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LAST EDITION FOR THE SEASON!! SHANA TOVA TO ALL !!

SPEAKERS' PROGRAM

Shabbos, August 27th

- Rabbi I. Nathan Bamberger of Riverdale, NY will address us. His topic: "The Rescue of the Danish Jewry in WW II." Shul, 5:15 PM.

Next Week, Shabbos, September 3rd

- Rabbi Dov Fendel, the Dean of the Yeshiva in Sderot Israel, will address us (Sderot is 10 miles north of the Gaza Strip). His topic: "Sderot in the Eye of the Storm." Shul, 5:15 PM.

ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday, August 27th

- Avraham Fried Concert, nightclub, 10:30 PM. Doors open 9:50 PM. No one will be admitted without a ticket. Tickets (\$10.00 each) are available in the VV office.

Next Week, Saturday, September 3rd

- Annual Barbecue, outdoor pool, 10:00 PM.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Friday, August 26th

- Day Camp Carnival 11:00 AM on "the great lawn"; Magic Show 1:30 PM, nightclub. Everyone is invited.

Sunday, August 28th

- Simcha Dancing, Lynn Gold, nightclub, 10:15 AM, no charge. Last session of season.
- Yoga for Women, Anna of New Age, indoor pool deck, 11:15 AM, \$7.00; bring a mat or towel.
- Family Portrait Day. Please sign up outside the office.

Monday, August 29th

- Grace Steinberg's Arts & Crafts Class. 8:00 PM, Village Den. \$1.00 materials fee. Last session of season.

Tuesday, August 30th

- Demonstration Of "Gifts With Presentation"/Helpful Hints Session, 8:15 PM. Mimi Furst, Z15, will again host us, and will show us how to make wonderful gift "cakes" from towels or diapers. After that, we'll all share helpful hints. No charge. Last session of season.

Wednesday, August 31st

- Bingo, 8:15 PM, Card Room. No charge. Prizes to winners. Last session of season.

Thursday, September 1st

- Hebrew Conversation Group, Yehoshua Zanger, Card Room, no charge, 8:30 PM. Last session of season.

Friday, September 3rd and Sunday September 4th

- Yoga for Women, Anna of New Age, indoor pool deck, 10:15 AM, \$7.00. Last session on September 4th.

SHUL NEWS

- Please see the attached schedule of services and classes for this week and next.
- Yasher Koach to our recent Baalei Darshan: Morry Heller and Saadia Shapiro.
- Thanks to Izzy Mintzer for supplying knishes at last week's kiddush.
- The High Holidays are a little over 6 weeks away, and we're happy to announce that we've secured a fine array of Baalei Tfilah to inspire us. For Shacharis: Avi Schreier, Morry Heller and Jack Ehrenhaus; Musaf: Jack Ehrenhaus and Saul Klausner; Kol Nidre: Saul Klausner; Neila: Jack Ehrenhaus. If you're going to be here, you'll be more than pleased. Please fill out the attached sheet and deposit in the office.
- The term of the current Shul administration expires at the end of this season. If you'd like to become an officer or Gabbai or serve on the Nominating Committee, please contact Rabbi Nate Steinberg, 436-7969.

A MESSAGE OF THANKS

- Thanks to all for making Emunah's Fashion Show an outstanding success! We were proud to honor Hilda Stark for her years of devotion to our children in Israel. Todah Rabbah to Rickie Platt for sharing her beautiful creations and her generous donation. To all our sponsors, models, cashiers and caterers, your participation helped accomplish this great mitzvah; our children thank you. -Tina Orlian, Marcia Genuth
- Yasher Koach and sincere gratitude from the Hebrew Day School to all participants who made this year's raffle and breakfast the exceptional financial and social success that it was. -Elly Reznik
- Many thanks to all those who contributed to the Clothesathon for needy children in Israel. -Susan Eckman

