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## SIXTEENTH ANNUAL LECTURE AND SELICHOT EVENT

The Sixteenth Annual Lecture and Selichot Event will take place on Saturday Night, October 8, 2016 at Shaare Shalom (Mashadi Jewish Center) with a special guest speaker at 11:30 p.m.



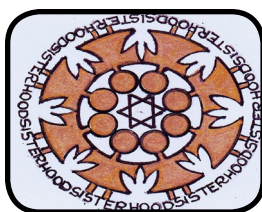
Selichot and Hatarat Nedarim will follow at 12:45 a.m. All men and women are invited to attend free of charge. For more information contact Jonathan Livi jonlivi1795@gmail.com, Daniel Namdar Dandaman9310@aim.com or Charlotte Shaverdi charlottes989@gmail.com.

## BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN UNCLAIMED FUNDS

The State of New York is currently holding billions of dollars in unclaimed funds. Some of this money may belong to you! Many Mashadi last names are in the database. Make sure everybody hears about this. Go to <https://ouf.osc.state.ny.us/>. Click in Search For Lost Money. Enter you first and last name or your company name. For more information please contact David Zar.

## SISTERHOOD'S BAR/BAT MITZVAH LIST

Sisterhood updates a list of 6th-8th graders every school year. This list becomes very useful when planning a Bar or Bat Mitzvah party. We would advise anyone having a party to please make an effort to invite all the boys and girls in their grade to avoid any child from being left out. Please contact any Sisterhood Member or email [umjcasisterhood2011@aol.com](mailto:umjcasisterhood2011@aol.com) to be sent the list and to make sure your child's name is included.



## SHAARE SHALOM IS NOW ALCOHOL FREE ON SHABBAT

The Shaare Shalom Synagogue Board is pleased to announce that with immediate effect, Shaare Shalom will be alcohol free on Shabbats. The Kiddush Club will now serve only light food without any alcohol. Any violation will result in its permanent closure. The Synagogue Board would like to thank the Kiddush Club for agreeing to this. We would also like to thank the Central Board for their support. This rule applies to everyone attending Shaare Shalom on Shabbat and to any part of our property (including the parking lot). We hope that our other community kanissas will follow this rule and make all our kanissas alcohol free on Shabbats. Shaare Shalom Synagogue Board. For more information please contact David Hazghian.

## SUKKAHS AT SHAARE SHALOM

Volunteers are urgently needed for security duty in Shaare Shalom on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as well as regular Shabbats. Please contact Dani Namdar (Danjoshuel@aol.com) for more information.



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## YOM KIPPUR MEDICAL VOLUNTEERS

