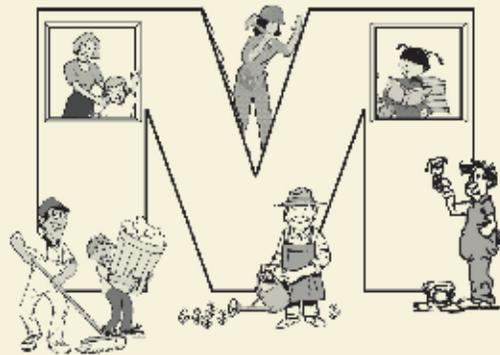




MITZVAH DAY



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Herb Keinon, Speaker

The JCCP/CBT is participating in the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey's annual MITZVAH DAY on Sunday, November 3rd.

COMMUNITY BLOOD SERVICES will have a blood drive INSIDE the synagogue from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There is a blood shortage and a great need for our congregants and friends to donate. If you can't donate that day, visit the Blood Center, located on Linwood Avenue in Paramus (next to Stop & Shop), between now and Nov. 13 and earmark your donation for the JCCP/CBT blood drive. Need information or a blood donation appointment? Call Barbara Merker at (201) 488 7007.

The JCCP/CBT lobby will have collection boxes 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 bars of soap, shampoo and hair conditioner.

The Paramus Food Pantry, which provides food for needy families in the borough, reports that its shelves are nearly empty. Please drop off your non-perishable food items on or before Sunday, Nov. 3. There are boxes in the shul lobby.

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American oldies in preparation for our annual Mitzvah Day project. This year, we will be entertaining the residents at the Dellridge Center (532 Farview Ave., Paramus) on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 2 p.m. Whether you attend on Oct. 31 or not, you are very welcome to join us in the JCCP/CBT parking lot on Sunday at 1:15 p.m. as we distribute songsheets and arrange carpools to head out for our Mitzvah Day destination. Contact Cantor Weiss for more information.

And... not on MITZVAH DAY, but certainly a mitzvah: The **Fran Leib Memorial Turkey Drive** benefiting the Center for Food Action is on Wednesday, Nov. 20. Drop off your donations of frozen kosher and non-kosher turkeys along with "fixings" for a Thanksgiving dinner in the parking lot of the JCCP/CBT between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. If you can't make it on the 20th, you can drop off bags of food in the collection box in the shul lobby. Checks and Shop-Rite gift cards are also welcome.

Thanks from the JCCP-JFNNJ MITZVAH DAY co-captains, Beth Chananie, (201) 262-0063 and Roz Gerard, (201) 262-5828



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 OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY



From the Rabbi



Rabbi Arthur D. Weiner

Writing this October Bulletin article while literally in the midst of the High Holiday season, it is easy to forget that soon the holidays will be over and with them, the accompanying large crowds. Like all rabbis, I dream of ways to build on the interest and good feelings that fill the building on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. I am always concerned with maintaining the good feelings and communal solidarity that characterize the New Year.

We are off to a great start. How do we keep up the momentum? That is the question and remains the elusive goal.

On the High Holidays, we resolve to do more, do better, to make small and large changes. Yet it is often difficult to translate our hopes and lofty ideals into a concrete plan of action. Still, we need a plan, for without a plan, it will be impossible to meet our goals.

So this year, let's make a plan. This year, let's see if we can make some changes and adjustments to the way we are conducting our lives as Jews in order to climb the ladder of Jewish consciousness, and find a more comfortable and secure place for ourselves within the synagogue and organized Jewish life.

On Erev Rosh Hashanah, I shared the following ideas and suggestions for Jewish growth and

renewal with the congregation. Maybe this could be our plan for the New Year as well. I am confident that adopting even a few of these ideas and suggestions would make a tremendous difference in the New Year, truly improve the quality of our Jewish lives and strengthen our Jewish community.

1. Take on a new mitzvah. It doesn't have to be a complicated or difficult mitzvah; just make the commitment to perform one new mitzvah or increase the way you already are observing one.
2. Avoid speaking gossip (Lashon Harah) at least one hour a day.
3. Join a daily Minyan at least once a week.
4. Adopt and support a Tzedakah organization and make it your practice to aid this cause at least once a month. Learn as much as you can about the organization or the need.
5. Study Torah at least one hour a week. Our many Adult Education offerings and opportunities are a great place to start.
6. Incorporate Shabbat into your life by lighting Shabbat candles, having a Shabbat dinner with others or by attending Shabbat services.
7. Volunteer at least two hours a month to help your synagogue, community or the Jewish people.
8. Apologize to someone you have hurt or been callous to during the past year.
9. Talk about these new Jewish commitments and observances that you have embraced with your family and friends, and encourage them to join you in this project. In this way, you can help to encourage others to better find their place in the Jewish community as well.
10. Educate yourself on the difficult issues and challenges facing the State of Israel. Then through

volunteer work, writing to your local elected officials or donations, do what you can to strengthen Israel more this year.

11. Come up with ideas and suggestions of your own that might better reflect your interests and Jewish priorities.

12. Allow the synagogue and its many resources to help you.

I offer these suggestions because that is what the High Holiday

season is all about: new beginnings, new ways to give back to the community and new ways to find self-improvements. We have spent a great amount of time in the past month thinking about these ideas and the positive impact they might have on our lives. Let us take these suggestions to heart and begin incorporating them in our lives now. Who knows what we might achieve?

L'Shanah Tovah.

SING FOR MITZVAH DAY

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From the Executive Director



Harvey M. Brenner

It is written in Talmud, Rosh Hashanah, "Who changes his place changes his luck!"

I like change. Some people are afraid of it but not me; I welcome it, embrace it and you might say that I'm even an agent for change. Quite frankly, that's just one of the many things about JCCP/CBT that intrigued and excited me during my interviewing process. It's one of the reasons I selected this congregation over others where I had been interviewing. What greater challenge could there be than melding two different synagogue cultures into one cohesive and vibrant Jewish community? What work could be more satisfying?

As I said last month in my maiden article, part of my credentialing as an FTA (a Fellow in Temple Administration) involved researching and writing an original thesis on synagogue co-programming, co-locating and mergers (and I have subsequently become somewhat expert on the subject). I do leadership training workshops on mergers, have been the featured speaker at two METNY District USCJ workshops on mergers, presented to my peers at two international conferences and even led a nationwide webinar on synagogue collaborations and mergers last June.