SPORTS

Softball: Bring 'em on! Two weeks ago, there was a 3-way tie for first place in our division. Last week, we defeated one leader, the Carpathian. This week, we polished off another, Regency, albeit in 11 innings. Among the standouts: Saadia (of Dvar Torah fame) Shapiro, who not only pitched a great game, but knocked in the winning run in the 11th. VV trailed 3-0 in the 4th, when they rallied for 3 runs to tie, highlighted by Shabsi (reliving his championship years) Schreier's double. Again trailing by 3 in the 8th, VV came back to tie on a booming (and we mean booming) double by Mitch Garbow which drove in the first 2 runs. What followed was a historic Babe Ruth moment. Harvey "The Hacker" Held called time, strolled over to Izzy Brody and whispered, "I'm going to line the next good pitch over 2nd." On the very next pitch, Harvey rocketed the ball over 2nd to tie the score. He called it a memorable moment for the annals of "Great Moments in VV Softball." Three players got 3 hits in the game: Harvey, Joey Orlian and Saadia. VV's winning surge came too late in the season to vie for the championship, but as the great sage, Izzy Brody said (so many times before), "Wait till next year."

Reunion: We've had inquiries as to who played on those championship teams of 15-18 years ago. There's no space to list their complete names so here are their initials. If you can identify 15 of the 22, you have won the right to ask the Gabbai for Shlishi: LA, SW, BE, ES, IE, LS, JE, LS (another) MG, SS IG, US, HH, SS (another) RL, AS, KM, DR, IP, SR, BR IB and HR. Festivities will begin at 11:00 AM, Sun. Sept. 4th. -Rabbi Israel Poleyeff

The Lady Villagers played their final game of the season against Countryside Acres with a resounding victory...unfortunately not for our team. Although we did not meet our scoring quota, we did meet the quota for camaraderie, good sportsmanship and fun. We look forward to meeting all quotas next year! -Anna Freilich

