

congregation beth tikvah

Coming in February & March

FEBRUARY 7
YJF Services

FEBRUARY 9

YJF Ice Skating

Adult Game Day

FEBRUARY 13
Shalom Baby Class

FEBRUARY 16

Movie Afternoon

March 1 Military Bridge

MARCH 8
Persian Shabbat
USY Dance



Save the Date ... Come Celebrate!

Join us at our annual Ad Journal Dinner Dance

as the JCCP honors three very special people

Roz Gerard Gloria and Albert Nahum

in recognition of their years of dedication to our congregation.

Sunday, June 22, 2014... 4:30 p.m.



Roz Gerard

Roz Gerard, the oldest child of the late Sylvia and Rubin Bund, was born and raised in Brooklyn along with her brother, Saul, and her sister, Eleanor. She attended P.S. 131, Pershing Junior High School, New Utrecht H.S. and Brooklyn College, where she majored in education. Although girls did not celebrate bat mitzvahs in her day, she received her Jewish education by attending Yiddish school at the Sholem Aleichem Shul, where she studied history, literature and language, and spent her summers at Camp Boiberik, a Jewish camp. She worked her way through Brooklyn College with a job at Gimbel's department store. Upon graduation, she taught sixth grade at P.S. 27 in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn.



Albert and Gloria Nahum

Gloria and Albert Nahum were both born and raised in the Bronx. Al was the youngest of the three sons born to Dora and Victor Nahum. Gloria was the only daughter born to Esther and Morris Elfenbein, who later had two sons. Gloria attended P.S. 73 and Taft High School in the Bronx. Al attended P.S. 86 and P.S. 46, also in the Bronx, and then Stuyvesant High School, graduating in January 1943. In March 1943, Al's first semester at the CCNY School of Engineering was interrupted by "greetings" in the form of a personal letter from President Roosevelt. On June 11, 1943, Al entered the Army, joining his two older brothers in the service: Morris in the Naval Air Service, Solomon on a newly commissioned destroyer escort, the USS Hissem.

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Roz says that being a terrible driver enabled her to meet her wonderful husband, Jack. Armed with her new license, she drove her friends to the Laurel Country Club in the Catskills. When she had trouble backing down the hill at Grossinger's, Jack stepped in and offered her help; "the rest is history." Roz says Jack never let her behind the wheel when he was in the car, and she claims that she's still not a very good driver!

Jack was from the Bronx; he and Roz after they were married lived there for two years. They moved to Paramus with their 2-year-old son Steven in 1956 when Jack's company transferred him from Brooklyn to Waldwick. Their two daughters, Sheila and Karen, were born after the move to Paramus. The Gerards had their first house on Midland Avenue near the River Edge border. Roz remembers that the first clergyman to visit them was a priest who didn't notice the mezuzah on their door. Not long after that, Rabbi Rackowitz paid the Gerards a visit, and soon Jack and Roz joined the JCCP. In 1956, services were held at the local firehouse and High Holidays services in the Bamberger's basement, where the Garden State Plaza is located today. Roz recalls that the \$40 dues included High Holidays tickets as well as membership in the Woman's Group (now Sisterhood) and the Men's Club.

Roz and Jack soon became involved with the synagogue and watched it grow. Roz served as president of the Woman's Group, Youth Group chair and advisor to a youth group called GWAN (Group Without A Name) because they couldn't agree on a name! Roz remembers outstanding Shabbatons with advisors like Avi Weiss (now a well-known rabbi in Riverdale), Richard Joel (now president of Yeshiva University) and Ephraim Buchwald (founder of the National Jewish Outreach Program). Jack was a regular at minyan and often picked up people to help insure that there would be 10 men when the service started. Jack also was a member of the Religious Committee. Roz is currently chair of the Community Affairs Committee and is a longtime member of the Adult Education Committee. Every spring and fall Turkey Drive, whatever the weather, you can find Roz in the parking lot of the JCCP/CBT early in the morning collecting donated turkeys and bags of food. For many years the JCCP/CBT, along with other synagogues and churches, has participated in the Walk-in Dinner program in Hackensack. Roz and the late Fran Leib chaired this event for many years, both providing and serving the food.

Roz worked as a substitute teacher in the Paramus schools. She earned her master's degree at William Paterson College to enable her to be a teacher/librarian, and soon after took a job as photo editor at Home magazine. Her favorite job was as a buyer for Comfortably Yours, a mail order catalog. For the past 20 years, Roz has been working at AAA in Oradell, and is currently the manager of Auto Travel, where among other things, she makes Trip-Tiks for snowbirds driving to Florida.

Roz's three children had their bar and bat mitzvahs at the JCCP/CBT; they all live in New Jersey. Steven, an executive with Citicorp, lives in Little Ferry, where he is vice chair of the local Planning Board.

