



Coming In February:

FEBRUARY 5

- Family Shabbat Service
- Hebrew School Dinner

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- Ed Mann Musical Evening
- Sweet Tastes of Torah

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- Movie: *The Intern*
- Family Bowling



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Laurie and Larry Rosman
Olinda and Larry Sturm

in recognition of their years of service to our congregation.

Sunday, June 26, 2016 • 4:30 p.m.



Laurie & Larry Rosman

"The Jewish Community Center of Paramus/Congregation Beth Tikvah means so much to us. The word "Community" is an important part of why we feel so at home here. Some of our closest and dearest friends are the people that we've had the honor and pleasure of meeting through our involvement at the JCCP/CBT".

The year was 1985 when a beautiful Laurie Grosser walked into the office of Larry Rosman, in Great Neck, to meet for lunch. Although he had already had lunch, he said sure he'd go out to lunch. To say it was love at first site would be the understatement of all understatements. A short year and a half later, they walked down the aisle as husband and wife.

After living for a short time on Long Island, they made the move to New Jersey, residing in a condo in Fort Lee. In May of 1990, they welcomed Greg and a short 16 months later, they were blessed

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Olinda & Larry Sturm

Larry was born and raised in Paramus along with his brother, Alan, and sister, Susan. His parents Jeannie and Freddie Sturm joined the JCCP in the mid 1960s. Larry celebrated his Bar Mitzvah in 1974 with Rabbi Gotlieb leading the services.

Olinda was born in Israel. Her family immigrated to Washington Heights in 1959. Olinda's brother David was born in the U.S. The family moved to Dumont in 1966, immediately joined the Bergenfield Dumont Jewish Community Center and gained a large circle of friends that became like family. Olinda celebrated her Bat Mitzvah under the direction of Rabbi Jerome Blass.

Olinda attended Montclair State College and graduated with a degree in marketing and management. Larry also attended Montclair State College and graduated with a degree in accounting a few years later. Somehow, they didn't meet there. But as fate would have it, their paths would cross sev-

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with Todd. It was great having these two wonderful children to fill their home with more love than you can imagine. A few years later they made the move to Paramus. Growing up, Laurie's father would often take her to Friday night services at the Orangetown Jewish Center, which was around the block from their home. Larry also grew up around the block from their shul, the Bayside Jewish Center. So when house shopping in Paramus, Laurie and Larry found the perfect home for themselves, which was also right around the corner from a shul.

Laurie, the daughter of Carol and the late Gary Grosser, spent her early years in Brooklyn and, at the age of 9 moved to Tappan, NY with her parents and her younger brother Perry. Larry, the son of Cy and the late Shirley Rosman, spent most of his life in Bayside, NY, along with his older siblings, Ronda and Steve.

Laurie has been an Aesthetician for over 35 years. At 19, she started her career at Anthony Dionisio Hair and Skin Salon. Some years later she opened her own Nail and Skin Salon in Oradell. After marrying Larry, she decided to close her salon, and was welcomed back to Dionisio with open arms. She ran the entire Skincare and Waxing division of one of the top salons in Bergen County, with over 50 employees. She has a loyal following of clients that she still works with to this day.

Larry grew up in the family printing business and worked there from the age of 17. In addition to that, for the last 10 years, Larry has worked with his friend and long time client in their theatrical licensing business, where he is currently the Vice President and General Manager. They represent major Broadway titles like Jersey Boys, Spamalot, Memphis, Curtains, The Addams Family and more.

People active at the JCCP/CBT have a way of sensing when someone new can be brought into the loop and put on a committee to get them involved. Well, they saw that with Laurie right away. She very quickly rose through the ranks of Sisterhood to the position of Co-President. Her involvement with the House Committee shouldn't be considered committee work, it should be thought of as a full time job. Laurie has been running the Prize Room for the Purim Carnival for so many years, she's not sure when she started. Laurie has also been on the Nominating Committee, the Dinner Dance Committee, and the Friday Night Shabbat Dinner Committee, runs the Sisterhood gift shop, and spent 11 years on the Board of Trustees. On top of all this, Laurie has been involved in other fund-raising activities and this is probably what she is best suited for. While Larry contends she's really good at spending money, she's actually equally good at raising money.

