

Coming In March:

MARCH 4

- Shabbat Across America Dinner

MARCH 6

- Book Club

MARCH 7, 14

- Haggadah Class

MARCH 20

- Purim Carnival

MARCH 23

- Purim



ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR JOYOUS

**PURIM CELEBRATION
 WEDNESDAY EVENING**

MARCH 23

SERVICES BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M.



FAMILY MEGILLAH SERVICE

Rabbi Arthur Weiner and Cantor Sam Weiss lead a special family Megillah reading service in the sanctuary, making the Megillah reading fun for children, parents, grandparents, and friends.

TRADITIONAL MEGILLAH SERVICE

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



Groggers will be given out in both services and everyone will have a Megillat Esther book to follow the service.



Costumes are encouraged.

PARTY!

Both services end at 8:30 PM. Afterward, there is a festive Purim feast with food, drink, songs, dancing, and live music. All are welcome.



THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2015 at 6:30 AM

Join in the Bodeen chapel for Thursday morning minyan, and the reading of the *Megillat Esther*. As always, we will distribute groggers to "...blot out the name of Haman." A great time will be had by all.



Our annual Purim Carnival will be on March 20 beginning at noon. See the information in the bulletin or go to

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 KNOWLEDGE**

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From the Rabbi

I devoted my second day Rosh Hashanah sermon to the idea of change. And I wasn't talking about change as an abstract concept, but rather how our synagogue must respond to the changing religious needs of our Jewish community, and the reality of radical shifts in American demography. As America grows more diverse and more secular, how should we as a religious community respond while at the same time working to ensure our core values as Jews and strengthen the core mission of our synagogue?



Rabbi Arthur D. Weiner

It is hard enough for an individual to change. Institutions are even harder. And as Durkheim wrote over 200 years ago, change in religious institutions may be the hardest of all. As a Rabbi, I have beliefs and values that I seek to uphold in the synagogue. So do our members of the board, and the membership at large as well. They are not always the same. And even as we make bold decisions we also work to achieve consensus without which we cannot remain united as a congregation. It is a balancing act even in the best of times. But in these changing times, our synagogue must respond, or be left behind.

So let me share with you several of the innovations and changes that we have instituted, themselves the result of often difficult, yet courageous conversations that demonstrate our commitment to respond to the emerging realities while at the same time to strengthen the core mission of the synagogue. We want the membership to know about them.

1. We have recently approved a new **Statement and Policy of Inclusion** that expresses without reservation or exception our full welcome and embrace of all members of the Jewish community and their families. Whether married or single, in married or interfaith relationships, whether straight or gay – all are welcome at the JCCP/CBT, and we want you and your families to be our partners as we plan our future, embracing the diversity within our community even as we work towards understanding our fundamental unity.
2. Through our greater use of technology, we are bringing new opportunities for different types of learning into our Hebrew School curriculum. This has been particularly well received by both our students in the Hebrew School and their parents as well. The use of technology has also helped our young people develop relationships with their peers in the Israeli city of Nahariya where the Bergen County Jewish community and the JCCP/CBT in particular, have had a cooperative relationship for many years.
3. We have begun a full review of the way we communicate with the congregation, and are in the process of rethinking and improving our weekly emails, our bulletin, publicity, and website. I too have been thinking about the way I communicate with the congregation. It is no secret to anyone who reads my articles and emails that my style is generally, well, somewhat formal. And where that reaches many people, it doesn't reach everyone. And I want to be sensitive to that so that our synagogue's message can be expressed in a manner that reaches the entire membership. Towards that end, I have just completed a major change in my Thursday afternoon message to the congregation. These changes, like some of the others that I mentioned above, hopefully demonstrate our commitment to thoughtful, progressive, and proactive responses to the needs and ideas that you have shared with us.

4. Lastly, we have begun to seek out greater opportunities for partnering with other synagogues in the area. Through our congregation's participation and leadership in the *Kehillah* program, our Hebrew school has been involved with this for many years. But we want to make this a greater priority for the adults in the congregation. We have had a series of productive conversations with Temple Avodat Shalom in River Edge to share programs that have already born fruit. Their members have been invited to participate in our annual Communal Passover Seder on April 23 and the inaugural Harold Lerman Fund for Israel Education and Engagement event – in celebration of *Yom Ha'atzmaut* – Israel Independence Day (look for information on both in this bulletin). And we will observe *Yom Hashoah* with a joint Holocaust Memorial service at Temple Avodat Shalom on May 4.

