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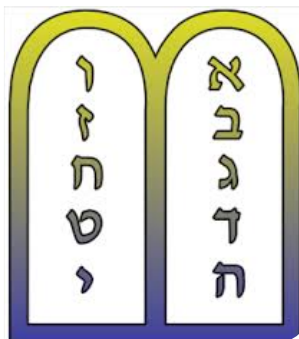
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TIKKUN SHAVUOT PROGRAM 5775



The Mashadi Youth Committee in conjunction with Ohr Esther, Shaare Rahamim and the Gym Minyan present a night of Torah learning for all men, women and youth on Saturday night, May 23rd at 11:30 pm. The night will include the famous cheesecake and ice-cream break. The evening will conclude with Shahrar services in the morning. Further details and location will be announced. For more information contact Jonny Rahimi jdrahimi@gmail.com.

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MASHADI JEWISH COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

A new edition of the UMJCA Directory of the Mashadi Jewish Community has just been published and is available for sale, while supplies last. The Directory book can be purchased for \$10 each at Shaare Shalom and Ohr Esther Synagogue offices. To order books by credit card to be shipped to you at a cost of \$12 per copy, please contact the MYC office at phone number (516) 482-0003, or email HaChodesh@gmail.com.

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MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE

The Mashadi Sisterhood proudly presents a Mother's Day Plant Sale (in conjunction with Shuk Shalom) on Sunday, May 3rd, 2015 at Shaare Shalom from 11am - 6pm. Annuals, perennials, flats, hanging baskets, herbs, indoor plants and vegetable starts will be available for purchase. Choose from a variety of Begonias, Petunias, Dalias, Coleus, Lilies and more! For more information, please contact Janet Navaei Livian (516) 205-9606, Dalia Hakimian (516) 236-7414, Esther Livi (516) 782-7427, or Sharona Arjang (917) 822-4499.

SHUK SHALOM

The Israel and Zionism Committee in conjunction with the Mashadi Sisterhood would like to present Shuk Shalom, a day to experience Israeli and Jewish culture. Support Israel and come by for a day filled with shopping, food and entertainment for children. Shuk Shalom will take place on Sunday, May 3rd, 2015 at Shaare Shalom from 11am through 6pm. For more information, please contact Cathy Banilivy (516) 448-3513, Shirin Rahmani (917) 414-6300, Monica Hakimian (516) 835-8744, or Sandy Mordekhai (516) 410-9996.



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UP TO \$5000 GRANTS FOR JEWISH COLLEGE STUDENTS

Dear community members, there is an organization here in NY that offers grants of up to \$5000 to Jewish college students, if they are financially eligible. They will check your FAFSA papers. Many people from our community have received grants from them over the years. This organization also offers interest free loans of up to \$10,000. Contact the Hebrew Free Loan Society at 1-212-687 0188. For more information you can contact Anna Carmili.

