

# HaChodesh

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## SATURDAY NIGHTS IN ELUL

As in previous years, there will be a lecture series followed by Selichot on every Saturday night in Elul. The series will alternate between Ohr Esther and Shaare Rahamim beginning on Saturday night, August 22. All nights will begin with dinner at 11:00pm. Further lecture details and

exact locations will be announced. For more information contact Moshe Enayatian menayatian@gmail.com, Leon Hakimian leonhakimian@gmail.com or contact Afshin Bassali efibee@gmail.com.



#### REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS AT OHR ESTHER



Registration for programs and classes at Ohr Esther - Young Mashadi Jewish Center will be held on Monday, August 31st from 6pm-9pm at 130 Steamboat Road. Don't miss out on

exciting classes which include Mommy & Me, Dance, Soccer, Paint Night, Persian Delights and much more! For further information, please contact Avital Rahmanan Raynor at 516-708-9999 oravital@mashadi.org.

#### GYM MINYAN ANNUAL BAR/BAT MITZVAH CEREMONY

Join us in the Gym Minyan on Saturday, August 1st for our annual Bar/Bat Mitzvah Ceremony! All Bar and Bat Mitzvah boys and girls will be honored and will receive a plaque welcoming them to our Minyan. Mr. Nissim Bassalian will be the guestspeaker and alight lunch will be served after the services. All family members are welcome. We hope to see everyone there! For more information please contact David Hadjibay: (516)-507-9232, Adam Livi: (516)-423-3787, or Cody Hakimian: (516)-244-4852.

#### SENIOR CLUB AND SISTERHOOD: FOURTH ANNUAL PICNIC DAY

The Mashadi Senior Club in conjunction with the Mashadi Sisterhood present the Fourth Annual Picnic Day. It will take place on Wednesday, August 12th, 2015 from 9:30am to 4:00pm at North

Hempstead Beach Park (formerly Bar Beach). There will be music, entertainment, lunch and fun! The event is free of charge for all ladies and gentlemen!



#### MYC YEARLY CALENDAR SPONSORSHIP NEEDED



The MYC is looking for support from our dear members to bring to your homes our Mashadi calendar for this Rosh Hashana. With a \$260 sponsorship your name will be printed in the calendar. To sponsor or for more information please email HaChodesh@ gmail.com or call 516-482-0003.

#### LEARN HOW TO ADVOCATE FOR ISRAEL IN COLLEGE

All members of the Izzy '14 and Izzy '15 trips (MYC Israel Discovery Trips of 2014 and 2015) are invited to a special joint reunion on Tuesday night, August 11th, at 7:30 PM. The ADL, or Anti-Defamation League, will be giving a special presentation on the BDS movement, the anti-Israel movement that is gaining popularity in universities across the United States. The pres-

entation will give the teens the skills to combat the movement and advocate for Israel in college. Dinner will be served at 6:45 PM. Location to be determined.



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<ul> <li>Bnei Mitzvah of Yonatan and Eliyahou Hekmati, Temple Torah, 12pm</li> </ul>				•Bnot Mitzvah of Charlotte and Brianna Hakimian, Temple Emanuel, 7pm	•Candle lighting: 7:45pm	• Parsha: Ekev • Shabbat Ends: 8:52pm
24th of Av <b>9</b>	25th of Av <b>10</b>	26th of Av 11	27th of Av <b>12</b>	28th of Av <b>13</b>	29th of Av <b>14</b>	30th of Av <b>15</b>
<ul> <li>Bar Mitzvah of Eliyahu Siouni, Great Neck Synagogue, 9:30am</li> <li>Wedding of Chaya Rofeh to Yosef Farzan, Tifferet Rivka Brooklyn, 5pm</li> </ul>					•Candle lighting: 7:36pm	- Rosh Chodesh Elul - Parsha: ReEh - Shabbat Ends: 8:42pm
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<ul> <li>Rosh Chodesh Elul</li> <li>Bar Mitzvah of Aharon</li> <li>Liviem, Ohr Esther, 4pm</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Selichot Prayers Begin</li> </ul>	•Bat Mitzvah of Sophia Kohanim, Temple Torah, 7pm			•Candle lighting: <b>7:26pm</b>	• Parsha: Shoftim • Shabbat Ends: 8:32pm
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<ul> <li>Bar Mitzvah of Ariel Nabavian, Great Neck Synagogue, 10:30am</li> <li>Bar Mitzvah of Arieh Deil, Temple Torah, 5:30pm </li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Bnei Mitzvah of Mikael and Netanel Rahmani, Grand- parents' Residence, 6pm</li> </ul>		•Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Rahmanan, Temple Emanuel, 7pm	•Candle lighting: 7:15pm	• Parsha: Ki Tetze • Shabbat Ends: 8:21pm
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<ul> <li>Bar Mitzvah of David</li> <li>Kamali, Shaare Shalom,</li> <li>10:30am</li> <li>Bar Mitzvah of Josh Gorjan,</li> <li>Residence, 6:30pm</li> </ul>		Life Insurance, Diss Salim Shlomo B	Life Insurance, Disability Insurance, Long Term Care Insurance Salim Shlomo Bassalian CLTC, LTCP (516) 499-9900 Honest & Reliable		Vosef Liviem Vaca Editor Montage for Special Corcations For more information, places contact Vosef Liviem Call: 3475109628 Email: yiviem 1990's gmail.com	rev your most charished memories A HO Quality DVD'S A Model of the second of the sec
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### NEWBORNS



