



Coming In December:

DECEMBER 3 & 7

• Paramus-Tikvah Singers

DECEMBER 4

• Hebrew School dinner/
Family Shabbat Service

DECEMBER 6

• Chanukah Breakfast

DECEMBER 20

• Family Bowling
• "Black or White" Movie



**Family Chanukah Celebration
& Rooftop Menorah Lighting
Third Night of Chanukah
Tuesday, December 8 • 6-8 PM**

**Celebrate Chanukah
at the JCC of Paramus/Congregation Beth Tikvah**



The Men's Club of the JCCP/CBT invites
the community to its annual

**Family Chanukah Celebration
and Rooftop Menorah Lighting**



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Tuesday, December 8 • 6-8 p.m.**



Join us as we celebrate with Rabbi Weiner, Cantor Weiss, the Men's Club, and the congregation. **The evening will begin with a dinner**, followed at about 7 p.m. with the rooftop menorah lighting. We thank the Men's Club for hosting this event in celebration of Chanukah. Afterward we will go indoors and light the traditional Chanukiyah and sing holiday songs along with our Hebrew school children and the Paramus-Tikvah Singers. There will be dreidel games and refreshments, including traditional sufganiyot (jelly donuts).

MAKE YOUR DINNER RESERVATIONS BY DECEMBER 1.

Adults: \$18 in advance; \$20 at door. Children*(13 and under):
\$8 in advance, \$15 at door.

*No charge for children in the JCCP/CBT Hebrew School

Call (201) 262-7691 for reservations and information

**"THE SPIRIT OF SIMCHA
AND CELEBRATION" CD**

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FAMILY BOWLING
Sunday, December 20th

See page 8 for details



From the Rabbi



Rabbi Arthur D. Weiner

I want to challenge you with a question: *What is our responsibility to the Jewish future?*

Perhaps the simplest but among the most powerful answer is found by an event in the life of the Biblical patriarch Abraham, towards the end of his life. The story itself is found in the 24th chapter of the Book of Genesis.

Abraham is old and Sarah is gone, having died at the age of 127. But Abraham has one more great task yet to complete — finding a wife for his son Isaac as was the tradition in his time. He takes it on himself to make sure the conditions were set to achieve his goal. Being quite elderly he could not undertake the task himself so he entrusts this mission to his chief servant. The conditions are exacting. The wife must be found from among Abraham's relatives in Haran, where Abraham lived before he went to the land of Israel. The woman had to agree to come to the land of Israel — Isaac could not go to her home. If she would not agree to come the servant would be freed from his obligation. But under no circumstances was Isaac to leave the land. Had the servant failed, we must assume that Abraham would have found another way to achieve the goal.

Now why was the goal so important? Abraham was not only concerned with his generation, but the future of the Jewish people as

well. He understood that the measure of his *Brit*, his covenant with God would be his ability for him to bequeath the tradition to the next generation, and inspire that generation to share it with the following generation. Abraham's greatness was not only the way he lived his life, but his vision for the future and his steadfast devotion to its realization.

Think about it. We know a lot about Abraham. We know he was wealthy. We know he had the respect of the people of the land of Israel. We know he was powerful and strong. But we do not know how smart he was. Now I want to be very careful. I do not want my words to be misconstrued. I do not want to imply that Abraham lacked intellectual capability or depth. Far from it! But the Bible doesn't speak to it, one way or another. Strong, courageous, honorable, hospitable — this we know about him. These are the qualities that the Bible mentions. But brilliance, so highly valued in our society, is simply ignored.

So why even bring it up in this context? How many of you have seen those emails that detail (with great pride!) how many Jews have won Nobel prizes? Barely 15 million out of a world population of 6 billion, Jews have won at least 20% of Nobel prizes. Doesn't that make you proud? And yet, how many of those Nobel Prize winners have been leaders in the Jewish community and have used their prodigious intellectual gifts to better not just the condition of the world in general, but the future of the Jewish people. Who will be remembered for being a great scientist and who will be remembered for being a good Jew? It challenges us: what do we wish to achieve with our talents and abilities?