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YASHER KOACH TO THESE VOLUNTEERS, AS REPORTED IN THE V.V. VOICE

- Rabbis Sol Appleman, Herbert Bomzer, Israel Poleyeff, Howard Rosman, Aaron Selevan, Herbert Silverberg and Nate Steinberg for delivering Dvar Torahs between Mincha and Maariv.
- Rabbis Herbert Bomzer, Asher Finkel, Maurice Lamm and Barry Dov Schwartz and Dr. Lester Eckman for being Shabbos afternoon speakers.
- Estelle Brandler, Ely Reznik and Mendy Weissman for again selling raffles and Estelle and Bernie Selevan for once again selling Shop Rite Certificates, all to benefit the Hebrew Day School.
- Joe Brandler for continuing to beautify Vacation Village with sensational, marvelous flowers.
- Susan Eckman for securing Shabbos afternoon speakers, heading a drive for children's clothes for Israel and chairing our popular Cooking Demonstrations. Thanks also to Mimi Furst, Mashy Miller, Rita Schwalb and Debby Stepelman, for demonstrating their recipes and/or hosting this event.
- Nat Faska for setting up tikkunim and to Nat and Moshe Pfeffer for their help with kiddushim.
- Jessie Brandler Fishbein for her ongoing great weekly Parsha Shiur every Shabbos.
- Anna Freilich for once again coaching the Lady Villagers baseball team.
- Mitchell Friedman and his committee for continuing to oversee our terrific Day Camp.
- Yoni Gilad for once more leading the Children's Learn and Play Hour on Shabbos mornings.
- Abe Gutfreund for efficiently chairing the HOA elections, and thanks to his committee, Zelda Wolfson, Scott Zecher and Stanley Landsman (described by Abe as "a math teacher, a CPA and a yucky.") for their efforts. And, also, to Abe for spearheading the purchase and installation of our terrific playground shade covers.
- Lynn Gold and Sid Gold, for heading the important Singles Weekend, and Elaine Cohen and Harriet Faska for being in charge of housing our Singles. And, special thanks to Lynn, for again teaching Simcha Dancing.
- Arthur Greenberg, for continuing to give the Daf Yomi shiur every Shabbos.
- Marilyn Held for once again chairing the wonderful Nine Days' Luncheon.
- Neil Herskowitz for instituting the popular High Speed Internet service in VV.
- Carolynn Jarashow for her interesting presentation on "Jewish Energy Healing."
- Renee Klugmann and Avi Schreier for their invaluable EMT assistance on many occasions.
- Ethel Kanarfogel for continuing to lead the fun Yiddish Conversation Group.
- Sue ("Pom-Pom") Klausner and Amy Burstin for their much appreciated help on The VV Voice.
- Avi Lauer for efficiently overseeing the Vacation Village Yahoo group.
- Reggie Lerman for selling cook books for tzedakah.
- Miriam Messing, Morris Pfeffer, Ely Reznik and Naomi Brody for sharing their moving stories on Tisha B'Av.
- Rachelle Neuman for taking over the reins of the Genie Poleyeff (A"H) Memorial Tennis Tournament.
- Tina Orlan and Marsha Genuth for the Emunah Fashion Show, and Rhoda Cohen, for her able assistance.
- Rabbi Steven Penn and VVDC for their donation of siddurim and chumashim to YIVV, purchased with funds from the camp's Scholastic Book Fair. And to VVDC for their wonderful production of "The Best of B'way," a spectacular standing-room only show directed by Kenny Birnbaum, under the auspices of Rabbi Penn.
- Dora Pfeffer and Harriet Faska for chairing our Wednesday night Bingo game.
- Rabbi Israel Poleyeff for his insights on the Tisha B'Av kinos, and also for his sports news reports here.
- Ely Reznik for his dedicated, professional, and ongoing repair of our seforim.
- Fabienne Rottenberg for bringing two expert needlepointers to VV to give a free needlepoint lesson.
- Josh Samborn, our Entertainment Chairman, for providing socko shows all season long.
- Elaine Schindler and Esther Landsman for chairing the graceful Amit Literary Luncheon, and to Elaine and daughter, Jody Abittan for covering the cost of the food so that all monies raised could go directly to Amit.
- Rosalie Shore for arranging our two fun, enjoyable day trips.
- Rosalie Shore and Trudy Leifer, for, respectively, selling Amit and Emunah All-Occasion Cards.
- Susan Silverberg for her enthusiastic and energetic chairing of the Arts and Crafts Exhibit.
- Grace Steinberg, for leading our delightful Arts and Crafts class, and for her innovative ideas.
- Rabbi Nate Steinberg and Rita Schwalb for their great book reviews, and Rabbi Nate Steinberg and Moishe Klugmann for providing Shul information for the Voice. Thanks also to Rabbi Steinberg and committee for the moving Dedication to Rabbi Wilfred Wolfson, A"H, and the popular accompanying Shalosh Seudos.
- Debby Stepelman, Vivi Hershkop, Elaine Schindler and Carmen for handling the Avraham Fried tickets.
- Yehoshua Zanger for chairing our enjoyable weekly Chug Ivri.

Special thanks to our hard-working administration:

1. **HOA**--Lenny Glass, Effie Love, presidium, Harold Goldman (retiring), Neil Herskowitz, Nachman Kanovsky, Avi Schreier and Debby Stepelman. And to Harold Morrison new to the Board, who is already on the job.
2. **Shul**--Rabbi Nate Steinberg, president, Sidney Feinberg, Moshe Klugmann, Danny Levine, Simcha Lent and Rabbi Dr. Howard Rosman.
3. **Facilities Team** --Carmen Malanka for her beautiful decorative touches all around VV and for efficiently duplicating this newsletter every week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please read the attached letter describing the "Baal T'shuvah Weekend" that we are planning to host on the weekend of July 21, 2006. Please also consider volunteering to host guests and to help on the committee.
- Please also read the attached letter about the Catskill Homeowners Alliance, a political action group of frum vacation home communities. Please also consider registering with them to vote up here by absentee ballot.
- We plan to hold our annual Singles Weekend next season on the weekend of August 18, 2006. Here's another chance for you to host some of our single guests, and get a big mitzvah.
- Still Lost—a brown raincoat, taken from the Shul. Please contact Fred Greenstein, N5, 434-9536. Thanks.
- Found. A heavy chain (looks like dark silver) in the night club. Contact Nat Faska, 436-1968.
- Be sure to check the "Lost & Found" areas before you go home. They are in three locations: at the outdoor pool (near the soda machine), at the indoor pool (behind the lifeguard's chair) and in the Shul lobby (in a blue bucket). Please note that items left after Labor Day will be discarded.

