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## CELEBRATE CHANUKAH AT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF PARAMUS

Join us for a variety of special Chanukah events



December 5th • 9:30 a.m.

#### ANNUAL JCCP CHANUKAH BREAKFAST

All JCCP members are invited to a breakfast sponsored by Sisterhood, Men's Club, & Young Jewish Families.

Entertainment will be by Hebrew School students and the JCCP Singers led by Cantor Sam Weiss.



Tuesday, December 7th • 5:30-7 p.m.

## ANNUAL CHANUKAH EXTRAVAGANZA WITH A DIFFERENT FORMAT!!

The Youth Department and Hebrew School are hosting a Chanukah dinner and party for all 2nd- to 8th-grade students.

At 5:45 p.m., Rabbi Weiner and the children will light the rooftop Chanukah menorah.

Adults are welcome to attend the lighting.





## From Rabbi Arthur D. Weiner



As the December Bulletin reaches you, Chanukah is but days away. Though not a biblically ordained holiday, Chanukah is revered by the Jewish people. If American Jewish demographers and sociologists are correct, only Passover is as widely observed. We love the ideas of religious freedom and self determination, which not only animate our lives but motivated the Maccabees and their followers to throw off the yoke of religious persecution. We relate to the idea of the victory of the few over the many. We are inspired by the piety of those who rededicated the Beit HaMikdash, the Holy Temple, to the service of G-d. And the miracle of the oil reminds us of G-d's role in history.

One more thing: Chanukah is also the celebration of a great military victory. What had started as a popular revolt against the attempt to stamp out Judaism by the Syrian Greek rulers and their Hellenized Jewish collaborators ended successfully with the defeat and expulsion of those foreign rulers and the re-establishment of an independent Jewish state. This, too, is an important aspect of the observance of Chanukah. Imagine how inspiring this story was to persecuted Jewish communities over the past 2,000 years.

Sadly, the decedents of the Maccabees proved to be bad rulers. Their mistakes, and their abandonment of the religious principles of their ancestors, led to the Roman occupation of Israel and later the destruction of the Second Temple. Our later Rabbis and sages never forgot the suffering of the Jewish people that followed. They did their best to de-emphasize the role of the Maccabees and the military aspects in the Chanukah narrative. It took the Zionist movement and the birth of the State of Israel to resurrect this aspect of the story.

Until relatively recently, the Jewish people have remained uncomfortable and skeptical regarding military strength and power. Perhaps it is rooted in the fact that we lacked both for most of the past 2,000 years. But the last 100 years have demanded a reassessment of our traditional attitudes. The Holocaust demonstrated our vulnerability when we are without real power. And the birth and growth of the State of Israel, despite the violence and hostility directed toward the nation since its founding, represents what is possible when such strength is in our hands. Yet it remains a subject with which most Jews are not fully comfortable.

I remember reading a short article on CNN.com about two years ago titled "Bombs For Peace." It was about U.S. Ambassador Richard Holbrook and his successful efforts to negotiate the Dayton Accords, which ended the fighting in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the late 1980s.

I wonder how many recall the atrocities were committed during that war, primarily by the Bosnian Serbs against the Bosnian Muslims, to say nothing about the violence between those groups and the Bosnian Croats. The world associates violence, hatred and tension with the Balkans for a reason, and true to form, this war was no different. But what really gained the attention of the Western world was that this was the most significant violence on the European continent since the Holocaust.

The Bosnian Serbs were able to get away with these atrocities because they were supported by Serbia, the most powerful and stable government in the area, which in turn was backed by Russia. While the rest of Europe waited to respond, men, women and children were murdered.

Simply put, the Bosnian Serbs were strong and the Bosnian Muslims were weak. To stop the Bosnian Serbs, the West needed to get rough with them. Yet because violence is ugly, messy and hard to contain once the genie is out of the proverbial bottle, even for righteous purposes it must be used only when all other options have been exhausted. Ambassador Holbrook, the grandson of German Jewish refugees, understood this.

Once the Clinton administration informed the Europeans that targeted airstrikes on Bosnians Serbs would begin with or without their support, things began to change. After 3 1/2 years of war, plus eight weeks of NATO bombing, an end to the conflict was negotiated. And for all the criticism of the Dayton Accords, the bottom line is that they have held for 15 years.

I know it's a mistake to try to boil down complex issues to simple statements, but at the end of the day our revulsion with violence and our abhorrence of war must not blind us to the fact that there are times when force is moral, and the deliberate and willful refraining of force is itself immoral.

· How did the Allies, led by the United States, defeat the Nazis if not by destroying their warmaking capabilities?

- The genocide in Darfur has been going on now for six years. How many more years can our current policy of trying to negotiate with murderers and rapists exist without our coming to grips with this simple truth?
- Every Israeli goes to bed at night knowing that because Israel did not obliterate Hezbollah in 2006, one day it will have to fight them again.

