



# *Friday Night Dinner*

Jewish Community Center of Paramus/Congregation Beth Tikvah  
 E. 304 Midland Avenue – Paramus NJ

## *May 30<sup>th</sup> 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, May 27<sup>th</sup>

Email us: [office@jccparamus.org](mailto:office@jccparamus.org) or call 201-262-7691

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

you have special dietary needs, please contact Laurie ([ljrwax@yahoo.com](mailto:ljrwax@yahoo.com))  
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### *Coming in May & June:*

**MAY 2**

YJF Service

**MAY 3**

Special Kiddush

**MAY 4**

A Walking Tour of the  
 Lower East Side

**MAY 4**

Sisterhood "Bakeless and  
 Cookless" event

**MAY 6**

Book Club

**MAY 29**

Hebrew School Graduation

**MAY 30**

Shabbat Dinner

**JUNE 1**

Israel Day Parade





## From the Rabbi



Rabbi Arthur D. Weiner

In anticipation of my annual meeting with my accountant, I reviewed a year's worth of financial transactions. Through the magic of several excellent computer programs and banking software, my transactions can be grouped in various categories. This makes it possible for me to determine easily how much I spent on groceries, car repairs, holiday celebrations or charitable donations.

Each year as I review these transactions, I compare them to what I spent on previous years. What changed, and why? What we spend and how we allocate our scarce resources tells a great deal about us, or at least it should. Does our checkbook reflect our priorities?

The same can be said for the Jewish community at large. Jews are the most philanthropic group in America. In addition to the huge sums of money that individual Jews or their foundations donate to a host of secular causes and charities, several billion dollars a year are donated to specifically Jewish and Israel-related concerns. A recent article in the Jewish Forward provided the percentages of how that money is actually spent each year.

As I noted, how we spend our money says something about us, our values and our priorities. (I could write an entirely different Bulletin article about the tension between our priorities and our values.) So I thought it might be interesting to share with you how our charitable donations are actually spent. (Deliberately left off this list are contri-

butions to the Jewish Federation movement, as money raised by UJA and Federation is raised to be distributed to other organizations, as well as donations to synagogues and other religious organizations.)

So how was the money spent?

- Israel – 37%
- Health care and social service – 22%
- Education – 22%
- Culture and community – 13%
- General advocacy – 6%

Do the figures surprise you? I have been involved in Jewish communal life for 35 years, and I must tell you that I was somewhat surprised by them. For example, although the percentage of money sent to Israel by the American Jewish community each year has declined in the past two decades as Israel's economy has improved and expanded, I still thought the percentage allocated to Israel was at least 40%. I also thought that a higher percentage was spent on communal advocacy.

At the same time, I thought we spent less on our large Jewish social service network. And I continue to believe that we do not spend enough on Jewish education. Indeed, the amount spent on Jewish education is even a concern of the government of Israel. As I write this column, there are several proposals before Prime Minister Netanyahu's government to expand the role of the Israeli government in financing Jewish educational initiatives throughout the Diaspora. Such a thing would have been unthinkable 20 years ago, but it reflects different priorities and realities as compared to only a short time ago.

What do you think when you read these figures? Do you like or agree with the priorities of how our specifically Jewish charitable donations are being spent? Personally, I'm not sure I like the statement that these percentages make. On the other hand, as a veteran of the process, I am aware of the tradeoffs and the agonizing choices that have determined these percentages. They are probably just a larger version of the difficult decisions you and your

family conduct as you spend your resources.

**I invite you to do an experiment.** Please review the five general categories and the percentages associated with them, and offer your own idea of how you would allocate funds. And then, if you wouldn't mind, please email your ideas to me at [rabbi@jccparamus.org](mailto:rabbi@jccparamus.org). I would

truly be interested to know how you view this important Jewish question. **I am going to speak about this on the Shabbat of May 24.** I hope you will attend to see how your views stack up against those of your neighbors and discuss how our choices say something about our hopes and priorities for our collective Jewish future.