It all revolves around change: changes to location; changes of philosophy; changes of outlook; changes of leadership; changes in direction; changes of perspective and more. In order to be successful, it is necessary to vigorously promote change, to forego the old ways and try out new ones. After all, if we don't change under a merger, when will we? What is it they say about insanity? "You must be insane if you keep doing the same things in the same way and expect different results!" We can't expect the outcomes to change unless we change the processes and procedures that underlie them.

Without change, the "law of diminishing returns" -- adding more of one factor while holding all others constant ("ceteris paribus") -- at some point will yield lower per-unit returns -- takes hold and the results are less than hoped for. Substantively, however, making no change at all means that no meaningful progress or improvement to the product can occur.

Over the next few months, you may notice changes to the building (hoping to improve the experience, comfort and safety of all who enter and visit); changes to methodologies and philosophies as we move toward a more integrated, shared and combined community (rather than a Hatfields and McCoys approach to membership); changes and enhancements to the electronic and digital way in which we share information, communicate internally with our members, and externally with the secular community and prospective members and visitors alike (see the upgraded website and web calendar at www.jccparamus.org). It may be disquieting for some at times, but the end results of exploration and experimentation will be worth it!

We will be experimenting and challenging ourselves to try new

and different approaches to solve age-old synagogue problems. Few aspects of shul life will be exempted from inspection, discussion and review. After careful consideration, we may implement new strategies and utilize new methods or equipment to improve the product we deliver. Yes, I said product because a positive membership experience (spiritually, educationally, socially and communally) is the product you deserve and we aim to deliver. In many cases, no changes will be made since "it isn't broke, so we don't have to fix it!"

I often say it is very easy to say "no"; it takes no talent and anyone can say that. The challenge in my position is to say "yes" and to figure out ways to satisfy our 475-plus membership units, each with individual wants and needs, and to do it all within the framework of the rules, regulations and by-laws of our synagogue's constitution and in keeping with our long-established minhag.

Please join me on this exciting, meaningful, frightening, unsettling, positive, vibrant journey of change. You won't be sorry, I promise you.

L'hitraot!

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 6 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? The weight you would *really like* to be? To reserve any number between 1 and 500, contact Fred Harris at: flhcarpediem@aol.com, or 201-444-2352.

Thank You!

I'd like to say a heartfelt THANK YOU to all the members of the JCCP/CBT.

The outpouring of warmth and affection, as well as your kind words, have helped to ease the loss of my beloved mother, Ida Hutmacher.

Gary Hutmacher

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President's Message



Harlan L. Cohen

KOL NIDRE SPEECH

Shabbat Shalom and Good Yontif.

Before I formally begin my speech about the status of life in our own special Jewish community here in Paramus, New Jersey, I feel that it is important to acknowledge what happened on Yom Kippur 40 years ago to our brethren in Israel, including our very own Gershon Rosenzweig, who along with his father, David, who many of you know, participated in the Yom Kippur War. I quote briefly from an article that appeared in today's Jerusalem Post:

It started at 2 p.m. As if echoing the thunders that once paralyzed their forebears at Mount Sinai's foothills, 436 Israeli troops scattered in 16 outposts along the Suez waterfront were showered out of the blue with 10,000 shells spewed from 2,000 artillery barrels, while 8,000 Egyptian troops emerged from the water and 240 warplanes descended from the sky.

By days end, with nearly half of the soldiers in those outposts dead, vast Egyptian armies parked at Sinai and 1,400 Syrian tanks on the Golan Heights, one fact hovered above the battlefield's thick fog: Israel had been stunned.

Forty years on, the war that cost 2,522 Israeli fatalities, traumatized a generation and profoundly impacted the Jewish state's society, politics, economy and psyche refuses to go away.

I believe that as a community, we are duty bound to acknowledge and remember the terrible toll which that war inflicted on Israel 40 years ago and the ultimate sacrifice which was made by so many of Israel's brave soldiers. I thank you for having shared in this community-wide remembrance with me.

Now to return to Paramus. A little less than a year ago, I stood before this congregation and talked about two main themes – the past and the future. I did so because last year at this time we were celebrating our 60th anniversary as a congregation and we had before us the exciting prospect of a potential merger with Congregation Beth Tikvah-the New Milford Jewish Center. I find myself returning to these two themes – the past and the present, this year. While the context is now completely different, I am nonetheless pleased to report that both are bright for our congregation. At the same time, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge that there are significant demographic and financial challenges which our synagogue, like virtually every synagogue in the greater New York metro area and indeed across the country, is facing.

Before I begin, please allow me to say that if I have hurt or offended any member of the congregation or our staff in any way over the past year, for things that I have done or said, I sincerely apologize and ask that you please forgive me.

At this point, it almost seems like ancient history but the High Holiday season for last year, 5773, was our first where we offered both egalitarian and traditional services for our members and their guests. That change marked a milestone in an evolutionary process that started nearly a dozen years earlier when we embarked on a major change in our collective religious life by offering

egalitarian Shabbat services for the first time.

At this time last year, many of us were very concerned that there would be major issues with implementing the dual service format for the High Holidays. However, once we resolved the thorny question of where to hold each service, those concerns proved to be baseless as the two services went off last year with barely a hitch. This was a tribute to the hard work and constant dedication of our members, our committees, our clergy, our professional staff and our volunteers – in short – our entire community. We did what we have continually done so well for more than six decades – we pulled together as a community and we worked together, hand in hand, with respect and reverence for the views, opinions and feelings of others in our sacred community to make this grand and some would say improbable experiment in diversity a huge success. We all have reason to be proud of what we have achieved together. *Kol Hakavod!*

A year later, we all seem to have adjusted very easily and very naturally to the dual service format for the High Holidays. I am pleased and proud to report that once again, we have distributed over 1,000 High Holiday tickets this year for both of our services. Our preliminary figures show that the numbers are virtually unchanged from last year's totals, even though some 70 former members of New Milford and their families accounted for 138 additional tickets this year. Last year, about 55% of the tickets were issued for the traditional service in the sanctuary and about 45% of the tickets were distributed for the egalitarian service in Stark Hall. Our preliminary numbers for this year show that the gap has narrowed and the percentages are starting to approach parity for attendance at the two services. This year, 51.5% of the tickets were issued for the

traditional service in the sanctuary while 48.5% were issued for the egalitarian service.

We generated over \$103,000 in ticket revenue, which is slightly more than the amount budgeted and also slightly more than last year's amount. While the numbers are somewhat encouraging, we are still well below the High Holiday revenue figures that we were generating back in 2006-2008 before the Great Recession took hold. Even with our newest members from New Milford, we still distributed 169 fewer total tickets than we did in 2008. Unfortunately, the trend appears to be that we will likely be distributing fewer tickets next year and beyond.

