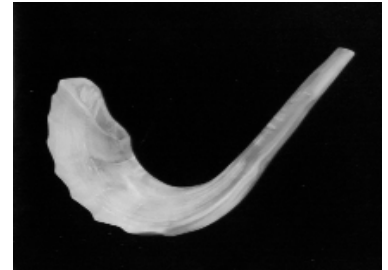




# Hashofar



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## VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FOR ADMINISTRATION



On a cold and rainy Sunday, December 16, 2007 the membership came out and made their voices heard by giving the administration a resounding vote of confidence. The members set forth below were elected to the following Offices and Committee Chairmanships:

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| 1. Rubin Margules                 | President                          |
| 2. Jay Haies                      | Chairman of the Board              |
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| 12. Bruce Bayroff                 |                                    |
| Mark Orbach                       | Trustees                           |
| Morton Sorokin                    |                                    |

The suspense of the day was provided by the contest for the Chairman of the Board position where Naomi Mauer challenged the incumbent, Jay Haies. Jay received 79 votes and the challenger 41 votes. During the last administration, difficult decisions had to be made by the administration. Concerning many of these important matters, various members had different opinions. Before such decisions were implemented, the Administration obtained the approval of the Board of Governors and subsequently

conducted Membership meetings where the general MBJC membership had an opportunity to communicate their views. Some of these meetings were very emotional, but nevertheless they had the effect of communicating the members' points of view regarding these important issues.

The primary criteria upon which the officers of the Administration make decisions, Margules said, are based on what is beneficial for the present and future life of MBJC. While we try to take into account the collateral effects our decisions may have on other local institutions, our final decisions are determined by what is best for MBJC. We believe that many times our well-intentioned members give too much weight to the viewpoints of other local communal institutions at the expense of the welfare of MBJC. We invite all members to dialogue with us for the purpose of making the MBJC even stronger. Our purpose is not to disenfranchise anyone, but to continue MBJC as the center of Orthodox Judaism in our community and to meet the challenges of the future.

**We invite the entire community to join us; we have 613 seats in our main sanctuary, and there is a seat for everyone.**

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**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

I would like to thank our members for their participation in our recent elections. There is no other orthodox institution in our neighborhood that has the transparency and membership involvement that we do. People need a voice, and I am proud that members of The Manhattan Beach Jewish Center have had a chance, to vote and be heard. I am also very happy you showed your confidence in the leadership of MBJC.



*Rubin Margules*

It is time now to come together. I firmly believe that we can and should be a united community. We are a "small" village in the big city. Each of our members is important. Each can contribute if they want to. Each one of us makes our Shul better; together we can make it the best!!

My congratulations to Mr. Jay Haies on meeting the challenge and to the challenger for showing her interest. I hope it continues.

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**FROM THE RABBI**

*by Rabbi Yehoshua Zelikovitz*

Har Hazeitim - December 2007

Dear Friends,

As I stand on the Mount of Olives gazing at the *הַמְּקוֹם הַמְּקֻדָּשׁ*, the Temple Mount on this clear, crisp Tuesday, I am tugged by conflicting emotions.



*Rabbi Yehoshua Zelikovitz*

The sky is blue and serene. The mountain is perfectly still and quiet. The only sounds I can discern are the birds chirping. However, this tranquil scene is an illusion. The Israeli government strongly discourages visiting this site without an armed escort. There have been many hostile incidents in the vicinity of this mountain. In fact, most Jerusalemites choose Har Hamenuchot, a large mountain/cemetery at the entrance to the city as their final resting place. Adding to the instability is the ongoing talk of giving control of this site to the Palestinian Authority. Obviously, no Jewish person wants to be buried in an area that might, G-d forbid, fall under Arab control. So, as I am bathed and luxuriate in the warm spiritual vibes emanating from the remnants of our Holy Temple, my feet sense tremors lurking beneath the surface. A low but steady rumbling threatening to erupt.