As you read this column, Chanukah is only days away. The great contribution of the Maccabees to Jewish history was their willingness and commitment to lead

the Jewish people in the fight for their rights and freedoms which had been denied them by Antiochus IV and his Seleucid Empire. Their victories not only set in motion the events that led to the rededication of the Holy Temple but the eventual restoration of Jewish sovereignty in the Land of Israel. Chanukah not only celebrates their great victory, but their willingness to risk it all for the future of Judaism. Like Abraham in his time, they too had a vision for the future and similarly remained devoted to its realization. Yet as

we know, in time, the latter generations of the Maccabees did not share this vision of their fathers, and their failures set in motion the conditions that led to the destruction of the Temple.

What made Abraham great is that the gifts and wealth that he had achieved in his life time were used to build a Jewish future. It is a good time to ask ourselves: what is our responsibility to the Jewish future and what are we going to do to make sure that Judaism survives long after we are forgotten?

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Services

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

December 4 8:30 p.m.
Hebrew School Shabbat Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Shabbat Family Service 7:30 p.m.
ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT

SABBATH SERVICES

December 5 9:00 a.m.
TORAH READING: Vayeshev
KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT
JUNIOR CONGREGATION 10:00 a.m.
MINCHA & MA'ARIV 4:10 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

December 11 8:30 p.m.
ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT

SABBATH SERVICES

December 12 9:00 a.m.
TORAH READING: Miketz
KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT
JUNIOR CONGREGATION 10:00 a.m.
MINCHA & MA'ARIV 4:10 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

December 18 8:30 p.m.
ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT

SABBATH SERVICES

December 19 9:00 a.m.
TORAH READING: Vayigash
KIDDUSH HOST: The family of Mimi Levin in
honor of her special birthday
JUNIOR CONGREGATION 10:00 a.m.
MINCHA & MA'ARIV 4:15 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

December 25 8:30 p.m.
ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT

SABBATH SERVICES

December 26 9:00 a.m.
TORAH READING: Veyechi
KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT
JUNIOR CONGREGATION 10:00 a.m.
MINCHA & MA'ARIV 4:15 p.m.

From the Executive Director



Norman Levin

Thanksgiving is behind us and Chanukah is on its way. We are already inundated with commercials and promotions for holiday sales as we are relentlessly being told that the key to happiness is the next purchase, whether it is a soft drink or an iPhone. The contrast with the recent horrible stabbing attacks in Israel and the horrific assaults in France is stark.

In today's society, where we are surrounded by a media madness that makes every individual a celebrity, every performer a sensation and every sensation a scandal, the Kim Kardashianization of our secular environment needs to be put into perspective.

The conclusion of the reading of Breishit (Genesis) in the Torah cycle is drawing near. Come to Shab-

bat services and you'll get to delve into the stories of Jacob and his fractious sons, and the descent into Egypt. We get to follow his son Joseph who has to straddle two worlds — the one of his devout father and the one of opulence and power. This is where we Jews find ourselves as well — struggling to balance the affluence that surrounds us with the values of our tradition.

The shared reading of the Torah challenges us to confront the meaning of God in our lives and develop a level of intimacy with the ineffable. While I still am not sure what God is, I am coming to appreciate the view that God is what inspires us to live our lives with dignity and compassion.

The story of Jacob and Joseph offers us a tradition of examination and discovery that the distractions of the latest craze — MTV awards, celebrity pregnancies, Fashion Week, the newest app or widget and on and on — obscure. Once we set aside the diversions of the artificial tumult of the season, we get to explore the power of our sacred inheritance: a call for awareness, for kindheartedness, for action — in short, for integrity. And in a culture as secular and superficial as ours, God knows we can use them.

B'shalom



Light the Sabbath Candles



Friday, December 4 4:09 P.M.
Friday, December 11 4:09 P.M.
Friday, December 18 4:10 P.M.
Friday, December 25 4:14 P.M.

Chanukah Lighting Instructions

Chanukah candles should be kindled when it starts to get dark outside. The Shamash (the 9th and helper candle) should be raised above the other lights of the *Chanukiyah* (Chanukah Menorah). It is lit first and then 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.

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. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה

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. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ
בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמֶן הַזֶּה

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. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
שֶׁהֵחָיָנוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה

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.





President's Message



Jacob Bauer

This article is different from any that I have written since I became President of the JCCP/CBT because I will not be writing about our synagogue, but rather will be writing about two of the most emotional experiences my wife Sandy and I have experienced during our 50 years of marriage.