There are many reasons for this decline and the data show that we are not unique in this regard. A major Jewish population survey from UJA-Federation of New York (no recent comparable study exists for our Federation due to funding issues) showed that between 2002 and 2011, Jewish engagement dropped during that period.

- Fewer Jews feel that being Jewish is important (from 65% in 2002 to 57% in 2011)
- Fewer Jews feel that being connected to a Jewish community is very important (from 52% in 2002 to 44% in 2011)
- More households in 2011 never participate in a seder (14% in 2011, up from 8% in 2002) and never light Chanukah candles (19% in 2011, up from 12% in 2002)
- In one area of Suffolk County, 60% of the Jews are NOT affiliated with a synagogue (I have heard similar or even higher percentages from our own Federation)

Thus, we are facing many critical challenges on this front and we all must work together as ambas-

sadors of good will to help engage our neighbors and ourselves in becoming active and engaged members of our own special community.

Successfully implementing the dual service format for the High Holidays helped to lay the foundation of what I thought was going to be our biggest challenge during the past year – pulling off a successful merger with Congregation Beth Tikvah-the New Milford Jewish Center. Last year at this time, we were meeting and negotiating with New Milford about the possibility of a merger – but we had a long, long way to go. While there were a few bumps in the road during the process, and even the occasional detour, we continued to talk and meet with New Milford and both sides' hard work, good will and a wonderful spirit of cooperation were rewarded when on May 23 we held a ceremony in our sanctuary where the formal "joining agreement" was signed.

I would like to thank everyone from both communities who assisted in this journey and who worked so long and hard to help achieve our shared vision of a single congregation strengthened by the unique contributions, customs and traditions that each community brings with it. I would also like to formally and warmly welcome everyone who is here today for the first-ever High Holiday service of our newly renamed congregation – The Jewish Community Center of Paramus/Congregation Beth Tikvah. I, for one, have a soft spot in my heart for our new Hebrew name since the congregation in which I grew up in Wayne was also called Beth Tikvah – house of hope.

It is notable that we have retained the word "community" in our name because in my view, that term continues to describe our greatest attribute. I recently read the High Holiday message from the chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, Arnie Eisen, and his beautiful and inspirational

words regarding the importance of community really struck a chord with me. I hope that they do with you as well.

Chancellor Eisen wrote:

Finding the proper balance between individualism and community ... seems a matter of special relevance at this [High Holiday] season, when we in the Jewish community prepare ourselves for a process of return and renewal. Jewish hopes for our society and ourselves are always a combination of first-person singular and first-person plural. God addressed Jews in Torah both as individuals and as a community, and both the *I* and the *we* are necessary for the partnership with God that we call *Covenant*. Judaism does not try to eradicate the *I* or to submerge it in the *we*. It teaches, rather, that the individual finds fulfillment in the life of the community, achieves personal freedom inside collective disciplines, and soars highest when group life flourishes.

That idea is worth repeating because it is so central to our mission here: "Judaism does not try to eradicate the *I* or to submerge it in the *we*. It teaches, rather, that the individual finds fulfillment in the life of the community, achieves personal freedom inside collective disciplines, and soars highest when group life flourishes."

By joining our two congregations together, we are already starting to see positive changes which are benefiting our entire community and which are enabling us as individuals to find fulfillment and soar higher as part of a flourishing group life. We are now able to offer both traditional and egalitarian services for Shabbat mornings and for holidays. Our attendance at Friday night services, which has proved to be a challenge over recent years, has picked up considerably due to regular and enthusiastic attendees from the former CBT. We have new regulars for our twice-daily minyan as well. In addition, New Milford's community

has brought with it several distinguished daveners, who help lead and participate during our Shabbat services, read from the Torah and chant the haftarah.

The strengthening of our joint community due to the participation of former CBT members is not limited to the religious field. Former CBT members are becoming actively involved in every facet of the life of our community. They have helped to reinvigorate both our Sisterhood and our Men's Club with not just new members but also with new and fresh ideas from which we will all benefit. Our monthly Friday night dinners have had not just increased attendance but also spirited community singing. We have added new members to the Religious Committee who bring a fresh and unique perspective with them which comes from having run services at CBT for many years. In addition, our Board of Trustees has added former CBT members to it. Our entire community will benefit from their input and their years of experience in running CBT.

In addition, we are moving forward with the sale of the former New Milford building to a Korean church. I am pleased to report that the last few obstacles to the closing of the sale have been addressed and the closing of the sale is scheduled for Oct. 1, 2013. While we don't have the precise figures yet, we are anticipating receiving about \$1.5 million, perhaps a bit more, from the sale of CBT's former building in New Milford.

Needless to say, now that we are joined as one community, our work on the merger has not ended. In fact, in many respects, it has only just begun. We are in the process of installing the Yahrzeit plaques from New Milford in our main sanctuary. The issue of finding the proper place for New Milford's beautiful and inspirational stained glass windows has proved to be more challenging than anyone had anticipated. We are still working together toward

a resolution that will work for all of us.

To make the merger a success, I am asking each of you to reach out your hand and your heart in friendship to welcome our newest members from New Milford. Please help make them feel at home here so they too will feel that our community, the JCCP/CBT, is their second home as it already is for our members who have been here for so many years.

That welcoming process will get a major boost this Sunday, Sept. 15th, when Sisterhood, Men's Club and Young Jewish Families host our annual opening breakfast starting after minyan at 9:30. This year, we will be combining our opening breakfast with an Information Fair. There will be representatives staffing tables from more than 15 organizations, arms and committees within the synagogue. It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn about the diverse interests and opportunities for involvement for people of all ages and interests which we offer here at the JCCP/CBT – the flourishing of group life about which Chancellor Eisen wrote so eloquently. We will have a "passport" that you can get stamped for each table that you visit and special prizes for those who collect the most stamps. Please plan on joining us for this kickoff event and stay to help Young Jewish Families construct and decorate our community sukkah.

