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UNDERSTANDING BDS AND HOW TO RESPOND

College and college-bound students are cordially invited to join the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) for a special event to further understand and learn response strategies to campus issues including: Anti-Semitic comments and incidents; Anti-Israel bias; and The Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) Movement against Israel. The event will take place at the Mashadi Jewish Center, 54 Steamboat Rd. on Monday, January 11, 2016. The night will begin with a Glatt Kosher light dinner and refreshments, followed by the program and a dessert reception. Photo ID will be checked at registration.

TUESDAY NIGHT WINE & JAZZ IN NYC

Tuesday, January 12th, the Mashadi Youth Committee would like to invite you to the first Wine & Jazz event in NYC. Come enjoy a fun & exciting evening of great music, hors d'oeuvres, and drinks at an exclusive venue in NYC. This event is open to all young professionals, 21+. We urge all to attend! Dietary laws observed. We look forward to seeing you there! Please RSVP: Shelby Hakimian [516.647.4280], Carolina Aziz [516.640.6961], Michelle Bassaly [516.603.4131]

PROGRAMS @ OHR ESTHER REGISTRATION - SPRING 2016

Please join us on Sunday, January 10th from 2-5pm at Ohr Esther to register for Spring 2016 classes and programs. Our exciting classes include, Dance, Soccer, Arts & Crafts, Gymnastics, Culinary Delights, Legal Workshops, Zumba, Sewing and much much more! For more information, please call or email Avital at 516-708-9999 or avital@mashadi.org

SAVE THE DATE - TU B'SHVAT PLATTERS

Please save the date - The Mashadi Sisterhood's Annual Tu B'Shvat Dried Fruit Platter Sale will take place starting on Sunday, January 17th. Limited quantities available! Stay tuned for more details!

HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE MASHADI STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM SPRING 2016 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 2016 Spring Semester must complete and email a loan application form, along with a scanned copy of their registered tuition bill no later than Friday, January 8, 2016. Applications can be downloaded from the right side of the UMJCA homepage at www.mashadi.org. All applications & tuition bills should be emailed to Marty Bassaly at MBassaly@aol.com. All loan 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, an 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 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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<p>22nd of Tevet 3</p>	<p>23rd of Tevet 4</p>	<p>24th of Tevet 5</p>	<p>25th of Tevet 6</p>	<p>26th of Tevet 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wedding of Orine Aharon to Jeffrey Loloi, Old Westbury Congregation, 7pm 	<p>27th of Tevet 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candle Lighting: 4:26pm 	<p>28th of Tevet 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parsha: VaEra • Shabbat Ends: 5:35pm
<p>29th of Tevet 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration for Programs @ Ohr Esther and Camp MJC, Ohr Esther, 2-5pm 	<p>1st of Sh'vat 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat 	<p>2nd of Sh'vat 12</p>	<p>3rd of Sh'vat 13</p>	<p>4th of Sh'vat 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wedding of Sheena Levian to Roy Assouline, Leonards of Great Neck, 6pm 	<p>5th of Sh'vat 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candle Lighting: 4:34pm 	<p>6th of Sh'vat 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parsha: Bo • Shabbat Ends: 5:43pm
<p>7th of Sh'vat 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bar Mitzvah of Joseph Zar, Old Westbury Congregation, 6pm 	<p>8th of Sh'vat 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Luther King Jr. Day 	<p>9th of Sh'vat 19</p>	<p>10th of Sh'vat 20</p>	<p>11th of Sh'vat 21</p>	<p>12th of Sh'vat 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candle Lighting: 4:42pm 	<p>13th of Sh'vat 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parsha: Beshallach • Shabbat Ends: 5:51pm
<p>14th of Sh'vat 24</p>	<p>15th of Sh'vat 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tu B'Sh'vat (Ilanot) 	<p>16th of Sh'vat 26</p>	<p>17th of Sh'vat 27</p>	<p>18th of Sh'vat 28</p>	<p>19th of Sh'vat 29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candle Lighting: 4:50pm 	<p>20th of Sh'vat 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parsha: Yitro • Shabbat Ends: 5:59pm
<p>21st of Sh'vat 31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bar Mitzvah Joshua Kashanian, Residence, 10am 						

