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Celebrate Chanukah at the Jewish Community Center of Paramus

Please Join Us for our Annual Family Chanukah Celebration



This year we are pleased to present

A Dinner for the Entire Congregation Fourth Night of Chanukah

Tuesday, December 11th, 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Plan to be with us for this wonderful Jewish Community Center of Paramus tradition, with a twist. Join us as we celebrate Chanukah with Rabbi Arthur D. Weiner, Cantor Sam Weiss, and our entire congregation. This is a great way to join the entire community in the observance of our beautiful Festival of Lights.

The evening will begin with a dinner. We thank the Men's Club for hosting this event. Following dinner, at approximately 7 p.m., we will gather for the public lighting of the Jewish Community Center of Paramus rooftop *Chanukiyah* (Chanukah Menorah). We will then go indoors and light the traditional *Chanukiyah* and participate in holiday songs with our Hebrew school children and "JCCP Singers." We will play *Dreidel* and other games and enjoy delicious refreshments including traditional *sufganiyot* (jelly doughnuts).

We hope that you and your families will join us.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS IN ADVANCE BY DECEMBER 4.

For more information or to make a reservation, please contact the JCCP office at (201) 262-7691 or office@jccparamus.org.

Adults: \$6 in advance; \$15 at door

Children (13 and under): \$3 in advance, \$6 at door

Max. \$18 per family in advance.

(Only limited seating at door, so please reserve in advance.)





DECEMBER 2

Candle Club

YJF Movie & Lunch

DECEMBER 7

YJF Service

DECEMBER 9

Men's Club Breakfast

Sisterhood Shopping Event

APT Book Fair

DECEMBER 11

Chanukah Dinner

DECEMBER 15

Club Shabbat



☆ JCCP'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ☆

JOIN US SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH for the Shabbat services of your choice: Traditional or Egalitarian, followed by a very special Kiddush.

- Learn about the history of our synagogue and hear from our charter members about the founding of the JCCP.
- We continue celebrating at our Chanukah Breakfast on December 9th and Chanukah Dinner and Rooftop Menorah Lighting on December 11th.



From the Rabbi



Rabbi Arthur D. Weiner

Throughout the world, Jews will soon begin the celebration of Chanukah. As we gather to light the candles, and think about the message of hope and freedom that is at the heart of Chanukah, we recall the great deeds of the Maccabees, who drove the Syrian-Greeks from the land of Israel and ended the persecution of those who had remained loyal to Judaism. As we gather with our families and friends to share in the joy of this beautiful holiday, we acknowledge our debt to those who struggled and fought for the survival of our people and our heritage.

There is an old Yiddish proverb concerning Chanukah: "For such a small bit of oil, such a big festival is celebrated." The proverb reminds us that while not a biblically ordained holiday like Passover or Yom Kippur, Chanukah has been enjoyed and observed by our people to a degree only surpassed by Passover. The holiday and its prom-

inence in Jewish life is similarly respected by our neighbors. Chanukah is unique in that it truly marked a turning point not only in Jewish history, but world history as well. Never before had a war been waged for the purpose of insuring a community's religious freedom and liberty. Similarly, no similar action had ever been so successful. To quote my distinguished colleague Rabbi Bernard Raskas (of blessed memory), "The spirit of Chanukah animates the Magna Carta, the Declaration of the Rights of Man, and there is a parallel to the Maccabean revolt in the Declaration of Independence. For without the willingness of early Jews to fight for their religious rights, and the inspiration of Chanukah, these great movements on behalf of human freedom might never have been born."

It is not only the Christmas season that impels so many to observe and contemplate Chanukah, but the recognition that Chanukah and what it celebrates is one of the greatest events in history. Let us understand and take pride in this unique and significant holiday, and celebrate its legacy.

As the Chanukah legend tells us, the small bit of oil did indeed last a long time. But what a glow it has cast throughout our history. In the words of Paul Romanoff:

"For Centuries the Menorah burned constantly

In its light a people walked,

By its inspiration a people lived."