When I think of these issues and others, like the threats facing our own great nation, I remember Ambassador Holbrook's words.

"I do not like to advocate the use of force because I know people will get killed," he said. "But there are times when you have to use force in order to stop people from being killed in larger numbers."

And I think of the story of Chanukah and the Jewish heroes whose military victory we celebrate each year.

Chanukah's true origins are found in the story of a small group of Jews who made the following statement: We have a way of life that we wish to preserve. And religion is not a manual for national suicide.

Let us use their legacy to react, cautiously yet resolutely, to the threats that are literally at our doorstep.

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# Services

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FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE Friday, December 108:30 PM ONEG HOST: Barbara & Daniel Schupak in honor of Ethan's Bar Mitzvah
Sabbath Morning Service Saturday, December 11
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TOT SHABBAT:
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KIDDUSH HOST: Mimi Levin in honor of her Special Birthday
JUNIOR CONGREGATION:10:00 AM
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#### **THANK YOU! -**

A BIG thank you to all those who donated to the JCCP collection drives for UJA-Northern New Jersey Mitzvah Day.

With all the donations in the boxes, the less fortunate in the group home in Hackensack will have new underwear and warm socks; our furry friends who have been abandoned to shelters and rescue groups will have treats and some great toys; and Eyes for the Needy will have lots of eyeglasses to recycle for those who need them the most.

A special Yasher Koach to Larry Sturm and Arthur Hirschberg, whose companies donated many goodies for the animals. Thanks to Sandy Alpern, Merle Harris, Sue Greenberg, Sue Kaminer, and Ruth Smith for helping with the collections, and to Rita and Joe for getting the information out to the congregation.

It truly was a group effort.

Beth Chananie and Roz Gerard Community Affairs

## The Front Lines of Israel Monday, Dec. 6, 7:30 P.M.

Is what you see on TV news the whole story? Can more than one point of view make it into the newspapers?

Two Israeli journalists will tackle these questions and share their experiences. Yaron Brener, photojournalist for Ynet News, will be joined by Miri Yehuda, a former producer for NBC News, freelance photojournalist and TV producer in Europe. The evening will begin with a community menorah lighting.

The fee is \$5 for those reserving by Dec. 1 with Liron Karass, Israeli shlicha, Ikarass@yjcc.org, or \$8 at the door. Open to the public.

At the Bergen County YJCC, 605 Pascack Road, Washington Township. Sponsored by JCCP Israel Awareness Committee.

For more information, please contact Liron Karass, Israeli shlicha, <a href="https://linear.gov/lkarass@yjcc.org">lkarass@yjcc.org</a>. Please RSVP by Dec. 1.



Light the Sabbath Candles



Friday, Dec. 3	4:04 PM
Friday, Dec. 10	
Friday, Dec. 17	
Friday, Dec. 24	
Friday Dec 31	



## From the Executive Director



Joe A. Herrmann

Chanukah is coming! Chanukah is coming! It starts 10 days earlier in 2010 than it did last year.

In addition to Chanukah, the JCCP has many other activities scheduled for the month of December. Aside from our standard committee meetings all month, Rabbi Gotlieb, our rabbi emeritus, teaches a class most Tuesday nights in the library. Rabbi Weiner will be concluding his Adult Education classes on Wednesday, Dec. 1. The Young Jewish Families club will hold its monthly family service on

Friday, Dec. 3. The Book Club will meet on Sunday, Dec. 19. Also, The Paramus Networking Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday,

Of course Chanukah begins on Wednesday night Dec. 1. On Sunday, Dec. 5, the JCCP will hold its annual Chanukah Breakfast, including singing from our Hebrew School students and the JCCP Singers.

With the end of the calendar year nearing, those who might be looking to take a last-minute tax deduction in 2010 can do so by paying off your dues/tuition balances or making a general donation to the JCCP by Thursday, Dec.

So December lines up as a busy month. The best way to take advantage of what the JCCP has to offer is to get involved, and/or just attend one (or more) of our many activities or religious services. Try

Happy Chanukah and a safe New Year!

## **Youth Groups**

What a great start it has been for our Chaverim and Kadima Youth groups.

In September, on the first day of Hebrew School, I visited all the classes to tell the kids about our youth groups. We also had a sports night and made decorations for the sukkah.

In October we had an outdoor day at Mele Park, our annual fall hike, nature walk, and a movie and pizza night. November continued the fun times: We made craft projects for Mitzvah Day, went bowling and had a special pre-Thanksgiving dinner.

Some upcoming activities are a Chanukah celebration, Parent/ Child gym night, board game night, basketball clinic and activities with USY.

It is never too late to join the fun; just come on down. Flyers with all the specifics are handed out to every Hebrew School class and posted on the Youth bulletin board.