I am here today to honor my maternal grandparents and my great grandparents (my grandmother's parents). My mother's family fled Nazi Germany in 1939 and settled in Brooklyn, New York. After 34 years they moved to Jerusalem where they remained until their deaths. They lost much family and all their worldly possessions in the Holocaust and struggled to rebuild their lives. They purchased their first home when they were already in their sixties, in Jerusalem. Years later, while attending a funeral, my grandparents chanced upon this mountain. My grandfather told me that he was captivated by the beauty of the area. After my grandmother's passing, when we could come to her grave on the Yahrzeit, my grandfather would exclaim, "Look at this serenity, look at this holiness, look at the view of our Holy Temple!!"

My grandmother's father couldn't escape the war. He died while hiding in Leipzig, Germany and

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## SISTERHOOD NEWS

By Ida Kleinman

CHICKEN SOUP—the liquid that soothes the soul and cures the cold? Chicken soup is the mainstay of the Jewish culinary tradition. Chicken soup signifies Shabbos and Yom Tov. The savory aroma of chicken soup fills every respectable Jewish home prior to Shabbos and Yom Tov and lets all who enter know that there is a Jewish mamma at work.

Jewish mamas, trained in the tradition of chicken soup medicine, have spouted the virtues of the soup as a remedy for anything and everything e.g. the common cold, the flu, a disagreement with your significant other. Many of the more progressive Jewish mamas merely look at the soup as a tasty traditional dish. However, it now appears that science is on the side of the traditional, babushka wearing Jewish mamma.

In ancient Egypt, chicken soup was used to cure the common cold. In the 12th century, Maimonedes extolled the virtues of chicken soup. In fact, most cultures believe in the medicinal qualities of chicken soup. The Chinese believe that chicken soup provides good nutrition. However, they also believe that when one is ill, chicken soup should not be eaten since it is too nutritious and will strengthen the illness.

Scientists in the United State and in Europe now agrees that chicken soup does have certain properties which can relieve congestion. It is recommended that the soup be eaten with a spoon (not ingested with a straw) since the steam carries with it properties that aid in relieving congestion.

Whatever you believe regarding the healing virtues of chicken soup, I am sure we can all agree that it is delicious, comforting and soothing. So, enjoy—whether as a clear broth, with kreplach, with mandelin, with knaidlach, or with lukshen.

## LAUGHTER TIME

by Lillian Goldstein

One student in a world history class asked the professor, “Is it true that history repeats itself?” “Indeed, sir,” came the reply. Particularly if you flunk it.

Car ad in newspaper: “84 Ford Escort, pushes easily, rolls nicely down hills, looks good in driveway.

## NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

Mazel tov to Jay and Evelyn Haies upon the birth of a granddaughter, Rivka, born to their daughter and son in law, Deborah and David Scop.

Mazel tov to Shelley & Professor Oscar Mohl upon the birth of a grandson, Shlomo Zvi, born to their son and daughter in law, Reuven and Jenny Mohl.

Mazel tov to Mitchell and Natalie Vilinsky upon the birth of a son.

Mazel tov to Mark & Helen Orbach upon the marriage of their granddaughter Shira to Benjamin Neren

Mazel tov to Richard and Linda Drucker upon the engagement of their son Mark to Jennifer Glazer

Mazel tov to Richard and Linda Drucker upon the birth of a granddaughter, Eliana Moryiah to Debbie & Nissim Douek

Mazel tov to Jerry and Hindy Greenwald upon the birth of twin granddaughters to Shlomo & Shoshana Greenwald

Mazel tov to Michael and Joan Penn upon the engagement of their daughter Yael to Schneur Bistrizky.

Mazel tov to Ted and Evelyn Weinberger upon the engagement of their son Steven to Bracha Kessler

Condolences to Ida Kleinman upon the loss of her brother, Abraham Bromberg.

