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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 p.m.

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Shabbat Across America

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Sisterhood's Gluten Free Cooking Demo

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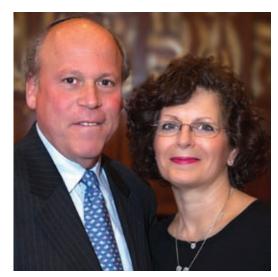
Community Seder





Robert and Beth Chananie

Beth Chananie, daughter of the late Ruth and Morris Janoff, was born and raised in Jersey City along with her brother, James, known as Jamie. Summers were spent in Belmar, JCC camps and the New Jersey Y Camps. Their dad founded The Jewish Standard and was its publisher for more than 50 years. Jamie holds that position today. Beth attended public school and the Rogosin Yeshiva High School in Jersey City before moving to Teaneck, where she attended Teaneck High. She went to Clark University and returned to Teaneck to attend Fairleigh Dickinson University, where she graduated summa cum laude in three years. She was a youth director at the Jewish Cen-



Gary and Nina Glaser

Nina and Gary Glaser's parents all hailed from the Bronx. Nina's family moved to Yonkers in 1966. Her parents, Hilda and David, ultimately followed their children in joining the JCCP and David is often on our bima leading services in his own unique style.

Gary's parents, Leonard and Sibby (z"l), moved to Bergenfield in 1967 where Gary's father worked in the automobile business. Gary continued in the family business until he went out on his own, opening Gary Motors in 1984.

Nina and Gary were married at the Jewish Community Center of Harrison, N.Y., three years after having

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ter of Teaneck and a preschool teacher at the JCC in Stamford, Conn., then a middle school teacher in West Milford, N.J. Now she is an editor at The Jewish Standard where she also writes the "Cooking with Beth" blog (www.jstandard.com).

Robert Chananie, son of Frances and the late Richard Chananie, and brother of Brad, of Westfield, grew up in Riverdale, N.Y., and moved to Englewood Cliffs in 1967. Summers were spent in bungalow colonies in the mountains of New York State and also visiting relatives. Robert attended Dwight Morrow High School, Alfred University and Fairleigh Dickinson University. He has worked in the flooring industry for 37 years and is currently with Stauf USA, an adhesives manufacturer. Along the way he served on the Teaneck and Englewood Cliffs Volunteer Ambulance Corps for many years and attained the rank of black belt in karate.

Beth and Rob met as counselors at Candy Mountain Day Camp in New City, N.Y., in 1975. They were married at the Jewish Center of Teaneck in 1978, living first in Rowayton, Conn., and then Bergenfield before settling in Paramus. The Chananies' search for a warm, local Conservative synagogue led them to join the JCCP in 1989, where they immediately became active and have remained involved ever since.

Beth's diverse activities include serving a term as a JCCP vice president, working on Dinner Dance publicity and chairing activities with the Community Affairs Committee. She also serves as a JCCP Book Club facilitator. Beth served as co-chair of the Youth Committee helping to recharge the JCCP basketball leagues, was active in Sisterhood and served on the Cantorial Search Committee. Working as a co-chair of Rabbi Weiner's Installation Committee, Beth not only helped ease the transition but made a close family friend as well. Outside of the JCCP, she volunteers for Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey in various capacities, including Mitzvah Day Captain, and works with Start II, an animal rescue group. Along with Nina Glaser, she was copresident of Young Couples Club (now known as Young Jewish Families) and then president of APT, each for two terms.

Robert began a Tallis and Tefillin group for parents and students when son Joshua was approaching bar mitzvah age. He also coached JCCP Youth Basketball, served on the House and High Holiday Committees, and is a regular minyan and Shabbat attendee. Most recently he has been the chair of the High Holiday Ushering/ Security Committee. Robert is one of the leaders of the Egalitarian Committee and often is seen on the bima leading both Traditional and Egalitarian services. He has emceed comedy nights and talent shows, and given the High Holiday and Israel Bonds appeals. He was honored as Chattan Torah for Simchat Torah in 2011. Along with Gary Glaser, Rob served as co-president of Men's Club for two terms and together they have supervised the bounce house at the annual Purim Carnival for many years.

Beth and Robert are members of the JCCP Board of Trustees and the revamped Bulletin Committee, and are kitchen supervisors. They have been Israel Bonds co-chairs, served on the JCCP's Board of Education, worked as homeless shelter volunteers and were committee members for Catskill weekends, Paramus July 4th floats, Cabaret Nights and the Bazaar.

The Chananies list the friendships they've made at the JCCP, their relationship with the Rabbi and Cantor, and working with their friends Nina and Gary and their extended family as among the most impor-

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been introduced by a mutual friend. After honeymooning in Hawaii, they lived in Ridgefield Park for a year and Paramus for eight; they have called Oradell home for the past 22 years.

Nina describes Gary as always being supportive of family commitments. He understood the significance of synagogue and tradition in Nina's life and recognized that she wanted a strong spiritual background for her own family. Gary was a willing and supportive participant.

Upon graduation from Fairleigh Dickinson University, Nina was hired by Bloomingdale's in New York City to be part of their Executive Training Program. She worked full time until Andrew was born in 1986, then worked part time for several years until retiring from retail and assuming the role of full-time motherhood and embarking upon the world of volunteerism. In 2009, Nina returned to the workforce and is currently employed by Master Bond in Hackensack.

In 1983, before buying their first home, the Glasers went shul shopping throughout the area. They found the JCCP to be the most comfortable fit for their family, so they purchased a home in Paramus.

Nina, Gary, Beth and Robert talk fondly about their early involvement in the Young Couples Club, now the Young Jewish Families, and how it helped forge the friendship that has blossomed over the past 20 years.

The Glasers always describe their association with the JCCP in terms of the people they've met and with whom they have worked. Nina and both children, Andrew and Arielle, were regular Shabbat goers. From the time Andrew was 2, Rabbi Gotlieb always made him feel very comfortable on the bima.

Nina's primary volunteer commitment was fundraising. She chaired or co-chaired many of our major fundraisers, some of which she helped introduce and establish. Her fundraising activities have included the Board of Governors, our annual Purim 50/50 Raffle, Concord and Raleigh weekends, the 50th Anniversary Gala and Auction, and back in 1996, one of our most successful fundraisers of all time, the baseball-themed Auction/Raffle.

Branching out, Nina became an active Trustee of the JCCP. She has served on the Religious Committee and the Egalitarian Committee, the Rabbi Search and Israel Trip Committees, the Chesed Committee and the aforementioned YCC, which she and Beth co-chaired. Nina describes her involvement in the following way: I truly enjoyed each and every fundraising event in which I was involved. The friendships that I made along the way were the icing on the cake. Outside of the JCCP, Nina volunteered at the Solomon Schechter Day School of Bergen County, where both Andrew and Arielle attended from kindergarten through eighth grade. She was on the board for 12 years and was the vice president of development. Nina is incredibly passionate about the school and the foundation it affords those children fortunate enough to attend. She also was involved in fundraising at the Golda Och Academy, formerly known as Solomon Schechter of Essex and Union, Metropolitan Schechter and Schechter Westchester, all schools her children attended.