Larry had a different start to his JCCP career. During a fateful installation event, which he attended to see his wife get installed in one of her positions, he heard his name mentioned as one of the new trustees of Men's Club, which was a shock and a surprise. He noticed the Men's Club Presidents hysterically laughing because they thought it would be funny to add someone to their board without the person knowing in advance, a tradition Larry continued when he became Men's Club Co-President some years later. Serving on several Nominating Committees, 11 years as a Trustee on the Board and involvement in many fund-raising events round out Larry's involvement.

Their sons Greg and Todd grew up in the temple because their parents were so involved. The boys both celebrated their Bar Mitzvahs at our shul. Greg graduated from Paramus High School in 2008 and then went to the University of Miami. After graduation, he moved to Hoboken with friends and went to work for UBS, then later moving on to a major hedge fund in Manhattan. Todd graduated from Paramus High School in 2010 and went to Rutgers University. After graduating, Todd moved to Hoboken (2 blocks from Greg) with some friends, and is currently employed at UBS. They spend almost every weekend together and have always been the best of friends. Laurie and Larry feel so lucky to have children with such a close relationship!

They are excited, humbled and honored to be recognized along with their dear friends Olinda and Larry. Over the years, their families have been so intertwined, and thanks to the JCCP/CBT, they consider each other family.

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eral years later when Olinda took a marketing job at Gloria Vanderbilt and met Larry's sister Susan.

Susan's wedding, five brunch dates, and numerous phone calls later, Larry, better known to Olinda as the "Sunday Brunch Boy", finally won her heart. They were married by Rabbi Blass on Memorial Day Weekend, 1986. Olinda and Larry's family began to grow in 1989 with the birth of their first child, Alexandra. Olinda and Larry quickly outgrew their townhouse, thanks to Little Tikes, or "lots of plastic" as Larry would say. The Sturms moved to Oradell in 1991 and they immediately joined the JCCP so they could meet Jewish families and enroll Alexandra at the JCCP Early Childhood Center. Just one year later, their next bundle of joy arrived, a second baby girl named Marissa. Zachary was born in 1996 and finally the Sturm family was complete. Zachary's bris was Rabbi Weiner's first at the JCCP, which he reminds Zachary of to this day.

From the start, Olinda was very involved in fundraising for the nursery school. They joined the Young Couples Club and met many of their dear friends who are still like family today. They are thrilled to share this honor with one of these families, the Rosmans. Olinda and Laurie also managed the JCCP gift shop for several years and helped with many APT events. Larry became a trustee and assisted with the finances of the synagogue.

Over the years, all three children attended the JCCP/ECC and Hebrew School, where Olinda chaired fund-raising and other committees for the school. Larry wanted to refresh his Hebrew studies and enrolled in the JCCP's Parent Education Program (PEP). After three years, he had a second Bar Mitzvah under Rabbi Weiner. He also accepted the position of Financial Secretary and served in that position for six years. Their children also continued their Jewish education and went on to be Bar and Bat Mitzvahed at the shul. Larry and Olinda are immensely proud of their children's religious accomplishments.

Outside of the JCCP/CBT, Olinda is a successful real estate agent with Keller Williams Realty. Recently, Olinda actively participated on the committee involved in the sale of the synagogue's property where her work experience was very valuable. Larry is a CPA and is currently employed as the Chief Financial Officer of Ethical Products, Inc., an international manufacturer and distributor of pet supplies headquartered in Essex County. Alexandra graduated from Syracuse University and is currently pursuing a dual master's degree in elementary and special education from Montclair State University. Marissa graduated from Pennsylvania State University. She is a second year public relations executive at Ketchum Sports & Entertainment in New York City. Zachary is a freshman sport management/business major at University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

The Sturms continue to be dedicated members of the JCCP/CBT. The shul is a second home and the site of many blessed memories and mitzvot for their family. Both Olinda and Larry Sturm are so thankful for this tremendous honor and look forward to many more simchas at the JCCP/CBT in the future.