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Are you Iranian/Iranian-American and have low income? The New York Chapter of the Iranian American Bar Association (IABA-NY) has developed a new program that can help with such problems as: Immigration, Health Insurance, Family Law, Employment, and Housing. The program is free and we offer services in both English and Farsi. However, you must have low income to qualify. Please contact the IABA-NY at (646) 580-5118 or bod@iaba-ny.org. All information will remain confidential.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
14th of Iyyar • Shuk Shalom • Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Livian, Great Neck Synagogue, 9:30am • Pesach Sheni • 30th Night of Omer	15th of Iyyar • 31st Night of Omer	16th of Iyyar • 32nd Night of Omer	17th of Iyyar • 33rd Night of Omer	18th of Iyyar • Lag B'Omer (33rd Day of Omer) • 34th Night of Omer	12th of Iyyar • Candle lighting: 7:33pm • 28th Night of Omer	13th of Iyyar • Parsha: Acharei Mot & Kedoshim • Shabbat Ends: 8:42pm • 29th Night of Omer
21st of Iyyar • Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Raynor (Rahmanan), Shaare Shalom, 9:30am • Wedding of Monica Aghajani to Andrew Mittleman, Great Neck Synagogue, 6:00pm • Mother's Day • 37th Night of Omer	22nd of Iyyar • 38th Night of Omer	23rd of Iyyar • 39th Night of Omer	24th of Iyyar • 40th Night of Omer	25th of Iyyar • 41st Night of Omer	26th of Iyyar • Candle lighting: 7:47pm • 42nd Night of Omer	27th of Iyyar • Parsha: Behar & Bechukotai • Shabbat Ends: 8:56pm • 43rd Night of Omer
28th of Iyyar • Bar Mitzvah of Blake Namdar, Residence, 5:30pm • Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Schatz, Temple Torah, 5:30pm • Yom Yerushalayim • 44th Night of Omer	29th of Iyyar • 45th Night of Omer	1st of Sivan • Rosh Chodesh Sivan • 46th Night of Omer	2nd of Sivan • 47th Night of Omer	3rd of Sivan • 48th Night of Omer	4th of Sivan • Candle lighting: 7:54pm • 49th Night of Omer	5th of Sivan • Parsha: Bemidbar • Eve of Shavuot • Candle Lighting: After 9:03pm • Tikkun Shavuot Program
6th of Sivan • First Day of Shavuot • Candle Lighting: After 8:43pm	7th of Sivan • Memorial Day • Second Day of Shavuot • Ends: 8:54	8th of Sivan	9th of Sivan	10th of Sivan	11th of Sivan • Candle lighting: 8:00pm	12th of Sivan • Parsha: Naso • Shabbat Ends: 9:08pm
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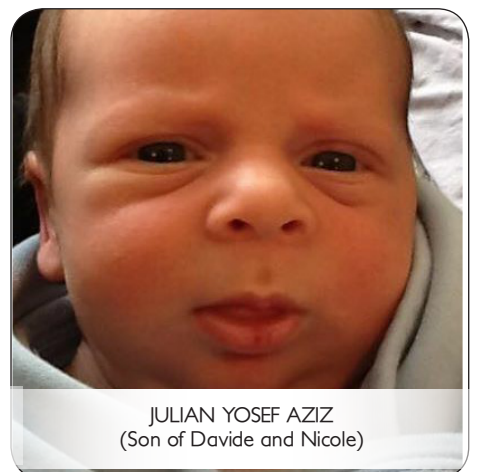
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Second Chances

by Rabbi Joshua Maroof

The Hebrew month of Iyar contains a fascinating minor holiday known as Pesach Sheni, or the Second Passover. The Torah tells us that a group of people who were ritually impure were forbidden from offering the Paschal sacrifice in the wilderness the very first year that the Jews celebrated Passover as a holiday. Upset about their exclusion from the event, they approached Moshe Rabbeinu and requested that he offer them some kind of a compromise so they would not lose out. Hashem instructs Moshe to tell the nation that, from now on, anyone who is ritually unfit to bring the Passover sacrifice at its proper time on the 14th of Nissan will be deferred one month and will offer it on the 14th of Iyar instead.

It is remarkable that this commandment was revealed only after some disenfranchised individuals were unhappy with the status quo and petitioned for change. The lesson here is that we should not sit back, remain passive, and allow opportunities to slip through our fingers. Success comes when we stand up, speak out and refuse to take “no” for an answer; we must seek solutions if we are to find them. Our acknowledgment of the “Second Passover” should include reflection on the importance of passionately advocating for ourselves and our families in all areas of life - religious, educational, social and practical.

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Cheesecake Recipe

By @TheKosherChef

INGREDIENTS:

Crust

- 200 gram (7oz) of Graham cracker crumbs (or any of your favorite)
- 1 stick of unsalted and melted butter

Filling

- 2 1/2 packages of cream cheese (each 8oz), room temperature
- 1 box of Mascarpone cheese.
- 1 cup of sugar
- 1 teaspoons vanilla
- 5 large eggs
- lemon zest

RECIPE:

Prepare the crust

1. Preheat oven to 325°F, with rack in lower third of oven. Pulse the graham crackers in a food processor or blender until finely ground. Put in a large bowl, and stir in the melted butter.
2. Put all of the graham cracker crumbs in the bottom of the springform pan. Gently press down on the crumbs using your fingers, until the crumbs are a nice even layer at the bottom of the pan.

Make the filling

3. Cut the cream cheese into chunks, add Mascarpone cheese and place in the bowl of an electric mixer, with the paddle attachment. Mix on medium speed for 4 minutes until smooth, soft and creamy. Add the sugar, beat for 4 minutes more. Add the vanilla, beating after each addition. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating for one minute after each addition. Add the lemon zest beat until incorporated. .
4. Pour filling on the crust and place inside the oven for about 1 1/2 hours.
5. Turn off the heat of the oven. Crack open the oven door 1-inch, and let the cake cool in the oven, as the oven cools, for another hour. This gentle cooling will help prevent the cheesecake surface from cracking.
6. Cover the top of the cheesecake with foil, so that it doesn't actually touch the cheesecake. Chill in the refrigerator for a minimum of 4 hours, or overnight.



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