Gary has been involved in numerous organizations at the JCCP such as YCC, the Board of Governors and Board of Trustees. He served as Men's Club Co-President along with Robert, and worked on the High Holiday Usher Committee, also with Robert. He looks back "fondly" at some of Nina's auction activities and says: I enjoyed the auctions and auctioneering ... and how very special my house looked during that time, especially the week before the auction when we were all confined to the kitchen!





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tant fruits of their involvement. Especially meaningful was being cohonorees with the Glasers for Selichot in 1995.

All three of the Chananie children attended religious school at the JCCP and were b'nai mitzvah here. Joshua, 31, a Binghamton University graduate, married Arlene Kullman in 2012, and they live in Clifton. Josh is a CPA with Sax Macy Fromm & Co., PC in Clifton, where he specializes in auditing for not-for-profit organizations. Josh worked in the JCCP religious school and was active in the youth groups and basketball leagues, even volunteering as a coach. He does community service activities with his firm, including serving as a board member for the Barat Foundation in Newark.

Rachel, 28, a graduate of The College of New Jersey, married Adam Jay in 2010, and they live in Springfield. She is a compensation consultant for Buck Consultants in Secaucus and New York City. Rachel attended Paramus Hebrew Nursery School, was one of "The Mighty 10" in Rabbi's Weiner's first b'nai mitzvah class, traveled to Israel and graduated from the Bergen County High School of Jewish Studies, and was a vice president of the JCCP's USY group.

Michael, 23, a graduate of Ramapo College of New Jersey, works as the coordinator of marketing and public relations at Holy Name Medical Center in Teaneck and is pursuing a master's degree in healthcare administration at Seton Hall University. He was president of Hillel at Ramapo and sits on the Hillel committee at the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey. He has a "fraternity" of JCCP friends, played on the championship "Hammers" youth basketball team and blows the shofar for the JCCP's High Holiday services. Michael has been dating Alyson Angstreich, whom he met at Hillel at Ramapo nearly four years ago.

Rounding out the family are Cupcake, a rescued mixed breed dog, and Tigger, a Siamese cat.

For Beth and Rob, leisure activities include reading, walking, gardening, and going "down the shore." Family time is very important and they value having all their children living nearby. Rob likes to fix things around the house and Beth enjoys needlepoint and cooking. In 2008, Beth and Michael encouraged several other JCCP families to join them on a JF-NNJ "Klene Up Krewe" mission to help rebuild New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

Beth and Rob: Being honored at this Dinner Dance is the culmination of 20-plus years of giving our time, energy and love to the synagogue. The honor is very special to us. It is heartwarming to be recognized by our family, friends and JCCP family. We also appreciate this opportunity to set an important example for our children, of whom we are so proud.

It is especially thrilling to be co-honorees again with our extended family, Nina and Gary. We have worked together on so many activities and projects that in some people's eyes we were virtually interchangeable. We don't even correct those who call us by the wrong names. We've shared so much with Nina and Gary at the JCCP and elsewhere, and feel truly blessed to have them in our lives.

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Whatever facet of synagogue activity he describes, Gary always gets back to the people being the best part of everything. He was committed to assisting in fundraising activities not only for the JCCP but for the greater Solomon Schechter community as well. His skills as an auctioneer were put to good use during numerous Schechter and JCCP auctions.

The Glasers are proud, loving parents to their two wonderful children, Andrew and Arielle. They describe them in glowing terms as their finest achievement. They enjoy spending whatever leisure time they have with family and friends. Family trips and gatherings are of paramount importance, for they ensure uninterrupted time together. With all family members traveling in different directions we cherish the time we make for one another.

Nina and Gary describe Andrew, 26, as having a very big heart and being extremely compassionate, with a soft spot for animals. He always convinced his parents that "we" needed more ... more guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, fish, iguanas, bearded dragons, dogs and cats. *You name it, we had it.* His favorite hobbies are fishing and boating. He's an awesome brother to Arielle and is always there when needed. Andrew graduated from Syracuse University with a BS in Marketing and Entrepreneurship and Emerging Enterprises, and is currently involved in a variety of business ventures.

Arielle, 22, loves to spend time with family and friends. She has maintained close friendships from the many schools she attended as well Camp Ramah in the Berkshires where she was both a camper and counselor for 13 summers. Anyone in need knows they can count on Arielle. For three summers she competed in the hip-hop dance category in the Maccabi Games, traveling to Boston and Virginia, and hosting and competing at the JCC on the Palisades. She continued this passion at Syracuse University, where she was selected to be on the Danceworks team. She graduated last May with a BS in Retail Management, Marketing and Entrepreneurship and Emerging Enterprises. Arielle is currently in the Executive Development Program for Product Development at the Macy's Merchandising Group in New York. Arielle and Nina are both lifetime members of Hadassah.

Andrew and Arielle share a wonderful relationship not only with each other but with their grandparents Hilda and David, as well. They are extremely grateful to have them in their lives.

Nina and Gary: Knowing us, it's not surprising that we hope this event turns out to be a great fundraiser for the shul and that it will leave a lasting impression on our children, who one day, G-d willing, will teach their own children the importance of giving on every level, L'Dor V'Dor.

Nina: When I went to my very first YCC planning meeting, there was another woman present who was also new to the Executive Committee. While she had some good ideas, the best thing she did was help me out of the low chair I was stuck in, being eight months pregnant with Arielle. I came home from the meeting and told Gary that I found a new friend. Little did I know that what I really found was a new family. We have been blessed to have the Chananies as part of our family for the past 20-plus years, and we are honored to share this occasion with Beth and Robert.







From the Rabbi



Rabbi Arthur D. Weiner

Everybody has been talking to me lately about a very important issue. It's not the recent elections in Israel or the nomination of Sen. Chuck Hagel to the position of defense secretary, or whether or not former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will run for president (or Governor Christie, as long as we are on the subject). All are important subjects to be sure, but they pale in comparison with what is really on people's minds these days:

WHY IS PASSOVER SO EARLY THIS YEAR?

Everybody has been asking me; even my mother is demanding an answer. Somehow the real answer - that Passover is the same time as always, 30 days after Purim doesn't seem particularly convincing or compelling. (I guess I should warn you that the High Holidays also are early this year relative to the secular calendar.)

This is not the time to go into all the significant details of the Jewish calendar. Simply, the range of times that Passover can be observed relative to the secular (Gregorian) calendar is because the Hebrew calendar is a lunar calendar – the Hebrew month and year are reckoned by the 29 1/2-day cycle of the moon. The Gregorian calendar is based on the revolution of the Earth around the sun. A lunar year and a solar year are different. A solar year is approximately 11-12 days longer.

Further complicating matters is the fact that all biblical Jewish holidays have a seasonal aspect associated with them. Rosh Hashanah. Yom Kippur and Sukkot are fall holidays. Passover and Shavuot are spring holidays. And the seasons as we understand and experience them are based on the solar calendar, as well. So to reconcile the two calendars and to insure that the holidays are observed in their proper season, we add a leap month to the lunar calendar seven times every 19 years. The differences between the lunar year and the solar year, plus the need to align the lunar calendar to the solar calendar, results in the approximately four- to five-week window that Passover, or for that matter any holiday, may fall.