Chaq Urim Sameach. Happy Chanukah.

Men's Club

Happy Chanukah from the Men's Club.

Now that we have made it through Hurricane Sandy and a nor'easter. isn't it nice to have a fun and iovous holiday to lift our spirits? Won't it be nice to light candles in celebration instead of out of necessity?

Some dates to remember: Saturday, Dec. 8: Special Kiddush in honor of the 60th anniversary of the JCCP.

Sunday, Dec. 9, 9:30 a.m.: Annual Chanukah breakfast with songs from our religious school students, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Second annual Chanukah dinner and rooftop menorah lighting.

Please try to attend these events. Until next time.

Jerry Menter and Joe Esrig Co-Presidents

Become a JCCP Singer for Chanukah

Join Cantor Weiss to learn and review Chanukah songs on three evenings at 8:15 – Monday, Dec.3; Thursday Dec. 6; and Monday, Dec.10. Share the joy with the congregation at the annual JCCP Family Chanukah Celebration on Tuesday, Dec. 11, as well as at the Jewish Home in River Vale on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 16. The sessions and events are informal and open to all. Try it, you will like it!

Chanukah Shopping Event

Have fun with friends while shopping the new Holiday Collection of

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Sunday, December 9th 9:30-12:00

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From the Executive Director



Joe A. Herrmann

This month I would like to remind you of a few programs the JCCP has in place that allow you to help the synagogue earn money to defray its costs — without costing you a cent!

One program helps the JCCP and United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism earn a donation from the Jewish National Fund (JNF). On our website, on the upper right corner of the JCCP homepage, you will see a box that says "Donate While Shopping Online." Clicking on the box takes you to a page from which you can make donations to JNF. If you scroll down that page, you will see a JNF box that you can click on that sends you to the JNF website, where you can buy trees or items from the JNF store, or just make donations to JNF. By making your purchase through our website versus directly through the JNF site, JNF will donate 20% back to the JCCP and another 5% to USCJ to support congregational Israel programs. It is a triple mitzvah! You support Is-

rael, the JCCP, and United Synagogue with one purchase.

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Let me end by wishing everyone a Happy Chanukah!



Light the Sabbath Candles



Friday, December	44	4:08	P.M.
Friday, December	144	4:09	P.M.
Friday, December	21	4:12	P.M.
Friday, December	28	4:17	P.M.



President's Message



Harlan L. Cohen

The Power of Light

The destruction brought by Hurricane Sandy and its aftermath has proved to be a challenge for the entire JCCP community, but one which we proved to be up the task of handling by pulling together as a community. With the lights now back on and power fully restored (and emails flowing in once again), I am pleased to report that none of our buildings suffered any significant damage from the storm, and our newly installed generator proved to be reliable and kept the sump pumps going and water out of the building during the storm. However, the beautiful backyard of our Dora & Sidney Miller Early Childhood Center suffered considerable damage when two massive trees came down during the storm, taking out some of our playground equipment, part of the fence and tearing up much of the artificial turf. Luckily, no one was hurt when one tree snapped from the force of the winds and the other (and larger tree) came up by the roots and toppled over. Our executive director, Joe Herrmann, is working with our insurance broker and tree service on starting to clean up the

Like so many of us, the JCCP did lose power during the storm and for many days (which at times seemed like weeks) afterward. As a result of the loss of power, light and heat, we reluctantly had to shut down operations at the JCCP due to insurance requirements and fire regulations. Suddenly there was no daily minyan, no Shabbat services, no Hebrew School, no Early Childhood Center. no bar or bat mitzvah lessons, no meetings and (almost) no emails. Our cherished second home was suddenly dark and cold (as were most of us), and during our forced hiatus it seemed as if all life had gone out of the building. Our sense of community, however, remained strong, and I heard many uplifting reports after the lights came back on of families from within our community helping one another as well as our neighbors with food, light and shelter to get through the ordeal.

