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Save the date ... Come celebrate

Join us at our annual Ad Journal Dinner Dance
as the JCCP honors two very special couples

Beth and Robert Chananie
Nina and Gary Glaser

in recognition of their years of dedication to our congregation.

Sunday, June 9, 2013 . . . 5:00 pm

From the Rabbi

Rabbi Arthur D. Weiner

Are young Jews turning away from Israel? This question has been the subject of much concern and controversy in recent years. Rabbis, demographers and communal leaders have analyzed the data and marshaled anecdotal evidence to support their views.

It's terribly difficult to deduce the answer to this question for several reasons. To begin, the relationship of American Jews to Israel has itself undergone a revolution in the past decade or so. I believe that American Jews remain concerned and engaged with Israel. And with the success of programs such as Birthright Israel, a very high percentage of young Jews between the ages of 18 and 30 have or will visit Israel in the near future – the highest number in American history. But their engagement and concern is demonstrated in a vastly different way than the previous generation.

A generation ago, we may have demonstrated our concern and support by a passionate defense of the positions taken by Israel's democratically elected government, however controversial, without considering the possibility that such decisions might be at variance with our own vision and sense of justice. But because of Israel's relative insecurity with regard to its neighbors, and our own insecurity as American Jews, this model was comfortable and we could easily see its benefits.

Today, however, Israel has grown more secure and become stronger even despite the hostile climate of the Middle East. American Jews have also become more comfortable and secure in our position in this nation. So for many Jews, concern for Israel now means speaking out and voicing criticisms of Israel's policies in a manner that would have been unthinkable even a few short years ago. (These are some of the issues that we have been exploring and studying in my Fall Adult Education class called "Engaging Israel.") Such criticism, though by no means limited to younger Jews, has been challenged vigorously by others in the Jewish community. And indeed, often times the response to such criticism has been to not only refute the charges but also to challenge the pro-Israel bona fides of those offering the criticism.

We have seen two examples of this in recent months. In a particularly ugly incident at the Kotel, the Western Wall, the holiest site in the world for the Jewish people, a group of Jewish women were prevented from worshiping in a manner of their own choosing. This terrible incident pointed out the ultra-Orthodox religious monopoly both at the Kotel and in Israeli religious life, and the difficulties facing non-Orthodox Judaism in establishing its own institutions in Israel. And many, including this rabbi, spoke out. Criticism of Israel's handling of this issue came from so many whose passion and love of Israel cannot possibly be challenged. In similar incidents in the past, incidents with which many were familiar, we did not raise our voices in protest. This time, however, many spoke out in protest. What changed? A growing sense in many segments of the pro-Israel community that Israel is not undermined but actually strengthened when those who care deeply for its welfare are willing to challenge it when it makes mistakes.

Last month's hostilities between Israel and Hamas also led many to criticize Israel's military tactics. I personally rejected and continue to reject many of the false and unfair accusations leveled against Israel and its responsibility to defend its citizens. Yet here also, while it was easy for me to refute so many of the actual charges against Israel, it would be unfair to say that all those who leveled these criticisms, however misguided and unfair, are anti-Israel. Indeed because I personally know or am familiar with many of these individuals, I know they are deeply committed to Israel and that their criticism, despite my own (negative) opinion of it, was actually motivated by their concern for Israel's welfare. Indeed, such criticism does not reflect disengagement from Israel but rather, in a challenging and new way, a different type of engagement that is hard to quantify, yet demonstrates an active interest in Israel and its well-being.

Every rabbi knows this story. If a person comes to me and says, "I want to know if this food is kosher because I might wish to eat it" then I can have a conversation with such a person. We are both committed to the idea of kashrut (Jewish dietary laws) and ultimately we are simply discussing the parameters of what is and is not within the system. But if a person says to me, "Rabbi, no matter what, I am going to eat it," then there really cannot be much of a conversation because we are both operating under a different set of assumptions.

And so it is with the question of engagement with Israel. We need to understand who is engaged and who is not, but also with equal effort try to better understand the changing nature of what it actually means to be engaged with Israel. And when we fully understand this new reality, we will be better able to allow all the disparate voices of those who care deeply about Israel to have an equal place at the table. I am sure that would have the most positive effect on encouraging the type of love and commitment for Israel, so characteristic of our community in past generations, to continue to flourish for future generations as well.

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Services

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES
Friday, January 4 ..... 8:30 p.m.
Young Jewish Families Service ..... 7:30 p.m.
ONEG HOSTS: Shadi & Mehran Zahabian in honor of Brian's Bar Mitzvah

SABBATH SERVICES
Saturday, January 5 ..... 9:00 a.m.
TORAH READING: Shemot
KIDDUSH HOSTS: Shadi & Mehran Zahabian in honor of Brian's Bar Mitzvah
JUNIOR CONGREGATION: ..... 10:00 a.m.
MINCHA & MA'ARIV: ..... 4:25 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES
Friday, January 11 ..... 8:30 p.m.
MONTHLY SHABBAT DINNER ..... 6:45 p.m.
ONEG HOST: JCCP

SABBATH SERVICES
Saturday, January 12 ..... 9:00 a.m.
TORAH READING: Va'era
KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP
TRADITIONAL SERVICE IN SANCTUARY
EGALITARIAN SERVICE IN BODEEN CHAPEL
JUNIOR CONGREGATION: ..... 10:00 a.m.
CLUB SHABBAT: ..... 10:30 a.m.
MINCHA & MA'ARIV: ..... 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES
Friday, January 18 ..... 8:30 p.m.
ECC Shabbat ..... 7:00 p.m.
ONEG HOST: JCCP

SABBATH SERVICES
Saturday, January 19 ..... 9:00 a.m.
TORAH READING: Bo
KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP
JUNIOR CONGREGATION: ..... 10:00 a.m.
MINCHA & MA'ARIV: ..... 4:40 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES
Friday, January 25 ..... 8:30 p.m.
ONEG HOSTS: Roz & Robert Mehr in honor of Lauren's Bat Mitzvah

SABBATH SERVICES
Saturday, January 26 ..... 9:00 a.m.
TU B'SHEVAT
TORAH READING: Beshallach
KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP
EGALITARIAN SERVICE IN SANCTUARY
TRADITIONAL SERVICE IN BODEEN CHAPEL
JUNIOR CONGREGATION: ..... 10:00 a.m.
MINCHA & MA'ARIV: ..... 4:45 p.m.

