rabbis Kraft, Havazelet, Hochman and Sebrow.

The leaders of our community, from the insight of Charles Oliner, z’l, the dedication of Tova Katz z’l and Flora Rappaport z’l, the management of Sol Givner and all our past presidents and our Jack Goldhaber, all have woven over the years the beautiful tapestry that is Havurat. We could go on listing even more names, but we offer these few as just a small sample of the leadership we were blessed with since our founding. We acknowledge as well the ever present assistance provided by our resident legal expert, Ira Kleiman.

Tonight, we cap a long campaign to bring us back home, a Building Campaign that started over 10 years ago under the leadership of Dr. David Sosnowik and concludes today with honoring our donors and contributors. To them we owe a special gratitude and honor and we are happy to celebrate with them our long awaited return. Mazal Tov!



## *President's Message*

*by  
Jack Goldhaber*

Havurat Yisrael's 34th Anniversary Journal Dinner is celebrating our return to our original home on 70th Avenue. No sooner was Havurat Yisrael incorporated in 1981, did one of our founders, Cantor Salomon Oliner insist on the Shul acquiring a permanent property. His vision, persistence and fervent zeal lead to the fulfillment of this dream less than one year later. However, we have been without our home for seventeen years. Your presence here, tonight, shows your commitment to rebuild and revitalize Havurat Yisrael. Your presence is a sure sign of the strength, vitality and vision of our shul, and is a testament to the commitment Havurat Yisrael has made from its inception to serve the community and the Jewish people with a unique, warm and welcoming environment that nurtures the Jewish soul. From the baal tshuva to those seeking ever higher levels of spirituality, our regular programs as well as our kiruv programs have continued to be very successful throughout all these years.

Havurat Yisrael continues to provide innovative programs that attract many people in their quest to further their Judaism. We celebrate holidays and other important days with special programs. Our Purim programs, Pesach

Sedarim and Sukkot meals have proven to be popular kiruv activities since our inception. The extended ski Shabbaton weekend, as well as the summer camp weekend continue to be our most popular events, drawing many participants who enjoy Torah learning and outdoor activities.

*Im tirzu ain zu agada.* Theodore Herzl's famous slogan that, if you will it, it is not just a dream, is equally applicable to Havurat Yisrael. From our first years, the synagogue has been able to establish a major presence in Forest Hills.

Havurat Yisrael will continue to maintain its single-minded objective: to be a key place in Forest Hills that every Jew can enter to pray, to learn, and to grow spiritually.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Havurat Yisrael Journal dinner.

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Our Rebbetzin Tamara came to the US as a teenager having spent her early years in Poland and Israel. Her parents' family experience during the Holocaust made her especially sensitive to the importance of strengthening Jewish life everywhere and a strong advocate for Israel and especially the settlement of Eretz Israel. She is a graduate of Brooklyn College, with a special interest in Art History. She managed the family store in Manhattan where she acquired a keen sense for commerce. Her enterprising nature led her to several business ventures, including textile manufacture in Poland, China and the US. Tamara enjoys her life as a Rebbetzin because she loves the Jewish people and is committed to assist our Rabbi in building Havurat Yisrael. They have between them four children and grandchildren who make them very proud.

Throughout our period of dislocation and wandering, she managed with astute insight our various locations, starting with her able negotiation skills on display when dealing with the shtibl on 69th Road, finalizing the deal with the developers and most especially her finding for us the last location on Austin Street. It is at this last locale that Havurat joyed one of its most fruitful periods of its exile stage and made Havurat more visible to the community. For all this as well as for her warm personality and her readiness to help all our congregants, we are proud to count her as one of this Journal 2015 honorees.

Mazal tov!



## *Community Service Award*

*Jack Goldhaber*

Jack and Shulie are among the founding members of Havurat Yisrael.

Jack served as our treasurer for many years and devoted countless hours to maintaining the fiscal integrity of the synagogue. No matter how crowded his schedule, the synagogue's obligations were fully attended to on a daily basis.

From the very founding of our synagogue, Jack has coordinated the Torah reading for every Shabbat and Yom Tov. He has either done it himself or arranged for others to lein every single week for over thirty years. This is certainly a remarkable accomplishment.

Jack's sense of devotions continues to this day. Despite his full workload as a CPA with a busy private practice, Jack serves with distinction as the President of Havurat Yisrael and continues to find time for meetings, phone calls, discussions and all the other tasks involved in managing our synagogue.

Jack and Shulie's greatest pride is in their children, Aviva and her husband Yehuda, Dafna and her husband David along with their children Ari, Yael, AJ and Abby, and their son Oren. The Goldhabers are blessed with a large extended family, and their joy in spending time with them is evident. But no matter who you are, you can always feel a strong sense of caring and concern from Jack. Jack provides a remarkable example of a person who always has time to help others and whose deep sense of personal responsibility not only toward his family, but also to his friends, his community, his synagogue and Eretz Yisrael are unwavering.



## *Community Service Award*

*Ira Kleiman*

Since Cathy and I came to this neighborhood over twelve years ago, we have been privileged to become part of the unique family that is Havurat Yisrael. We have so many memories associated with those years. Our son Zachary has literally grown up in this shul. His Shalom Zachor was at the Rabbi's house, coupled with an Oneg Shabbat, at which I remember sitting next to Tova Katz, of blessed memory, and showing her pictures of the new baby. A few years later, on one Shabbat, he was called upon by the Rabbi to decide if the Sefer Torah was kosher or not.

The Havurat House. The Y. Dov Revel, upstairs, gym and lunchroom! The Stiebel. Doing the Parsha and snacks with the kids. Simchat Torah. Jumping into the homemade mosh pit during Lechai Haolamim. Jack Goldhaber being marched to his aliyah to the tune of "Hit the Road Jack". The Shul Dinners. All night learning on Shavuot. All day learning on Tisha B'Av. Movie nights. Chanukah parties. Lighting the candles with Rabbi Algaze. Bambi playing the guitar. Pizza (always delivered late). Purim costume parties. David's streimel. Marc's Purimshpiels. Siyum Mesechtot – with each participant saying a few words. Yom Yerushalayim celebrations. The battered section of the mechitza that exists solely so that whoever lifts the Torah could bump into it. And who else but Rabbi Algaze could give three divrei torah during and after the Sedra of the Week, and still have something to say before the kiddush! Nusach Sefard during the week and Ashkenaz on Shabbat (don't get me started!).

All of these things and so much more, and especially the wonderful diverse group of people who come to our shul combine with Rabbi Algaze's vision of a vibrant, inclusive Judaism which emphasizes love of Torah, Am Yisrael and Eretz Yisrael to make Havurat a truly unique place. We are excited to finally, soon, be in our new home where together we can make new memories.

# Diamond Club

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September 9, 2015

Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to welcome everyone to Havurat Yisrael's Gala Journal Dinner.

New York is dependent upon faith communities that build firm foundations for our neighborhoods, uplift people in need, and forge paths to a brighter future. Since 1981, Havurat Yisrael has stood as a pillar of spiritual leadership, serving as a vital source of support for many and a center of Jewish life, learning, and heritage. Havurat Yisrael has shown tremendous care for New Yorkers in Queens and beyond, touching the lives of many with its dedication to service and commitment to strengthening our city. As you gather tonight to celebrate this synagogue's incredible legacy, I am delighted to applaud all its members for making an indelible impact in the five boroughs.