Confused? Don't worry, you're not alone. These calculations and astronomical projections are indeed complicated, and real experts on the subject of the Jewish calendar are few and far between. Today we have the luxury of printed calendars, Internet calendars, even calendars attached to our cell phones and mobile devices that give us all the information we need. So we must marvel at our ancestors, who in the year 358 CE, as a response to Roman persecution, affixed the Jewish calendar for all time. They knew that the Jewish calendar was one of the most significant institutions of the Jewish people. There is no Jewish life or Jewish community that exists without responding to its rhythms and obligations. It commands us, but also invites us. It is as if it says to us each month, holidays are coming. Prepare for them now.

This is an important lesson for us at this time of the year, for we are used to understanding Rosh Hashanah as the Jewish New Year, and insofar as the calendar is concerned, it certainly is. But in ancient times, the month of Nissan, in which both Passover and the exodus from Egypt takes place, was particularly special. Although we change the calendar year on Rosh Hashanah, the cycle of the holidays begins with the month of Nissan. It is this season of the year when the Jewish people become a people, a religious community bound together through history, through Torah and a vision for not only what is but what might be.

Additionally, we were given a calendar, a new way to think about time. This calendar has united the Jewish people since the moment that God said to Moses and to Aaron, "This month shall mark the beginning of the months ... (Exodus

Chaq Kasher V'Sameach – A Happy and joyous Passover to all.



My family and I wish to thank Rabbi Weiner and the JCCP family for their kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy extended during this difficult time. Your support meant a lot to all of us.

> Sincerely, Sheila Wides

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FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

Friday, March 1 6:30 p.m. NO LATE SERVICE DUE TO SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA ONEG HOSTS: JCCP

SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, March 2.....9:00 a.m. TORAH READING: Ki Tisa – Parshat Parah EGALITARIAN SERVICE IN SANCTUARY TRADITIONAL SERVICE IN BODEEN CHAPEL KIDDUSH HOSTS: JCCP JUNIOR CONGREGATION:10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

Friday, March 8 8:30 p.m. Young Jewish Families Service7:30 p.m. ONEG HOST: JCCP

SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, March 9.....9:00 a.m. TORAH READING: Vayakhel – Pekude: Parshat Hachodesh KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP JUNIOR CONGREGATION:10:00 a.m. CLUB SHABBAT:10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

Friday, March 15......8:30 p.m. ONEG HOST: JCCP

MINCHA & MA'ARIV:......5:35 p.m.

SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, March 16 9:00 a.m. TORAH READING: Vavikra KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP - Persian Shabbat JUNIOR CONGREGATION:10:00 a.m. MINCHA & MA'ARIV:......6:45 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

Friday, March 22......8:30 p.m. **ONEG HOSTS: JCCP**

SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, March 239:00 a.m. TORAH READING: Tzav KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP TRADITIONAL SERVICE IN SANCTUARY EGALITARIAN SERVICE IN BODEEN CHAPEL

JUNIOR CONGREGATION:10:00 a.m. MINCHA & MA'ARIV:......6:55 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

Friday, March 29......8:30 p.m. **ONEG HOSTS: JCCP**

SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, March 309:00 a.m. TORAH READING: Passover – Third Intermediate Day KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP

JUNIOR CONGREGATION:10:00 a.m.

My sincerest thanks to all the members of the congregation who extended condolences, attended minyans and made donations in my mother's memory.

In times of sorrow, it is a comfort to know that others share my grief.

Debbie Barbash

ISRAEL FILM & CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Sunday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$8

The JCCP is proud to host a screening of the film "The Flat," directed by Arnon Goldfinger, as a part of the Israel Film & Cultural Festival sponsored by Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey. "The flat, on the third floor of a Bauhaus building in Tel Aviv, was where my grandparents lived from the time they immigrated to Palestine. Were it not for the view from the windows, one might have thought the flat was in Berlin. At age 98, my grandmother died and we were called to the flat to empty its contents," Goldfinger said.

The film develops into a riveting adventure involving unexpected international interests, a friendship that crosses enemy lines and deeply repressed family emotions. A discussion following the film features George Robinson, The New York Jewish Week film critic and Washington Heights Film Society artistic director.

For more information, please contact the JCCP office at: (201) 262-7691 or office@jccparamus.org.



Light Sabbath Candles



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Friday,	March	15	.6:43	P.M.
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President's Message



Harlan L. Cohen

NEW MILFORD MERGER UPDATE

On Jan. 27, I chaired an open meeting at the JCCP on the pending merger with the New Milford Jewish Center/Congregation Beth Tikvah. I was joined by Merger Committee members Jack Bauer and Alan Jay in fielding questions and doing our best to provide answers. New Milford's president, Howie Cohn, also attended the meeting.

Although Howie came to the meeting in a personal and not an official capacity, he was able to answer many questions from New Milford's perspective. He also supplied information about the status of New Milford's efforts to sell its building and the assets that New Milford anticipates bringing to the JCCP.

Approximately 30 JCCP members attended the question-and-answer session. For those who could not make it, this article is intended to bring you up to date on where things stand. It article is based on the handout that we distributed to those who attended the meeting on Jan. 27.

Please bear in mind that because no contract has been signed with New Milford, and any final contract is subject to approval by the memberships of both synagogues, the final terms of the transaction may vary somewhat from what is being presented here. The current update is as follows:

- · A term sheet, setting forth the essential provisions of the deal, was signed on November 7, 2012.
- Proposed Contract for the "Joining" of JCCP & New Milford Jewish Center/Congregation Beth Tikvah is out for review with NM's attorney.
- Projected closing date for the "Joining" has been April 30, 2013. However, based on post-January 27 developments, we are anticipating

that closing may be delayed between thirty to sixty days beyond April 30. Our joint goal remains to close well before the upcoming High Holiday season (which is early this year), to ensure that the High Holidays run as smoothly as possible for everyone.

- NM has retained a real estate broker for the sale of their building and has reached a verbal agreement to sell the building to a Korean church congregation. A written contract is being prepared by NM's attorney. The sale of the building may close as early as May or June 2013, which would be wonderful because it eliminates carrying costs for the building.
- •The sale price is \$1.8 million, and thus the projected net proceeds of sale are anticipated to be approximately \$1.7 million, which is more than what we had anticipated and planned for. Since January 27, NM's membership has voted to approve the sale price of \$1.8 million, although there could be some adjustments up or down depending on the terms of the final contract of sale.
- •The JCCP will be interviewing independent investment advisors so we can select an investment professional who will ensure that the sale proceeds are prudently invested while we, as a community, take the time to decide how best to utilize the funds to maximize the well-being of our community.
- •The JCCP has already started to interview professional consultants who are involved in helping synagogues and other Jewish institutions to plan for their future so we can start the process of clarifying our short-, medium- and longterm priorities as a community and match those priorities with our financial resources. This will likely prove to be a lengthy process.
- · Advantages of having NM join the JCCP include: (i) influx of a substantial amount of cash which we as a combined congregation can decide to use as we see fit without restrictions; (ii) new blood in the form of new members who can help invigorate our services, activities, programs and organizations; (iii) the ability to now offer both Egalitarian and Traditional services on a full-time basis, which can help make us an attractive option for potential new members and which will strengthen us internally; (iv) additional people to call upon for minyan and to participate in services; and (v) a smooth and successful

merger can help set the standard for doing mergers the right way in Bergen County and thus pave the way for potential mergers with other synagogues in the future.