## Light the Sabbath Candles



Friday, May 2 .....	7:33 P.M.
Friday, May 9 .....	7:40 P.M.
Friday, May 16 .....	7:47 P.M.
Friday, May 23 .....	7:54 P.M.
Friday, May 30 .....	7:59 P.M.

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# Services

## FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Friday, May 2 ..... 8:30 p.m.  
Young Jewish Families Service ..... 7:30 p.m.

## SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, May 3 ..... 9:00 a.m.  
TORAH READING: Emor  
KIDDUSH: Sponsored by families in honor of our friendships and membership at the JCCP/CBT  
JUNIOR CONGREGATION: ..... 10:00 a.m.  
MINCHA & MA'ARIV: ..... 7:35 p.m.

## FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Friday, May 9 ..... 8:30 p.m.  
ONEG HOSTS: JCCP/CBT

## SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, May 10 ..... 9:00 a.m.  
TORAH READING: Behar  
KIDDUSH HOSTS: JCCP/CBT  
JUNIOR CONGREGATION: ..... 10:00 a.m.  
MINCHA & MA'ARIV: ..... 7:40 p.m.

## FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Friday, May 16 ..... 8:30 p.m.  
ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT

## SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, May 17 ..... 9:00 a.m.  
TORAH READING: Bechukosai  
KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT  
JUNIOR CONGREGATION: ..... 10:00 a.m.  
MINCHA & MA'ARIV: ..... 7:50 p.m.

## FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Friday, May 23 ..... 8:30 p.m.  
ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT

## SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, May 24 ..... 9:00 a.m.  
TORAH READING: Bemidbar  
KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT  
JUNIOR CONGREGATION: ..... 10:00 a.m.  
MINCHA & MA'ARIV: ..... 7:55 p.m.

## FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Friday, May 30 ..... 8:30 p.m.  
ONEG HOST: Julie & Howard Leopold in honor of Brianna's Bat Mitzvah

## SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, May 31 ..... 9:00 a.m.  
TORAH READING: Naso  
KIDDUSH HOST: Julie & Howard Leopold in honor of Brianna's Bat Mitzvah  
JUNIOR CONGREGATION: ..... 10:00 a.m.  
MINCHA & MA'ARIV: ..... 8:00 p.m.

## From the Executive Director



Harvey M. Brenner, FTA

Jews count.

This is the time of year when we count the Omer (beginning on the second night of Pesach) and we continue until erev Shavuot. Shavuot (weeks in English) comes from the same root word "sheva" as the number seven, or the seven-day mourning period known as "shiva," so we count 7 times 7, or 49 total days from Pesach to Shavuot.

We recount the Pesach story of freedom and count all the way to the Shavuot acceptance of responsibility as a Jewish People. We move from being "slaves unto Pharaoh" to servants of Hashem in the course of 40 days. We recount exiting Mitzrayim, leaving behind our harsh, restricted life and just a few short weeks later, Moshe Rabbeinu descends from Mount Sinai with the Torah so that we may accept God's Covenant and become the Chosen People.

It is written in Psalm 90:12, "Teach us to number our days that we may attain a heart of wisdom." You know, there are some people who know the price of everything but the value of nothing. We're taught that numbers alone aren't a measure of one's worth or one's success. Coupling numbers with the wisdom to understand their inner meaning and interrelation is what's important.

And that brings us to the next few weeks, when we are putting the final touches on a trying year of

transition but one in which many positive conversations took place, programs and events developed and enjoyed by the membership, and new plans laid for next year and the years beyond.

Our rabbis teach us that "without bread there can be no Torah and without Torah there can be no bread." Soon you're going to receive your annual dues statement. We'll communicate to you what the amounts are, explain how those figures were derived, and in general explain the financial conditions and obligation that come along with membership at JCCP/CBT.

It's easy to open the envelope and look at the numbers with no appreciation for what they represent (their inner meaning) and grumble about the dues being high. It's too easy not to give any thought or value to the friendships made and shared within the synagogue community; it's too simple to devalue its worth without knowing how supportive a community like ours is at a time of sickness or loss. It's far too common to discount or dismiss the benefit of religious, musical, educational and social programs that are at no or low cost to the synagogue community all year. It hurts to de-emphasize just how meaningful a Friday night Oneg or Shabbat Kiddush luncheon when old and new friends break bread together in our own social hall.