Sheila and her husband, Lenny Berman, live in Manalapan with their three daughters, Julie, Lindsay and Randy. Sheila is a special education teacher in Sayreville and last year was honored on "The Katie Couric Show" for her work with special needs children. Julie, who recently became engaged, is a speech therapist in the Sayreville school system. Lindsay, a graduate of UConn, is studying for her master's degree in sociology at Kean University. Randy is a junior at Rowan University.

Karen and her husband, Jose Cordero, live in Wayne with their son, Jack, who was a bar mitzvah last December. Karen works in transportation sales and is active in her synagogue.

Roz and fellow honorees Gloria and Al Nahum have been friends for more than 50 years and have celebrated many simchas and milestones together. After sharing countless meals at the River Edge Diner and Kosher Nosh, Roz is delighted to be sharing this special evening with them.

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Upon completion of his military service, Al enrolled at the CCNY Downtown School of business in February 1947. One classmate in Accounting 101 was an 18-year-old girl with a beautiful smile who understood T accounts and debits and credits. Her name was Gloria Theresa, and she told AI she would be glad to help him out. Sitting in class with girls was a novelty for Al: Stuyvesant was all boys, and the engineering school had only one girl enrolled. He then spent his next four years in the Army. Al asked Gloria to the City College Spring Boat Ride to Bear Mountain and the rest is history.

On March 5, 1949, Al and Gloria were married in the Bronx and set up housekeeping in their favorite borough, where they had their first three children — Robert, Laurie and Kenneth. It was a bit crowded with three children in a two-bedroom apartment and the Nahums had always wanted their own home. After considering several places on Long island, Gloria's mother convinced them that New Jersey would be a better choice. In 1956 they moved to Paramus and soon learned about the new Jewish Center there. Gloria attended a JCCP membership meeting with her next-door neighbor, Elaine Karasick, and came home asking Al if they could afford to pay the \$40 in dues required to join the synagogue. Al thought they could probably manage it, thus beginning their "marriage" with our Center.

A few days after the Nahums moved into their new Paramus home, Al, who was a reserve officer, left for his two-week Army summer camp commitment. Gloria was left to look after three small children along with a house and lawn. While Al was gone, Gloria got her driver's license and even, Al recalls, "had the guts to drive their used car, with three young children in it, over the GW Bridge to the Bronx." Debbie, Al and Gloria's youngest child, was born in 1963.

In his professional life, Al managed a lumber yard and also managed real estate. Gloria dropped out of CCNY Downtown to work and raise a family, but returned to Paterson State Teacher's College and earned her degree when Debbie entered first grade. She began a teaching career even before graduating, when she impressed the Paramus superintendent of schools enough to be appointed to replace a teacher on maternity leave at the Spring Valley School. She later taught at Memorial School and retired from the Ridge Ranch School after 25 years in the school system, all in Paramus. Gloria taught many of the children of JCCP members and was known for emphasizing writing, vocabulary, grammar and patriotism.

The Nahums' four children had their bar and bat mitzvahs at the JCCP, and two of the children were married at the shul.

Robert, a CPA, is married to Roberta, a social worker, and they live in Wayne. They have two children: a daughter, Jenny, is married to Eric, and a son, Danny, is a dog groomer.

Laurie and her husband, Rick, are physicians living in Wayne. She is an internist and he is an infectious disease specialist. They have five children: Tara, an attorney; Brett, a student attending William Paterson University for his master's degree; Jody, an investment banker, is married to Michael, an attorney; Jeffrey, who recently graduated from Rutgers; and Mandy, who attends the Solomon Schechter in Pompton Lakes.

Kenneth, an oncologist and hematologist married to Ann Marie, an oncology RN, live in Colts Neck. They have three children: Kelly, a thirdyear medical student; Brittany, who is working in New York City in communications; and David, a student at the University of Pittsburgh.

Debra, a senior account executive, and her husband, Christopher, a Wall Street executive, live in New York City with their two children, Natalie and Rein. Natalie attends the Hewitt School for Girls and will attend Syracuse University in the fall. Rein is in seventh grade at the Browning School for Boys.

Al has been active in the life of our synagogue for many years. He was chairman of the Bingo Committee in the 1960s, was a member of the



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Board of Trustees, and he and Gloria sat on the Adult Education Committee. Al has been chairman of many committees, including the Aliyah, Pew, Finance, Nominating, Sukkah and House committees. Al was Man of the Year in 1967, and he and Gloria were honored on Selichot. Gloria and Al founded and co-chaired the Golden Oldies group.

The Nahums were faithful attendees of Rabbi Schechter's Lunch and Learn class. Following Rabbi's Schechter's death, with encouragement from Irene Reiss, Al began a popular Monday afternoon discussion group "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," with Gloria as his idea coach and co-chair.

