



ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR JOYOUS PURIM CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

**PURIM SERVICES BEGIN AT 8:15 P.M.
IN SANCTUARY AND STARK HALL**



*Purim at the JCC of Paramus/Congregation Beth Tikvah is "big."
We look forward to seeing you at one of our services.*

Family Megillah Service

Our congregation has a great tradition of celebrating Purim together, with something planned for every member of your family. In our sanctuary, Rabbi Weiner and Cantor Weiss will lead a special family *Megillah* reading. This service attracts children with their parents and grandparents by the hundreds. Rabbi Weiner and Cantor Weiss bring the *Megillah* to the children on their level, and the service always features participation of our Hebrew school children. As always it will be a fun-filled evening for all, and we look forward to celebrating the holiday with you.



Traditional Megillah Service

Rabbi Avram Kogen will conduct the Ma'ariv (evening) service and traditional *Megillah* reading in Stark Hall.

Groggers will be distributed in all services and everyone will have a *Megillat Esther* book with which to follow the service. Additionally, all are encouraged to **dress in costumes**, bring groggers of their own, and add to the joy and merriment that is at the heart of this wonderful day.



PARTY!

Both religious services will conclude at approximately 9:30 p.m. Following the sanctuary service and the service in Stark Hall, the entire congregation is invited to participate in our **ANNUAL FESTIVE PURIM FEAST** featuring food, drink, singing and dancing, and live music. Our Purim festival celebration always attracts hundreds of people, and we want you to be a part of it. Come and enjoy. Celebrate with your synagogue. Bring your friends and relatives. All are welcome.



SUNDAY, March 16, at 9 A.M.

Join in the Bodeen Chapel for our Sunday morning minyan and the reading of the *Megillat Esther*. As always, we will distribute groggers to "... blot out the name of Haman." It's a great time for everyone.



The annual PURIM CARNIVAL will be held March 16 beginning at noon.

Please see the information about this great event in the Bulletin.



Coming in March

MARCH 1

Military Bridge

MARCH 7

Shabbat Across America

MARCH 8

Persian Shabbat

USY Dance

MARCH 9

Book Club

MARCH 15

Purim Celebration

MARCH 16

Purim Carnival

MARCH 27

Wine Tasting



From the Rabbi



Rabbi Arthur D. Weiner

Normally I like to address some current concern or important idea or issue in my monthly message here. But this month I want to use my Bulletin article to talk about some great programs and activities that will take place at the synagogue throughout the month of March. I want to encourage you to make a special effort to participate in them.

I read an article recently in a Jewish thought journal. The article itself was not particularly noteworthy, but the talkback section (where readers weigh in with their opinion of the article) contained some very interesting ideas. One comment has stayed with me.

The writer noted that the article may have made sense to people who "... practice Judaism as a religion, but for those of us who live with an *aura* of Judaism, it made no sense." It got me thinking. The synagogue stands for the promotion of Jewish religious practice and values. But even more important, it must provide opportunities so that everyone, no matter where they are on the Jewish religious spectrum, or how they came to be affiliated with our congregation, can actually gain the tools and skills to grow in their knowledge and appreciation of our Jewish practices and values. That's why I am making a point of highlighting the activities this month. No matter who you are or what your background happens to be, the programs and activities

scheduled for March will enrich your Jewish lives.

March 7, Shabbat Across America: In conjunction with the National Jewish Outreach Project and hundreds of synagogues across North America, the JCCP/CBT is proud to participate again in this outstanding event. Join us for a special, family-friendly Shabbat service, a wonderful Shabbat meal with your friends and neighbors in the synagogue, and enjoy an opportunity to both celebrate and learn more about Shabbat. The JCCP/CBT has one of the largest Shabbat Across America dinners in the Northeast, and we look forward to your participation. There is more information and a reservation form in this Bulletin. Please make plans to celebrate this Shabbat with us.

March 8, Annual Persian Shabbat: For many years, Cantor Weiss and the members of the Persian/Sephardic community within the JCCP/CBT family have led an annual Shabbat morning service in the Sephardic style. Please plan to join us as we learn about the culture and traditions of the Jewish communities of the East and enjoy a wonderful Kiddush luncheon featuring Sephardic Jewish delicacies.

March 15 and 16, Annual Purim Festival and Carnival: The happy holiday of Purim is a big event at the synagogue – and your participation is necessary! We have two separate services: a family service in the sanctuary and a traditional service in the Stark hall. Following the celebration is a wonderful Purim feast with food, music, and dancing. On Sunday morning, don't forget the annual Purim carnival at noon. Again, please see this Bulletin for more information.