On behalf of the City of New York, please accept my best wishes for a wonderful evening and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill de Blasio".

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Rabbi David L. Algaze  
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Dear Rabbi Algaze:

Greetings to you and all the members, friends and supporters of Havurat Yisrael on the occasion of your 34th Anniversary Gala Journal Dinner.

This evening's event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the opening of your synagogue's beautiful new building, located on Havurat Yisrael's original site. From this new building, Havurat will continue to expand its innovative outreach programs, which have had great success throughout the City.

Tonight we thank all of the donors, supporters and contributors who helped make Havurat's new building a reality. We also pay tribute to Rebbetzin Tamara Algaze and salute Jack Goldhaber and Ira Kleiman, who are receiving community awards this evening.

On behalf of the 2.3 million residents of Queens, "The World's Borough," I congratulate the entire Havurat Yisrael community for its many accomplishments and wish you all great success as you continue to pursue Havurat's mission. I also hope all in attendance this evening have an enjoyable 34th Anniversary Gala Journal Dinner.

Sincerely,

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Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I offer you my sincere congratulations on the occasion of your 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Journal Celebration – celebrating your return to your original site on 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue and honoring Rabbetzen Tamara Algaze as well as the major donors to the Building Fund.

Throughout its rich history Havurat Yisrael has undeniably made significant contributions to the well-being of individuals and families in Queens and beyond. While the years spent away from the original site certainly had their share of turbulence, I am happy that Havurat persevered in serving its community. After 34 years since its founding it is truly inspiring to finally see Havurat going back to the original location.

Havurat Yisrael would not be this exemplary if it were not for the kindness, generosity, and collaborative effort of its members and advocates like you sitting here tonight whose selfless dedication and contribution led to building a better community for all of us. To that end, you have my highest respect and gratitude.

Once again, I am honored to recognize Havurat Yisrael for its 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and I give my heartfelt congratulations on your celebration this evening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David I. Weprin".

David I. Weprin  
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*It gives me great pleasure to congratulate and thank Havurat Yisrael for their community dedication on the evening of their 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Journal Celebration. I commend them on their efforts to build community understanding, while strengthening and changing lives for the better.*

*Best Wishes,  
Andy*



HAVURAT YISRAEL'S  
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# Seventeen Years 1998-2015

By Rabbi David Algaze

What's in a number? What does waiting mean? In our fast-paced society, where a minute feels like an eternity and our tolerance of waiting for anything is extremely low if it exists at all, the span of seventeen years to be without a building seems inconceivable. Havurat and our community has had to wait many minutes of many hours, days and decades until we have the privilege of returning home and this experience has given a new perspective on time for which we must be grateful. It is a miracle in our times that Havurat survived and even grew.

Our synagogue was formed before we had a building and it survived seventeen years without one. We have grown accustomed to moving, packing, folding and unfolding so many books, siddurim, tables and the like. Where have our Torahs not been? Yet, we are here and the Sifre Torah are still with us accompanying us through all the journeys, the moves and, let it be said, even the kick outs we suffered along the way.

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR SHUL

It all started on a Purim night in 1981, when young families thirsting for spirituality and a genuine voice of Torah formed this beautiful congregation. We were told that we would not have a long life since we possessed no physical building and there were no empty spaces to build in Forest Hills. Yet by Hashem's will we found not



only a wonderful space but it was located in the geographical heart of the neighborhood, allowing us to be home to people on both sides of Queens Boulevard! Mr. Solomon Oliner, z'l, had a special role in this and may his name be always remembered for good. Our beginnings were humble in material things but rich and blessed in matters of the spirit. From our midst arose many rabbis, teachers and families who became observant and knowledgeable in our tradition. Havurat became a center of light in the community. Here we welcomed dignitaries from Israel and the United States, ministers, senators, members of Congress and the Mayor of New York City. At this location, we had the visits of Rabbi Goren, z"l, Rabbi Leibowitz and yb'l, Rabbis Druckman and Aviner and many other illustrious professors and lecturers. Havurat did become a center of Jewish life that inspired many to return to Judaism.

From our midst sprang many rabbis, teachers and community leaders. Whether in Israel, Latin America or any corner of the United States, there is hardly a place where we do not meet people who started their Jewish life at Havurat or did not hear about us and our activities. We built our shul on 70th Avenue in 1982, inaugurating our space on Rosh Hashanah, after being in several movie theaters for the previous holidays. After some years of expansion, we had the privilege of having a committee headed by Mr. Sol Givner, z'l, and yb'l, our own Rafi Katz, who renovated our shul in great form and style in 1992. After a few years, however, our building was compromised by a nearby construction and the city condemned our property. This was in August 1998, precisely on the day when a new Aron Kodesh, built in Eretz Israel and dedicated by the Sosnowik family, had been placed on a ship going to New York. There are no coincidences in the world governed by Hashem and this simultaneous occurrence leads us to believe that the silent storage of the Aron for fifteen years gave Havurat a special spiritual impetus and force. The Aron, stored in a warehouse in Long Island was unwrapped after 15 years in less than ideal conditions and was, to the amazement of carpenters and others, in perfect condition.

After the city closed our old building, we moved from one corner of Forest Hills to the other, from the Y on 108th Street, the basement in Dov Revel, a house on 70th Road, the shtibl on 69th Road and finally, with the able work of Rebbetzin Tamara Algaze, our beautiful place on Austin Street, the little storefront that vibrates with energy every Shabbat.



Every place offered us a welcome and yet we felt comfortable nowhere. As the Jews who left Jerusalem sang, “how can we sing in a land not our own?” we too dreamed of return and could not sing anywhere else but in our old home. We actually tried to sell our property several times but Hashem did not let us. And now, by the grace of Hashem, we have the great merit of seeing our dreams fulfilled, we are like the dreamers returning home.

## **WHAT IS THE SECRET INGREDIENT OF HAVURAT THAT INSPIRES AND ATTRACTS?**

Let's start with thinking fresh. We are an Orthodox congregation that thinks in unorthodox ways. We did not always conform to standard procedures, thus welcoming many non-conformists, innovative thinkers and risk takers. Innovation has always been

the hallmark of Havurat. From the Perek in the Park that attracted literally hundreds of new people to Judaism while strolling in MacDonald Park, to the ski shabbatonim in Vermont or the Summer camps, the daring programming for Singles and youth, Havurat has been eminently creative and unafraid of new venues and styles. Can we count how many started their Jewish life at our Beginners' Minyan, or learned the laws of Shabbat at one of our classes, or had their first taste of a page of Gemara at one of our shiurim? Or those who first felt attracted to Judaism on a ski slope? The motto of Havurat has always been learning and growing, no matter the place or time, and this we have done superbly.

Another foundation of Havurat is in its name: havurah, friendship and community. We have developed a strong sense of belonging and interaction among all our members. For many, Havurat has become their family and, in times of joy or grief, the family feelings are in clear evidence. Our

kiddushim at the end of services are somewhat legendary, not only because of the variety and abundance of food and liquor, because some days there is a meager bill, but especially because they last long after the food is gone. The secret is not



“in the pudding,” but in the camaraderie, the warmth that prevails among us that makes people linger sometimes hours after the Kiddush is put away. This is Havurat Yisrael after all. I often wonder what makes people stay, but I am happy to keep it a mystery.