If you have any ideas for youth programming, please call me at 201-262-7733.

Happy Chanukah to all.

Fred



## **President's Message**



**Russell Rothman** 

A short article in The New York Times last week noting that there were only two known survivors of the Treblinka extermination camp barely received any attention, but I found it to be most disturbing. Treblinka was known as the most efficient killing mechanism created by the Nazis, murdering more than 800,000 Jews during a 16-month period during World War II.

Even though Treblinka left far fewer survivors of the war, the news was still a strong message and reminder that Holocaust survivors are dying off, and the time is running out when first-person witnesses will be available to share their stories. It is imperative that we act now and make certain that our children and grandchildren have the opportunity to meet these survivors and hear their stories, and to see their tattoos with their own eyes. They need to ask questions, listen to the answers, feel and understand their pain and tears.

This Joshua generation in America — a generation removed from the Holocaust experience - undoubtedly will lose its intimate connection and bond with Judaism and Israel as a refuge and home for all Jews unless we help reconnect our children in some direct way. Birthright Israel is a wonderful program that has had some success reconnecting

our college-age kids with Israel, but this process needs to begin much earlier. I was 16 when I first visited Israel with my family, just months after the Six-Day War. American Jews were filled with pride. Many people my age also were drawn to the kibbutz system as a practical extension to American communes at the

More than 75 people turned out recently for our first Israel Awareness Event. Gershon Rosenzweig is to be commended for organizing a fantastic event, with lots of energy and a good cross-section of members, young and old. We need to channel that interest and enthusiasm and begin planning another synagogue trip to Israel, one that would attract young kids, parents, and seniors.

If you've never been to Israel or only visited once, now is the time to go back. See its beautiful coast and beaches, mountains, historical and biblical sites, including excavations of areas that our children learn about in Hebrew School — it will give their lessons more meaning. (Maybe one of the stones they pick up will be one that David slung with his slingshot!)

For those of you who have heard me babble about all the birds in Israel, imagine being there and seeing the sky nearly blackened out with millions of migrating birds! More than 500 MILLION migrate through Israel each year, from Africa to Europe and Asia and back, each year. It is an amazing sight. Or get a chance to howl to wolves, not in Yellowstone National Park or northern Minnesota but in Israel! It will take your breath away.

If you have any interest in such a trip, please let me know.

With Chanukah here, I wish a Chag Sameach to all.

#### Dear Congregants:

In our continuing effort to go Green, improve office efficiency and cut costs, we now have the ability to email monthly statements, Yahrzeit notices and birthday and anniversary congratulations. While some our members would like to get these notices via email, we recognize that others will prefer to continue to get snail mail. So we are giving you the option.....opt in for e-mail or do nothing and continue to get snail mail. Each member will have the ability to pick and chose what he or she gets by e-mail and what he or she gets by snail mail.

This does not affect Yahrzeit, Birthday and Anniversary Announcements that you see in the Bulletin. They will continue to appear in the Bulletin as they have in the past.

Email addresses are kept strictly confidential, are not given to anyone and used only for JCCP business so you don't have to worry that we will sell or distribute your email address to anyone.

So, if you want to go GREEN, just print this page, fill out the form below and return it to the JCCP.

And remember, if you are not happy with e-mail statements and other notices, just call the office at 201-262-7691 and ask the staff to switch you back to snail mail.

Sincerely

Russell Rothman
President

Sheldon Schmidt
Cyber Committee Chair

Shelder Schnickt

Yes, we want to help the JCCP go Green. Please sign us up for the following email notices

Member's Name-	Member's Name	
Email address	Email address	
Statements	Statements	
Yahrzeit Notices	Yahrzeit Notices	
Birthday Congratulations	Birthday Congratulations	
Anniversary Congratulations	Anniversary Congratulations	

## **Hebrew School News**



Marcia Kagedan

Our Hebrew School kids really do know the meaning of Mitzvah!

With the help of Iris Dadon, the kids made beautiful gifts for the residents of a nursing home. Then on UJANNJ Mitzvah Day, several of our students and their parents visited the residents of Dellridge Nursing Home. They chatted with the residents, presented the gifts, entertained them and played Bingo. It was a special experience for all involved.

This is the third year that we have gone to this site; our kids even recognized some of the residents from last year!

Todah Rabbah to Marcelle Katri, Dina Kleinstein, Zachary Sobelman, Dror Timen, Yuval Timen, Charles Yeganeh and Rafael Yeganeh. Thank you also to the friends, parents and relatives who came along.

Our sixth grade participated in a sleepover at the Y in Washington Township as part of the Kehillah Program. I don't know how much sleep they actually got, but they certainly had fun!

APT had a successful Chanukah Boutique, and the Torah Coupon Store also is doing brisk business!