The key provisions of the proposed contract between the JCCP and NM include the following:

- Current NM members in good standing will have the opportunity to become members of the JCCP. They will be entitled to lifetime membership at the JCCP without having to pay dues because by bringing the proceeds of the sale of the building with them, they are in essence pre-paying their dues. We have calculated that the NM members who join us will have, in effect, each pre-paid their dues for about the next 20 years!
- •We anticipate that approximately 70 "membership units" from NM will be joining the JCCP but the exact numbers are not currently known.
- Each NM family which joins the JCCP will be entitled to 2 free High Holiday tickets for the four years after closing.
- In exchange, all of the net proceeds from the sale of NM's building will be transferred to the JCCP.
- In addition, whatever cash NM has on hand (approximately \$100,000) will be transferred to the JCCP. We are in the process of conducting due diligence to review NM's books and records to determine the exact amount.
- •The JCCP will be free to use all of these funds as we see fit with no restrictions.
- From the proceeds of sale, the JCCP will have the right to donate up to \$20,000 to other synagogues to assist NM members in good standing who elect not to join the JCCP but who decide to join other synagoques instead.
- JCCP will gain 4 additional Torah scrolls. A fifth scroll can be donated to another synagogue suggested by the former NM member who originally donated the Torah scroll to NM and who is not expected to join the JCCP. There are no restrictions on what we can do with the 4 Torah scrolls that we will be aettina.
- •The JCCP will be changing its name by adding the Hebrew name "Congregation Beth Tikvah," to our name. We will be known as The Jewish Community Center of Paramus/Congregation Beth Tikvah.
- NM's award-winning stained glass windows from their sanctuary will

be moved to the JCCP, and we are committed to making a goodfaith effort to integrate NM's stained glass windows into our sanctuary. NM's Sisterhood has agreed to donate its funds to help cover the cost of moving and installing the stained-glass windows. You can view NM's beautiful stained glass windows at NM's website, www.bethtikvah.net. A large picture of NM's stained glass windows is also available for review by contacting our executive director, Joe Herrmann.

- We will help to incorporate NM's yizkor plagues and memorials into the JCCP.
- •We are committed to providing both Traditional and Egalitarian Shabbat and holiday services for all Shabbatot and holidays once the merger becomes effective. Women will be entitled to participate fully in all aspects of the Egalitarian service, except for being able to have the "Cohen" and "Levi" aliyot, which is consistent with our current policy.
- · We have agreed to employ NM's current Rabbi, Bob Mark, our former Torah reader, on a part-time basis pursuant to the provisions of his employment agreement with NM, which expires in October 2013, after the High Holiday season has ended. Prior to that time, we will assess our needs as a merged congregation and determine whether and how Rabbi Mark fits into those needs.
- NM will be entitled to 3 Trustee seats on our Board of Trustees. In addition, 3 of NM's past presidents will be entitled to sit on our Board. They will be subject to the same attendance requirements as our past presidents in order to be able to vote.
- We will gain title to NM's cemetery plots.
- · We will be holding a vote to hopefully approve amendments to our Constitution that will reflect certain technical changes, such as the new name of the congregation and restructuring our Board of Trustees to accommodate participation by NM.
- This is a "win/win" for the JCCP and will help to secure and strengthen both the financial and religious future of the JCCP.

I will continue to keep you updated on major developments as we move forward with this exciting and significant development in the life of the JCCP.

DA You are cordially invited to attend Shabbat Morning Services which will be conducted in the traditional Dephardic Style used by Jews of Persian, Iraqi, and Moroccan heritage On Shabbat Parshat Vayikra Saturday March 16th at 9:00am A Kiddush with delicious Near-Eastern specialties will follow services



Adult Education

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

Penetrating Our Hebrew Prayers with Cantor Weiss will continue on Tuesdays, March 5 and 12, at 8:15 p.m. We are studying the Birkat Hamazon (the "Benching" after meals). It is a very slow-paced course that can be followed easily regardless of your Hebrew reading skills. By comparing various English translations, we will gain insights into the very special language of Hebrew prayer. Discussions are interesting and lively, and you are invited to join the conversation. No charge and no commitment; you will enjoy class even if you missed the previous sessions.

Rabbi Weiner's winter Adult Education class, The History of Zionism, the Jewish National Movement, will meet on Wednesdays, March 6 and 13, at 3 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. You are welcome to attend at either time.

The JCCP Singers are meeting again with Cantor Weiss to learn songs for the community-wide Yom Hashoah commemoration on Sunday, April 7, at 3:30 p.m., as well as in honor of Yom Ha'atzmaut. The rehearsals will be on five consecutive Thursdays at 8:15 p.m.: March 14, 21 and 28, and April 4 and 11. No experience is necessary, so please try it out – you might really enjoy it.

Coming this spring:

The Jewish Theological Seminary Mini-Context Program is scheduled to meet at the JCCP for three sessions: Mondays, April 8, 15 and 22. The subject will be The Idea of the Return to Zion in Jewish History. Professors from JTS will teach the sessions. More information about cost and registration to follow.

THIS IS JEOPARDY! The latest Adult Ed class will have students play the popular TV game show responding to everything and anything on Judaism. Alex Trebek can't make it, but **Stu W Lehrer** will host instead to what will be a great fun and learning experience. All are welcome to attend this free course; there will be plenty of dark chocolate. Monday evenings, April 29; May 6, 13 and 20; and June 3, at 8:30

Rabbi Weiner will continue his Engaging Israel: Foundations for a New Relationship in the spring; dates to be an-

A trip to the Rare Book Room at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in Manhattan also is being planned for later this spring. Stay tuned for more details.

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

Nissan 5773

As we gather to retell the story ... give the following matter some thought ...

At the Passover Seders, we drink four cups of wine.

It has been suggested that these four cups represent the four Matriarchs: Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah. We raise our glass to women who gave us voices of hope, comfort and support.

Sisterhood welcomes your voice, cherishes the friendship and appreciates your support.

We wish you a Kosher and Happy Passover

Pesah.kasher ve-same'ah Ruth Smith and Eve Lehrer Co-Presidents

Join us at our Upcoming Events in April and May:

Get Your Heart Beating! Monday, April 22, 7 p.m. sharp!



R & B LINE DANCING

A fun evening of low impact line dancing Members \$7; Guests \$10 **RSVP** to Sue Greenberg Suemg711@gmail.com or 201-694-8384



Friday, May 10 Come celebrate with Heart and Soul SISTERHOOD SHABBAT DINNER



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The Gluten Free Diet

a lecture and cooking demo

Debbie Bessen of Paramus, a Registered Dietitian with a master's in nutrition education, presents "The Truth About a Gluten Free Diet," on Monday, March 4, 6:45 p.m., for the Sisterhood of the Jewish Community Center of Paramus.