On October 15, Sandy and I left for Rome to enjoy a vacation which we had been planning for over a year. The highlight of the vacation was a cruise, which was to include a three day stopover in Israel but due to the recent turmoil, the Israeli portion of our cruise was cancelled. During the

cruise we visited Naples, Sicily, Crete, Santorini, Ephesus, Mykonos, Athens and Malta. The first of the emotional experiences we experienced was on the island of Crete, during our visit to the Suda Bay War Cemetery, which we had never heard of.

In May, 1941 the Greek island of Crete fell to the Germans. The British Commonwealth at that time had a land force of 32,000 men on the island; of this total 18,000 were evacuated, 12,000 captured and the remaining 2,000 killed. After the war, Suda Bay was chosen as the site for the cemetery. The Australian War Graves Unit relocated 1,500 remains from German burial grounds to Suda Bay. Of the 1,500 graves, 776 are unidentified. The cemetery also contains 19 World War I burials, 7 non British Commonwealth nationalities and 37 graves not associated with the war.

The cemetery does not take up a lot of area and during our visit, although there were approximately 100 people there, you could hear a pin drop. What got to us was looking at the tombstones and realizing the ages of those who died. The vast majority of those

identified were in their early 20's but then you walk by grave after grave which are marked UNKNOWN. That was very powerful and it really got to us.

The most remarkable placement was a grouping of 6 graves with their tombstones connected which I we learned was a plane crew who died together and were buried together.

After our cruise we flew to Venice where we had the second emotional experience of our vacation, our visit to the Jewish Quarter. Jews have been in Venice since the 13th century, primarily as merchants and moneylenders. In 1516, the Republic forced the Jews to live in the area of the city where the foundries were, known in Venetian as "geti (ghetto) and they were forced to wear a yellow sign of identification. In 1797, Napoleon conquered the area and decreed the end of the Jewish segregation and gave Jews equal rights. This became permanent when Venice was annexed into the Italian Kingdom.

At its height, the Jewish population of Venice was about 5,000. They built synagogues in the

Ghetto but all are located on the 2nd or 3rd floors of buildings, Surprisingly, none of the synagogues were destroyed during the Nazi occupation. Friends of the Jews hid all of the Torahs and artifacts from the Nazis and returned them after the war.

The same cannot be said of the Jewish population. By beginning of 1943, there were less than 500 Jews in Venice; all were deported to the camps and only 8 returned after the war.

The approximately 500 Jews who live in Venice today are proud of their heritage and still practice their Judaism, attending synagogues located in the Jewish Quarter. The synagogues are Orthodox, as are most synagogues in Italy today

The realities of the world do not escape you when you visit the Jewish Quarter. Due to security concerns you are not allowed to take any pictures while in any of the synagogues and the Italian army provides 24 hour security to the area.

Sandy and I wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah and new year.

Learn songs for Chanukah with the

PARAMUS-TIKVAH SINGERS

Thursday Dec. 3 at 8:15 pm

Monday Dec. 7 at 8:15 pm

Family Chanukah program:

Tuesday Dec. 8 at 7:00 pm

5th Annual Chanukah Dinner & Candle Lighting



Join us for a delicious dinner* and lighting of the rooftop chanukiah.



Tuesday, December 8th, 2015
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Adult: \$18 in advance; \$20 at the door
Children** (13 and under): \$8; \$15 at the door

Must RSVP by December 1st (Limited seating at the door)
Reservations will not be accepted after this date.

*We must know in advance if you have any special dietary needs.

**This excludes children in the JCCP Hebrew School.

5th Annual Chanukah Dinner and Candle Lighting

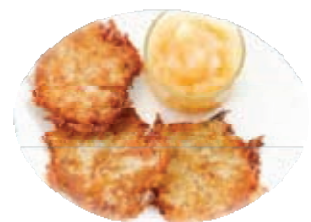
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____ Children (\$8/each)

Please RSVP to the Men's Club by **December 1st with payment included.**
(Checks should be made payable to JCCP Men's Club.)



Community Affairs

Every Day is Mitzvah Day

Thank you to everyone who donated to our **Fran Leib Memorial Fall Turkey Drive**. The turkeys, food, and gift cards were given to the Center for Food Action in Mahwah. Thanks also to those who provided an entire holiday dinner to 25 families 'adopted' through the Paramus Department of Human Services.

