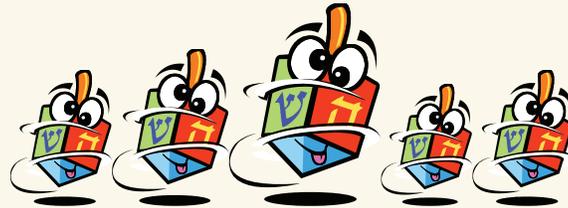




**Celebrate Chanukah at the
 JCC of Paramus/Congregation Beth Tikvah**

Please Join Us For Our Annual Family Chanukah Celebration



This year the Men's Club is pleased to present

A Dinner for the entire congregation

Seventh Night of Chanukah

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Plan to be with us for this wonderful Jewish Community Center of Paramus/Congregation Beth Tikvah tradition, with a twist. Join us as we celebrate Chanukah with Rabbi Weiner, Cantor Weiss and our entire congregation. It's a great way to join the entire community in the observance of our beautiful Festival of Lights.



The evening will begin with a dinner for all. We thank the Men's Club for hosting this event in celebration of Chanukah this year. Following dinner, at approximately 7 p.m., we will gather for the public lighting of the JCCP/CBT rooftop *Chanukiyah* (Chanukah Menorah). We will then go indoors and light the traditional *Chanukiyah* and participate in holiday songs along with our Hebrew school children and Paramus-Tikvah Singers. We will play *Dreidel* and other games, and enjoy delicious refreshments including traditional *sufganiyot* (jelly doughnuts).

We hope that you and your families will join us.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS IN ADVANCE BY NOVEMBER 27.

Adults: \$6 in advance; \$15 at door

Children (13 and under): \$3 in advance, \$6 at door

Maximum: \$18 per family in advance

(Only limited seating at door, so please reserve in advance.)



Coming in Nov. & Dec.

NOVEMBER 1

YJF Service

NOVEMBER 3

Mitzvah Day

NOVEMBER 16

APT Comedy Night

NOVEMBER 17

APT Chanukah Boutique

NOVEMBER 20

Turkey Drive

NOVEMBER 22

Shabbat Dinner

NOVEMBER 24

Chanukah Breakfast

DECEMBER 3

Rooftop Candle Lighting



From the Rabbi



Rabbi Arthur D. Weiner

It's hard to believe that it's only the middle of October and I need to prepare a Chanukah message for our November Bulletin. Rosh Hashanah celebrated right after Labor Day weekend is one thing. But Chanukah in November? On Thanksgiving? Now that is really something. Something that, according to at least one source that I consulted, won't happen again until 2070, then 2165 after that, and then for thousands of years after that. That is rare indeed.

Celebrating our holidays at the same time as the larger non-Jewish community is celebrating their major holidays is not uncommon. We are certainly used to celebrating Passover amid Easter, and especially Chanukah alongside Christmas. Indeed, this has been one of the most interesting challenges throughout American Jewish history. At times we accentuate their common themes and values (however real or imagined), yet at other times we demand a certain amount of respect for Chanukah and its uniqueness and integrity. We can't have it both ways, nor should we — but at times we seem to want to anyway.

We have been contending with Christmas and Chanukah, or what we often call the great "December dilemma," for as long as Jews have lived in this great nation. But with Thanksgiving not as much — by far. What seems to be especially interesting is all the fun that people are having with this confluence. Go on the Internet and see all the references to "Thanksgivukkah."

(No, that's not a typo!) Look at all the recipes that combine seasonal favorites, like cranberry jelly-filled *sufganiyot* (the jelly donuts that are favored by our Sephardic and *Mizrachi* Jewish community on Chanukah), or latkes made of sweet potatoes with marshmallows on top. A kosher bistro in New York City even boasts of a special chocolate sauce for its Thanksgiving turkey special made from traditional chocolate Chanukah *gelt*. The possibilities are endless — as is the heartburn that I would certainly get from eating any of this! (I do not have an adventurous palate, as those who know me will readily attest.) But nonetheless I am fascinated by all this and see several important Jewish messages as well.

As we all know, Thanksgiving is a uniquely American secular holiday. Though the pilgrims were inspired by the biblical holiday of Sukkot, which has been well documented over the course of many centuries of American history, today Thanksgiving is celebrated simply as an American festival, and Americans of all backgrounds and religious identities observe it extensively. So it is neither surprising nor even special that we try to bring some aspects of our important Jewish holiday of Chanukah to our simultaneous celebration this year of the observance of Thanksgiving. For unlike the "December Dilemma," the confluence this year of Thanksgiving and Chanukah does not threaten us at all. We are secure, we are comfortable, and we have brought aspects of both our Jewish identity and the pride that comes with it and our American identity and the pride we also feel with it, to the observance of each holiday. It may make for some interesting food and lots of jokes, but it does not threaten us or cause us to question our place in American society.

Compare that to the often hysterical reactions of so many Jews and Jewish organizations to even the most minimal references to Christmas in the public square, or their need to harmonize or at least blur the distinctions between Chanukah and Christmas. This testifies to Jewish insecurity, the sense that religious distinction — that which

makes us different and special, the source of our pride and strength — can still be threatening to us. We live this, and on some level pass it onto our children. It is time to liberate ourselves from this way of thinking about our Judaism and our place in this nation.

Which makes a larger point about the observance of Chanukah: Despite all the statistics — of late there have been so many reports — that constantly quantify and chronicle the large numbers of Jews who do not affiliate or participate in synagogue life, who define themselves as cultural Jews as opposed to religious Jews, we know that Chanukah is the most observed holiday of all. And that should give us hope for the future because Chanukah is a story of Jews who cared enough about their faith, to carry on and fight for their future despite the most terrible conditions and persecution. Each year we gather with family, neighbors and the larger community to light candles, to sing of the courage and the victories of the Maccabees, and to recount the miracles that were experienced by

our ancestors. And as we do, we acknowledge that we are free in this great nation to create the Jewish life of our own choosing, publicly, and without shame or fear.

So this Thanksgiving, I encourage all of you to celebrate with all the joy and enthusiasm that you are capable of, for it is a great day for all Americans. But as you are celebrating Thanksgiving late that Thursday afternoon, Nov. 28, 2013, light your *Chanukiyah*, your Chanukah Menorah, with that same joy and passion. For on that day, you are celebrating not only the courage of the Maccabees but the courage of each successive generation, including our own, to carry on the struggle to live free as Jews, and to pass on that tradition to our children. This year, for the first time in years, and for the last time for many years, we will be able to do so on the day that we give thanks for this great nation and the freedom that it affords to all of its citizens to choose the manner in which they wish to live their lives.

And we choose Judaism.

Jewish Community Center of Paramus Congregation Beth Tikvah

E. 304 Midland Ave. · Paramus, NJ 07652
Phone (201) 262-7691 · Fax (201) 262-6516
office@jccparamus.org

Published monthly by the JCCP/CBT

RABBI	Arthur D. Weiner
RABBI EMERITUS	Aryeh L. Gotlieb
RABBI'S STUDY	201.262.7339
CANTOR	Sam Weiss
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Harvey M. Brenner
EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR	Marcia Kagedan
HEBREW SCHOOL	201.262.7733
PRESIDENT	Harlan L. Cohen
VICE PRESIDENTS	Jacob Bauer Howard Leopold Wayne Zeiler
TREASURER	Paul Auerbach
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Harriet Kugler
RECORDING SECRETARY	Esther Marks
BULLETIN EDITORIAL	The Bulletin Committee
BULLETIN EMAIL	bulletin@jccparamus.org
SYNAGOGUE OFFICE	201.262.7691

Services

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Friday, November 1 8:30 p.m.
 Young Jewish Families Service 7:30 p.m.
 ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT

SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, November 2 9:00 a.m.
 TORAH READING: Toldot
 KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT
 JUNIOR CONGREGATION: 10:00 a.m.
 MINCHA & MA'ARIV: 5:35 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

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

SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, November 9 9:00 a.m.
 TORAH READING: Vayetzet
 KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT
 JUNIOR CONGREGATION: 10:00 a.m.
 MINCHA & MA'ARIV: 4:25 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Friday, November 15 8:30 p.m.
 ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT

SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, November 16 9:00 a.m.
 TORAH READING: Vayishlach
 KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT
 JUNIOR CONGREGATION: 10:00 a.m.
 MINCHA & MA'ARIV: 4:20 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Friday, November 22 8:30 p.m.
 SHABBAT DINNER 6:45 p.m.
 ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT

SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, November 23 9:00 a.m.
 TORAH READING: Vayeshev
 KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT
 JUNIOR CONGREGATION: 10:00 a.m.
 MINCHA & MA'ARIV: 4:15 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Friday, November 29 8:30 p.m.
 ONEG HOST: JCCP/CBT

SABBATH SERVICES

Saturday, November 30 9:00 a.m.
 TORAH READING: Miketz
 KIDDUSH HOST: JCCP/CBT
 JUNIOR CONGREGATION: 10:00 a.m.
 MINCHA & MA'ARIV: 4:10 p.m.