As the power crisis dragged on, it was looking increasing like our busy religious, social, fundraising and adult education calendar for the weekend of Nov. 9 through 12 was in peril. As a result, we began to implement contingency plans to accept the gracious offer of assistance we received from our friends at Congregation Beth Tikvah/New Milford Jewish Center

to join with them for services and to use their building for our busy weekend of activities.

As things turned out, by midweek the JCCP's power was thankfully restored and we did not have to take advantage of New Milford's generous offer of assistance. Instead, through the miracle of light (and heat), our building and our congregation sprung to life as of Thursday, Nov. 8 at 6:45 a.m., and soon became a veritable beehive of activity with davening, socializing, fundraising, music, singing, movies, schooling and distinguished speakers all competing for our time and our attention. Our twice daily minyan was back. Friday night services were back. Our Traditional and Egalitarian services on Shabbat were back, and the congregation was privileged to have our very own Fred Buff, a founding member, former president and personal witness to the horrors perpetrated by the Nazis in November 1938 during the "Night of the Broken Glass," Kristallnacht, give us a glimpse into what it was like to live through those most trying times.

Saturday night we presented an "Evening of Broadway Classics," which featured the first-rate singing of James Michael and Gay Willis accompanied by David Maiullo on the piano. Our silent auction followed and the more than 200 members and guests who attended had a wonderful evening and even raised some revenue for the JCCP. The entire community thanks all of those who worked so hard to make the evening such a success.

On Sunday, Hebrew School was back and Cantor Weiss's Jewish Film Festival opened with an afternoon showing of the film "Arranged," which offered a peek into Orthodox life in Boro Park. That was followed on Sunday night (courtesy of our Adult Education Committee) with a return engagement by Herb Keinon, the diplomatic correspondent for The Jerusalem Post. Herb gave us the benefit of his insightful and nonpartisan analysis of the major issues confronting Israel in light of the re-election of President Barack Obama, the upcoming Israeli elections in January, the tensions with Iran and the turmoil in the region caused by the dramatic changes brought by the Arab Spring. While Herb was addressing the challenges confronting Israel, our USY program was running a pajama movie party in the Youth Lounge and raising money for charity at the same time.

All of this activity was made possible by the restoration of power and the long-awaited return of light to our synagogue. With Chanukah upon us, it reinforces the importance that light plays in our traditions and lives. It also brings to mind some of the first words of our Torah, found in the opening verse of B'reishit, which we just read during Simchat Torah: "G-d said: "Let there be light;" and there was light. G-d saw that the light was good, and G-d separated the light from the darkness." In recent days, all of us learned about the power of light and just how "good" light truly is in all of our lives and endeavors.

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Chanukah Lighting Instructions

Chanukah candles should be kindled when it starts to get dark outside. The Shamash (the 9th and helper candle) is raised above the other lights of the *Chanukiyah* (Chanukah Menorah). It is lit first and used to light the other candles each night. According to tradition, one is not permitted to make use of the *Chanukiyah* for any other purpose during the year.

As one faces the Menorah, the candles are inserted from right to left. On the first night, place the first candle on the far right on the Menorah. On the second night, an additional candle is placed to the left of the first candle, and so on, until the eight nights are completed. The arrangement of the candles is from the right to the left, as in reading Hebrew, but the candles are lit from left to right.

This year, the first and last nights of Chanukah are also Shabbat. When Shabbat coincides with Chanukah, the Chanukah candles are lit earlier, **right before** the Shabbat candles.

Chanukah Blessings

Below you will find the blessings to recite before lighting the Chanukah candles. The first two are recited every night. The third is a blessing of joy that is traditionally recited at the beginning of all festivals. This third blessing is only recited on the first night.

- 1. Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha'olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tsivanu l'hadlik neir shel Chanukah.
- 1. Praised are you, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who has sanctified our lives through His commandments, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

- 2. Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha'olam, she'asa nisim la'avoteinu, bayamim ha'heim bazman hazeh.
- 2. Praised are you, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who performed miracles for our ancestors, in those days, in this season.