JCCP Book Club To Discuss "Defending Jacob"

Sunday, January 20 · 10 a.m.

The Book Club date has been changed to Sunday, January 20 at 10 a.m. The book is "Defending Jacob" by William Landay. Our facilitator will be Beth Chananie. There will be a special breakfast and a $5.00 donation would be appreciated. The meeting will be held at the JCCP and is sponsored by the Adult Education Committee. All are welcome.

Please RSVP to Mimi at 201-362-5593 or 201-265-0454 or email at grandmamimil@verizon.net.

Men's Club

Happy New Year! Let us all hope and pray that 2013 is a year of peace.

December was a very busy month for the Men's Club. We hosted a Kiddush to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the JCCP, and a breakfast and a dinner to celebrate Chanukah.

We want to congratulate our founding members, Irene Reiss, Lola and Henry Weber, and Lotte and Fred Buff. It's thanks to you that we have a vibrant congregation.

We wish to thank all those who helped with the December events. Todah rabbah to Mimi Levin, Andy Kestenbaum, Gary Hutmacher, Shawn Rabban, David Shulman, Howard Leopold, Esther Marks, Laura Menter and Aviva Weiner. We reserve a very special thank you to Harriet Kugler, who is always there when we need her.

It's January. How close are we to Purim?

Until next time.

Jerry Menter and Joe Esrig, *Co-Presidents*

Light the Sabbath Candles

Friday, January 4 ..... 4:22 P.M.
Friday, January 11 ..... 4:29 P.M.
Friday, January 18 ..... 4:37 P.M.
Friday, January 25 ..... 4:45 P.M.

President's Message

Harlan L. Cohen

We Are One

It isn't very often that one has the privilege of hearing a genuine hero speak. On November 14, my 15-year-old daughter, Sophia, and I were privileged to be at the Kaplen JCC on the Palisades in Tenafly to hear the former Soviet refusenik and current chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Natan Sharansky, speak to an overflow crowd. The crowd included several members of our own JCCP community, including David Goodman, who as the president of the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey had the honor of introducing Sharansky to the crowd. I was pleased that it didn't take much coaxing to get my daughter to join me for this special event. She had become interested in Natan Sharansky after learning about his inspirational life while writing a paper about him when she was in the eighth grade at the Solomon Schechter Day School of Bergen County. The event proved to be inspirational for both of us, and reminded us just how precious freedom really is and the importance of the Jewish community staying united. With Israel defending itself against Hamas missiles coming from Gaza while Sharansky spoke, the lesson was underscored.

Sharansky spoke without notes in heavily Russian-accented but clearly understandable English. The occasion was to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Freedom Sunday march on December 6, 1987, when some 250,000 people, most but not all of them Jews, rallied on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., in support of freedom for their Jewish brethren imprisoned behind the Soviet Iron Curtain. It became the largest protest on behalf of a Jewish cause ever held in the United States and helped to mobilize all of the disparate elements of the entire Jewish community – religious and secular alike – behind a single cause. The rally had been strategically planned for the day before a historic summit meeting at the White House between President Ronald Reagan and the leader of the Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev, and was intended to send a message to Gorbachev.

Sharansky, who had spent nine years in a Moscow prison on phony charges of being an American spy until his release and immigration to Israel in February 1986, had been the moving force behind the historic rally. It was the culminating event of a generation-long struggle by American Jews to help win freedom for Soviet Jews (including my own Russian cousins, now living in Brooklyn) behind the ubiquitous slogan that I remember so well from my youth: We Are One.

In his talk, Sharansky lamented the fact that one of the most significant events in recent Jewish history had largely been forgotten and the lessons learned had not been passed down to the next generation. He stressed how united the disparate elements of the Jewish community had been in the long struggle to help free Soviet Jews. He recalled that the driving force behind the movement to free Soviet Jews had come from the most unlikely of sources: a post-Holocaust "army" of what his KGB captors derided as "students and housewives" who were determined not to sit in silence while their brethren were oppressed and trapped in the Soviet Union.

Sharansky reminded us that in fact it had been these brave students, housewives and tourists who had smuggled siddurim and books on Jewish history and culture, as well as religious objects, into the Soviet Union, which helped Soviet Jews to rediscover their Jewish identity that had been suppressed by decades of brutal Communist rule. Knowing that there were fellow Jews living on the other side of the world who cared about their plight and were willing to put their own safety at risk strengthened the resolve of Soviet Jews to continue their struggle for freedom. He also told us that these acts of bravery on behalf of their Soviet brethren had the unexpected benefit of helping American Jews to rediscover their own identity as Jews.

Sharansky reminded the crowd that in order to strengthen the connection from generation to generation, we as Jews always recount the Exodus from Egypt. The historic movement to free Soviet Jews should also be remembered because it was through the efforts of ordinary American Jews that more than 1 million Soviet Jews gained their freedom and were able to leave and become Israeli citizens, while over half a million became citizens of the United States. They were liberated from slavery and their modern-day Exodus was aided by a determined "army" of "students and housewives" who mobilized themselves under the slogan We Are One. As Sharansky wrote recently in The Wall Street Journal: "As in ancient Egypt, the desire of Soviet Jews to claim their national identity joined with a driving thirst to be liberated from bondage. In this union of identity and freedom lies an enduring lesson for Jews everywhere, and by extension, for other persecuted peoples as well."