March 29, "What I love about the JCCP/CBT": We are going to end the month with this new and special event. It will be a Shabbat morning simply to enjoy the JCCP/CBT, to reflect on what we love about the synagogue and

what it adds to our lives. After talking about what we love about the synagogue, we will enjoy a special Kiddush luncheon featuring the culinary talents of our members. Despite the many financial, demographic and even religious challenges facing synagogues, we are simply going to celebrate how we feel about our synagogue and

our pride on the good work we do, and share these good feelings with each other, building upon our strengths and commitment to further the work of this community.

We have many wonderful things planned for this month. Join us. You will want to be a part of it.

Save Sunday, May 4 for A Walking Tour of the Lower East Side

Sponsored by the
Adult Education Committee

Led by our member Thorin Tritter,
who has 10 years of experience as
a tour guide for Big Onion Walking Tours
See the Adult Ed column for more information.

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Services

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Friday, March 7 NO LATE SERVICE
SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA – NO LATE SERVICE

.....5:30 p.m.

ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT

SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, March 8 9:00 a.m.

TORAH READING: Vayikra

KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT

JUNIOR CONGREGATION: 10:00 a.m.

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

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Friday, March 14 8:30 p.m.

YOUNG FAMILY SERVICE: 7:30 p.m.

ONEG HOSTS: JCCP/CBT

SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, March 15 9:00 a.m.

TORAH READING: Tzav

PARSHAT ZACHOR

KIDDUSH HOSTS: JCCP/CBT

JUNIOR CONGREGATION: 10:00 a.m.

MINCHA & MA'ARIV: 6:45 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Friday, March 21 8:30 p.m.

ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT

SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, March 22 9:00 a.m.

TORAH READING: Shemini

KIDDUSH HOSTS: JCCP/CBT

JUNIOR CONGREGATION: 10:00 a.m.

MINCHA & MA'ARIV: 6:50 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Friday, March 28 8:30 p.m.

ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT

SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, March 29 9:00 a.m.

TORAH READING: Tazria

KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT

JUNIOR CONGREGATION: 10:00 a.m.

MINCHA & MA'ARIV: 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming PIP Dates (Parent Involvement Program)

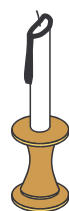
Saturday, March 1

Sunday, March 30

Saturday, April 26

- Come find out how you can participate in Shabbat services.
- Learn how to have an aliyah to the Torah.
- Open to all.

For more information, contact Rob Chananie at robchananie@aol.com or Eileen Schneider at eileenschneid@gmail.com.

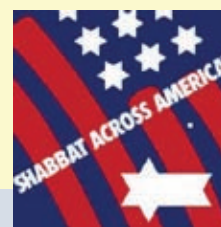


Light
the
Sabbath
Candles



Friday, March 7 5:34 P.M.
Friday, March 14 6:42 P.M.
Friday, March 21 6:49 P.M.
Friday, March 28 6:57 P.M.

The Jewish Community Center of Paramus/
Congregation Beth Tikvah
presents:



Shabbat Across America

Friday Evening, March 7, 2014

Join thousands of your fellow Jews across America as we
come together to

Eat, Drink, Relax and Enjoy Shabbat



Our program will begin with candle lighting at 5:35 pm
Then our Family-Friendly Friday Night Service
Followed by a delicious Shabbat Dinner

But first, a little necessary information, please:

Family Name _____ Adults' Names _____

No. of Adults _____ x \$20 each = \$ _____

No. of Children Age 6 through 18 _____ x \$8 each = \$ _____

No. of Children under age 6 _____ (They're free, but we have to know how many chairs to set up)

Total No. of People in your group = _____ (Note: Max Family Charge is \$56)

*Amount enclosed \$ _____

*If you would like to sponsor another family check this box ☐ and add \$50 to your bill. Thank you!

Please fill out this form and submit it, with your check, to the JCCP/CBT office.



From the Executive Director



Harvey M. Brenner, FTA

I write again amid the cold, the remnants of several snowstorms and predictions of more snow. Sometimes you just have to laugh or you'll cry!

As a child, I remember being enthralled by snow; I just couldn't get enough of it. It didn't matter that I lived two blocks from my grade school and a half-mile from my junior high school and high school and would have to slog my way through it. But now, as an adult and as a "property manager," safety and security are my No. 1 and 1A concerns, and snow and ice are constant adversaries.

As an adult, I've been less than thrilled that snow seems to follow me. In fact, when I was in Israel two years ago this month, it snowed substantially in Jerusalem (not to mention the torrential rain in Tel Aviv). Passing from one sort of storm to another reminds me of my commute to the JCCP/CBT from my home in Monmouth County. South of Raritan Bay we

have one weather pattern and north of it a totally different one.

I've been pleased with the way our staff and vendors have risen to the occasion and either made it to work under adverse conditions, worked from home or worked longer hours to catch up when we've had building closures and cancellations. They've supplied us with salt during shortages and plowed through the night so we could open our doors most mornings.