- 3. Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha'olam, she'he'che'yanu, v'ki'y'manu v'higi'anu lazman hazeh.
- 3. Praised are you, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for helping us to reach this moment.



Early Childhood Center



Judith S. Fox

When young children are confronted with sudden disastrous circumstances, they experience feelings of anxiety, stress and confusion. Think about how anxious, stressed, and confused we adults were during a particular week this fall, apply the mind-set of a young child to the situation, and you will have some sense of the disorientation preschoolers may feel.

Although the events surrounding Hurricane Sandy did not significantly affect any of our ECC families with lasting losses of property, health or livelihood, virtually every family in our school community was impacted to some extent. Some of our children were able to stay in their homes, but under changed circumstances: There was no light, no TV, and it was cold. Or these amenities were available, but on a limited basis, powered by that noisy machine in the backyard. Food was different; family time was different. Some families couldn't get their car out of the garage!

Other children saw that their parents couldn't go to work and were stressed about it. Still others were temporarily displaced from their homes, even if that meant an extended visit to Grandma or an exciting stay at a hotel. These changes are disconcerting to young children, as they experience a loss of control of their lives by the adults they usually can count on. Most children also were exposed, to some degree, to the intense media coverage of the aftermath of the hurricane.

Another disruption to the lives of our ECC children was that school unexpectedly was closed for a long time. On the first day back, teachers facilitated a discussion with the children about the storm and its aftermath. How do children process this experience?

- The lights went out when my family was awake.
- My dad put out the fungerator (sic). The lights came back on but we didn't have power back.
- There was power on the bridge, so we went to Grandma's house.
- We went to Grandma's house and stayed there for seven weeks.
- The storm blew part of a house away, I saw it on my mommy's smartphone.
- I have the power now!
- · We couldn't watch TV.
- · You have to go to a hotel.

Asked by the teachers which was better, having power or no power, most children replied that power was better because they could watch TV, use the computer, see things in their houses, and play. A few preferred no power because their houses became a "jungle" or a "forest" where you could go hunting.

The ECC playground *did* sustain significant damage. A large tree and part of another tree are toppled, and our major piece of climbing equipment was badly crushed. After lunch on that first day back, we discussed the situation in the backyard. Children took turns being a downed tree, lying on the floor with their sticking-up feet being the roots and their outstretched arms the branches. Some children chose to be trees that didn't topple, no matter how hard the wind blew! We used vocabulary words like roots, bark, trunk, and branches. Just before dismissal time, we ventured outdoors to see the playground.

"We can't play," I told the children, "and you can't run around. You need to stay near a teacher and just observe the tree. What does observe mean?"... In these and myriad other ways, even the horrible circumstances of this monumental natural disaster become teachable moments.

I am continuously mindful of those whose lives are forever changed by Hurricane Sandy. But as of this writing, the ECC is also beginning to prepare for Thanksgiving, a celebration of gratitude, and for Chanukah, a festival of light. Gratitude and light — the perfect antidotes to a most imperfect storm.

> The ECC thanks those who have volunteered to be **ECC Readers this fall: SHEL BERMAN RUTH CAMINS CANTOR SAM WEISS**

at the Jewish Community Center of Paramus

CLUB SHABBAT

an engaging, interactive Shabbat morning experience for children ages 2 - 6 with a parent, grandparent or caregiver

facilitated by our Early Childhood Director, Judy Fox

prayers ~ songs ~ Torah experience ~ games ~ playtime challah, juice and refreshments

please join us on

Saturday, December 15 Saturday, January 12 Saturday, March 9

Saturday, April 13 Saturday, May 11 Saturday, June 8

10:30 ~ 11:30 am

and join us afterward for our weekly congregational Kiddush luncheon

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<u>Time:</u> 10:00-11:15 a.m.

Place: East 278 Midland Avenue Paramus, NJ

RSVP: Requested but not required 201-967-1334 or eccdirector@jccparamus.org



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Purim is "early" this year. For the first time ever we have TWO PRIZES. You can even win both if you buy two tickets. Participate and you *might* win \$12,500. But even if you don't win, you definitely **will** help us achieve our goals. So whether or not you've participated before, if you're able to do so, please participate now.

