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Come enjoy the many beautiful melodies written to observe Chanukah, one of the most celebrated holidays in the Jewish calendar.

PARTICIPATING CANTORS:

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**Celebrate Chanukah at the
JCC of Paramus/Congregation Beth Tikvah
Tuesday, December 3, 2013 • 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.**





From the Rabbi



Rabbi Arthur D. Weiner

Remember this date: November 8, 2013.

Actually I hope we will not remember this date. To start, let me say that November 8, 2013 is the day I am writing my article for the December Bulletin. But it is also a day when major news outlets are reporting of the *possibility* of a breakthrough, or at least an interim agreement, regarding Iran's nuclear program.

Now what could be wrong with that? After all, isn't stopping Iran's nuclear program one of our nation's top goals and challenges? And isn't stopping Iran's nuclear program Israel's No. 1 goal and challenge? Wouldn't such an agreement be a crowning achievement of the Obama Administration?

Indeed, for several months there have been a series of negotiations between the government of Iran and what is known as the P5+1, the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council (the United States, France, Great Britain, Russia and China) plus Germany. With the recent election of Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, and his seemingly more moderate approach to international relations than his predecessor, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, negotiations have proceeded and recently appeared to have achieved some success. Indeed, this very day, Secretary of State John Kerry and the foreign ministers of France, Britain and Germany are joining the negotiations. This is another indication of the progress that has been made.

Current reports suggest that the interim agreement will likely include

a halt (the meaning and parameters of which are not yet spelled out) in the progress of Iran's nuclear program for a reported six months as the negotiations move toward a more comprehensive agreement. In return, sanctions against Iran would be relaxed.

Whatever the merits of the deal, and again it is difficult to say much about it because so few details have been released to the public, it is particularly interesting to watch the reactions of the two closest U.S. allies in the region, the State of Israel and Saudi Arabia. They are shocked and angry over any agreement that would even consider relaxing sanctions until the very machinery and research that will soon give Iran real nuclear weapons is dismantled once and for all. Israel and Saudi Arabia are not friends (to say the least). But from each of their vantage points, they understand that they will suffer first if the result of the negotiations is anything other than the elimination of Iran's nuclear capability. So it is unsurprising that Prime Minister Netanyahu has bitterly criticized these reports and accused the West in general, and the Obama Administration in particular, into rushing into a deal that would do little to reduce the nuclear ambitions of Iran while alleviating economic pressure on the Islamic Republic.

The very economic pressure, I might add, that forced Iran to the negotiating table in the first place.

As Americans, we are rightly concerned about our misadventures in the Middle East. As so many have pointed out – whether on the left side of the political aisle or the right – the United States has spent billions of dollars without fully understanding what we have achieved. We have lost thousands of our finest young men and women, yet cannot say with confidence that their sacrifices have made us safer or more secure. Nor have we achieved the victory our leaders assured us was our goal, and as a nation we cannot even define what victory might even look like.

So any deal with Iran, even an interim one, seems like an option worth pursuing, even if it does not achieve our oft stated goal of eliminating the possibility of a nuclear Iran. And

with the U.S. being the world's most powerful nation by far, having the military capability to end Iran's nuclear ambitions overnight if it had the will and determination (and national consensus), Americans can afford to be patient, slow and deliberate. We can even afford to make mistakes as far as Iran is concerned. Indeed, I would argue that we have been doing it since 1979, the year of the Iranian Revolution and the shah's departure.

But Israel cannot afford such patience and missteps. As the scholar and historian Victor David Hanson has recently written about Israel's legitimate concerns, "In the modern age of thermonuclear weapons, the idea of eliminating an entire people has never been more achievable. But collective morality does not often follow the fast track of technological change. Any modern claim of a superior global ethos, anchored in the United Nations, that might prevent such annihilation is no more valid now than it was in 1941. Again, ask the Tutsis of Rwanda.

"The disastrous idea of a preemptory war to disarm Iran seems to us apocalyptic. But then, we are a nation of 313 million, not 8 million; the winner of World War II, not a people

nearly wiped out by it; surrounded by two wide oceans, not 300 million hostile neighbors; and out of Iranian missile range, not well within it. Reverse those comparisons and Obama might sound as neurotic as Netanyahu would utopian."

Obviously, we must explore every avenue and possibility for ridding the world of an Iranian nuclear threat. But we must never abandon the severe economic sanctions that have convinced the Iranians that the Western world is serious about stopping them. Use of force must always be a last option, exercised only when all other options have been explored and exhausted. But while we are negotiating in good faith, we have seen no evidence that the other side can say the same. Even as the three months of negotiations have taken place, we have learned about advances in Iranian nuclear technology. Iran grows stronger, and our allies in the region, especially Israel, grow ever more concerned.

So remember this date: November 8, 2013. Let us all hope and pray that this day does not precipitate a crisis in the relations between Israel and the United States over this most serious issue.