Youth Groups

Where did 2012 go? The year started off with great promise and poof – the next thing you now, we're lighting the menorah and opening gifts. Of course, a big part of the last few months was watching our successful youth programs hit the ground running. And we're excited for what's in store for 2013, kicking off with our much-anticipated LOGO Contest!

"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up." – Pablo Picasso

Now a few words from our USY advisors:

We have had an exciting year so far with the JCCP's USY group. As we have continued to build upon an already strong base, we have had exceptional turnouts at our past few events. From Movie Night with Chinese food to making Chanukah candles, things just keep getting better!

We will be wrapping up 2012 with a regional dance in Scotch Plains on December 15 and hope to ride our momentum into the new year. Keep your eyes open for details of our upcoming circus extravaganza on January 6 and more!

Please contact Matt or Alexa at paramususy@gmail.com with any questions or requests to be added to the USY email list.

And our Kadmina/Chaverim advisor:

It's getting cold out, but things are hotter than ever for our Chaverim and Kadima youth groups.

Last month we had a movie and pizza night, and our own Chanukah dinner with latkes, jelly donuts and an old fashioned grab bag. A good time was had by all.

We also joined with the Hebrew School in our annual Chanukah Extravaganza/ Rooftop Menorah Lighting.

The next few months will continue the fun times. Some of our activities will be Parent/Child gym night, theater improvisation, bowling, Purim carnival, Board Game Night and a basketball clinic.

As usual, flyers with all the specifics are passed out and always posted on the upstairs Youth bulletin board and the Hebrew School office.

If you have any suggestions for activities the kids would enjoy, please discuss them with me.

As always, your child's safety and well-being is my utmost priority.

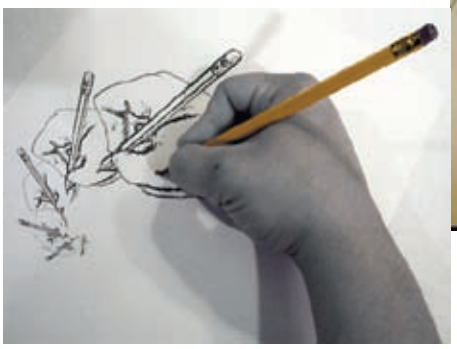
Fred Weissman

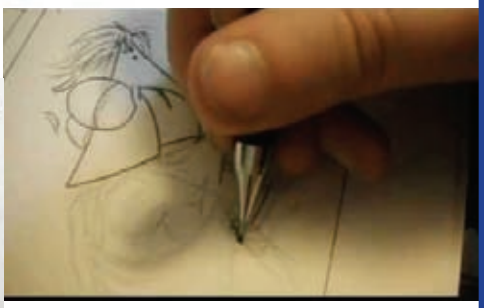
Jewish Community Center of Paramus

A Home, A Family, A Spiritual Community

JCCP Youth Committee:

LOGO CONTEST





RULES

- Submissions must be drawn on an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper; original art only.
- All members of JCCP youth groups (Kadima, Chaverim and USY) and religious school students are eligible.
- Judging will be by a panel of experts.
- Submissions will be on display at the JCCP.
- The winner will be announced at the Purim carnival (February 10th) and on the JCCP website.
- Send submissions to the JCCP, Attention: Youth Logo Contest.
- The winning logo will be used to represent JCCP youth groups.
- Prize: $75 gift certificate
- Submissions become the property of the JCCP Youth Committee.

- For more information, please contact Debbie Zeiler at (201) 906-8257 or email to dibble.one@gmail.com.

All Submissions must be made by January 17th

Early Childhood Center

Judith S. Fox

The weekly celebration of Shabbat in our Early Childhood Center classrooms is a beloved fixture in the children's routine. Besides promoting spiritual development and basic Jewish competence, the kabbalat Shabbat experience crosses all domains and engages all the senses. Young children thrive on routine, and what is ritual if not a routine? Week in and week out, we gather together, recite or sing the blessings, and sing our songs. Week in and week out, we kindle white light, drink purple grape juice, and indulge in soft, fluffy challah.

One of the loveliest things about our Shabbat celebrations is that each child has a turn, on a rotating basis, to be the host by providing challah for his/her classmates. Usually the child's parent (or maybe a grandparent) comes to school to share Shabbat with us. The parent usually brings a favorite storybook to read to the class. One parent who travels to New Orleans regularly brought a Creole (or was it Cajun?) version of the "Three Little Pigs," and proceeded to read with the appropriate accent.

Occasionally someone brings something other than a book: One parent, a neurologist, brought a model of the brain to the Pre-K class! The children didn't understand too much, but they were fascinated, and the doctor's child felt very important indeed. Sometimes parents bring a special art activity that they plan with the classroom teacher.

This is one way we involve parents in our program. It sounds so simple, but it really is part of bridging the space for the children between their school and home lives.

And the songs! We have songs for every Shabbat experience you can think of, and for many you can't think of. We have songs for Shabbat with animals, for Shabbat in France and for Shabbat lights "all around the neighborhood." We have a song about greeting the "Shabbat princess"; I had been singing this song for many years before realizing it expresses the same idea as L'cha Dodi. We have silly songs that begin "Shabababababa ..." and "Gilly gilly good Shabbat." And, of course, we do sing traditional favorites like "Bim Bam."

We invite you to be part of this experience. Most adults who enter our school building are quickly drawn into the world of early childhood. Please call me if you would like to be a Shabbat guest (or an any-other-time guest). Another way you can share the ECC Shabbat experience is to join us at the JCCP on Friday evening, January 18, at 7 p.m. for our annual Early Childhood Center Shabbat service (this will be followed by the weekly 8:30 kabbalat Shabbat service). We'll have a child-friendly service led by Rabbi Weiner, a presentation by ECC children and teachers, and a gala oneg with treats made by the children. Please come! You'll be glad you did.