The shul belongs to us all and this is a good way to help. Plus ... you could win \$10,000 or \$12,500.

It's as simple as that.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you. Email me or call me if you wish.*

Fred Harris

Drawing February 23, 2013



We will sell only 250 tickets \$100 per ticket

*To reserve your number(s):

- 1. **SEND** an email to flhcarpediem@aol.com
- 2. CALL Fred Harris @ (201) 444-2352
- 3. **CALL** the JCCP office at (201) 262-7691 and tell Rita or Naz what number you would like to reserve.
 - ~ Apply Early: The first person to request a number gets it ~



Hebrew School



Marcia Kagedan

Shalom!

November 2012 certainly was a month to go down in history! A couple of school days were missed, but with the cooperation of my amazing faculty, we already made up a Sunday (we used a vacation day as a school day!). I thank the teachers and parents for making this possible.

In November we had our first Shabbat dinner with the congregation, which was well attended and enjoyed by all. The next Hebrew School dinner will be on Friday, Jan. 11. The first School on Shabbat was awesome and I look forward to the next one on Jan. 12.

Events coming up in December:

- Sunday, Dec. 2: Kehillah program for 6th-graders from 10 Hebrew schools at the JCCP from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- APT Chanukah Boutique.
- Friday, Dec. 7: YJF service and oneg at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 9: JCCP Chanukah Breakfast and APT Book Fair.

- Tuesday, Dec. 11: Chanukah Extravaganza for the kids and Chanukah dinner for families and the JCCP.
- Sunday, Dec. 16: Chanukah **Culinary Activities!**
- Tuesday, Dec. 18: Last day of school for 2012 ... See you on Jan. 6, 2013!

ONGOING:

- Please like our Facebook page! (JCCP-Hebrew School)
- · School closings due to inclement weather will be announced on Facebook and by email.
- continue to Tzedakah money every school day and the food bank is constantly looking for replenishment. Donations can be brought to the JCCP at any time for distribution.

Shalom U'lehitra'ot

Marcia Kagedan (201) 262-7733

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THE DEADLINE **FOR THE NEXT BULLETIN IS DECEMBER 7!**

Youth Groups

Since our last column, nature blessed us with the opportunity to spend time with our children. During the first night living as our ancestors did, we felt like we were whisked back in time as we sat around a flashlight playing games and breaking out the old coloring books. It was also a great time to pull together and spend time with friends, before the storm rolled in and afterward.

While we saw on the news the damage that occurred, we hope you found something positive to take away from the experience. One day we expect to be sitting around with our grandchildren and say, "We remember the GREAT storm of aught 12 ..."

Wayne and Debbie Zeiler Wayne.zeiler@gmail.com Dibble.one@gmail.com

> "While we try to teach our children all about life, Our children teach us what life is all about." - Angela Schwindt

... and now a few words from our USY presidents ...

We are very proud and excited by the successful start to the year. Starting in September with the opening BBQ to the Regional dance in October to the Pajama Movie Night, USY has brought together both new and returning members. Everyone has been having so much fun tie-dying clothes, watching movies together, meeting new friends and helping the community along the way. We already have donated clothes to the needy and collected a significant amount of tzedakah to contribute to the Regional USY causes.

USY hopes to continue these successes at our upcoming events, including Chanukah candle making, snow tubing, and other exciting chapter and regional events. We look forward to meeting more Jewish high-schoolers at our events!

If you have any questions, feel free to email us at paramususy@gmail.com.

Rebecca Light and Gabrielle Zeiler

Young Jewish Families

This is the month with Chanukah – a fun holiday, a fun time for friends and family. So please join us for some Chanukah events and have some fun.

Sunday, December 2, 11:30 a.m.

Madagascar 3 and lunch. Bring your children to the Social Hall as soon as their classes are over (11:30 or 12:30). See flier for all the details.