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FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Friday, December 6 8:30 p.m.
Young Jewish Families Service 7:30 p.m.
ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT

SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, December 7 9:00 a.m.
TORAH READING: Vayigash
KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT
JUNIOR CONGREGATION: 10:00 a.m.
MINCHA & MA'ARIV: 4:10 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Friday, December 13 8:30 p.m.
ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT

SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, December 14 9:00 a.m.
TORAH READING: Vayechi
KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT
JUNIOR CONGREGATION: 10:00 a.m.
MINCHA & MA'ARIV: 4:10 p.m.

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Friday, December 20 8:30 p.m.
ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT

SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, December 21 9:00 a.m.
TORAH READING: Shemot
KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT
JUNIOR CONGREGATION: 10:00 a.m.
MINCHA & MA'ARIV: 4:15 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Friday, December 27 8:30 p.m.
ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT

SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, December 28 9:00 a.m.
TORAH READING: Vaera
KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT
JUNIOR CONGREGATION: 10:00 a.m.
MINCHA & MA'ARIV: 4:20 p.m.

THANK YOU!

Thank You! to all those who participated in the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey's Mitzvah Day at the JCCP/CBT – either in the blood drive or the collections.

The blood drive in conjunction with Community Blood Services netted 31 good pints of blood for our local hospitals' blood supply. Some donors even went after the drive to CBS to donate as well.

In addition, there was a car full of paper goods and cleaning supplies (items not covered by Food Stamps) to donate to the Paramus Food Pantry as well as a box full of old cell phones.

Special thanks to Michael Chananie and Alyson Angstreich who served as Mitzvah Day captains, and to Barbara Merker, Edith Maclin and Rhoda Fried, who helped coordinate all the appointments and volunteered during the drive.

Yasher Koach for a job well done.

Thank You! Thank You!

Beth Chananie / Rosalind Gerard
JFNNJ Mitzvah Day chairs

MITZVAH DAY



A volunteer opportunity for all ages!



Clockwise from top left: Harvey Brenner and Harlan Cohen; Alyson Angstreich and Michael Chananie; and Barbara Merker and Edith Maclin



Light the Sabbath Candles



Friday, December 6 4:09 P.M.
Friday, December 13 4:09 P.M.
Friday, December 20 4:12 P.M.
Friday, December 27 4:16 P.M.

Thank You

December 1, 2013

Dear Congregants

I'm pleased to tell you that our members continue to support us by dedicating the new Siddurim in our Synagogue. *Siddur Sim Shalom* is an updated siddur, with a more timely translation. The prayers of course, remain the same, but the readability, translation, font and the overall appearance are fresh, timely and relevant to today's needs.

People appreciate this meaningful opportunity to dedicate books to mark special events such as weddings, births, bar/bat mitzvahs and graduations, as well as to remember and memorialize loved ones no longer with us. In turn, we are taking this opportunity to thank those people who have participated.

The people who have dedicated siddurim during this last month, and who we thank today, are:

Barbara and Alan Brodsky

Jane and Mark Menegus

Ruth and Ruby Camins

Vivien Miller

Janie Horowitz

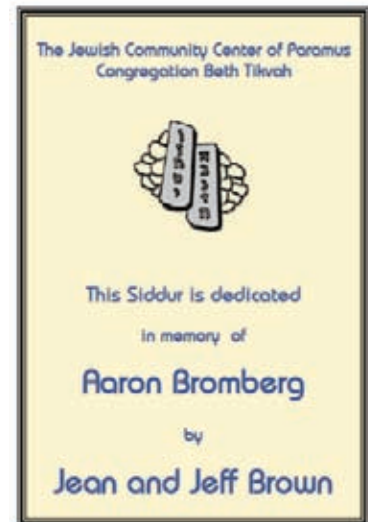
Roberta and Joseph Moskowitz

Rabbi Mark and Linda Karasick

Martin Rosenbaum

Rhoda Liebowitz

Lola and Henry Weber



If you would like to participate, you can use the order form on the next page. Just print the page and not necessarily the entire Bulletin. You can contact me or the office at any time with any questions and you can also get an order form online. This is a wonderful way to perform the mitzvah of helping your synagogue as well as honoring and/or remembering loved ones at the same time.

Thank you,

Fred Harris

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Jewish Community Center of Paramus/Congregation Beth Tikvah

~ Siddur Dedication Form ~



The price for dedicating a siddur is \$36 per book. Please use a separate form for each book you wish to dedicate. **You may copy this form as many times as necessary.** Thank you.

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being remembered

Name(s) of people remembering the deceased

3 - IN HONOR OF

First name(s) of person(s) being honored

Last name(s) of person(s)
being honored

ON THE OCCASION OF (Please check the appropriate box)

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☐ High School Gradual

☐ Marriage

☐ 25th Anniversary

☐ Bar Mitzvah

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☐ Anniversary

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☐ Bat Mitzvah

☐ Engagement

☐ Other: _____

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Date of event (Optional)

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From the Executive Director



Harvey M. Brenner

Good things come to those who wait!