JCCP/CBT to Receive Homeland Security Grant

On Sept. 23, JCCP/CBT was informed that we were selected to receive a Department of Homeland Security, Urban Area Security Initiative-Nonprofit Security Grant Program grant (UASI-NGSP or the grant) to upgrade our security hardware and systems, and to implement some much-needed "target hardening."

If you remember, about two years ago we were the victim of an attempted firebombing that was thwarted at the last minute before any incendiary devices could be deployed or used. The attack formed the basis of our request for grant funding.

The grant was a competitive process during which we had to undergo a vulnerability study, a needs assessment, and write and submit a grant proposal including what upgrades we anticipated installing. We had to compete with some 80 other New Jersey applications (as well as several hundred from across the country). The answers to the application questions were scored and the results tabulated before being sent on to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for final selection. Fortunately we were some of "the chosen people" and were the third New Jersey entity selected in a pool of 13 award recipients.

This is a reimbursement grant of \$49,500 that must be used for the target hardening projects specified in the original grant application submission. We get the projects approved by DHSES (federal) and OHSP (state) security departments; purchase, install and complete the upgrades; and submit proofs of performance and expenditures to the state. Only then are we reimbursed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, through the State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness.

Over the next 18 to 24 months, the projects will be designed and sent out to bid by approved contractors and vendors. Equipment and vendors will be selected, contracts signed and work performed; requests for reimbursement then will be submitted.

We are most fortunate to have received this grant and know that our ultimate goal of providing a safe, healthy and accessible environment for all our members, visitors and guests will be strengthened with this influx of grant funding.

Look to the Bulletin for updates as we progress with the upgrades.



Light the Sabbath Candles



- Friday, November 1 5:32 P.M.
- Friday, November 8 4:24 P.M.
- Friday, November 15 4:18 P.M.
- Friday, November 22 4:13 P.M.
- Friday, November 29 4:10 P.M.

Thank You

November, 2013

Dear Congregants

From the beginning, our members have been very supportive of our drive to dedicate the new Siddurim in our Synagogue. *Siddur Sim Shalom* is an updated siddur, with a more timely translation. The Hebrew prayers of course, remain the same, but the readability, translation, font and the overall appearance are fresh, timely and relevant to today's needs.

The response has been very strong. Many of you wrote back almost immediately, and many more right after the High Holidays. People appreciate the opportunity to dedicate books in memory or in honor of loved ones and to mark special events such as weddings, births, bar/bat mitzvahs, graduations, etc. Accordingly we are taking this opportunity to once again thank those people who have responded *as of the above date*.

The people who have participated since the last thank you, and who we thank today, are:

Sandra Barrett

Lana and Peter Brach

Michel Ehrentreu

Hillary Evans

Frieda and Alan Finkelstein

Miriam Gluzman

Madeline and Asher Greenspan

Harold Kaplan

Edith Maclin

Andrea and Stuart Mirowitz

Lori and Michael Pechman

Bea Sabin

Jozefine and Stanley Schiffman

Marcia Schiffman

Eileen and Marc Schneider

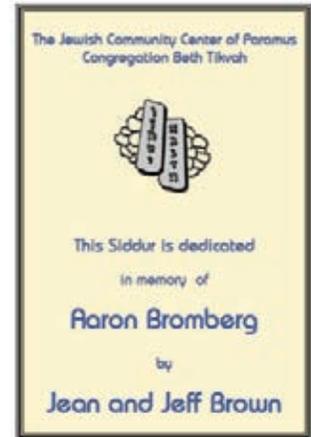
Iris and Barry Seplowitz

Karen and Richard Shapiro

Carol and Mark Tandler

Marilyn Waxman

Karen Wolson



Dedicating a siddur has always been a fitting and lasting tribute to our loved ones ... even more significant now, at the start of the New Year.

If you would like to participate, you can get order forms by contacting me, or the office, or from our website online. This is a wonderful way to perform the mitzvah of helping your synagogue as well as honoring and/or remembering loved ones at the same time.

Thank you,

Fred Harris

201.444.2352 ~ flhcarpediem@aol.com

From the Executive Director



Harvey M. Brenner

So this month's question is, "What's an FTA, anyway?" Not a week goes by where I'm not asked this question, so I've felt compelled to answer it.

An FTA (a Fellow in Temple Administration) is a credential conferred jointly by the Union for Reform Judaism, the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the National Association for Temple Administration to those individuals who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to the highest standards of professional skills and professional growth in the field of synagogue management and in recognition of the significant role synagogue administrators play in the life and fabric of the *kehillot* they serve.

When I began my professional synagogue career nearly 11 years ago, it was with a Reform congregation in Warren, N.J. Administrators of Reform congregations often serve as role models for synagogue members and the community. It is a demanding and challenging profession requiring individuals with education, knowledge, training and distinct professional skills. The counterpart within the Conservative movement, conferred by NAASE (the North American Association of Synagogue Executives) is called an FSA, a Fellow in Synagogue Administration, and has its own criteria for issuance.

The earning of an FTA by a temple administrator or executive director is objective evidence of an indi-

vidual's professional competence. It differentiates the certificate holder from others in the field. Additionally, it demonstrates to the members of his or her congregation, to other professionals employed by the synagogue and to the Jewish community at large the individual's commitment to continued learning and improved professional performance.

Origin and Authority

The FTA Certification Board (hereafter referred to as the "Board"), established in 1962, is authorized to approve outlines and completed theses and to award its Fellow in Temple Administration Certification to those candidates who have complied with the requirements for certification and have successfully passed its examinations.

It's composed of three members of NATA (appointed by its president); two URJ consultants in the Department of Synagogue Administration (appointed by the president of the URJ); and two representatives of the CCAR (appointed by its executive vice president). In addition, an academician from HUC-JIR is appointed by the chairperson of the committee.

Objectives

- To establish standards of qualification for Temple Administrators who desire and request the Board's certification attesting to their ability to meet these standards.
- To issue Certificates of Fellowship to those candidates who have met its requirements.
- To further opportunities for better training of Temple Administrators in order to elevate the standards of the profession.

Requirements for Certification

1. Applicants must be a senior member of NATA with at least 3 years of service in the field of synagogue administration.
2. Applicants must take classes and pass examinations in various job-related subject areas including:

- Membership Development and Retention
- Public Relations and Advertising
- Budgeting and Finance
- Tools of Synagogue Management
- Governance
- Personnel and Human Relations
- Hebrew Literacy
- Liturgy
- Religious Customs and Practices

3. Applicants must write and submit an original thesis on an approved subject that not only is of interest to the applicant but that will have universal, broad-based appeal for others in the profession.