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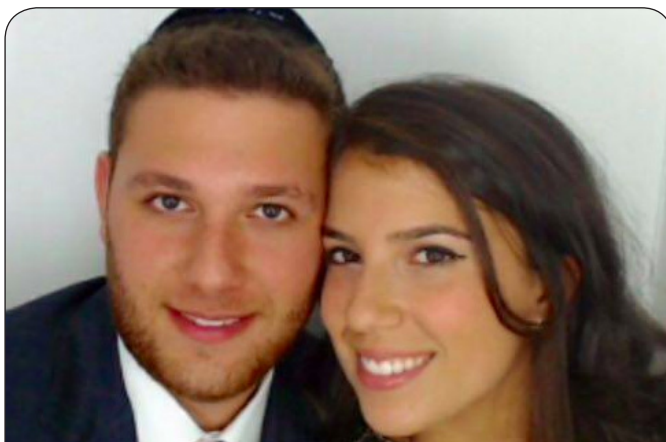


MIRIAM EBRANI (DAUGHTER OF LLOYD AND MAHNAZ)
TO MARK KORDVANI (SON OF EPHRAIM Z"L AND IRIS)



SIMONE HAKIMI (DAUGHTER OF SAMAD AND SOHEILA)
TO JOSHUA HACKMAN (SON OF JOOBIN AND SHOHREH)

ENGAGEMENT



ALEXANDRA ZAR (DAUGHTER OF KAMYAR AND MAHTAB)
TO JOSHUA LEVIAN (SON OF MOOSSA AND ELIZABETH)

NEWBORNS



LAYLA ESTHER YAFA HAKIMIAN
(Daughter of Justin and Sarah)



Linoy Esther Yekotiel
(Daughter of Shmuel and Kathleen)



TROY HAKIMI
(Son of Jason and Deena)



JULA KASHIMALLAK
(Daughter of Bryan and Sonia)

If your Mazal Tov was missed, please accept our apology and send the picture
and information to hachodesh@gmail.com

CAMP MJC - SUMMER 2016

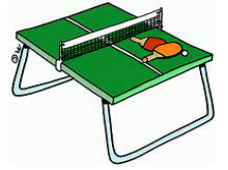
Are your kids ready for more? After an amazing and unforgettable break out summer, Camp MJC is back for 2016! Early-Bird Registration will take place on January 10, 2016, from 2pm-5pm at Ohr Esther. Camp MJC is happy to announce that prices have been held at last year's rates for another summer blast at a great value. For more information please email: info@campmjc.org or call Tali Levy at (516) 640-0077.

SOCIAL SERVICES, INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

If you live in Nassau county and own your house or apartment, you will receive a letter every year in which the assessment (value) of your home is stated. The taxes you pay are based on the assessment, which is usually too overstated. In order to reduce the taxes, you must apply to reduce the assessment. You can do this yourself. Contact the Department of Assessment at 516-571-1500. The deadline is March 1st. There will be a representative of the Department of Assessment Review Commission at Great Neck House, 14 Arrandale Ave., on January 14th from 10am-12pm to help answer your questions. If you need more information, you can contact Anna Carmili.

PING PONG TOURNAMENT

Please join us for some fun at the ping pong table! Single's Tournament for all ages on Sunday, January 24th, from 2:00 - 8:00pm at Ohr Esther. Double's Tournament for all ages on Sunday, January 31st from 2:00 - 8:00pm at Ohr Esther. Fee is \$10 per person. No early registration is required. For more information, contact Herzel Hakimi at 516-662-2913.