A Board Certified specialist in oncology nutrition with more than 15 years of experience, she works at the Cancer Center at Holy Name Medical Center in Teaneck. Along with cancer prevention, she counsels patients with gastrointestinal issues and focuses on nutrition and weight control. In addition, with two of her own children diagnosed with Celiac Disease, she is an expert on living with a gluten-free diet.



Monday March 4 6:45 PM

All Are Welcome \$10 JCCP Sisterhood member **\$15** Non-member **Dairy Tastings**

RSVP: Cindy Rivkin Email: dacir2@gmail.com Call: 201 262-7691

PASSOVER SEDER AND SERVICE SCHEDULE • 5773 - 2013

		FIRST TWO DAYS OF	PASSOVER FESTIVAL	
Sunday, March 24	Monday, March 25	Tuesday, March 26	Wednesday, March 27	Thursday, March 28
BEDIKAT CHAMETZ Search for Chametz in Evening	FAST OF FIRST-BORN SON Services - 6:30 a.m. CHAMETZ MUST BE SOLD AND DISPOSED OF BY 11:35 a.m. Monday Evening FIRST SEDER Light Candles 6:54 p.m. Mincha Service 7:00 p.m.	FIRST DAY OF PESACH Special Tal Prayer Services - 9:00 a.m. Mincha Services 7:00 p.m. SECOND SEDER Light Candles Not Before 8:05 p.m.	SECOND DAY OF PESACH Services - 9:00 a.m. Mincha Service 7:00 p.m.	Services - 6:45 a.m. ——— Chol Hamoed Intermediate Days Of Festival ——— Mincha/Maariv Service 8:00 p.m.

			LAST TWO DAYS OF	PASSOVER FESTIVAL
Friday, March 29	Saturday, March 30	Sunday, March 31	Monday, April 1	Tuesday, April 2
Services - 6:45 a.m.	Services - 9:00 a.m.	Services 9:00 a.m.	SH'VI-EE SHEL PESACH	ACHRON SHEL PESACH
			SEVENTH DAY	LAST DAY
Chol Hamoed		Chol Hamoed	OF PESACH	OF PESACH
Intermediate Days	Shabbat Chol Hamoed	Intermediate Days		
Of Festival	Intermediate Days	Of Festival	Services - 9:00 a.m.	Early Services
	Of Festival		Annual Passover	and Yizkor 6:30a.m
Light Candles		Eve Of	<u>Luncheon</u>	
6:58 p.m.		SH'VI-EE SHEL	After Services	Services - 9:00 a.m.
	Mincha Service	PESACH		Includes
Shabbat Evening	7:00 p.m.	SEVENTH DAY	Eve Of	YIZKOR MEMORIAL
Services - 8:30 p.m.		OF PESACH	ACHRON SHEL PESACH	PRAYERS
	7 (3)	Light Candles	EIGHTH DAY	Mincha Services
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		7:00 p.m.	Light Candles	PESACH ENDS
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			Mincha Services	
			7:00 p.m.	
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GUIDE TO PESACH OBSERVANCE

DEFINITION OF CHAMETZ - In Exodus 12:15 the Bible tell us, "Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread: on the very first day you shall remove leaven from your houses ... ".The Rabbis specified five grains which can become <u>chametz</u>: wheat. barley, spelt, rye and oats. Additionally, Ashkenazic authorities prohibited rice and ""Kitniot.... Kitniot are usually defined as legumes, and include beans, peas, lentils, corn, maize, millet and mustard. While rice and kitniot are not <u>chametz</u> strictly speaking, and are only prohibited for eating, it is easiest if they and products containing them are treated like <u>chametz</u>. Sephardic authorities prohibit only the five specified grains, and thus Sephardic Jews are allowed to eat legumes and rice during Passover. According to Jewish law, matzah may be baked only from one of the five grains, although traditionally it is made from wheat.

GENERAL LAWS CONCERNING CHAMETZ - During Passover it is prohibited to derive any benefit whatsoever from <u>chametz</u>. One may not eat <u>chametz</u>, or run a business involved in the buying or selling of <u>chametz</u>. Even ownership of <u>chametz</u> is forbidden. We are also obliged to remove <u>chametz</u> from our possession. This is done by a <u>bitul</u>, renouncing the possession of all <u>chametz</u> in one's household, using the <u>kol chamira</u> formula found in the beginning of most Haggadot . Any <u>chametz</u> left over should be burned. Another way of renouncing ownership is by selling the <u>chametz</u> in one's possession. (See <u>Mechirat chametz</u>).

PREPARATION FOR PASSOVER - Special care must be taken with Passover foods. If a mistake is made while preparing foods throughout the year, the law provides several remedies. These remedies do not apply to the laws of <u>chametz</u>. The laws of annulment (one part in sixty) do not apply regarding <u>chametz</u>. Chemicals permitted during the year might be prohibited on Passover. All utensils, pots, dishes, counters and anything used during the preparation of food must be kashered. If it is not possible to kasher them, they should be replaced with utensils used exclusively on Passover.

All areas of the house should be thoroughly cleaned and examined for <u>chametz</u>. A person renting a room from a non-Jew (e.g. a student in a dormitory) is responsible only for the space he or she occupies. Traditionally an additional search (<u>bedika chametz</u>) is held the evening before the first day of Passover, using a candle (for light) and a feather (to sweep up crumbs).

SALE OF THE CHAMETZ - It is sometimes impossible to destroy or remove all of the chametz in one's possession especially when great financial sacrifice is involved (<u>Hefsed Merubah</u>). Therefore, rabbinic authorities used a legal device embodying a special sale called <u>Mechirat Chametz</u> which is arranged through a Rabbi. Since the <u>chametz</u> is sold to a non- Jew, it does not belong to a Jew during Passover. All <u>chametz</u> material to be sold is isolated from the food and utensils used on Passover. Pets and other animal food should also be sold (although they remain in the house as usual) since most animal food contains <u>chametz</u>. The Rabbi arranges for all materials thus sold, to be sold back immediately after Passover.

PROHIBITED FOODS - Include the following: leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereal, coffees containing cereal derivatives, wheat, barley, oats, spelt, rye and all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol.

Most Ashkenazic authorities have added the following foods (kitniot) to the above list: rice, corn, millet, legumes (beans and peas; however using string beans are permitted). The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of the Rabbinical Assembly has ruled unanimously that peanuts and peanut oil are permissible, as peanuts are not actually legumes. Some Ashkenazic authorities permit, while others forbid, the use of legumes in a form other that their natural state, for example, corn sweeteners, corn oil, soy oil. Sephardic authorities permit the use of all of the above. Consult the rabbi for guidance in the use of these products.

PERMITTED FOODS

A. The following foods require no kosher le-Pesach labels if purchased prior to Pesach: unopened packages or containers of natural coffee without cereal additives (however, be aware that coffees produced by General Foods are not kosher for Passover, unless marked KP), sugar, pure tea, salt (not iodized), pepper, natural spices, frozen fruit juices with no additives, frozen (uncooked) vegetables (for legumes, see previous page), milk, butter, cottage cheese, cream cheese, ripened cheeses such as cheddar (hard), muenster (semi-soft), and Camembert (soft), frozen (uncooked)fruit (with no additives), baking soda.