When all of this is satisfactorily completed (in my case the classes, exams and thesis took nearly three years to finish), the candidate is reviewed by the committee and if found to be in satisfactory compliance with all the requirements, he or she receives the FTA credential at the next national conference and may use these initials in any and all synagogue-related activities from that day forward. In my case, I completed the requirements

in April 2008, upon the submission of my thesis ("Merging Congregations ... and the role of the Executive Director" <http://www.natanet.org/uploadedFiles/natanetorg/Resources/HBrennerMERGINGCONGREGATIONS.pdf>) and after review and approval, sometime during the summer of 2008, I received the credential itself in November at our NATA International Conference in Atlanta, Ga.

Only about 10%-15% of my colleagues attain this status, so I am exceptionally proud of my achievement and use my FTA credential in all my professional activities, much the same as a J.D., MSW or M.D. might in all his or her professional endeavors. I have it on my business cards, stationery, desk sign and my door sign. I'm not comparing this to any of the other degrees, but it denotes clearly for "those who know" that I have invested time and significant effort in learning and perfecting my professional abilities, and that I am proud to bring those skills to the congregation for whom I work.

So now you know. The FTA credential is something that ultimately benefits our congregation and I hope you'll see the fruits of my learning, as well as my labors in the months (and years) to come.



**Purchase Supermarket scrip
for the Holidays and for the
Fran Leib Thanksgiving Food Drive!!**



**To purchase scrip please contact the office at:
office@jccparamus.org or 201-262-7691**

President's Message



Harlan L. Cohen

Major Studies on State of American Jewry

In early October, with the end of the High Holidays period, two major studies were released that portray the state of American Jewry in our time and underscore the magnitude of the challenges and issues facing the JCCP/CBT and the broader American Jewish community on a daily and long-term basis.

One report was issued by the Pew Research Center's Religion and Public Life Project and is titled "A Portrait of Jewish Americans" (<http://pewrsr.ch/16INSU4>). The other was by Brandeis University's Steinhardt Social Research Institute and is titled "American Jewish Population Estimates: 2012" (<http://ajpp.brandeis.edu>). The two reports already have stirred much controversy, rabbinic sermons and dueling headlines about what it all means for us today and for the future of American Jewry.

For those who haven't had a chance to review them, I have taken the liberty of summarizing some of their important findings and incorporating some observations from, among others, Chancellor Arnie Eisen of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

According to the Pew report, two-thirds of American Jews do not belong to a synagogue. One-quarter do not believe in God and one-third had a Christmas tree in their home last year. **The intermarriage rate has reached a high of 58% for all Jews and 71% for non-**

Orthodox Jews. This represents a huge shift from before 1970, when just 17% of American Jews were intermarried.

As Chancellor Eisen wrote on his blog (and in an article that appeared in Israel's Ha'aretz newspaper) before the release of the Pew Report, the wait reminded him of the old Jewish joke about the telegram sent by one Jew to another: "Start worrying. Details to follow." With the details now before us, Chancellor Eisen writes that "there is certainly cause for renewed concern about the Jewish future in this country. The Pew findings do not come as a surprise, but they certainly constitute an urgent wake-up call."

The two studies are in general agreement about the estimated Jewish population in America, about 6.7 or 6.8 million. This equates to about 2.2% of the country's total population. (The Pew report came in at a slightly lower percentage.) It also reflects a significantly higher number of American Jews than had been reported in earlier studies, such as the National Jewish Population Survey released in 2000 that estimated just 5.2 million American Jews, down from the survey's 1990 estimate of 5.5 million American Jews and leading to concerns at the time that American Jewry was heading toward demographic collapse by 2020 or 2030.

According to the Brandeis report, about 65% of American Jews are concentrated in just six states: more than 20% in New York, followed by 14% in California, 12% in Florida, 8% in New Jersey, and 5% each in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. For Jewish adults, more than 13% live in New York City, followed by about 9% in southern Florida, 8% in Los Angeles, 7% in the New York City suburbs and 4% in Boston and its surrounding suburbs. (The Pew study found that 43% of American Jews live in the Northeast, compared with 18% of the American public as a whole. It also found that 47% of Jews reside in suburbs, 49% in urban areas and just 4% live in rural areas.)

The Brandeis study allows you to scroll down to the local demographic details. According to the report, there are an estimated 321,180 Jewish adults (those who self-identify as Jews and excluding children) living in New Jersey, which equates to 4.9% of the state's general adult population. The Brandeis study also reported that in Bergen County, there are 56,310 Jewish adults, which equates to 7.9% of its adult population.

In Bergen County, 9.3% of the Jewish population is aged 18 to 24 (about the same percentage as the total Bergen County population); 10.3% is 25 to 34 (compared to 15% for the total county population); 15% is 35 to 44 (compared to 18.6% of the total county population); 20.2% is 45 to 54 (about the same as the total county population); 20% is 55 to 64 (compared to 16.8% of the total county population); and 25.2% is age 65 and above (compared to 19.5% of the total population.) Thus, when compared to the overall demographics of Bergen County, its Jewish population tends to be significantly older than the rest of the population. This is further confirmation of what we already know from our own synagogue.

Buried in the Brandeis data on Bergen County is information on Jewish Institutions (schools and synagogues). According to the study, there are two Conservative day schools in Bergen County and 12 Orthodox schools. There are a total of 29 Hebrew schools, of which nine each are Conservative and Reform. There are also 27 early childhood centers, of which eight are Conservative.

The Brandeis report found that there are 13 Conservative synagogues in Bergen County with 10,700 members; nine Reform synagogues with 8,755 members; 44 Orthodox synagogues with 18,500 members; and one Reconstructionist synagogue with 146 members. That totals to 67 synagogues with 38,121 adult members. By my calculation, based on 56,310 Jewish adults living in Bergen County, that would leave more than 18,000 adult Jews living in our county

who are not affiliated with any synagogue. If we could just turn 2% of those unaffiliated Jews into members of the JCCP/CBT, imagine what a difference an additional 360 new members would mean to the life and future of our synagogue.

According to the Pew report, 18% of American Jews identify with Conservative Judaism, 35% with the Reform movement, 10% with Orthodox Judaism (which has the youngest demographic) and 6% with smaller groups. About 3 in 10 American Jews (including 19% of Jews by religion and two-thirds of Jews of no religion) say they do not identify with any particular Jewish denomination.

Approximately 4 in 10 Jewish adults (39%) say they live in a household where at least one person is a member of a synagogue. This includes 31% of Jewish adults (39% of Jews by religion and 4% of Jews of no religion) who say they personally belong to a synagogue, temple or other congregation.

Within the three major denominations, when Jews switch denominations they tend to switch in the direction of less traditional Judaism. The study found that 30% of those raised Conservative have become Reform Jews, while approximately one-quarter of those raised Orthodox have since become Conservative or Reform, and 28% of those raised Reform have left the ranks of Jews by religion entirely. Much less switching is reported in the other direction: just 4% of those raised as Conservative have become Orthodox and just 7% of those raised in the Reform movement have become Conservative or Orthodox.

The Pew survey notes that the percentage of U.S. adults who say they are Jewish when asked about their religion has declined by about half since the late 1950s. "At the same time, the number of Americans with direct Jewish ancestry or upbringing who consider themselves Jewish, yet describe themselves as atheist, agnostic or having no particular religion, appears to be rising," the survey says.

Nonetheless, 70% of Jews who were surveyed report that they participated in a seder in the past year, while 53% say they fasted for all or part of Yom Kippur in 2012. Despite the changes in Jewish identity in America, “94% of U.S. Jews (including 97% of Jews by religion and 83% of Jews of no religion) say they are proud to be Jewish. Three-quarters of U.S. Jews (including 85% of Jews by religion and 42% of Jews of no religion) also say they have “a strong sense of belonging to the Jewish people.” Large majorities of American Jews have reported that remembering the Holocaust (73%) and leading an ethical life (69%) are essential to their sense of Jewishness. In addition, more than half (56%) say that working for justice and equality is essential to what being Jewish means to them, while 43% say that caring about Israel and having a good sense of humor (42%) are essential to their Jewish identity.