So this year, let's try to open our annual dues statements with joy and a smile rather than angst or chagrin. We need the support of every member to fund our services, programs, classes and events, and thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity. Through your dues, donations and other contributions, we provide both bread and Torah to the entire congregation. Keep counting up as we ascend our symbolic Mount Sinai together. When we reach our goals, we'll all see the beauty of that journey at our feet.

*Z'man Matan Torateinu!*



## **A Spring Kiddush and Service for "All of Us"**

**Join us on**

# **Saturday, May 3**

**Following Services**

**For a Special Kiddush celebrating the strength of our  
membership at the JCCP/CBT**

**Kiddush sponsors will help the food be plentiful  
as friendships continue blooming!**

**Be a sponsor! Minimum family sponsorship is \$18,  
payable to JCCP/CBT and sent to the office.  
Please note "May 3<sup>rd</sup>" on your check.**

**Join us for this special Kiddush as we all work on  
strengthening our roots and continuing to grow together.**



**If you would like to be involved in cooking for the Kiddush please contact  
Debbie Zeiler at [dibble.one@gmail.com](mailto:dibble.one@gmail.com) ~ 201-599-1392 or  
Laurie Rosman at [ljrwax@gmail.com](mailto:ljrwax@gmail.com) ~ 201-265-2078**

**If you would like to participate in either service, please contact  
Eileen Schneider at [eileenschneid@gmail.com](mailto:eileenschneid@gmail.com) ~ 201-914-0366 or  
Rob Chananie at [robchananie@aol.com](mailto:robchananie@aol.com) ~ 201-561-6284**



## President's Message



Harlan L. Cohen

### WHY I LOVE THE JCCP/CBT

At a special Shabbat celebration in late March, I had the privilege of being asked to speak on the topic of "Why I Love the JCCP/CBT." For those who were unable to attend, or could not hear me over the conversation and consumption of delicious food that was being served at the Kiddush, I am republishing my remarks here.

As I edit my remarks for publication, it occurs to me that I omitted something very important from my talk. Today, I arrived at the shul parking lot a little before 8 a.m. I was greeted by three hardy and dedicated souls (only one of whom, who shall remain nameless, was wearing a turkey hat) braving the morning chill to carry out a mitzvah as they and so many others have done so many times over the years. Of course, I am speaking of the dedicated work of Roz Gerard, Dan Leib and Annie Leib, who are carrying on the vital task of helping those who are less fortunate by sponsoring and staffing our annual JCCP/CBT Fran Leib Memorial Spring Food Drive. They have teamed up with the Center for Food Action in Mahwah to help feed those who might otherwise go hungry during the spring and fall holiday seasons and throughout the year.

Committed volunteers like these and the crew on the Community

Affairs Committee, performing such hard and vital work, are the heart and soul of the shul. They are the essence of who we are and what makes us such a special community. Their determination to carry out the mitzvah of tikkun olam, healing the world, makes me proud to be a member here and is one of the things I love most about the JCCP/CBT.

*My remarks from our beautiful communitywide Shabbat celebration (and gourmet feast) on March 29 follow below.*

Shabbat shalom. It's great to see such a large Shabbat crowd here this morning for this special celebration of our second home. My wife, Lori, and I have been members of the shul for some 24 years. We joined when our oldest, Simeon, now in his second year of rabbinical school, was starting his Jewish educational career at our beloved and sadly now shuttered nursery school. We became members because in those days, there was a waiting list to get into Morah Paula's nursery school, and if you were a member of the shul, you got priority for admission. Our other children soon followed — Gabe three years later and Sophia six years after that.

