



## Coming in May & June

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**May 10** 

Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner

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## SHAVUOT TORAH TEACH-IN

Tuesday, May 14 • 9:15 p.m.

Shavuot is called "the time of the giving of the Torah." Shavuot evening has always been dedicated to the study of the Torah and other great works of the Jewish tradition, such as the Mishnah, the Gemara, the Midrash and other religious literature. This tradition of study in honor of Shavuot is referred to as *TIKKUN LEL SHAVUOT*.

On the first night of Shavuot, Jews throughout the world gather and study Torah together from night until the early morning hours. From 9:15 p.m. until at least midnight, we will sit together, enjoy Yom Tov delicacies and study Torah with Rabbi Weiner.

Come and enjoy this inspiring, lively evening of Torah study. It will be an exciting, enriching event for all.

## CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW SHAVUOT SERVICES — WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

It is a time-honored tradition to celebrate Shavuot with a festive dairy meal. Join us for our **Annual Shavuot Luncheon** following our services on the first day of Shavuot. It will all add up to a joyful celebration of this festival that celebrates the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## SHAVUOT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 14	Erev Shavuot
Minchah	8:00 p.m.
Maariv	9:00 p.m.
Tikkun Lel Shavuot Study Session	9:15 p.m.
Wednesday, May 15	First Day of Shavuot
Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
Shavuot Luncheon following services	
Minchah, Maariv	8:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 16	Second Day of Shavuot
Early service and Yizkor	6:30 a.m.
Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
Yizkor will be observed	
Minchah and Maariv	8:00 p.m.

## From the Rabbi



Rabbi Arthur D. Weiner

Earlier this year, our synagogue voted to replace our synagogue's siddurim (prayer books). Perhaps you have noticed that for the past two months, we have been using the new Siddur Sim Shalom for Shabbat and Festivals in our sanctuary. The new siddur has been met with approval and much enthusiasm from our membership.

Why did we make the difficult but necessary switch from the Silverman Siddur to this new one? To answer the question, we must begin with a few words about what a siddur is. A siddur is a compendium of prayers for religious services and events. As a traditionally oriented Conservative synagogue, we generally follow a fixed liturgy for most of our religious services.

Nonetheless, editorial choices must be made when assembling such a compendium, as I have tried to explain to both our Religious Committee and Board of Trustees. Learned men and women who are steeped both in the Jewish liturgical tradition and sensitive to the needs of the community must balance often competing values to create a prayer book that not only will meet the religious needs of the current generation but also anticipate the needs of future worshipers.

In that respect, the Silverman Siddur that served our congregation for more than 50 years was a masterpiece. It offered a clear and wellpresented Hebrew text, a highly readable (though somewhat stilted) English translation, and reflected both the confidence and the optimism of American Jewry as it emerged in the post-World War II era. In terms of presentation, it was a marked improvement over the prayer books used in most traditional synagogues in the previous generation.

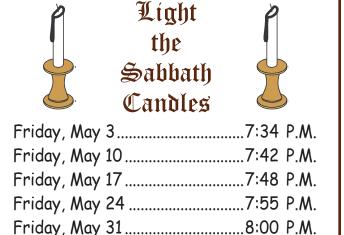
As it has been almost two generations since the Silverman Siddur was introduced to the Jewish community, we may not be aware of how the Silverman was considered quite radical in some respects, making changes in prayers and other editorial changes that were quite controversial in its time.

Based on the needs articulated to our Religious Committee, we have been thinking about our prayer books for many years. Seven years ago we introduced a new transliterated siddur, the Siddur for Shabbat of the Jewish Community Center of Paramus, to assist community members who wished to participate in our religious services yet lacked the Hebrew skills necessary for the regular siddur. The Siddur for Shabbat has continued to make a most positive impact in our religious services. But new and emerging needs articulated by our membership made the consideration of a new prayer book a priority.