Observing religious law was not reported as central to the identity of American Jews. “Just 19% of the Jewish adults surveyed say observing Jewish law (halakha) is essential to what being Jewish means to them. And in a separate but related question, most Jews say a person can be Jewish even if that person works on the Sabbath or does not believe in God. Believing in Jesus, however, is enough to place one beyond the pale: 60% of U.S. Jews say a person cannot be Jewish if he or she believes Jesus was the messiah.”

The Pew report finds that the “changing nature of Jewish identity stands out sharply when the survey’s results are analyzed by generation.” According to the report, 93% of Jews in the aging Greatest Generation identifying as Jewish on the basis of religion (referred to in the Pew report as “Jews by religion”) and just 7% describing themselves as having no religion (referred to in the Pew report as “Jews of no religion”).

“By contrast, among Jews in the youngest generation of U.S. adults – the Millennials [born after 1980], 68% identify as Jews by religion, **while 32% describe themselves as having no religion** and identify as Jewish on the basis of ancestry, ethnicity or culture.” According to

the deputy director of the project, Alan Cooperman, as quoted in The New York Times: **“It’s very stark. Older Jews are Jews by religion. Younger Jews are Jews of no religion.”**

According to the report, “Jews tend to be less religious than the U.S. public as a whole.” Thus, compared to the overall population, “Jews are less likely to say that they attend religious services weekly or that they believe in God with absolute certainty.” Moreover, “just 26% of U.S. Jews say religion is very important in their lives, compared with 56% of the general population.” (Orthodox Jews being the exception in this regard.) Nonetheless, “while relatively few Jews attach high importance to religion, far more (46%) say *being Jewish* is very important to them.

The Pew report notes that this “shift in Jewish self-identification reflects broader changes in the U.S. public. Americans as a whole — not just Jews — increasingly eschew any religious affiliation. Indeed, the share of U.S. Jews who say they have no religion (22%) is similar to the share of religious ‘nones’ in the general public (20%), and religious disaffiliation is as common among all U.S. adults ages 18-29 as among Jewish Millennials (32% of each).”

The report goes on to note that “[s]ecularism has a long tradition in Jewish life America, and most U.S. Jews seems to recognize this: 62% say being Jewish is mainly a matter of ancestry and culture, while just 15% say it is mainly a matter of religion. Even among Jews by religion, more than half (55%) say being Jewish is mainly a matter of ancestry and culture, and two-thirds say it is not necessary to believe in God to be Jewish.”

In response to these trends, Chancellor Eisen has suggested the following:

If Jews do not want to define themselves by religion, let’s meet them where they are and recognize that they are in good company. Mordecai Kaplan wisely insisted 80 years ago — as did every Zionist thinker I know of — that we stop thinking of Judaism exclusively as a religion, and instead conceive and live it as a civilization or culture. The greatest religious thinkers of our day (Rab-

bis Abraham Joshua Heschel and Abraham Isaac Kook, for example) have likewise insisted that Judaism is meant to be lived in this world rather than apart from it. One does not serve God (or embrace Judaism) by withdrawing from the so-called “secular world.” Many American Jews have not gotten this message. They have never experienced high-level and exciting Jewish learning or reaped the tangible benefits of strong community or seen Jewish wisdom shaping social policy — all blessings that came my way via Conservative/Masorti Judaism. They think the point of Judaism is to be “more religious,” and have too often experienced religion as boring and removed from the life they lead. That language, and the focus on prayer, chases them away. We need more synagogues with vibrant prayer and a range of communal activities beyond prayer. And we need institutions that offer what Kaplan called “maximalist Judaism” in nonreligious forms.

The Pew report’s portrait of the challenges posed by intermarriage makes sobering reading. With regard to intermarriage, the Pew study found (not surprisingly) that the rate of intermarriage is much higher among secular Jews than among Jews by religion: “79% of married Jews of no religion have a spouse who is not Jewish, compared with 36% of Jews by religion. As would be expected, “intermarried Jews, like Jews of no religion, are much less likely to be raising their children in the Jewish faith. Nearly all Jews who have a Jewish spouse say they are raising their children as Jewish by religion (96%). Among Jews with a non-Jewish spouse, however, 20% say they are raising their children Jewish by religion, and 25% are raising their children partly Jewish by religion. Roughly one-third (37%) of intermarried Jews who are raising children say they are not raising those children Jewish at all.”

As we have known for many years, the rate of intermarriage has risen substantially over the past five decades. Nearly 6 in 10 Jews who have married since 2000 have a non-Jewish spouse. Among those who married in the 1980s, roughly 4 in 10 have a non-Jewish spouse. For Jews who married before 1970, just 17% have a non-Jewish spouse.

Chancellor Eisen has observed:

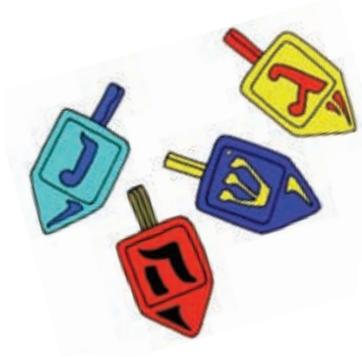
We also need a new way of thinking about intermarriage. My concern on this subject is not so much that Jews marry non-Jews, but that so few young Jews are involved with Judaism and Jewish life enough to insist that the person with whom they share their lives share that commitment. I worry, too, that so few couples — whether unmarried or intermarried — want Jewish tradition and community for themselves and their children. **The only means of persuasion is Jewish experience of meaning and joy, whether in camp or school, synagogue or JCC, Shabbat table or text study, in service to the neighborhood or in support of Israel. We spend too much time counting Jews, I think (numbers have never saved us), and too little time (and money) making sure that high-quality Jewish experiences are widely available in forms attractive to millennials and baby boomers, singles and couples, Jews who want spirituality, and Jews engaged by pursuit of social justice.** Let’s also not be embarrassed to direct major resources toward helping Jewish 20-somethings meet one another in contexts where they fall in love with being Jewish at the same time as they fall in love with one another.

As reported in The New York Times, the editor in chief of The Jewish Daily Forward who had urged the Pew researchers to conduct the survey found the results of the Pew report to be “devastating” because she “thought there would be more American Jews who cared about religion.” She cautioned that this “should serve as a wake-up call for all of us as Jews to think about what kind of community we’re going to be able to sustain if we have so much assimilation.”

Chancellor Eisen observed, quite rightly, that the report is “not occasion for cheer. But neither should it cause despair. Let it remind us, once again, that old strategies will not suffice in circumstances that are unprecedented. We need a degree of resourcefulness worthy of our tradition and our people. The next population study might well bear the mark of our success.”

Young Jewish Families invites you to

Lunch, Chanukah Fun, and Arts & Crafts



Sunday, November 24
JCCP Social Hall;
beginning at 11:30 AM

*Students who finish Hebrew school at 11:30, come at 11:30;
students who end at 12:30 come at 12:30.
There will be plenty of food!*



Adults: \$6.00
Children 4-13: \$4.00

After lunch, partake in arts & crafts and Chanukah fun.

*For more information or questions, please don't hesitate to contact
Elana & Eugene Heitlinger at 201-229-0446 or elana18h@hotmail.com*



**Please send check and form by November 8 to
JCCP/CBT/YJF, E 304 Midland Ave, Paramus, NJ 07652**



Name: _____

Telephone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

of Adults: _____ **Children 4-13:** _____ **0-3yrs:** _____



Hebrew School News



Marcia Kagedan

The school year is progressing quite smoothly. Each week brings new excitement. October featured our new SUNDAY SPECIAL PROGRAM for pre-K to second grade. "FUN IN THE WOODS" was for our Hebrew school kids and the general public, and enjoyed by all. Elinor Grayzel, a naturalist educator from Flat Rock Brook Nature Center, took the kids on an adventure in the "woods" by the JCCP/CBT parking lot. The kids found treasures and learned about the leaves, bugs and trees.