Sing for the Residents of Rockleigh on January 13

Hurricane Sandy canceled our November Mitzvah Day project, but the JCCP Singers are headed for the Jewish Home in Rockleigh on Sunday afternoon, January 13. Join us for a sing-a-long rehearsal on Tuesday, Jan. 8, then meet with us in the parking lot at 1:15 p.m. on Jan. 13 for car pools to Rockleigh.

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at the Jewish Community Center of Paramus

CLUB SHABBAT

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

facilitated by our Early Childhood Director, Judy Fox

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

please join us on

Saturday, January 12
Saturday, March 9
Saturday, April 13
Saturday, May 11
Saturday, June 8

10:30 ~ 11:30 a.m.

and join us afterward for our weekly congregational
Kiddush luncheon

for information ~ 201-967-1334 ~ eccdirector@jccparamus.org

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Harlan L. Cohen, President

Dora and Sidney Miller Early Childhood Center

Please join us for our annual

Early Childhood Center Shabbat Service

Friday evening, January 18
7:00 p.m.

a child-friendly Shabbat service led by Rabbi Weiner
special presentation by the ECC children and teachers
gala oneg featuring treats prepared by the children

Friday Night Dinner

Join us for our first Shabbat Dinner of 2013!

Dinner at 6:45 p.m.

Services at 8:30 p.m.

January 11th at 6:45 p.m.

JCCP ~ E. 304 Midland Avenue, Paramus

Enjoy a delicious catered dinner in our social hall,
And celebrate the beginning of 2013 with your friends and family

$18 per adult ~ $8 per child age 6-13

Kids 5 and under are free

Maximum charge of $50 per family

(immediate family members only)

RSVP by Tuesday, January 8th

Email us: office @jccparamus.org or

Call 201-262-7691

Hebrew School

Marcia Kagedan

Happy New Year!

I hope all had a wonderful Chanukah and a good vacation. December was filled with great holiday celebrations. We celebrated whenever possible … from the first day, with the JCCP breakfast, to the very last day, when the children decorated cookies and enjoyed eating them.

Besides Chanukah, December also was memorable with a 60th anniversary celebration for the JCCP. We have much to be thankful for at our synagogue. We are blessed with so many individuals and families who created and supported this Center through the decades. Now it is our duty to participate in all that it offers today, strengthen its programs and at the same time plan for its future.

In December, I was happy to host the KEHILLAH program, as 150 sixth-grade students from nine local synagogue schools were at the JCCP on Dec. 2. They got to know each other, studied prayers and created art that reflected the content of the prayers they read. The finished canvas will be hung in the Hebrew School. It is quite unique! I look forward to the next program, when the kids will meet a Jewish author whose books they will read before the event.

January is going to be action packed. Take a look at the calendar below and be sure to note the events that you will be attending.

JANUARY EVENTS:

- **Sunday, Jan. 6:** Welcome back to school! 4th-7th grades invited to a **CIRCUS WORKSHOP** beginning at 12:30 p.m. Sign up early to avoid disappointment.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 8:** Youth Program, 5:30-7 p.m. with **Theatre Improvisation**.
- **Friday, Jan. 11: JCCP Shabbat Dinner**, 6:45 p.m.
- **Saturday, Jan. 12: School on Shabbat**, 10:15 a.m. - noon.
- **Sunday, Jan. 13: BIBLE PLAYERS**, an awesome Jewish comedy duo, will entertain the kids. Thank you APT! Parents welcome to come along, too. Details to follow. Candle Club for pre-K students from 9:45 to 11:15 a.m.
- **Saturday, Jan. 19:** APT **BINGO NIGHT** FOR FAMILIES!
- **Sunday, Jan. 20:** 2nd grade **PAJAMA PARTY**. Parents expected to attend – not necessarily in their pajamas!
- **Sunday, Jan. 27: KEHILLAH program** for 6th grade at Temple Avodat Shalom in River Edge, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 29:** Youth Program, 5:30-7 p.m. **Board Game Night**.

Just a reminder: In case of inclement weather, every effort will be made to contact parents by email and Facebook. A message also will be left on the Hebrew School phone (201-262-7733). I ask that everyone 'like' our Facebook page, so that communication is easier and more thorough. I post announcements about events, too. Do take a look at it. Search for JCCP-Hebrew School.

Stay warm! Lehitra'ot.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT BULLETIN IS JAN. 7!

Young Jewish Families

Sponsor a YJF Friday night program for birthdays, anniversaries, even good report cards. Please remember the YJF Toy Drive. See below for details.

Check out the upcoming exciting events for this month. Hope to see you soon!

Shabbat Family Service and Program

Friday, January 4 and February 1, at 7:30 p.m.

Please join us for our family-friendly Friday Night Family Service and Program. Light service, interactive story time, followed by playtime and DAIRY nosh in the gym. Shabbat service geared toward children, and then the children play and the parents schmooze.

If you would like to **sponsor the oneg** for the monthly Shabbat Family Service and Program, please contact us: $18 for a birthday cake; $18 for other snacks.

Bagel & Schmooze and YJF General Meeting

Sunday, January 6, at 9:30 a.m.

Have a cup of coffee, grab a nosh, chat with friends and other parents, and learn about what's going on and upcoming events.

Lunch & Something!

Sunday, February 3

Watch website soon for the event details.

Toy Drive

The YJF is holding a Toy Drive. Toys and games will be used for Young Jewish Families events, the Friday Night Family Services, Shabbat and holiday children's services, and any time we need to entertain children. We will accept new or used toys or games (in almost perfect condition containing all parts), or Chai donations of $18. Toys or games for children aged 6 months to 13 years. Games need to be "Shabbat friendly." Checkers, chess, dominoes, Trivial Pursuit, trains, cars, dolls, cards -- any non-electronic games and toys would be appreciated. Please bring to the JCCP office and let them know who the donor is and that the game or toy is for the YJF Toy Drive.

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.

For more information, please visit us at jccparamus.org, or contact us at yjf18@hotmail.com.