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From the Rabbi

France paused recently to remember and honor the murder of 17 of its sons and daughters murdered last year. Last January, 12 were killed at the office of the *Charlie Hebdo* magazine, as well as a French policewoman and four Jews at a kosher supermarket. This incident, along with the terrible terrorist attack in Paris in November which killed 130, speaks not only the magnitude of the Islamic inspired terrorist threatening Europe, but the danger it presents to its most favorite target, Jews.



Rabbi Arthur D. Weiner

For many years, the Jewish community of France has been on edge. There have been numerous attacks on synagogues, cemeteries, and other Jewish institutions. Jewish leaders have been targeted and Jews have been attacked on the streets. No less than France's chief Rabbi has encouraged Jews to think twice about displaying religious symbols in public. And forget all the crocodile tears being shed by French politicians and leaders. The collusion of radical Islamic forces and left wing ideologues has made life intolerable for many French Jews. Thus the murders and attacks, which have specifically targeted Jews and Jewish institutions, must be seen as part of a larger trend, rather than isolated incidents. A recent survey reported that $\frac{3}{4}$ of French Jews are considering emigrating. And even if that number is inflated, the fear that motivates it is not. France's radicalized Islamic minority is out of control. And reminding everyone that it only represents a small percentage of Moslems is not a coherent strategy for success. Indeed, if the French Jewish community, which identifies strongly with France and wants nothing more than to enjoy the same ability to participate fully in French civic and social life as American Jews do here, but can't do so even after a thousand years of settlement, is it reasonable to think that a radicalized Islamic community of six million, many of whom reject French values and European norms, can be integrated and assimilated into French society? It is a preposterous notion to assume that a France, which has never fully embraced its Jewish community who wanted nothing but full integration, will transform a far larger community who wants none of that integration? That is the cold hard reality of French Jewish life. **It is also the reason 8000 French Jews left for Israel in 2015**

These incidents, and others like them have given me a new perspective on The Book of Exodus, which we recently began in our weekly cycle of Torah readings. We normally understand the exodus narrative story as a struggle between God and Pharaoh, and God's need to demonstrate to both Pharaoh and the Jewish people his unity and power. God wants the Jewish people to leave, Pharaoh wants them to stay, and the ensuing struggle leads not only to God's victory, as well as the vanquishing of Egypt and the destruction of its power. At first, Pharaoh asks Moses "Who is the Lord that I should listen to him and let Israel go." But soon, through the experience of the plagues Pharaoh learns his lesson, saying, "I have sinned against the Lord." It was a painful lesson indeed.

So why doesn't he want them to leave? Because the Jews are useful. They serve him as slaves and therefore serve as an endless supply of cheap labor. Like all slave economies, the slaves add economic value. So it's not just a power thing. The slaves help keep the Egyptian economy humming. Their potential loss is a threat. If the slaves leave, Egypt would decline.

History is filled with the example of Jewish flight followed by the economic decay of the community or nation that forced them out. As Spain was about to become a great world power, they exiled their Jewish community at the very moment that the new world, which they sought to dominate, needed their skills and talents. The Ottoman Empire, which welcomed many of the Spanish refugees, experienced tremendous advances in the arts sciences commerce as a result. Yet they too declined

when later Ottoman rulers adopted more a restrictive policy vis a vis their Jewish subjects. Russia, Germany, Poland suffered similar decline after the upheavals in their Jewish populations. In the post WWII era, as most Jews living in Arab lands were forced out or fled, the Arab/Islamic world, which once led the world in science, art, and literature, became among the most backward places on Earth. Even in the USA, as blockbusters targeted Jewish neighborhoods in the 1950's and 60's, America's great cities saw tremendous economic decline as Jews joined the great white flight to the suburbs. And whereas some of these places are now experiencing rebirth, so many which once boasted thriving middle class Jewish communities have never recovered, and likely, never will. They serve as a testament to what happens when you drive the Jews out of the community.