Condolences to Lou Guttman upon the loss of his father.

Condolences to Marjorie Halper upon the loss of her husband, Dr. Herbert Halper

Condolences to the family of Bernard Joe Guskin upon his passing.

## ONEG SHABBAT

Since the beginning of November when the clock was moved back to Eastern Standard Time, members of the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center have hosted a weekly Friday Night Oneg Shabbat. Thanks to the following people for opening their homes to us: Ira & Pauline Bilus, Noah & Marilyn Cohen, Isaac & Thea Fattal, Rabbi Daniel & Tzipora Finkelman, Evelyn & Alfred Gollomp, Jay & Evelyn Haies, Matthew & Lainie Isaacson, Dr. David & Irina Korman, Jay & Joelle Lessler, Dr. Eliezer & Barbara Offenbacher, Mark & Helen Orbach, Sidney & Pnina Orbach, Milton & Deborah Zegerman, and Rabbi Yehoshua & Sarah Zelikovitz.

*Sponsoring a kiddush is a wonderful way to share a simcha or to commemorate a yarzeit with all of the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center. For available dates please call the synagogue office 718-891-8700*



**JANUARY YARZEITS**

THU	3	ROBERT CHERNIN, husband of Marilyn Chernin BEREK OSDOBA, father of Sam Osdoba
FRI	4	HARVEY H. SOBEL, father of Jon Sobel
WED	9	JEANETTE BILLET, mother of Pauline Bilus
THU	10	NATHAN ORBACH, father of Mark Orbach, Joseph Orbach and Sidney Orbach
SAT	12	RACHEL WANDERER, mother of Harry Wanderer
SUN	13	CHARLES SHERLING, brother of Helen Priceman
MON	14	ISAK LIPPER, father of Henry Lipper
WED	16	PHILIP BILLET, father of Pauline Bilus
THU	17	RABBI SHALOM KLASS, husband of Irene Klass and father of Naomi Mauer and Hindy Greenwald
FRI	18	MANFRED STUCKHARDT, father of Marc and Richard Stuckhardt
SAT	19	MAX ROSENFELD, father of Helen Orbach
THU	24	CEIL FIEDEL, mother of Sheldon Fiedel
SAT	26	ROSE RUSTON, mother of Dr. Henry Ruston
TUE	29	ABRAHAM FLUG, father of Murray Flug

**FEBRUARY YARZEITS**

FRI	1	PINCHAS ARYEH SCHWARTZ, father of Gady Schwartz KLARA BRAYNINA, mother of Marina Milkis
SAT	2	MAX GROSSBERG, father of Marilyn Chernin REBECCA LEAH SHOULSON, mother of Rabbi Solomon Shoulson
SUN	3	MOSHE GOLDING, father of Rabbi Shimon Golding
MON	4	ANNA LANTER, mother of Shirley Krim ADA MARIASH, mother of Sandra Wanderer
SAT	9	ROSE FELDMAN, mother of Joseph Feldman
THU	14	FRIEDA KAMINS, mother of Jack Kamins
FRI	15	LOUIS SORKIN, father of Morton Sorkin
SAT	16	ARI FISHBAUM, husband of Silvia Fishbaum
MON	18	MURIEL LITMAN, mother of Allen Litman BERTHA SCHATTNER, mother of Henry Lipper RABBI DR. JOSEPH I. SINGER, father of Vivian Singer
TUE	19	BATSHEVA HARTMAN, mother of Pnina Orbach
FRI	22	CHAVA GOLDING, mother of Rabbi Shimon Golding ADAIR GOLLOMP, mother of Alfred Gollomp JOSEPH MALD, father of Estelle Katz
SAT	23	LOUIS EPSTEIN, father of Winnie Jacobowitz
MON	25	RAY HEITNER, mother of Francine Solomon FANNIE KLAPPER, mother of Dr. Oliver Klapper
TUE	26	IRVING GRUBSTEIN, father of Muriel Bayroff
WED	27	RUBIN FIEDEL, father of Sheldon Fiedel
THU	28	HERB EPSTEIN, brother of Winnie Jacobowitz AUGUSTA STAR, mother of Claire Adelson & Shirley Moss