After much consideration, we decided that we needed a siddur with improved English translations reflecting not only the common English of today's America, but also one that was more sensitive to gender issues. We also looked for a siddur with more transliteration to improve the prayer experience of those lacking Hebrew fluency. We wanted a siddur that reflected our sense of the religious significance of the State of Israel (remember that Israel had not yet become an independent nation when the Silverman Siddur was originally published). We also wanted a siddur that would help us achieve our goal of facilitating both traditional and egalitarian religious opportunities, so that by offering different options, we could increase opportunities for learning and Jewish growth for all members of the community.

It was not an easy choice. We considered and rejected several outstanding works before we settled on Siddur Sim Shalom. We believe it has the right combination of faithfulness to the Jewish liturgical tradition, uplifting and accessible English translations and additional readings, interesting explanatory notes as well as aesthetic appeal that will serve the needs of our congregation today and for many years in the future.

Next time you are in the synagogue, I hope you will take the time to familiarize yourself with our new prayer book. The Religious Committee conducted its deliberations on this important synagogue matter with you in mind. I have every confidence it will meet your needs and exceed your expecta-



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FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES
Friday, May 38:30 p.m.
Young Jewish Families Service7:30 p.m.
ONEG HOSTS: JCCP
SABBATH SERVICES
Saturday, May 49:00 a.m.
TORAH READING: Behar-Bechukosai
KIDDUSH HOSTS: JCCP
JUNIOR CONGREGATION:10:00 a.m.
MINCHA & MA'ARIV:
FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES
Friday, May 108:30 p.m. SISTERHOOD SHABBAT DINNER6:45 p.m.
ONEG HOST: Sisterhood
SABBATH SERVICES
Saturday, May 119:00 a.m.
TORAH READING: Bemidbar
TRADITIONAL SERVICE IN SANCTUARY
EGALITARIAN SERVICE IN BODEEN CHAPEL
KIDDUSH HOST: Men's Club along with the JCCP
JUNIOR CONGREGATION:10:00 a.m.
CLUB SHABBAT10:30 a.m.
MINCHA & MA'ARIV:
FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES
Friday, May 178:30 p.m.
ONEG HOSTS: Janet & Paul Mannasse in honor of
Samuel's Bar Mitzvah
SABBATH SERVICES
Saturday, May 189:00 a.m.
TORAH READING: Naso
KIDDUSH HOSTS: Janet & Paul Mannasse in honor of
Samuel's Bar Mitzvah
JUNIOR CONGREGATION:
MINCHA & MA'ARIV:7:50 p.m.
FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES
Friday, May 248:30 p.m.
ONEG HOST: JCCP
SABBATH SERVICES
Saturday, May 259:00 a.m.
TORAH READING: Beha'alotecha
KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP
JUNIOR CONGREGATION:
MINCHA & MA'ARIV:7:55 p.m.
FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES
Friday, May 318:30 p.m.
ONEG HOST: JCCP
SABBATH SERVICES
Saturday, June 19:00 a.m.
TORAH READING: Shelach
KIDDUSH HOSTS: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow
along with the JCCP
JUNIOR CONGREGATION:10:00 a.m.
MINCHA & MA'ARIV:
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## From the Executive Director



Joe A. Herrmann

I hope everyone's Pesach was sweet and festive, like mine. My wife and I particularly enjoyed having all the family at our home. We spent quality time with our kids and grandchildren. My granddaughter, who is 5 1/2 years old, chanted the Four Questions by herself in Hebrew, totally by heart!

One topic most people don't like to think about or discuss is the purchase of graves for themselves or their family members. For those of you who are not aware, the JCCP owns graves in Cedar Park-Beth El Cemetery, and they are only available to be purchased by our members.

Three years ago the JCCP had a pre-price increase sale, and this year for a limited time only, we will be running another pre-price increase sale. Graves can only be purchased by current members of the JCCP, as well as by their Jewish family members. Family members include all relationships based on birth, including all cousins. Family members also include all relationships based on marriage, including all Jewish in-laws. The current cost of a grave is \$1,000, but as of July 1, the price will increase to \$1,200.

If you are interested in purchasing a grave, especially before the price goes up July 1, please contact me in the JCCP office: Call 201-262-7691 or email execdirector@ jccparamus.org.