And here we are, getting ready for Chanukah. I do hope that many families will join the congregation for Chanukah on Friday night, Dec. 3, and again on Sunday morning, Dec. 5, for breakfast, when the Hebrew School kids will be singing for you all.



#### **DATES IN DECEMBER/** JANUARY:

Sunday, Dec. 5: Chanukah breakfast at 9:45 a.m. All parents invited.

Tuesday, Dec. 7: All 2nd- to 8th-grade kids invited for dinner and rooftop candlelighting, 5:30-7 p.m. (Please note: The rooftop lighting will be at 5:45 p.m. this year.)

Sunday, Dec. 12: School trip for 5th, 6th and 7th grade to the Yeshiva University Museum in New York. Parents invited to join K, 1st and 2nd grades for a special program. Candle Club, 9:45-11:15 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 19: Torah Coupon Store will be open.

Sunday, Dec. 26: Tuesday, Dec. 28; and Sunday, Jan. 2: No school

**Tuesday, Jan. 4**: Welcome back to Hebrew School. Happy New Year 2011!

## **USY News**

Last month in USY we had at a great time rock climbing at the Gravity Vault in Upper Saddle River. We got together on Thanksgiving eve for a night of fun and thrilling adventure!

In December, we will celebrate Chanukah with an exciting edition of "Minute To Win It." Also, we will travel to Pine Brook for the Membership Dance and some of us will spend a week in Orlando, Fla., with USYers from all over the world! Stay tuned for more fun events with USY in 2011!!

Dani Rosenzweig

## **Early Childhood Center News**



Judith S. Fox

The minor festival of Chanukah is near and dear to the hearts of young children. The mesmerizing lights, the warmth of family parties and of latkes in the belly, the exciting story associated with the miracles of Chanukah, and ves, the gifts and gelt — these all conspire to make Chanukah a child's delight.

Here at the Early Childhood Center, we make Chanukah accessible to children in every possible ageappropriate way. Children learn the story of the Maccabees and the TWO MIRACLES that are the cornerstone of our collective sense of this holiday. Then we go to it, facilitating holiday activities for the children that are Jewishly authentic and age appropriate. Chanukiyot are available in each classroom for children to stick in the candles and pretend to bless them. Too hard to stick candles into those little holes? The children can stick candles into play dough. This year, we've begun a new tradition at the ECC — each child will decorate a wooden dreidel as a keepsake. And each 3- and 4-year-old will make a real working chanukiyah to use at home.

As has been a regular practice for years, parents come in to make latkes with each class. The aroma of hot oil and onions lingers in our schoolhouse for days, reminding everyone that it is Chanukah and that - as I noted last month in the Bulletin miracles happen every day.

In November, I presented a workshop for parents of young children titled "Light a Light, Devour a Doughnut" about making Chanukah celebrations appropriate for young families. One topic we discussed was the perpetual "Decem-

ber dilemma": How can we protect our children against the media and commercial onslaught that is December in America? My answer is always the same: Make a big deal of Chanukah (as long as you don't make it the Jewish Christmas) and create traditions that are unique for your family.

Most important, make your family life as genuinely Jewish as you can all year long. It's not enough to celebrate Chanukah as your family's one nod to your Jewish heritage. Light Shabbat candles. Come to the monthly Young Family Friday evening service here at the JCCP or to Tot Shabbat. Put up a sukkah. Make hamantaschen to share with family and friends on Purim. Have a Passover seder at which "When do we eat" is not the only question that is answered. Learn about the holiday of Shavuot and make it part of your festival cycle.

The best inoculation against the December dilemma is to be Jewish all year 'round.

We at the Dora and Sidney Miller ECC wish you a very Happy Chanukah and Shabbat Shalom ... and Chaq Sukkot Sameach and Happy Purim ...

The JCCP thanks all who have contributed to the "Wish List Shower" for the Dora and Sidney Miller Early Childhood Center. We appreciate your commitment to the youngest members of our community. Our children will benefit from your generosity for many vears to come.

Estelle & Meir Argaman Debbie & Mark Berman Beverly & Milton Diamond Judy & David Fox Edythe & Stephen Fried Chrissy & Josh Goodelman Merle & Fred Harris Myrna Levine Frances and Marvin Lipton Helen & Gary Hutmacher Suzana & Steven Julis Andrea & Jeffrev Link **Esther & Howard Marks** Barbara Merker Irene Reiss **Enid Rottenbera** Eileen & Marc Schneider Alexandra & Douglas Sobelman Lola & Henry Weber Anonymous **Anonymous ECC Family** 



#### **Adult Education 2010-2011 (5771)**

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

The JCCP had its first Scholar-in-Residence weekend in many years, with Rabbi Moshe Edelman of USCJ as our guest. It was a wonderful weekend, with a well-attended Shabbat dinner and three thought-provoking sermons: during dinner on Friday and during services and after Kiddush on Shabbat. Everyone who participated found the program inspiring and

Todah Rabbah (thank you) to the Patrons of the weekend who helped defray the cost: Sandy and Rich Alpern, Estelle and Meir Argaman, Irene Brickman and Ade Berman, Elaine and Marty Cohen, Lori and Harlan Cohen, Nina and Gary Glaser, Merle and Fred Harris, Sheila and George Leipsner, Mimi Levin, Hilda and David Luria, Rima and Roger Rosenstein, Dina and Alan Stein, Lynn and Phil Waxberg, Raisy and Cantor Sam Weiss, and Shira and Rabbi Arthur Weiner.