If you have not had the opportunity to use our new interactive calendar which appears on our website (thank you Eugene Heitlinger for all of your hard work in making this possible), please log on after you break your fast tomorrow night and scroll through our calendar for the coming days, weeks and months ahead. You will find it overflowing with a veritable cornucopia of activities and offerings. During the month of October alone, in addition to our twice daily minyanim and regular Shabbat services, we are offering

a trip to the zoo for our Hebrew school children and youth, a free Jewish film festival hosted by our own Cantor Weiss, an Adult Education trip to the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, a book club discussion, men's basketball, a membership dinner for Young Jewish Families, our monthly Friday night dinner and the opportunity to hear from veteran Jerusalem Post correspondent Herb Keinin on the challenges which Israel faces in the turbulent Middle East. The list goes on and on during successive months, so please use the calendar, get involved and take advantage of as many of these opportunities as possible. It is your involvement that makes us such a special community.

The other major change which we have been addressing this year relates to the intertwined issues of closing our early childhood center, the rabbi's house and the potential sale of the real property which we own up the block to a developer, Shelter Development, which is involved in the construction of a senior citizen facility on the Greenland Nursery property that is adjacent to our property. The March board vote to close our nursery school after 42 years was a sad, emotional and extremely difficult decision for us to make, but one that needed to be made to protect the long-term financial health of our community. Unfortunately, changing demographics and an onslaught of competition from other early childhood programs, among other reasons, led to steep declines in enrollment and consequent ballooning deficits that we could no longer afford to ignore.

The gut-wrenching decision to close our beloved nursery school has opened up possibilities that did not previously exist with respect to our real property. Thus, we entered into discussions with Shelter Development whether they would have interest in purchasing all three properties which we own up the block on Midland Avenue (about 2 acres in total),

since they were already in the process of developing the adjacent property. Some nine months before those discussions started, we had already been in discussions with Rabbi Weiner about resolving his housing situation, which has been an issue for both the synagogue and Rabbi Weiner since he and his family joined us 18 years ago.

The discussions with Shelter Development eventually led to an offer from them to purchase our land for the sum of \$1.8 million. At the same time, our ongoing discussions with Rabbi Weiner led to an agreement for the synagogue to provide assistance to Rabbi Weiner in the form of a forgivable loan to be used toward a down payment, and a monthly housing stipend, which was intended to enable Rabbi Weiner to purchase a suitable and affordable house in the neighborhood of our synagogue. A congregational vote on the sale to Shelter Development for \$1.8 million was held on July 31 and the measure failed because it fell a handful of votes short of the required two-thirds needed for passage. Subsequently, Shelter Development increased its offer to \$2 million, which enabled us to substantially increase the amount of the forgivable loan being offered to Rabbi Weiner. As many of you know from having participated in the vote which occurred last night despite the biblical flooding that we had to endure just as the meeting was scheduled to start, this time the measure received more than 80% of the vote and it was passed, thus authorizing us to sell the real property to Shelter Development for \$2 million.

Assuming that we are now able to work out the details of a sales contract with Shelter Development, we will be moving forward with the sale of the property. While there are potential pitfalls ahead such as potential environmental issues which can always be an issue in New Jersey, if all goes well and Shelter Development obtains approval from Paramus

for its project, we can expect to close on the sale within the next 12 to 18 months. If that occurs, and when combined with the expected proceeds from the sale of New Milford's building, we could be receiving funds in the range of \$3.5 million over the next year to year-and-a-half.

While we are very fortunate to be receiving these funds, I hope that everyone sitting here today understands that our good fortune does not mean that we can relax in our fundraising efforts and contributions to the synagogue. These monies do not mean that we are suddenly "rich" and have no financial issues. We face financial challenges just like every other synagogue and will continue to do so despite the expected influx of these funds. Do great education institutions like Harvard and Yale, or great museums like the Metropolitan Museum of Art, cease their fundraising efforts to pay for operations because they have built up large endowments over the years? Clearly not, and it should be no different for us since we will still need funding to run our operations.

In that regard, you should be aware that our long-time tenant of over 36 years, Palisades Regional Academy, faces challenges of its own due to the downturn in the economy which has resulted in Palisades electing not to exercise an option to renew its lease and requiring a major reduction in its rent in order to remain as a tenant for this school year. While Palisades was scheduled to pay over \$290,000 in rent for this year, due to its declining enrollment we ended up having to negotiate a one-year lease, through the end of June 2014, at the rate of \$225,000. We are actively taking steps right now to see if we can find a replacement tenant for next year since it's unclear whether Palisades will remain with us and even if it does, what level of rent it will be able to pay.

This unexpected loss of anticipated revenue from Palisades is

not our only financial challenge. Due to factors like the hardships caused by the Great Recession, our membership declining at a rate of about 2% per year, and our aging demographic resulting in members moving into lower dues categories, our dues revenue is generally down and we have fewer families who are able to pay and who are in fact paying full dues. At the same time, we are, as always, working hard with our new executive director, Harvey Brenner; our financial secretary, Harriet Kugler; our treasurer, Paul Auerbach; the Finance Committee, as well as the entire Board of Trustees, to reduce or contain our expenses, despite the challenges posed by our aging infrastructure and things like spiraling health care costs for our employees. Right now, we are in fact wrestling with how best to deal with a significant projected budget deficit for the current fiscal year, and you can expect to get additional details on this important issue in advance of a membership vote on the budget, which will be scheduled for October due to the busy holiday calendar for September. Thus, despite the substantial monies that are expected to be coming in over time, we still need and rely on your generosity to help sustain and fund our day-to-day operations in order to meet our financial obligations and the needs of our diverse membership.

I would be remiss if I did not mention a very recent positive development. I am very pleased to announce that this week, we were informed that our application for a grant of nearly \$50,000 in Department of Homeland Security funding to upgrade the security of our facility has been approved. Before formally starting on the job, our new executive director, Harvey Brenner, worked on the grant application in conjunction with our then outgoing executive director, Joe Herrmann. They both deserve accolades for having secured this important grant money for our community. Kol Hakavod!

As I have mentioned during the course of meetings to discuss the potential sale of our property, it is our intention to hold a series of open meetings over the next several months where we can receive input from our members on what our priorities are as a community and how the money from the sale of New Milford's former building and now our own real property should be both conserved and used.

How much of the money should go into a reserve fund? How much should be used to hire a programming director to initiate and coordinate programming, so we can start to attract more young families with children to our syna-

gogue and provide programming to keep our existing members engaged and happy as well? Should we be funding scholarships to help send more of our children to Camp Ramah, USY on Wheels or the Nativ gap-year program in Israel, where they can live, laugh, play and pray with other Conservative youth from across North America in a Jewishly positive way that could end up changing their lifelong commitment to Judaism? Should we renovate the building and bring it into the 21st century? If so, what are our priorities in doing so? The lobby? The bathrooms? The sanctuary? The air conditioning system? The roof? All of the above? None of the above?