On Nov. 3, we will have our second Sunday Special with "FUN IN THE GYM." Eve Lehrer, a gymnastics and sports educator, will work with the children and teach them some cool gymnastic moves, relating the experience to the mitzvah of taking care of our bodies and being responsible for our movements, etc. I know it is going to be a lot of fun and I invite all pre-K to second-graders to join us, whether or not they are enrolled in our school.

We also hosted SHALOM BABY in October for toddlers through 4-year-olds. This month they worked with numbers, made their own Play-Doh and had a really fun hour.

All are invited to participate in this free program co-sponsored by the JCCP/CBT and the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey.

Our first School on Shabbat and Parent Involvement Program was well attended and enjoyed. Thank you APT for lunch! All kindergarteners through seventh-graders are invited to School on Shabbat and all adults can participate in PIP. Hope to see you next time.

Our sixth grade began the Kehillah program. The parents and children explored the complexities of tzedakah, delving into how much, when, how and to whom we give, with heated discussions and activity.

COMING IN NOVEMBER:

- **Sunday, Nov. 3:**
JFNNJ Mitzvah Day. Students will make centerpieces for a Chanukah party for Holocaust survivors. Our older students will entertain residents at the Veterans Home in Paramus.
 - **Sunday, Nov. 10:**
No school; teachers at a professional conference.
 - **Friday, Nov. 15:**
Shalom Baby at 9:30 a.m.
 - **Saturday, Nov. 16:**
APT Comedy Night.
 - **Sunday, Nov. 17:**
PIP during Hebrew School hours. APT Chanukah Boutique.
 - **Friday, Nov. 22:**
JCCP/CBT Shabbat dinner. Come wearing your sports jerseys!
 - **Sunday, Nov. 24:**
Chanukah breakfast. Hebrew School ends early.
- HAPPY THANKSGIVUKKAH!**

Youth Group News

Our youth groups this year are like racehorses bolting from the starting gate: Momentum and excitement are building fast with strong attendance at early events. One of the noteworthy events, something a little different, was held in honor of Parsha Noach. It was geared to those we love dearly and with whom we spend a significant amount of time — our pets! On Sunday, Oct. 6, we held a Hebrew pet naming event and were thrilled at the huge turnout of critters that gathered on the temple's great lawn (where the sukkah stood). We saw cats, dogs, gerbils and turtles, plus a few other pets — it was a gathering of which even Noah would be proud! We even attracted pet owners from the Upper West Side. And now our little Lucy Lou can also go by the name "Chamudah" (meaning "cute").

We want to extend a special thank you to Rabbi Wiener for the educational discussion and helping us come up with appropriate names for our pets. We also thank Larry Sturm (on behalf of Ethical Products) and Esther Marks for sponsoring the pet treats. And thank you to our photographer on the spot, Elyse Budnick.

We are proud to announce that on Dec. 14, the JCCP/CBT will be hosting the USY regional dance. Hagalil Regional Youth will organize the dance and provide the DJ, as well as the snacks. However, Debbie and I will be looking for volunteers to help us chaperone the event. Please contact us — before we reach out and contact you.

Wayne and Debbie Zeiler

"If you talk to your children, you can help them to keep their lives together. If you talk to them skillfully, you can help them to build future dreams."

~ Jerry Seinfeld

... and now a word from our USY advisor:

The fun has already started at USY! At our opening barbecue at the end of September, 25 enthusiastic and excited USYers came out to see old friends and make new ones. Many of the same USYers made the trip to Springfield for the Hagalil USY regional opening dance with more than 300 Jewish teens from all over New Jersey. We also had a movie night at the JCCP/CBT on Oct. 16. If you know any teens who would be interested in learning more about the Dec. 14 regional dance or USY, contact paramususy@gmail.com. Don't miss the opportunity for an amazing and life-changing experience!

Gabe Cohen

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

Looking for our monthly calendar?

The calendar will now be posted on the JCCP-CBT website separately from the bulletin. It will contain more details of all JCCP/CBT events.

Click on "Calendar" on our website: www.jccparamus.org



Young Jewish Families

invites you as we

CELEBRATE CHANUKAH

Family Friday Night Shabbat Service and Program

NOVEMBER 1, 2013 - 7:30 PM

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



*We will have Chanukah foods and Chanukah toys.
Please RSVP and let us know who is coming and
who would like to lead a prayer.*



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



***For more information or questions,
please don't hesitate to contact
Elana & Eugene Heitlinger @
201-449-0562 or yjf18@hotmail.com***



Sing with the Paramus-Tikvah Singers

It's really a lot of fun, and makes lots of people happy! Contact Cantor Weiss or just show up!

On **Thursday, Oct. 31, at 7 p.m.**, we'll review some familiar oldies for Mitzvah Day on **Sunday, Nov. 3**. Whether you attend on Oct. 31 or not, join us in the JCCP/CBT parking lot on **Sunday at 1:30 p.m.** for song sheets and carpools, or you can arrive at 2 p.m. at the Dellridge Care Center (532 Farview Ave., Paramus). On **Tuesdays, Nov. 12, 19 and 26, at 7 p.m.**, we'll sing and learn songs for Chanukah. Then on **Tuesday evening, Dec. 3**, we will entertain the congregation at our annual family Chanukah program. No formal singing experience is necessary for any of these activities.

Young Jewish Families

SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICE AND PROGRAM

Friday, November 1, at 7:30 p.m.

Family Shabbat Service and Program and celebrate Chanukah.

Please join us for our family friendly Friday Night Family Service and Program, as we also celebrate the upcoming holiday of Chanukah. As always, we will begin with a light service and interactive story time, followed by playtime and DAIRY nosh in the gym, where the children play and the parents schmooze.

CHANUKAH PARTY

Sunday, November 24, at 11:30 a.m.

Come to a Chanukah party! Beginning at 11:30, we will have lunch, arts & crafts, and fun events surrounding the holiday of Chanukah. Please see flier with reservation form in this Bulletin plus on the website.

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: \$18 for a birthday cake; \$18 for other snacks.

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

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

Thank you,
Eugene and Elana Heitlinger

Sisterhood News

The JCCP/CBT Sisterhood continues its programs and activities at a rapid pace! Following our successful Paid-Up Dinner featuring Flavian, an incredible and amazing mind reader, Sisterhood looks forward to several interesting events.

Join us on Nov. 10 at 10 a.m. when our very own Irene Reiss will show us her beautiful collection of menorahs — right in time for Chanukah. There's much history in Irene's collection and she looks forward to sharing her collection with all JCCP/CBT members.

Find your inner Zen by joining us for yoga. Whether you can attend one session or all of them, you'll enjoy the peace and serenity of this class. November yoga takes place on Nov. 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 6:45 p.m.

For more information on any of our programs, or to get involved with Sisterhood, please contact Sisterhood President Wendy Steinberg at wendysteinberg1@aol.com or call her at 917-855-1491.

Men's Club

Masters of the house,
All of you Voltaires,
Why not join the Men's Club and forget your cares?
A mere thirty-six small bucks,
Might bring you lots of luck,
Be part of the gang of us Muckety Mucks!
We could really use your input,
We could really use your dues,
So come on guys get ready,
Come and meet your fellow manly Jews!

Joe Esrig and Marty Basner
Co-Presidents

IS IT PURIM ALREADY? ... While it's not *officially* time to think about Purim, it's never too early to think about the Purim Raffle. It might be 5 months away but it's already possible to reserve your favorite number. Just let us know what number you would like and we will record it for you, store it in a safe place and hold it until the raffle. Do you want your age? The age you would *really like* to be? A birthday? To reserve any number between 1 and 500, contact Fred Harris at flhcarpediem@aol.com, or 201-444-2352.