Alan Jay and his committee did a great job of shopping for, setting up and coordinating the lovely Shabbat dinner.

The JCCP Book Club "Supper Meeting" on Oct. 26 had the largest turnout yet. The book was "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett; Beth Chananie was the facilitator for the interesting discussion. Attendance was not only large but multigenerational: Among those in attendance were four parents and their adult daughters. Catering was by Harold's of Paramus, and they were so generous that we were able to donate an entire tray of sandwiches to Table to Table. A special thanks to the wonderful facilitators who lead our discussions.

If you are interested in leading a book discussion, please contact Mimi Levin. The next meeting will be at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19. The book: "The Kommandant's Girl" by Pam Jenoff; facilitator to be announced. Save these dates for future meetings: Sundays, Feb. 13 and April 10, and Monday, June 20.

#### PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE ONGOING CLASSES AND MEETINGS:

- 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 at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join these lively and popular weekly discussions led by Al
- Tuesday Evenings with Rabbi Gotlieb, 8:15 p.m. Continuing interesting discussions with our Rabbi Emeritus.
- Hebrew Reading, Sundays 9:45-10:30 a.m. It's never too late to learn to read Hebrew. Instructor: Judy Fox

Yasher Koach to Cantor Sam Weiss, who performed in the annual Thanksgiving weekend cantorial concert sponsored by the JCC on the Palisades. This year's concert focused on songs of the holidays, both traditional cantorial pieces as well as more popular Hebrew songs.

For more information on Adult Education, call Mark Topel, committee chair, at 201-967-9179, or e-mail, marktopel@verizon.net. We welcome your input.

## THE DEADLINE FOR THE **NEXT BULLETIN IS JANUARY 7!**

#### **Men's Club News**

Wow! It's already Chanukah. What happened to Thanksgiving?

The annual Chanukah breakfast sponsored jointly with Sisterhood and Young Jewish Families will be held at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 5. This is an opportunity to have a great breakfast and enjoy our Hebrew School students singing Chanukah songs.

We are in the process of scheduling card nights for 2011. Please contact us at mensclub@jccparamus.org if you are interested in attending card nights and if you have ideas about how we can improve the card

Our next Men's Club meeting will be on Dec. 21 following minyan. All members are invited to attend and share their thoughts and suggestions with us. We look forward to seeing you.

Remember, the Men's Club is here for you. We welcome your ideas.

Until next time,

Jerry Menter and Joe Esrig Men's Club Co-Chairs

#### **Sisterhood News**

Our paid-up membership dinner was a huge success, with more than 50 members attending our Italian meal and very special craft in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Our members "created for a cure," making Judaic pieces from Gary Rosenthal's Women of Valor collection. Many women opted to purchase their special piece, and Sisterhood purchased a few dreidels created by our own members. Look for them in our gift shop for purchase!

Yogalates is well under way and is proving to be a relaxing and absstrengthening experience! We hope to be offering the class again later in the year, so watch for more information.

#### HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE UPCOMING MONTH:

DEC. 5: CHANUKAH BREAKFAST. Men's Club again will be serving a hot breakfast while the children from our Hebrew School entertain us with Chanukah songs. Sponsored by Sisterhood, Men's Club and Young Jewish Families.

DEC. 16, 9 A.M.-10 P.M. Gift Wrapping to help support Shelter Our Sisters. Please donate one or two (or more!) hours of your time to help giftwrap purchases at Chef Central. Please contact Debbie at 201-599-1392 or dibble.one@gmail.com to reserve your time slot.

GIFT SHOP. The gift shop will be open most Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m., as well as other times when there are shul happenings. This month, the gift shop will be having a sale on menorahs and other Chanukah items. Stop by or contact Laurie Rosman at <u>lirwax@yahoo.com</u>, or leave a message for her at the temple office, 201-262-7691.

SISTERHOOD CATERING. Our delicious Onegs and Kiddushes help celebrate simchas and raise money for the JCCP. Please contact Anita at 201-587-2005 or Hilda at hildalalez@yahoo.com, or e-mail to sisterhoodcatering@jccparamus.org.

KIPPOT. For kippot for bar/bat mitzvahs, weddings and family gatherings, please contact Sheila Leipsner at famdocgl@aol.com.