For the most part, our own JCCP/CBT "Emergency Notification System," while not publicly broadcast over the airwaves (with its irritating warning claxon) has functioned as we had hoped. The Rabbi, Marcia and I (along with our longtime tenant, Palisades Regional Academy) have collaborated well on determining if and when we have to postpone, delay or cancel programs and events due to the weather, and we've posted the information on our website and sent out community-wide emails alerting everyone to the changes in schedules.

As long as we are at the mercy of the weather, we'll always err on the side of caution and endeavor to make any program- and facility-related decisions as quickly and as early as possible. Please continue to check your emails and visit our website, www.JCCParamus.org, for the latest updates.

Stay safe and B'zrat HaShem, the next column I write will be in the spring!

L'hitraot.

One Book One Community

Sunday, March 9, at 9:45 a.m.

The JCCP/CBT Book Club will discuss "**By Fire By Water**," by **Mitchell James Kaplan**, the book chosen for the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey's **One Book One Community** annual event. The book discussion, facilitated by Carolyn Kaufman, will be accompanied by a delicious Sephardic breakfast.

If you need a copy of the book or have any questions, please contact Mimi Levin at Grandmamimil@verizon.net or 201-265-0454.

Adult Education

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

On **Sunday, May 4**, we are sponsoring a trip to New York City for a **walking tour of the Lower East Side** led by our member **Thorin Tritter**. Thorin received his doctorate from Columbia University in 2000 and then taught for six years in the History Department and the Program in American Studies at Princeton University. He currently is the managing director of the fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics (FASPE). In addition to his other career interests, Thorin worked as a tour guide for Big Onion Walking Tours for more than 10 years.

Our tour will explore the history of the Jewish Lower East Side between 1820 and today. It traces wave after wave of immigrants who settled there, placing the story of Jewish immigration in a larger context while also examining the experience of immigrants in NYC in the 19th and 20th centuries. The walk will range from the Jewish East Side into Chinatown and Little Italy, discussing tenements, places of worship, and street life. Some stops will include Hester Street, the former Jewish Daily Forward building, the Bowery, and much more. Wear comfortable shoes because we will be standing and walking for 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

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

Stu W Lehrer's class, "**The Pioneers of Judaism: A study of heroes that fortified the Jewish Community**," will take you on a journey to meet the intuitive champions who founded societies that shaped the destiny of Jews worldwide. Learn about astounding heroes who gave of themselves to strengthen our heritage.

Mondays, March 17, 24, and 31, at 8:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Stu at begs93@gmail.com

You are welcome to attend the last two sessions of **Cantor Weiss'** class on "**How the Siddur Grew and Changed over Time**, **Tuesdays, March 4 and 11, at 8:15 p.m.**

Please visit our website's **Listen and Learn** page (under the "Learning" menu) for MP3 recordings of the Torah Aliyah Blessings, Ashrei, and Birkat Hamazon, as well as some High Holidays melodies. The recordings are matched to Hebrew and transliterated PDF sheets of the prayers.

Please join us for these regular events:

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

You are cordially invited to attend

Shabbat Morning Services

which will be conducted in the traditional

Sephardic Style

used by Jews of
Persian, Iraqi, and Moroccan heritage

On Shabbat Parashat Vayikra
Saturday March 8th at 9:00am



A Kiddush with
delicious Near-Eastern specialties
will follow services



President's Message



Harlan L. Cohen

In Memory of Andy Rossmer

As I write this, my wife Lori and I have just returned from a whirlwind 10-day trip to Israel to see our son, Simeon, who is in the midst of studying in Jerusalem at the Schechter Institute for his second year of rabbinical school. It was a spiritually and emotionally uplifting trip. We got to spend lots of quality time with Simeon and his girlfriend, Ariel. We did extensive touring of historic and religious sites in the Galil and in Jerusalem. We shopped until we dropped in the Machane Yehuda in Jerusalem, on Dizengoff Street and at the Nahalat Binyamin crafts market in Tel Aviv, the shops of Zichron Yaakov and the back alleyways of Tzfat, Nazareth and the Old City in Jerusalem. We marveled at the recently renovated Israel Museum. We soaked up the warmth of the sun amid ancient ruins on the beach in Caesarea. We dined on kosher sushi in Rehavia and had dinner with both of our sons' friends who were either newly enlisted in the IDF or had just been discharged and were working the soil of Ha'aretz at a kibbutz near the Gaza border. We tasted wine and chocolates at the Tishbi Winery in Binyamina. We davened at the Kotel, and we discovered the wonders of warm hummus, which helped to overcome the chill in the Jerusalem air in February.