At least that's what I've been told for all my life. Dealing with both the state and federal governments is proof-positive of this age-old adage.

Recently I advised you of our successful Homeland Security Grant application and that over the next two years we would be receiving \$49,500 in reimbursement grants to upgrade our facility's security systems. Some of the contemplated

upgrades include additional exterior lighting, security/blast film on all outside windows and doors, polycarbonate blast shields outside the sanctuary stained glass windows, entry-exit access control devices and an enhanced closed-circuit TV monitoring system.

Even though we've been provisionally approved to make these upgrades (and this is where the patience and waiting come in), we must receive an official project approval written agreement. Nothing can be bid, acquired or installed prior to receiving the agreement; to do otherwise is at our own expense and peril. So patience is the operative word and good things will come to us for waiting.

Now a bit about the general building upkeep and maintenance ...

Over the past few weeks we have converted our restrooms from unattractive, unsanitary soap, hand towel and fragrance dispensers to state-of-the-art, measured dose technology. Our soap dispensers now are embedded in the countertops of the lavatories and offer a

measured dose of hypo-allergenic, antiseptic foam cleanser with each push. They last longer, are less costly and are virtually fragrance free. Our air fresheners have motion-sensing technology built in and won't emit a fragrance when the lights are off and the lavatories are not in use, conserving the concentrated fragrances. We selected a neutral, clean fragrance known as "linen" because of its universal appeal to men and women and its non-floral scent. We converted to a heavier-duty dispenser of hand towels that is much more user-friendly and far easier to maintain. Towels don't get stuck in the rollers and if they do, a simple push of a thumb-bar dispenses towels for immediate use.

As part of our overall "Tikkun Olam" initiative, we are exploring new and cost-effective ways to reduce our disposable trash, lower our carbon footprint and help "repair the world" all while saving operating dollars. Starting late last month, we converted to a "green-friendly cleaning system" of biodegradable, citrus-based cleaner concentrates

designed specifically for industrial and commercial usage.

We dilute this concentrate on site (adding our own very low cost water), saving hundreds of dollars throughout the year by not purchasing single task products that each perform only one function. By varying the concentration of the solutions, we can spot-clean carpets and clean windows, tile floors, stainless steel refrigerator doors and shelves, kitchen ovens and countertops, and much more for just pennies a gallon (all in an environmentally safe and friendly, low odor emitting manner). It's healthier for our workers who use the products and for our members and guests who frequent our facility.

Let me know of other ways you'd like us to explore to save our planet while saving dollars. We'll be happy to do any research and if it is warranted, we'll implement the suggestion as quickly as possible.

May this Chanukah season be filled with eternal light and hope for Klal Yisrael.

B'Shalom.

Adult Education

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

Rabbi Weiner's Winter program will be announced in the January Bulletin.

Cantor Weiss' class on "How the Siddur has Changed over Time" will start in February.

Cantor Weiss invites you to join the **Paramus-Tikvah Singers** for meetings on Jan. 7 and 14 to learn songs in honor of Tu b'Shvat.

Dr. Raisy Weiss will be the facilitator at our next **JCCP/CBT Book Club** meeting on **Monday, Dec. 9 at 6:45 p.m.**; discussion starting promptly at 7 p.m. The book: **The Dreamers**, by **Yossi Klein Halevi**. "In 'The Dreamers,' acclaimed journalist Yossi Klein Halevi interweaves the stories of a group of 1967 paratroopers who reunited Jerusalem, tracing the history of Israel and the divergent ideologies shaping it from the Six-Day War to the present." Whether or not you have a chance to read the book, the discussion promises to be stimulating and informative. A dairy dessert will be served. Any questions, please call Beth Chananie at 201-262-0063 or Mimi Levin at 201-265-0454.

Please visit our website's **Listen and Learn** page (under the "Learning" menu) for MP3 recordings of the Torah Aliyah blessings, Ashrei and Birkat Hamazon, as well as some High Holidays melodies. The recordings are matched to Hebrew and transliterated PDF sheets of the prayers.

Anyone interested in **Learning to Read Hebrew** on Sundays at around 9:30-10 a.m. should get in touch with Marcia Kagedan at 201-262-7733 or email edudirector@jccparamus.org.

Please join us for these 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.

- **Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow – Mondays at 1:30 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to join these lively and popular weekly discussions led by **Al Nahum**.

Most of the Adult Education classes and events at the JCCP/CBT are offered without any fees. In order to cover our expenses for events like a scholar-in-residence or a speaker, we rely on donations from our **Annual Adult Ed Appeal** letter. If you have not already made your donation, it's not too late! Any donation is most welcome: **Patrons \$100; Sponsors \$72; Builders \$36; Supporters \$18**. Make your check payable to JCCP/CBT and include a note crediting it to Adult Ed.