These are some (but not all!) of the changes, envisioned on the High Holidays that we have made in response to the emerging needs of our community. I believe they reflect our confidence in our ability to address them and at the same time maintain and strengthen our core mission. As always, we want you to be confident that your voices are being heard and that the leadership of this congregation is working hard to meet the needs of this hour.

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Services

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

March 4 8:30 p.m.

SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA 6:30 p.m.

NO LATE SERVICE

ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT

SABBATH SERVICES

March 5 9:00 a.m.

TORAH READING: Vayakhel

KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT

JUNIOR CONGREGATION 10:00 a.m.

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

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

March 11 8:30 p.m.

YOUNG FAMILY SERVICE 7:30 p.m.

ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT

SABBATH SERVICES

March 12 9:00 a.m.

TORAH READING: Pekude

KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT

JUNIOR CONGREGATION 10:00 a.m.

MINCHA & MA'ARIV 5:40 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

March 18 8:30 p.m.

ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT

SABBATH SERVICES

March 19 9:00 a.m.

TORAH READING: Vayikra

KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT

JUNIOR CONGREGATION 10:00 a.m.

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

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

March 25 8:30 p.m.

ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT

SABBATH SERVICES

March 26 9:00 a.m.

TORAH READING: Tzav

KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT

JUNIOR CONGREGATION 10:00 a.m.

MINCHA & MA'ARIV 6:55 p.m.

From the Executive Director



Norman Levin

Be happy: it's Purim.

OK, not until Wednesday evening March 23. We can expect another animated, even raucous holiday celebration. And given the turmoil in the world today, the opportunity to get a little zany should not be ignored.

Let's not, however, confuse silliness with folly. Given the inanity of the media coverage of the current presidential campaign, it's easy to allow the insults and accusations to divert us from the very important consequences of the upcoming election.

Purim is a day designed for merriment and we are urged to obscure the distinction between Mordecai

and Haman. But the Jews who were subject to King Ahashveros' whims knew very well the difference between the hero and the villain. We live in times as precarious as our ancient predecessors.

Judaism looks in a different direction. If the broader society urges us to accept a culture of superficiality, Judaism insists on a culture of meaning. If the broader culture manifests a culture of sarcasm, Judaism urges us to a culture of gratitude. If the broader environment insists on bewildering us with triviality, Judaism demands truth.

As our society slouches further and further away from righteousness and morality, we have an even greater responsibility to behave ethically and responsibly. Our synagogue, our community is a home offering a positive, practical, progressive approach to spirituality, honoring the universal truths that are the basis of all religions and respecting each individual's right to choose a spiritual path.

Queen Esther demonstrated that she understood what really matters – not the distractions of wealth and power but the values of righteousness and the welfare of her people. That is certainly worth celebrating.

Chag sameach.



Light the Sabbath Candles



Friday, March 4 5:31 P.M.

Friday, March 11 5:39 P.M.

Friday, March 18 6:47 P.M.

Friday, March 25 6:54 P.M.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT BULLETIN IS MARCH 7!

~ Purim Raffle ~ 75 Chances Left ~

\$10,000 in Prizes ~ Only 200 Tickets will be sold

\$100 per Ticket ~ Drawing March 23, 2016



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I would like to buy:

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2 Tickets

3 Tickets

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How many would you like?

I know that the shaded numbers are sold. My choices, in order, are:

1st Choice

2nd Choice

3rd Choice

4th Choice

5th Choice

6th Choice

My check for \$100 per ticket is enclosed

Please note that some of these numbers may have been sold since this ad was submitted to the Bulletin.

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President's Message



Jacob Bauer

Through the efforts of Rabbi Weiner and Rabbi Jacobson of Temple Avodat Shalom of River Edge, I am happy to announce that they have reached an agreement where we will start sharing programming with each other.