All, alas, has not been rosy, easy or free from struggle and angst. Our budgetary stress often made living up to our obligations to our staff, our teachers and vendors difficult and embarrassing. Yet at no time we despaired; the trust in Hashem always paid off. As the generation of the desert that lived from the daily mannah—and was unable to store away provisions—we had to live through days when we did not know how we would obtain the needed resources. There too was one of our greatest lessons: to trust in the daily gifts from G-d that never failed to come. King David said, “Hashem pushed me to the brink but Hashem helped me.” Even as we were at the brink, some help came out of some other place and we were saved. Mysterious angels came to our aid every single time.

The long lapse between the time we abandoned the site and the time of our return is reminiscent of the long period of about the same length from the time the Second Temple started its rebuilding to the time it was completed. Let us hope that our own Second home will have the same message as the Temple in Jerusalem, loyalty to our tradition and love of every Jew.

## WHAT HAVE LEARNED IN THESE SEVENTEEN YEARS?

- First and foremost we acquired a sense of gratitude for every small thing that we had, whether a large room or a small corner. Our children hold their Shabbat activities in an area that is less than 10 sq. feet!
- Secondly, we cultivated the ability to discern reasons for hope where others saw only doom. That is the reason our congregation is full of a radiating optimism, in the midst of a community where others are depressed and declining.
- Above all, Havurat, throughout all its difficulties has taught a fundamental lesson of life: to refuse to believe that past difficulties meant failure in the future. As Am Israel throughout its history we have never lost the Hope and now we are on the way to return, stronger physically and materially but above all enriched by the experiences we have endured and grateful to G-d for what we have gone through.

The number 17 equals the Hebrew letters of the word “tov”, meaning good. All these tribulations, all this waiting and anxiety seemed to us as problems and yet in Hashem’s calculus, they were the “good.” I conclude with the prayer in Hallel, *Odecha ki anitani*, as the Rabbis interpret the verse, “I will bless You for You have oppressed me.” Despite the challenges and actually because of them we come back on a higher level than when we left. Blessed be the Name of Hashem.



# **THE HAVURAT YISRAEL IDEA - WHO ARE WE?**

Havurat Yisrael was born on Purim night in 1981, when a young rabbi, David Algaze, created a veritable revolution in Queens, leading a group of mostly Conservative Jews onto a path of learning and inspiration that was to become one of the leading Orthodox synagogues in New York. The smell of popcorn that permeated the early services – held in a movie house on Austin Street, Forest Hills – became the talk of the town as well as a symbol of the innovation, warmth and originality of this Torah center.

The early activities of the synagogue were the creation of a camp retreat in the summer, a ski Shabbaton in Vermont in the winter and a host of new ideas and programs in between. The common aspect of all these programs was the desire to reach Jews of all backgrounds in every environment and every venue that they felt comfortable. Although this concept raised many an eyebrow at the beginning, many communities were soon adopting its programs and vision. Rabbi Algaze advocated the idea that a synagogue needs to be more than a house of worship in the formal sense; it must serve as a bridge and a path to discovery. Havurat Yisrael was founded on the idea of creating a community of learning and experience that will facilitate the path of teshuvah. Until today, you can enter a program at Havurat and feel that there is something special in the air. Some call it warmth, others friendship, but the real secret is: community (havurah).

Havurat initiated the first outreach programs in Queens. The first Beginners' Services and the first Turn Friday Night into Shabbat dinners were held there. The synagogue became a hub for singles throughout the metropolitan area and Rabbi Algaze has made numerous shidduchim through these gatherings and shabbatonim. One of the most successful bridges has been the one that connected people with a yeshiva background and people who did not know the aleph-bet. The sense of duty and service to Am Yisrael is one of the distinguishing traits of a Havurat Yisrael member. Acceptance,

the courage to innovate and accept diversity create a very profound atmosphere of unity of all Jews.

The “Drop in and Learn” program that was developed in conjunction with the Chafetz Chayim Yeshiva soon developed into a half-day Kollel under the leadership of Rabbi Eliahu Benhaim and Rabbi Algaze. This kollel was to produce several talmide hahamim and rabbis who are serving communities in Israel and Latin America. It is no wonder that groups of “alumni” of Havurat keep in touch with the synagogue regularly and proclaim its uniqueness.

Havurat has always lived beyond its walls. Spilling with joy onto the streets during Simchat Torah or offering a Perek shiur in the park in summertime, distributing mishloach manot on Purim or hanukkiot on Hanukkah to passers-by have endeared the synagogue to its host community and enabled Havurat to continue to attract more Jews to Torah and mitzvot.

Havurat Yisrael believes that communities need bridging and connecting. It is therefore not uncommon to find at Havurat a mix of people in Hasidic garb mingling with people in jeans, Sephardim and Ashkenazim praying in an atmosphere of acceptance and sharing, people speaking different languages communicating with each other. But perhaps the most significant bridge has been to Eretz Israel. Havurat has always promoted an agenda of involvement in social issues and especially a connectedness and active involvement in the matters that affect the people and the land of Israel. Havurat has served for many years as the forum for many distinguished visitors from Israel, from politicians to rabbis, roshe yeshiva and activists. All have encountered an audience ready to learn and ready to act. That may be the most apt definition of Havurat: “learning in order to do”.





Havurat Yisrael welcomes you into our congregation! This membership form is provided for your convenience. If you are already a member, please give this application to a friend.

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**WHEN A NEW YEAR ARRIVES**

We celebrate milestones because they represent achievement and occasions of joy - often unanticipated or even unexpected. A birthday, an anniversary often confirms that we have accomplished something. The New Year of other cultures are likewise observed in this spirit of pride and self-pride.

But **Rosh Hashana**, the beginning of the year for the Jew, is not such a tonic. It is part of a 10-day period called **Yomim Noraim**, the Days of Awe, which concludes with the solemn and profound **Yom Kippur**, Day of Forgiveness. It is a time for self-pride as well as for the eradication of our uncompliments. When, undisturbed in the context of an educated Jew, these days demand that we analyze how little we have done, how much we have erred, how unkind and selfish we have acted and how insensitive our hearts have become. It is a season for introspection, for the careful reevaluation of our deeds and the overall direction of our lives. It is the time to stop, to think and to be in **tefillah**.

**Teshuvah** is the return. It all becomes reorganized from the dark and dreary we once observed. But to the larger context...

all of us have become estranged from our Heavenly Father, from the Creator of our land and our law and our land.

As with all children, we too refuse to admit we are lost, we deny that we need help and when offered, we decline the aid. At this time, G-d is near, and our **Rabbis** apply the same as he has to this season. "Don't know where you are" (De 30:6). This is the time. Make this season one of profound mourning to your lives. Beyond the beauty and joy of a New Year, there are true meaning to our lives and let our prayers make this year a brighter one for those who will follow us.

Our L-rd, allow us to enjoy this season with all our heart, spirit, and soul, require us all to return to You, and make our new year one of health and wisdom in all our undertakings. May this year bring you and yours blessings in this young congregation and make it strong and beautiful. Amen.