Both the options and the needs are many, and while \$3.5 million sounds like, and undoubtedly is, a large amount of money, we must act carefully and with the utmost prudence to make sure that we reach a community-wide consensus on how to make the best use of these funds for both the present and future needs of our community. The challenges ahead are large, but I have no doubt that based on our track record for over six decades, we are more than up to the task. We must and will be careful stewards of the good fortune that is coming our way so we can help to lay a solid foundation for at least the next 60 years, and hopefully beyond, for the future of the JCCP/CBT.

On behalf of the entire JCCP/CBT community, the rabbi, the cantor, the officers of the synagogue, the Board of Trustees, my wife Lori and myself and our entire family, we wish each of you and those whom you love a year of Shalom – a year of peace – and a year of health, safety, happiness and prosperity for 5774.

I also wish each of you a meaningful fast – and G'MAR CHATIMAH TOVAH – "May you be sealed for a good year in the Book of Life." Thank you.

(Harlan Cohen delivered this speech to the JCCP/CBT on Friday, Sept. 13.)



Thank You!

Thank you to our center president, Harlan Cohen, for all the work he has put in on the potential sale of center property. He has done a masterful job of research and negotiating, and the handout he prepared for everyone was informative, concise and easy to understand. We are lucky to have someone of his caliber at this time.

Thank you, Harlan, and well done.

Ruth and Rubin Camins

Sharing Our Simchas



Mazel Tov!



Mazel Tov to Beth and Rob Chananie on the birth of their granddaughter, Rebecca Shara Jay, born September 23, 2013. Parents are Rachel and Adam Jay.

Please send your good news to the *Sharing Our Simchas* column at bulletin@jccparamus.org; there is no charge.

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

Hebrew School News



Marcia Kagedan

The year has begun with a flurry of activity as we welcomed the new school year and the new Jewish year 5774 – at the same time! Quite a feat but successfully accomplished.

The High Holidays services were uplifting and the new Family Service was well received. Thanks to Sam Weiner and Iris Dadon for making this a positive experience. I also want to thank Todd Jay and Neil Mutnick for so capably blowing the shofar for the children. I also acknowledge Mimi Levin, Eileen Schneider and Alex Sobelman, who work so hard to make sure all goes well. And of course, appreciation as well to the other volunteers, who are too numerous to recognize individually.

The JCCP/CBT hosted Shalom Baby, a JFNNJ initiative that introduces young Jewish families to Jewish life in Bergen County. There was quite a crowd the day after Yom Kippur at this first event. Our next Shalom Baby is on Oct. 13. If you know young families who might be interested, please put them in touch with me. The program is 9:30-10:45 a.m. and is free.

Our sukkah this year looked gorgeous. Special thanks to Neil Mutnick and his nephew Adam Romano for hanging the decorations

and to Young Jewish Families for overseeing the sukkah building. Our seventh-grade students had so much fun putting on the schach. And our teachers always come up with creative new decorations. Did you see the CDs sparkling in the sunlight? Thank you to Alicia Messer (our third- and fourth-grade teacher) for those, and also to Iris Dadon for the very attractive silver place mats. Fred Weissman, our Kadima/Chaverim adviser, put on the finishing touches the night before Yom Tov began. It was a group effort that worked out beautifully.

APT and YJF organized a sukkah lunch that was attended by the Hebrew school children and their families. Simchat Torah was a most joyous evening, and now we settle in to the fall and our learning continues.

This year, the Hebrew school has a new program called Sunday Specials that, which will be held several times during the school year. The first is on Sunday, Oct. 6: "FUN IN THE WOODS" will feature Elinor Grayzel, a naturalist educator from the Flat Rock Brook Nature Center. She will take the pre-K to second-grade students on an exploration of our stream and woods. This is a free program open to our community, so please tell your Jewish neighbors about it. RSVP to Marcia at 201-262-7733 or edudirector@jccparamus.org; class size is limited. The program is 10-11 a.m. Our own K to second-grade students will enjoy the program from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Our first School on Shabbat is on Saturday, Oct. 19, which is also the first PIP (Parent Involvement Program) of the year. Eileen Schneider and Rob Chananie look forward to working with the parents while the children are busy with Shabbat services and activities.

Wishing you all a great month!

Youth Group News

With the New Year underway, we share our excitement about two upcoming events:

The first is a community-wide fundraiser Pet Naming, in which you are invited to bring your pets to the JCCP/CBT to receive a Jewish name and a certificate of the event. See the flyer in this Bulletin for more details.

In December, the JCCP/CBT will be hosting a regional USY dance. It's a great opportunity for our shul to shine! We will be asking for volunteers to help with the event.

Fred Weissman, our veteran adviser for Kadima/Chaverim, scheduled a Pizza and Sukkah Decorating Event in September, as well as some outside fun at Mele Park. Our new USY adviser, Gabe Cohen, brings his experience as a former USY president, involvement in USY on Wheels and staffing for the recent USY encampment. Gabe and the USY board communicated their events at a barbecue in September.

As with last year, we encourage all parents of our youth to be involved, whether on our committee or with events. Seeing your involvement .

Wayne and Debbie Zeiler

"Make no mistake about why these babies are here – they are here to replace us." ~ Jerry Seinfeld

Young Jewish Families

We hope that everyone had happy, enjoyable holidays and are all sealed into the Book of Life for a long healthy life.

SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICE AND PROGRAM

October 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Honor the Generations Family Shabbat Service and Program.

Please join us for our family-friendly Friday Night Family Service and Program as we honor the generations of our families. So please bring family members – grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins. 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.

CHINESE DINNER

October 20 at 5 p.m.

Join us for a fun, family Chinese dinner. Watch for more details and reservation form.

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.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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

For more information, please contact us at yjf18@hotmail.com.

Thank you,
Eugene and Elana Heitlinger

THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT BULLETIN IS OCT. 7!

Hebrew Pet Naming

Do you have a pet at home that you love? Do you want to give your pet a Jewish name? Now is your chance. Everyone is welcome to bring their pets and we will help you find the perfect Hebrew name for your beloved. After your name is chosen, the Rabbi will recite a blessing and you will be the proud owner of a certified Jewish pet. All pets will receive a certificate with their Hebrew name.

We will provide water in bowls and some treats for our animal guests.

All pets must be on a leash or in a carry case or bowl. You are responsible for your pets' wastes. Please be responsible pet owners.