Al is well known in the community for his role in Post 669 of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., where he is commander. He also is the Bergen County JWV commander. Al and Gloria co-chaired the class "Looking at Life through Humor" at the Bergen County YJCC. Al is now the chair of the Tuesday and Thursday Current Events program at the Y.

The Nahums urge everyone to put aside petty differences, pull together and join in strengthening the JCCP/CBT.

"Our goal for the future of the Jewish Community Center of Paramus/ Congregation Beth Tikvah is to have our members feel like this is their second home and to do whatever it takes to encourage new members to join," they say. "A strong synagogue is healthy for the community, enhances property values and sets a good example for others."

HOW THE SIDDUR GREW AND CHANGED OVER TIME

What is the oldest Jewish prayer? The newest? When did the Siddur first appear? How many varieties of the Siddur are there, and how do they differ?

Cantor Weiss' new adult ed class on the history and development of our cherished Siddur will be taught on 6 consecutive Tuesday evenings at 8:15pm starting on February 4th. There is no charge, and you can attend as few or as many sessions as you wish.



Light Sabbath Candles



Friday, February	7	5:01 P.M.
Friday, February	14	5:10 P.M.
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FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE Friday, February 78:30 p.m.
Young Jewish Families Service7:30 p.m.
ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT
SABBATH SERVICES Saturday, February 89:00 a.m.
TORAH READING: Tetzaveh
KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT JUNIOR CONGREGATION:10:00 a.m.
MINCHA & MA'ARIV:5:05 p.m.
FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE
Friday, February 148:30 p.m.
ONEG HOSTS: JCCP/CBT
SABBATH SERVICES Saturday, February 159:00 a.m.
TORAH READING: Ki Tisa
KIDDUSH HOSTS: JCCP/CBT JUNIOR CONGREGATION:10:00 a.m.
MINCHA & MA'ARIV:5:10 a.m.
FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE
Friday, February 218:30 p.m.
ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT
SABBATH SERVICES Saturday, February 229:00 a.m.
TORAH READING: Vayakhel
KIDDUSH HOSTS: JCCP/CBT JUNIOR CONGREGATION:10:00 a.m.
MINCHA & MA'ARIV:5:20 p.m.
FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE
Friday, February 288:30 p.m.
ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT
SABBATH SERVICES Saturday, March 19:00 a.m.
TORAH READING: Pekude
KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT
JUNIOR CONGREGATION:10:00 a.m. MINCHA & MA'ARIV:5:30 p.m.

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From the Rabbi



Rabbi Arthur D. Weiner

Despite the admirable efforts of Secretary of State John Kerry's courageous Middle East diplomacy, the likelihood of an agreement between Israel and the Palestinians doesn't look too promising. The proposed April deadline for a "framework" agreement for peace edges ever closer, and yet core issues still remain unresolved.

Yet Secretary Kerry has accomplished one major goal, and for that he deserves our respect and gratitude. Somehow, he has achieved both Israeli and Palestinian agreement to refrain from leaking any information about the negotiations to the press. We know that over the last 20 years of the peace process, leaks about sensitive negotiating points regularly made their way into the front pages of the world's leading newspapers, often embarrassing the participants and, for all we know, hampering opportunities for success. But this time has been different. Leaks have been few, and often disavowed by other sources who claim to be closer to the action.

But it is now clear that there are several major gaps between the positions of the two sides. These are issues that have challenged negotiations in the past, and therefore it should be no surprise that they continue to be difficult issues to resolve.

1. Israel insists on a continued Israeli military presence in the eastern Jordan Valley even after a peace settlement and the Palestinian side rejects this position. Israel says that it needs such a presence to maintain security, and it seems that secretary Kerry supports this demand. This has been a long held Israeli view since the 1970's, when the first "land for peace" options were proposed.

- **2.** The Palestinians demand that Israel accept the 1967 borders as the basis for negotiations concerning the boundaries and borders of a future Palestinian state. This has been a position long held by the Palestinians, and only recently has Israel shown any flexibility with regard to this position. To be fair, even though Israel has historically rejected this position, it has been the foreign-policy view of United States government, and most of the international community since the end of the 1967 war.
- 3. It may very well be that the two previous positions, however difficult, however intractable, can be resolved. We certainly hope so. There are enough bridging proposals, and enough pressure (both internal and external) on each of the sides, to encourage them to narrow their differences so that negotiations succeed in achieving the peace dreamed of for two generations. But another issue divides the two sides. Israel demands that the Palestinians recognize Israel as a Jewish state, and from all indications, the Palestinians side has categorically rejected this.

The government of Israel is right and correct to maintain this position. It is important that supporters of Israel and all those who truly wish to see peace in the region understand why this is so.