That's what French authorities fear today.

France is already a world power in decline. It is challenged by a united Germany, (which has similarly ignored the threat of its radicalized Islamic minority), cannot maintain its commitments to its former colonies, and can't compete with Washington for international influence. It can no longer maintain its generous social services and cozy relations with its unions and public sector employees without further debt accumulation, which is crippling its private sector. And now its oldest minority, its Jewish citizens, a minority that since the French revolution in 1789 has wanted nothing but to be accepted as full and equal citizens, is scared and worried for their future. And they are doing so in large enough numbers to shake the conscious of the political classes. Indeed, over 4% of French Jewry now lives in Israel. And that trend will, sadly, continue.

Last year, French Prime Minister Emanuel Valls made a grim prediction "If one hundred thousand Jews leave, France will no longer be France and the Republic will be judged a failure." And he is right both in a historical sense and in a moral sense as well. After all we have every reason to believe from what little history is available to us that Egypt entered into a great period of decline in the time period that we believe the Exodus to have taken place.

I make no secret of the fact that I have never believed that there is any future for the Jewish communities of Europe. But in his own words, Prime Minister Valls is saying, if there is not a future for the Jews of France, there is likely no future for anyone. And as history has demonstrated, he is correct.

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Services

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

February 5 8:30 p.m.
Young Family Service.....7:30 p.m.
ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT

SABBATH SERVICES

February 6 9:00 a.m.
TORAH READING: Mishpatim
KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT
JUNIOR CONGREGATION 10:00 a.m.
MINCHA & MA'ARIV 5:00 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

February 12 8:30 p.m.
ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT

SABBATH SERVICES

February 13 9:00 a.m.
TORAH READING: Terumah
KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT
JUNIOR CONGREGATION 10:00 a.m.
MINCHA & MA'ARIV 5:10 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

February 19 8:30 p.m.
ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT

SABBATH SERVICES

February 20 9:00 a.m.
TORAH READING: Tetzaveh
KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT
JUNIOR CONGREGATION 10:00 a.m.
MINCHA & MA'ARIV 5:15 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

February 26 8:30 p.m.
ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT

SABBATH SERVICES

February 27 9:00 a.m.
TORAH READING: Ki Tisa
KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT
JUNIOR CONGREGATION 10:00 a.m.
MINCHA & MA'ARIV 5:25 p.m.

From the Executive Director



Norman Levin

HOUSE OF PRAYER, HOUSE OF MEANING

A core element of our identity as Jews, whether we see ourselves as devout or not, is a commitment to *dor l'dor* – one generation passing our heritage onto the next. If we are to continue for another generation, we have to be a vital, vibrant Conservative Jewish congregation serving the Jewish people. Relying on our past 55 years is not enough to carry the momentum into the next several decades. We need to provide robust religious services, formative and inspiring education, and cultural, social, and recreational activities for Jewish (and intermarried) families in the community. We have to be enthusiastic in our commitment to both tradition and diversity.

How then do we define ourselves? I think we would all take pride in JCCP/CBT when we are:

- A *Beit Tefillah*, a house of prayer: aiding our members in their search for meaning in life, fulfilling the spiritual needs and longing of our Jewish community, providing a path that brings us closer to each other and to God.
- A *Beit Medrash*, a house of study: supporting and fostering a community dedicated to Jewish knowledge, learning and living for children, teens, and adults.
- A *Beit Kneset*, a house of assembly: creating a welcoming home and sense of family for our members and welcoming individuals of any generation to our services, our classes, our programs, our social gatherings, and our community celebrations.
- A *Beit Yisroel*, an integral part of the foundation of clal Yisrael, the Jewish people, proudly advocating on behalf of Israel with support, both financial and otherwise.
- A *Beit Tzedek*, a righteous community committed to the highest ideals of ethical behavior, treating each other, as well as strangers, with respect, grace and kindness.