Who: You and your pet

What: A Jewish Pet Naming

Where: JCCP/CBT – Outside, Weather Permitting

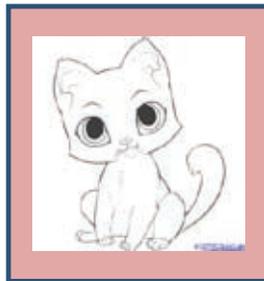
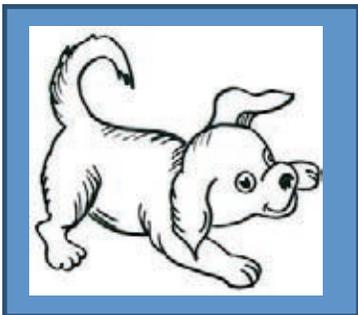
East 304 Midland Avenue, Paramus NJ

Why: Because we love our pets

When: Sunday, October 6th, from 12:30-2 p.m.

In lieu of a fee, donations will be gladly accepted

For more information, contact Debbie Zeiler (201-599-1392)



Sponsored by the Youth Committee



Welcome To Our New Board Members

LANA BRACH, who grew up in Paterson, lives in Haworth and although she is retired from her day job as project manager at IBM, she enjoys a second career as project manager for her two granddaughters. One of them, Kylie, was born on July 13! One of Lana's passions is travel, as she enjoys going to "out of the way" places. You could say her upcoming trip to Bhutan and Nepal fits that description. As a Board member, she appreciates the give-and-take and extensive conversations and debates. While we may have differing opinions, Lana has found that our Board members take the time to listen to one another, which is a rarity among Boards. Safe travels, Lana, and make sure to take lots of pictures!

ARTHUR ABRAMS, of Oradell, is originally from North Bergen, and lived in Elizabeth and New Milford. Married with two kids and five grandkids, Arthur works as a practicing criminal defense lawyer. He describes the JCCP/CBT Board as vibrant and is enjoying the opportunity to contribute his time, as he did at New Milford. For 38 years, Arthur was very active at New Milford – as chair of religious affairs and past president, among other responsibilities. We are thrilled to have Arthur on the Board and welcome him!

ARNOLD BROWN is a native New Yorker, having grown up on Manhattan's Lower East Side. He gave up the city life for a more peaceful New Milford, where he enjoys spending time with his wife, two children and four grandchildren. Arnie is in the print sales industry, and in his spare time enjoys playing golf and reading. He has enjoyed his role on the JCCP/CBT Board and being part of a larger organization.

CHARLES GOLDBERG has lived in Tenafly for 22 years with his wife and two children – Ryan, 19, and Meryl, 17. A former member of the Bergenfield-Dumont Jewish Center and CBT, the family joined Temple Emanuel of Closter when his children attended religious school. A graduate of the Brooklyn Talmudic Academy, Charlie liked the small, intimate feel of the New Milford JC. He describes the merger as exciting and hopes JCCP/CBT attracts young blood.

BOB NESOFF, a Bronx native, lived in Mexico for a year but then returned to New York and was raised in the Rockaways. He and wife Sandy spent four years in Englewood before dropping anchor in New Milford in 1969. With a daughter a few blocks away

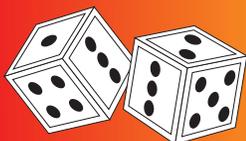
in town, it's unlikely Bob will move. The Nesoffs also have daughters in Wayne and Tuxedo Park, N.Y. Bob covered politics and crime for the Bergen Record and the Newark News, but was able to keep synagogue politics at bay -- until he became president at New Milford 20 years ago. And five years ago he was back as president again. Bob said the JCCP and CBT are now a family, and like with good families, there will be bumps in the road: negotiating, compromising and working out challenges. His vision for the JCCP/CBT is a strong, vibrant Jewish community.

MATTHEW ROOT, a native Long Islander and a graduate of SUNY Buffalo, served in the U.S. Air Force as a B52 bomber navigator from 1986 to 1990, just missing the Gulf War. After Matthew was married, he and his wife moved to Teaneck and attended Chabad. When their daughter Allison, 17 (to be joined later by son Steven, now 14), was ready for religious school, his wife, Lisa, started searching for the right synagogue and met Rabbi Fran Rosten of the New Milford JC. After sharing a pizza on Purim, they knew it was a match. So overwhelmed with services, Root went to thank the board and got hooked onto the Board. While he has no great vision for the JCCP and CBT right now (he leaves for a bike trip in Italy in few days), Matthew already likes the energy and synergy of the JCCP/CBT. Not a regular shul goer, Root attended a recent egalitarian service and was so happy to see a full house of old friends and new faces.

Welcome to all the new Board members – you have already made a difference just by being on the Board.



From left to right: Arthur Abrams, Lana Brach, Bob Nesoff and Matthew Root.



Get Ready to Roll the Dice on MARCH 1, 2014!

Friday Night Dinner



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

October 18th at 6:45 p.m.

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

\$18 per adult

\$8 per child age 6-13

Kids 5 and under are free

Maximum charge of \$54 per family
(Immediate family members only)

RSVP by Tuesday, October 15th

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

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



County Surrogate Speaking on Elder Care Issues

Bergen County Surrogate Michael R. Dressler will discuss elder care issues at **7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10**, at the JCCP-CBT. The Golden Oldies is hosting in conjunction with B'nai B'rith of Bergen County. Light refreshments will be served.

Among the topics Dressler will discuss are the importance of wills, probate procedures, medical directives, guardianships and powers of attorney.

The program is open to all but is specifically geared to those over 55 or family members who know or care for any such individuals.

For additional information, contact Arthur Yevin at 201-967-5486 or ayevin@aol.com.

ABOUT MICHAEL R. DRESSLER

Tragic Accident

In June of 1970, with high school graduation only days away, Mike and classmates from Cresskill High School celebrated their senior prom at the Jersey Shore. The summer temperature was soaring; the ocean inviting. Mike decided to take a swim. He dove into the surf into what he thought was 10 feet of water. He was wrong. The murky ocean camouflaged a sand bar lying a mere 2 feet below the surface. Mike hit the sandbar solidly, shattering cervical vertebrae. He was pulled out of the ocean unable to move.

Mike was rushed to the hospital. Last rites were administered and his parents were told he would not survive the night. Exhibiting characteristics that would punctuate his life, Mike refused to die.