It didn't take long for us to start to set down deep roots at the synagogue — and all because of our kids. The parents of our kids' nursery school friends became our dearest friends, and before we knew it we found ourselves joining the Young Couples Club (no gray beard back then) because that's what all our friends were doing. I am proud to say that we are still close with many of those nursery school parents from nearly a quarter of a century ago, and we have gone through so many "life cycle" events together — birthday parties, bar/bat mitzvahs, graduations, engagement parties, weddings and even the birth of grandchildren.

We've been there for them when illness and death have struck, and they've been there for us. So for me, deep-seated friendships with people who are our soul mates are one of the things that I love most about the JCCP/CBT.

The power of community is another one of the things that I love about our synagogue. I really first felt this in October 2002, when Lori's mother unexpectedly passed away. Even though we live in Hillsdale, which from a Paramus-centric point of view is akin to living somewhere near Oshkosh, we were overwhelmed by the support we received from every part of the shul community. People who we barely knew turned up to make shiva calls and to help make shiva minyans in our house. We received enough dinners from Harold's to last for months, and we were forever thankful when a thoughtful friend from the JCCP showed up with kosher Chinese one night for a welcome change of pace. I felt the presence and the power of our community most palpably when we davened together during shiva and realized what a special community we were part of and how important it was to belong to a community like ours when tragedy strikes. It was a wonderful feeling and one that has stayed with me all these years.

Another aspect of the shul which I think makes us special is our incredible diversity. We have devoted egalitarian members and equally devoted traditional members. We have members who have been here for more than six decades and others who have been here for just six months. We have a whole vibrant community who joined together with us from New Milford in the past year, and who have helped to revitalize so many aspects of synagogue life. We have Sephardim, Persians, Moroccans, Iraqis and Israelis, and members

from the Ashkenazi old country — Germany, Russia, Poland, the Bronx and Queens. We have Holocaust survivors, members who have fought to defend the State of Israel, members who survived persecution under the communists, New York City refugees who still don't like to admit that they actually live in N.J., Bergen County kids who don't know they can buy a pair of pants on a Sunday until they go away to college, a rabbi who somehow made his way to us from the far reaches of Suffolk County after a major detour through Knoxville, Tenn., members who grew up Orthodox or Reform with no real religious background, or a religion other than Judaism and have decided to convert so they can be full participants in our own unique style of practicing Conservative Judaism.

Our diversity presents unique challenges because our people come from such different backgrounds, but because of our strong communal ties, our respect for one another's opinions and different customs, our passion for our community, our willingness to experiment and try new avenues, whether its food or how we run our services, we have been able to overcome our differences and forge a close-knit and supportive family/community. This incredible diversity is in my view a source of our great strength and is what makes us such a special place, and one of the things that I love about the JCCP/CBT.

I would like to thank the organizers of this special Shabbat event who have worked quietly and behind the scenes for conceiving and orchestrating it, and best of all, doing it all with almost no presidential involvement.

Yasher koach and todah rabah. *Shabbat shalom.*





## Young Jewish Families

### SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

Friday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m

Family Shabbat Service and Program and celebrate YOM HA'ATZMAUT.

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

### 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 the **Friday Night Family Program**, please contact us. Cost: \$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](mailto:yjf18@hotmail.com) or 201-449-0562.

Thank you.

Eugene and Elana Heitlinger

### ~ Purim Raffle – 2014 ~

\$12,500

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1<sup>st</sup> Prize ... \$10,000

Renee and Michael Aronesty

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize ... \$2,500

Some members of the Board of Trustees.

Congratulations and

Mazel Tov!!

Thank you to everyone  
who supported the  
Purim Raffle

## Hebrew School News



Marcia Kagedan

I can't believe it is already May! May to me is the month of celebrations and graduations.

With Passover behind us, we look ahead to celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut, Yom Yerushalayim and Lag b'Omer, and in a while, Shavuot, too!

We also celebrate the graduation of our seventh-grade class:

**Ashley Kashani**  
**Jason Kashani**  
**Brianna Leopold**  
**Alexis Lesser**  
**Michael Mutnick**  
**Jonathan Nitti**  
**Marisa Shapiro**  
**Zachary Sobelman**  
**Ben Steinberg**  
**David Wiser**

You will all be so missed in the halls of the Hebrew School, but I do expect that you will be coming to Shabbat services pretty regularly and also will attend Bergen County High School of Jewish Studies or other Jewish educational programs, both formal and informal.