Rabbi David L. Algan

### CALENDAR

Shabbat Nitzan, September 28	8:45 A.M.
Continental Theater	
Monday, September 22, Day of Rosh Hashana	8:30 P.M.
Tuesday, September 29, Rosh Hashana	8:30 A.M.
Wednesday, September 30, Rosh Hashana	8:30 P.M.
(Midway Theater Complex)	8:30 A.M.
Shabbat Shuvah, October 3	8:45 A.M.
Continental Theater	

<b>ROSH HASHANA CANDLE TIME</b>	
Monday, September 29	Tuesday, September 29
6:34 P.M.	7:30 P.M.
	Hasidim - 7:33 P.M.



Rabbi David L. Algan, Senior Rabbi, Director of Jewish Studies  
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# One of the first Newsletters

### WEEKLY CLASSES WITH RABBI ALGAZI

Wednesday, September 23  
 "How the Play" - 8 - 9:30 P.M.  
 P.S. 181 Auditorium  
 2 Place Plaza, Forest Hills

Sunday, October 4  
 Torah Letters - "How We Pray" - 10:11-11:30 A.M.  
 Austin Street Senior Citizen Center  
 89-02 Austin Street

For more information, call Isaac Eisenberg at 783-6317.

### TASHLICH

On the afternoon of the First Day of Rosh Hashana, the Jewish People observe an ancient custom of a symbolic tashlich. G-d's will to forgive our sins.

Based on the prophetic statement: "And You shall cast away their sin in the depths of the sea..." in **tefillah**, the custom prescribes Jews to go near a body of water on Rosh Hashana and recite verses prayers related to the spirit of the day.

Our community usually observes this practice in the Flushing Meadows area, near Jacob's Archway. It benefits for a numerous occasion to see our congregation assemble in that area counting 4,000 Jews. We will have booklets and other publications available. Plan to join us there.

### SUKKOT SERVICES

Please make a note of these dates and be sure to join us! More information is given in our next issue.

October 12th and 13th - Evening - Services at the Havurat Yisrael Sukkah, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. Eisenberg, 25 Midway Circle.

October 12th and 14th - Morning - Continental Theater, Kiddush at the Havurat Yisrael Sukkah.

October 18th - Evening - Havurat Yisrael Sukkah.

October 20th - Morning - Continental Theater.

October 20th - Evening - To be Announced.

October 21st - Morning - Continental Theater.

### SCHOOLS' OPEN

Havurat Yisrael's religious school is now underway and we expect a banner year. Our students, as well as our students, are hard at work, and we thought you might like to know more about them.

Justi Day has arrived from Forest City College of New York and the Jewish Theological Seminary. She has taught previously at Kinneret, Temple Shalom (Cairo), and Congregation Anshei Tzefania (New York).

We welcome her to our school.

### EXTRA! EXTRA!

The Newsletter is now accepting commercial and classified ads. When you as your kind merchants want to place ads, please call Rachel Ziegler at 892-2929. Before you will find our new schedule:

Classified/Personal Ads - \$4 each  
 1 month - \$18  
 2 month - \$32  
 3 month - \$45  
 12 months - \$130  
 Double size Ad - double price.

### HAVURAT YISRAEL'S FIRST SHABBAT

Plans are now under way for our first Congregational Shabbat on November 7 and we look forward to a truly happy and joyful occasion. If you would like to get involved, please call Hal Berkowitz, at 429-8640 or Tina Feinberg at 896-2963. We'd love to hear from you.

### Publication Dates

September 25 for the issue of October 19  
 October 9 for the issue of November 2  
 October 23 for the issue of November 16

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Attention: Committee Chairpersons!

In order to have your meeting notices published with time to spare, please plan ahead and let us know about 2 weeks in advance. Thank!

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Please make a note of the office telephone number: 263-8730

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Barbara, Richard and Becky Chikman have moved and would like to extend an invitation to drop a line, give a call, or stop by. Their new address is: 1714 Adirondack Road, Warming, New York 11793 (518) 791-8933

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

September 5  
 Stella and Jack Goldfarb sponsored the Kiddush in honor of the birth of their son, Yitzchak Yehoshua.

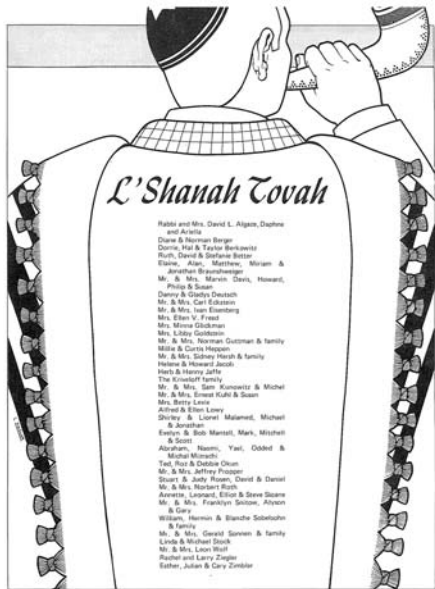
September 12  
 Yara and Shalom Shanon contributed to the Kiddush in honor of daughter Nurit's Bar Mitzvah.

September 19  
 Sidkunya Wolfud thanks to:  
 Joseph Wolfud for his contribution in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roth.



**ROSH HASHANA GREETINGS FROM**  
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# Memories of Havurat Yisrael

I have been fortunate to meet many, many wonderful people during my years at Havurat Yisrael. In the early years, after meeting in people's homes, in rented spaces in other synagogues, community centers, and even in a movie theater, it was sometimes hard to remember where we were supposed to go. When we finally acquired our own building, it was due to the foresight and hard work of numerous individuals who were inspired then, as we are now, by Rabbi Algaze.

I have many beautiful memories of people who spent time in our synagogue. We will always owe a debt of gratitude to Solomon Oliner z"l for being the driving force behind our purchase of the building. When doubters said it was impossible for us to attempt such a thing, he made it happen. Yehudah Goldfeder z"l gave his time and energy with his whole heart to do everything he could to make our shul successful. Everyone who was privileged to know him cherishes his memory. Marty Weinstein z"l provided a role model of erudition and wisdom that we could only hope to aspire to someday.

Harold Goldenberg z"l donated our first Torah scroll. That Torah dedication was our first major event, starting with a procession through the streets of Forest Hills, and culminating in a gala dinner at the Jewish Museum. Rachel Gershon, before she became Rachel Epstein, was instrumental in organizing activities that attracted single people from all over the metropolitan area. Esther Zimbley z"l said we couldn't consider ourselves a proper synagogue without a Sisterhood, and she took the initiative to start the group, which has been meeting ever since. Molly Epstein z"l appeared to be an ordinary woman, but she taught us there is no such thing as ordinary. Though advanced in years, she showed a zest for learning and for new experiences that even young people would find it hard to match.

Some of our current activities go back to the very beginning of our shul. Jack Goldhaber has been our principal Torah reader since the synagogue began. Many people have worked to make sure our Annual Journal Dinner always merits the term "Gala," and no one worked harder than Tova Katz z"l on everything from the Journal Dinner to the day-to-day running of the shul. Linda and Serge Merkin organized the first Ski Shabbaton, and they have continued doing it every year for decades. The end-of-summer Camp Weekends have provided a wonderful opportunity for people to get to know each other, to play together and to learn together.