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*In Memory of Dr. Herbert Halper, from:*

Mark and Helen Orbach, Leanore Huberman, Mildred Altman, Ida and Sidney Kleinman, Vera Katz and Family, The Sisterhood, Lee & Murray Novick

*In memory of Abraham Bromberg, brother of Ida Kleinman, from:* Geraldine Melinger, Muriel & Bruce Bayroff, Helen & Mark Orbach, Lee & Murray Novick, Vivian Singer, Joe & Sippora Binder

## The Manna Eaters

by Rabbi Daniel Finkelman

Some facts about the manna: it looked like a small, round, white seed. It descended at night, sandwiched between two layers of dew. It tasted like your favorite food. It produced no waste, encapsulating its eater's nutritional needs so precisely that after the body absorbed what it needed there was nothing left. (This last fact make some of the Israelites a bit queasy about their "bread from heaven.")



Shortly after the manna started coming down, we received the Torah at Mount Sinai. For the next four decades we traversed the desert, eating the manna and learning Torah. That's basically all we die (when we weren't getting into trouble). The Midrash sees a direct connection between our diet and our occupation, stating that "The Torah could be given only to eaters of manna."

After forty years of manna and Torah, we crossed the Jordan River into the Promised Land. Torah study remained a full time occupation for only the tribe of Levi (and for select individuals from other tribes). Everyone else got down to the business of earning a living as farmers and merchants. The manna stopped, and we switched to "bread from earth" -- dusky, bulky square bread -- the kind whose nutrients and vitamins are packaged in disposable filer. The kind that gets digested rather than absorbed.

Life is mostly waste.

We spend all day working for the money, an hour shopping, another hour cooking, a few minutes eating. And where does the food go? Most of it passes right through our bodies and into the city's sewer system.

We're given 24 hours per day, the overwhelming majority of which is spent sleeping, commuting, looking for parking, waiting on line, sifting through the mail, listening to speeches, making excuses, making small talk, making a deposit, making a withdrawal... And then, in those five minutes that we're actually doing something, half the time it comes out all wrong!

In fact, we're so used to dealing with waste, that even when we are handed something that 100% pure gold, we start taking it apart, looking for some dross go get rid of. We look for faults in the soul of a loved one, for hidden agendas in the most beautiful

friendships, for the "other side" in the most righteous of causes. Even goodness itself is judged too good to be true.

That is why, says the Lubavitcher Rebbe, "The Torah could be given only to eaters of manna." A nation of bread eaters would immediately embark on a "digestion process. "Love your fellow as yourself" - they would have said -- that's clean nutritious stuff: but "Keep the Shabbat"? not practical in this day and age. They would have separated the PC parts from the "primitive" parts, the feel-good parts from the I'm-not-so-comfortable-with-that-parts, the "historical facts" from the "folklore", the "scientifically corroborated" parts from the esoteric, the "rituals" from the "restrictions", etc., etc.

Our world needs it's bread-eaters. We need to know to discern, to embrace the good and reject the bad, to make moral choices. But we also need to know when to get out of digestion mode. To recognize when, in a rare moment of grace, G-d bestows upon us a gift of unadulterated goodness and perfection. To open ourselves to his Torah, and allow its totality to nourish us like the manna that it is.

### FROM THE RABBI

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was interred there. His wife, my great-grandmother survived the war and lived alone for the next 60 years.

My grandparents didn't want their father/father-in-law's body to remain in Germany. So in 1980 they exhumed his remains and reburied him on Har Hazeitim. On my great grandfather's tombstone, there is a stone plaque remembering his eldest son who perished in the Holocaust "ולא נדע מקום קבורתו" and his burial place is not known.