The JCCP/CBT is host this year to the BCHSJS graduation, as we have the largest number of graduates. Mazel Tov to each of them as they complete their five years of study at BCHSJS.

**Jacob Long**  
**Gregory Vaks**  
**Joshua Weiss**

### DATES IN MAY - JUNE:

#### Sunday, May 6:

- Taste of Hebrew School, 9:30-11 a.m.

#### Tuesday, May 8:

- Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration with teens from Nahariya, Israel, and other synagogue schools.

#### Sunday, May 11:

- Taste of Hebrew School, 9:30-11 a.m.
- Shalom Baby, 9:30-10:45 a.m.

#### Sunday, May 18:

- Lag b'Omer BBQ and sports day; details to be announced.

#### Tuesday, May 20:

- Rabbi Reshevsky takes students to a Mets game.
- BCHSJS graduation, 7:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, May 25:

- Memorial Day Weekend – no school.

#### Tuesday, May 27:

- Youth and Hebrew School special event.

#### Thursday, May 29:

- Hey class graduation.

#### Sunday, June 15:

- Closing event and ISRAEL DAY PARADE!
- Shalom.*

## Sharing Our Simchas



Mazel Tov to Sue and Mitchell Greenberg on the birth of their first grandchild, Evan Noah. Born on March 28 to proud parents Randi and Drew Lipshutz.

Mazel Tov to Rachel Van Dam on the marriage of her daughter, Mira Abramsohn, to Glenn Prives. Mazel Tov also to grandmother Ruth Van Dam.



## ***Ad Journal Dinner-Dance***

***June 22, 2014***

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Gloria and Al Nahum



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June 22, 2014

24 Sivan 5774

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**Deadline – Thursday, May 15, 2014**

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## Community Affairs

### Every Day is Mitzvah Day

**Our Fran Leib Memorial Spring Turkey Drive** was held on **Wednesday, April 9**. Committee chair Roz Gerard and members of the Leib family were in the synagogue parking lot from 7 to 9 a.m. to accept donations of frozen turkeys and "fixings" for a holiday dinner, as well as checks and ShopRite gift cards. Thank you to all who participated in this important mitzvah.

We are trying to schedule another visit to the Center for Food Action Warehouse to help sort food and stock shelves. We learned recently that the warehouse shelves are virtually empty! Let's do what we can to help put food back on the shelves of our local food pantries. Please don't forget our ongoing year-round food drive. Pick up an extra can of tuna or soup or a box of pasta or cereal when you are shopping. 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.

The volunteer opportunity page of the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey shows the following information: *"The Bergen Regional Medical Center has a unique synagogue, Congregation Ahavat Chesed, and a unique program, which enables residents to participate in full Jewish life under the leadership of hospital chaplain, Rabbi Barry Schneider. Volunteers are crucial to facilitating religious programming for residents and patients. Your help will be appreciated in every aspect, from setting up for Shabbat and holiday events, serving lunch or kiddushim, bringing residents to and from their rooms, talking and interacting with them."*

If you are interested in this special opportunity, please contact Rabbi **Barry Schneider** at 201-967-4177. You can also talk to **Lotte and Fred Buff, Rose Harris, Blanche Weinberg and Helga Bodeen**, who have been volunteering at Bergen Regional Medical Center for many years.

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

Blood banks depend on your donations. If you are able to donate blood, please contact Community Blood Services at 201-251-3703 for more information; you can also look on its Facebook page. Hours vary, but on several days the blood bank 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 northern New Jersey community, the "Volunteer Opportunities" link on the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey 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@jfnj.org](mailto:AliceB@jfnj.org).

Our committee would love to hear from you if you have an idea for a project. Contact committee chair **Roz Gerard** at [memapop@aol.com](mailto:memapop@aol.com) or 201-262-5828.

## Friday Night Shabbat Dinner Club

Let us set a place for you at our Shabbat table!