Thank you to these members who sent in their contributions after the deadline for the November article:

Builder: Miriam and Jim Gershfield

Supporter: Libby and Arnold Kessler

President's Message



Harlan L. Cohen

ADL Marks 100 Years and Jews Commemorate 75th Anniversary of Kristallnacht

In late October, the Anti-Defamation League celebrated its centennial, marking 100 years of action against the scourge of anti-Semitism. In conjunction with the occasion, ADL released the findings of its most recent poll on American attitudes toward Jews.

On Nov. 9, Jews around the world, including at the JCCP/CBT, commemorated the 75th anniversary of Kristallnacht, when the Nazis committed the worst pogrom Germany had seen since the Middle Ages.

The ADL poll shows that while overall there has been a lessening of discrimination in general in the United States, there is a still a core percentage of Americans who remain anti-Semitic. According to the ADL survey, 12% of Americans harbor deeply entrenched anti-Semitic attitudes, down from 15% in ADL's last survey in 2011. This represents a significant improvement from ADL's first survey in 1964, when 29% of those polled were considered to be anti-Semitic.

The current poll shows that 14% of respondents agreed with the statement that "Jews have too much power in the U.S. today" and 30% believed Jews are "more loyal to Israel" than to the United States – a figure that remains unchanged since 1964. In the area of Jewish power in the business world, 19% believed that Jews have too much power and 17% think Jews have too much control of Wall Street.

Fifteen percent agreed that Jews are "more willing to use shady practices." A distressing 26% of Americans surveyed believed that Jews are responsible for the death of Jesus, a decline from the 31% in the 2011 survey. Eighteen percent said Jews have too much influence over the news media, 24% agreed that the movie and television industries were pretty much run by Jews and nearly one-quarter agreed that "Jews still talk too much about what happened to them in the Holocaust."

Consistent with prior ADL surveys, the latest survey found that more educated Americans are largely free of prejudicial views while the less educated are more likely to hold anti-Semitic views. The survey found that age also is a strong predictor of anti-Semitic propensities. In fact, younger Americans (age 39 and under) are remarkably free of prejudicial views. In the Hispanic community, there was a wide disparity between the views of native-born Hispanics and those who immigrated to the United States. The survey found that 36% of Hispanics born abroad hold anti-Semitic views, while just 14% of U.S.-born Hispanics share those views. In the African-American community, 20% expressed strongly anti-Semitic views in this year's survey, down from 29% in 2011.

While we like to think that living in the New York City metropolitan area insulates us from anti-Semitism, it is not necessarily the case, as our own community knows firsthand more than a year after the failed attempt to firebomb our synagogue. A shocking in-depth and must-read article on the front page of The New York Times of Nov. 7 contained disturbing details of how anti-Semitism in the Pine Bush Central School District in upstate New York (90 minutes from NYC) has turned attending school for some Jewish students there into nothing short of a nightmare.

According to the article, Jewish students in the district "have reported being pelted with coins, told to retrieve money thrown into garbage receptacles, shoved and even

beaten." Jewish students reported that they were overwhelmed by the number of swastikas they saw on school property, including a picture of President Obama with a swastika drawn on his forehead that remained on the wall of an eighth-grade social studies class for about a month after a student informed her teacher about it. Not surprisingly, some of the Jewish students in the district have testified during the course of a federal lawsuit against the school district that they suffered lower grades, felt isolated and were depressed, including one student who even contemplated suicide.

This distressing article was published right before the 75th anniversary of Kristallnacht, which the Nazis launched on Nov. 9, 1938. One historian has called Kristallnacht the "catastrophe before the catastrophe." The shop windows of some 7,500 Jewish-owned businesses were shattered and their stores looted; Jewish cemeteries were desecrated. The rioters destroyed 1,406 synagogues throughout Germany, Austria and the Sudetenland. Many synagogues burned throughout the night in full view of the public and local firemen, who had been ordered to intervene only to prevent flames from spreading to nearby buildings.

A U.S. consul general reported that the process of the Nazis was practically the same in all cities: "The doors of the synagogues were forced open. Certain sections of the building and furnishings were drenched with petrol and set on fire. Bibles, prayer books and other sacred things were thrown into the flames." Some 30,000 Jews were arrested and dragged off to the concentration camps of Dachau, Sachsenhausen and Buchenwald, where they were brutalized, resulting in many deaths. During Kristallnacht itself, some 90 Jews were murdered.

The world was indifferent to Jewish suffering. A British diplomat in Germany at the time described the pogrom at the time as "Medieval barbarism," while the Brazilians called it a "disgusting spectacle." Nonetheless, not a single country

broke off diplomatic relations with Berlin or imposed sanctions, and only the United States recalled its ambassador. Critically, the borders of almost all countries remained closed to the approximately 400,000 Jews in Germany who were now frantically trying to flee Hitler's madness.