Would all medically qualified community members (Doctors, EMTS etc) please contact Naim Bakhshi (Bakshin18@gmail.com) and let him know where they are praying on Yom Kippur in case they are needed in an emergency.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29th of Elul • First Eve of Rosh Hashanah • Candle Lighting: 6:45pm 	1st of Tishrei • First Day of Rosh Hashanah Jewish New Year 5777 • Second Eve of Rosh Hashanah • Candle Lighting: After 7:02pm 	2nd of Tishrei • Second Day of Rosh Hashanah • Ends: 7:12pm 	<div>  <p>Are you looking for your dream home? Are you looking to get top DOLLARS for your home? For your stress free REAL ESTATE needs Call Marina Dilamani Direct: 516.770.5687 Your Match-Maker in Real Estate Licensed R.E. Salesperson www.marina-re.com ©2016 Gold Coast Real Estate LLC Each office/William office independently owned and operated</p> </div> 3rd of Tishrei • Fast of Gedaliah (observed) • Fast Ends: 6:58 pm	4th of Tishrei	5th of Tishrei • Candle Lighting: 6:07pm 	28th of Elul • Parsha: Nitzavim • Shabbat Ends: 7:25pm
7th of Tishrei	8th of Tishrei • Columbus Day	9th of Tishrei • Eve of Yom Kippur • Candle Lighting: 6:01pm 	10th of Tishrei • Yom Kippur • Ends: 7:07pm	11th of Tishrei	12th of Tishrei • Candle Lighting: 5:56pm 	6th of Tishrei • Shabbat Shuvah • Parsha: Vayeilech • Shabbat Ends: 7:14pm
14th of Tishrei • Eve of Sukkot • Candle Lighting: 5:53pm 	15th of Tishrei • First Day of Sukkot • Candle Lighting: After 6:40pm 	16th of Tishrei • Second Day of Sukkot • Ends: 6:49pm	17th of Tishrei • Chol HaMoed Sukkot	18th of Tishrei • Chol HaMoed Sukkot	19th of Tishrei • Chol HaMoed Sukkot • Candle Lighting: 5:46pm 	13th of Tishrei • Parsha: HaAzinu • Shabbat Ends: 7:03pm
21st of Tishrei • Hoshanah Rabbah • Candle Lighting: 5:43pm 	22nd of Tishrei • Shemini Atzeret • Candle Lighting: After 6:31pm 	23rd of Tishrei • Simchat Torah • Ends: 6:40pm	24th of Tishrei	25th of Tishrei	26th of Tishrei • Candle Lighting: 5:36pm 	20th of Tishrei • Chol HaMoed Sukkot • Shabbat Ends: 6:52pm
28th of Tishrei • Bat Mitzvah of Leila Shafizadeh Park East Synagogue, 11:30am • Wedding of Chloe Benilevi to Julian Zar, Old Westbury Hebrew Congregation, 5:30pm	29th of Tishrei		26th of Tishrei	27th of Tishrei	28th of Tishrei • Parsha: Bereshit • Shabbat Ends: 6:43pm	22nd of Tishrei • Chol HaMoed Sukkot • Shabbat Ends: 6:52pm



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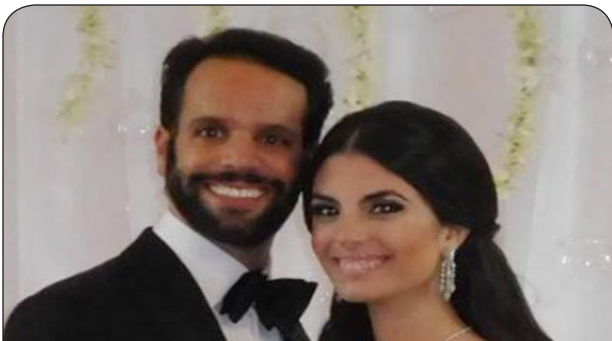
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MELODY HAKIMIAN (DAUGHTER OF KHOSROW AND FARIBA)  
TO SEAN HAKIMI (SON OF SAEED AND HENGAMEH)



JENNIFER HADJIBAY (DAUGHTER OF JACK AND LIONORA)  
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## ENGAGEMENTS



MELYN HADJIBAY (Daughter of Moris and Mandana)  
to SHELBY HAKIMIAN (Son of Albert and Betty)



CLAUDIA HEMATIAN (Daughter of Joseph and Nili)  
to MANUEL HADJIBAY (Son of Moris and Mandana)



DANIELA SABZEVARI (Daughter of Massoud and Mitra)  
to ROBERT NAMDAR (Son of Houshang Z"L and Diana)



JASMINE GORJIAN (Daughter of Ramin and Tirana)  
to YONI COHEN (Son of Solomon and Orly)



LAUREN COHEN (Daughter of Solomon and Orly)  
to RUBENS JOURDAN (Son of  
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## How Tani Met Daniella 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 privilege of sharing her stories with you.*

It generally takes two to make a match. But in order for Chloe Leavitt, 27, to meet Michael (Mike) Fabiani, 30, it took an additional three: Chloe's mom, Lauren; Mike's mom, Marcy; and Lisa, a friend of both Lauren and Marcy.

Their families first connected about thirty-five years ago when Lauren and Lisa were good friends in Port Washington, New York. When Lauren was pregnant with Chloe, the Leavitt family moved to California, and the two moms maintained a long-distance friendship.

In 2006, Chloe moved East to study Art and Art History at the University of Michigan. After graduation, she moved to New York City. Chloe explains: "I knew I wanted to work in fashion, and New York was where I needed to be." Today, Chloe is the director of fashion accessories in New York for HATCH, a sales representative organization for multiple fashion brands.