Shabbat dinner with two other JCCP/CBT families (some familiar faces, maybe some new ones, some empty nesters, some widow/ers, some kids) ... around a table with challah, wine, good food, good talk. Then dinner again, held a few months later, with two other JCCP/CBT guests at a second host's table, and a third dinner, a few months later, with another combination of host and guests.

**JCCP/CBT's Friday Night Shabbat Dinner Club** will launch in **October**. While it may seem far off, we want the kickoff to be as seamless as possible. Therefore, we are inviting everyone to register now, first come, first served. Seating around our tables is limited for our pilot year.

Here's how it works: There are three "cycles" of dinners between October and June. Depending on the number of Shabbat Dinner Club members, we hope you dine with a different grouping each meal. Everyone will be encouraged to host one of the three dinners and be a guest at the other two meals (although exceptions may be made). Everyone will gather to share our fourth "end of the cycle" Shabbat dinner.

To make sure we accommodate everyone, after our registration is complete, all the participants will receive a survey so they can share any special needs they may have: allergies to pets and foods, dietary restrictions and accessibility needs. Once the information is collected, a roster will be finalized, and each member will receive a list indicating the host for each cycle and respective guests. The first cycle host then contacts guests offering possible dates. Potential conflicts (JCCP/CBT events, Jewish holidays, secular vacation weekends, etc.) will be noted for each cycle. Other details about scheduling and information about Shabbat traditions and kashrut also will be provided.

JCCP/CBT's Shabbat Dinner Club is a delightfully relaxed way to share Shabbat, broaden shul friendships and deepen your sense of community.

We're happy to set a place for you at the table!

Contact Judy Jaffe (201-599-9197 or [JafOranges@gmail.com](mailto:JafOranges@gmail.com)) or Ruth Smith (201-261-2743 or [ruthsmith1@gmail.com](mailto:ruthsmith1@gmail.com))

EVERYONE is invited to join — singles, families with children, families without children, empty nesters, vegetarians — so sign up right now (as in ASAP). *Seating is limited our pilot year.*

**Shabbat Shalom!**

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



## JCCP/CBT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

March 20, 2014

In Harlan's absence, Jack Bauer ran the board meeting. Wayne Zeiler reported that a week ago Saturday we hosted a USY dance with 212 kids in attendance. Thank you to the chaperones who helped make it a great event. We are considering hosting a USY convention next year.

Judy Jaffe announced that she has booked a Barnes & Noble Book Fair at Riverside Square Mall for Nov. 23 from 9 to 11 a.m. We will get a percentage of everything sold, including cafe sales. We will also get a smaller percentage from online sales up to five days after the store sale.

Jack Bauer thanked Fred Harris for his hard work on the Purim raffle.

There were no comments or questions from non-board members who attended the meeting.

In Harvey's absence, Jack gave a condensed executive director's report as follows.

\*Roof leaks: We had temporary patching done to stop the immediate roof leaks. We have contacted three roofers to give us short-term patch and long-term reroof solution quotes.

\* Homeland Security grants: We are interviewing contractors and reviewing their proposals.

\* WiFi installation: We have received three proposals, ranging from \$4,800 to \$8,000.

\* Cemetery plot prices are increasing on April 1 from \$1,000 to \$1,250.

\* Building rentals: We have been approached by the Bergen County Division of Children's Services for an eight-week rental during the summer. We are in negotiations with them. We have been approached by a church group and are exploring its needs and our ability to accommodate the group. We are also experiencing a huge uptick in outside rentals.

\* Stained-glass window installation: We are working on the details to have the windows installed in our Social Hall, hopefully in time for the Dinner Dance.

Fred Harris thanked all those who participated in the Purim raffle. A special thank you to Joe Esrig for selling so many tickets and to Russell Rothman for forming groups who bought tickets. For the first time, a group ticket won, and it was a ticket purchased by the Board of Trustees. Most of the board members dedicated their winnings back to the synagogue, netting us a total of \$14,000 from the Purim raffle.