To begin, we will be joining them for their Yom Hashoah Holocaust program in April. They in turn will be joining us for our second night community Pesach seder as well as our Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) event and the inaugural event of the Harold Lerman Fund for Israel Education and Engagement program in May.

We are continuing to have discussions with Temple Avodat Shalom to further establish ways to cooperate and share programming where possible.

This is a way that each congregation can expand Judaism throughout our communities while still keeping their own identity.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rabbi Weiner and the Religious Committee for all their tireless effort in preparing the Interfaith and Inclusion Policy that the Rabbi explains in his article this month. Should anyone have any questions regarding these policies please do not hesitate to contact the rabbi or me.

I have been informed that the closing on our Midland Avenue Properties will probably not be occurring until May. As mentioned in last month's article the purchaser is paying us \$3,000 per month for every month delay.

With Purim coming on March 23, please do not forget to join the Purim raffle. Tickets are \$100 each and if all 500 are sold there will be a first prize of \$7,500 and second of \$2,500.

On Saturday evening April 23, we will be celebrating our second night community Pesach seder. Over 100 attendees were at the previous two seders and enjoyed them tremendously. Please make reservations ASAP. If you need additional information you can contact the office.

Finally, the Nominating Committee is hard at work filling the spots for next year's Board of Trustees. If any of you are interested in either joining the board or would recommend someone who you would like to see on the board please contact me and I will forward the information to the committee.

Do We Have Your Correct Email Address?

If you're not sure, just answer this question:

Are you receiving our weekly announcements?

If not, please call the office at: (201) 262-7691
or email us at: office@jccparamus.org

GWAN in MARCH

(Group Without A Name)

Mondays at 1:30

YESTERDAY, TODAY and TOMORROW

Lively weekly discussions with Al Nahum

Tuesdays at 1 PM

CANASTA AND SCRABBLE

All levels continue to play each week.

Wednesdays 11:30-12:30

GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS

Come join our exercise class. Everyone needs to move! Come and try it out!

Just \$5 per week. **Free trial session!**

Thursdays 1:30-3:30 PM

WEEKLY MAHJONG

Participants continue to learn and enjoy the game.

BOOK CLUB-Sunday March 6- 10:30 AM

Carolyn Kaufman will lead a discussion on the JFNNJ ONE BOOK ONE COMMUNITY book choice:

"A Backpack, a Bear, Eight Crates of Vodka"
by Lev Colinkin

Sunday March 20; 12-2 PM

ANNUAL PURIM CARNIVAL

Bring your children, grandchildren, neighbors etc. Guaranteed to be a great, fun afternoon for all!

MOVIE Sunday April 10 @ 3 PM

"South Pacific". Pay for the PRE RESERVED deli dinner at the door.

INFORMAL BOOK DISCUSSION

Sunday April 17, 10:30am

Read or re-read **"A Tree Grows in Brooklyn"**
by Betty Smith.

Questions? Contact the synagogue office @
201-262-7691 OR Mimi Levin @ 201-265-0454
or grandmamimil@verizon.net

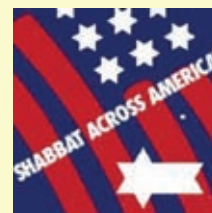


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Shabbat Across America

Friday - March 4



Join thousands of Jews across America to eat, drink, relax and enjoy Shabbat
Candle lighting - 5:30 PM; Family friendly service - 6:30 PM
Delicious Shabbat Dinner follows

Family name: _____

of adults x \$20: ____; # of children, 6-18 years old x \$8: ____; # of children under 6 ____ (free);

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To sponsor another family please add \$50 to bill. Thank you.

Please submit this form with payment to: JCCP/CBT, E 304 Midland Ave, Paramus, NJ 07652

For more information or questions, please call JCCP/CBT office 201-262-7691

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2016 PURIM CARNIVAL

Sunday, March 20 ~ Noon to 2 PM



BOUNCY CASTLE ~ MOONWALK ~ GAMES ~ LUNCH
SNACKS ~ COTTON CANDY ~ AND PRIZES GALORE

Wear your Purim costume ~ Bring all your friends
Everyone is sure to have a fabulous time!