For many of the perpetrators of the Holocaust, Kristallnacht marked a turning point. Historian Raphael Gross has written that suddenly everything seemed possible and the Nazis felt "like pioneers who had just successfully entered new territory." British historian and Columbia University professor Simon Schama summed it up recently on the BBC radio:

"It's incredibly important. You can't really overstate its importance. Not because a thousand synagogues were burned or 90 people killed or 20,000 people taken off to what were then concentration camps – not killing centers, but places like Dachau and Belsen and Oranienburg – but because it was a theatre for the public. And once people were humiliated and defiled, and their property was looted and synagogues burned down and nothing happened except the sound of applause, there was kind of aha! moment in the core of the Nazi party itself after which ... [eventually followed] the Final Solution."

As the ADL survey and the Times article underscore, anti-Semitism and the long shadow cast by Kristallnacht and the Holocaust are, unfortunately, not something confined to the dustbin of history, despite the tremendous advances we have made over the past 100 years. In today's Germany – Israel's closest European ally – Berlin protects all Jewish schools, hospitals and synagogues with a force of 250 policemen who stand guard. Seventy-five years after Kristallnacht, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said recently that she is not proud of this necessity in today's Germany.

"I feel deep shame that there is not a single Jewish building in Germany without police protection because we still to worry about anti-Semitic attacks," Merkel said.

Young Jewish Families

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SHABBAT



Family Friday Night Shabbat Service and Program

DECEMBER 6 - 7:30 PM

*Please join us for our **DECEMBER** Family Friday Night Shabbat service and program as we honor Shabbat.*

Please RSVP and let us know who is coming and who would like to lead a prayer.

Service and story time is followed by a light DAIRY oneg and playtime in the gym.

*For more information or questions,
please don't hesitate to contact*

Elana & Eugene Heitlinger

201-449-0562 or yjf18@hotmail.com

or check us out on our website, www.jccparamus.org





Young Jewish Families

SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICE AND PROGRAM

Friday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m.

Please join us for our family-friendly Friday Night Family Service and Program, as we also celebrate and honor Shabbat. As always, we will begin with a light service and interactive story time, followed by playtime and DAIRY nosh in the gym, where the children play and the parents schmooze.

MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m.

Movie to be announced. Please see flier with reservation form on the JCCP/CBT website.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Does your child have a birthday you would like to celebrate with YJF? We celebrate birthdays at our Friday night onegs. Please contact us to discuss!

SPONSOR AN ONEG

If you would like to **sponsor an oneg** for the **Friday Night Family Program**, please contact us: \$18 for a birthday cake; \$18 for other snacks.

Young Jewish Families is the club for families with a child or children under bar or bat mitzvah age, their siblings, parents and extended families. However, everyone is welcome to attend our activities and events.

For more information, please contact us at yjf18@hotmail.com or 201-449-0562.

Thank you,
Eugene and Elana Heitlinger

Men's Club

Our hearts are heavy with the loss of our friend Bruce Granat.

Bruce was a kind, gentle man who never hesitated to help anyone in need, with never an expectation of anything in return. He was a professional in his field and passionate in his dedication to family and community. A man's man, he was the best of what we all could hope to be.

Respectfully,
The Men's Club

Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone for their support and comfort in the loss of my sister, Shelley Brown Waldman.

Arnie Brown

Sisterhood News

FREE WORKSHOP ON DE-CLUTTERING YOUR HOME AND BECOMING MORE ORGANIZED

The end of the year is fast approaching and it's not too late to make a New Year's resolution to de-clutter your house. Join Sisterhood on Dec. 1 at 10 a.m. for a fun and helpful free workshop, "**Cut the Clutter: the Top 7 Tips to an Organized Home**." Professional organizer Michelle Nadel will share organizing tips and introduce you to the latest collection of fun and functional organizing products designed to help you cut the clutter in your kitchen, bathroom, home office, closets – even your car! She will provide expert suggestions and answer your questions.

Make 2014 your year to be better organized! To RSVP, call Wendy Steinberg at 917-855-1491 or email wendysteinberg1@aol.com.

Hebrew School News



Marcia Kagedan

Yet again, I am happy to report that the month that just passed was jam packed with excitement, learning and activity. From all the kids being involved on Mitzvah Day, an amazing APT-sponsored GEMINI show, PIP Program for adults, Chanukah Boutique, Chanukah Breakfast, Shalom Baby and Sunday Special Fun in the Gym, there really was something for everyone.

December promises to be quite full, too!

Tuesday, Dec. 3 is the annual Men's Club Dinner, Chanukah Ex-

travaganza and rooftop candle lighting. Dec. 7 is School on Shabbat and the PIP-Parent Involvement Program.

Sunday, Dec. 8 features three programs in the Hebrew School:

- Shalom Baby for toddlers through 3-year-olds at 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday Special Fun in the Kitchen for 4- to 8-year-olds at 10 a.m.
- Minyan of the Minds for 6th and 7th grades and parents from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 15 is the Kehillah Program for the 6th grade.