Havurat Yisrael was the first synagogue to host "Turn Friday Night into Shabbat" in Queens, offering an experience that affected the lives of many who attended. And now Rabbi Algaze's Sunday morning Spanish class is attracting growing numbers of people who are eager to learn about authentic Judaism in a new way. Our past and future are connected, and we are very excited as we look forward to our future back in our old location.

Miriam Jacobs

# THE HAVURAT YISRAEL FAMILY – WHAT WE DO

Learning is the foundation of Havurat Yisrael. From early morning till late at night, the classes, lectures, seminars and informal discussions shape the Havurat landscape. It is a place vibrant with intellectual stimulation and spiritual elevation. From the Learn to Read Hebrew class to the Jewish Living Laboratory, from the Parashat Hashavua class to the advanced Gemara shiur, there is a class for every level. The courses service a diverse community that includes young single adults, young marrieds, and newly arrived immigrants from Russia or Latin America. There are courses to accommodate the needs of these diverse groups.

A full range of family-oriented programs that appeal from the oldest to the youngest members of the family are offered in order to strengthen the ties that bind us together and to utilize the opportunity to learn from one another. Special dinners around the holidays allow people who would not have the ability to share in these experiences to enjoy them at Havurat. They include meals at Rosh Hashanah, Pesach Seders for the community, Tu Bishvat Seders, Lag Ba'omer celebrations and parties and hagigot for every occasion in the Jewish calendar. Even during the all-day fast days, there is learning and lectures by guest scholars. Rabbi Algaze has always encouraged the involvement of other rabbis and teachers in this enterprise and Havurat has been very lucky to have many distinguished rebbeim and lecturers in its history. Currently, the Rabbi is assisted by three rabbis who contribute to the success of Havurat's programs, each with his own flavor and characteristics. Rabbi Mordechai Kraft, a musmach of Chafetz Chayim Yeshiva, served as Youth Director and now is the Director of Outreach Programs and leads the Shabbat morning Beginners' Services, Rabbi Yaacov Sebrow, also ordained by the Chafetz Chayim and Rabbi Joel Hochman, who is a professor at Yeshiva University, is the popular teacher of a weekly class on the Parasha, and the director of adult education.

Rabbi Algaze saw long ago the need to incorporate singles in a full way in the programs of the synagogue. Havurat was the first synagogue in the area to offer single memberships and made every effort to make singles feel comfortable in the synagogue. Havurat organized shabbatonim and trips to help singles meet. In his career, Rabbi Algaze made well over 100 shidduchim. There are many more programs for singles that are being organized, including retreats outside of the community. Havurat is organizing Shabbatonim for singles in other cities. Rabbi Algaze created Priority Dating and there have been many successful programs under this original concept. The basic premise of Priority Dating is that self-discovery precedes the finding of a soul mate. (visit us at [www.prioritydating.org](http://www.prioritydating.org)) Even in its nomadic state, Havurat continues to thrive and the little house is bursting at the seams. The time has come now to build a Center appropriate to these functions.

### **Past Presidents of Havurat Yisrael**

*Norman Guttman*

*Herb Jaffe*

*Yehudah Goldfeder z"l*

*Yossi Tocker*

*Eli Spitz*

*Rafi Katz*

*Serge Merkin*

*Fred Isaacs*

*Jack Goldhaber*

# The Many Activities and Original Programming





# How I Became a Torah Reader

I did not always dream of being a ba'al koreh (Torah reader). For my Bar Mitzvah, I did not even read the Maftir portion, so I did not know the Torah trop – the notes that provide the melody for the written word – and Biblical Hebrew was challenging.

I first became attracted to the readings when, as a twelve-year old, I began to attend shul on Shabbat so that I would become familiar with the service before my big day arrived. I realized that the part of the service that I enjoyed the most was the reading of the week's parsha. I was attracted to the eloquence of the text and to familiar sentences that had become part of our culture, such as "Proclaim liberty throughout the land" (written on our Liberty Bell), and "Man does not live by bread alone." Also, it was exciting to read familiar Bible stories straight from the source with dramatic lines like, "The hands are the hands of Esau, but the voice is the voice of Jacob." Between aliyot, I would quickly read each passage in English and then follow it in Hebrew. After a few years, I began to feel a sense of ownership. The Torah was becoming my guide, my inspiration in life, and I began to look forward to reading and rereading the cycle of parshiyot year after year.

When I became a member of Havurat Yisrael, I was immediately attracted to Rabbi Algaze's magnetic leadership and to the welcoming spirit of the kahal, the congregation. Unlike other shuls in the neighborhood, here was one where I felt like I fit it, even on my first visit. But beyond the ruach (spirit), I started to sense another side of Havurat: this is a shul where volunteerism is essential, not just for kiddushim and fund-raising, but for the running of the service itself. Rabbi Algaze presides over a beautiful service, but he cannot do it alone. In particular, there is a need for a chazan and a ba'al koreh. Someone had to step up and move beyond the comfort level of listener to make the service work.

This is when I decided to try my hand at Torah reading. Because of my Bar Mitzvah training, I was still able to read the haftarat on short notice. After a while, I was reading the haftarah so frequently that the gabbai called me "the eternal Bar Mitzvah boy." I thought the transition to lehning (Torah reading) would be fairly easy, and I asked our resident ba'al koreh, Jack Goldhaber, for help. In characteristic fashion, he cautioned me that Torah reading is not easy at all. It is very different from reading haftarat. There is a new trop (melody) to learn, and the actual Torah is written without musical notes, without n'kudot (vowels) and even without punctuation to indicate the end of a sentence. You don't have to memorize the parsha because the text is in front of you, but there is plenty of preparation required to master the words and the trop. I realized that it required careful study and instant recognition of words and trop in order to lehn successfully.

Where to begin? I asked Jack if I could read the second half of Parshat Naso where the N'siim (princes) present identical offerings to the Mishkan. For each of the twelve passages, not only is the donation the same; the Torah text is near-identical for each Nasi and, unlike other sections, the trop stays exactly the same throughout. Jack agreed that this was a good way to start, and he gave me instruction in text and trop. When the great Shabbat arrived, I was eager to breeze through my first lehning, making simple adjustments for the name of each Nasi and then following the formula. Everything was fine until the moment of terror when I realized that the very last summary of the offerings was different from the earlier aliyot. Now there were new words, new trop, and the layout of our Torah text did not match the one I had learned in my Tikkun! Fortunately, I had studied this section as carefully as the others, so I took a deep breath, summoned courage and dove into the sea of words.

As far as I can remember, the last section was accurate, and a few moments later, people were pumping my hand and saying, "Yasher koach." With the rest of the Torah ahead of me, this was a small step forward, but a decisive one. Jack paid me the ultimate compliment, saying, "You should read as often as you can. Who knows how much longer the shul will last?"

Over thirty years later, Havurat is still going strong. I have read the entire cycle of parshiyot four times, and I am proud to say that both my sons know how to read the Torah as well. What I want to leave you with is this: Torah reading is a serious commitment, requiring careful study of the text and memorization of the music behind it. It helps to have memory and musical talent on your side. But the same offer is open to you that first attracted me. If you prepare with dedication and hard work, you too can perform the mitzvah of reading the Torah, diving deep into the words of lashon kodesh and making them an intimate part of your life.