I stand on this holy soil and ponder. Here, after many years and much distance my forebearers ended their difficult journey on the earth. As King Solomon states, "זה סוף כל האדם", this is the end of all man.

We must endeavor to utilize, to the maximum degree, our short time on this world. We must focus on the intrinsic and important aspects of our lives and not on the trivialities and many distractions. We have a responsibility to spiritually uplift, through our sacred Torah, the entire world. We must re-energize and transform our neighborhood. We must continue sanctifying and strengthening our Shul. We must embody in our own lives, G-dliness. If we persevere and succeed, we become eternal. And it will be in comfort that we greet our final day.

הרחמן הוא ישלח לנו את אליהו הנביא זכור לטוב  
ויבשר לנו בשורות טובות ישועות ונחמות אמן

Yehoshua Zelikovitz

## BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program of the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center

Program Directors: Matthew and Lainie Isaacson

Our ninth Bar/Bat Mitzvah program is well under way. The MBJC is responsible for 39 bar and bat mitzvahs including this group of 4. Mazeltov!

Congratulations to Robert Rabin and his parents Inna and Leon, Daniel Asher Rosensweet and his parents Bob and Madeline, Nathaniel Shmushkin and his parents Polina and Simon, and Michelle Soroka, and her parents Gene and Allboroka. Congratulations to their family members as well. Nathaniel is the grandson of Yelena and Romeo Gendleman, A”H long term members of our Shul. I see in their grandson much of the kindness and love of his heritage that had been displayed every Shabbos by Romeo, who Lainie and I remember well. It is a special merit to work with him.

Our students and graduates have been coming to Shabbos services regularly, and have made a wonderful impact on our Shul. We particularly enjoy having our own members present part of their life stories to our “Bar-Bat Mitzvah Minyan”, organized on the 5th floor with our own ark and Torah, and guest speakers. Recently, Toby Levy, Jeremy Bemak, Harry Wanderer, and many others have spoken quite movingly to our students. The last speaker that we had was Zehava Stessel. They are impressed by her book (Wine and Thorns in Tokay Valley) describing her past and the town she grew up in.

Every Sunday our students enjoy a breakfast with us (after washing and Hamotzie) of cream cheese, lox and bagels, orange juice and of course donuts. We discuss the Parsha of the week, answer lots of questions about life, demonstrate how to put on tallis and tefillin, show them around a kosher kitchen, and find some time to teach them how to read Hebrew. It is lots of fun and very satisfying to work with such enthusiastic youngsters. On Chanukah we provided them with chocolate money, dreidels, and menorahs, explained their use, the story of Chanukah, and played exciting games of dreidel with no losers. Everyone’s a winner in our Program! If you or a family member are interested in joining our program call the Shul office for further details.

Shabbat Shalom!  
Matthew Isaacson

## CHANUKAH PARTY, SUNDAY DEC. 9TH

by Lila Shleifstein



On Sunday night, December 9th, we had a beautiful Chanukah party in the Third Floor Regency Room.

The Balooner Rebbe entertained us as

he made beautiful balloon sculptures. These sculptures were breathtaking - in a league of its own.

In the playroom, we had many activities for children.



We had sequin art of menorahs, dreidels, or your own creation. We made menorahs from foam, shiny tin, popsicle sticks, glitter glue and crepe paper. We decorated them with

Chanukah shapes and Chanukah stickers.

We decorated donuts and sponge painted with Chanukah shaped sponges. We traced Hebrew letters and painted them. Fruma Hershkovic won the prize for decorating the best donut. Simon Ayzman was the first to win the scavenger hunt, David Chechelnitsky, Yoni Nirenberg and Binyomin Goldfeder won the scavenger hunt for the one bottle of oil with the royal seal.

Everyone left the Chanukah party with hands filled with balloon sculptures and crafts.

We look forward to seeing you at our future events throughout the year.