Beating the Odds

He underwent grueling physical therapy at Bergen Pines Hospital for nearly two years. In 1972 he was sent home, with doctors assuring him and his family that he would be permanently paralyzed, never able to leave his bed. Mike refused to let mere medical science narrow his world or define his future. With family, friends, and neighbors from Cresskill rallying to his side, ramps were built and doorways were widened to accommodate a wheelchair.

Mike escaped the darkness. He purchased a customized van and relearned to drive. He went back to school receiving an Associates Degree from Bergen Community College in 1974. He continued his education at Fairleigh Dickinson University graduating in 1976. In 1979 Mike received his law degree from Seton Hall University Law School.

Taking Office

At home in Cresskill, the town doctors told Mike he could never leave. He was elected Councilman in 1974. In 1983 at age 31 Mike was elected mayor of Cresskill. The same year the Board of

Freeholders of Bergen County appointed Mike counsel to the County of Bergen. He was the youngest person ever appointed to that position. Following years in private practice, Mike, in 1991, was appointed counsel to the N.J. Sports and Exposition Authority.

Taking Victory

In 1996 Mike Dressler decided to again enter the arena of public service. He entered the county-wide contest for Bergen County Surrogate. His campaign propelled by knowledge, experience, spirit and a motorized wheelchair took him to all 70 municipalities comprising Bergen County. On November 5, 1996, the people of Bergen County responded. Mike received over 154,000 votes gaining victory. On January 1, 1997, Michael Dressler began a 5-year term as Surrogate of Bergen County.

Programs

• Guardianship Monitoring Program

His first term as Surrogate vividly highlights a public service philosophy that combines innovative community service with reasoned fiscal responsibility. Mike has established and expanded programs that directly assist those involved with Surrogate Court issues. Surrogate Dressler created the first Guardianship Monitoring Program in Bergen County. The Guardianship Program, utilizing volunteers recruited with the help of the AARP, monitors the work of the Court appointed guardians making sure they care for the frail and elderly as they promised they would.

• Satellite Office Program

Mike Dressler also spearheaded the creation of the Surrogate Court's Satellite Office Program in which the services of the Surrogate Court are brought directly to municipalities such as Fort Lee, Ridgewood, Wallington, Norwood and Park Ridge.

Utilizing municipal offices and libraries in those towns, Surrogate Court employees are able to bring services such as probating of wills and administering estates to those who cannot make the trip to the Surrogate Court in Hackensack. These innovative and helpful programs are operated and maintained at no additional taxpayer cost.

Mike Dressler has shown that the duties and responsibilities of the Surrogate Court Judge extend beyond the walls of his own office in Hackensack.

A True Leader

The people of Bergen County have certainly responded to the leadership he has exhibited as Judge of the Surrogate's Court, for he has been reelected in resounding fashion in November of 2001, 2006 and 2011. Mike continues to serve Bergen County as surrogate in the first year of his fourth term.

Community Affairs

Every Day is Mitzvah Day

Our first mitzvah of the year 5774 was **Operation Isaiah**, the community-wide collection of food on Kol Nidre eve. Thank you to **Ken and Phyllis Glatzer** who chaired the annual drive; more than 120 bags of food were donated. Thank you also to Ken Glatzer, Gary Hutmacher, Fred and Merle Harris, and Sandy and Rich Alpern, who loaded up their cars and delivered the donations to the **Center for Food Action Warehouse** in Saddle Brook.

On **Sunday, Dec. 8**, a group of volunteers will travel to the Saddle Brook warehouse to help sort food. Thank you to **Merle Harris**, who chairs this project. Don't forget our ongoing year-round food drive; pick up an extra can of tuna or a box of pasta when you go 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.

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 between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. on November 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.

The JCCP/CBT will be a host site for the **Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey's Mitzvah Day** on **Sunday, November 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. 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 bars of soap, shampoo and hair conditioner.
- Non-perishable food items for the Paramus Pantry

Sing for Mitzvah Day: The Paramus-Tikvah Singers will meet with **Cantor Weiss** at on Thursday, Oct. 31, at 7 p.m. to go over some American oldies in preparation for the **JFNNJ Mitzvah Day** project. This year we will be entertaining the residents at the Dellridge Center (532 Farview Ave.) on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 2 p.m. Whether you attend on Oct. 31 or not, you are welcome to join us in the JCCP/CBT parking lot on Nov. 3 at 1:15 p.m. as we distribute song sheets and arrange car pools to head out for our Mitzvah Day destination.

We again we will be making **Chanukah gift bags** to be donated to the Jewish residents of Bergen Regional Medical Center, a project our synagogue has supported for many years. This year it will be a November project because Chanukah is unusually early. Thank you to **Laura Menter** for continuing to chair this much appreciated effort. The date for assembling the bags is still being decided; stay tuned for more information if you would like to help.

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 Chessed 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.

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:

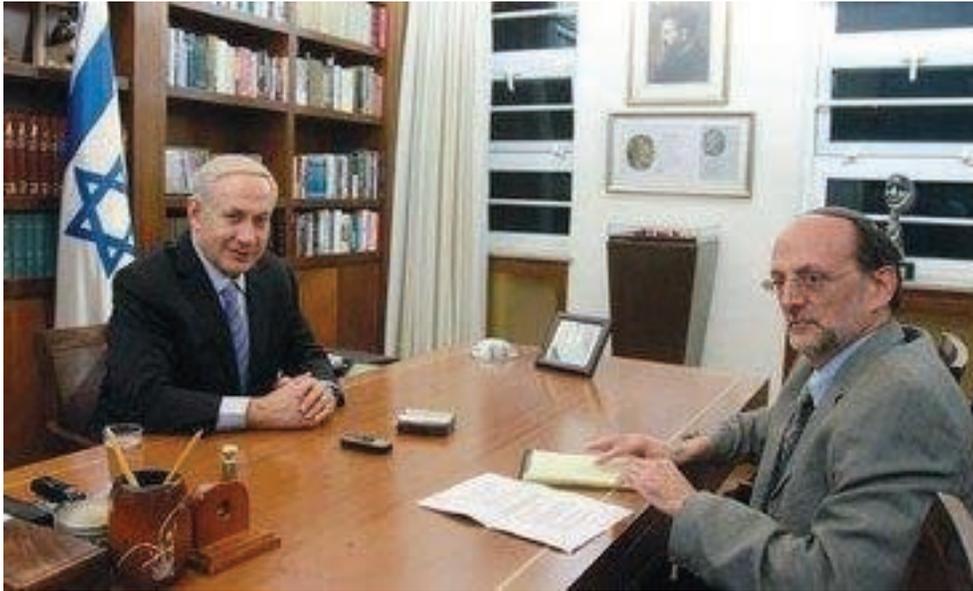
- Items not covered by food stamps, including any non-food item such as paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning supplies such as laundry detergent, dish detergent, bars of soap, shampoo, conditioner, bathroom cleansers, mirror cleansers and floor cleansers, etc.
- Non-perishable food items for the Paramus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

MITZVAH DAY



A volunteer opportunity for all ages!