And **Tuesday, Dec. 17** is the last day of school for 2013!

Snow closings:

It is never too early to mention that if there is inclement weather, call the school office for possible school closings. If on a Tuesday, the Paramus Public Schools are closed or cancel afterschool activities due to snow, there will be no Hebrew School. An email will be sent and a Facebook message posted indicating school closings.

Shalom U'lehitra'ot.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT BULLETIN IS DEC. 7!



Youth Group News

Longer-time members of the JCCP/CBT, we ask that you close your eyes for a moment and recall a time when either the shul here in Paramus or New Milford was filled with hundreds of teenagers excited about coming to our temple. Notice the "s" after the word hundred. We believe it is safe to say that it's been a long time.

At the same time, we are curious as to how many of you would like to be a part of a historical event. On Dec. 14, the JCCP/CBT will be hosting a USY regional dance. This is an opportunity for us to have the spotlight on the JCCP/CBT when it is filled with dancing teens. Of course, we would love for you to be part of this exciting event and will be looking for volunteers to help chaperone. The task is easy: Our jobs are making sure that no one exits the side doors or goes downstairs to the classrooms. The rest is handled by Hagalil. Please contact us – before we reach out and contact you!

Remember, too, when we were young and liked to fancy ourselves being able to dole out zingers, one-liners and comedic retorts in any situation. Our Kadima/Chaverim just had the chance to hone these skills and perform in front of each other at an Improv event.

Laughter was bountiful! Unlike a Stooges highlight reel, no cream pies thrown into faces, but there were (pizza) pies to be eaten.

While our children have AMAZING activities, they also travel to regional dances (like the one we are having), regional Shabbat weekends, international conferences and summer encampment. We have had a strong turnout the past two years and we are proud of the commitment made by the USY members. These events have an additional expense, and it would be great to have the ability to provide some assistance with the costs. To help, we are about to initiate a Youth fundraising campaign starting with Youth T-shirts; additional items will be rolled out in the near future. We ask in advance that you help the Youth groups through this temple-wide fundraising event. Shirts will be available through the Sisterhood Gift Shop.

Wayne and Debbie Zeiler
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"The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled."
~ Plutarch

... and now a word from our USY advisor:

As we move along the calendar, Paramus USY is accomplishing big things and engaging in new and exciting programming. In October, we had a movie night where 20 USYers came out to donate money in order to vote on a movie to watch together. All the money raised at the event will go toward a charitable organization that we will decide on together at the end of the year.

On that note, in early November, Paramus USY played an active role in the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey's annual Mitzvah Day. A handful of USYers donated blood, while a contingent traveled to Franklin Lakes to help organize, pack and send boxes of clothing to needy children in Israel. We could feel the huge difference we were making, and we donated \$36 as a chapter to the Yad Leah organization, which provides clothing to Israelis in need.

On Dec. 14, we will be hosting the Hagalil USY regional dance at the JCCP/CBT. As regional dances attract more than 200 USYers from throughout the state, this will be an amazing opportunity to see the full strength of USY on a large-scale setting.

We are doing wonderful things as a chapter in Paramus. USY is an amazing place to grow and learn Jewishly, and we hope you will be able to learn and see more throughout the year!

Gabe Cohen

... and from our Kadima/Chaverim advisor:

What a great start it's been for Kadima/Chaverim. Attendance has been great and all involved are having a fun-filled time. We have decorated the sukkah, went to Mele Park, had a Sports Night, a Theater Improvisation Night and our annual Chanukah festivities with a latkes dinner, grab bag and holiday games.

The fun times will continue in the coming months. We will have our Chanukah Extravaganza with the Hebrew School, a Parent-Child Gym Night, Arts and Crafts night, Movie and Pizza Night, and an outing to Bowler City in Hackensack.

Parents, it's never too late for the kids to join, so plan to have your kids stay after Hebrew School for a fun, social evening. As usual, a flier with all the specifics is always distributed through the Hebrew School and also mailed home. It is also readily available on the Youth bulletin board.

Lehitra'ot!
Fred

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Jewish Community Center of Paramus/Congregation Beth Tikvah Board of Governors is thanking those who have supported the Board of Governors with a Shabbat Dinner on Friday, Dec. 13. The Board of Governors also will be sponsoring the Oneg. We look forward to seeing you that evening.

ANNUAL CANTORIAL CONCERT

Cantor Sam Weiss will perform at the annual cantorial concert at the JCC on the Palisades on Sunday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m.

Tickets can be obtained by calling (201) 408-1426. Prices are \$8-\$10 in advance and \$10-\$12 at the door.

To join or offer a ride from our synagogue to Tenafly, please contact Mark Topel at marktopel@verizon.net or (201) 967-9179.

For more information, please see the concert flyer on our website.