Community Affairs

Every Day is Mitzvah Day

The JCCP/CBT will be a host site for the **Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey's Mitzvah Day** on Sunday, Nov. 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We will be hosting a **Blood Drive** at our shul in conjunction with Community Blood Services. The **Paramus-Tikvah Singers** welcome those who would like to join them as they entertain residents of the Dellridge Care Center. In addition, we will have collection boxes in the synagogue lobby for:

- Items not covered by food stamps, including any non-food items such as paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning supplies such as laundry detergent, dish detergent and other cleansers, and personal items such as bar soap, shampoo and hair conditioner.
- Old cell phones and eyeglasses
- Non-perishable food items for the Paramus Pantry

Our **Fall Fran Leib Memorial Turkey** drive will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 20. We are collecting frozen kosher and non-kosher turkeys and the fixings to complete a Thanksgiving holiday dinner. We also accept monetary donations in the form of ShopRite gift cards and checks made out to the Center for Food Action. Drop off your donations to the parking lot of the JCCP/CBT from 7-9 a.m. on Nov. 20. If you can't make it to the synagogue that day, you can drop off bags of food in the collection box in the synagogue lobby. We can even arrange to pick up your frozen turkey donations beforehand.

On **Sunday, Dec. 8**, a group of volunteers will travel to the Saddle Brook Center for Food Action warehouse to help sort food. Thank you to **Merle Harris** who chairs this project. Contact Merle at merleharris18@aol.com if you want to help. Don't forget our ongoing year-round food drive; pick up an extra can of tuna or a box of pasta when you are shopping and put your items in the food collection box in the JCCP/CBT foyer whenever you are here for a meeting or event during the week.

We will be making **Chanukah gift bags** this month to be donated to Jewish residents of the Bergen Regional Medical Center, a project our synagogue has supported for many years. Thank you to **Laura Menter** for continuing to chair this much-appreciated effort. Call the synagogue office or Roz Gerard for more information.

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.

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 or 201-262-5828.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT BULLETIN IS NOV. 7!

SAVE THE DATE!

Mitzvah Day at JCCP/CBT

The JCCP/CBT will be a host site for the **Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey's Mitzvah Day**

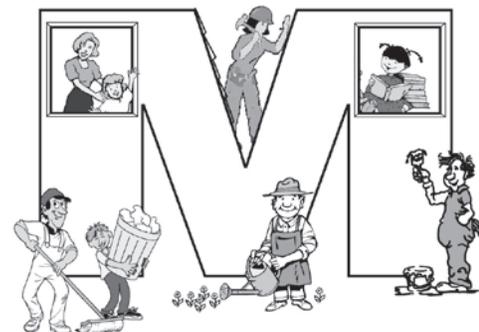
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3
9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

We will be asking people to donate blood for our blood drive in conjunction with Community Blood Services **INSIDE** the shul.

In addition, there will also be collection drives with bins in the shul lobby for:

- Items not covered by food stamps, including any non-food item such as paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning supplies such as laundry detergent, dish detergent, bars of soap, shampoo, conditioner, bathroom cleansers, mirror cleansers and floor cleansers, etc.
- Non-perishable food items for the Paramus Pantry.

MITZVAH DAY



A volunteer opportunity for all ages!

Adult Education

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

Our **Fall Adult Education Kickoff** event was a great success. The tour of the **Rare Book Room** of the Jewish Theological Seminary was fascinating and informative. We saw hundreds of Jewish books, illuminated manuscripts, and other treasures that date back to the Middle Ages.

Rabbi Arthur Weiner's Fall Adult Education class "**The Legends of the Jews**" will continue to meet in November. The class explores some of the more famous legends and stories through which our Rabbis and Sages explained the Bible and Jewish law, as well as the stories of their lives and their struggles against the Roman Empire. Through these stories we learn not only about our Jewish heritage, but also the brilliance of our Rabbis who helped save Judaism after the destruction of the Second Temple. **Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 13 and 20 at 3 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.**

Cantor Sam Weiss invites you to join The **Paramus-Tikvah Singers**, previously known as the JCCP Singers. Please see this issue of the Bulletin for more information on this enjoyable activity.

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.

Thank you to our member **Bob Nesoff**, who spoke so well at our October **JCCP/CBT Book Club** meeting about his book "**Spyder Hole.**" **Dr. Raisy Weiss** will be the facilitator at our next meeting on **Monday, Dec. 9, at 6:45 p.m.** with a discussion starting promptly at 7 p.m. The book: "**The Dreamers,**" by **Yossi Klein Halevi**. An acclaimed journalist, Halevi "interweaves the stories of a group of 1967 paratroopers who reunited Jerusalem, tracing the history of Israel and the divergent ideologies shaping it from the Six-Day War to the present." A dairy dessert will be served. Any questions, please call Beth Chananie at 201-262-0063 or Mimi Levin at 201-265-0454.

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 at 1:30 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to join these lively and popular weekly discussions led by **Al Nahum**.

Most of the Adult Education classes and events at the JCCP/CBT are offered without any fees. In order to cover our expenses for events like a scholar-in-residence or a speaker, we rely on donations from our Annual **Adult Ed Appeal** letter. If you have not already made your donation, it's not too late! Any donation is most welcome: **Patrons \$100; Sponsors \$72; Builders \$36; Supporters \$18.** Make your check payable to JCCP/CBT and include a note to credit it to Adult Ed.

Thank you to these members who sent in their contributions after the deadline for the October article:

Sponsors: Phyllis & Ken Glatzer; Stanley and Jozefine Schiffman

Builder: Phyllis and Stephen Waterstone

Supporter: Harriet Mutnick



Ingredients:

- 4 cups grated (not peeled) raw potatoes, drained (save the liquid and starch — see below)
- 3 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 large onion, grated fine
- 1 cup matzoh meal
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Smidgen of pepper
- Canola oil for frying

Preparation:

As noted above, when grating the potatoes in a bowl, you will see that when you drain the liquid, the starch has formed in the bottom of the bowl. Save the starch (not the liquid) and mix it in with the potatoes. Add in all the ingredients and stir well.

Put about 3/4 of an inch of oil into a large fry pan. Let the oil get very hot (test by dropping in a tiny bit of the mixture and make sure it bubbles all around). Drop potatoes by tablespoon and fry on both sides until crispy. Drain on paper towels. Salt and pepper to taste. Serve with applesauce and/or sour cream (depending if you are serving dairy or meat).

You can make these ahead of time. I stack them vertically in a plastic container and pop them in the oven to heat and get crispy. They also freeze very well.

Friday Night Dinner



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

November 22nd at 6:45 p.m.

OPTIONAL: WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM JERSEY!!

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, November 19th

Email us: office@jccparamus.org or call 201-262-7691

If you have special dietary needs, please contact
Laurie (ljrwax@yahoo.com) or Esther (hubbiem@aol.com)
to ensure we order accordingly.

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

Chanukah Lighting Instructions

Chanukah candles should be kindled when it starts to get dark outside. The Shamash (the 9th and helper candle) should be raised above the other lights of the *Chanukiyah* (Chanukah Menorah). It is lit first and then 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.

When Shabbat coincides with Chanukah, the Chanukah candles are lit earlier, **right 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. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה

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 commandments, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

2. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ
בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה

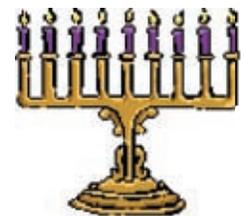
2. *Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha'olam, she'asa nisim la'avoteinu, bayamim ha'heim bazman hazeh.*

2. Praised are you, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who performed miracles for our ancestors, in those days, in this season.

3. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
שֶׁהֶחַיָּנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה

3. *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.



Contributions

The Congregation Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Contributions:

“Sharing is equal to all of the Commandments.”