Elana and Eugene Heitlinger
Co-Presidents

JEWISH CHILDREN'S MUSIC CD

The 11th CD in "The Spirit Series: Voices of the Conservative Movement," with liner notes and translations by Cantor Sam Weiss, has just been released. The CD features 27 beautiful songs on the theme of Jewish children's music. This is a fundraising and artistic joint production of the Cantors Assembly and The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

You may have received a copy of the CD in the mail from United Synagogue. You can also visit the USCJ website or call (866) 5-SHALOM to order. All of the CDs in this series make wonderful gifts, and support the activities and programs of the Conservative movement.

The Jewish Community Center of Paramus was founded in 1952 by a group of Jewish families from Paramus who saw the need for a Hebrew school for their children and a place of Jewish worship for themselves. With their passion and vision they worked hard to establish the JCCP, which became, and remains, a major center of Jewish worship and life in Bergen County. We are fortunate to have three of those families still involved and active in the life of our synagogue today.

December 8th was a very special Shabbat for the JCCP. We celebrated our 60th anniversary with a lovely Kiddush and were privileged to hear stories from three of our founding families – Fred and Lotte Buff, Henry and Lola Weber and Irene Reiss.

(Below are their speeches, which were read at Shabbat services.)

FRED and LOTTE BUFF

Shabbat Shalom. My assignment today is to take you back to 1951-1952 to envision what this town was like at the beginning, of how primitive it had to be to get started and do it in the shortest possible time. Just picture Paramus without any shopping centers — to be without home mail delivery. Instead we had to pick up our letters at a tiny post office, which was located at Century Road, after crossing the then-new Garden State Parkway. To be without private telephones — we had scattered phone booths, one of which was installed in front of our house. We were expected whenever possible to answer the phone, day or night and take messages to every owner on the block.

We had to cross Route 4 or Route 17 without an overpass or traffic lights. The population of Paramus was about 3,000. We estimated that there were only about 10 Jewish families. All this changed very rapidly. New developments were built all over the town, and houses were affordable, many with GI mortgages. Within a few years, Paramus started to look like what you see today.

When our parents learned that we were about to move to New Jersey, to them it was as if we were moving abroad.

With the influx of new residents, many Jewish families also came here, mostly from New York, and from declining north Bergen towns like Jersey City, Hoboken, Paterson, etc. Most of us were ex-GIs, newly marrieds with young families. Paramus became one of the preferred communities in Bergen County.

We had met the Sobels, Fran and Al, in 1951 at the Fourth of July fireworks, which took place at the athletic field of the former Farview Public School, which is now Yavneh Academy on Farview Avenue. I vaguely remember Al from calls to my office in New York. As you know, he became president early on and Fran was the first president of our Women's Group, now Sisterhood.

Somehow, others met at PTAs, Little League, Boy or Girl Scouts, both of which were very much in vogue at that time. The need to meet new friends, preferably Jewish friends, was very evident in a new community. What we had in common was age, similar economic circumstances and young families.

In January 1952, one of the young ladies in town, her name was Emily Sobin, called Lotte to tell her about her desire to organize the Jewish community in town. She asked Lotte for help and to spread the word. She also called as many others as she could locate and had mostly positive responses. Lotte was ready but explained that she needed limited duty at the time, being six months pregnant. No problem, Emily replied, I am in the same condition. Emily became our first president. She was very capable, very enthusiastic and very organized. Unfortunately, she died very young.

After the early meetings, which were set up for "women only," husbands were invited to a first joint meeting, which was held at the Spring Valley firehouse. We met there until we outgrew the place. This incidentally was the spot where mice found our storage bins and chewed up most of our paper goods. This incident endeared the place to many of our ladies.

Several meetings later, we were ready to charter this fledgling organization and to name it the Jewish Community Center of Paramus, a name we tenaciously held onto for 60 years, to this very day. Only

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seven or eight of these original families still live in the area and also are still members of the JCCP.

Shortly after we got started, many others joined. Six years later we had grown to at least 130 member families, and we had lots of kids, mostly little ones. That is why their education was the No. 1 priority from the very beginning and it took little time to get a Sunday school started. Just as with our organizational efforts, the women led the way. All of our early teachers were volunteers. They imparted a very personal touch and several had prior experience in teaching religious school. Aside from that, this was all we could afford at the time. Irene Reiss was one of those volunteers and she has been involved with the school to this day.

Our first services were conducted by members. We had much talent to draw on, since most of us came from established congregations, many with traditional backgrounds. In March 1952, only two months after we got started, we celebrated Purim with our children at the Farview firehouse. About 30 youngsters were there and a photo of this event should be here on display. Our first community seder was held at the Sayre Studio. This building was replaced by the Holiday Inn on Route 17 North.

Our first Torah was "borrowed for weekends only" from Lotte's father's congregation, Beth Hillel in Washington Heights. Fridays on my way home from work I picked up the Torah, and Monday mornings on my way to work I redelivered it to my father-in-law. This continued until Sam Rosenhaus donated our first Torah, which was dedicated at the Ridgewood Avenue firehouse. This was one of our first festive occasions. Sam moved elsewhere a few years later. Luckily, we already had a portable homemade ark.

Incidentally, our first High Holiday services were held at the former Boy's Club building which stood diagonally across from our building, and where a church has since been built. During these early days, we were known as the wandering Jews of the county. We moved from firehouse to firehouse. We used them all at one time or another as we rapidly grew and we did lots of things religiously and socially. It wasn't easy at times without a permanent home and without even one staff person. Volunteers did it all. I won't even mention what our budgets were like in those days.

How many members remember the name of our first part-time rabbi? His name was Aaron Pearl, who came here for our first holiday services. This happened without a pulpit committee. He was available, as I found out from an associate of mine. He did come for an interview. I remember how upset he was when some of us were late for the interview in our house! He also endeared himself some more during the services. A period of weekend rabbis followed him, mostly students from YU.