We spent two memorable Shabbatot in Israel. The first was with

Simeon and Ariel in Jerusalem, where we enjoyed a delicious home-cooked Sephardic-style Shabbat dinner courtesy of Ariel, with Simeon showing off his newly discovered talents as the dessert specialist on the apple cobbler. We davened at two very different shuls on Friday night and Saturday.

We spent our second Shabbat with Jerusalem Post columnist and frequent JCCP/CBT lecturer Herb Keinon and his family in Ma'ale Adumim, just outside of Jerusalem. Herb and I davened downstairs while Lori and Herb's wife, Suzy, davened upstairs in the women's section, where Lori ran into someone she knew from her teen years in Bayside, Queens. We feasted on brisket, cholent and halvah, laughed over stories from 35 years ago when Herb and I first met as students at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and we saw for ourselves both the challenges and special rewards of life in Israel. As I said, it was a whirlwind tour and it went by much too quickly.

Less than 24 hours after landing at JFK Airport in yet another snowstorm, I received the shocking and very sad news that Andy Rossmer, a former president of the JCCP/CBT, a fellow member of the bar and a mensch, had passed away. On behalf of myself and my family, the Board of Trustees and the entire congregation, I extend my deepest sympathies to his wife, Carol, and to the entire Rossmer family.

While I cannot claim that I knew Andy well, what I can say is that my interactions with Andy over the past few years while I was serving as a vice president and more recently as president always left me thinking that he was a terrific resource for our community, and I was grateful that he had again become active in the leadership of the JCCP/CBT. During meetings of the Board of Trustees, Andy would sit quietly in the corner working studiously on the crossword puzzle while appearing to be listening with one ear. He did not speak up often but when he did, it was clear

that he was a master of multi-tasking because his contribution to the discussion was always pertinent, informed, incisive, sensitive and sensible. People listened because they knew that he always had something important to say. More often than not he was right on the money.

Last year, Andy was elected by the board to serve as one of nine members of the Nominating Committee. When I approached him and asked him to serve as the temporary chair of the committee until it could meet (the committee would elect him as the permanent chair), he did not hesitate for a second, even though it is generally acknowledged that chairing the Nominating Committee can be a challenging task. He ran the Nominating Committee smoothly, effectively and harmoniously. He helped the committee navigate the obstacles and it delivered, on time, a strong slate of officers and trustees as nominees. We are all indebted to him for his hard work.

In early January, I asked Andy to serve as one of the members of a committee tasked with the job of selling the real property owned by the JCCP/CBT. Andy again readily agreed to serve, provided that he did not have to chair the committee. I naturally accepted his condition and before his untimely death, Andy already had started to attend meetings with the other committee members charged with the responsibility of selling the property.

On Jan. 23, less than a week before I left for Israel, we held our monthly board meeting. One of the main topics for the meeting's agenda was this year's Nominating Committee. Andy's name was put forward again as a candidate, and he received the most votes. The outcome did not surprise me since the

board was well aware of Andy's excellent work on last year's Nominating Committee. Based on his status as the top vote getter, his track record with the committee from last year and his stature as a former president, I again asked Andy to chair the Nominating Committee. He did not disappoint me.

At Andy's final board meeting, during the Good & Welfare section, he proudly announced with a big smile that his son David had become engaged. We all wished him a hearty mazel tov while he beamed. I knew from board member Judy Jaffe that Andy had other good news to report about his son, but Andy, preferring to stay out of the spotlight, deferred. Judy took up the charge on his behalf and announced to the board that David has a terrific play that he co-wrote, "The Other Josh Cohen," which is running at The Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn through March 16.

For me, this has truly been a time of both extreme highs and lows. I feel so fortunate to have spent an incredible 10 days in Israel, reinvigorating my Jewish and Zionist pride and finally having the opportunity to hug my son in person after so many months of him being away. I am heartbroken and shocked over Andy's death, and my heart goes out to his family during such an especially difficult time. Such is truly the nature of life. We learn from times like this just how fragile life really is and are reminded just how important it is to seize the moment and revel in the joyous occasions.

It would be a fitting tribute in honor of Andy and out of respect for his family if the JCCP/CBT community could turn out in force to support the play by Andy's son.

THE JAN LAUREN SCHONBERG LIBRARY

HOURS: Mon. 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.; Tues. 2:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.;
Wed. 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.; Sun. 9:00 a.m. - noon

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CONGREGATION BETH TIKVAH

~ 2014 PURIM CARNIVAL ~

Sunday March 16, 2014 from 12 Noon to 2 p.m.



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Wear your favorite Purim costume ~ Bring all your friends

Everyone is sure to have a fabulous time!



Happy Purim to all !!

Questions? ... Call 201-262-7691

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Midland Avenue and Spring Valley Road in Paramus



Hebrew School News



Marcia Kagedan

What a crazy winter we are having. Somehow, with all the snow, the Hebrew school kids have continued to have a very full program, with special events and programs throughout February and more planned for March.