Bruce Jacobs

# The Years of Exile





# The Period of Reconstruction





# Visiting Dignitaries



Top: Ariel Sharon

(to the left of that picture Comptroller Hevesi and Boro president Claire Schulman).

Below it Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu, Chief Rabbi of Israel.

Bottom two pictures: Rabbi Shlomo Goren at Havurat and with Rabbi Algaze at the Kotel.

Just above Rav Goren is a picture of Rabbi Henschel Leibowitz (seated) at a Torah dedication at Havurat.

Not shown: Senator D'Amato, Congressman Schummer and many others.

# Our Contributors

**David and Rachelle Alkalay** – When we joined Havurat Yisrael in 1987, we found a shul that provided authentic services, members who davened with intent and enthusiasm, a knowledgeable, inspiring rabbi who became our friend and teacher, and a warm, welcoming community. We are still members even after years of nomadic travails and travels, and we're glad we're coming home.

**Anne Biener** – I recently moved back to Forest Hills, and during the first few years tried different shuls in the area. But none felt right for me. I came upon Havurat Yisrael by accident and liked the davening, the Rabbi and all the very friendly congregants that made me feel welcome. At the beginning I came to shul at most once a month and then slowly got to the point where I have now become a Shabbat regular, attending almost every week. In short it started to feel like home and I knew that I had found the place to put down my roots and the congregation I want to help grow into the future.



**Renée Feit and David Hirsch** – Renée grew up in a traditional Jewish household in Flushing, N.Y. together with her twin brother, Jerrold, and younger brother, Sheldon. She graduated from Queens College and received an MBA in finance from St John's University.



As a first generation American to Holocaust survivor parents, Renée has always had a very strong connection to her Jewish heritage.

When she moved to the Forest Hills area, her search for a warm and welcoming shul brought her into the “Havurat Yisrael family”. Always looking forward to listening to Rabbi Algaze’s uplifting sermons, she has never failed to be awed by his vast knowledge of our extensive history

and how Judaism interacts with the world around us. Havurat Yisrael has not only provided her with this vital spiritual guidance, but has also bestowed her with many life-long friendships.

After we lost our original home, Renée followed Havurat Yisrael and Rabbi Algaze throughout our 17 years of wandering through the “vast desert” of Forest Hills.

Renée married David, her best friend, in 2011 and they were so blessed that Rabbi Algaze could officiate at their wedding. David, who came from a non-observant background but had always been proud of his Jewish roots, was welcomed with open arms by Rabbi Algaze and the Havurat Yisrael congregation.

Renée and David are so thankful to Hashem for making it possible that all of us could be part of this long-awaited return home. They are also deeply grateful to be able to share this honor with their beloved parents, Irving and Betty Feit, as well as in the memory of Robert and Eileen Hirsch Z”L.

***Esmeralda Meneses*** – En la vida es necesario tener un lugar de encuentro con uno mismo y con Hashem, ese lugar en donde logras conectarte con tu verdadero espíritu, con el poder infinito de ese padre amoroso que cada día nos sostiene y nos impulsa a ser cada vez mejores seres humanos. Havurat Yisrael es ese lugar maravilloso, es ese hogar en el que siempre encuentras la felicidad y armonía que solo Hashem puede entregarnos.



Y un lugar maravilloso solo puede ser dirigido por una gran persona como lo es el rabino David Algaze, guía incansable, amigo incondicional, siempre dispuesto a transmitir el mensaje divino y a dirigir a su congregación por el camino de amor que Hashem tiene para nosotros.

***Naomi Rodriguez*** – Cuando me movi a Queens, conocía pocas personas y algo de la fé judía, lo suficiente para saber que quería ser parte de la comunidad judía.

Havurat Yisrael me abrió las puertas y su corazón, un lugar seguro para aprender, encontrar y seguir a H”.

Siempre estaré profundamente agradecida primero con H”, con el Rabbi David Algaze, mi maestro y mi guía, y con toda la comunidad judía, que hicieron posible este bello sueño ser una realidad. Mazel tov.

***Arlene Ross*** – Havurat Yisrael has been an integral part of my life for many years. Rabbi Algaze and the entire congregation have been there for me during good and bad times in my life, including the birth of my precious daughter, her childhood years as well as the death of both of my parents. Being single and an only child, there were some challenging times that would have been tough to deal with without the support of a strong and vital community; however, I never had to do that. I always had the support of my second family, Havurat.

Since I am politically involved and acutely aware of what is going on in the world and its effect on the Jewish community and Israel, it is imperative for me to be part of a community that shares my concerns. Rabbi Algaze and virtually everyone in Havurat do not just worry about what is happening, we do what needs to be done, be it writing letters and making phone calls to elected officials, visiting them, attending protests, getting articles and letters published, and mobilizing others to do likewise. Rabbi Algaze is well known for his activism on behalf of Israel in the Jewish community, worldwide. He is often consulted by the media internationally on matters related to Israel and Jews worldwide. I so was proud when he was asked to address Congress a few years ago and more recently, the United Nations.

Havurat is a very eclectic place; Jews from all backgrounds find a home with us. We have the privilege of welcoming Jews who have been estranged from their heritage for many years. Some have never had positive Jewish experiences at all until they come to Havurat. It is a pleasure to witness how these Jews grow, often establishing Jewish families in which their children are given a full-time Jewish education. This produces Jews who will be proud members of the community for generations to come.

Although I am thrilled to be in our beautiful new home, all the years we were without an official shul of our own never bothered me. I did not care where we met, how often we had to change location or how cramped we might be. The physical location is not what makes Havurat the special place it is. It is Rabbi Algaze and my fellow congregants.

***Dr. Mark and Gail Silverman*** – Mark Silverman was born in Brooklyn in 1957 and was raised in Forest Hills. He attended Forest Hills High School and had his bar mitzvah at the Forest Hills Jewish Center. He attended Syracuse University and graduated with a BS degree in Chemistry.



From there he attended Downstate Medical Center, where he earned his MD degree in 1983. He did his fellowship in gastroenterology at the Long Island Jewish Medical Center, where he became good friends with Dr. David Sosnowik. He finished his fellowship in 1988 and has been in private practice as an internist and gastroenterologist with Dr. Sosnowik in Forest Hills ever since. Besides his medical practice, Dr. Silverman engages in numerous hobbies. These include oil painting, boating, building and flying model airplanes, and building model railroads. However his greatest passion is studying Torah.

Dr. Silverman and his wife Gail have been married since 1987, about the same time as when he started his medical practice with Dr. Sosnowik. Dr. Silverman likes to say he has two successful marriages. Gail received her BA from Fairleigh Dickinson University and had been working in the garment center when she met Mark. Since then she has worked in real estate in the Five Towns of Long Island but spent most of her time raising their two children, Holden and Ilyse. Holden got his BA at the University of Delaware and currently works for Cerner, an electronic medical record company, in Kansas City, MO. Ilyse graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and went on to receive a pastry degree from Johnson and Wales University. She currently works as a pastry chef in Cambridge, MA.