Book Club News

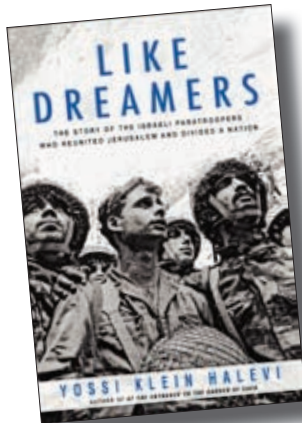
Please join us for our next Book Club meeting on Monday, December 9, at 6:45 p.m. when we will discuss **"Like Dreamers"** by Yossi Klein Halevi. Our guest facilitator will be Dr. Raisy Weiss.

"Like Dreamers" is a fascinating book about decades of Israeli history as seen through the lives of seven paratroopers. It is a book of stories and dreams. Halevi has captured the complexity of Israel in human terms. The book has received rave reviews in both the Jewish Standard and The New York Times. It is a must read.

Any questions, please contact Mimi Levin at grandmamimil@verizon.net or at 201-265-0454.

JCCP/CBT BOOK CLUB NEWS

Our next meeting is Monday, December 9 at 6:45 p.m.



The facilitator will be **Dr. Raisy Weiss**.

The book is

“LIKE DREAMERS”

by Yossi Klein Halevi

An acclaimed journalist, Halevi “interweaves the stories of a group of 1967 paratroopers who reunited Jerusalem, tracing the history of Israel and the divergent ideologies shaping it from the Six-Day War to the present.”

Whether or not you have a chance to read the book, the discussion promises to be stimulating and very informative. All are welcome.

Light dairy refreshments will be served.

Any questions, please call Beth Chananie at 201-262-0063 or Mimi Levin at 201-265-0454.



PEA SOUP

from
Beth Chananie

Ingredients:

1 pound flanken
3 quarts water
3/4 box green split peas,
washed in cold water
1 tablespoon salt
2 stalks leafy celery
2 medium carrots slices
1 large onion, minced
1/2 teaspoon pepper

Preparation:

Put meat in water in a large pot and boil together. Skim the fat off the top. Add all the other ingredients, put flame on simmer and cook for a few hours. Serve with a delicious crusty bread.

Sharing Our Simchas



Mazel Tov to Gladys and Marcel Kozuch on the wedding of their grandson Marc Hassan to Julie Nuba on Nov. 17. The parents are Lydia and Charles Hassan.

Please send your good news to the **Sharing Our Simchas** column at bulletin@jccparamus.org; there is no charge.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 1-6

Janet Grotsky
Paul Mannasse
Karen Weiner
Richard Schweidel
Francine Winters
Ira Grotsky
Howard Turner
Richard Rosenberg
Mark Topel
Robert Grodsky
Philip Horowitz

December 7-13

Nicole Goldish
Linda Miller
Steven Rubin
Pearl Savell
Roberta Edelstein
Stephanie Friedlander
Linda Theos
Shoshana Ishayik
Joan Plavin
Beth Chananie
Edward Savell

December 14-20

Fred Harris
Jacqueline Finkelstein
Phyllis Polevoy
Melvin Polkow
Marla Karow
Miriam Levin
Jacqueline Reuveni
Bea Ziskin
Viviane Danan

December 21-27

Jill Bart
Rhoda Fried
Seymour Handel
Lawrence Sturm
David Barzillai
Joseph Drapkin
Eric Lowenthal
Barbra Horner
Gary Zysman
Melissa Kolodkin
Jason Seltzer
Susan Zarabi
Arthur Cohen

Eugene Heitlinger
Rachel Lindenbaum
Rena Haber
Allan Sternberg

December 28-31

Carnie Friedman
Dina Kliot
Doris Schonberg
Ruth Smith
Gabrielle Scalise
Gary Hutmacher
Eileen Schneider
Sheldon Berman
Sylvia Egleston
David Rosenblum



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

December 1-6

Martin & Robyn Basner
Shaul & Susan Matalon
Thomas & Nan Heisler
Jeff & Melissa Kolodkin

December 7-13

Leon & Jill Wiser

December 14-20

Arnold & Diane Zettler
Carl & Joan Bagner
Richard & Joan Schweidel
Joseph & Roberta Moskowitz
Arthur & Beverly Cohen

December 21-27

Marvin & Dale Witkin
Fred & Sandra Groveman
Joel & Anita Preefer
Sheldon & Ronnie Schmidt
Steven & Mona Shatkin
Marvin & Joyce Stein
Sion & Simin Daftari
Daniel & Rhonda Gordon
Ralph & Ellen Gerber
Yahya & Mahnaz Kashani

December 28-31

Richard & Sandra Alpern
Alan & Carolyn Breda

Mazel Tov



Yahrzeit Observances

For the week of Dec. 1-6

We Remember:

CELIA BADER
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SAMUEL LIPTON
VIOLET MURAD
NANETTE ROSENBAUM
ERNEST WALENSKY
MAX WASSERMAN
SADIE WAXBERG
ANNE ZUCKER

For the week of Dec. 7-13

We Remember:

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DONALD SCHIFFMAN
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LILLIAN MALAMUD

SOLEYMAN NABATIAN

BERTRAND BASNER
RACHEL GELARDIN
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BETTY WAXMAN
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JACK GOLDSTEIN
TILLIE HALPERN
ELIAS HAMMER
ANNA LEVIN
JEROME NOE
ANNIE SCHWEIDEL
BENJAMIN ZASS

For the week of Dec. 14-20

We Remember:

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SOPHIE MINTZ
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MALKA HALBERT
MILDRED MARKIN
WILLIAM MATUSON
EVA MERKER
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BESSIE SCHIMMEL
ALAN SHERR
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For the week of Dec. 28-31

We Remember:

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ARNOLD SCHAFFER
DOROTHY ABRAMS
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/APPROVAL OF BUDGET AND JCCP/CBT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES – October 17, 2013

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Harvey Brenner reported that membership is at 472 member units; 18 new family units have joined since July. We are working on making the building more user-friendly. We were one of 13 organizations in New Jersey that have been awarded a grant from Homeland Security. We were awarded \$49,500 to help safeguard our building.

Harlan Cohen reported that we are waiting on Shelter Development for final comments to the proposed contract. We expect to have a signed contract within 2 weeks. We are working on organizing town hall meetings and plan to have one meeting a month for the next few months.

Committee Reports:

Community Affairs – Roz Gerard announced that Mitzvah Day is on November 3rd. We will be having a blood drive; a sign-up sheet was passed around. For Thanksgiving, we have been asked to adopt 30 Paramus families and provide them with a full Thanksgiving meal. So far, 21 families have been adopted.

Sisterhood – Wendy Steinberg announced that the paid-up Sisterhood dinner is on Wednesday, October 23 at 6:30. Entertainment will be Flavian, the mind reader.

Religious Committee – Alan Jay reported that the joint High Holidays services went very well. A survey will be distributed shortly, so please take the time to fill it out.

APT – Howie Leopold announced that APT is hosting an evening of Chinese Food and Comedy with Gemini. We already have 100 people attending and are looking to reach 200.

Men's Club – Joe Esrig announced that the annual Chanukah Dinner and rooftop candle lighting ceremony will be on December 3rd.

Board of Education – Mimi Levin announced that the Candle Club is now an enrichment program for 3- and 4-year-olds and 4- to 6-year-olds called "Sunday Specials." It takes place on the first Sunday of every month. If you know of anyone with kids in this age group, please let them know about this program.

Youth – Wayne Zeiler announced that we are hosting the USY regional dance on December 14. We will need chaperones for the evening.

Harlan announced that Herb Keinon from The Jerusalem Post will be speaking here on Sunday.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET

Harriet Kugler thanked the Finance Committee, which consists of herself, Paul Auerbach, Michael Aronesty, Nate Fink, Stu Smith, Ken Glatzer, Shel Schmidt and Sue Greenberg. Board representatives are Harlan Cohen and Jack Bauer.

This year we had a significant drop in income as a result of several factors, including more hardship cases, a reduction in donations and contributions to the Board of Governors, and a reduction in rent from our tenant. Many of our expenses are fixed. We have a deficit budget and we will work on what needs to be cut for next year. The floor was open for questions. A motion was brought to vote and passed with 43 for, 17 against and 1 abstention.

JCCP/CBT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Harvey Brenner reported that as part of the process of proceeding with the grant from Homeland Security, he has been in contact with Federation to learn about its Kehilla cooperative. Federation has access to security vendors that give extended discounts to Kehilla members. Several vendors already have come to give us proposals on some of the work we have planned, such as shatterproof glass, closed caption cameras and improved front door entry options. In parallel, United Synagogue has a connection through Rabbi Savenor, who is very knowledgeable with the Kehilla programs. Harvey has a meeting set up to see how we can avail ourselves of other free services. Another safeguard we are looking into is a low-tech, low-cost solution for a lockdown should the need arise.

Paul Auerbach reported that the money from the New Milford sale has been parked in various accounts, including 5 CDs and a Morgan Stanley money market fund, all of which are FDIC insured. We staggered their due dates so that monies will be available throughout the year. Harlan has tasked the Finance Committee to come up with recommendations on how to invest the money, so it is not sitting in low-interest funds.

Now that the budget has passed, we need committees to implement special projects. Harvey has already gotten bids on bringing WiFi into the building. Contingent on having WiFi installed, the Board of Education will work with Federation to come up with a plan for technology improvements in the Hebrew School. We are exploring options for our advertising campaign and working with a marketing consultant. Several board members volunteered to chair this Advertising/Marketing Committee. The Membership Committee has been charged with coming up with a plan for membership outreach and programming to attract new members.

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