In 1947, United Nations voted to partition Palestine into two entities. a Jewish State and Arab state. (Note that this entity was not referred to as a Palestinian state, but an Arab state. It is important to remember that until the 1960's, the term Palestinian generally referred to Jews, not Palestinians.). The Jews accepted the partition though it hardly met their demands and needs, but the Arab world rejected it. And that rejection, led to the state of war and enmity that has existed between the sides since the day of Israel's birth. Acknowledging the Jewishness of the state of Israel, recognizing that Israel is a homeland for the Jewish people, conceding that Jews have historical rights as well as roots in this part the world, is vital to changing the image and perception of both Jews as a people, as well as the state of Israel in Arab culture. The government of Israel understands that future peaceful relations between the two sides depends in it. Let's look at this another way. For

many years, the Israeli government and its supporters proclaimed that there was "no such thing as a Palestinian people." There were good reasons at the time to do so. And we were wrong. By denying a specific national identity to the Palestinian people, and by refusing to acknowledge that identity as differentiated from the larger Arab people, it was easier to ignore their national aspirations and avoid serious negotiations. But in the late 1980s, the Israeli government, and American Jewish organizations began a long and difficult process (which is certainly not finished yet!) of beginning to rethink our previous held positions regarding the national identity and national aspirations of the Palestinians. And that change in both rhetoric as well as perspective, as gut wrenching and as difficult as it has proved to be, led to progress. Without it, there would have been no hope for direct negotiations, no serious talk of a two state solution, or the process that led to the original Oslo Accords. Changing our perspective eventually paved a way for supporters of Israel to proclaim our own Zionist sensibilities while simultaneously coming to grips with the idea that Israel's future security rested upon the fulfillment of certain Palestinian national needs.

And the fulfillment of those needs would mandate difficult choices and bitter compromises. Even 25 years ago such ideas were considered radical. Today however, this view and perspective, however imperfect, however challenging, is the position of the Israeli government.

Palestinian recognition of Israel as a Jewish state would lead to lead to similar advances in the peace process. It would mean that once and for all the war between Jews and Muslims, between Israelis and Palestinians, between Israel and the larger Arab world has finally come to an end. It would mean that 100 years of hostility and violence might be replaced by two peaceful nations living together in (relative) harmony, sharing a border and resources, cooperating on regional projects and working together to meet the many challenges before them. With mutual recognition of each other's national rights, and our deep and historic connection to this special piece of land, I believe with all my heart that the future could be brighter than we could possibly imagine. For these reasons, Israel's government is right to demand that the Palestinians recognize Israel as a Jewish state, and hold firm. For without it, real peace will never be achieved. It's that simple.

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Family Friday Night Shabbat Service and Program FEBRUARY 7, 2014 - 7:30 PM

Please join us for our FEBRUARY
Family Friday Night Shabbat service and program
as we honor AMERICAN and ISRAELI PRESIDENTS.

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

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



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



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From the Executive Director



Harvey M. Brenner

I hope, as you read this, that it's warmer than when I wrote it! Winter has wrapped her frigid arms around the Northeast and seems unwilling to let go! It's snowing right now, on a day when 'flurries' were predicted (those flurries have 1 inch accumulation already). We're prepared here at JCCP/CBT but in my mind, some words of caution are appropriate.

We have engaged the services of a professional snow removal company who pre-treat our parking lots and driveways (when snow or ice storms are forecast). Then during and after the storm they continuously monitor the property and plow or salt as warranted.

Galo and our maintenance crew vigilantly maintain the salting and plowing of our walkways, building entrances and exterior stairways. Our goal is to provide a safe environment for everyone and to maintain our active religious services and programming schedules, regardless of the weather.

On those rare occasions when the inclement weather wins out, we hope you will exercise due caution and think of your personal safety first, before venturing outside (to join us at JCCP/CBT). In the unlikely cancellation of an event or building closure, an appropriate notice will be posted on our website (www.JCCParamus.org). Additionally, we have revamped our phone and voice mail system which now includes a voice mail box (Prompt #3) which will have emergency cancellation and building closure information.

Speaking of the new voice mail system, there are two new "prompts" covering clergy emergencies and building emergencies.

For an emergency that occurs when the synagogue office is closed, you may leave a message for either the Rabbi (Prompt #1) or the Building Staff (Prompt #2) in their new emergency mail boxes. They will be electronically notified that an emergencv message has been deposited and as quickly as possible, someone will contact you about your issue. Please note, however, that messages received on Shabbat or on Jewish Holidays will not be returned until after sundown, when it is appropriate to do so.

We are constantly seeking ways to improve our communications and the dissemination of information to you, our valued members. If you have any suggestions, please let me know by email to:

execdirctor@JCCParamus.org.

Men's Club

Our monthly card nights continue, look for date reminders and come down to play a few hands, trade a few bawdy stories, and polish up your skills to break the bank of the real casinos to our South and West.