Fred Harris reported that 42 bookplates have been purchased in honor of someone and 144 have been purchased in memory of someone. At \$36 per bookplate, the sales have netted the synagogue \$6,700.

Esther Marks reported that each year, the Board of Trustees members reach out to our congregants before Pesach to wish them a happy holiday and ask how things are going. Packets were distributed to each board member.

As a lead-in to the next item on the agenda, Jack reported that last week we received notice from Palisades Regional Academy that it will not be renewing its contract after June. The topic will be discussed during the closed session, but Jack wanted to note that losing Palisades will result in a loss of \$300,000.

Russell Rothman reported that a committee has been working on updating our dues structure in anticipation of demographic changes. A handout was distributed with the change that would be made to our existing by-law. Wayne Zeiler distributed a second handout explaining the different dues categories. A motion to accept the revised by-law passed.

Mimi Levin reported that the Board of Education voted to connect with the Fair Lawn Jewish Center to take part in a program in which the Hey students will participate in an on-line class with a teacher in Israel. They will be learning about the Holocaust for one hour on Sundays. "A Taste of Hebrew School" is a new program that has attracted 10 pre-K and kindergarten-aged children. Several of the participating families are not current members, and the program has created great interest with this younger age group.

Mimi Levin thanked Fred Harris for keeping our Purim carnival games looking new and Carol Tendler for supplying prizes that saved us a lot of money. We netted about \$1,100.

Sandy Alpern reported that the Negotiating Committee is working on filling various positions. We will fill six trustee spots, and still need to find a recording secretary and a financial secretary.

Alan Jay reported that we are revitalizing the community seder this year on the second night of Pesach. Rabbi and Shira Weiner will be involved, and there is a committee planning the event.

Roz Gerard reported that we served 100 people at the annual walk-in dinner program at the Bergen County Housing, Health and Human Service Center in Hackensack, and that her son again donated the food.



## Sisterhood News

Join us for a fun-filled and delicious "Bakeless and Cookless" event at 2:45 p.m. Sunday, May 4, as parents and kids team up for creative culinary fun. Teams of parent/child, adult/adult or child/child put their cooking skills to the test without a recipe, without an oven, without any help! If you think you are the next Rachael Ray or Bobby Flay, sign up and get cookin'! Call Lori Cohen for details at (201) 914-5056. Don't know your way around the kitchen? No problem! Join us to watch and taste! The entry fee per team is \$18.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### May 1-2

Jon Rothschild  
Irene Frank

### May 3-9

Donald Link  
Joseph Moskowitz  
Andrew Jaffe  
Sherry Karpen  
Sheila Wides  
Herbert Fleishman  
Corinne Frolow  
Jeffrey Gross  
Marcia Kopeloff

### May 10-16

Deborah Grundleger  
Ronald Matuson  
Maxine Rosenberg  
Lori Cohen  
Naomi Frischer  
Daniel Gordon  
Lynn Waxberg

### May 17-23

Steven Charatz  
Gary Rich  
Merle Harris  
Ellen Sklar  
Stuart Smith  
Dina Stein  
Fran Aronesty  
Dolores Miller

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

### May 24-30

Charles Goldberg  
Arnold Zettler  
Roy Gordon  
Seymour Zuckerman  
Kurt Landsberger  
Susan Spiegel  
Claire Beslow  
Lloyd Hyman  
Frances Lipton  
Daniel Schupak  
Beverly Diamond  
Ian Chernichaw  
Arnold Rawitz  
Rhoda Standig

### May 31

Susan Perl  
David Shulman

*Mazel Tov*



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

### May 1-2

Nathaniel & Florence Keusch  
Sheldon & Linda Cole

### May 3-9

Joshua & Sheree Weidman  
Ira & Janet Grotsky  
Neil & Tracy Lenok  
Jeffrey & Shelley Warren

### May 10-16

JPeter & Lana Brach  
Daniel & Barbara Schupak  
Martin & Elaine Cohen  
Patrick & Jarette Brown

