



**This issue of HaChodesh has been  
Dedicated in memory of:  
Mrs. Leila (Margrit) Hematian  
Leah Bat Ephraim z"l**



**Dedicated by the Hematian Family  
Tisha B'Av at YMJC**

Join us for Tisha B'Av services at the Young Mashadi Jewish Center on Monday night, July 15th. Mincha followed by Arvit, Megillat Eichah and Kinnot will start at 8:15 p.m. Services will be led by our community youth and include Rabbis Adam Sabzevari and Mosheh Aziz. More details to follow. For more information contact Afshin Bassali (efibee@gmail.com).

**Wheels for Life Celebrity Game  
For Magen David Adom Ambulance**

Below: Mens Game Players; Right: Womens Game Players

**Mashadi Bet Midrash & Weekday  
Arvit at 10:15 pm at the MYC Office**

The Bet Midrash learning program is taking place every night from Monday to Thursday, 7:30 pm to 11:00 pm at the MYC Office at 33 Great Neck Road. So far there is an average of 25 community members attending the new classes each night. A new late Arvit service will be taking place at 10:15 pm. For more information contact Joshua LeVian (joshlev93@gmail.com) or Nathan Zaboulani (nnzab93@gmail.com).

**Rabbi Hayyim Angel at YMJC**



The Young Mashadi Jewish Center will be hosting Rabbi Hayyim Angel on Shabbat, July 20th. Rabbi Angel teaches advanced Bible courses to undergraduates and rabbinical students at Yeshiva University, and lectures widely. He has published over 100 scholarly articles, primarily in Bible, and is author or editor of ten books. He previously served for seventeen years as Rabbi at Congregation Shearith Israel of New York. He lives in New York with his wife and twin daughters. We are proud to host Rabbi Angel and will announce further details of this special Shabbat soon. For more information contact Jonathan Hazghiyani (yoknee88@aol.com) or Afshin Bassali (efibee@gmail.com).



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 23 Tamuz	2 24 Tamuz	3 25 Tamuz	4 26 Tamuz ► Independence Day	5 27 Tamuz ► Candle Lighting: 8:11pm	6 28 Tamuz ► Parashah: Matot-Mas'ei ► Shabbat Ends: 9:19pm
7 29 Tamuz	8 1 Av ► Rosh Chodesh Av	9 2 Av	10 3 Av	11 4 Av	12 5 Av ► Candle Lighting: 8:08pm	13 6 Av ► Parashah: Devarim ► Shabbat Chazon ► Shabbat Ends: 9:16pm
14 7 Av	15 8 Av ► Eve of Tisha B'Av ► Fast Begins: 8:25pm	16 9 Av ► Tisha B'Av ► Fast Ends: 8:54pm	17 10 Av	18 11 Av	19 12 Av ► Candle Lighting: 8:04pm	20 13 Av ► Parashah: Vaetchanan ► Shabbat Nachamu ► Shabbat Ends: 9:12pm
21 14 Av ► Bar-Mitzvah: Daniel Mayer, Temple Israel, 6:30pm	22 15 Av	23 16 Av	24 17 Av	25 18 Av	26 19 Av ► Candle Lighting: 7:59pm	27 20 Av ► Parashah: Eikev ► Shabbat Ends: 9:06pm
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# HaChodesh Mazal Tov!

## Engagements



Brenda Zabihi (Daughter of David and Dina) to Brian Hakimi (Son of Khosrow and Guity)



Danielle Zar (Daughter of Daryoush and Esther) to Ryan Akhavan (Son of Edison and Betty)



Deena Hematian (Daughter of Joseph and Nili) to Jason Hakimi (Son of Hormoz and Malinda)



Lauren Soleiman (Daughter of Shlomo and Hilly) to George Bassalian (Son of Daniel and Dalia)



Alex Feinberg (Daughter of Harry and Pam) to Kevin Nassimi (Son of Edward and Anita)



Naomi Hakim (Daughter of Allen and Lobat) to Adam Kordvani (Son of David and Marilyn)



Lauren Karmely (Daughter of Allen and Raya) to Michel Nematnejad (Son of Salim and Vida)



Chloe Kashanian (Daughter of Rodolfo and Afsaneh) to Joey Cohen (Son of Solomon and Orly)



Jennifer Mounessa to Don Hakim (Son of Ike and Behjat)



# Mazal Tov Continued...

## Newlyweds



**Jessica Kashinejad (Daughter of Alfred and Roshanak)  
to Coby Hakimi (Son of Robert and Mojgan)**



## Newborn

**Landon Kashanian  
(Son of Charlotte and  
Jonathan)**

If your Mazal Tov was missed, please email MashadiYouthCommittee@gmail.com and we will add it next month.