## HEBREW SCHOOL

The MBJC Hebrew School has gotten off to an excellent start with 12 students registering for the program. The class is taught by Mrs. Sara Gross, a Manhattan Beach resident, who is an experienced teacher of both religious and secular studies. The group consists of children from the ages of 7 to 10. They have begun to study the Hebrew alphabet and learn about Jewish history and holidays. In the event that more students register, we have future plans to make an additional class. If any of you know of any families in the community who would like to avail themselves of the opportunity of attending our Hebrew School, please contact the shul office at 718-891-8700.

## BAR MITZVAH OF DANIEL ROSENSWEET



On February 16th, Parsha Tetzaveh, we will celebrate together the bar mitzvah of Daniel Rosensweet. Mazel tov to his father Bob, his mom Madeline, and the rest of his family and friends. Daniel will be the 35th student to become bar mitzvah in the Bar/bat mitzvah program of the MBJC. He is a wonderful student and shows tremendous enthusiasm for our Parsha

discussions and for learning Hebrew. Please ask your families and friends to join us in this wonderful simcha. Mark the date!

## UNDERSTANDING OUR RUSSIAN BRETHREN

On Saturday evening, January 19th, Dr. Valery Bazarov gave an extremely informative Powerpoint presentation of Russian and Eastern European Jewish 19th and 20th Century history. The American audience was not aware that one of the six people involved in the assassination of Tzar Alexander II was a non-religious Jewish teenage woman. Although she was by no means the major participant, the mention of her religion was the catalyst for the program murders of 50,000 Jews. We also learned that many other Jews unknown to the non-Russian audience played major roles in the Russian Revolution.

Because of the high quality presentation, many attendees requested that Dr. Bazarov return for future presentation. Dr. Bazarov has worked with HIAS and was responsible for helping over 200,000 Jews immigrate from the former Soviet Union.

## LOVE AND MARRIAGE ACCORDING TO KABALLAH

Since January 11th, every other Sunday at 7:00 PM at the home of Rabbi Daniel and Tzipora Finkelman a lecture was given on the topic of "Love and Marriage According to the Kaballah". Rabbi Menachem Mendel Shagalov has been among the lecturers. About of 25 people attended these lectures, half of them being Manhattan Beach Jewish Center members and the other half being young Russian speaking couples. Everyone was inspired by the lectures. Questions were asked and answered. Refreshments were served. The next lecture will take place on Sunday evening, February 3rd at 7:00 PM.



**The Holocaust Memorial Committee  
Cordially invites you to attend our**

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## SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

During the months of November, December and January the MBJC has had 5 Saturday evenings at the movies, all of which had Jewish themes. The first movie was "ARRANGED" which was the story of two young public school teachers, one an Orthodox Jew and the other a religious Moslem. Both of them were being pressured by their parents to get married to men who were unsuitable for them. Because of their common challenge, they were able to aid each other to preserve and find suitable mates. The second movie was "A LIFE APART", depicting the lives of Chasidim in America and their continued struggle to maintain their religious and family values while living in American society. The third movie was the Academy Award Movie, "THE PIANIST" starring Adrien Brody which depicted the horrors of the Holocaust and the ultimate survival of the main character who ultimately returned to his prior vocation as a heralded piano player. The next one was the movie, "THE LAST DAYS", an offshoot of Schindler's List, focusing on the personal histories of five Hungarian Jews, all of whom were witnesses to the concentration camp and how they were saved at the last moment by the American and Russian armies. The last movie was "UNSETTLED" about the forced evacuation from the area of Gush Katif in the Gaza Strip by the Israeli government. We intend to continue showing these kinds of movies and if anyone has any suggestions for films that were not yet shown, please feel free to call the office with you suggestions.