First, a very big thank you to APT for sponsoring the Hebrew School dinner. More than 100 people enjoyed delicious food, friendship and the special Shabbat feeling! Cantor Weiss orchestrated the Kabbalat Shabbat services so well and we had an enjoyable oneg. The next day was School on Shabbat, which was well attended. The kids learned, prayed, ate and had fun creating Shabbat tables out of food treats. Thank you to Rabbi Kogen for his words of Torah, so eloquently and appropriately delivered to our 4th to 7th grades.

Our children also enjoyed a Day of Fitness with Krav Maga (Israeli martial arts) and cooking. The granola they prepared was both healthy and delicious, and some of the kids were inspired to make more at home!

Our Electives Program is off to a good start. Just to shake things up a bit, the children chose what they would like to learn for four consecutive Tuesday afternoons. Offerings included Hebrew ulpan; Israel through various angles; prayer; drama; current events; writing a

school newspaper; and learning to appreciate our world. You will see some of their work next month.

March is going to be packed with activity for the children.

Sunday, March 2:

- 7th-grade students have an Open House at BCHSJS, the Bergen County High School of Jewish Studies, the regional Jewish supplemental Hebrew High School. 9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Rabbi Weiner continues his discussions with the Hebrew School parents. Parents of 2nd to 4th grades are invited to attend from 9:45 to 11 a.m.; parents of 5th to 7th grades, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Different issues will be discussed in these sessions relevant to the respective age of the children. Light refreshments will be served.

- JCCP/CBT is hosting a RICK RECHT CONCERT with PJ Library at 3:30 p.m. The concert is for kids up to age 6; the cost is \$5 per person. See the website for more info.

Friday, March 7:

- Shabbat Across America and YJF service. All are invited to participate in this festive event.

Shabbat, March 8:

- Persian Shabbat. The JCCP/CBT is privileged to have a number of Persian families as members of the synagogue. Once a year they lead the service with their customs and special Torah. It would be great for all the Hebrew School families to experience this Shabbat. There will be a very nice Kiddush featuring Persian delicacies.

Sunday, March 9:

- Good Deeds Day in Bergen County. The JCCP/CBT is a collection site, so please bring non-perishable foods (no glass containers please).
- Children will enjoy baking hamantaschen.

- 6th grade at the Kehillah Program at the Y in Washington Township, 9:30 a.m. to noon. PURIM PALOOZA!

Saturday, March 15:

- Purim festivities, 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 16:

- Kehillah for 6th grade at Temple Beth Or in Washington Township, 10 a.m.-12:30 (This is the make-up session from a snow day).
- MINYAN OF THE MINDS for 7th grade and their parents, 9:45 a.m.

- Shalom Baby for toddlers through 4-year-olds, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 23:

- Shalom Baby at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 25:

- Baking matzah in preparation for Passover.

Sunday, March 30:

- Alef class (3rd grade) receive their first siddurim.

Lehitra'ot.



from Beth Chanie

With Purim around the corner, it is time to think about hamantaschen baking.

Fillings can be the traditional prune/poppyseed or apricot, even chocolate chip. Be creative and festive.

Enjoy!

HAMANTASCHEN

DOUGH

Ingredients:

1 cup sugar	1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup butter or margarine	2 1/2 cups sifted flour
1 egg	2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 cup orange juice	1/8 teaspoon salt

Preparation:

With a mixer, cream the sugar and the margarine/butter on medium. Wait until it is fluffy, then change to low speed and add orange juice, vanilla, and egg. Sift together the dry ingredients (flour, baking powder, and salt). Slowly add the dry ingredients to the wet mixture.

Refrigerate the dough for 30 minutes and then roll it out on a floured surface to about 1/4-inch thick.

Use a regular size glass to make cut-out circles. Put a spoonful of filling in each circle and then turn up the corners to form hamantaschen.

Bake on a cookie sheet sprayed with Pam or the like at 350 degrees for 25 minutes, or until golden brown.

FILLING

Ingredients:

1 pound prune butter	1/2 cup raisins
1 tablespoon lemon juice	1/2 naval orange, pitted (use pulp and rind)
1/2 cup chopped nuts, optional (walnuts are good)	

Preparation:

Chop raisins, nuts, and orange. Add prune butter and lemon juice, and put everything in the blender. Mix well.

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



Young
Jewish
Families

invites you as we celebrate

PURIM

COME IN COSTUME!!!



**Family Friday Night
Shabbat Service and Program**

MARCH 7, 2014 - 7:30 PM



Please join us for our **MARCH**
Family Friday Night Shabbat service and program
as we celebrate **PURIM**.