Our synagogue was a busy place on Sunday, Nov. 1 for **Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey's Mitzvah Day**. We held a successful blood drive, collecting 39 pints of blood. A big thanks to **Beth Chananie** for coordinating the drive and to **Roz Gerard, Rhoda Fried, Edith Maclin**, and **Barbara Merker**, who helped during the blood drive. Synagogue members also donated items for emergency kits for Kosher Meals on Wheels recipients and our Hebrew School students decorated cupcakes for Emergency Service workers in Paramus – Police, Fire Department, and Ambulance Corps. The Paramus Tikvah Singers entertained the residents of a local senior facility.

On Sunday, October 25 a group of volunteers went to the **Center for Food Action** in Saddle Brook and helped unpack, sort, and shelf food donations. Thank you to **Merle Harris** who coordinated this project and thanks to **Sandy & Rich Alpern, Laura and Annette Ashkenazi, Joan Bagner, Alan Breda** and **Carolyn Kaufman; Roz Gerard** and her grandson, **Jack Cordero; Jill, Leon**, and **David Wiser** and **Jan Ole Hoffman**, a foreign exchange student from Germany staying with them; **Linda Klein**, and **Roz and Lauren Mehr**. We hope to repeat this project in Saddle Brook again in the spring. Teenagers are welcome to participate with their parents at this project and it's a real 'hands on' mitzvah.

In December we will be assembling and donating gift bags to the Jewish residents at Bergen Regional Medical Center; **Laura Menter** is the coordinator for this annual project.

Don't forget our ongoing year-round food drive; pick up an extra can of tuna or soup or a box of cereal or pasta when you are shopping and drop them in our food collection box in the JCCP/CBT lobby whenever you are here for a meeting or event during the week.

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, Ukraine. The group 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 the meetings. For more information please contact **Elaine Cohen** at 201-447-2485.

Our Chessed Committee has volunteers available if you or someone you know needs temporary help shopping or needs a ride to services or doctor appointments. Call **Eileen Schneider** at 201-722-1606.

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MINI BOOK CLUB

Sunday, January 3, 2016

10:30 a.m.

Read or Re-Read
 this favorite:



Come and join our
 discussion over
 coffee and a danish!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
 2016!**

Questions ~ call
 Mimi Levin
 201-265-0454



BOWL

with YOUNG JEWISH FAMILIES Sunday, December 20, 2015 – 1:45 PM

Meet @Fair Lawn Lanes; 22-22 Maple Ave, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

**Cost: \$12.00 per person {Price includes 2 hours of bowling and the shoe rental}
Payment is made at/to the alley.**



**Please R.S.V.P. to yjf18@hotmail.com by December 16
to tell us how many adults and how many
children (ages 4 and up) will be bowling.**

**For more information or questions, please contact
Elana and Eugene @201-449-0562; yjf18@hotmail.com,
or www.jccparamus.org.**



**Young
Jewish
Families**



Shabbat Family Service and Program December 4, 2015 - 7:30 PM

**Service is after Hebrew School Shabbat dinner. Please call office
for details. Hebrew School children will be participating in the
Shabbat Service. Service and story time is followed by a light
oneg and playtime in the gym.**



**For more information or questions, please contact
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**201-449-0562 or yjf18@hotmail.com
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Hebrew School News



Marcia Kagedan

Shalom

JFNNJ Mitzvah Day was a great beginning to the busy month of November.

The kids enjoyed making and decorating cupcakes for the police, ambulance and fire personnel.

Our 6th graders along with 100 other 6th graders, as part of their Kehillah Program, heard about many tzedakah organizations and then made blankets for kids in hospitals, toys for pets in shelters, and beanbags for children to use while participating in activities at a therapeutic riding school in Israel. We were all quite busy while the adults donated blood. Yasher Koach to us all!

I commend Ben Pyatski, a 7th grade student, who arranged for the showing of "NO PLACE ON EARTH", a documentary about Ukrainian Jews who hid in caves during the holocaust and in that way survived. Ben was able to bring a survivor of the caves to the JCCP/CBT to speak to us as well.