May will be a busy month at the JCCP. We will be honoring Cantor Sam and Raisy Weiss at the Israel Bonds Dinner on May 5. Of course, May 15 and 16 is Shavuot, and Hebrew School graduation and awards is on May 28. Installation will be on May 30. Many committees will meet during the month, and don't forget to join us for services.

Enjoy the month!

**Cedar Park-Beth El Cemetery** graves can be purchased at the pre-price increase cost of \$1,000 until June 30.

For information, please contact Joe Herrmann in the JCCP office at 201-262-7691.

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



## **President's Message**



Harlan L. Cohen

Shalom,

As the President of the Jewish Community Center, I have the responsibility of informing the Congregation when there is both joyful news and when there is sad news. This letter clearly falls into the latter category.

With much sadness, it is my task to report that on March 21, 2013, the Board of Trustees, acting on the recommendations of both the Board of Education and the Executive Board, voted to close the Dora and Sidney Miller Early Childhood Center following the conclusion of the school year in June. Our Early Childhood Center, or nursery school, as so many of us

still affectionately call it, has had a distinguished history that spans more than four decades. The ECC helped to bring a first-class Jewish education to hundreds of our children and gave them a firm foundation for future success in school, in life and in their future careers as educators, attorneys, doctors, businesspeople even rabbis.

The ECC was also one of the great building blocks of the social networks and long-lasting friendships for both children and parents alike that have made the JCCP such a special place over the years. I can honestly say that if not for the ECC, which all three of our children attended, Lori and I would not have become and remained members of the JCCP and I would not be serving as your President today. The close friendships we formed at the ECC more than twenty years ago are still at the core of our JCCP friendships today.

The enclosed letter was sent to our current ECC families right after the Board voted informing them of this emotionally difficult decision. The Board's decision, reflecting the work of two ECC task forces and months of intensive

discussions that were preceded by years of ongoing discussions, was driven in large measure by the harsh demographic, competitive and financial challenges which the ECC has confronted during recent years. Based on the enrollment outlook for the coming year, the hard realities could no longer be avoided.

I would like to take this opportunity to both applaud and thank our current ECC Director, Judy Fox, who took over the position three years ago at a very challenging time. Judy has worked tirelessly, creatively and with the utmost professionalism to try to restore our ECC program to prominence and profitability. She has been ably assisted in that endeavor by her dedicated staff of teachers. Harriet Cohen, Janet Ritter, Eileen Shapiro, Karen Silverman, Debbie Zeiler as well as Janie Horowitz, who have been with us for many years and in Harriet's case, more than two decades. We thank all of them for their steadfast devotion to both the ECC and to our children.

I would also like to recognize the accomplishments of Paula Javits, along with her teaching staff, who made the program such a success

during her 36-year tenure as the Director of our ECC. I would also like to acknowledge and publically thank the Miller family for the crucial and generous financial support which they have extended over the years to our ECC program.

On behalf of the entire JCCP community, now and over the past 42 years, we thank all of you for helping to launch our children on the path of both life and Jewish education, and for helping to strengthen the educational, social and religious fabric of the JCCP. Our entire community is indebted to each of you. While the ECC will be sorely missed by our community, there is no doubt that for those of us whose children were fortunate enough to attend our nursery school, we will forever have warm memories of what a special place it was. In future years, whenever we use those special plastic Seder plates our children made at the ECC so many years ago or look at our children's smiling faces on their nursery school refrigerator magnets, it will always be a bittersweet moment.

Sincerely,

Harlan L. Cohen, President

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

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.



## **Cantor Sam & Raisv Weiss**



Every year, the Israel Bonds Committee at the Jewish Community Center of Paramus holds an event in the spring to raise money for the State of Israel and to honor special members of our community for their longtime support of the State of Israel. This year we are honoring two exceptional people — a couple who are lifelong supporters of the State of Israel as well as longtime members of the

Cantor Sam Weiss became a fulltime Hazzan in 1976 and served congregations in Norwich, Conn.; Wilmington, Del.; and Baltimore until 1997. In that year he returned to his and wife Raisy's native Northeast to become Cantor of the Jewish Community Center of Paramus.

Six years earlier, Dr. Raisy Weiss had already made her professional move northward when she was appointed professor at Lehigh University, where she currently chairs the Philosophy Department.