- B. The following foods require no kosher le-Pesach label if purchased before or during Pesach: fresh fruits and vegetables (for legumes, see previous page), eggs, fresh fish and fresh meat.
- C. The following foods require a kosher le-Pesach label if purchased before or during Pesach: all baked products (matzah, cakes, matzah flour, farfel, matzah meal, and any products containing matzah), canned or bottled fruit juices (these juices often contain kitniot which are not listed among the ingredients. However, if one knows there are not such agents, the juice may be purchased prior to Pesach without a kosher le-Pesach label), canned tuna (since tuna, even when packed in water, has often been processed in vegetable broth and/or hydrolyzed protein, however, if it is known that the tuna is packed exclusively in water, without any additional ingredients or additives, it may be purchased without a kosher le-Pesach label), wine, vinegar, liquor, oils, dried fruits, candy, chocolate flavored milk, ice cream, yogurt, and soda.
- D. The following processed foods (canned, bottled or frozen), require a kosher le-Pesach label if purchased during Pesach: milk, butter, juices, vegetables, fruit, milk products, spices, coffee, tea, and fish, as well as all foods listed in category C above.

MEDICINES - Because the principle of pikuach nefesh (the preservation of life) takes precedence over all other laws, medicines prescribed by a doctor in connection with life sustaining therapy are permitted on Passover. Other substances used for medical purposes (e.g. aspirin, vitamins, tranquilizers) while not made from chametz may contain chametz as a binder. As a general rule, capsules are preferable to tablets.

As in all cases, when a question arises, the Rabbi should be consulted. Generally we are very lenient with regard to medicine.

COSMETICS - Lotions, ointments and creams need no special Passover formulation. Many other cosmetics however, have an alcohol base. Those made from grain alcohol are regarded as <u>chametz</u>.

BABY FOOD - Baby food for Passover use is readily available. If Passover baby food cannot be obtained, however, the baby's food should be prepared in a separate part of the house so that this food is not mixed with food for other members of the family.

PET FOOD -Most pet foods contain <u>chametz</u>. Both the pet and the pet food should be sold (see <u>Mechirit Chametz</u>) during Passover. This arrangement can be discussed with the Rabbi.

KASHERING UTENSILS FOR PASSOVER

There are two basic methods of Kashering:

A .PURGING (Hag'alah) - Most cooking utensils can be made kosher by immersion in boiling water. This includes metal pots, most baking pans and flatware and most other kitchen ware. The procedure is as follows:

- 1. The article to be kashered is thoroughly scoured.
- 2. The article is set aside and not used for 24 hours.
- 3. The article is completely immersed in a pot of actively boiling water.
- 4. If the pot is too large to fit into another pot, the pot to be kashered is filled to the brim with water, and that water is brought to a boil. While the water is still boiling a hot stone or piece of metal is dropped into the pot in order that the water is kept at its' peak heat and also, so that the water boils over the side of the pot.
 - 5. The articles are then rinsed immediately under cold water.
 - 6. The pot in which the articles were kashered is the itself kashered. (See step 4).
- **B. OPEN FLAME** (Libun) -Any utensils which come indirect contact with fire, such as a barbecue spit, a barbecue grill, a broiling pan or rack, is kashered by open flame. The procedure is as follows:
 - 1. The article to be kashered is thoroughly scoured.
 - 2. The article is set aside and not used for 24 hours.
 - 3. The article is then put under an open flame and thoroughly heated until the metal glows red hot or is so hot that a piece of paper is singed when it is touched to the metal.

SPECIAL CASES - Utensils with wooden handles cannot be kashered, because particles of food which could lodge between the handle and the blade cannot be effectively removed by purging.

The proper method to kasher glassware is to soak it in clear water for 72 hours, changing the water every 24 hours. Fine (glazed) china that has not been used for twelve months can be considered as new. Earthenware and other pottery cannot be kashered, since the material they absorb cannot be purged. Most glazes are porous, and thus cannot be kashered. Utensils covered with a non-stick surface such as Teflon can be kashered like other utensils. Countertops and tables made of Formica or Abroite should be thoroughly scoured. Those made of wood are scraped with a steel brush. The surface is then left bare for 24 hours, after which the surface is thoroughly rinsed with boiling water poured directly from the pot in which it was boiled.

APPLIANCES - An oven is thoroughly scoured. The burners are then turned on full until the metal glows red hot or a piece of paper is singed when touched to the metal. Remove all plastic knobs from around the oven to prevent melting. If the oven is of the continuous-cleaning type (not self-cleaning), the Rabbi should be consulted.

The shelves and bins of refrigerators and freezers are removed in order to facilitate cleaning. The shelves, bins and walls are then thoroughly washed. A metal sink is kashered as a large pot - a porcelain sink cannot be kashered and should be thoroughly scrubbed with heavy duty aluminum foil. Plastic tubs should be used to wash dishes.

The interior of a dishwasher is thoroughly scoured, paying careful attention to the strainer over the drain. The dishwasher is left unused for 24 hours and then run through a wash cycle without soap.

Any metal surface of a small appliance that comes in contact with food should be kashered by purging. Plastic parts are treated as mentioned above. An electric frying pan which can be immersed, should be purged. Many electrical appliances cannot be immersed and therefore cannot be kashered. An electric mixer should have its' beaters purged and its bowls either purged (metal) or washed (glass). An electric can opener should have its' blade and magnets removed and purged. The rest of the appliance should be cleaned so that no food remains in any crevice.

MICROWAVE OVENS - Microwave ovens present a special case since the inside surface does not become hot. One recommended procedure is to thoroughly clean the inside and then place a dish of water into the oven and allow it to boil for a few minutes. If the oven is a combination microwave and standard oven, consult the Rabbi.

HERE'S HOW TO SELL YOUR CHAMETZ

1. After you've cleaned out all other Chametz, put your remaining Chametz in a place you can secure – a closet, an extra freezer, a cupboard, etc.					
2. Seal it or lock it, not to be opened until after the last day of Pesach (it's not yours all that time in any case— the space is leased out!!!)					
3. Sign the form below, empowering Rabbi Weiner as your agent in effecting the sale of your Chametz. All forms must be received before Monday morning, March 25, 2013. Please mail this form to the Jewish Community Center of Paramus as soon as possible. On Sunday, March 17 or March 24, you may come in person to sell the Chametz to Rabbi Weiner. Traditionally, a small donation is enclosed, a part of which is used for the sale of Chametz. The rest will be used for Ma'ot Hittin , helping the poor Jews with their Pesach needs.					
I / We,, hereby designate Rabbi Arthur Weiner as the agent of the Jewish Community Center of Paramus, Paramus, New Jersey to use any enclosed contribution in part to sell my Chametz* as required by Jewish Law, at the specified time before Pesach 5773. To this end, I empower Rabbi Weiner to affix my name and address to the empowerment register in his possession. Remaining funds are to be set aside for Ma'ot Hittin.					
Signature					
Date					
Address					
(All address, including place of business, required)					

*Wherever it may be in any of my properties and residences.

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Join us for The Four Questions, A Traditional Seder, Fabulous Food and Desserts

Community Passover Seder Tuesday, March 26, at 8 p.m.