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

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

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



Community Affairs

Every Day is Mitzvah Day

Each year, the Community Affairs Committee at the JCCP/CBT provides and serves a full dinner as part of the Walk-In Dinner program at the Bergen County Homeless Shelter. The program schedules a congregation or organization daily to provide, prepare and serve dinner to approximately 150 people at the Bergen County Housing, Health and Human Service Center in Hackensack. This year we will be serving dinner on **Sunday, March 16**. Call **Roz Gerard** at 201-262-5828 to ask if we need help serving dinner.

Don't forget our year-round food drive. Pick up an extra can or two of tuna or soup when you are shopping, or a box of pasta or Parmalat, and put your items in the food collection box in the JCCP/CBT foyer whenever you are here for a meeting or event during the week.

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

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

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

Blood banks depend on your donations. If you are able to donate, please contact Community Blood Services at 201-251-3703 for more information; you can also look on its Facebook page. The hours vary, but on several days Community Blood Services is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. All types of blood are needed, especially type O negative and platelets.

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

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

Men's Club

Everyone should have received our Purim Basket order forms, and all gifts will be available for pick up on March 15 and 16. We hope you all have fun and enjoy exchanging good wishes during this festive holiday.

Our monthly card games continue; please feel free to join in any time.

We are pleased to introduce our annual Bruce Granat Memorial Man of The Year Award in honor of our wonderful friend who we lost late last year. Please give some thought to one who has displayed kindness, thoughtfulness, geniality, and courage in his life, and we would be proud to honor the person with an appropriate gift, as well as make a donation in his name to the American Heart Association. Those who knew Bruce will understand how special the recipient must be to be named for this tribute.

Sisterhood News

Spring is right around the corner, and so is Passover! On Thursday, March 27, Sisterhood is teaming up with Men's Club for a Passover wine-tasting event. We will share with you a variety of delicious wines, all kosher for Passover. Taste as many as you'd like, and if you would like to buy wine for the holiday, we will have plenty on hand for sale — and at a great discount!

Questions? Contact Joe Esrig at kisses3147@aol.com or Wendy Steinberg at wendysteinberg1@aol.com.

Sisterhood's monthly board meeting will be held on March 11. We are developing the slate for next year's officers. If you would like to be more involved in Sisterhood, please consider joining the board. It is not a big-time commitment and it is a great way to have a voice in programming.

We look forward to seeing you this month!

Young Jewish Families

SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

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

Family Shabbat Service and Program and celebrate PURIM.

Please join us for our family-friendly Friday Night Family Service and Program as we celebrate PURIM. **COME IN COSTUME!!** As always, we will begin with a light service and interactive story time, followed by playtime and DAIRY oneg in the gym, where the children play and the parents schmooze.

Friday, April 4, 7:30 p.m.

Family Shabbat Service and Program and celebrate PASS-OVER. Please join us for our family friendly Friday Night Family Service and Program, as we celebrate PASSOVER.

Sunday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.

Join us for bowling during Passover!! Details to follow. Please watch for flier on JCCP/CBT website for details, costs, RSVP information, etc.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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

SPONSOR AN ONEG

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

Young Jewish Families is the club for families with a child or children under bar or bat mitzvah age, their siblings, parents, and extended families. However, everyone is welcome to attend our activities and events.

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

Thank you.

Eugene and Elana Heitlinger





Military Bridge

Sponsored by the JCCP/CBT Youth Committee, Sisterhood, and Men's Club

Join us for a night of fun playing MILITARY BRIDGE

Saturday, March 1, at 8 p.m.

At the JCCP/CBT

I know what you're thinking:

I have NO idea how to play ... No problem!

Just come and we will teach you what you need to know.

It is only \$10 per seat!

Military Bridge requires teams of 4 people, so let us assign a team for you, or come with a group of 4. If you are coming as a team, please let us know when you RSVP.

Seating is limited ... **NO WALK-INS.**

Please RSVP to Jeanette at 201-836-1791

Checks must be mailed to the JCCP/CBT:

Please mark your envelope Military Bridge

A dairy dessert will be served.

Prizes will be awarded for the best country that conquers the world!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 1-7

Marian Baer
Joseph Esrig
Nan Heisler
Irwin Rubin
Stephanie Safo
Alecia Segal
Rachel Van Dam
Sam Weiss
Igor Okunev
Babette Mayer
Irene Brickman
Ruth Van Dam
Zena Jay
Ana Rosenblum
Jerry Steinhart
Edward Newman
Shirley Friedman
Jacob Goldberg
Andrea Link
Jeffrey Link

March 8-14

Dan Aronesty
Betty Margan
Barbara Zucker
Claire Birnbaum
Laurie Rosman
Joan Saperstein
Stu Lehrer
Joseph Radest
Isaac Ferstenberg
Marilyn Berkowitz
Linda Duboff
Arthur Goldstein
Howard Leopold
Sara Barzillai
Michele Blitz
Larry Rosman