Thank you to APT who stocked the shelves of the Chanukah Bou-

tique at which our students purchased gifts for family members. This event is always well received. The kids love shopping!

Many parents enjoyed coffee and schmooze time with Rabbi Weiner where all questions were welcome and no questions were left unanswered!

COMING UP THIS MONTH:

Friday, Dec. 4:

- APT Shabbat Dinner and YJF Family Service.

Sunday, Dec. 6:

- Chanukah Community Breakfast with kids singing Chanukah Songs.

Tuesday, Dec. 8:

- Chanukah Extravaganza. Kids in 3rd-7th invited to stay for supper, games and ROOF TOP LIGHTING @ 7 p.m. Parents invited to sign up for Chanukah Community Dinner from 6-7 p.m. and then join the ROOF TOP LIGHTING, singing and dessert.

Tuesday, Dec. 15:

- Youth Program from 5:30-7 pm.

Sunday, Dec. 19:

- SOS PLUS – All kids to attend from 10:15-12 noon.

Sunday, Dec. 20:

- Sunday Special for 4-7 year old children.

Tuesday, Dec. 22:

- Last day of school in 2015!

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday night January 30th is APT BINGO NIGHT!

Reminder: In case of inclement weather, call the school office, check our facebook page (JCCP-HEBREW SCHOOL) or call the synagogue office. At all times, be safe!

Young Jewish Families

SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICE AND PROGRAM

Friday, December 4, 7:30 p.m. Hebrew School Shabbat Dinner. The Hebrew School children will be performing during the Shabbat services. A Family Shabbat service followed by play time and oneg in the gym. The children play, the parents schmooze. It's perfect. Come see for yourself!

BOWLING – fun for the whole family!

Sunday, December 20. Come bowling with YJF. See flier in bulletin and on website for details.

SPONSOR AN ONEG

Once a month, usually on the first Friday, we hold our Friday Night Family Program. This family-friendly service is followed by an oneg and playtime in the gym. If you would like to sponsor an oneg, please contact us: \$18 for a birthday cake; \$18 for other snacks.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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. So please bring mothers and fathers, grandparents and great-grandparents, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, neighbors – but no pets please!

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

Thank you.

Eugene and Elana Heitlinger

Youth News

Our youth group, under the leadership of Fred Weisman, continues to have fun and exciting social programs. In November there was theater improvisation and a night to make Thanksgiving decorations. This month there will be the annual Chanukah Extravaganza and Roof Top Lighting at the JCCP/CBT on Dec. 8 and there will be a sports and ice cream night on Dec. 15. All programs include supper – usually pizza!

All JCCP CBT children in grades 3-8 are welcome to join the activities. It's a pay as you go program, just \$9 each time, which covers the pizza and activity. Youth programs normally run from 5:30-7 p.m.

Hope to see you soon! Questions, call Marcia @ 201-262-7733

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Bulletin now has a "LETTERS TO THE EDITOR" section.

Please let us know what you think about what's going on at the JCCP/CBT; we'll listen to the good and bad. Letters should be 150 words or less and should include the writer's name and hometown. Letters will be chosen at the discretion of the Bulletin editors. Send them to jccpcbtletterstoeditor@gmail.com by the 7th of every month. We look forward to hearing from you.

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EVERY DAY IS MITZVAH DAY AT THE JCCP/CBT...

Community Affairs stacking food for the needy...



Giving blood.....





**Making cupcakes for Emergency Services
Personnel**



**Sisterhood's Members Dinner and Irene Reiss's
birthday**



**JCCP/CBT MEN'S CLUB
CHANUKAH BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 ~ 9:30 AM**



**ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR COMPLIMENTARY HOT BREAKFAST,
PREPARED BY THE MEN'S CLUB ALL STAR CHEFS**

**PLEASE TRY TO BRING A NON PERISHABLE ITEM FOR
DONATION TO THOSE IN NEED**

"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition."

Steve Jobs

The Men's Club wishes everyone a wonderful Chanukah holiday!



Sisterhood News

THANK YOU!

It is December, Hanukkah is here and so my gift to all of you is a very short article this month.