Happy Purim to all !!
Questions? ... Call 201-262-7691





Hebrew School News



Marcia Kagedan

Shalom

February was a short and cold month! Here in the Hebrew School we kept warm with the occasional hot chocolate and much learning that warmed our hearts! Our younger children participated in a *shema* workshop with their parents. On a not so cold Sunday morning the children enjoyed the freedom to come to school in their pajamas. They took a close look at the inside of a *mezuzah*, and saw the parchment on which is written the words of the *shema*. They each went home with a beautiful hand-made *mezuzah* which they could hang in their houses. Parents and children learned the rules of how, why and where to hang the *mezuzah* and all left enriched. Thank you to Morah Iris, Morah Atara and Morah Aviva for your leadership that day.

The month of March is packed with activity for the children and their families. On Friday March 4th all are invited to the NATIONAL ANNUAL SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA EVENT. Hebrew School families are invited at a reduced rate, just \$25 per family, and we encourage all to attend. It will be a very special evening for all ages. You are welcome to bring guests but do remember to sign up by calling the JCCP CBT office at 201-262-7691!

Sunday March 6th is the first day of our 6 week TASTE OF HEBREW

SCHOOL PROGRAM. Children ages 4-7 are invited to register for this class, which costs just a \$25 registration fee. If you know any children who are not yet enrolled in a Hebrew School please mention this opportunity to them. The TASTE OF HEBREW SCHOOL PROGRAM will prepare the children for Purim and Passover and the families get to know what we have to offer them. I need the help of the JCCP CBT membership to spread the word about this program. The TASTE OF HEBREW SCHOOL flyer appears in this bulletin

Also on Sunday March 6th our APT is sponsoring a DOUBLE DOSE OF A CAPPELLA! Two Rutgers University A CAPPELLA groups will be performing at 3 p.m. This event is a MUST! It promises to be fun entertainment for everyone. Bring a crowd! Tickets available at the door. See ad in this bulletin.

Our next Shabbat Day Family Service is on March 19th, the day before the long awaited PURIM CARNIVAL! Talking about the carnival, please remember to contact Roz to volunteer to run one of our 25 booths at the Carnival. Roz can be reached at 201-722-2888 or at rmehr5@hotmail.com We need all our parents to lend a hand for an hour and to bring along any children who enjoy playing games, winning prizes and eating carnival food!

Our Purim Festival is on Wednesday evening March 23rd at 7:15 p.m. There will be two megillah readings, including a kid/family oriented reading followed with a lively party for all. Get your costumes ready!

And the above is just a sample of what is planned for the Hebrew School in March. Did I mention that we will all be baking hamantashen too?! So, keep warm everyone and see you at the synagogue.

Marcia Kagedan
Educational Director

Youth News

Our youth, 3rd-7th graders, continue to have fun evenings.

We are excited about our next program which will be a FOSSIL NIGHT. We are thrilled to welcome Howard Cohn, who will do a presentation on Tuesday, March 8th about fossils. Howard is an avid fossil enthusiast and we look forward to learning from him. All kids in 3rd-7th grade are welcome to attend from 5:30-7 p.m.

There will also be a youth program on Tuesday March 29th from 5:30-7 p.m.

Hope to see many kids enjoying our fun programs.

Marcia Kagedan, Youth Coordinator



Young Jewish Families

SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICE AND PROGRAM

Friday, March 11 and April 1, 7:30 p.m. A Family Shabbat service followed by play time and oneg in the gym. The children play, the parents schmooze. It's perfect. Come see for yourself! See information in this bulletin issue and on website for details.

SPONSOR AN ONEG

Once a month, usually on the first Friday, we hold our Friday Night Family Program. This family-friendly service is followed by an oneg and playtime in the gym. If you would like to sponsor an oneg, please contact us: \$18 for a birthday cake; \$18 for other snacks.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Young Jewish Families is the club for families with a child or children under bar or bat mitzvah age, their siblings, parents, and extended families. However, everyone is welcome to attend our activities and events. So please bring mothers and fathers, grandparents and great-grandparents, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, neighbors – but no pets please!