The Vacation Village Voice

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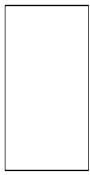


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Schedule of Services and Classes

	EIKEV 21-22 AV AUG. 26-27	RE'EH 28-29 AV SEPT. 2-3
Erev Shabbos		
Early Mincha	6:45 PM	6:30 PM
Early Candle Lighting	7:00 PM	6:45 PM
Regular Candle Lighting	7:24 PM	7:12 PM
Regular Mincha	7:35 PM	7:20 PM
Shabbos		
Shacharis	7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 9:45 AM	7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 9:45 AM
Teen Minyan	9:15 AM	9:15 AM
Sh'ma Not Later Than	9:40 AM	9:42 AM
Yiddish Conversation Group-Ethel Kanarfogel	4:30 PM *	*
Lecture	5:15 PM	5:15 PM
Early Mincha	6:30 PM	
Jessie's Parsha Shiur	6:30 PM*	*
Daf Yomi – Arthur Greenberg	6:55 PM	6:55 PM
Regular Mincha	7:15 PM	6:30 PM**
Maariv	8:15 PM	8:00 PM
Shabbos Ends	8:23 PM	8:11 PM
*Yiddish Conversation, Jessie's Parsha Shiur-- last sessions Aug. 27th **One Minyan		

Weekdays	
Rabbi Sher's Shiur	7:45 AM
Shacharis	8:30 AM
Mincha	7:20 PM
Additional Shacharis Sun, Mon, Fri	7:00 AM
Additional Mincha Sunday	2:00 PM



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A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Next season, we are planning to host a “Baal T’shuvah” Weekend. This is in response to the speech here this summer by Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald of the National Jewish Outreach Program. The Rabbi shocked us when he stated that while the Orthodox community gets about 4,000 Baalei T’shuvah every year, the Jewish world loses 80,000 Jews every year. He called this “The Silent Holocaust.” He believes that most of those Jews who intermarry out of their faith are ignorant of their Judaism and that Shuls in general are not doing anything to welcome the non-observant. He also pointed out that there is not enough follow-up among those people who have already expressed some kind of tentative interest in finding out about their heritage. This compares unfavorably with missionary organizations, and groups like the one headed by Billy Graham, which continue to follow up with each person on a one-on-one basis.

Rabbi Buchwald’s speech took us aback, and certainly gave us something to think about! We have decided that it’s incumbent on all of us to become proactive to help Jews who are searching to find their way. To this end, we have come up with the idea of inviting people who have already expressed an interest in exploring their Jewish heritage, to come to Vacation Village and experience our beautiful Shabbos here. We have contacted Steve Eisenberg, the son of Phyllis Eisenberg Hiltzik, a well-known activist in the Baal T’shuvah movement, and asked him if he can work with us to provide contacts to people who have already taken the first steps towards finding out about their Judaism. Steve enthusiastically replied that he would be happy to do it, and to help us in any way possible.

Our idea is to have individuals or small families stay with us in our homes, eat their Shabbos meals with us, and just spend a lovely, relaxed weekend here. We are aiming for the weekend of July 21, 2006 (we’ve already determined that camp visiting will be a week earlier). We therefore ask that all of you keep the July 21st weekend available, open up your homes, and also volunteer to help on the committee.

Phyllis Eisenberg Hiltzik and Shirley Linder have graciously agreed to spearhead this event—Phyllis as the overall chairman and Shirley being in charge of housing. The committee (thus far) consists of Lenny Glass, Lynn Gold and Sonia Schwartz.

We look forward to everyone’s help. We would also appreciate your ideas on how to make this weekend really meaningful to our guests.

Please note: this new weekend will be in addition to our very important Singles weekend. The Singles Mingle will be held on the weekend of August 18, 2006. So, you will now have two wonderful opportunities to open up your homes for a big mitzvah!

Thanks in advance for your support. Ksivah V’chasima Tova!