Dr. Silverman was raised in a secular home with not much Torah influence aside from a Conservative Jewish education culminating in a

bar mitzvah. Despite this superficial exposure to Judaism, Dr. Silverman was always curious as to what and why the world is as it is. His desire to understand the physical world led him to his pursuit of scientific studies in college. Interestingly, it was this very scientific inquiry that led him to realize that there must be something beyond the physical world.

Dr. David Sosnowik introduced Mark to Rabbi David Algaze and other influential teachers at Havurat Yisrael, including Rabbi Mordechai Kraft and Rabbi Yaakov Sebrov. Because of their influence, Dr. Silverman's search for ultimate truth has been satisfied with a deep understanding of Torah. It is because of the wonderful insights and learning experiences that Dr. Silverman has experienced at Havurat Yisrael that he felt compelled to be a major donor to the building of the new synagogue. To this very day, Dr. Silverman studies with Rabbi Algaze, Dr. Sosnowik, and Solly Benroubi weekday mornings before the daily minyan.

Mark's wife Gail is also very grateful for all the help and guidance she and their children have received over the years from Rabbi Algaze. He has always been available to the entire family for whatever concerns may occur. It has always been comforting to know that he is only a phone call away.

***Debbie and David Sosnowik*** – Debbie and David have much “hakarat hatov” for Havurat Yisrael. They met at a Singles Shabbaton in the shul, courted at the Havurat Ski Shabbaton and summer camp, and were married by Rabbi Algaze, surrounded by their friends from Havurat.



What attracted them to our community in the first place is that it doesn't really matter where you come from or what you do (hence no need for an extensive bio).

The Sosnowik family has contributed to the Havurat building campaign as generously as they can for one simple reason – they want as many people as possible to share the warmth, learning, and uplifting

spirituality that Rabbis Algaze, Kraft and Sebrow and the extended Havurat family provide. They want the children of the next generation to feel as connected to our faith, community and land as their daughter Dorit does.

Debbie and David salute all of those who have contributed to this ongoing effort and encourage everyone to join in making the new Havurat a successful center of Torah and mitzvot for everyone! Yasher Koach!

**Jane Stiefel** – A native New Yorker, I am the daughter of immigrants who had fled Nazi Germany, and who provided me with strong family values and a firm Jewish identity. Rabbi Algaze has called me, “the volunteer par excellence” for giving many hours to Havurat Yisrael “graciously and unstintingly.”



I thank the rabbis of Havurat Yisrael, Rabbi Algaze, Rabbi Kraft, and Rabbi Sebrow for their incredibly kind, considerate and inspiring words. A big thank you to all the members of the Havurat Yisrael family for their warm and kind smiles, gestures, words and deeds. I thank you for all your respect, chesed, friendship, and, of course, for the fulfillment, happiness, and blessing I receive through the genuinely pure “sanctuary” of this truly blessed congregation.

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In 1993, when Rudy Giuliani was running for mayor, he came to Havurat to address the shul about his plans to transform NYC to its former greatness after the disastrous Dinkins years. It happened to be Simchat Torah; Rudy joined us in dancing hakafot in the Shul and continued with us as we danced to and in MacDonald Park. Rabbi Algaze put his top hat on Rudy when dancing; he was a sight to behold! When the Rabbi mentioned that his grandmother always held the belief “what is good for the Jews, is good for the world,” Rudy replied “I agree.” We were again joined by Rudy on Simchat Torah 1997.

Arlene Ross

**Glenda Kuller** - One Bright Saturday morning I decided to take a leisurely walk in the Forest Hills Area. It was in the month of August so I was attired in a sleeveless top and comfortable Summer pants. The weather was not very kind to me as I passed by a nondescript building at 70th Road off Queens Boulevard that somehow be-conned me to enter.

And so I did.

Yes, I knew it was a Shul of some sort, and had apprehension that I would most certainly be asked to leave because of my Summer frocks. I could hear the voices of prayer emanating from the heavy wooden doors, and was about to give up on entering save I may be totally humiliated by the Congregation separating me from the long vestibule to the actual venue where prayer was taking place.

“What a terrible idea” I thought to walk into a religious building just to appease my need to be in a cooler place and out of the Summer sun.

As my fear was about to win this debate with my own conscience, a kind elderly woman appeared and welcomed me with a smile to enter, without admonishing me for my improper attire I was wearing on the Sabbath, she simply removed a blue plastic tablecloth that was covering the hall table and draped it deftly over my shoulders. Then motioned me into the area where a harmony of prayer was commencing. Also routing me to the Women’s section where at last I belonged.

As one who was ignorant of Jewish Orthodox Traditions, it was a culture shock that there are those who are accepting of you and will welcome you with open arms as if they knew a stranger to the customs like myself that one August day, all your life!

Now that I am back, I feel that the lessons learned are as fresh with me today as they were on my very first Shabbos with a Shul that truly does not judge and is open to teach the ignorant to tread a better path than they have taken in the past.

It is our spiritual leader, Rabbi Algaze, who is always most accepting and forgiving of those who want to turn a new leaf in life and the complete embracement of the Modern Orthodox Jewish culture that is Havurat Yisrael.

Welcome Back Home!

## *In Memory of Tova z”l*

by Cheryl Wasserman

I need to call Tova, I need to call Tova

For over three years now, I think these words over and over,

I so miss talking to her about the Journal, Havurat or the latest fashions

A beautiful Eshet Chayil she embraced life with a fervent passion

Tova had such a natural yet extraordinary affinity,

To befriend all, to love all of G-d’s creation, she loved all humanity

She loved helping others, all mitzvot she chased

Always with selfless devotion and a glowing smile on her face

Such a beautiful neshoma probably comes around maybe once in a century

Let’s always remember to befriend all and help others to honor

Tova’s z”l memory.

With all my love.

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May Havurat Yisrael Continue  
Its Mission To “Reach Out To Bring In.”*

*With Recognition To All Who,  
With The Help Of Hakadosh Baruch Hu,  
Enabled This Great Accomplishment.*

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*In Returning Havurat Yisrael To Its Rightful Place.*

*It Should Continue To Be A Place Of*

*Prayer And Learning For The Community*

*For Years To Come.*

*Mazel Tov*

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*Leading By Example Has Shown Me*

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*And To Everyone Who Supported  
Havurat Yisrael During Our  
17 Years Of Wandering.*

*May We All Continue To Rebuild Our Special Shul  
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Of Your New Building!*

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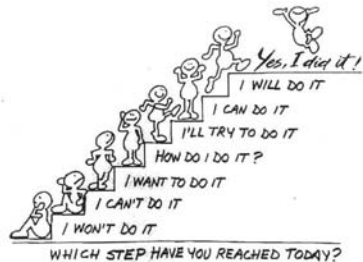
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*Of Havurat Yisrael*

*On The Return Of The Synagogue To Its Original Site.*

*Completion Of The*

*New Building Is A Major Accomplishment;  
But An Equally Major Accomplishment Is The  
Shul's Long Survival Without A Permanent Home,*

*Showing The Strength Of A*

*Congregation Is Not Only In A Bricks And  
Mortar Building, But In The Heart And Soul  
Of Its Rabbi And Members.*