Led by Rabbi Bob Mark

RSVP by <u>March 18</u> to reserve your seat office@bethtikvah.net (201) 261-4847

\$40 for Adults \$15 for Children under age 13 Children under age 4 are free

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Early Childhood Center



Judith S. Fox

During my first pre-Pesach season as director of the ECC, the teaching faculty and I reviewed what usually had been done to prepare for and celebrate the holiday with the children. Each class has a Seder, I was told; parents are invited to the Pre-K Seder. Pre-K children make a melamine Seder plate. Other classes make matzah covers, these are the songs we sing (there was only one I had never heard) and so forth.

"What about bedikat chametz?" I asked. The teachers looked at each other and shrugged. What was

Bedikat chametz is the ritual search for chametz, leaven, the night before the first Seder. In households that have been cleaned well in anticipation of the holiday, a parent hides some pieces of bread for the children to search out. Traditionally, this is done with a feather and a candle. When all the pieces are found, they are burned in a symbolic completion of the purging of chametz for Pesach.

Most of the teachers hadn't heard of bedikat chametz. Truth to tell, I hadn't grown up with it either, but I knew what it was. I described it to the faculty, and we agreed that it was a process that was appropriate for our children and consistent with traditional Conservative Judaism. Besides, it would be fun. So

it was that another ECC tradition was born.

The annual process that has developed is a work-in-progress collaboration by the teachers and me. Each year now, the children decorate paper bags. Then, on the day we do the bedikah, Rabbi Weiner, who never declines an invitation to the ECC, conducts the search with the children. Just prior to his arrival, the children stay in one room with their teachers while I hide pieces of bread (actually I use croutons) in another. This is the best part of the bedikah for me — I'm the chametz hider! I do count the number of pieces hidden; we want to know that we've found them all. After Rabbi Weiner talks a little about searching for leaven, the excitement begins.

Each child is given a mechanical tea-light and a feather, and clear instructions on how many pieces to find. They take their bags, we turn out the classroom lights, and the search is in full swing. Are there pieces on the blocks? In the play kitchen? On the bookshelf? It only takes a few minutes for all the pieces to be found. The children count their pieces again and turn them in to Rabbi Weiner for removal.

All the right people — the children, their teachers, the Rabbi and the chametz hider; with the right materials — bags, feathers and tea lights, and a package of kosher croutons; and the class experienced a hands-on, authentically Jewish, heartwarming (tell Grandma!) event.

From all of us at the ECC, Chag Pesach Sameach!

THE DORA AND SIDNEY MILLER **EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER** thanks SISTERHOOD for the generous donation of a parchment for a mezuzah which the Pre-K made for the ECC kitchen door.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE **NEXT BULLETIN IS MARCH 7!**

Registration is now open for the THE DORA AND SIDNEY MILLER EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER ્ક્રી 2013-2014 ે**≥**

Discounts are offered if you enroll before March 1, and for referring a friend who enrolls. JCCP members receive priority.

> Registration is also open for SUMMER 2013

Contact 201-967-1334 or email eccdirector@jccparamus.org

The Jewish Community Center of Paramus invites you to

PESACH holiday playtime

ecc open house

AN INTERACTIVE FESTIVE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AGES 2-4 YEARS WITH THEIR PARENTS OR GRANDPARENTS

> Sunday, March 17 at the

Dora and Sidney Miller Early Childhood Center East 278 Midland Avenue, Paramus 201-967-1334

eccdirector@jccparamus.org

Holiday Crafts ~ Snacks ~ Singing ~ Dancing ~ the Pesach story like you've never heard it before ~ Meet members of our ECC faculty

~ ~ ~ ~ and it's all free! ~ ~ ~ ~

Time: 10:00-11:15 a.m.

Place: East 278 Midland Avenue, Paramus

RSVP: Call Judy: 201-976-1334; or email, eccdirector@jccparamus.org

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is looking for a few good teenagers to serve as counselors at our

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Sunday, April 14 @ 2:00 PM

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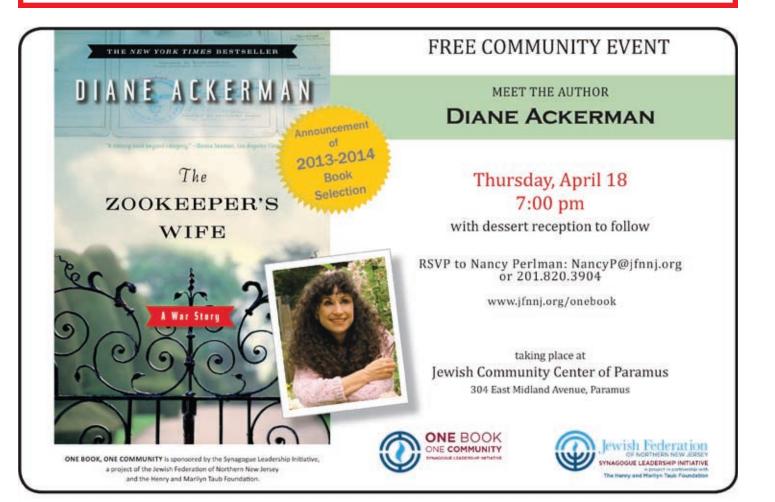
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Complete Concert details soon at

http://www.jccparamus.org







Youth Groups

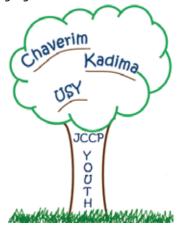
Great second half of January and beginning of February! Our Kadima/Chaverim group had a special visit from funny man Adam Seitz. Adam had the children laughing and involved with the art of improvisation (see the comedic impact below):



The USY trekked down to Central Jersey to dance the night away at a '60s-themed dance. We sent a busload of excited Paramus teens and USYers from neighboring communities. The first Sunday after the snow, the JCCP had its annual Purim Carnival and the USY ran the Pie in the Face booth, as well as helped out with the other booths. We were honored to have such luminaries as Harlan Cohen (Pie the Prez), Leon Wiser (Bingo Guy!), Howard and Jordan Leopold (father-son combo), Rachel Brodsky (He-e-e-e-y) and our own Matt Wilkins ("let's pie Matt"). Thank you all for participating!

And finally, after much anticipation and excitement, we announced the winner of our Logo Contest — Malayna Leopold. Congratulations Malayna! We want to thank all the youth that submitted a logo design.

Here's the winning logo:



Upcoming events include a Friday Night USY-led service, Kadima/ Chaverim Pizza and Game Night, bowling, an adult field trip and the already much talked about Pet Naming Event! The fun times keep rolling along!

Wayne and Debbie Zeiler

Wayne.zeiler@gmail.com Dibble.one@gmail.com

"Good habits formed at youth make all the difference."

- Aristotle

Young Jewish Families

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

SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICE AND PROGRAM

Friday, March 8, and April 5, 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. Friday night Shabbat service geared toward children, and then the children play and the parents schmooze.

SPONSOR AN ONEG

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

Toy DRIVE

YJF is holding a Toy Drive. The toys and games will be used for Young Jewish Families events, the Friday Night Family Program, 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 games to JCCP office and let them know who the donor is and that it is for the YJF Toy Drive, or mail your check to the YJF at the JCCP.