Friday, December 7, 7:30 p.m.

Family Friday Night CHANUKAH Service and Program. Please join us in the main sanctuary for our family-friendly service, which is followed by playtime in the gym for the children, dairy nosh and schmoozing time for the adults.

Elana and Eugene Heitlinger, Co-Presidents

Adult Education

"He who does not increase his knowledge, decreases it ..." (Pirke Avot, 1:13)

Rabbi Weiner is leading a Hartman Institute Lecture & Study Series titled Engaging Israel: Foundations for a New Relationship on seven Wednesdays. The schedule has been changed because of power outages at the JCCP due to Hurricane Sandy. The first session was held in October before the storm. Class resumed on Nov. 28 and will meet regularly through Jan. 2. Each session will be offered at 3 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. There is a \$20 materials fee for the course.

Join us for these classes and regular events:

- Drosh and Nosh Wednesdays, 7:30-8 p.m. An opportunity to study the week's Torah portion with fellow congregants; taught by a different person each week.
- Become a JCCP Singer for Chanukah Join Cantor Weiss to learn and review Chanukah songs at 8:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3; Thursday, Dec. 6; and Monday, Dec. 10. Share the joy with the congregation at

the annual JCCP Family Chanukah Celebration on Tuesday, Dec. 11, as well as at the Jewish Home in River Vale on Sunday afternoon, Dec.16. The sessions and events are informal and open to all. Try it, you will like it!

- Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow Mondays, 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join these lively and popular weekly discussions led by Al Nahum.
- The Jewish "What's My Line" PPT- The last two sessions of Stu Lehrer's class will meet on Monday, Dec. 3 and 17, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.. As always, there will be a lot of fun and learning.
- Coming in January Rabbi Weiner will be teaching his 17th Winter Jewish History class; subject to be announced.

For more information, call **Mark Topel**, committee chair, at (201) 967-9179, or email, marktopel@verizon.net. We welcome your input.





MOVIE and a MEAT LUNCH

Sunday, December 2, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Students who finish Hebrew school at 11:30, come at 11:30; students who finish at 12:30, come at 12:30.

There will be plenty of food – hot dogs and dreidels!

Cost: \$6 per adult; \$4 per child; 3 & under are free.

Please RSVP

For more information or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Elana and Eugene Heitlinger @ yjf18@hotmail.org or 201-449-0562











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Friday Night Dinner

Join us for our first Shabbat Dinner of 2013!

Dinner at 6:45 p.m.

Services at 8:30 p.m.

January 11th at 6:45 p.m.

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JCCP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

October 18 2012

In May-June 2010, we had a very successful sale of cemetery plots. We will be running another sale, and are hoping to duplicate or exceed the amount raised last time. Gary Hutmacher will head this effort with the help of Howie Leopold, Iris Fleishman and Joe Herrmann.

Every three years, as per our constitution, we need to review the financial records of the Synagogue. It is not required that we bring in an outside auditor, but the auditor cannot be a Finance Committee member. Ade Berman will head up this committee.

On Oct. 21, New Milford membership will vote on the term sheet. All feedback shows it will pass. Once it passes, Harlan's office will write up a contract and we will set up committees to work on all aspects of the merger. We will be calling on all Board of Trustee members to help on these committees.

Harlan Cohen reported that Joe Herrmann has negotiated with Valley National Bank for a line of credit. There is no immediate emergency, but we as the Board of Trustees should be prudent and get a line of credit while there is no crisis. The line of credit is secured by a mortgage and, under our constitution, it needs to be approved by our membership. In place of personal guarantees, we secured it with a mortgage against our property at 282 E. Midland Avenue. The term sheet states that \$375,000 or 75% of the value of our property at 282 E. Midland Avenue. Our finance committee has written a by-law on procedures for tapping into the line of credit.

Debra Menter has put together a new group – Bergen Tribe – to draw in young professionals from in and out of our synagogue. She ran a very successful event, "Sushi in the Sukkah," which 28 people attended. Feedback was very positive, as there is a need for this type of group in Bergen County and they are planning several other events. Membership Committee sponsored a Kiddush in the Sukkah for long-term members, and to welcome new members. Thank you to everyone who helped with this event.