For this installment of the Sisterhood Bulletin article, we want say **THANK YOU!** to the more than 50 women who came out for our Paid Up Membership Dinner on October 21. It was a most wonderful evening. Between the incredible homemade dishes by those women who slaved in our kitchen and Tuvia Zimmer's beautiful musical accompaniments, the evening was quite special. There was great food and excellent music, but there was also tremendous energy in the air. If you stopped to listen for a moment, there was the din of chatting and laughter all night long. Our evening was made even more memorable as we celebrated Irene Reiss' birthday together. How much better does it get than 50 or more voices singing Happy Birthday to our Irene! What a meaningful celebration for all.

This year's Paid-Up Membership Dinner was a success because of all who came out to support it. As 2015 comes to a close and we are about to start the new year, please, please take the opportunity to consider what you would like to see from us. Better yet, reach out and tell us and...even better, volunteer even a small amount of your time to help. The Paid-Up Membership Dinner was but one of many evenings that we can all be together, if we all step up.

On a final note, we had many pre-orders for the JCCP/CBT Cookbook. Our publication is proving to be a great success. Please continue to support Sisterhood by purchasing one: for a birthday gift, holiday gift or "just because". It is beautiful and of course, so very useful in your kitchens.

Fry up those latkes!

With Best Wishes for a Happy Hanukkah,

Best regards,

Lori Cohen



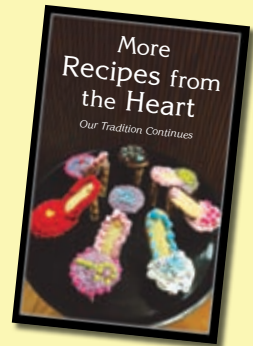
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DID YOU KNOW?

The JCCP/CBT offers plenty of services and activities — and you may not even know about some of them.

Here are a few:

- Sisterhood just published their 3rd cookbook, a wonderful compilation of recipes from our membership



- You can celebrate Chanukah with us at our Community Breakfast on December 6th



- Join us at our Chanukah Dinner and Rooftop Menorah Lighting on December 8th

- Paid up members are invited to our monthly Board of Trustees meetings



- Our Hebrew School has free monthly Sunday programs for 4-7 year olds



- We would raise over \$25,000 in one year if every member purchased only \$100 of supermarket scrip each month

- Our congregants adopted 25 Paramus families and provided them with a Thanksgiving meal



JCCP/CBT BOOK CLUB

Sunday, February 7th @ 10:30 a.m.

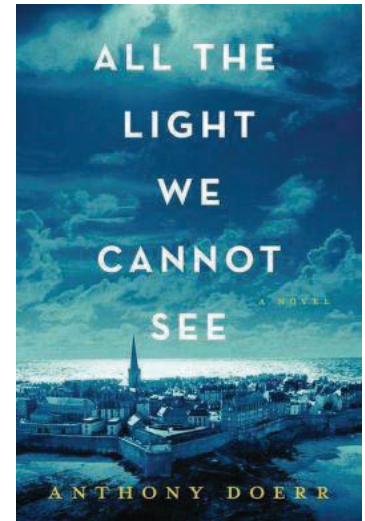
"Pulitzer Prize winner bestseller about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II."

Discussion facilitated by Phyllis Waterstone

All welcome, even if you haven't read the book!
Light refreshments.

SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$2 PER PERSON

Questions contact Mimi Levin @ 201-265-0454 or
grandmamimil@verizon.net



JCCP/CBT Movie Afternoon **Sunday, December 20 @ 3 p.m.** **"Black or White"**



"Black or White," a domestic drama about a custody battle over a mixed-race child, is the kind of movie you root for, because it's clearly coming from a sincere and honest place....."

Suggested donations:

Movie and snacks \$ 2.00

Movie, snacks and deli supper \$13.50

RSVP required for supper: Mimi Levin @
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Mondays at 1:30
YESTERDAY, TODAY and TOMORROW
Lively and popular weekly discussions with Al Nahum

Tuesdays at 1:00
CANASTA AND SCRABBLE
Canasta and Scrabble are very popular and enjoyable. All levels are welcome.

Wednesdays 11:30-12:30
GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS
Come join our exercise class. Everyone needs to move!
Our instructor makes exercise fun and effective at any level.
Come and try it out! Just \$5 per week. **Free trial session!**

Thursdays 1:30-3:30
WEEKLY MAHJONG
Participants continue to learn and enjoy the game.
Call Mimi if you are interested in learning the game and we'll get a teacher!