At the JCCP's 2007 Selichot reception and again at its 2011 Dinner Dance, the JCCP recognized our Cantor's excellence in prayer leadership, teaching, choral conducting, innovative programming, scholarship — topped off by the more than 300 B'nai Mitzvah students he has taught with affection and helped quide toward Jewish and personal maturity.

Raisy's contributions to the congregation were acknowledged as well, including her work with our JCCP Singers, homeless shelter, book club, and Drosh 'n Nosh programs.

Cantor and Raisy are both highly and accomplished regarded members of their chosen professional fields. Much sought after for his expertise in liturgical, religious and folk traditions, Cantor Weiss regularly answers internet inquiries from all over the world on these and related subjects. In his induction as an Honorary Fellow of the H.L. Miller Cantorial School, The Jewish Theological Seminary cited him as "exemplifying the ideal of Hazzan-scholar." He is a contributing editor of The Journal of Synagogue Music, and a writer and performer for the

United Synagogue's acclaimed "Voices of the Conservative Movement" series of recordings. He is a recipient of the Cantors Assembly's Samuel Rosenbaum Award for Creativity and Scholarship, and serves on the organization's Executive Council.

Raisy has authored four books on Plato and published many articles on Greek and Jewish Philosophy. She is currently working on the first complete English translation of "Or Hashem," the major work by medieval Jewish philosopher Hasdai Crescas. She has lectured all over the country (including twice for the JCCP's George Reiss Memorial Lecture program) and in many cities throughout Canada and Europe. Raisy's lectures have taken her as far as Greece and Japan, but she is proudest of her

regular presentations in Israel — 20 and still counting — which represent her commitment to Eretz Yisrael as much as her commitment to scholarship. Raisy is a regular proud JCCP marcher at the Israel Day Parade and is a life member of Hadassah and AMIT.

The Weiss daughters, Miriam and Dena, both have spent time studying in Israel, and the entire family staunchly supports Israel. Separately and together, they have made more than 40 trips to the country and look forward to more in the future.

Cantor Sam and Raisy Weiss will be adding substantially to their current Israel Bonds holdings, and invite you to do the same — or if you have not done so, to start contributing this year.

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## Cantor Sam & Raisy Weiss

and share in the joy of Israel and Israel Bonds (Invitation to follow)

Sunday, May 5, 2013

For further information please contact Marc Rosen

Development Corporation for Israel/State of Israel Bonds **Registered Representative** 

(201) 881-1596 - marc.rosen@israelbonds.com

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## ISRAEL DAY PARADE SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Join the excitement as we walk with thousands of others in NYC!

## "NNJ TRAVELS ISRAEL"



- Students in 3rd grade and older can come with or without other family members.
- All JCCP members and friends are invited to join us on the bus and parade route.
- Bus will leave from the JCCP Parking Lot.
- Registration REQUIRED to reserve a seat on the bus and a parade T-shirt!
- Plan on bringing a brown bag lunch. Water bottles and snacks will be provided.
- No backpacks allowed on parade route. Departure time TBA ...
- NEW THIS YEAR: Arrangements will be made for spectators too!
   Call Marcia for more info.

Return registration form and payment to Mrs Kagedan by Monday, May 20.

Check payable to JCCP please. JCCP East 304 Midland Avenue, Paramus, NJ 07652

Questions/reservations to 201-262-7733 or edudirector@jccparamus.org

•	I give my child/ren	permission to
	attend the Israel Day Parade on June 2, 2013. I agree that the JCCP shall	not be liable for
	any loss, damage to property, or personal injury to my child. I assume full r	esponsibility for
	any damage caused to any facility used during the trip. To the best of my k	nowledge my
	son/daughter is in good health. In case of emergency, the faculty member	or the physician
	selected by them has authorization to order whatever medical treatment is	necessary.
•	Names of adults joining the parade	•

Amount enclosed: @ \$18 per person \$65 family maximum

(Fee covers bus, T-shirt and snacks)

<u>Indicate T-shirt size</u>: Children's medium, large

Adult's small, medium, large, X large, XX large, XXX large

(T-shirt size guaranteed if form and payment received by May 20 deadline!)