**A Life Apart** Hasidism in America



## ZION ADAR SEUDAH BREAKFAST SUNDAY, MARCH 9 9:30 AM

The Chevra Mishnayos of MBJC will hold its annual Zion Adar Seuda Breakfast immediately following the 8:30 Shacharit Minyan commemorating Moshe Rabbeinu's yarzeit.

Everyone is invited to attend! Come and enjoy a sumptuous breakfast together with our officers, members, neighbors, Sisterhood, our Russian Minyan, our Bar/Bat Mitzvah youth and some very special "Surprised" guests! We look forward to greeting you at this special event!

## TRIBUTES AND MEMORIALS

Throughout our lives we plan for the future. We attempt to provide for ourselves and our families an environment for a wholesome Jewish way of life.

One aspect of future planning frequently overlooked or suppressed is the provision for our final disposition after 120 years. This is understandable since it is rational to be reluctant to confront mortality. However, since we are all mortal and hopefully responsible individuals, it behooves us to give thought to our final resting place.

The purpose of this message is to inform the Jewish community of Manhattan Beach that there is a holy burial ground under the auspices of the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center at the New Montifiore Cemetery on Long Island. Plots are available at a nominal cost of \$500 each for members.

We would also like to inform the community that Yahrzeit plaques for remembrance of the souls of our beloved departed to be placed in the main sanctuary are available. The cost of a plaque is \$500. To purchase these items or for further information, you may call 718-934-4978 between 8 AM and Noon. Thank you.

Respectfully,

David Korman, Chairman  
Tributes and Memorials



## MANHATTAN BEACH JEWISH CENTER DINNER, NOV. 9, 2007

The 85th Annual Dinner of the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center took place on Saturday night, November 9, 2007. It was a most enjoyable and successful event, marked by an enthusiastic turnout of over 200 people from the community in honor of our synagogue and our highly deserving honorees.

Congratulations to Naomi and Dr. Ivan Mauer, our Guests of Honor; Dr. Daniel Igor Branovan, recipient of the Community Service Award; and Itzchak Fridman, recipient of the Lifetime achievement award. At the presentation ceremony, we also celebrated Kristallnacht with a recitation from Cecelia Margules, the wife of our President, Rubin Margules. A special Proclamation was read by Jessica Blum of the office of the Brooklyn Boro President, Martin Markowitz. One of the highlights of the evening was a tribute to Cantor Pinchas Cohen by a number of well known chazzanim.



*Photo top left: Alfred & Evelyn Gollomp, Alec Teytel and the executive director of RAJI, accepting on behalf of Dr. Daniel I. Branovan. Photo top right: Ari & Bela Kagan and Bernard & Bela Flom. Photos second row left: Harry Wanderer with Joseph & Jochevet Orbach, Cantor Pinchas & Chaya Cohen with Rabbi Eli & Judy Greenwald. Photos second row right: Cecelia Margules commemorating Kristallnacht, Alfred Gollomp & Ira Bilus. Photo third row left: Mark and Helen Orbach, Toby Levy and Madeline Laufer third row right: Part of the audience in attendance. Fourth row left, Vivian Singer with Chazan Pinchas & Chaya Cohen*

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Photo top left: Dr. Ivan and Naomi Mauer, Cantor Pinchas & Chaya Cohen, Rubin Margules, Itzhak Fridman.  
Photo top right: Dr. Ivan & Naomi Mauer. Photo Second Row left: Cohen Family. Photo second row right:  
Councilman Michael Nelson with Rubin Margules. Third row left: Fridman family. Third row right: Presentation  
to Dr. Ivan & Naomi Mauer, from left to right, Dr. Ivan & Naomi Mauer, Rubin Margules, Jay Haies & Rabbi  
Yehoshua Zelikovitz. Fourth row left: Elizabeth Rubina & Dmitry Bonduryansky. Fourth row right, presentation  
to Itzhak Fridman from left to right, Alfred Gollomp, Harry Wanderer, Itzhak Fridman, Rabbi Yehoshua Zelikovitz,  
Rubin Margules

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