Rabbi Rakowitz came next, and many still remember him. Early on, we had no housing for him. He stayed in private homes, including ours, during the weekends. He was young and did not mind the long walks to and from the various firehouses. He was with us for over 10 years, and got married in our new building. He even kept up friendships with several "old-timers" to this very day.

Now that we have arrived at the building, I should turn over this reading desk to my good friend Henry Weber. It was during his presidency that the first phase of the building was dedicated. Who other than he is more qualified to tell you about that? Gary Hutmacher will read Henry's story, as he and Lola are away.

One last word — if some of the dates are slightly off, or if the sequence is slightly out of kilter, remember, this all happened a long time ago. I relied heavily on Lotte's memory, as hers is better than mine.

HENRY and LOLA WEBER (read by Gary Hutmacher)

In 1952, 30 Jewish families in Paramus braved their new world to get a charter to establish the Jewish Community Center of Paramus.

In local meeting halls and private homes, they provided the basic essentials of a Jewish community. They started a Hebrew school and held appropriate Sabbath and holiday services. With boundless energy, optimism, generosity and dedication, by 1959, just seven short years later and now grown to about 200 families, they were able to establish a building fund, hire an architect, contract with a builder and set the cornerstone for the first stage of the building we now occupy.

This cornerstone, which is located in the center of our building foundation on the Midland Avenue side, contains a metal box of Center memorabilia such as a copy of the charter, a list of charter members, etc. It is intended to be removed some time in the distant future in order to examine its contents.

It is one of the proudest accomplishments of my life to have been honored to be the JCCP president during those early years from 1957 to 1959.

The new building enabled the Sisterhood (then known as the Women's Group) to mature, the Men's Club to be formed and the many other Jewish activities which we now offer so effectively to proceed.

The efforts of many people have supported and advanced the JCCP to its present respected status in the area. We are fortunate to have six surviving signers of the charter still taking an active interest in its activities. They are Lotte and Fred Buff (Fred is also a past president), Irene Reiss, Millie Reicher, and Lola and myself.

We are humble in our blessings to have been able to reach this 60th anniversary of the JCCP and only the birth of our second great-grandchild in Oregon prevents us from being here to help celebrate.

May the JCCP continue to meet the challenges which face each administration, and succeed in its ongoing effort to be a major Jewish presence in the county.

IRENE REISS

Irene was unable to get her speech to the Bulletin Committee in time for publishing, but asked us to convey this message: "I hope everyone enjoys his or her time at the center, and I hope everyone gets as much from it as I do."

Adult Education

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

For 17 years, **Rabbi Weiner** has devoted his winter Adult Education session to the study of Jewish History. This winter we will study **The History of Zionism**, **the Jewish National Movement** in preparation for Israel's 65th anniversary this spring. Join us as we consider the forces and factors that led to the establishment of the Zionist movement. We will learn about great leaders and thinkers like Theodor Herzl, Ze'ev Jabotinsky, Chaim Weizmann and other early leaders of the movement, as well the positions of Ottoman, European, Arab and American influences on the struggle to establish the State of Israel. We look forward to seeing you there! **Six Wednesdays** beginning **January 30, at 3 p.m. or 8:15 p.m.**

Again this winter, **Cantor Weiss** will be presenting an interactive, close examination of a few Hebrew prayers. **Penetrating Our Hebrew Prayers** is a very slow-paced course that can be followed easily regardless of your Hebrew reading skills. Compare various English translations, including our JCCP transliterated siddur, and gain insights into the special language of Hebrew prayer. Discussions are interesting and lively, and you are invited to join the conversation. We will meet **six consecutive Tuesday evenings at 8:15** beginning on **February 5**. No charge; no commitment; come to as many or few sessions as you want.

JCCP Book Club meeting rescheduled: The December meeting was changed to Sunday, January 20, at 10 a.m. The book we will discuss is **Defending Jacob** by William Landay, and our facilitator will be Beth Chananie. There will be a special breakfast, for which a $5 donation would be appreciated.

Coming this spring: Stu Lehrer will be teaching a class based on **Jewish Jeopardy**. Played just like the popular TV game show, students will be challenged with a host of answers that relate to Judaism from A to Z.

Join us for these regular events:

- **Drosh and Nosh – Wednesdays, 7:30-8 p.m.** An opportunity to study the week's Torah portion with fellow congregants; taught by a different person each week.
- **Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow – Mondays, 1:30 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to join these lively and popular weekly discussions led by **Al Nahum**.

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

Sisterhood

MATTERS OF THE HEART

GIVE YOUR HEART A BREAK THIS JANUARY

Stop juggling and find the balance in life

Escape to the Circus

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

10:30 a.m. Meet and Greet

11 a.m. Interactive Circus Skills Workshop

Under the auspices of Sharyn Brandman, Director, Circus Place

Learn the art of juggling, plate spinning/diabolos
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Spectators are welcome —
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Sisterhood is proud to announce its 2013 calendar:

JANUARY		
Sunday, Jan. 6	Circus Place-Interactive Workshop	10:30 a.m.
Monday, Jan. 7	Board Meeting	7:15 p.m.
FEBRUARY		
Monday, Feb. 4	Board Meeting	7:15 p.m.
MARCH		
Monday, March 4	Cooking Workshop-Nutrition	7:00 p.m.
	Board Meeting	8:20 p.m.
APRIL		
Monday, April 8	Board Meeting	7:15 p.m.
Monday, April 22	R & B Line Dancing	7:00 p.m.
MAY		
Friday, May 10	Sisterhood Friday Night Shabbat Dinner	

In 2013, stay linked with Sisterhood. Please take the time to access the JCCP website, bulletin board and your emails for details on these events. Not yet linked to Sisterhood? Membership forms are available online, or email Ruth Smith or Eve Lehrer, co-presidents, at sisterhoodeve@gmail.com.

We wish you the very best in 2013 and hope what matters most to you fills your heart.