LOOK FOR INFORMATION ON THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Movie afternoon, Sunday December 20th @ 3 p.m. Pre reserved dinner. "Black or White" with Kevin Costner. (see movie flyer for dinner info)
- Book Club on Sunday February 7th, 2016, 10:30 a.m. "All the Light we Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr. Discussion facilitated by Phyllis Waterstone. Light refreshments.

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"THE SPIRIT OF SIMCHA AND CELEBRATION" CD



The thirteenth recording in "The Spirit Series: Voices of the Conservative Movement," with liner notes and translations by Cantor Sam Weiss, has just been released. This double-CD album is chock-full of 45 joyous songs celebrating various aspects of Jewish life. You may have received a copy of the CD in the mail from United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. You can also visit the USCJ website at <http://www.thespiritseries.com> or call 212-533-7800 x 971 to order. This recording—which would make a wonderful Chanukah gift—is a fund-raising and artistic joint production of the Cantors Assembly and The United Synagogue.

LIBRARY SPACE UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that we are modernizing the library to include a lounge area.

The plan is to create a space where one can continue to peruse our book collection, but at the same time enjoy the room as a lounge, complete with comfortable seating, wi-fi and recharging stations.

We hope it will be a place that will be used by many to relax and chat and reenergize.

The new library configuration will also allow the room to be used as an additional small meeting space. Our hope is to have a user friendly area with an open door policy so that the lounge can be enjoyed at any time.

We are very excited about this concept. We hope you will be too.

We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of this facility.



Adult Education

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

Rabbi Arthur Weiner's Fall class, **The Story of Chanukah**, began on **Wednesday, October 28** and will continue into December. We light the first Chanukah candle on Sunday, December 6th and you are welcome to attend the last two classes to improve your holiday experience. Rabbi's class meets at both **2:30 p.m.** and **8:15 p.m.**; come at whatever time is best for you.

This winter will mark 20 years of the study of Jewish History with **Rabbi Weiner** during our winter adult education series. More information will be available in the January 2016 Bulletin.

The **Paramus-Tikvah Singers** are learning songs for Chanukah with **Cantor Weiss** at 8:15 pm on Tuesday, November 24, Thursday, December 3 and Monday December 7. They will entertain at our family Chanukah program on Tuesday evening December 8.

Stu Lehrer will be teaching a class called **"The Name of the Game"** on 4 Monday nights: Jan 4th, 11th, 25th, and Feb 1st. The first 2 sessions on Jan 4th and 11th will be a study of the influence and association of Jewish names, from the 'name changing' of the famous to the quota system established by institutions. The class will conclude with the showing and in-depth discussion of the Academy Award winning film **"Gentlemen's Agreement"**. The movie will be shown in 2 parts, on Jan 25th and Feb 1st.

Join us for these regular events:

- **Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow** – Everyone is welcome to join these lively and popular weekly discussions led by **Al Nahum**. **Mondays, 1:30 p.m.**
- **Mahjong**. Players of all abilities are welcome and we'll teach you. **Thursdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m.** For more information, contact **Mimi Levin** at grandmamimil@verizon.net or 201-265-0454.
- Play **Canasta** on **Tuesdays from 1 to 3:30 p.m.** You are welcome to join with or without prior knowledge of the game. We are so happy that **Bev Cohen, Esther Kantrowitz** and **Robin Costa** are volunteering their time to teach us how to play! For more information,

contact **Mimi Levin** at 201-265-0454.

- **Scrabble** lovers are invited to come down to the synagogue on **Tuesdays at 1 p.m.** and play.
- **Gentle Exercise Classes** continue on **Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** It's time for all of us to get in shape! The instructor makes exercise fun and effective at any level. Come and try it out! Just \$5 each week. Please wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. No "on-the-floor" exercises.
- The **Book Club** will meet on **Sunday, January 3 at 10:30 a.m.** for an open discussion of **Chaim Potok's** book **"The Chosen"**. On **Sunday, February 7 at 10:30 a.m.**, **Phyllis Waterstone** will facilitate our discussion of **"All The Light We Cannot See"** by **Anthony Doerr**.
- Everyone is welcome to our **Sunday afternoon movie** on **December 20 at 3 p.m.** This will be followed by a deli supper, by reservation only. Call Mimi Levin or the JCCP/CBT office for more information.