The synagogue's function is to be an oasis where we are nourished by the spiritual wellbeing that can sustain us through life's challenges with an ethos that insists on a commitment to gratitude, to morality, to camaraderie and to truth: in short, to meaning.

B'shalom



Light the Sabbath Candles



Friday, February 5 4:58 P.M.
Friday, February 12 5:07 P.M.
Friday, February 19 5:15 P.M.
Friday, February 26 5:23 P.M.



~ Purim Raffle ~



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Feb Bulletin

President's Message



Jacob Bauer

At the January 10th Special membership Meeting the Security Fee of \$37.50 was approved. This fee will cover the extra security costs through the end of this fiscal year June 30th. How we will handle additional security costs after that date is yet to be determined.

The sale of our Midland Avenue is progressing. I received the following from our attorney regarding this:

"The process of obtaining the necessary approval is done in two stages: the first stage which was granted and is the more difficult application, was a use variance approval which permitted the proposed use (early childhood center) by the new owner. The second application is now before the board (Paramus) for site plan approval. No decision has yet been rendered and I (our attorney) am assuming that the process will continue through the month of January. Assuming

that it is granted in January, the resolution will memorialized in February. It will then be published and the appeal period will run for a period of 45 days from the date of publication of the resolution. This brings us to mid to late March. Once those approvals are granted and the appeal period has expired, closing can take place fairly readily thereafter."

In the meantime the purchaser has been paying us \$3,000 per month and will continue to do so until we close.

I have appointed a committee to propose to the Board of Trustees how the proceeds of the sale will be allocated. The membership will be made fully aware as decisions are determined.

Another committee I have appointed is one that will propose to the Board of Trustees what to do with Rabbi Gotlieb's house. Again once a determination has been made by the Board of Trustees the membership will be readily informed.

Finally, Purim is about a month away and it is time for you to purchase your Purim Raffle Ticket. As always the raffle tickets are \$100 each. As I write this, the Powerball lottery has reached \$1.3 billion; although our raffle will not pay out that kind of money – \$7,500 for first and \$2,500 for second – your chances of winning our is infinitely better. Please contact Fred Harris to purchase yours.

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JCCP/CBT MOVIE AFTERNOON

Sunday, February 21 @ 3

THE INTERN



"Looking to get back into the game, 70-year-old widower Ben Whittaker (Robert De Niro) seizes the opportunity to become a senior intern at an online fashion site. Ben soon becomes popular with his younger co-workers, including Jules Ostin (Anne Hathaway), the boss and founder of the company....."

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with YOUNG JEWISH FAMILIES
Sunday, February 21



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Shabbat Family Service
and Program

February 5 - 7:30 PM

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Following the Hebrew School Family Shabbat Dinner.

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Hebrew School News



Marcia Kagedan

Shalom

January was a busy month here in the Hebrew School. Our Shabbaton was a big success. Students arrived at 10:30 for Tefillah, and many stayed the whole day, through Havdallah, and enjoyed Shabbat activities and of course special Shabbat treats. Thank you to Roz Mehr and APT for the refreshments and to the teens that helped with the activities for the kids. All had a fun afternoon.

Our 6th grade participated in the community-wide Kehillah Program and enjoyed various Israeli activities including cooking, dancing and army training! Our 7th grade went to the Museum of Jewish Heritage in Battery Park. I spent a day at the museum recently. It is really worth the trip. I encourage all who read this article to consider exploring what it has to offer.

The younger students had a PJ party. They looked so cute! We learned the shema prayer and made pillowcases with the word

SHEMA across them to remind us to say the shema when we go to bed and when we get up in the morning. Parents also enjoyed the lessons taught and of course... the hot chocolate was a hit!

Our BINGO night was a sell-out. Thank you to APT for organizing. The snacks and sundaes were 'sweet' and the prize selection amazing and seemingly endless!