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

Thank you.
Eugene and Elana



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On six Monday nights at 8:15 p.m., beginning February 8th, Cantor Weiss will explore this time-honored and beloved collection of questions, answers, rituals, blessings, stories, songs and prayers.

Come to as many sessions as you like, and you will gain a new appreciation for the Haggadah's history, structure and contents.

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MONDAY NIGHTS AT 8:15 P.M.

2/29, 3/7 & 3/14



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invites you to join our



Community Seder

Saturday, April 23, 2016

(The 2nd night of Passover, beginning promptly at 8:30 PM)

A fun and meaningful Seder,
led by Rabbi Arthur and Shira Weiner

Enjoy:

A Delicious Meal

The Four Questions

Special Desserts

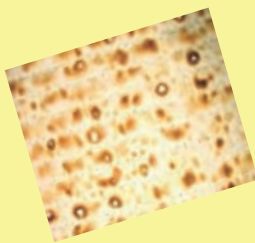
Adults ... \$45

Children 4 to 12 ... \$22

Children under 4 ... Free

Please RSVP by April 6

(Because the caterer needs extra time for seder meals,
we are unable to accommodate last minute applications.)

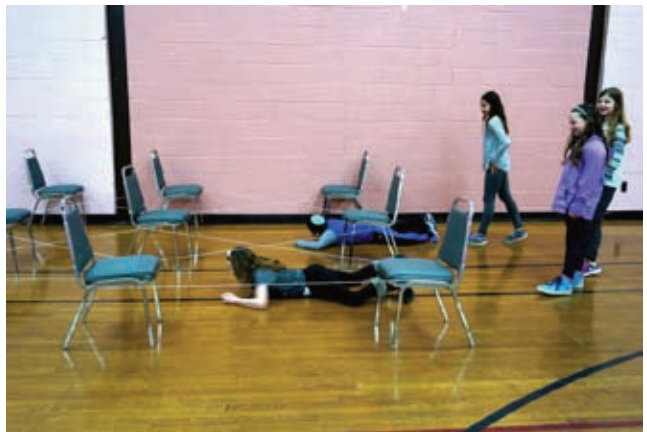


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Hebrew School Kehillah program -
with student from other area
Hebrew schools - learning about
Israeli army drills, Israeli dancing
and cooking. Also, some of our
younger students making Shabbat
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Men's Club

Men's Club is readying to prepare Mishloach Manot gift bags for the upcoming holiday of Purim. This is an opportunity to strengthen relationships with fellow congregants as well as fulfilling the mitzvah of making sure our community is not denied the traditional treats of the holiday. Please get order forms in by March 8th, so that we can assemble everything in time for the celebration.

Plans are underway for a Passover breakfast in April and then a special event in May with a prominent guest speaker.

So, as they say on Saturday Night Live, stick around we'll be right back!



It's time to start getting your ads!!

Journal Dinner-Dance - 2016

We are pleased to be honoring



Laurie and Larry Rosman

and

Olinda and Larry Sturm

Sunday, June 26, 2016



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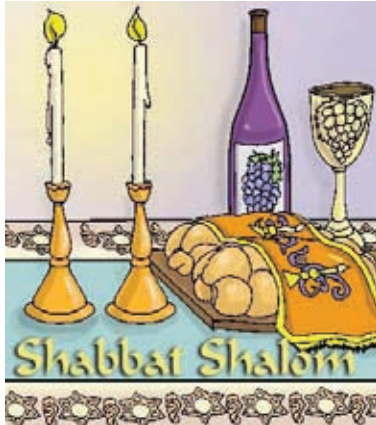
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A WONDERFUL KABBALAT SHABBAT PROGRAM

is held every Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.
for the Jewish long-term residents at
Bergen Regional Medical Center.

Volunteers are needed to
wheel the residents down
to the chapel for the service,
which lasts about an hour.
Not only is this a great mitzvah
it is also very rewarding.



For information, please call JCCP/CBT member
Rose Harris at 201-791-4384
or call the hospital and speak with
Susan Burkhardt, Coordinator of Volunteer
Services at 201-967-4615.



Friday Night Dinner **April 1st at 6:45 p.m.**

Enjoy a delicious catered dinner in our social hall,
unwind and schmooze with your friends and family before services at 8:30 p.m.