We are proud to sponsor the "Why Weight?" support program developed by one of our members, and encourage anyone seeking health improvement to attend a session, where you will find only non judgmental support and camaraderie.

"He went when he decided to go." We remember Former Israeli President Ariel Sharon, imperfect to be sure, just as we all are, but never hesitant in his defense of the Jewish state. Shalom, "Mar Bulldozer."

Board of Governors

The Board of Governors had their Shabbat dinner and it was very successful. We also sponsored the Oneg that evening. It was good to see the show of members at our dinner. Thank you to Elaine Cohen for all her hard work. Welcome to Bonnie and Leon Jaffe. new members from New Milford. We are hoping to recruit other new members. We also have two Chai awards that we are giving out to Sandy Tamares and Eileen and Michael Gluck this year. We wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Adult Education

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

Rabbi Arthur Weiner's Winter Class, "The History of Jerusalem" began on Wednesday, January 29, 2014. Classes meet at 3:00 p.m. and at 8:15 p.m. for six consecutive Wednesdays. Even if you missed the first session you are invited to join us as we explore the history of Jerusalem from its earliest settlement to the modern era, and what it has meant to Judaism as well as other faiths and communities. This will be our 18th year studying Jewish history with Rabbi Weiner during our winter Adult Education session.

Cantor Sam Weiss' class on "How the Siddur Grew and Changed over Time" will be taught on six consecutive Tuesday evenings at 8:15 p.m. starting on February 4th. There is no charge, and you can attend as few or as many sessions as you wish.

The JCCP/CBT Book Club's next meeting will be held on Sunday morning, March 9th at 9:45 a.m. and our facilitator will be Carolyn Kaufman. The book is "By Fire By Water" by Mitchell James Kaplan, which is the book chosen by Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey for the One Book One Community annual event. The book discussion will be accompanied by a delicious Sephardic breakfast. If you need books or have any questions, please contact Mimi Levin at Grandmamimil@verizon.net or 201-265-0454.

The Adult Beginners class in Learning to Read Hebrew began on Sunday, January 19th. Classes meet from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. Anyone interested should get in touch with Marcia Kagedan at 201-262-7733 or edudirector@iccparamus.org to express your interest or for more information. A 10 week program is planned, open to Hebrew School parents and JCCP/CBT adults. There is a \$10 fee for the text-

Stu Lehrer will teach a class in the Spring called "The Pioneers of Judaism"

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 Holiday Melodies. The recordings are matched to Hebrew and transliterated PDF sheets of the prayers.

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 Monday afternoons at 1:30 **p.m.** Everyone is welcome to join these lively and popular weekly discussions led by Al Nahum.

HEY HAGALIL!

Bring your inner Disney to Hagalil's Membership Dance!



WHEN: Saturday, March 8, 2014

from 8:30-11:30pm

WHERE: Jewish Community Center of Paramus.

East 304 Midland Avenue

Paramus, NJ, 07652

ΘΗ: To dance the night away and have a great

time with your USY friends!

COST: \$8.00

Come dressed as your favorite Disney character. It can be anything Disney, so get creative and have fun with it!



NO USYER MAY DRIVE TO THIS EVENT

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President's Message



Harlan L. Cohen

USY: A VITAL JEWISH LINK FOR OUR TEENS

As Rabbi Weiner often reminds me: "It's good to be our kids." He was proven correct once again in December when my daughter, Sophia, along with Deena Kleinstein and more than 800 of their new and old friends had the opportunity to travel to New Orleans (via Birmingham, Alabama) for United Synagogue Youth's 63rd Annual International Convention. The theme for the convention: Tikkun Olam (rebuilding the world). The slogan: Rebuild, Reflect & Rejoice.

Over winter break, USY'ers from 17 regions (including North Jersey's very own HaGalil) converged on

New Orleans for five days of davening, learning, singing, screaming, hugging, dancing, laughing, voting and eating (Kosher) jambalaya and gumbo. Sleeping? Not so much. They heard words of inspiration from USY Alumnus of the Year and Hollywood executive Andy Fickman who has directed movies like Race to Witch Mountain and who has been announced as the director of the upcoming blockbuster, Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2. They also heard from NY1 reporter, social entrepreneur and USY alumnae Jessica Albo who regaled the USY'ers with tales of advancing through the ranks as a journalist and how she began her path of philanthropy at the age of 16. Both speakers stressed that without their deep roots in Conservative Judaism and USY, they would not be where they are today.

The USY'ers also learned about the vibrant and tight-knit Jewish community in New Orleans, they strolled along Bourbon Street (under supervision of course) and feasted on beignets. They learned about USY's summer programs along with Jewish life and college programs across the United States and in Israel, including USY's gap year program, Nativ. They rolled up their sleeves for first-hand Tikkun Olam projects throughout the Crescent City, in-

cluding cleaning gardens, building houses, preparing food and canvassing the community. For those like Sophia who were on a USY on Wheels bus last summer, they had a chance to renew friendships with their bus buddies who came from all over the country to attend International Convention (IC to those in the know.)