TRIBUTE CARDS. Cards are available for simchas and sympathy for only \$5. Please contact Claudia Kramer at cfreedman327@msn.com.

Until next time,

Lili Baumzweig and Debbie Zeiler, Co-Presidents 201-986-1201 / 201-599-1392



## **Young Jewish Families**

#### HAPPY CHANUKAH!!!

**SHABBAT AND CHANUKAH FAMILY SERVICE AND PROGRAM** Friday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

Please join us for our family friendly Friday Night & Chanukah Family Program. Light service, interactive story time followed by playtime and DAIRY nosh in the gym. Friday night Shabbat service geared toward children; then the children play and the parents schmooze. Please join us!

## BAGEL & SCHMOOZE AND YJF GENERAL MEETING Sunday, Dec. 12, at 9:30 a.m.

Have a cup of coffee, grab a nosh, chat with friends and other parents, and learn what is going on and about upcoming events.

## CHANUKAH FESTIVAL AND DINNER Sunday, Dec. 12, at 4 p.m.

Come see "The Twisted Balloon Guy" and stay for a Chanukah dinner. Please see flier for all the details and reservation form. Please respond ASAP to get your seats! Questions? Please contact Elana & Eugene at 201-229-0446 or <a href="mailto:yif@jccparamus.org">yif@jccparamus.org</a>.

## SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICE AND PROGRAM Friday, Jan. 7, at 7:30 p.m.

Please join us for our family friendly Friday Night & Chanukah Family Program. Light service, interactive story time followed by playtime and DAIRY nosh in the gym. Friday night Shabbat service geared toward children; then the children play and the parents schmooze. Please join us!

## BAGEL & SCHMOOZE AND YJF GENERAL MEETING Sunday, Jan. 9, at 9:30 a.m.

Have a cup of coffee, grab a nosh, chat with friends and other parents, and learn what is going on and about upcoming events.

#### HAVE ANY IDEAS?

Is there something you would like to do? Please let us know! We are preparing our 2010-11 calendar. Now is the best time to suggest events and activities.

#### KEEP IN TOUCH BY E-MAIL

If you are not receiving any e-mails from Young Jewish Families (YJF), please let us know. Simply send your e-mail address to <a href="mailto:yjf@jccparamus.org">yjf@jccparamus.org</a>. We want to keep everyone informed of all of our terrific, fun, family-oriented events while helping the environment by sending out fewer paper mailings.

#### **E**VERYONE IS **W**ELCOME

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

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit our JCCP website, <a href="www.jccparamus.org">www.jccparamus.org</a>, or contact us at 201-229-0446 or <a href="yjf@jccparamus.org">yjf@jccparamus.org</a>, for more information or with any questions you may have.

Thank you.

Eugene and Elana Heitlinger yjf@jccparamus.org 201-229-0446

#### Young Jewish Families presents

#### CHANUKAH FESTIVAL & DINNER



Come See "The Twisted Balloon Guy"
Enjoy Some Chanukah Fun & Dinner!
Sunday, December 12 @ 4 PM
\$12.00 per adult; \$8.00 per child (4 yrs. - 13 yrs.);
children: newborn - 3 yrs. are free



For more information or questions, please don't hesitate to contact Elana & Eugene Heitlinger @201-229-0446; yjf@jccparamus.org, or www.jccparamus.org

Please send check and form by December 3 to JCCP/YJF, E 304 Midland Ave, Paramus, NJ, 07652

Name:		
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Amount enclosed: \$		





#### FRIDAY NIGHT FAMILY PROGRAM December 3, 7:30 PM

FREE. Open to JCCP members and guests with children 13 and younger. Being held in the JCCP main sanctuary and gym. Sponsored by Young Jewish Families. For more information, please contact Elana and Eugene Heitlinger at yjf@jccparamus.org or (201) 229-0446.

Please join us for our family-friendly Friday Night Family Program. Light service and interactive time followed by play time and nosh in the gym. Friday night Shabbat service geared toward children, then the kids play and the parents schmooze. Please join us!

## The Jan Lauren Schonberg **Library Hours**

Mon. 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Tues. 2:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Wed. 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sun. 9:00 a.m. - noon

#### The Library has these five new books:

The Ask by Sam Lipsyte

**Blooms of Darkness** by Aharon Appelfeld

The Three Weissmanns of Westport

by Cathleen Schine

Hillel by Joseph Telushkin

Nemesis by Philip Roth

## **Community Affairs**

#### Every Day is Mitzvah Day

The JCCP has so many caring people. An e-mail appeal went out asking people to "Adopt a Family" for Thanksgiving, and in no time we had more then enough volunteer families. Full turkey dinners were provided for 23 families in coordination with the Paramus Department of Human Services. We had our annual fall Turkey Drive and, once again, Dan and Fran Leib and Roz Gerard were in the JCCP parking lot bright and early to accept our donations of turkey and fixings, which were donated to the Center For Food Action in Mahwah. Thanks to all who donated food, gift certificates and money.