Coming up this month:

Friday, February 5:

- Hebrew School Annual Friday Night Dinner

Saturday, February 6:

- Monthly School on Shabbat/ Junior Congregation

And in March:

Sunday, March 6:

- Afternoon A Capella Concert sponsored by APT

Sunday, March 20:

- Purim Carnival

Wednesday, March 23:

- Purim Festival

Reminder — Hebrew School will be closed on February, Sunday 14th and Tuesday 16th for Presidents Week Vacation.

In the event of weather related school closings, announcements will be made on our facebook page, (JCCP-Hebrew School) via email and on the JCCP/CBT website (www.jccparamus.org).

If possible calls will also be made. Use your discretion and be safe!

Stay warm and have a good month!

Marcia Kagedan
Educational Director

Youth News

Our Youth Program for 3rd-7th grades is going well.

It attracts a nice number of children — but there's always room for more!

In January, the kids enjoyed playing games in our Youth Lounge, which now includes pool, ping pong, foosball and air hockey. They also had an evening of games in the gym.

First of course, the children consume vast amounts of pizza!!! The programs are on Tuesdays from 5:30-7 p.m.

The fee for participation is just \$9 per session, which includes supper and the activity. It is totally a pay as you go affair, so feel free to give it a try sometime.

All members are welcome as are their guests!

In February we will have two events.

February 9th is Board Game night and February 23rd is sports in the gym, with parents invited to join the fun at 6:15 p.m. for some quality time with their kids.

Any questions just give me a call.

Hope to see you,

Marcia
Youth Coordinator



Young Jewish Families

SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICE AND PROGRAM

Friday, February 5, 7:30 p.m. following the Hebrew School Shabbat Dinner. 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! See information in this bulletin issue and on website for details.

BOWLING – Fun for the whole family!

Sunday, February 21. 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

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Dancing with our Israeli Partnership teacher from Nahariya



Moshe Schwartz of the Golani Brigade, American volunteer serving in the Israeli army

Communicating with counterparts in Nahariya





Preschoolers enjoying arts and crafts programs



Havdalah with Cantor Weiss, Morah Kagedan and the Hebrew School students and families at the end of the January Shabbaton





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Community Affairs

Every Day is Mitzvah Day

Our synagogue is known throughout the community for its efforts to defeat hunger in Bergen County. Support our work on behalf of those less fortunate by donating to our 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 Home, a **Jewish Orphanage** in Odessa, Ukraine. 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 call **Elaine Cohen** at 201-447-2485.

When you make a donation to the JCCP/CBT please consider donating to the Community Affairs Tzedaka fund. We use this money to pay for yarn for our knitting projects, items for our Chanukah gift bags, and other tzedaka projects.

Our Chesed Committee has volunteers available for those who need temporary help shopping, or a ride to services or doctor appointments. Call **Eileen Schneider** at 201-722-1606 or **Nina Glaser** at 201-262-1775.



Sisterhood and Men's Club

Come in from the cold and join us for

An evening of Music and Sing-along featuring:

Ed Mann

Saturday Night, February 6, 2016 ~ 7:30 p.m.

At the JCCP/CBT

\$20 per person in advance ~ \$25 per person at door

Light Appetizers, Drinks and Dessert (Dairy)

Please RSVP by January 31st to Laurie 201-906-5830 and send payment to the JCCP/CBT office ~ E. 304 Midland Avenue, Paramus NJ 07652 – Attn: Laurie Rosman





Thank You!

Sisterhood

For those of you who read the Sisterhood Bulletin articles, you know that it is not often that I am at a loss for words. There's always some holiday to be writing about, some topical news issue that ties in with how important it is to be a part of our community, of course there's the weather, the "how is it that it's _____, already," etc. No, this is not meant to be a trite commentary, the Bulletin is vital in keeping our Membership involved and also, for reaching out to the Congregation for support. The Bulletin keeps us all informed and it is the Bulletin articles that "spread the word." For those of you who do read these articles Thank You!

I thought I started by saying I was at a loss for words!