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In May of 2014, after much deliberation by the Marriage Committee and with cooperation by members of the MYC, the MYC Directory was launched under the domain name MYCDirectory.com. The initial sole purpose of this directory was to create a “yearbook style” listing of all the singles in the community ranging from 18-45 years of age. The directory would only be accessible by its own members, and the official dating mentors elected by the marriage committee for the community. Each of the singles would have an account profile and unique password to enter, and participation in the directory would be mandatory to remove any stigma amongst the youth and create a ‘level playing field’. Upon entry, each member would see three pages; a profile page to update their picture and information, a page listing all of the single girls in the community in alphabetical order, and a page listing all of the single boys in the community in alphabetical order. The only information shown on these two lists would be a profile image, the member’s full name and the names of their parents. Given the fact that statistically there are approximately 1,000 documented singles in our community of 6,000, the objective was to provide exposure to the singles who otherwise may not attend synagogue or social functions and bring focus to one’s availability within the community. The directory was also used as a tool for the dating mentors to utilize in their efforts. In recent months, the Marriage Committee had discussed taking the directory to the next level and providing interactivity for the singles, while of course safeguarding their privacy first and foremost. The intention for this next phase was to alleviate some of the social issues that have been reported and analyzed by the official dating mentors, and to reintroduce a similar concept that was developed many years ago to create a system that would find matches instigated by the members themselves. This second phase of the MYC Directory is now ready to launch.

With this second phase (which is completely optional to all members), the members will have the ability to add other members they may be interested in to one of five slots, called a “Hot List”. Once a member has been added to a hot list, they must remain there for a minimum of two weeks. If two members have each other on their hot list at the same time, the system will detect a match and notify both parties. If a member adds someone to their hot list, and after a lengthened period of time they see a match is not happening, this can provide some insight to the member that it might be best to move on and replace them on the list without facing a personal rejection. Some other features and functions are as follows:

- When you add a member to your Hot List, an anonymous email is sent to that person letting them know someone has chosen them. They would then have to log into the directory and make their selections and hope for a match to be detected.
- When creating your list, you have the option to have one of the dating mentors notified of your matches to provide you assistance. You can specify the dating mentor you feel most comfortable with. In the event of a match, if one member requested a dating mentor to be notified and the other did not, the dating mentor specified will only be notified of the member that requested them.
- The directory will remember your past selections and will still detect a match if both parties chose each other but after one side was already removed. These “Archive Matches” are handled differently. Instead of sending an automatic notification to both parties, the match is sent to a dating coach to contact and see if both sides are still available and willing.
- In each member's profile, there are additional fields to enter an email address and mobile number. On your hot list, you have the option to request one-of or both of those fields to be sent to the member you were matched with, aside from just your name.
- Only after a member has been added to your hot list, you will be able to see if the member chosen has created their list or not. This is indicated by a simple red light or green light, and does not specify who or how many slots they have chosen. The purpose for this feature is to stop you from waiting forever, should you see the member you were interested in has already created their list.
- Additional fields have been added to extend on the basic profile for each member. These optional questions are used to assist the dating mentors in their efforts.

Possible Future Options

- When adding someone to your hot list, you will have the option to not have it be anonymous, and let them know you were the one that chose them.
- You will be shown 15 random people, with at least one having chosen you. Further narrowing down and providing some insight into who added you to their hot list.

All member information including your hot list selections are strictly private and only known to you. None of the committee members or even the official dating mentors have access to view anyone’s hotlist. The hotlist is encrypted and secure, and your interaction with the hotlist is under 256-bit SSL (secure socket layer) security. If you are a potential member and have not received your password, and are not able to retrieve one using the forgot password link on the login page, it is possible we either do not have your email or you may not be in the directory. In this case, please send an email to mycdirectory@gmail.com with your name and the name of your parents and we will create an account for you. We hope that with the cooperation of Hashem above all, and the youth, we will see an increase in smachot in our community.

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