\$18 per adult ~ \$8 per child age 6-13 ~ kids 5 and under are free
Maximum charge of \$54 per family ~ (Immediate family members only)

RSVP by Tuesday, March 29th ~ office@jccparamus.org or 201-262-7691

*If you have special dietary needs, please contact
Laurie (lhrwax@gmail.com) or Esther (hubbiem@aol.com)*

Please let us know if you would like to reserve a table with your family and friends

**Jewish Community Center of Paramus/Congregation Beth Tikvah
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Adult Education

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

Join us for our classes and activities including:

- **Exploring the Passover Haggadah** taught by **Cantor Sam Weiss** Mondays, February 29, March 7 and 14 at 8:15 p.m.
- **The History of Jews of Germany** taught by **Rabbi Arthur Weiner** Wednesdays, March 2 and 9 at 2:30 and 8:15 p.m.
- As part of JFNNJ One Book One Community event, **Carolyn Kaufman** will facilitate a discussion for our **Book Club** on **"A Backpack, a Bear, Eight Crates of Vodka"** by **Lev Colinkin**. Light refreshments. Sunday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.

Looking Ahead:

- **ROSH: Jewish Leaders Through The Ages**, taught by **Stu Lehrer** Mondays March 28, April 4, 11, and 18 at 8:15 p.m.
- **Walking Tour of Colonial New York** by **Thorin Tritter** Sunday, April 3, more info to come.
- **The Harold Lerman Fund for Israel Education and Engagement** presents guest speaker **David Horovitz**, editor of the Times of Israel, Sunday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m.
- Save Sunday, June 5 for the annual **Israel Day Parade**

Community Affairs

Every Day is Mitzvah Day

The JCCP/CBT is well known in Bergen County for its Tikkun Olam (healing the world) projects. Many of these projects are organized and coordinated by our Community Affairs Committee.

Ongoing and special projects include:

- **Food Collections:** Help us by bringing an item or a bag of non-perishable food to the synagogue for our ongoing food collection
- Fall and Spring **Fran Leib Memorial Turkey Drives**. Spring date to be announced.
- **Knit and crochet** for the children at the Tikvah Home, a **Jewish orphanage** in Odessa, Ukraine. Join our monthly knitting bees or knit on your own. Contact **Elaine Cohen** at 201-447-2485.
- Watch for new volunteer opportunities from the **Chesed Committee** that will be offered. 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.
- In the spring we provide and serve a full dinner as part of the **Walk in Dinner** program at the **Bergen County Homeless Shelter**. Contact **Roz Gerard** at 201-5828 for more information.

The Harold Lerman Fund for Israel Education and Engagement of the JCC of Paramus/Congregation Beth Tikvah
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David Horovitz
Founding editor of
The Times of Israel

Sunday, May 15, 2016 – 6:15 PM



The entire community is invited to celebrate Yom Ha'Atzma'ut (Israel Independence Day) as we welcome David Horovitz, award winning journalist and noted author. This is the inaugural event of the Harold Lerman Fund for Israel Education and Engagement, established by the children of the late Harold Lerman, to honor his passion for Jewish life and the State of Israel.

Please mark your calendars now!



New Milford High School Holocaust Study Tour

New Milford High School will embark on its twelfth annual Holocaust Study Tour to Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic.

A total of 236 students have been able to learn, experience and go on to teach life-changing lessons regarding this tragic era in human history.

The program is not possible without the support of individuals, foundations, and corporations who understand the impact this experience has on the participants.

Please consider contributing to the Holocaust Study Tour Program.

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The students make a presentation in June. All are invited and will be "blown away".

Test your Purim knowledge...



1. How many times is the Megillah (Scroll of Esther) traditionally read aloud on Purim?

2. On what day is Ta'anit Esther (the Fast of Esther) observed?



3. According to the Purim story, how many sons did Haman have?

4. According to the Purim story, what did Mordecai refuse to do?

5. Who commanded that Purim be celebrated every year?



6. How many chapters are in the Book of Esther?



7. What was Queen Esther's Jewish name?



8. How was Haman going to get rid of Mordechai?



9. How many times is G-d's name mentioned in the Book of Esther?





Sisterhood

SONGS, SNACKS... SISTERHOOD!!!