On Oct. 31, a large group of volunteers went to the Center for Food Action warehouse in Hackensack and sorted donated food. Thanks to Merle Harris, who coordinated this project, and also to our volunteers: Sandy and Rich Alpern, Annette and Laura Ashkenazi, Lili Baumzweig, Stanley and Marsha Blecher, Miriam Gluzman, Ellen Gold, Merle Harris, Linda Klein, Ann Leib, Mimi Levin, Myrna Levine, Esther Marks, Jackie and Zachary Reuveni, and Bob Spellman. Remember our ongoing food drive in the weeks to come and bring an item or two to the JCCP when you come for an event or a meeting. The food bank is especially in need of donations of hearty soups, canned meat and Parmalat.

The JCCP was a collection site as part of UJA Mitzvah Day. We collected eyeglasses and sunglasses for New Eyes for the Needy, pet toys and treats for local animal shelters, and new adult-sized underwear and socks for the Bergen

County Housing, Health and Human Services Center in Hackensack.

Our project to package Chanukah gifts for Jewish residents of Bergen Regional Medical Center took place in November, since Chanukah begins the first of December. Thank you to Ruth Smith, who hosted and coordinated this project.

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 will provide yarn and teach you to knit. 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.

Planning a catered affair? If you have leftover food, remember that Table to Table will pick up unopened trays and containers of catered food from your home or our synagogue. Table to Table is a community-based food rescue program that collects prepared and perishable food that otherwise would be wasted and delivers it to organizations that serve the hungry in Bergen, Hudson, Essex and Passaic counties. Call 201-444-5500, or go to www.Tabletotable.org for more information.

#### **Chanukah Lighting Instructions**

Chanukah candles should be kindled when it starts to get dark outside. The Shamash (the 9<sup>th</sup> and helper candle) is raised above the other lights of the *Chanukiyah* (Chanukah Menorah). It is lit first and used to light the other candles each night. According to tradition, one is not permitted to make use of the *Chanukiyah* for any other purpose during the year.

As one faces the Menorah, the candles are inserted from right to left. On the first night, place the first candle on the far right on the Menorah. On the second night, an additional candle is placed to the left of the first candle, and so on, until the eight nights are completed. The arrangement of the candles is from the right to the left, as in reading Hebrew, but the candles are lit from left to right.

This year, the first night of Chanukah is also Shabbat. When Shabbat coincides with Chanukah, the Chanukah candles are lit earlier, **before** the Shabbat candles.

#### **Chanukah Blessings**

Below you will find the blessings to recite before lighting the Chanukah candles. The first two are recited every night. The third is a blessing of joy that is traditionally recited at the beginning of all festivals. This third blessing is only recited on the first night.

- 1. Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha'olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tsivanu l'hadlik neir shel Chanukah.
- 1. Praised are you, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who has sanctified our lives through His comandments, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

- 2. Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha'olam, she'asa nisim la'avoteinu, bayamim ha'heim bazman hazeh.
- 2. Praised are you, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who performed miracles for our ancestors, in those days, in this season.

- Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha'olam, she'he'che'yanu, v'ki'y'manu v'higi'anu lazman hazeh.
- 3. Praised are you, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for helping us to reach this moment.



#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

#### December 1-3

Francine Leib Paul Mannasse Richard Schweidel Francine Winters

#### December 4-10

Howard Turner
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#### December 11-17

Joan Plavin
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Hedva Hourizadeh
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Fred Harris
Jacqueline Finkelstein
Phyllis Polevoy
Melvin Polkow
Marla Karow
Miriam Levin

#### December 18-24

Anita Hecht
Bernice Parnes
Bea Ziskin
Viviane Danan
William Obolsky
Rhoda Fried
Seymour Handel
Joy Sapin
Lawrence Sturm
David Barzillai
Eric Lowenthal
Barbra Horner
Gary Zysman
Melissa Kolodkin
Jason Seltzer

#### December 25-31

Arthur Cohen
Eugene Heitlinger
Rena Haber
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Doris Schonberg
Ruth Smith
Gabrielle Scalise
Gary Hutmacher
Eileen Schneider
Sheldon Berman



**BAT MITZVAH of** 

**SOPHIA COHEN** 

**BAT MITZVAH** 

When Sophia was born on Rosh Hashanah, on Oct. 2, 1997, we were overwhelmed with a joy that has never ceased. Sophia Faye is named for her greatgrandmother Frida Weltz and for her great-great Aunt Sylvia, two exceptional women who were endowed with great strength and great wisdom — befitting for one whose name means just that in Greek. Sophia is blessed with a deeply caring soul, a sharp sense of humor and an infectious laugh. Sophia has the uncanny ability to provide solace when she senses that someone around her needs a hug. She has a strong sense of self, which gives rise to her unique fashion style and a collection of shoes and earrings that rivals her mother's!