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## Mashadi Student Loan Program

The Higher Education Committee would like to inform our Community's students about the Interest-Free Mashadi Student Loan Program. The student loan program is based only on financial need. Student loans are for both undergraduate and post-graduate studies. All community applicants for the 2013 Fall Semester must complete and mail in an application form, along with a copy of their registered tuition bill no later than Monday, August 5, 2013. Applications can be downloaded from the UMJCA homepage at [www.mashadi.org](http://www.mashadi.org). For purposes of confidentiality, applications should be mailed to: Higher Ed Executive Committee, PO Box 220154, Great Neck, NY 11022. All loan applications will be reviewed by the Higher Ed Student Loan Review Committee to determine what amount (if any) can be disbursed. Repayment of Student Loans are to be made over a 3 year period (1/3 each year) following graduation so that future Mashadi students can also receive the same assistance. For questions about the student loan program or application, contact Marty Bassaly ([MBassaly@aol.com](mailto:MBassaly@aol.com)) or 516-277-4023. **Note:** In 2010, a new Education Fund was established for Post Graduates, called the Laleh Hannah Nassimi Memorial Foundation. The Foundation will provide financial assistance to qualifying Mashadi students based on both need and merit. Funds are available for Post-Graduate studies (Masters, PhD, Law School, Med School, etc) in the United States only. The Higher Education Committee strongly encourages all qualifying Mashadi students to apply using the same application noted above. As of 2012, medical school students can now apply for the Dr. Mousa Hakimi Medical Scholarship Fund.

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# Marriage Forum for Parents Recap



The Marriage Committee of the UMJCA held a Marriage Forum for Parents only on Monday May 13, 2013 at Shaare Shalom Synagogue. Approximately 200 Mashadi parents attended the event.

Eddie LeVian gave an introduction and shared the alarming statistic that of the Mashadi 21 to 35 year old girls and 25 to 40 year old boys there are 630 who are still single. Considering that in the previous year only 20 were married, while 80 reached marrying age, the Marriage Committee has taken a number of initiatives including setting up a series of forums, surveys and town hall meetings for the youth and the singles as well as the parents separately, in order to better understand the issues and reach solutions.

The format of the Marriage Forum was to encourage an open dialogue amongst the parents. Here are some excerpts from their comments:

Fereydun Kashimalak: Help marriages happen by reducing spending. Reduce the pre-wedding parties; support your kids at your own level, and if you can't do a lot, maybe save the money for living not the parties.

Yonatan Mordechai: "The first offer is the best offer." Encourage kids to be realistic, and look in the mirror.

Mansour Zar: When he speaks to boys they don't feel ready for the commitment and financial burden of engagement and marriage, because of too much "cheshm ham cheshmi." Boys don't want the girls 2-5 years younger than them, rather they want younger girls, and girls don't want boys 10 years older than them, so there is a discrepancy and unrealistic expectations.

Mr. Zar, Mr. Cohen and Mr. Dilmanian and others proposed a matchmaking system.

Manoucher Kashanian: Asked that we please don't promote superficiality with the singles, promote love and a good relationship. Encourage marriages and leave the "Tavaghoh" at home.

The Marriage Committee has in the last few months held a forum for singles where there were couples

who were married for 1 year, 2 year, 5 years and 10 years who each discussed what you could expect from marriage at each stage. They then filled out a detailed survey. 220 singles attended. In addition, during the Youth Committee elections, a town hall meeting attended by the singles revealed a number of messages from the youth that they asked us to convey to the parents. Here are some of their comments:

1. The cultural differences make it hard for the youth to discuss and have open relationships with their parents.
2. There is too much exposure amongst the youth to the point that many singles feel like brothers and sisters.
3. Singles are sometimes not comfortable to marry someone their friend went out with.
4. Times are different. Some singles have to support their families and it is financially difficult.
5. Mix up minyans so singles can be around their parents more on Shabbat. This will also encourage more modest dress for the girls.
6. Singles are highly influenced by their parents, so convey positive messages.