The thermometer tells me the temperature outside is in the single digits (yes, it's still February as of the time of this writing). The weather report states that with that wind chill factor it's 25 below zero! This is a day to put up a big pot of soup, maybe some chili and of course, hot chocolate for breakfast. While I'm doing all of this, I'm listening to my favorite music. Good food, great music and spending the day with people we love and care about are all the comforts needed on a bitterly cold day.

For that matter, good food, great music and spending time with people we love and care about are really comforts in our lives, whether it be bitterly cold or brutally hot or somewhere in between.

On February 6, Sisterhood sponsored an evening of songs and snacks, featuring Ed Mann, a wonderful guitarist and singer who performed so many of the songs that form the soundtrack of our lives. His performances of songs by The Beatles, Bob Dylan, The Eagles and The Boss provided the pitch perfect background for an evening when so many of us were together, in one room, enjoying each other with a glass of wine at candlelit tables.

And the food... well, as if tzatziki, warm artichoke dip, spinach dip and accompaniments were not enough, we had cheese-cake (gooey style), apricot bars and adorable chocolate chip cookies and... all homemade in our JCCP/CBT kitchen. Did everyone who attended enjoy the food? If so, the recipes are all from More Memories from the Heart, our fabulous Sisterhood cookbook (and if you haven't bought yours yet - why not?! We tested them and they worked - so many of those recipes are truly crowd pleasers!!



As for that food, none of it would have been possible without the joint efforts of the phenomenal group of women, you know who you are, who continue to amaze me with their dedication, ideas, time and good humor.

So, what is the lesson here? Great music, great food and great people- the comforts we all enjoy. Evenings like February 6 are not possible without the support of a group of Sisterhood members to pull them together. It is time to add to our current, great group of women. If you attended Sisterhood's evening of music and enjoyed the night, you owe it to yourselves and to the JCCP-CBT to become an active member.

Finally, on a bitter cold day like today (remember, it's February as this article is being written), please think of those less fortunate and comfortable than we are and give some tzedakah to those in need.

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Hag Purim!
Lori Cohen

This month's recipe came from our bulletin chair, Elana Heitlinger. It is a great choice and I think everyone will enjoy! ~ Beth

Beef Pot Pie in One Pot

- 3 lbs. chuck roast, trimmed into cubes
- 3 tbsp. olive oil
- ½ stick margarine
- 1 ½ cups sliced mushrooms
- 2 medium onions, diced
- 2 tbsp. tomato paste
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 tsp. dried thyme
- ¼ tsp. dried rosemary
- ¾ cup unbleached flour
- 1 cup dry semi sweet red wine
- 4 cups chicken broth or water
- 1 cup **pareve** soy milk
- 1 lb. bag of frozen peas/carrot medley (do not thaw)
- Puff pastry sheets



Heat 2 tbsp. olive oil in large Dutch oven over med-high heat until shimmering.

Add half the meat and cook, stir until well-browned (8-10 minutes), put in large bowl and set aside - repeat with remaining olive oil and beef.

Add margarine to the Dutch oven and melt.

Add the mushrooms and onions.

Cover, cook, and stir, about 10 minutes.

Uncover and increase heat and continue to cook and stir until the liquid has evaporated and mushrooms are dry and browned (10 minutes).

Stir in tomato paste, garlic, thyme, and rosemary and cook for 30 seconds.

Stir in flour and cook, stirring constantly, about 1 minute.

Gradually stir in the wine, scraping up the brown bits.

Whisk in soy milk and broth. Add back in the browned bits of meat and all the juices it has accumulated and bring to a simmer.

Reduce heat to low, partially cover, and continue to simmer for about 45 minutes until meat is tender.

Take the meat off the heat and stir in the peas and carrots and season with salt and pepper to taste.

Pour mixture into a 9x13 baking dish.

Dough - Take the puff pastry sheets and cover the top of the baking dish.

Trim any excess dough leaving a 1/2 inch overhang over the sides.

Press the dough firmly down around the edges to seal in place.

Bake at 375 degrees for about 90 minutes.



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