Ruth Smith and Eve Lehrer
Co-Presidents

Community Affairs

Every Day is Mitzvah Day

A group of volunteers met at the home of Laura Menter in early December to assemble Chanukah gift bags for Jewish residents of the Bergen Regional Medical Center. Thank you to Laura, who chaired this project and shopped for the items we included in the bags. Thanks also to our volunteers Debbie Stern, Suzy Julis, Merle Harris and Sandy Alpern. The bags were delivered before Chanukah to Bergen Regional residents, who always appreciate our gifts. For some this may be the only Chanukah present they receive. This is a longtime project of our Community Affairs Committee.

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

Planning a catered affair? If you have leftover food, remember that Table to Table will pick up unopened trays and containers of catered food from your home or our synagogue. Table to Table is a community-based food rescue program that collects prepared and perishable food that otherwise would be wasted and delivers it to organizations that serve the hungry in Bergen, Hudson, Essex and Passaic counties. Call (201) 444-5500 or go to Tabletotable.org for more information.

Some volunteers from the Chanukah gift bag project.

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

JCCP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2012

Joe Herrmann prepared the building prior to Hurricane Sandy and we came through in good shape. Our systems worked in terms of alarms and warnings. We did suffer in a couple of areas: the backyard of the ECC had two huge trees come down. One was uprooted and took out the fence; the other lost a huge limb and landed on one of the climbing pieces. The turf is ruined. Joe is working on getting costs to repair everything and with our insurance agent on the claim. Another problem occurred when our heat exchange pump broke and caused a smoke condition in the building.

New Milford stepped up during the power crisis. We made contingency plans about shifting our programs and services to its facility. They were very generous and accommodating. As for the merger, they have signed the term sheet, which is a "good news" milestone. Harlan Cohen's office is working on the contract. Jack Bauer and Harlan have joined the committee in charge of selling the building. We will be talking to several commercial realtors. The listing broker must be a third-party person, not someone from either congregation. The committee will decide which broker to use after meeting with all of them. Hopefully the realtor will have six months exclusivity to sell the building. Jack announced 11 committees that we will need to address and form: real estate, constitution, plaques and memorials, stained glass windows, religious, simcha, membership, finance, contract, cemetery and publicity.

The Buffs and the Webers informed us that in 1959, the congregants buried a 100-year time capsule under a headstone in the front of the building on the Midland Avenue side. Consideration is being given now to opening the capsule and perhaps having another time capsule put in its place in connection with the merger. We discussed the upcoming 60th Anniversary Kiddush on December 8. Funding is being provided by the Golden Oldies, for which we thank them. We hope that several of our charter members will speak about the formation of the JCCP. On Sunday, December 9, we will have our annual Chanukah breakfast, and on December 11 is the Chanukah dinner and rooftop candle-lighting. There will be a small charge and RSVPs are needed.

Community Affairs reported that food banks are in dire straits. The JCCP adopted 30 families for Thanksgiving. We collected 45 turkeys and Paul Auerbach donated about half a ton of fresh fruits and vegetables. The children from the ECC came to the food truck to deliver their donations.

The Broadway Classics event was very successful. It was extremely well attended with more than 200 tickets sold. The event netted about $4,500.

It was announced that a committee will be meeting after Thanksgiving to work on a Las Vegas Casino Night.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Paul Auerbach became a grandfather. Lily Harper Auerbach and the families are doing well.

Larry Sturm's mother passed away.

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Dear Fellow Congregants,

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

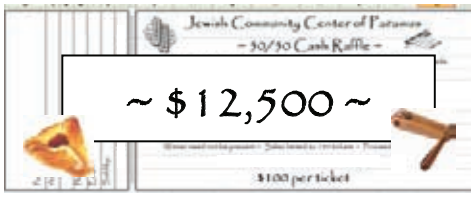
The shul belongs to us all and this is a good way to help. Plus … you could win $10,000 or $12,500.

It's as simple as that.

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

Fred Harris

Drawing
February 23, 2013



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~ Apply Early: The first person to request a number gets it ~

Thank You!

Fellow Congregants,

Thank you for supporting our son Daniel's Bar Mitzvah project. Thanks to you and people around the world, it was a huge success.

Daniel Max Shapiro is the grandson of Holocaust survivors. His grandfather, Seelig, was a survivor of three concentration camps, and his grandmother, Elsa, was part of the Kindertransport. With this in mind, Daniel decided to honor them both with his Bar Mitzvah project.

He set out to have a lasting legacy for his generation as well as future generations by shelving a library with books and videos about the Holocaust and the importance of religious tolerance. By addressing numerous world leaders, dignitaries, museums and institutions, he took his quest global. Using the postal service, emails, word of mouth and the local newspapers, he pursued his quest. It took him around the world and into many neighborhoods, whether by the written word or by physically going there.

Daniel received books from four continents and 13 countries in five different languages, from three presidents of the United States and a senator, Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, who even sent him a very personal letter commending his project and what it means to be a Jew. Books came from museums that once were concentration camps and from survivors of those camps.

The Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center in Philadelphia and the Nassau County Holocaust Museum on Long Island invited him to their museums to receive numerous books and posters, and to meet survivors face to face. He took them up on their offers.

Many congregants from the JCC of Paramus also made donations. Some of the books he received there were authored by congregants there. All the books have equal importance to his project, but the ones from the JCCP are personal.

Still, some of the respondents that did not send books are also worth mentioning. They include the secretary-general of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon; the queen of England; and His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI. The pope, however, did "invoke an abundance of divine blessings." Not bad for a Jewish kid!

Following his visit to the museums, Daniel has tried to go in a new direction. Every year in public school since third grade, his class has had to read and discuss a novel about the Holocaust. Daniel asked one of his teachers if the students could read a biography by one of the survivors he met, then he would arrange to have the person visit the school and address his classmates. This remains a work in progress.

Recently he brought nearly 200 books to Montclair State University for its library. Ron Hollander at the school was most gracious and appreciative to receive them. He had Daniel address the class, then offered him an open invitation to sit in on any of his classes.