March 15-21

Janet Mannasse
Margot Monka
Wendy Salkin
Myra Teplitzky

Carl Krieger
Lawrence Danziger
Keith Springer
Peter Weiss
Fred Barko
Hope Goodman
Gary Karow
Albert Nahum
Abraham Altman
Herb Botwinick
Steven Karpen
Irma Leeds
Stella Cooper
Sandu Davidovitch
Deborah Schwartz
Lawrence Edelstein

March 22-28

Bernice Berman
Heidi Goldberg
Larry Polevoy
Scott Sternberg
Dorothy Walensky
Dalia Yomtobian
Miriam Gershfield
Craig Levinsohn
Martin Blechman
Isaac Rosenberg
Belle Rosenbloom
Shlomo Kleinstein
Barbara Schupak
Joshua Weidman

March 29-31

Adolph Berman
Sion Daftari
Sharon Kates
George Leipsner
Phyllis Glatzer
Louis Izower
Rich Lesser

Mazel Tov



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March 1-7

Abraham & Viviane Danan
Sheldon & Janette Levine
Albert & Gloria Nahum

March 8-14

Herman & Laura Lopyan
Philip & Lynn Waxberg
Steven & Susan Lichtenstein
Neil & Lisa Mutnick
James & Miriam Gershfield
Douglas & Alexandra Sobelman

March 15-21

John & Leslie Lehman
Norman & Corinne Frolov
Marc & Shari Brodsky
Leslie & Linda Klein

Alan & Frieda Finkelstein
Donald & Ruth Berman
Yakov & Lori Brayman

March 22-28

Steven & Deborah Grundleger
Milton & Alice Trost
Barry & Beverly Fishman
Stanley & Nancy Cohen
Robert & Roz Mehr
Hanan & Liat Kugel

March 29-31

Andrew & Cindy Kestenbaum
Mark & Carol Tendler
Stephen and Phyllis Waterstone



Yahrzeit Observances

For the week of March 1-7

We Remember:

PAULA PERCHICK
JENNY RUSHFIELD
DAVID SAPERSTEIN
LOUIS BLICK
LIBBY COHEN
SARA HORODNER
PAUL KAPLAN
ENID SOBEL
MAX KOPELMAN
HENRY SCHWAB
HENRY GUTMAN
JOSEPH BAUMSTADT
LAWRENCE KRAMER
ELKA MARSHAK
JESSIE ROESCH

For the week of March 8-14

We Remember:

ROSE BASNER
JYLE BRICKMAN
BENJAMIN ESKWITT
JOSEPH HOLZ
ROBERT SIMON
HAROLD LEVENSON
LOIS DANZIGER

For the week of March 15-21

We Remember:

MEIR ARGAMAN
HARRY CHAZEN
ROSE ESKWITT
CHARLES GROTSKY
ADELE HOFFMAN
BETTY ROSENBLATT

MORRIS SPELLMAN
BENJAMIN ESKIND
HARRY ESTEROW
LEO RUSHFIELD
ANNETTA ASHKENAZI
NETTIE BLECHER
PAULINE KIRSCH
HARRY NOREN
JACK STERMAN

For the week of March 22-28

We Remember:

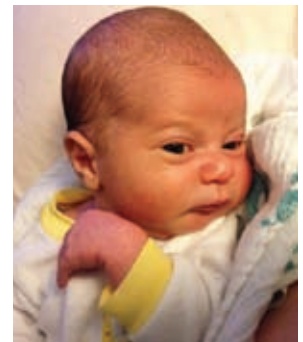
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RENEE SKULNIK
RUBIN DAVIDOVITCH
DAVID SNYDER
MAE COHEN
LAWRENCE HEITNER
HARRY FEIG
LILLIE GROSSD

For the week of March 29-31

We Remember:

JEAN BROWN
SHEMUEL DANAN
MARIANE FLEISHMAN
EDDIE WEISER
JOAN ZYSBLATT

Sharing Our Simchas



Mazel Tov to Rich and Debbie Barbash on the birth of their grandson, born February 15th, 2014. Parents are Scott and Tamar Barbash; big brother is Matty.

Please send your good news to the **Sharing Our Simchas** column at bulletin@jccparamus.org; there is no charge.



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LAST CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE!!!

March 2014,

Dear Congregants,

We're coming to the wire in the 2014 Purim Raffle. Two prizes are guaranteed to be won on March 15th.

We still have plenty numbers to choose from but *we are selling only 50 more for a total of 250 tickets.*

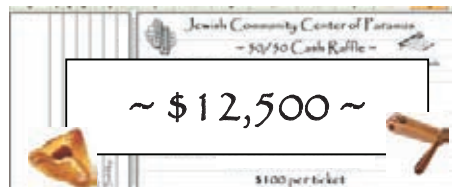
Take two chances and you could win \$12,500.