Contact info:

Cell phone numbers: email:	
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## **Sisterhood**

## MATTERS OF THE HEART

Family-Community LYAR 5773

"In the third month after the Exodus of the Jewish People from Egypt, on that very day, they came to the Desert of Sinai" (Shemot 19:1)

On the first day of Sivan, the people encamped at Mount Sinai preparing to receive the Torah. The verb form of encamped (vayichan) is singular, pointing to the fact that the Children of Israel came together as one.

## Sisterhood joins together with the JCCP family on Rosh Hodesh Sivan

## May 10 • Friday Night Dinner • 6:45 P.M.

\$18 per adult • \$8 per child age 6-13 • Kids 5 and under are free Maximum charge of \$50 per family (Immediate family members only)

RSVP by Tuesday, May 7

Email: office@jccparamus.org or call 201-262-7691 (Sisterhood members, please let us know you are coming Email: sisterhoodeve@gmail.com)

Services at 8:30 p.m.

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## YOM HABIKKURIM

Wishing you a month of wonderful firsts! Warmly, Ruth Smith and Eve Lehrer, Co-Presidents

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## **Sunday May 5**

## "Estate Planning under the New Tax Law"

Presenter: Gary Botwinick, Esq., Estate Tax Attorney Minyan at 9 a.m. Breakfast at 10 a.m. in Social Hall

Q & A to follow this informative program Free to all! Everyone welcome!

Thank you to the JCCP Endowment Committee for sponsoring this important program

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## SISTERHOOD JCCP GIFT SHOP

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## **Hebrew School**



Marcia Kagedan

Shalom.

April was certainly a very full month in the Hebrew School.

#### **YOM HASHOAH**

Rabbi Weiner had a powerful conversation with our fifth and sixth grade for Yom Hashoah, as did the teachers. The children participated in discussions in a mature, sensitive and knowledgeable manner. Yom Ha'atzmaut was phenomenal. The JCCP Maccabeats concert was awesome: it was followed a couple of days later by a special program in the Hebrew School.

## **TEEN LEADERSHIP**

The JFNNJ with BCHSJS (Bergen County High School of Jewish Studies) had a new program this school year called "TEEN LEADER-SHIP." Many teenagers from all over Bergen County applied to be part of this program. Just 18 kids were selected, and the JCCP was well represented with five of our Hebrew School graduates: Marcelle Katri, Suzanne Link, Michael Sobelman, Gregory Vaks and Joshua Weiss. The teens meet every week at BCHSJS for class. They have had many special experiences this year, including meeting Natan Sharansky for a private meeting. Several of the 18 will be traveling to Nahariya to visit their peers.

## YOM HA'ATZMAUT

In honor of Yom Ha'atzmaut, a delegation of teenagers from Nahariya who are engaged in a similar leadership program in Israel visited our school. The Israelis and our teens engaged the Hebrew School students in a fabulous afternoon celebrating Israel's 65th birthday! With an audio-video presentation brought by the Israelis, an Israel TABOO game, fun relay races and a culinary treat, the kids really bonded with our guests. I thank our community shaliach, Avinoam Segal-Elad, for helping to coordinate this event.

#### **LAG B'OMER**

April also included the Jeffrey Rosenberg Memorial Lag b'Omer sports and BBQ event. Check the website for photos of this exciting and fun program. Thank you to all those who made this possible: cosponsoring financially, purchasing the food, cooking, staffing, etc. A great time was had by all!

## **ISRAEL DAY PARADE**

With Avinoam, the community shaliach, and the JFNNJ Parade committee, I have begun the preparations for the JCCP participation in the Israel Day Parade. Please make a commitment to participate this year. There will be bus transportation from the JCCP. You are encouraged to walk the parade route with me or, if you prefer, we are making provisions this year for the first time for the bus to also stop closer to the end of the route. Those who wish to find a spot to watch the parade can meet up with the bus for the return trip. With cell phones, everything is possible! Your \$18 per person fee includes the T-shirt; this way, it will be easy to find each other in the crowds!!! Save the date - SUNDAY. JUNE 2!