### May 17-23

Joseph & Rhoda Kleinstein  
Sim & Laura Ashkenazi  
Stephen & Amy Forman

David & Hope Goodman  
Howard & Esther Marks  
Edward & Lois Newman  
Joseph & Sarah Rosenfeld  
Gerald & Joan Simmons

### May 24-30

Jeffrey & Susan Kahn  
Alan & Barbara Brodsky  
Roger & Rima Rosenstein  
Lawrence & Olinda Sturm  
Seymour & Eris Zuckerman  
Russell & Nina Rothman  
Richard & Deborah Barbash  
Irving & Lee Gall

### May 31

Mel & Leslie Greenberg

## Men's Club

We were delighted to participate with Sisterhood in the recent wine tasting evening, and hope everyone enjoyed the opportunity to sample some special brands not always available to public.

The Men's Club would like to hear from any temple member regarding their thoughts for the Bruce Granat Memorial Man of the Year Award. Please let us know of someone you feel displays the kindness, enthusiasm and thoughtfulness of our longtime good friend. We will be making a contribution to the American Heart Association in honor of the recipient. Contact any Men's Club member or the temple office to submit your choice.

The world needs to laugh and the people who make us laugh, so we remember the late Jewish comedian David Brenner, a master of observational humor.

## Adult Education

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

On **Sunday, May 4th**, we are sponsoring a trip to New York City for a **tour of the Lower East Side** led by our member **Thorin Tritter**. Thorin received his doctorate from Columbia University in 2000 and then taught 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. Thorin also 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. The walk will range from the Jewish East Side into Chinatown and Little Italy, discussing tenements, places of worship and street life. 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 cost of \$25 includes transportation. Call Mark Topel at 201-967-9179 for more information or to register.

The **JCCP/CBT Book Club** will meet at **7 p.m. Tuesday, May 6**. The book is **"A Pigeon and a Boy"** by **Meir Shalev**; Dina Stein will facilitate the discussion. Call Mimi Levin at 201-265-0454 with any questions.

The annual **Celebrate Israel parade** in NYC will be held on **Sunday, June 1**. Buses will be leaving from the JCCP/CBT parking lot; the time will be announced closer to the event. For further information and to reserve seats on the bus, please contact Marcia Kagedan at 201-262-7733 or [edudirector@jccparamus.org](mailto:edudirector@jccparamus.org).

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**.



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*"Sharing is equal to all of the Commandments."*

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Gloria & Al Nahum's anniversary  
JCCP/CBT

Lana & Peter Brach

Lotte & Fred Buff's new great-granddaughters

Henry Weber's special birthday

#### **In Memory**

Susan Springer's beloved husband, Keith

Jay Schonberg's beloved mother, Doris

Rabbi Kogen's mother-in-law, Julia Ripps

Irene Reiss' beloved brother Kenneth Marks

Carol Rossmer's beloved husband, Andy

#### **Speedy Recovery**

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Gershon Rosenzweig's beloved sister Sima

Fred Buff's beloved sister Anne Krantz

Rabbi Kogen's mother-in-law, Julia Ripps

Irene Reiss' beloved brother Kenneth Marks

Carol Rossmer's beloved husband, Andy

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Irene Reiss' beloved brother Kenneth Marks

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**For the week of May 1-2**

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DEBRA KYRITZ  
ETTA LEVY  
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FREDERICK TIEGER

**For the week of May 10-16**

**We Remember:**

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RITA SAFER  
SAMUEL SCHWARTZ  
RAYMOND SMITH  
JEAN SOKOLE  
JOSEPH FRIED  
PHILIP HALLERMAN  
LILA HAMPEL  
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ELAINE RACHIN  
HOWARD ROSENBERG  
ROSA SCHAFFER

**For the week of May 24-30**

**We Remember:**

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ISIDORE DUBOFF  
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HARRY SPEIER  
EMANUEL AUERBACH  
BETTY DUBOFF  
SYLVIA ESKIND  
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DONA SAFFAN  
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SOL MEYER  
MOE TEPLITZKY  
ABE KATZ  
SIDY LORSCH  
ISRAEL STANDIG

**For the week of May 31**

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