For Sophia, IC was a special opportunity to make new friends with other committed Conservative teens from every corner of the country and to get a uniquely Jewish perspective on a new city that is far from the familiar world of metropolitan New York City, Her enthusiasm for IC was not dampened one bit by the 30 hour bus ride she had to endure (including a detour through the frozen farm country of Virginia) on the way home. She emerged from the bus bubbling over with excitement about her experiences at IC and she informed me that she couldn't wait to attend next year's IC in Atlanta.

As Sophia later told me: "There is more to being Jewish than just Paramus. We are the future of the Conservative movement. We know our responsibilities and it is our obligation to carry them out."

I know from my own three children that when our teens get involved in USY, it can be a life-changing experience for them and even for their parents.

Their Jewish identity will grow and be strengthened, and they will build strong and lasting bonds of friendship with other Jewish teens. They will be better prepared to deal with the challenges of being away from home and adapting to life on a college campus when they leave the familiar confines of the JCCP/ CBT and Bergen County. They are more likely to get involved in Hillel on campus, knowing that they are sure to connect with their USY friends there at a Shabbat dinner and services. I urge you to encourage your teens to get involved with our USY chapter and to participate in JCCP/CBT, regional and national events like IC. Our North Jersey USY region, HaGalil, will be holding its mid-Winter convention in West Orange on February 7-9 and our chapter will be hosting a regional dance in our very own Stark Hall on March 8.

Please encourage your high school teens to take advantage of these special opportunities. You'll both be glad that they did. Should you have any questions about USY and all that it offers, please feel free to contract our chapter advisor, Gabe Cohen, at <u>paramususy@gmail.com</u>.

to all occp/cbt women! Send a sisterhood birthday gram to the Women of the JCCP/CBT

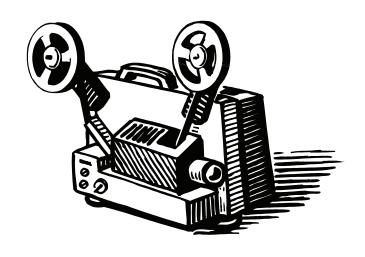
Would you like to be able to send your JCCP/CBT women friends happy birthday greetings without worrying about when to send it, picking out the card and having the correct postage?

Now you can!

Through JCCP/CBT Sisterhood, you can sign up to be included on a birthday card to your JCCP/CBT women friends.

Click on the link below for details to join: http://www.jccparamus.org/display/sisterhood/birthdaygram0114.pdf

> Any questions, please contact Elana at: 201-449-0562 or elana18h@hotmail.com



MOVIE AFTERNOONS CONTINUE

Sundays @ 2 p.m.

February 16th and March 30th

Movie suggestions welcome

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Hebrew School News

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Marcia Kagedan

Shalom!

January was quite a month. While it was FREEZING outside, there was much to keep people warm and cozy inside the walls of the Hebrew School.

- The children were welcomed back with a breakfast and a ZUMBA class to fuel their bodies and warm their souls! Exercising our bodies and eating healthy foods is what the Torah asks us to do....to take good care of the life and bodies that God has given us.
- I am thrilled to announce that thanks to a generous donation from a JCCP/CBT member, the Hebrew School now has technology in the classroom! The children and teachers are all excited about using the technology available, to enhance the Jewish educational experience. The sky is the limit with what is now possible!
- An adult Hebrew reading class began with several of our parents participating.
- · Many parents are enjoying the PIP program which is a wonderful opportunity for parents to learn synagogue skills and to ask any questions they may have about the Shabbat services.
- •The JCCP/CBT hosted the 6th grade Kehillah Program which was enjoyed by over one hundred kids from around Bergen County.
- Shalom Baby was an enormous success. There were close to one hundred little ones enjoying the company of Elmo and Cookie

Monster. You should have seen their faces!

- All kids enjoyed a Tu Bishvat partv. with delicious fruits -thank you APT—activities, movies, and text study.
- Our second graders and their families had a pajama party while learning about the Shema. The children each made a pillowcase with the word SHEMA on it, that they can use at home to remind them to say the shema, both in the morning and at night, as tradition teaches. Thank you Morah Sue Berger for creating this program.
- And then there was **BINGO** night. A tremendous turnout, great prizes and an exciting evening. Thanks to Howie and Julie Leopold for chairing this event.

As you can see, a fun filled month of January.