The ECC still has a lot of Kidstuff books left, and most of the coupons in them are still good! Besides supermarkets, they've got other great stores, fast food and activities. Golf Galaxy for spring! They are normally \$25; selling them now at the bargain rate of \$18. Call Judy in the ECC office, 201-967-1334.

#### **COMING UP IN MAY:**

Shabbat, May 4:

PIP Program (Parent Involvement Program), 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

Parent class to teach the basics about Shabbat morning services.

· Sunday, May 5:

Yom Yerushalayim celebration complete with Moon Walk and Cotton Candy!

Tuesday, May 7:

Seventh grade with Moshe and Mrs. A. post-hey program, both at 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, May 12: Torah 'UNROLLING' Program and Shavuot treats!

• Tuesday, May 14: No school – Erev Shavuot

• Sunday, May 19:

Special event for last day of kindergarten and first grade; details will follow.

• Sunday, May 26: No school – Memorial Day Weekend

• Tuesday, May 28: **Graduation and Awards** Assembly

• SUNDAY, JUNE 2: ANNUAL ISRAEL DAY PARADE IN NYC

As always, call if you have any questions or suggestions!

Shalom U'lehitra'ot.

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#### PLEASE JOIN US!

at the Jewish Community Center of Paramus

## CLUB SHABBAT

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

facilitated by our Early Childhood Director, Judy Fox

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

please join us on

Saturday, May 11 Saturday, June 8 10:30 ~ 11:30 a.m.

and join us afterward for our weekly congregational Kiddush luncheon

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

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## **Community Affairs**

## Every Day is Mitzvah Day

Our Fran Leib Memorial Spring Food Drive on March 20 received an excellent response from the JCCP community. Sixteen turkeys were donated along with 35 bags of groceries, not a record by any means, but we received nearly \$600 in donations of cash and checks, and \$295 in ShopRite gift cards, which was a record. A few late donations of turkeys were brought to the food bank at the Paramus Department of Human Services.

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 Center when you come for minyan or meetings. The food bank depends on us to replenish its shelves. Among the items needed are canned meat and tuna, hearty soups, coffee, canned veggies, hot and cold cereal, Parmalot and baby formula. No glass containers or food with expired "sell by" dates, thanks.

On the morning of Sunday, May 19, we will be helping to stock the shelves at the Center for Food Action warehouse in Hackensack. **Merle Harris** is coordinating this project. Please contact her at 201-445-2352 or <a href="merleharris18@aol.com">merleharris18@aol.com</a> to volunteer. Adults are welcome to bring their teenaged children and grandchildren to help!

The blood banks are in need of donations all year. For information on how to donate, contact Community Blood Services, 970 Linwood Ave W., Paramus, at 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. Morning minyan is at 9 a.m. Sunday; 6:45 a.m. Monday and Thursday; and 7 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Looking for volunteer opportunities in our Northern New 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.

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. 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 a ride to services or doctor appointments. Call **Eileen Schneider** at 201-722-1606 or **Nina Glaser** at 201-262-1775.

## **JCCP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**

March 21, 2013

Rabbi Weiner reported that his Winter adult education class, "A History of Zionism: The Jewish National Movement," concluded this past week. Starting May 22 is a continuation on his Fall "Engaging Israel."

On March 9, Rabbi visited the New Milford Jewish Center for Shabbat morning services to observe its synagogue traditions and experience its way of conducting services. Rabbi led a very successful discussion of the Laws of Passover at the Men's Club breakfast on March 10. We have had a successful transition to the new siddur, Sim Shalom.

Our Executive Director Joe Herrmann reported that the line of credit has been approved by the congregation.

Harlan Cohen reported we are planning to meet with New Milford after Pesach to approve and sign the contract. We will then schedule a congregational meeting to vote on the approved contract.

Harlan Cohen announced that the "One Book One Community" event will be held at our Center on Thursday, April 18. Diane Ackerman, author of "The Zookeeper's Wife," will be the guest speaker.

#### GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Rabbi Weiner announced that on April 7 at 3 p.m., we are hosting the Yom Hashoah community Holocaust program. Stuart Rabner, chief justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, will be the guest speaker.
- Roz Gerard announced that the food drive was successful. Dan Leib added that we collected 16 turkeys, \$510 in ShopRite gift cards, \$295 in checks and about 40 bags of groceries.
- Paul Auerbach announced that on Shabbat, April 13, they are having the baby naming for his granddaughter Lily.
- Shel Schmidt reported that we have started a video series, "Spotlight on the JCCP." We have already posted the segment on Fred and Lotte Buff. This week we are posting the Hebrew School segment. Next is the Leopold family and then the Rabbi.
- Russell Rothman announced that a committee has been formed to organize a celebration in honor of Rabbi Weiner's 18th anniversary.





## **Young Jewish Families**

## SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICE AND PROGRAM

## Friday, May 3 and June 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Please join us for our family-friendly Friday Night Family Service and Program.Lightservice,interactivestorytime,followedbyplaytimeand DAIRY nosh in the gym. Friday night Shabbat service geared toward children, and then the children play and the parents schmooze.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

DoesyourchildhaveabirthdayinMayorJune?Wecelebratebirthdays at our Friday night onegs. Please contact us to discuss!

## **SPONSOR AN ONEG**

If you would like to sponsor an oneg for the Friday Night Family Program, please contact us: \$20 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

For more information, please visit us at <u>yif18@hotmail.com</u>.

Thank you. Eugene and Elana Heitlinger

## **Youth Groups**

Passover having come and gone — hard as that is to believe — signals that the 2012–13 Season of Youth will soon be drawing to a close. Since our last chance to share with you, we had an extremely successful parent-child gym night for our Kadima/ Chaverim group and a late-night outing at Cosmic Bowling for our USYers. Also, USY helped in the running of the Maccabeats concert, where we enjoyed a rousing afternoon of singing. It is still so exciting to see our children participate and have a great time engaging in the activities and developing a social group.

Coming up this month for Kadima/Chaverim is the JCCP's annual Lag b'Omer BBQ at Petruska Park.

Soon it will be time to bid our seniors a fond farewell, as they head off to the next chapters in their lives. This means it will be time for the USY to elect a new board and officers and begin planning for next year.

Parents, have any ideas or activities you would like to see next year? We're also looking for volunteers to help out, as your child's involvement can be tied directly to the positive actions they see from their parents.

Wayne and Debbie Zeiler

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"When a man dies, if he can pass enthusiasm along to his children, he has left them an estate of incalculable value."

-Thomas Edison

## Men's Club

YOUR Men's Club is in trouble!

The Men's Club, which has been a part of the JCCP since the beginning, is in danger of being discontinued.

As we write this in April, no one has stepped up to be the new president. Our membership is dwindling and attendance at our meetings has shrunken.

Hopefully, by the time you read this in May, the problem of finding a new president will be resolved. But more than that, we need the participation of every man in the JCCP. Join the Men's Club, come to a meeting and share your ideas, come to a breakfast and meet your friends.

The future of the Men's Club is up to you. Don't let us down.

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

## **Adult Education**

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

Cantor Weiss has uploaded many useful MP3 files to the JCCP website that can help you feel more comfortable while participating in services. Does the idea of having an **aliyah** to the Torah make you a little nervous? Do you want to be able to chant the **Ashrei** during services, or chant the Birkat Hamazon (Grace After Meals) prayers? Cantor Weiss has prepared MP3 song files keyed to transliterated Hebrew PDF sheets of all these prayers. All the files can be heard or downloaded from our "Listen and Learn" page. The link to access this material is on the bottom right margin of every page on our website at www.jccparamus.org.

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 the class, which will be a great fun and learning experience. All are welcome to attend this free Monday evening course; there will be plenty of dark chocolate. If you missed the first session on Monday, April 29, you are still welcome to join us for the remaining sessions on May 6, 13 and 20, and June 3 at 8:30 p.m.

Rabbi Weiner will continue his "Engaging Israel: Foundations for a New Relationship" class for four sessions beginning May 22 at 3 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. All are welcome to attend this popular class at either session.