Sophia truly has grown up in the JCCP. She was named here, attended our Early Childhood Center and was even a Hebrew School student while attending Solomon Schechter, where she is now a seventh-grader. She is a regular at Junior Congregation, looks forward to leading it post-Bat Mitzvah and is a volunteer in the Hebrew School on Sunday mornings. She truly belongs to our whole JCCP family.

For the past nine years, Sophia has danced with Miss Mariann's School of Dance. As a member of the New Millennium Dance Company, she performs reqularly at nursing homes throughout Bergen County. During summers, Sophia is an exemplary Camp Ramah camper, loving every minute spent in the Berkshires with her Ramah friends. She is a huge Beatles fan and loves Tom Petty, Billy Joel and Motown. Please ask her about seeing Paul McCartney at Madison Square Garden.

We are bursting with pride as we watch Sophia enter this new phase of young Jewish womanhood. We know that she will continue her deep commitment to Judaism, continuing the tradition established by her two older brothers. We are always proud of her and honored to be her parents. On this milestone, we wish Sophia a long and healthy life surrounded by friends and family, and filled with love, laughter and happiness.

Our special thanks to Cantor Weiss and Rabbi Weiner for making this all possible for Sophia.

#### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

#### **December 1-3**

Martin & Robyn Basner Shaul & Susan Matalon Thomas & Nan Heisler Jeff & Melissa Kolodkin

#### December 4-10

Martin & June Knopf

#### December 11-17

Herzel & Claire Ovadia Leon & Jill Wiser Arnold & Diane Zettler Carl & Joan Bagner Charles & Alma Goldberg Robert & Raquel Karp Richard & Joan Schweidel

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#### **BAR MITZVAH**

## BAR MITZVAH of CHARLES JACOB YEGANEH

Son of Behzad & Houry Yeganeh November 20, 2010

Charles is an eighth-grader at West Brook Middle School in Paramus, where his favorite subjects are social studies and computers. Charles has played the violin since he was 5 years old and has been a member of the West Brook Orchestra since the fifth grade and the String Ensemble since the seventh grade. Charles plays soccer for fun, repairs computers and is inclined technologically. He speaks three languages

fluently and is extremely multicultural. He loves to listen to different kinds of music from all backgrounds.

Charles is the son of Behzad and Houry Yeganeh, and the brother of Rafael. He is the grandson of Mashallah and Molouk Yeganeh of Rego Park, N.Y., and Antranik and Elizabeth Kajajian of Rockaway, N.J.

The Yeganeh family would like to extend its gratitude to Rabbi Arthur Weiner, Cantor Sam Weiss, Mrs. Marcia Kagedan, and all the educators at the Hebrew school who have helped prepare Charles for his special day.



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#### Please contact:

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or

Ellen Jay (Youth co-chair) ellenjjay@gmail.com

Registration forms are available on the JCCP website: www.jccparamus.org/community 4.htm and can be mailed or dropped off at the JCCP office.

Make checks payable to JCCP Youth. Please write, "Youth BB League" on your envelope.

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## December 2010 24 Kislev 5771 - 24 Tevet 5771

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			Drosh and Nosh 7:30pm Rabbi Weiner's Class 8:15pm Paramus Networking Group 6:30pm		Chanukah - Day 2 4:09 Shabbat Services 8:30pm Young Jewish Families Service 7:30pm	Chanukah - Day 3 Miketz Shabbat Ends: 5:19 Mincha 4:10pm
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19 12 TEVET Men's B-Ball 9:30am Book Club 10:00am USY/Kadima B-Ball 1pm	20 Yesterday, Today 1:30pm Men's B-Ball 8:15pm	21 Men's Club Bd Mtg 8:00pm Rabbi Gotlieb's Class 8:00pm Bet Tzedek Program 9am-4pm		23 Community Affairs Mtg 8:00pm	4:13 Shabbat Services	25 Christmas Day Shemot Shabbat Ends: 5:24 Mincha 4:15pm
26 Men's B-Ball 9:30am Hebrew School Closed	27 Yesterday, Today 1;30pm Men's B-Ball 8:15pm	28 Rabbi Gotlieb's Class 8:00pm ECC/PRA Closed Hebrew School Closed	29 Drosh and Nosh 7:30pm (Judy Jaffe) ECC/PRA Closed	30 Religious Committee 8:00pm ECC/PRA Closed	31 24 TEVET 14:18 Shabbat Service 8:30pm ECC/PRA Closed	Daily Services Shacharit Mon. & Thur. 6:45am Tue, Wed, Fri. 7:00am Sunday/Holidays 9:00am Mincha/Maariv Sun-Thur. 8:00pm



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