COMING UP IN FEBRUARY: Sunday, February 2:

- Super Bowl Sunday and DAY OF FITNESS at Hebrew School. Kids will enjoy a fitness and health program including a KRAV MAGA class. Krav Maga is an Israeli self defense skill that is taught here in USA. Parents also invited to their own KRAV MAGA class at 11:30 a.m.
- Sunday Special from 10-11:15 a.m. for preK-2nd grade. "SUR-PRISE FUN"

Friday, February 7:

 Hebrew School Friday night Shabbat dinner sponsored by APT @ 6:45 p.m. All Hebrew School families are expected to attend this very special FREE event, which will be followed by the YJF Family service, oneg and gym playtime.

Saturday, February 8:

- School on Shabbat starting at 10:15 a.m.
- PIP for adults at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 13:

• Shalom Baby at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 16-23:

· Winter vacation. Lehitra'ot.

Young Jewish Families

SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICE AND PROGRAM

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

Family Shabbat Service and Program celebrating and honoring Israeli Presidents. Please join us for our family friendly Friday Night Family Service and Program, as we honor American and Israeli Presidents. As always, we will begin with a light service and interactive story time, followed by playtime and PAREVE oneg in the gym where the children play and the parents schmooze.

ICE SKATING

Sunday, February 9, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Join us for ice skating at the Fritz Dietl Ice Rink in Westwood, Please see flier in this bulletin and on JCCP/CBT website for details, costs, RSVP information, etc.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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

SPONSOR AN ONEG

Once a month, usually the first Friday of each month, we hold our **Friday Night Family Program**. This event is a light family friendly Friday night service followed by an oneg and play time in the gym. If you would like to sponsor an oneg, 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

For more information, please contact us at vif18@hotmail.com or 201-449-0562.

Thank you. Eugene and Elana Heitlinger

Sisterhood News

February stands for fun when it comes to Sisterhood. We are excited to present GAME DAY on Sunday, February 9th, from 2 to 5 p.m. Forget football. Forget the freezing temperatures! Join us for a few hours of fun with friends, playing your favorite card games and board games. Ready for a challenging Scrabble match? Do you have a poker face? We'll be serving delicious dairy treats, too.

It's just \$5 a person for a memorable afternoon. Please call Mimi Levin for more information at 201-265-0454.

February is also an opportunity to learn about biblical beauty. Join us on Tuesday, February 11th, at 8:15 p.m. when Rachelle Weisberger, author of "Biblical Beauty, Ancient Secrets and Modern Solutions," will be our special guest for an evening of insights and beauty secrets of the Bible! Call Wendy Steinberg to RSVP at 917-855-1491.

We look forward to seeing you this month!



Join Young Jewish Families for



ICE SKATING



Fritz Dietl Ice Rink

639 Broadway, Westwood, New Jersey, 07675; (201) 664-9812 (At corner of Lake Street and Broadway in Westwood, New Jersey)



Sunday, February 9 3:30 – 5:30 PM

Meet @ the rink!

Cost: \$13.00 per person

{Price covers two-hour skating session & skate rental.}



Please R.S.V.P. to yjf18@hotmail.com by February 4 to tell us know how many adults and how many children (ages 4 and up) will be skating.



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



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Community Affairs

Every Day is Mitzvah Day

The JCCP/CBT is known for our efforts in feeding the hungry of Bergen County. Once a year the Community Affairs Committee at the JCCP/CBT provides and serves a full dinner as part of the Walk in Dinner program at the Bergen County Homeless Shelter. This program schedules a congregation or organization every day of the year to provide, prepare and serve dinner to approximately 150 people at the Bergen County Housing, Health and Human Service Center in Hackensack. Approximately 80 of those utilizing the program are current residents of shelter portion of the center and the others come from neighboring communities. This year we will be serving dinner on Sunday, March 16 and we may still need some help. Call **Roz Gerard** at 201-262-5828 to ask about volunteer opportunities. Although many of the guests have a place to live, their limited incomes don't stretch to cover dinner.

Don't forget our ongoing year-round food drive; pick up an extra can or two of tuna or soup or a box of pasta or Parmalot when you are shopping and put your items in the food collection box in the JCCP/CBT foyer 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, Russia. 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 needs a ride to services or doctor appointments. Call **Eileen Schneider** at 201-722-1606 or **Nina Glaser** at 201-262-1775.

Maintaining our daily morning and evening minyans is part of an important commitment, both to our members and the community. Please make attending either morning or evening minyans part of your regular schedule. Evening minyan is at 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and morning minyan is at 9 am Sunday, 6:45 a.m. Monday and Thursday and 7 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Blood Banks are particularly low during the winter months. If you are able to donate blood please contact Community Blood Services for more information.