Men's Club announced that there are several events coming up in December, all over four days.

On Dec. 8, we will be having a special Kiddush for the JCCP's 60th anniversary. On Dec. 9, we are having our annual Chanukah breakfast, where our Hebrew School kids perform. On Dec. 11, we will have our second annual Chanukah Dinner. We will be charging a nominal fee this year and will require RSVPs. Dinner precedes the annual rooftop lighting ceremony.

Dan Leib announced that the "Adopt a Family for Thanksgiving" program has five more families that need to be adopted. There was a very good and quick response to adopt families, especially from our Board members. The Fran Leib annual turkey drive is on Nov. 14. We will be in the parking lot from 7:15 to 9 a.m.

Beth Chananie announced that we need people to donate blood on Mitzvah Day, Nov. 4.

We will be collecting cell phones and eyeglasses, and items not covered by food stamps such as paper goods and cleaning supplies.

The Religious Committee reported that High Holidays seat sales beat budget, with sales over \$100,000. There was very positive feedback for the dual High Holidays services. We had a good turnout for Sukkot, but attendance for Simchat Torah was low. In conjunction with the Israel Awareness Committee, on April 14 we will again have the Maccabeats perform at the JCCP.

Lloyd Hyman unofficially reported that we collected \$115,000 during the appeal. Lloyd thanked Iris Fleishman, Shel Schmidt and the Board of Governor chairpersons. We met our budget for Board of Governors at over \$90,000.

Shel Schmidt reported that our Facebook and Google ads gave us a lot of good recognition and got our name out there. And while we got a lot of clicks, no one took advantage of our promotions. We will try again next year.

Esther Marks announced that the Broadway Classics event is on Nov. 10.

Joe Herrmann announced that members in good standing can still join the "Y" in Washington Township for an annual fee of \$360.

GOOD AND WELFARE

- Happy Birthday to Rob Chananie.
- David Rossmer is in a wonderful show called "The Other Josh Cohen"; the website is www.theotherjoshcohen. com. For discounted tickets, use promotion code "casthalf."
- Mimi Levin wished luck to Esther Marks and Lili Baumzweig, who are participating in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer this weekend.
- Jack Bauer thanked everyone for his or her good wishes after his granddaughter's surgery. She is doing much bet-
- Sandy Alpern announced a fundraiser for Bergen Reads at Barnes & Noble called "Book Fair." It starts on Sunday and continues online throughout the week.
- Our online Amazon sales have dropped off. Make purchases through our website and encourage others to do so as well.
- Roger Rosenstein reported that on Amazon, we can purchase Cecily Horner's CD called "Standards."
- Happy 25th anniversary to Larry and Laurie Rosman.
- Joe Herrmann announced that this Shabbat we are having a big Kiddush in honor of Rob Chananie, Irene Reiss and Raisy Weiss's birthdays.
- Rabbi Weiner announced that the Adult Ed kickoff event is on Oct. 21. Raisy Weiss will be speaking.

The Jewish Community Center of Paramus

Men's Club, YJF and Sisterhood invite you to join us for the annual

CHANUKAH BREAKFAST





SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 9:45 AM

- * Sit, eat, schmooze, eat!
- * Entertainment by our Hebrew School children
- * Special presentation of Irene Reiss's Menorah collection
- * Sit, eat, schmooze, eat!
- * Shop at the Sisterhood Gift Shop!
 - Beautiful new items from Israel!



Let's Share the Warmth in our Heart this December

Sisterhood invites you to welcome the first day of Chanukah with breakfast at the JCCP on December 9

Spectacular Menorah Display

with a

Special Presentation by Irene Reiss

at 10:30 a.m.

Spin the dreidel to receive your Sisterhood membership gift

Stella and Dot-Jewelry Sale

Shop the JCCP Gift Shop for all your Chanukah and gift-giving needs

Shelter our Sisters gift wrapping will be taking place during the holiday time.