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#### HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE -MASHADI STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM FALL 2015 SEMESTER

The Mashadi Cultural and Educational Committee (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 2015 Fall Semester must complete and email a loan application form, along with a scanned copy of their registered tuition bill no later than Monday, August 3, 2015. Applications can be downloaded from the right side of the UMJCA homepage at www.mashadi.org. All applications should be emailed to Marty Bassaly at MBassaly@aol.com. All Ioan applications are strictly confidential and will be reviewed by the Mashadi 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, please contact Marty Bassaly at 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 provides 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.

In 2012, a new Medical Fund was established for medical school students called the Dr. Mousa Hakimi Medical Scholarship Fund. For more information and separate application, please contact Jonathan LeVian at jonathanlevian@ gmail.com.

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SOCIAL SERVICES, RESOURCES AND INFORMATION -STAY HEALTHY IN THE SUMMER

Dear community members, we have been informed about an important and informative program given by the office of Assembly woman Michelle Schimel in cooperation with the Colette Coyne Melanoma Awareness Campaign on HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY FROM THE SUN AND STAY HEALTHY IN THE SUMMER. It will take place on Tuesday August 18, 2015 from 2-4:30pm at the Parkwood Pool in Great Neck. This program is for all ages, children through adults. Please spread the word. For more information you can call Michelle Schimel's office at 516-482-6966, or you can contact Anna Carmili.

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## How Matti Met Abby by Leah Hakimian

Dr. Leah Hakimian currently researches the question: How do Jewish couples meet and marry? In the 90's she founded two nonprofit Jewish matchmaking programs, and continues to champion the role of community in helping singles meet. She writes on a volunteer basis to inspire her readers and to encourage them to keep their "antennae up." She resides in Jerusalem and Great Neck, New York. HaChodesh now has the privelege of sharing her stories with you.



Abigail (Abby) Duman Baer nods in agreement with the pronouncement at the Chabad website: "In certain circumstances, it is permissible or even commendable to lie." She then smiles and adds: "Still, I only told a white lie." Matti Baer interjects: "Anyway, she didn't fool me. I understood what Abby was trying to tell me, and I liked what I heard."

Abby and Matti met in October 2011 when Abby was an 18-year-old American student at an Israeli religious women's seminary in Kibbutz Ein Hanatziv. She loved the kibbutz environment, but also enjoyed Shabbat in Jerusalem. Abby had a friend, Sarah, whose family lived in Jerusalem, and on most Fridays, Abby would go home with Sarah, though it was a two and half hour bus ride each way.

"I was also lucky that Sarah's brother had a friend, Matti, who would hang out with us in Jerusalem," continues Abby. Israeli-born Matti, a soft-spoken 21-year-old, was in the army. From the beginning, Matti liked Abby and her energetic personality, but there were two problems: First, he didn't want to get serious with anyone while he was still in the army; second, he wanted a girlfriend who would stay in Israel. Abby was planning to go back to the U.S. after her year at the seminary

Soon after they met, Abby gave Matti an ultimatum. She asked him: Are we moving toward a relationship or not? When he couldn't give her the answer she wanted, they parted. But not for long. A month later, Abby realized that she had left a pair of earrings at Matti's house: "I really liked those earrings, and wanted to get them back." When she called Matti, they agreed to meet at Sarah's house and Matti would bring the earrings. Abby wouldn't confirm whether or not this was just a ploy to see Matti again.

When they met at Sarah's, Matti noted that he had left the earrings at his house. Another ploy? Matti wouldn't confirm or deny. In any case, the door was now open for a re-set, and Abby grabbed the moment. She told Matti that she was thinking about enlisting in the Israeli army. She knew that this was not totally true. Still Matti got the message - she was saying that she wanted to be with him. He wanted the same thing, and in November 2011, they became a couple.

During the following year, they maintained a long-distance relationship. Abby returned to Silver Spring, Maryland, where she had grown up, and then enrolled at Brandeis University. She would later continue her studies in psychology at the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya when Matti would study physics at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology.

Though they were apart for much of the 2012-2013 school year, they found the time to get engaged in March 2013, a month after Matti completed his army service.

Some say that a 17-month engagement can strain a relationship. "For us, it was perfect," says Matti.

Abby and Matti were married in the Israeli National Park of Ein Hemed on August 12, 2014. Mazal tov.