GENERAL OPERATIONS FUND

In Honor

Randy & Paul Auerbach's new granddaughter
Beth & Rob Chananie's new granddaughter

In Memory

Gary Hutmacher's beloved mother, Ida

Stu Smith's beloved sister, Dr. Francine Smith
Gerald Solomon's beloved wife, Ida
Bia Roth's beloved husband, Martin
Kurt Lichten's beloved wife, Selma

Edythe Fried

Donor

*Gloria & Al Nahum
Phyllis & Larry Polevoy*

Donor

*Debbie Rosenberg
Helga Bodeen
Lotte & Fred Buff
Eileen Glasser
Iris & Herb Fleishman
Lotte & Fred Buff
Bea & Gerald Hahn
Carol & Andy Rossmar*

In Memory

Stu Smith's beloved sister Dr. Francine Smith

Speedy Recovery

Fred Barko

Donor

Eve & Stu Lehrer

Donor

Gloria & Al Nahum

GEORGE REISS MEMORIAL FUND

In Honor

Irene Reiss's 90th birthday

Donor

*Rhoda Fried
Susan Bernstein*

YOUTH FUND

In Honor

Sam Weiner's Selichot honor
Beth & Rob Chananie's new granddaughter

Donor

*Gloria & Al Nahum
Sandy & Steve Charatz*

RABBI WEINER DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Honor

Renee & Marc Robbins' new granddaughter
Dr. Selma Mitchel's birthday
Sam Weiner's Selichot honor

Donor

*Gloria & Al Nahum
Melitta & Fred Lorsch
Hilda & David Luria
Bea Sabin
Dan Leib
Debbie & Mark Berman
Marylin & Bruce Granat
Marylin & Bruce Granat
Susan Posner*

Merle & Fred Harris' grandson's Bar Mitzvah
Rabbi Arthur Weiner
Harriet Cohen for her many years at the ECC

In Memory

Gary Hutmacher's beloved mother, Ida
Deborah Kaplan
Stu Smith's beloved sister Dr. Francine Smith
Mark Tendler's beloved father, Mayer

Donor

*Phyllis & Steve Waterstone
Emily Linden
Suzy & Steve Julis
Beverly & Barry Fishman
Ina Feinstein & Ian Shore*

Speedy Recovery

Bruce Granat

Donor

*Gloria & Al Nahum
Sandy & Steve Charatz
Bruce & Marylin Granat*

Fred Harris

TORAH REPAIR FUND

In Honor

Beth and Rob Chananie's 35th wedding anniversary
Harriet Kugler's granddaughter's wedding

Donor

*Gloria & Al Nahum
Bernice & Shel Berman*

In Memory

Gary Hutmacher's beloved mother, Ida

Donor

Gloria & Al Nahum

Speedy Recovery

Jean Weiss

Donor

Gloria & Al Nahum

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In Honor

Beth and Rob Chananie's new granddaughter
Susan & David Spiegel and Linda & Paul Duboff Simchat Torah honors

Donor

*Eve & Stu Lehrer
Bernice & Shel Berman
Eve & Stu Lehrer*

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TZEDAKAH FUND

In Honor

Beth & Rob Chananie's new granddaughter

Donor

Roz Gerard

In Memory

Gary Hutmacher's beloved mother, Ida

Donor

Roz Gerard

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Speedy Recovery

Ade Noe

Donor

Gloria & Al Nahum

KIDDUSH FUND

In Honor

Bea Sabin
Fran & Dan Aronesty's anniversary
Sam Weiner's Selichot honor

Donor

*Gloria & Al Nahum
Gloria & Al Nahum
Dr. Selma Mitchel*

In Memory

Stu Smith's beloved sister Dr. Francine Smith *JCCP Sisterhood Board*

LEIPSNER/PERSOFSKY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Speedy Recovery

Ellie Pomerantz

Donor

Dr. George & Sheila Leipsner

YAHARZEIT DONATIONS

In Memory

Sylvia Rosner

Donor

Norman Rosner

LARRY LEVINE MEMORIAL GARDEN

In Honor

Beth & Rob Chananie's new granddaughter *Nina & Russell Rothman*

Donor

In Memory

Gary Hutmacher's beloved mother, Ida *Judith & Barry Abel*
Mark Tendler's beloved father, Mayer *Judith & Barry Abel*





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 1

Joan Mintz
Laura Schneider

November 2-8

Lisa Mutnick
Wayne Zeiler
Edward Beslow
Herman Lopyan
Lori Brayman
Yelena Pyatski
Shari Brodsky
Rhonda Gordon
Anita Preefer
Melvin Mark
Ronnie Schmidt
Jill Wisner
Jerome Jay
Leon Vaks

November 9-15

Suzana Julis
Marcia Katz
Marsha Lowenthal
Bernard Blick
Leon Wisner
Phyllis Radest
Sally Prosky
Joan Simmons
Roslyn Stern
Richard Ziskin

November 16-22

Eleanor Belner
Sylvia Karpen
Lola Weber
Gladys Kozuch
Myrna Levine
Judith Abel
Michael Ginsberg
David Knopf

Leon Jaffe
Arnold Mayer
Lawrence Mintz
Roberta Moskowitz
Rima Rosenstein
Glen Schaeffer

November 23-29

Herbert Gruenstein
Nancy Luks
Irma Soled
Mona Storch
Patrick Brown
Joshua Kates
Cindy Kestenbaum
Carol Langer
Martin Rosenbaum
Melanie Weisberg
Michael Aronesty
Susan Kahn
Daniel Liebgott
Marc Robbins
Marissa Rosenzweig
Susan Matalon
Celia Segal
Lana Brach
Evelyn Masheb
Eliahou Murad

November 30

Jacob Bauer
Esther Kantrowitz
Rhoda Manndel

Mazel Tov

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

November 2-8

Alan & Dina Stein
Howard & Eileen Turner
Michael & Barbara Epstein
Michael & Candice Feiler
Frank & Dara London
Michael & Lori Pechman
Ronald & Debbie Stern
Daniel & Barbara Liebgott
Eric & Mindy Nudelman

November 9-15

Herman & Rachel Lindenbaum
Donald & Belle Rosenbloom
Andrew & Carol Rossmer
Mark & Margot Monka
Elan & Jean Lipshitz
Paul & Janet Mannasse
Arnold & Babette Mayer
Steven & Sandra Charatz

November 16-22

Jeff & Carrie Weiss
Howard & Julie Leopold
David & Wendy Steinberg
Arthur & Renee Abrams
Irving & Marsha Weiser
Gary & Helen Hutmacher

November 23-29

Jacob & Heidi Goldberg
Kenneth & Phyllis Glatzer
Jack & Joan Mintz
Sam & Roslyn Weiss
Ralph & Marilyn Berkowitz

November 30

George & Rachel Malamud



Yahrzeit Observances

For the week of November 1

We Remember:

ANNE GREENBERG
ROSE KLIPPER
YAFFA MASHMOOR
JACOB SCHONBERG

For the week of November 2-8

We Remember:

MAURICE AUERBACH
LENA LEVINE
JEANNE STURM
ADELLE CLOVER
MINA NACHT
BLANCHE TEPLITZKY
ROSE WEINER
REUBEN GLATZER
HELEN HERMAN
ANNE LASKOWSKI
MIRIAM MANKO
HERTA NATHAN
WILLIAM WARSHAWSKY
JOSEPH HABER
PAMELA KALMANSON
HELEN SPALTER
MENDAL IZOWER
ISRAEL WILENSKY
JOSEPH BERMAN
NAOMI STERNBERG

For the week of November 9-15

We Remember:

RACHEL DANIELS
EDNA DAVISON
LARRY LIEBOWITZ
HARRIS PLOTKIN
MOLLIE WILENSKY
SAMUEL WEBER
ESTELLE BARON
BERNARD GREENBERG
TONI HELLER
GOLDIE SCHWARTZMAN
HAROLS STANDIG
MALCA GOLDISH
IRVING KAUFMAN
IRVING ROESCH
GABRIELE SAMUEL
JEROME WEISS
SYLVIA MANDLE
RAHKIL MAYMAN
JEAN WINER
MILDRED ALEXANDER
RONNI ALTMAN
AARON JAFFE
MAX LESERKEWICZ
LILLY LICHTMAN
MARTHA BASS
MILDRED BOTWINICK
JERRY KUGLER
VIVIAN SPIEGEL