We are all very proud of Daniel and what he has achieved, and we hope he is equally proud of himself.
(We are still accepting books; they can be sent to the JCC of Paramus.)

Bob and Susan Shapiro

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 5-11

Tina Murad
Fariborz Nabatian
Marc Brodsky
Harry Galinsky
David Goodman
Janette Levine
Hilda Samoohi
Michael Poritz
Barbara Merker
Allan Teplitzky
Leonard Blackman
Melitta Lorsch

January 12-18

Bruce Safro
Sheree Weidman
Jennie Bronstein
Walter Traubel
Daniel Kaminsky
Gila Ahdout
Milton Diamond
Josh Elyash
Raquel Karp
Kurt Lichten
Rubin Camins
Cynthia Meyer

January 19-25

Steven Danziger
Leslie Klein

January 26-31

Karen Blick
Shahan Ahdout
Jennie Freilich
Andrew Kestenbaum
Gilda Botwinick
Carin Cooperman
Harold Lerman
Alan Breda
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JoAnne Lehner
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Mazel Tov

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January 5-11

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Uri & Iris Cohen
Paul & Randy Auerbach

January 12-18

Fred & Lotte Buff
Marvin & Sheila Wides

January 19-25

Bernard & Karen Blick

January 26-31

Arnold & Jacqueline Rawitz
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We Remember:

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MICHAEL RICH
NATHAN TEMARES
ANNA SAFER
PHILIP SALKIN
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FLORENCE BARON
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CELIA HORNSTEIN
IRA MARKS

For the week of Jan. 5-11
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BETTY MISTHAL
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JACK GERARD
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ALAN SHERR
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ABRAHAM ANTEBI
SAMUEL GOLDFARB
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SAM HAREN
IRVING MANNASSE
HYMAN SCHUSTER

For the week of Jan. 12-18
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GERTRUDE WEISS
ERIC HALBERT
SAM POLSKY
HANNAH SAFRO
ETTA SHAMKIM
ARND STIEFEL
ROSE TURNER
GARY GROSSER
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ELSIE KELLIN
NATHAN SEHRES

For the week of Jan. 19-25
We Remember:

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HYMAN BLUMBERG
HENRY FRIEDLANDER
ISADORE GALL
DAVID GOTTESMAN
JESSIE LEIPSNER
RIVE MARKS
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PAULINE AMPER
ENRIQUE GLUZMAN
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GOLDY KAUFMAN
SAMUEL ISRAEL
MURRAY MILLER
MINNIE ROZANSKY
YEHIEL YARKONI
JOSHUA ADLER
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The Jewish Community Center of Paramus

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 19 TEVET New Year's Day ECC-Office-PRA Closed Hebrew School Closed	2 20 TEVET Drosh and Nosh 7:30pm **Rabbi Weiner's Class 3pm and 8:15pm**	3 21 TEVET Executive Board 8:15pm	4 22 TEVET **4:22** Shabbat Service 8:30pm **Young Jewish Family Service 7:30pm**	5 23 TEVET Shemot Shabbat Ends: 5:33 Shabbat Service 9am **Bar Mitzvah-Zahabian** Mincha 4:25pm
6 24 TEVET **Sisterhood Circus 10-2pm(gym)**	7 25 TEVET Men's B-Ball 8:15pm Yesterday, Today1:30pm Sisterhood Bd. Mtg. 7:15pm Men's Club Game Night 8:15pm Jewish War Vets 7:30pm	8 26 TEVET Chaverim-Kadima 5:30pm Youth Comm. 8:15pm	9 27 TEVET Drosh and Nosh 7:30pm	10 28 TEVET Adult Ed. Mtg. 8:15pm	11 29 TEVET **4:29** Shabbat Service 8:30pm **Monthly Shabbat Dinner 6:45pm**	12 1 SHEVAT Rosh Chodesh Shevat Va'era Shabbat Ends: 5:40 **Dual (Egal) Shabbat Svc (ch)** School On Shabbat Club Shabbat 10:30am Mincha 4:30pm
13 2 SHEVAT **HS Bible Players 10:15 (sh)** Candle Club 9:45am Bagel n Schmooze9:30am	14 3 SHEVAT Men's B-Ball 8:15pm Yesterday, Today1:30pm Board of Ed. Mtg. 8:15pm	15 4 SHEVAT Men's Club Bd. Mtg. 8:15pm Membership Comm. Mtg. 8:15pm	16 5 SHEVAT Drosh and Nosh 7:30pm	17 6 SHEVAT Board of Trustees 8:15pm	18 7 SHEVAT **4:37** Shabbat Service 8:30pm **ECC Shabbat Service 7pm**	19 8 SHEVAT Bo Shabbat Ends: 5:48 Shabbat Service 9am Mincha 4:40pm **APT Havdallah - Bingo Night 7pm**
20 9 SHEVAT **HS Shema Program 2nd grade** **Book Club 10am**	21 10 SHEVAT Martin Luther King Day Men's B-Ball 8:15pm Yesterday, Today1:30pm	22 11 SHEVAT Hadassah Mtg. 7:45pm	23 12 SHEVAT Drosh and Nosh 7:30pm	24 13 SHEVAT Community Affairs 8:15pm	25 14 SHEVAT **4:45** Shabbat Service 8:30pm **Bat Mitzvah - Mehr**	26 15 SHEVAT Tu B'Shvat Beshallach Shabbat Ends: 5:57 **Dual (Egalitarian) Shabbat Services 9am** Mincha 4:45pm
27 16 SHEVAT	28 17 SHEVAT Men's B-Ball 8:15pm Yesterday, Today1:30pm ECC Parent Conference	29 18 SHEVAT Chaverim-Kadima 5:30pm	30 19 SHEVAT Drosh and Nosh 7:30pm **Rabbi Weiner's Class 3pm and 8:15pm**	31 20 SHEVAT Religious Comm. 8:15pm		

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