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December 1-7

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December 8-14

Nicole Goldish Linda Miller Steven Rubin Pearl Savell **Margot Brandes** Roberta Edelstein Stephanie Friedlander Linda Theos Shoshana Ishayik Joan Plavin Beth Chananie Hedva Hourizadeh **Edward Savell** Fred Harris

December 15-21

Jacqueline Finkelstein Phyllis Polevov Melvin Polkow

Anita Hecht Jacqueline Reuveni Bea 7iskin Viviane Danan Rhoda Fried Seymour Handel Lawrence Sturm

December 22-28

David Barzillai Eric Lowenthal Barbra Horner Gary Zysman Melissa Kolodkin Jason Seltzer Arthur Cohen Eugene Heitlinger Rena Haber Dina Kliot **Doris Schonberg** Ruth Smith

December 29-31

Gabrielle Scalise Gary Hutmacher Eileen Schneider Sheldon Berman David Rosenblum



December 1-7

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Martin & Robyn Basner Shaul & Susan Matalon Thomas & Nan Heisler Jeff & Melissa Kolodkin Leon & Jill Wiser Arnold & Diane Zettler

December 8-14

Carl & Joan Bagner **Robert & Raquel Karp** Richard & Joan Schweidel Arthur & Beverly Cohen Marvin & Dale Witkin

December 15-21

Donald & Belle Rosenbloom **Andrew & Carol Rossmer** Norman & Susan Finkle

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December 22-28

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December 29-31

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For the week of Dec. 29-31 We Remember:

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Community Affairs

Every Day is Mitzvah Day

The JCCP has a well-deserved reputation for feeding the hungry, and in November our members had several chances to make a difference. Our Annual Fran Leib Memorial Turkey Drive was a success thanks to our generous members, who donated 43 frozen turkeys and many bags of fixings for a holiday meal, as well as checks and supermarket gift cards. Special thanks to the Auerbach family, who donated 1,000 pounds of fresh produce, as they do each year. JCCP members also adopted 30 families through the Department of Human Services in Paramus and provided them with complete Thanksgiving dinners.

In addition, the JCCP received word from the Jewish Family Service of Bergen County that the shelves of its food pantry had been "picked dry" in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. The JCCP mobilized to help fulfill the primary mitzvah of feeding those in need. We delivered bags of groceries and other necessities to JFS within a few days of its request.

Thank you to all who participated in these important mitzvot. We are very proud of the generosity of our members, who always step up to fill the needs of the community.

Among the many unfortunate things for which Hurricane Sandy was responsible was the cancellation of JFNNJ Mitzvah Day. Our Blood Drive also was canceled, but the Blood Bank is still in need, so we will be rescheduling the drive.

A large group of volunteers sorted food at the Center for Food Action warehouse in Saddle Brook on Sunday, Oct. 28. Thank you to Merle Harris, coordinator, and her volunteers: Annette Ashkenazi, Laura Ashkenazi, Bernice Berman, Marsha Blecher, Stanley Blecher, Charlotte Blechman, Elaine Cohen, Fred Harris, Dan Leib, Esther Marks, Nikki Marks, Jackie Reuveni, Zachary Reuveni, Debbie Zeiler, Gabby Zeiler, and Rebecca Zeiler.

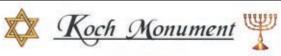
If you love to knit and crochet, we are continuing to hold our knitting bees. Our finished items are sent to the Tikvah Orphanage in Odessa, Russia. Elaine Cohen reports that we have lots of yarn available. We'll even pick up your work! We usually meet on the last Monday of the month, but we encourage you to knit on your own if you don't have time to come to our meetings. For more information, please contact Elaine Cohen at (201) 447-2485.

Our Chesed Committee has volunteers available if you or someone you know needs temporary help shopping or a ride to services or doctor appointments. Call Eileen Schneider at (201) 722-1606 or Nina Glaser at (201) 262-1775.

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