For the week of November 16-22

We Remember:

KURT ADLER

ROBERTA BROWN
BERNARD COHEN
HARRY KANTROWITZ
SHIRLEY MARCUS
ALLEN ROSENBERG
EDWIN ROSENBERG
RUBIN SPIEGEL
ANDREW EDLIN
ISAAC GALINSKY
HENRY GOLDWEITZ
TILLY LAKE
LEOPOLD LICHTENSTAE-DTER
SARAH SIMON
BERTRAM WINTERS
WILLIAM FLEISHMAN
PERRY LEVINSOHN
IRENE NECHES
JESSE PORITZ
LEON ROMANER
REUBEN BARRETT
RICA ANTEBI
DOROTHY EPSTEIN
MINNIE MOSKOWITZ
MARCUS KUGLER
SAMUEL LICHTENSTEIN
ESTHER MEYER
ELSIE PALEY
MOSES ROSENBERG
DAVID HIMMELMAN
LENA PERSOFSKY
JAN SCHONBERG
ISIDORE STEIN

For the week of November 23-29

We Remember:

FRANCES DANIELS
JACK FRIEDMAN
MARY TEPPER
AARON LOPYAN
MAX STIEFEL
IRA BROWN
ELKA FRANK
MORRIS KNEPFER
EVA KURLAND
MINNIE MANDELKER
ABRAHAM DANZIGER
GARRET DAVIS
ALFRED SINGER
SHIRLEY STERNBERG
SALO ECK
JACOB ELLINGER
BERTHA HABER
ABRAHAM KAHAN
BEATRICE SIEGEL
BELLA MINTZ
ROMAINE RUSK
JAY SCHINDEL

For the week of November 30

We Remember:

HARRIET EHRENRICH
TOBY ROTH
TILLIE WEINER



JCCP/CBT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

September 24, 2013

Harvey Brenner reported some membership statistics: Membership count is at 478; 18 units changed their membership categories; we purged 41 names that were designated as write-offs, resignations, etc. Rabbi Weiner contacts members who resign; we have 18 new members since July 1; 5% of members have requested dues adjustments; 42% are full family; 42% are seniors; 3% are young families; remaining is scattered.

In June, Joe reported that we were applying for a Homeland Security grant. We have received \$49,500 to be used for security upgrades. Harvey, along with Harriet Kugler and Esther Marks, will attend a meeting in Trenton on Oct. 2 to learn how the grant is administered. It will take about 18 months to get through the process and start receiving monies. We are working on bringing Wi-Fi into the building and getting new signage inside and outside the building.

Arthur Abrams reported that Oct. 1 is the scheduled closing date for the New Milford property.

Harlan Cohen reported that we have received a draft contract from Shelter Development and it is under review by Geri Beers, the real estate attorney we are using for this project. Shelter is pushing us to sign a deal by the end of this month.

Harriet Kugler presented the budget, which shows a deficit of \$50,429. Discussion ensued. Among many suggestions to address this budget deficit was one in which we would add \$40,000 to our loss now and take the hit so we can make improvements such as technology upgrades for the Hebrew School; Wi-Fi enable the JCCP/CBT; implement an advertising/marketing campaign; membership outreach and programs to attract new members. It was decided to adjust the budget to a \$90,000 deficit, which will be presented to the membership for a vote in October.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Arthur Abrams thanked us for welcoming CBT families and making everyone feel at home during the High Holidays. He also thanked the Rabbi and Cantor for beautiful High Holidays services.
- Eileen Schneider thanked CBT members for their participation and wonderful davening during the High Holidays services.
- Roz Gerard announced that Beth and Rob Chananie became grandparents to a little girl.
- Harlan Cohen announced that his son Simeon will be spending a year in Jerusalem for his second year of rabbinical school.
- Mimi Levin announced that her son and daughter-in-law have adopted a little girl from Morocco, and she should be arriving in the U.S. shortly.

Do We Have Your Correct Email Address?

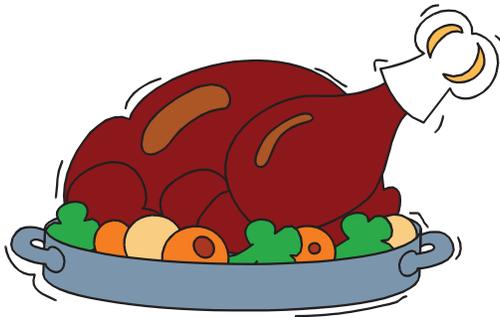
If you're not sure, just answer this question:

Are you receiving our weekly announcements?

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

**FRAN LEIB MEMORIAL
TURKEY DRIVE**

**HELP PROVIDE A TURKEY
AND FIXINGS FOR
THOSE LESS FORTUNATE!**



DATE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

PLACE: JCCP PARKING LOT

TIME: 7:15 AM - 9:00 AM

NEEDED: *FROZEN TURKEYS

(Kosher or Non-Kosher)

***GROCERIES**

(to complete the meal)

***SHOP-RITE GIFT CERTIFICATES**

**Donated to the
CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION/MAHWAH**

Jewish Community Center of Paramus
Congregation Beth Tikvah
E. 304 Midland Avenue
Paramus, NJ 07652



Established 1902

Headstones, Markers and Cemetery lettering
With Personalized and Top Quality Service.

Please call 1-800-675-5624

www.kochmonument.com

76 Johnson Ave, Hackensack, NJ. 07601



Meats * Deli * Appetizing * Catering * Groceries * Frozen Food

(201) 262-0030

67A - E. RIDGEWOOD AVE, PARAMUS, NJ 07652

UNDER STRICT RABBINICAL SUPERVISION

SPRUNG MONUMENT CORPORATION

FOR ALL CEMETERIES

JOHN LANGE / TILDA PELLEGRINO

402 Park St., Hackensack, NJ 07601

201-488-2291 • 1-800-666-6964 • Fax: 201-488-8728

www.sprungmonuments.com

We continue to be Jewish family managed,
knowing that caring people provide caring service.

GUTTERMAN AND MUSICANT

JEWISH FUNERAL DIRECTORS

800-522-0588

ALAN L. MUSICANT, Mgr., N.J. Lic. No. 2890

MARTIN D. KASDAN, N.J. Lic. No. 4482

WIEN & WIEN, INC.

MEMORIAL CHAPELS

800-322-0533

ALAN L. MUSICANT, Mgr., N.J. Lic. No. 2890

IRVING KLEINBERG, N.J. Lic. No. 2517

402 PARK STREET, HACKENSACK, NJ 07601

Advance Planning Conferences Conveniently
Arranged at the Funeral Home or in Your Own Home

Dignity GuttermanMusicantWien.com

Robert Schoem's Menorah Chapel, Inc. Jewish Funeral Directors

GENERATIONS OF LASTING SERVICE TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

- ◆ Family Owned & Operated
- ◆ Serving NJ, NY, FL & throughout USA
- ◆ PrePaid & PreNeed Planning
- ◆ Graveside Services
- ◆ Our Facilities Will Accommodate Your Family's Needs
- ◆ Handicap Accessibility From Large Parking Area

Gary Schoem –

Funeral Director, NJ LIC #3811

201-843-9090

Outside NJ 1-800-426-5869

Conveniently located

W-150 Route 4 East, Paramus, NJ 07652

For information
about advertising
in the Bulletin,
please contact:
Debbie Barbash
at **201-664-5960**

or e-mail:

bulletin@jccparamus.org

Support our Advertisers!

For Information about advertising on this page, please contact Debbie Barbash at 201-664-5960 or
e-mail: bulletin@jccparamus.org

The appearance of an advertisement in the JCCP bulletin does not constitute a kashrut or business endorsement.