Hertzel Cohanpour: Matchmakers / shiduchim are important and in general in America now many matches happen online. Asked everyone to help figure out and make suggestions to help parents and kids get closer. Spoke about peer pressure with youth, but also amongst parents.

Rabbi Moshe: Youth are concerned about the impression of others of their "vaslat". Singles are giving a lot of value to religious level, and if it is that important to your kids then help them in this area. Most importantly, parents and children need to have respectful conversations and communication.

Soraya Kalaty: Parents don't know who the eligible singles are out there for their kids, like back in the old days everyone was together and would see each others kids and families would make suggestions to their loved ones for matches, but not happening now with synagogue separation. (Eddie mentioned that the purchase of Shaare Rachamim is a good opportunity to fix some of these issues by making some changes to our minyanim and that the Central Board is working hard on a solution.)



# Marriage Forum for Parents Recap



The question was asked of all parents: Matchmakers, yes or no? While there seemed to be a consensus on the need for matchmakers, it seemed to be an even more important solution for older singles than younger ones.

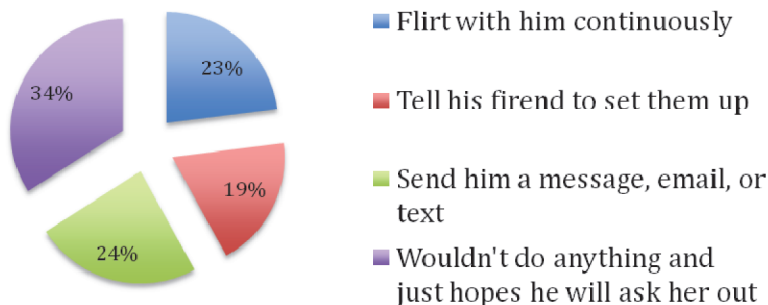
The Marriage Committee announced a new initiative underway to create an organized group of professionally trained matchmakers that appeal to the various segments of our community and that would utilize a private website similar to the system being used by the Syrian Community called the Sephardic Link. Anyone interested may apply privately with the committee. He also announced a program planned for single boys to hear life stories of successful men who were married with humble beginnings and many years later reached their success.

Moshe from Lederman announced a new proposal for the Mashadi Community with an all inclusive, one stop, high end deal for middle of the week 400 person weddings, that costs \$36,000 and includes everything from invitations to flowers and DJ and a full sit down dinner.

Ruth Kamali discussed the results of a survey that 200 singles took recently. Here are some of the highlights:

1. 77% prefer to remain passive and expect an external element to set them up.
2. Parental feedback is very influential.
3. 40% of single men are intimidated to ask girls out for fear of rejection.
4. 25% of single men are intimidated that they could not support her standard of living.
5. Only 50% of single men would ask a girl out again if they were rejected the first time.
6. Single girls felt that the guys were responsible for planning the second date and beyond, but boys felt that either could.
7. Most single girls want to be approached for dating in person. However, 34% of single girls do not send any signals to show that they are interested in a guy and just hope that he will ask them out.
8. 80% of singles prefer one on one date over

## How girls show guys they are interested



9. 75% of singles would date outside the community

Mr. Bassalian: We need to teach kids to understand the meaning and value of marriage. What is the point? A man and a woman live together, and they have kids, but it can be very complicated and difficult, especially if we don't understand what the point is. 1. It is the first mitzvah mentioned in the Torah, marriage is the basis of the Torah. 2. There is Kedusha with marriage (purity/holiness). It isn't about superficial things. Parents and grandparents are responsible for teaching and conveying these messages. Kids will learn from parent's example, and it isn't always about the clothes one wears. The superficial things we have been pursuing are preventing marriages. But if we convey the right messages it will help marriages. Successful marriages take hard work, communication, and working together. We have to show our kids the right way; that we aren't better or above the next person. Religious differences and money shouldn't prevent marriages; marriage is a religious thing they just need to learn to compromise and work together. We should pray for wisdom and teach our kids to hope and pray for wisdom as well.

Dani Namdar: suggested a marriage fund, if so many problems are financial.

Mr. Etessami: "Nagib" girl is the most important quality.

Gina Aronoff: Marry young, because at a younger age singles are simpler and less demanding. And don't make negative comments to kids about possible girls or boys they are interested in. The slightest negative comment will turn them away from potential good matches.