After a relationship ended for her in the fall of 2011, Chloe was sans boyfriend. "When my mom asked if she could give my name to Lisa, I wasn't much into the idea," recalls Chloe. "But I agreed."

Lisa thought of Mike, and she called her friend, Marcy, to set up the couple. Lisa notes: "I just somehow had a feeling that they would be great together; and they are."

Mike grew up in White Plains, New York, and received a B.A. in Economics from Tufts University. Today he is an associate at the New York law firm of Haworth Coleman & Gerstman, where he specializes in product liability and construction litigation.

"In truth, Mike wasn't very engaging when he first called me," says Chloe. Mike had other things on his mind. He was in his second year of studies at Brooklyn Law School. But Chloe didn't mind taking the lead. She decided on the time of their first date and the place – City Winery. A few days later, she followed up with a text message.

Mike's friends had told him to wait a while before asking for a second date. "I didn't play those games," smiles Chloe.

By the beginning of 2012, they had an exclusive relationship. Mike recollects: "I was confident early on that Chloe was The One. I invited her to my cousin's wedding only a few months after we started dating. I would not have done that with just anyone." Chloe adds: "And they even included me in their family photos."

Would Mike agree that mom knows best? His response: "Of course she does. She trusted her friend's advice, which turned out to be great advice."

Chloe and Mike planned a Chanuka party for Saturday night, December 20, 2014, and invited friends. Her parents flew in for the weekend.

The night before, Mike suggested to Chloe that they go ice-skating in Bryant Park. Chloe reminisces: "When my sister asked me what I was wearing to go ice-skating, I sensed that something significant would be happening." She wasn't disappointed. Mike proposed at the side of the rink. "I am quite shy and reserved," says Chloe, "and was glad that it didn't happen in the middle of the rink." The Chanuka party planned for the next night became their engagement party.

On April 10, 2015, in Santa Barbara, California, Rabbi Gordon Tucker, a friend of the Fabiani family in White Plains, officiated at the marriage of Mike and Chloe. East meets West. Mazal Tov.

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The IRS recently issued proposed regulations which seek to reduce or eliminate the use of discounts in the valuation of assets for estate and gift tax purposes. If adopted, the regulations would have a significant impact on lifetime and death transfers for those individuals whose assets are greater than \$5.45 million (and \$10.9 million for a married couple).

Valuation discounts are often used in connection with the valuation of interests in closely held companies. Appraisers generally apply discounts to interests in family-owned entities for factors such as lack of control or restrictions on transferability. These discounts can range anywhere from 15-50%, substantially reducing the value of assets in determining estate and gift taxes on transfers to the future generation. However, the proposed regulations would require that all family-owned entities whether an operating or passive business be valued without taking into account any discounts if the entity is owned at least 50% by members of the same family, resulting in significantly higher estate and gift taxes.

Generally, proposed regulations do not become effective until they are put in final form. A public hearing on these regulations is scheduled for December 1, 2016. Anyone considering a gift or a sale of an interest of real property or in a family owned entity to a trust or to another family member should take advantage of the discounts available today before the regulations become effective.

For more information, please contact Shirlee Gordon, [sgordon@olshanlaw.com](mailto:sgordon@olshanlaw.com), 212.451.2233.

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**Challah Recipe**  
by @TheKosherChef

**Ingredients:** 3 tbsp dry yeast  
1 1/2 to 2 cups of sugar  
4 and 1/4 cups lukewarm water  
5 lbs flour  
1 1/2 tbsp salt  
3 eggs  
1/2 cup oil



1. In a small bowl, mix together the yeast, sugar and water. Whisk it together, cover it and let it sit for 20 minutes.
2. In a separate bowl mix the flour and salt. Then make a well in the middle of the flour and add the eggs and oil. Pour in the yeast mixture, and mix it all together with your hands. Mix it well (about 10-15 min) until there's no more flour left on the bottom.
3. Cover it with a towel and let it rise for an hour.
4. Punch the dough down. Take a piece off and say the bracha. Braid the rest of the dough. Cover them and let them rise for a few hours (the longer the better).
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