Dear Friends,

With much anticipation and excitement we present our upcoming educational activities and programs running until Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year).

They tell the story of Yankel from the Shtetl Leoncin who dreams that his life of poverty is over if he would just travel to Warsaw and dig up the treasure buried under a particular bridge. After dreaming for three consecutive nights, he travels to Warsaw with nothing to lose. Arriving at the bridge in Warsaw, he sees an armed guard pacing. After hours of waiting and watching, the guard approaches and questions him. Yankel tells the guard about the dreams and the treasure, to which the guard responds with mockery. “You believe everything you hear in a dream? I had a dream that in Leoncin, in the hut at the edge of the marketplace there is a buried treasure behind the fireplace! You think I’m gonna shlep to Leoncin!” Bidding farewell Yankel comes home and digs up the treasure behind the fireplace in his own home.

We have a treasure in our midst. Many a community would envy the smorgasbord of educational opportunities available. We encourage you to dig into the treasure that is no longer concealed, but open and available for one and all.

I look forward to welcoming you to our enlightening and inspiring courses, lectures and study groups in the near future. Please peruse this update and mark your calendars now so you don’t miss out.

Chanoch H Sufrin
Adult Education Director
Hebrew, the basic language of the Bible, Hebrew, the primary language of Jews and Judaism for more than 3,500 years, Hebrew, the language of prayer, Torah study and scholastic achievements.

This class is geared specifically toward those who are currently unable to read Hebrew. Upon completion of this course, students will be well on their way to developing Hebrew reading skills. Whether you are interested in classical Hebrew (as found in the prayer-books) or modern Hebrew as spoken in Israel, this course is ideal for you.

Be ready for the High Holidays... and show your friends how you can follow the services.
1972. The Munich Olympic Games. 121 Nations. 7,170 Competitors. Over a billion viewers. ...and 8 Palestinian Terrorists.

For the first time in over 25 years, the truth is revealed.

The 1972 Munich Olympics were interrupted by Palestinian terrorists taking Israeli athletes hostage. Besides footage taken at the time, we see interviews with the surviving terrorist, Jamal Al Gashey, and various officials detailing exactly how the police, lacking an anti-terrorist squad and turning down help from the Israelis, botched the operation.

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The impact of social online networking scene is only beginning to be felt. In this presentation, our guest speaker Raphael Aron (counsellor, author and dynamic speaker) demonstrates the far reaching ramifications of Facebook, MySpace and other online networks and the potential threat they pose to young people as they try to forge meaningful relationships at home and within society.

Perhaps one of the most significant casualties of the online network scene is the experience of intimacy which in turn challenges the viability of long-term relationships and marriages. These themes are also included in this presentation as Raphael explores the uniqueness of the Jewish model of intimacy.

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Once a month a group of like-minded individuals take some time out of the busy work-schedule to learn, to laugh, to eat and to relax.

Join us for our fabulous monthly “Lunch ‘n Learn.” We discuss relevant topics of interest interspersed with meaningful and inspirational messages, and discuss and debate questions relating to Jewish faith and practice.

A complimentary Kosher lunch is served for all to enjoy.

At two convenient locations, one in the heart of the City and one in Rocklea.
As we approach the High Holiday days many often spend a lot of time in anticipation of the day, waiting for it to be something different. With hopes for inspiration and change, we even feel compelled to come to Shul, but once we get there we often get lost in the mumble of the many prayers which seem repetitive and seem to lack attachment to who we are.

Well, no longer. Join us for this three-week series as we unlock the secrets of these most awesome and powerful High Holy Days.

**Week 1: Does G-d Allow U-Turns?**

**Week 2: Does G-d Really Need Us?**

**Week 3: Does G-d Actually Listen to Us?**

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Join us as we “travel” to the Shtetl of Mezhibuzh, now in the Ukraine (previously in Poland and Russia), where Rabbi Yisroel “Baal Shem Tov” spent much of his life. He was born in 1698, on Elul 18, and later founded the Chassidic movement.

Who was the Baal Shem Tov? What contribution did he bring to Jewish life in Poland and Russia? What is the whole Chassidic movement all about?

A “Farbrengen” – a Chassidic gathering – is a time to inspire with warmth and friendship. A time for retelling stories chronicling the amazing life of the Baal Shem Tov, and see how his teachings and inspiration live on today.

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This presentation will attempt to answer many (but definitely not all) of the “Jewish Tradition” questions. Participants are also asked to bring their own list of questions (or email prior).