On a serious note, the past few months have been difficult for our family. We were dealing with Harlan's seriously ill parents, in two different hospitals, for many weeks. Then Harlan's dad died. I write about this not to make anyone sad. To the contrary, I write because we all have something to be happy and thankful about. During the weeks that we were torn between his mom in Memorial Sloan-Kettering in New York and his dad in Hackensack, we received incredible support from our JCCP-CBT family. Every day, numbers of people would call, send a text or email just to ask how we were doing and whether there was anything anyone could do to help. These messages and thoughts meant so much to us.

During shiva, we were overwhelmed by the most generous gestures, the phone calls, the food, and the visits. The outpouring of thoughts was so wonderful and so very meaningful to us.

While I can write about how we are lucky to live in a safe and peaceful environment where our concerns are whether there is enough food at a Shabbat kiddush, we are truly lucky to be part of this giving and supportive community. If our story resonates at all with you, then please become involved in Sisterhood and our JCCP-CBT Community. If you give a little, you will receive in return, very great rewards.

THANK YOU!

Warm regards,
Lori Cohen

GUESS THE U.S. PRESIDENT:

{1} "May the Children of the Stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other Inhabitants; while everyone shall sit under his own vine and fig tree, and there shall be none to make him afraid.....May the father of all mercies scatter light and not darkness in our paths, and



make us all in our several vocations useful here, and in his own due time and way everlastingly happy."



{2} Directed the creation of a new law, making it possible for rabbis to serve as military chaplains in the US military, for the first time in history – a major step in the Americanization of the Jewish religion.



{3} "I will insist that the Hebrews have done more to civilize man than any other nation."

{4} "I am proud of my part in the creation of this new state. Our Government was the first to recognize the State of Israel."



{5} Israel was not created in order to disappear—Israel will endure and flourish. It is the child of hope and home of the brave. It can neither be broken by adversity nor demoralized by success. It carries the shield of democracy and it honors the sword of freedom."



{6} "Israel exists; it has a right to exist in peace behind secure and defensible borders; and it has a right to demand of its neighbors that they recognize those facts."



{7} "The United States was the first country to recognize Israel in 1948, minutes after its declaration of independence, and the deep bonds of friendship between the U.S. and Israel remain as strong and unshakeable as ever."

Email your guesses to:
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"I Think My Spaceship Knows Which Way To Go..."

Men's Club acknowledges the passing of Mr. David Bowie, a major recording artist who, though not Jewish, performed in Tel Aviv at a time when it was fashionable not to. Many Jewish inspired influences are heard in his work, and he was admired by many within our community.

We look forward to the upcoming event with singer/guitarist Ed Mann, brought to our temple by our Sisterhood on Feb 6th.
Please join us for an enjoyable evening.

We are continuing our efforts to bring relevant and meaningful events and activities to our membership. Stay tuned for more details.

Men's Club

JCCP/CBT BOOK CLUB

Sunday March 6th @ 10:30 a.m.

"A Backpack, A Bear, and Eight Crates of Vodka"

Book discussion facilitated by Carolyn Kaufman

"A compelling story of two intertwined journeys: a Jewish refugee family fleeing persecution and a young man seeking to reclaim a shattered past in the twilight of the Cold War (the late 1980s). 9 year old Lev Golinkin and family cross the Soviet border with only ten suitcases, \$600, and the vague promise of help awaiting in Vienna."



This book has been selected by JFNNJ to be the One Book One Community focus book for 2015-2016. The culminating community-wide event, *Meet The Author*, will be on Wednesday, May 18th at Temple Beth Or in Washington Township.

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

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Adult Education

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

Please join with us as we proudly celebrate 20 years of studying Jewish history in our winter adult education series with **Rabbi Weiner's** class **"The History of Jews of Germany."** This class will meet on six Wednesday afternoons and evenings beginning **February 3, 2016, at 2:30 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.** The class will cover the history of the Jewish people in Germany beginning in the fifth century through World War I. We will learn about how the first communities were established, as well as periods of economic success and intellectual achievement. We will explore the responses to the Crusades, anti-Semitism, and forced expulsions and gain greater insight into its leading personalities, institutions, and the issues that shaped the community. Our winter Jewish history series is always one the highlights of our Adult Education calendar; come and discover why.