## 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.

We're already thinking about our Kickoff Event for Fall 2013. More information will be forthcoming about our plans for a Lower East Side Walking Tour with one of our Hebrew School parents who is a professional tour guide.

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



# Ad Journal Dinner-Dance June 9, 2013

## The Ad Deadline is May 9th, and it's almost here!

## Join our celebration in recognition of: Beth and Robert Chananie Nina and Gary Glaser



The Dinner Dance is only a few weeks away, so please ... contact any people or businesses you haven't yet solicited ... and any you have ... but who haven't yet replied.



Additional ad blanks are available on our website ... jccparamus.org, or from the JCCP office.

Please notify the committee or the office if we may be of any help.

Mimi Levin, 201-265-0454 or grandmamimil@verizon.net



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

#### May 1-3

Jon Rothschild Marisa Yaskil

#### May 4-10

Donald Link Andrew Jaffe Sheila Wides Herbert Fleishman Jeffrey Gross Marcia Kopeloff Deborah Grundleger Ronald Matuson

### May 11-17

Maxine Rosenberg Samara Bauer-Ruchok Lori Cohen Naomi Frischer Daniel Gordon Lynn Waxberg Steven Charatz Gary Rich

## May 18-24

Merle Harris Ellen Sklar Stuart Smith Dina Stein Fran Aronesty Debbie Berman **Dolores Miller** 

**Edythe Fried** Leon Klein Debbie Zeiler Nina Glaser **Donald Rosenbloom** Rosalind Ferstenberg Eris Zuckerman

#### May 25-31

Anne Bender Charles Goldberg Arnold Zettler Roy Gordon Seymour Zuckerman Susan Spiegel Claire Beslow Lloyd Hyman Frances Lipton Daniel Schupak **Beverly Diamond** Robert Karp Emil Katri Ian Chernichaw **Arnold Rawitz** Rhoda Standig Susan Perl David Shulman



#### May 1-3

Nathaniel & Florence Keusch Sheldon & Linda Cole Joshua & Sheree Weidman

## May 4-10

Neil & Tracy Lenok Jeffrey Warren & Shelly Tobenkin Daniel & Barbara Schupak

## May 11-17

Martin & Elaine Cohen Patrick & Jarette Brown

#### May 18-24

Joseph & Rhoda Kleinstein Sim & Laura Ashkenazi Louis & Betty Margan Stephen & Amy Forman

David & Hope Goodman Howard & Esther Marks Edward & Lois Newman Joseph & Sarah Rosenfeld Jeffrey & Stephanie Friedlander Jeffrey & Susan Kahn

## May 25-31

Alan & Barbara Brodsky Bernard & Lisa Messing Roger & Rima Rosenstein Lawrence & Olinda Sturm Seymour & Eris Zuckerman Russell & Nina Rothman Martin & Bia Roth Richard & Deborah Barbash Irving & Lee Gall Mel & Leslie Greenberg



#### For the week of May 1-3 We Remember:

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#### For the week of May 11-17 We Remember:

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**BETTY LUKIN** JOSEPH FEINBERG **ESTELLE MILLER** WILLY HIRSCHBERG **BEN LEIPSNER ROSE SLOAN SARAH STONE** MORRIS EDELSTEIN **SOPHIE MARGAN MORRIS EPSTREIN** CAESSLER GOLDER LAWRENCE POLLNER ARNOLD SPIEGEL OTTO LEIB FRYDA LESERKEWICZ **SADYLLE GORDON ESTHER GRUNDLEGER JACK SPIEGEL** 



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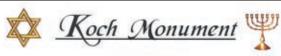




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Mother's Day Family Torah Program for Shavuot	Men's B-Ball 8:15pm	7:46 Tikun Lel Shavuot 9pm Hebrew School Closed	Shavuot - Day 1 First Day Yom Tov Ends: 8:56	Shavuot - Day 2 Yom Tov Ends: 8:57 Shavuot Services-Yizkor 9am Mincha - Maariv 7:50pm Office-ECC-PRA Closed	8:30pm	Naso Shabbat Ends: 8:59 Shabbat Service 9am Bar Mitzvah-Samuel Mannasse Mincha 7:50pm
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