*B"H The Synagogue Should Come To Grow*

*And Enrich The Lives Of Its Members*

*And Its "Yet To Be Members"*

*For Many Years To Come.*

**Eileen Alter**

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*Mazel Tov To*

**HAVURAT YISRAEL**

*On Its 34th Anniversary.*

*Congratulations To All*

**THE LOYAL AND  
DEDICATED PEOPLE**

*Who Enabled Havurat Yisrael*

*To Return To Its Original Site.*

*With Best Wishes For Many Years*

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*Build It:  
They Will Come!*

**The Rose Family**

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*Thank You*

**RABBI ALGAZE**

*For Your Leadership*

*Congratulations To*

**THE HONOREES**

*Mazel Tov*

**TAMARA ALGAZE**

*For This Well-Deserved Honor*

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*To Havurat Yisrael*

*Thank You*

**RABBI ALGAZE**

*And*

*Mazel Tov*

**TAMARA ALGAZE,  
JACK GOLDHABER,  
AND IRA KLEIMAN**

Yolima Delgado

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A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord prepares his step.      לב אדם יחשב דרכו וה' יכין אצעדו

A house is built with wisdom, and it is established with understanding.      בחכמה יבנה בית  
ובתבונה יתבונן

With knowledge, the rooms are filled with all riches,  
precious and pleasant.      ובדעת חדרים ימלאו כל הון  
יקר ונעים

If the Lord will not build a house, its builders have toiled at it in  
vain;      אם ה' לא יבנה בית שוא עמלו  
בניו בו

**Marc Rose And Family**

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MAZAL TOV TO  
**HAVURAT YISRAEL**  
ON YOUR 34TH  
ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

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when trust  
and  
compassion  
are needed  
the most.



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*With the help of Hashem the mission continues,  
led by its founding Rabbi,*

**DAVID ALGAZE**

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*is back home bigger, better,  
and more inspirational than ever.*

*Mazel tov to*

**THE HONOREES,  
THE MEMBERS, AND FRIENDS  
OF OUR SHUL.**

Chanah & Joel Hochman

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*Mazel tov to all the*

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*another mazel tov on the*

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*May it be a precursor to the rebuilding  
of the beit hamikdash.*

**Oren and Shoshana Shmuel  
and Family**

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*Mazel Tov to*  
**ALL WHO HELPED BUILD  
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*May you always continue  
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*I Want To Express My Gratitude To Hashem  
That In His Love And Mercy, Has Opened A Door  
At Havurat Yisrael For Us Spanish-Speaking People  
Who Are Discovering Our Hebrew Roots  
And Want To Know The True And Only God,  
The God Of Israel.*

*A Special "Thank You" To  
**RABBI DAVID ALGAZE**  
For His Obedience To Hashem  
And His Willingness To Take His Precious Time  
And Share With Us The Universal Message Of  
Judaism To The World.*

*To Each One Of You, Thank You  
From The Bottom Of My Heart For The Welcoming  
You Have Given Us, For Every Word Of Encouragement,  
And Mainly For Your Patience And Understanding.*

*May Hashem Continue Leading Havurat Yisrael  
Unto His Perfect Will, For The Good Of  
This Great Community, The Surrounding Areas,  
And The World.*

**Gloria Periera**

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*Mazel Tov To Our*

**REBBETZIN TAMARA ALGAZE**

*A True Eishes Chayal*

*And To*

**ALL THE MAJOR DONORS**

*On This Well-Deserved Honor*

*We Thank You All For Providing  
Continuing Support Throughout The Years  
And For Creating A Beautiful Vision  
For The Future Of Havurat Yisrael.*

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*We Return, Finally!*  
*Mazel Tov To All Of The*  
**DONORS AND SUPPORTERS**  
*Of The Shul.*

*Mazel Tov To*  
**REBBETZEN ALGAZE**  
*For Her Strength And Wisdom*

*And To*  
**RABBI ALGAZE**  
*For Leading Us To The End Of*  
*This Spiritual Marathon!*

**Jeff And Miriam Benkoe**

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*Mazel Tov To*

**RABBI ALGAZE**

*And*

**HAVURAT YISRAEL**

*On The Return Of Our Shul To Its Home.*

*Congratulations To All Of Tonight's*

**HONOREES**

*With Appreciation Of Their Efforts And*

*Dedication To Havurat Yisrael*

**Carol Krohn**

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*Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach To*

**REBBETZIN ALGAZE**

*And All*

**THE HONOREES**

*Welcome Back.*

**Debie, Stu and Ben Greenberg**

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*Congratulations To*

**RABBI ALGAZE,**

**THE HONOREES**

*And To All Those Who Gave So Much*

*And Worked So Hard*

*To Make Our Dreams A Reality.*

**Ira, Cathy and Zachary Kleiman**

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*Mazel Tov To*

**RABBI ALGAZE,  
THE HONOREES**

*And All The Members Of Havurat Yisrael*

*On Moving Into Your New Home.*

*We Are Proud To Have Participated*

*In This Endeavor.*

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*Mazal Tov*

**RABBI DAVID &  
TAMARA ALGAZE**

*And The Havurat Yisrael Community*

*On Moving To The Original Location!!*

*I Am Very Thankful To Hashem For Sending Me*

*To A Beautiful And Spiritual Community*

*And To Rabbi Algaze For Your Leadership,*

*Lessons And All You Do For Us.*

*May Hashem Bless Am Yisrael.*

**Janet Macias**

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*Thank You!  
But I Would Rather Not Be  
One Of Your Honorees  
Mazal Tov!*

**Sylvia Freyer**

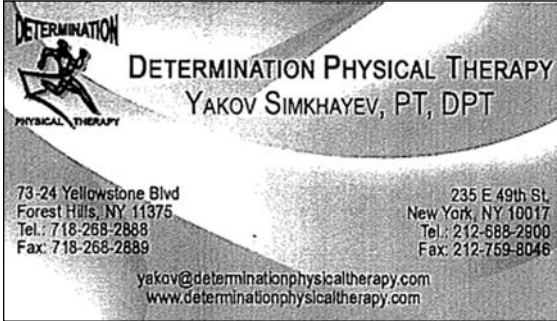
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*Returning To Judaism Is Good.  
ושבח נפשו עליו  
Mazal Tov And Hatzlacha Rabbah,  
May We All Go Up From Altneuland to Altneuland.*

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(Exodus 25:8)

וְעָשׂוּ לִי מִקְדָּשׁ וְשָׁכַנְתִּי בְתוֹכָם

V'ah-soo lee meek-dash v'sha-chantee b'to-chom

Let them make for Me a sanctuary and I will dwell within them

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*Shana Tova*

**Manny And Evelyn Behar**

*Great To Have You Back!*

**Annonymous**



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### *Woes of Arrangement Committee*

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*Celebrations become less sweet  
When someone beefs about his seat.  
Believe us, it's quite a job  
To comfortably seat such a mob.*

*You ask to sit with Jack and Mabel  
Yet find they're at another table  
Removed by far – a mile or two  
And they're supposed to sit with you!*

*We'll praise the day when some inventor  
Will plan a ballroom – all dead center  
In short, a room so well-designed  
With none in front and none behind.*

*So, if we've failed to pass the test  
Honest, we've tried to do our best  
And good or bad, our job is done  
So please forgive us, and let's have some fun.*

*The Dinner Committee gratefully acknowledges  
your cooperation and your attendance at this dinner.*

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