The JCCP/CBT is relying on your support from our Annual Adult Ed Appeal letter. Thank you to those who made donations in the last month: **Patron: Irene Reiss, Builder: Claire Mann, Supporter: Sandra Jonas**.

If you have not yet made your donation, it's never too late! Patrons: \$100, Sponsors: \$72, Builders: \$36, Supporters: \$18. Make your check out to JCCP/CBT and include a note to credit it to Adult Ed. Your support will enable us to continue to offer most classes, events and activities at no charge (or for a minimal voluntary contribution).

The Adult Education Committee is continuing to plan our programming for 2015-2016. If there is a class or program you would like to see or a trip you'd like to suggest, please contact committee chair **Mark Topel** at marktopel@verizon.net or 201-967-9179. We'd love to hear your ideas.



The Congregation Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions:

"Sharing is equal to all of the Commandments."

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Neil Mutnicks beloved mother Harriet *Reba Carmel*

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December 1-4

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December 5-11

Richard Rosenberg
Mark Topel
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Philip Horowitz
Nicole Goldish
Linda Miller
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Linda Theos
Shoshana Ishayik

December 12-18

Joan Plavin
Beth Chananie
Fred Harris
Jacqueline Finkelstein
Phyllis Polevoy
Melvin Polkow
Miriam Levin
Ian Shore
Bea Ziskin

December 19-25

Viviane Danan
Jill Bart
Rhoda Fried
Seymour Handel
Lawrence Sturm
David Barzillai
Joseph Drapkin
Eric Lowenthal
Barbra Horner
Gary Zysman
Melissa Kolodkin
Jason Seltzer
Arthur Cohen
Eugene Heitlinger
Rachel Lindenbaum

December 26-31

Rena Haber
Allan Sternberg
Carnie Friedman
Ruth Smith
Jeffrey Weiss
Carol Rossmer
Gary Hutmacher
Eileen Schneider
Sheldon Berman
Sylvia Egleston
David Rosenblum

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

December 1-4

Martin & Robyn Basner
Shaul & Susan Matalon
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Jeff & Melissa Kolodkin

December 12-18

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December 26-31

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Thank You!

On November 13th we had a Shabbat dinner which was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who attended and for your continued support.

Sheila & Dr. George Leipsner



Yahrzeit Observances

For the week of Dec. 1-4

We Remember:

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EVA KURLAND

For the week of Dec. 5-11

We Remember:

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SHIRLEY STERNBERG
ABRAHAM KAHAN
HAROLD LURIA
LOUIS MARGAN
BEATRICE SIEGEL
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For the week of Dec. 12-18

We Remember:

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BENJAMIN SCHWEITZER
MACK WOLFSON
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FANNIE KOPELOFF
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BOBBIE GOLDSTEIN
LOUIS GOSPIN
GILBERT HOLMBERG
BETTY WAXMAN
BERTHA WEINMANN

For the week of Dec. 19-25

We Remember:

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MARTHA COHEN
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MAX ISREL
SANFORD RESNICK
SYLVIA BUND
ELEANOR DICKEY
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MARVIN SESIT
ROSINA BREITHOLTZ
SANDRA HANDEL
EVA LOPYAN
JOSEPH MANN
BENJAMIN WATERSTONE

For the week of Dec. 26-31

We Remember:

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MICHAEL EPSTEIN
ADOLF KINSBRUNSTEIN
LOUIS LAZARUS
SOLOMON ROSENSTEIN
LILLIAN BRODSKY
BEATRICE CHICUREL
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Since Chanukah is coming and the house will be filled with the delicious smell of latkes cooking, how about adding another fragrant smell? This delicious and moist cake will make the house smell just great. Chag sameach!

APPLESAUCE CAKE

Recipe by Beth Chananie

2 cups flour
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
2 tablespoons cocoa
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon allspice
1/4 teaspoon cloves
1/2 cup oil
1 1/2 cups applesauce
2 eggs



Beat eggs with sugar, add oil, and mix again. Sift the dry ingredients and mix with applesauce (begin and end with applesauce) and wet ingredients.
Bake at 350 for 45 minutes in a rectangular pan

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