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
March 15, 2014



We will sell only 250 tickets
\$100 per ticket

*Just choose your number(s) and then:

1. **SEND** an email to flhcarpediem@aol.com ... or ...
2. **CALL** Fred Harris @ (201) 444-2352 ... or ...
3. **CALL** the JCCP/CBT office at (201) 262-7691 and tell Rita or Naz what number you would like to reserve.



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JCCP/CBT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

January 23, 2014

Rabbi Weiner reported that on January 5 he had a meeting with the Hebrew School (HS) parents to discuss the disconnect between the HS families and the synagogue, and to see how we can improve communication. Many HS parents did not have a sense of how the synagogue functioned outside the HS and there was a great sense of interest in learning more. Subsequent meetings were scheduled for February 2 and March 2 to explore how to better fit their needs and also how they can better fit into our congregation.

Rabbi reported that a group was put together and will meet in the spring (either March 22 or March 29) to discuss "What I love about the JCCP/CBT." A benefactor will endow a major Kiddush that day, and on this Shabbat we will focus on talking about why we care about this congregation.

Harlan introduced our guest, Howie Cohn, who explained that at New Milford, all congregants were invited to the BOT meetings. Howie asked us to reconsider breaking with tradition and to allow congregants to attend. At the meetings, it was made clear to all attendees that they would have to leave if anything confidential needed to be discussed. The BOT decided to allow open visitations on a trial basis for three months.

Harvey Brenner reported that the membership count is firm at 471. There are several rental opportunities in the works, including Rutgers Summer reading program and the Bergen County Department of Children and Families. We got a new programmable postage machine that will save us about \$400 every time the USPS raises rates, which is approximately once a year. We are getting two network copiers tomorrow that will increase our capabilities to print in house, including color copies to save money. USCJ is attempting to help congregations rein in health care costs by developing a group plan. The plan is designed to save about 12% per year, starting in year 2. Harvey attended a "Bidding for Good" seminar that allows us to take silent auction items and project them online via the Internet and a mobile bidding website, so sales are not limited only to our attendees. This Monday, SLI is having a boot camp for synagogue readiness. They will look at our public face and see if we are meeting the needs of the consuming public. We are co-sponsoring a Safam concert on April 6. The concert is at Temple Beth Sholom in Fair Lawn, and we receive 25% of each ticket we sell.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Harlan announced that he and Lori are leaving for Israel on the 29th for 10 days to visit their son Simeon.
- Judy Jaffe announced that Andy Rossmer's son is starring in "The Other Josh Cohen," which is playing at the Paper Mill Playhouse.
- Rabbi sent a Mazel Tov to the Rossmers on the engagement of their son.

- Howie Leopold reported that APT is running a Bingo and Havdalah night this Saturday.
- Harvey Brenner sent a Mazel Tov to Russell and Nina Rothman on the birth of twin grandsons.
- Mimi Levin announced that on February 9 we are having an afternoon of adult games.
- Mimi Levin reported that a donation of \$1,500 enabled us to purchase technology equipment for the HS.
- Harlan reported for Fred Harris that there are still tickets available for the Purim Raffle.
- Jack Bauer reported that there are still some slots open for the Super Bowl pool. The cost is \$20/box.
- Harlan reported that his daughter wants to host a CPR class, but there aren't enough USY members to support it. There was an interest among BOT members, so Harvey will be in touch with Sophia.

Harlan reported that next month, United Synagogue is proposing a major change to the dues structure. There will be a nationwide vote in March, but as of now, the changes will increase our dues. We will discuss further at our February meeting.

Debbie Zeiler announced that the USY dance was rescheduled to March 8. With 200 kids attending, we will need chaperones. T-shirts featuring the Youth Committee logo are for sale at \$18 each. The logo is the winning entry by Howie Leopold's daughter in a contest last year run by the Youth Committee.

Mimi Levin reported that we are participating in the Federation's One Book One Community project again this year. The event will take place on March 9 and there will be a Sephardic breakfast that morning. The book is "By Fire By Water."

Harlan reported that seven trustees have terms that are expiring. We will need to fill a third VP, plus a few other executive positions will be opening. Nominations were opened. Below is the list with nominations that received the most votes. The interim chairperson will reach out to these members to see if they will serve on the nominating committee.

1. Andy Rossmer
2. Debbie Simon
3. Sandy Alpern
4. Paul Duboff
5. Lili Baumzweig
6. Audrey Hyman
7. Fred Harris
8. Roz Gerard
9. Andy Jaffe
10. Rhonda Gordon

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Bring your inner Disney to Hagalil's Membership Dance!

WHEN: Saturday, March 8, 2014
from 8:30-11:30pm

WHERE: Jewish Community Center of Paramus.
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WHY: To dance the night away and have a great
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