If you are looking for volunteer opportunities in our northern New Jersey community, the "Volunteer Opportunities" link on the Jewish Federation of NNJ site – <u>JFNNJ.org</u> – has a list of projects that need your help. For questions, please contact **Alice Blass**, Volunteer Coordinator at 201-820-3948 or AliceB@jfnnj.org

Our committee would love to hear from you if you have an idea for a project. Contact committee chair **Roz Gerard** at memapop@aol.com or 201-262-5828.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT BULLETIN IS FEB. 7!

Youth Group News

As we ring in the New Year, we reflect on how great it was to have some time for relaxation, seeing our college students back home and spending some quality family time together. Looks like Mother Nature must have decided to keep on celebrating the arrival of 2014 based on her indecision on whether we should be having snowstorms or warmer weather — or more snowstorms. Perhaps she's reached that point in her long life where she vacillates between being too warm or too cold, and we're being made to pay. In some ways, this kind of reminds me of the John Belushi routine about March coming in like an emu and out like a tapir. Who even knows what that means?

Kadima/Chaverim bounced right into the New Year with a pizza and gym night. A week after working up a shvitz, our young members kicked back for a movie they selected from the choices they brought in.

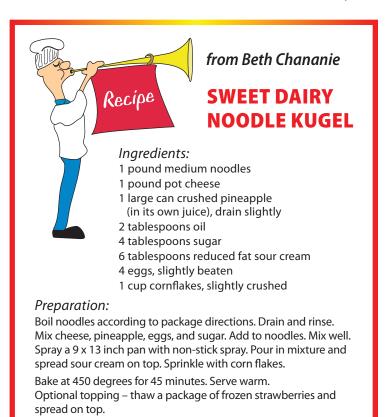
Our older children in USY enjoyed a January dance in Millburn. We are in the process of finalizing the activities for the remainder of the year, which will include a Shabbat dinner/leading Friday night services and having the postponed December dance on March 8. We are looking for volunteers to help chaperone this important event.

Coming really soon: We will be selling youth logo T-shirts in adult and children's sizes for all kids and members who still feel like a kid at heart. The sale will help support our youth programs. Shirts will cost \$18; more information to follow in the near future.

Wayne and Debbie Zeiler, 201-599-1392 Dibble.one@gmail.com / Wayne.zeiler@gmail.com

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~ Robert F. Kennedy





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February 8-14

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February 15-21

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Lotte and I would like to thank our friends and members of the JCCP-CBT for your expressions of warmth and friendship in memory of my beloved sister, Anne Krantz. We are grateful to all who helped and comforted us in our time of sorrow.

Fred Buff



For the week of February 1-7 We Remember:

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JCCP/CBT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

December 19, 2013

Harvey Brenner reported membership is at 448, and with 22 associates, total is 474.

Two new families with young children have recently joined – the Kugels and Rosenbluhs.

Harvey, Rabbi Weiner and Harlan Cohen had a conference call with Rabbi Savenor and Jennifer Stofman, the Kehilla representative about synagogue consulting services. They will help us assess how to lower costs, how to appropriately allocate any income we generate and how to prepare for the future. Harlan added that Rabbi Savinor is coming to address our board on our regularly scheduled board meeting date in January.

Harvey is working on a potential rental to a church group on Sundays. We met with their representatives and there are space and timing issues to be resolved before we can potentially move forward.

Laurie Rosman reported that we are looking to install the stained glass windows in the social hall. We will need an architect to come up with a plan for the social hall, which could be done in stages, starting with the stained glass windows. In addition, it was reported that the carpet in the office needs to be replaced.

In an effort to cut costs, the following was reported:

- Alan Jay reported that the religious committee, along with Rabbi Weiner came up with a new schedule for the clergy staff.
- The Board of Education has received \$1,500 plus 2 other donations for technology upgrades.
- Sisterhood is looking at a Birthday Gram fundraiser, a program which CBT had implemented. Sisterhood also eliminated their membership to the women's league, which was \$13 per member, as they weren't getting anything for these dues.
- YJF is looking for more donations to offset expenses.

Harlan reported that we have worked out 95% of the contract with Jeff Kolodkin for rental downstairs. Harlan is putting together a committee for the real estate next door and has 4 people who have agreed to work on the committee. Harvey was approached by 2 separate Korean churches to see if our building is for sale. They are not interested in the 2 acres next door, but Harlan will follow up with them.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Paul announced that Russell's daughter is expecting twins.
- Roz Gerard is sponsoring the Kiddush this Shabbat in honor of her grandson's Bar Mitzvah which was 2 weeks ago. She invited everyone to come share in the simcha.
- Sandy Alpern announced that she and Rich will be sponsoring the Kiddush on the 28th in honor of their anniversary.
- Phyllis Glatzer announced that Iris Fleishman's daughter got married.
- Harlan announced that his daughter Sophia is on her way to a USY International convention.



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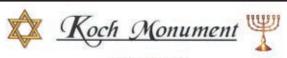
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