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 <u>jccparamus.org</u>, or contact us at <u>yif18@hotmail.com</u>.

Thank you. Elana and Eugene Heitlinger



Thanks to Rabbi Weiner for his comforting talks with Allen and with me, and for conducting a beautiful ceremony. Thanks to Joe Herrmann for solving an issue with grace and speed. Thanks to all of the JCCP members who provided wonderful remembrances of their interactions with Allen both at the funeral, shiva and in notes. Those words meant so much to our family. We thank the people who came to be part of the minyan in our home. Allen loved the JCCP, where he had been a member for more than 46 years; it was his spiritual home. He was a proud Jewish man, and everyone who knew him knew that. His life outside the synagogue and in the synagogue reflected what being Jewish meant to him.

Thank you so much, Ellen Sklar, Edward, Adam and Ethan



Community Affairs

Every Day is Mitzvah Day

Our Fran Leib Memorial Spring Food Drive will take place on Wednesday, March 20. Members of the Community Affairs Committee will be in the JCCP parking lot from 7:15 to 9 a.m. to receive your donations of solidly frozen turkeys and groceries to complete a holiday meal. Donations in the form of ShopRite gift cards and checks made out to the Center for Food Action also are appreciated. No glass containers, please. As you prepare for Passover, donate your chametz and do a double mitzvah! Remember to check the expiration date on any items from your cupboard.

The JCCP will participate in the Bergen County Walk-In Dinner Program on Sunday, March 10. We will provide and serve a chicken dinner for up to 100 people. The Walk-In Dinner Program is a joint project of the Bergen County Community Action Partnership and the Interreligious Fellowship for the Homeless. Thank you to those synagogue members who volunteer year after year to serve the meal and also to those who make donations to help defray the cost of providing the meal; special thanks to Roz Gerard's son Steven, who covers the cost of the chickens, as he has been doing for a long time.

The JCCP has a well-deserved reputation for feeding the hungry. Please remember to bring an item or a bag of non-perishable food to the JCCP when you come for minyan or meetings. The food bank depends on us to replenish their shelves. Among the items needed are canned meat and tuna, hearty soups, coffee, canned veggies, hot and cold cereal, Parmalot and baby formula.

The blood banks are always in need of donations, but the need is especially great during the winter months. For information on how to donate, contact Community Blood Services, 970 Linwood Ave W., Paramus; call 201-444-3900.

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

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

As always, if you love to knit and crochet, we are continuing to hold our knitting bees. Our finished items are sent to the Tikvah Orphanage in Odessa, Russia. 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.

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

Men's Club

March is here and the madness is beginning. Not the madness of college basketball but of preparing for Passover.

Please join us for breakfast on Sunday morning, March 10, for Rabbi Weiner's annual Passover talk. In addition to his regular remarks, the Rabbi opens the floor for a lively question-and-answer period to respond to any particular needs you have about preparing for and celebrating the

We would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Shalach Manot program to celebrate Purim with your friends at the JCCP. A special thank you to all those who helped assemble the baskets this year.

The Men's Club wishes everyone in our JCCP family a happy Passover.

Until next time. Jerry Menter and Joe Esrig Co-Presidents

JCCP SINGERS... JOIN US IN MARCH AND APRIL

The JCCP Singers are meeting again with Cantor Weiss to learn songs for the community-wide Yom Hashoah commemoration on Sunday, April 7, at 3:30 p.m., as well as in honor of Yom Ha'atzmaut. The rehearsals will be at 8:15 p.m. on five consecutive Thursdays: March 14, 21 and 28, and April 4 and 11. No experience is necessary, so please try it out — you might really enjoy it.

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March 30-31

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JCCP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2013

Joe Herrmann reported that we have received payment from the hurricane insurance claim we filed that will cover the removal of trees, repair of the fence and payment toward replacing the climbing equipment at our ECC.

Our Purim Carnival is on February 10. APT is working on getting volunteers to run the carnival, so if you get a phone call please say yes. Many thanks to Fred Harris, who created a new game that will be a great addition to the carnival.

This Sunday, the Book Club will be discussing "Defending Jacob." Beth Chananie will be the facilitator and Lili Baumzweig will do a segment on bullying.

On April 18 at 7 p.m., we will be hosting Federation's "One Book, One Community" program. The book will be "The Zookeeper's Wife" by Diane Ackerman. This event is for the entire Federation area and can attract hundreds of people.

United Synagogue is sponsoring a trip to Poland for adults, July 1-8. Jules Gutin will lead the trip. For more information, follow the link on the United Synagogue website.

The following members were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee:

Board members: Joe Esrig, Roz Gerard, Andy Rossmer, Wendy Steinberg

Non-board Members: Lori Cohen, Gary Glaser, Andy Kestenbaum, Debbie Simon, Jill Wiser

Harlan Cohen reported that things are going well with the New Milford merger, and we are still on target to close on April 30. The attorneys from New Milford are reviewing the contract. We will hold a questionand-answer session regarding the merger on Sunday, January 27, at 9:45 a.m., following minyan.

We have received a commitment letter from Valley National Bank for the line of credit. This decision requires a congregational vote. We will also need a congregational vote for the merger with New Milford, as well as the new services format once we merge. Our goal is to have one meeting to vote on all three of these items.

The Maccabeats will perform at the JCCP on April 14 at 2 p.m. We will be running this program in concert with Federation, and they will help with promotion and advertising, as part of a Yom Ha'atzmaut celebra-

The Religious Committee is ready to undertake the implementation of having Egalitarian Services every Shabbat and holiday. We will be absorbing some siddurim from New Milford and will start using them soon. The Religious Committee will be purchasing additional siddurim, and while we have the funds to make this purchase, we are hoping the congregation will replenish these funds.

APT is hosting Bingo and Havdalah night on January 19 at 7 p.m.

Men's Club reported that Shalach Manot order forms will be going out shortly.

Sisterhood announced upcoming events: "The Truth about Gluten Free Diet" on March 4 at 7 p.m.; R&B Line Dancing on April 22; and Sisterhood's Shabbat Dinner on May 10.

Our next monthly Friday night dinner will be on February 8.

We will be hosting a Casino Night on March 1, 2014.

Information for the Dinner Dance will be going out shortly.

On Sunday, April 7, we will be hosting a Yom Hashoah commemoration program.

Our next Persian Shabbat with a Persian-style Kiddush will be on March 16.





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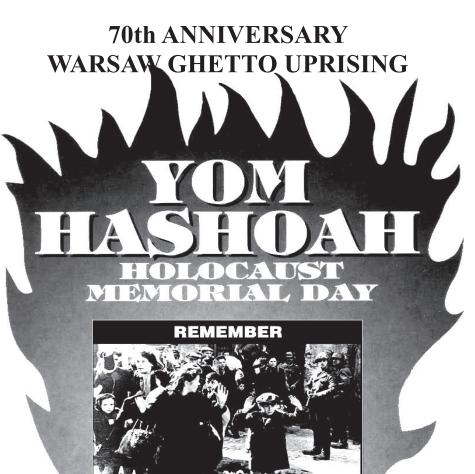


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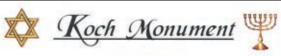
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