Cantor Weiss will be teaching a new class **"Exploring the Passover Haggadah"** on **six Monday nights at 8:15 p.m., from February 8th to March 14th.** We will learn about the Haggadah's history, structure and contents. We will also discover interesting teachings and explanations of key texts. Join us for this class which is sure to enhance your Passover experience.

Rabbi Arthur Weiner will be speaking on **"The Right to Privacy in Jewish Law"** at the **North Jersey Board of Rabbis Sweet Tastes of Torah event on Saturday evening, February 6, at Temple Beth Rishon in Wyckoff.** You can participate in his session or select from 18 other classes. The evening concludes with dessert and schmoozing. The program and registration instructions are online at sweettastesoftorah.weebly.com. The JCCP/CBT is a proud sponsor of this major community wide adult education event. Join with us for classes taught by area Rabbis and a dessert reception. This promises to be a great event.

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.** Contact **Mimi Levin** at grandmamimil@verizon.net or 201-265-0454 for more information.
- 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.
- On **Sunday, February 7 at 10:30 a.m., Phyllis Waterstone** will facilitate our discussion of **Anthony Doerr's** book **"All The Light We Cannot See,"** the beautiful, stunningly ambitious instant New York Times 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.

The Adult Education Committee is continuing to plan our programming for the coming year. 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.

Here's a fun idea to serve for a **Super Bowl party** or as an appetizer plate before a dinner. There is something here for everyone.

-Beth Chananie

Antipasto platter

- 1/2 pound, sliced very thin, of each: turkey, salami, and bologna
- 6 hardboiled eggs, peeled and cut in quarters
- 8 stalks of celery, and 8 carrots, cut in halves or quarters
- cherry tomatoes
- large jar (or 2) of marinated artichokes, drained
- large can flat anchovies (optional), drained
- 8 ounce can pickled beets, sliced and drained
- 1 can of tuna in water, drained well
- black and green olives
- large head of Romaine lettuce, washed and dried well
- oil and vinegar (optional)



Place the lettuce around the outside of a large platter. Put the tuna, out of the can, in the center. Roll the meat slices and arrange in a circle around the tuna. Add celery stalks, carrot sticks, eggs, tomatoes, olives, beets, artichokes, and anchovies.

You can sprinkle the oil and vinegar dressing on the platter or leave it on the side.

Serve with toothpicks on the side.

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CANASTA AND SCRABBLE

NEW BEGINNERS CANASTA CLASS

WILL BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 9th.

Must RSVP to Mimi if you plan to attend the Beginners Class.

All levels continue to play each week.

Wednesdays 11:30-12:30

GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS

Come join our exercise class. Everyone needs to move!

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 FURTHER INFORMATION ON

THESE UPCOMING EVENTS IN THIS BULLETIN:

- BOOK CLUB on Sunday March 6th 2016, 10:30 a.m.
Carolyn Kaufman will lead a discussion on the
JFNNJ ONE BOOK ONE COMMUNITY book choice:
"A Backpack, a Bear, Eight Crates of Vodka", by Lev Colinkin
Start reading now!
- NEXT MOVIE will be on Sunday February 21st @ 3 p.m.
"The Intern". Offered with pre-reserved deli supper.

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February 6-12

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February 13-19

Joan Schweidel
Arnold Kessler
Hilda Luria
Jacob Miller
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February 20-26

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Arnold Rubenstein
Deborah Simon
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Stanley Simon
Ruth Goldstein
Martin Cohen
Leslie Lehman
Janet Roesch

February 27-29

Charlotte Blechman
Yakov Brayman
Herbert Kolb
Sim Ashkenazi
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Mazel Tov

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 6-12

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February 13-19

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For the week of Feb. 6-12

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