The JCCP/CBT welcomes Herb Keinon on Oct. 20 at 7 p.m.



The Jewish Community Center of Paramus/Congregation Beth Tikvah is delighted to once again welcome noted author and correspondent **Herb Keinon on Oct. 20 at 7 p.m.** Keinon will speak on the topic, *“Syria burning, Egypt imploding, Iran nuclearizing, the Palestinians negotiating - how will Israel navigate that narrow bridge?”*

Keinon has been at The Jerusalem Post for 25 years. He took over the diplomatic beat in August 2000, just after the failed Camp David summit and just before the outbreak of the Palestinian violence in September of that year.

Keinon is responsible for covering the prime minister and the foreign minister, often traveling with the prime minister on his trips abroad. He has followed Ehud Barak to Paris; Ariel Sharon to Crawford, Texas; Ehud Olmert to Annapolis, Md.; and Benjamin Netanyahu to Washington. As such, Keinon has up-close knowledge and an intimate perspective of the country's political, diplomatic and strategic challenges -- from Hamas to Hezbollah, Kadima to Likud.

In addition to these duties, which entail writing news stories, features and analyses, Keinon also writes a popular monthly "light" column on the trials and tribulations of life in Israel.

During his years at the Post, Keinon has covered different beats, including Jerusalem, immigration and absorption, religious parties, the ultra-Orthodox and the settlements. He also has been a features writer.

In addition, Keinon has lectured widely in Israel, the United States, Europe and Australia on the political and diplomatic situation in Israel, and appears on radio and television programs around the world as a guest commentator. Keinon will bring a fresh and timely perspective to life in Israel during the Arab Spring, Syrian uprising and other Middle East events.

The Denver native has lived in Israel for 28 years. He is married with four children, and lives just outside of Jerusalem.

Adult Education

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

Join us for our **Fall Adult Education Kickoff** event on Sunday, Oct. 20: a special trip to tour the **Rare Book Room of the Jewish Theological Seminary**. The Rare Book Room contains hundreds of Jewish books, illuminated manuscripts and other treasures that date back to the Middle Ages, as well as an extensive collection of documents from the Cairo Geniza. This is a rare opportunity to view and learn about this magnificent and interesting part of Jewish life and history. Registration is limited, so contact the JCCP office or Mark Topel ASAP to sign up. There will be a small fee to defray the cost of transportation to and from JTS.

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.

Rabbi Weiner will begin his Fall Adult Education class **"The Legends of the Jews"** on **Wednesday, Oct. 16**. This class will explore 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 will 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 at 3 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.** for six weeks.

"Live – Love – Laugh – Learn": The newest Adult Ed course will have our JCCP/CBT game show host **Stu W Lehrer** lead "contestants" in playing Jewish "Family Feud," "Concentration" and "Wheel of Fortune." Winners will receive prizes of dark chocolate. Games kick off **Monday, Oct. 7, at 8:30 p.m.** For more info, contact Stu at begs93@gmail.com.

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. This year's **Jewish Film Festival** will take place in October on three Tuesday evenings at 7:45 and on two Sunday afternoons at 1:30. See the flier in this issue for complete information.

We are eagerly looking forward to another great year for the **JCCP/CBT Book Club**. We are working on having some authors speak to our members about their books. More specific information and dates will be announced soon.

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, which you received in August. 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 so much to those who have already sent in their contributions:

Patrons: Sandra & Richard Alpern, Estelle Argaman, Eve & Stu Lehrer, Sheila & George Leipsner, Susan & Ron Matuson, Irene Reiss, Janet & Mark Topel, Lynn & Philip Waxberg, Lola & Henry Weber.

Sponsors: Nina & Russell Rothman.

Builders: Lotte & Fred Buff, Rhoda Fried, Roz Gerard, Merle & Fred Harris, Irma Leeds, Harold & Mildred Lerman, Hilda & David Luria, Maxine & Isaac Rosenberg, Rima & Roger Rosenstein, and Alan & Dina Stein.

Supporters: Claire & Ed Beslow, Helga Bodeen, Louis Fallon, Rhonda & David Gordon, Sharon & Jeffrey Gross, Rose Harris, Helen & Gary Hutmacher, Fran & Marvin Lipton, Belle & Donald Rosenbloom, Amy Tobenkin & David Shulman, Eileen & Howard Turner, Blanche & Stuart Weinberg, Harriet & Bernard Weinberg, and Bea & Richard Ziskin.



Pumpkin Bread *from Deborah Barbash*

Ingredients:

1 3/4 cups flour
 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon allspice
 1 1/2 cups sugar
 1/2 cup oil
 2 eggs
 1 cup pumpkin
 1/3 cup water

Preparation:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease 2 small loaf pans (8-by-4-inches.)

In a small bowl, blend flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, nutmeg, cinnamon, and allspice. Set aside.

In large bowl, blend sugar, oil and eggs; mix well. Add pumpkin and mix well. Add water and mix well.

Add the small bowl to the large bowl; mix well. Pour into 2 loaf pans. Bake for 50 minutes.

Sisterhood News

JCCP/CBT Sisterhood has been busy planning many new programs and activities for 2013-14. If you haven't already bought your delicious heat and eat challah, email Ruth Smith at ruthsmith@gmail.com and place your order for traditional, whole wheat or chocolate chip flavors.

SISTERHOOD FEATURING MIND READER FLAVIAN AT OCTOBER 23 PAID-UP DINNER

The JCCP/CBT Sisterhood will officially kick off its year of great activities and programs with its annual Paid-Up Dinner featuring Flavian, a nationally known mind reader, on Wednesday, Oct. 23.

If you've ever wondered if someone can truly read minds, or if the power of the mind can actually change behaviors, you are in for a treat. Flavian will truly amaze, delight and inform during his mind-reading performance.

Gourmet dinner and dessert will be served prior to the show. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Please make your reservation by Oct. 16 by contacting Lori Cohen (201-358-6107 or lbc14@aol.com) or Wendy Steinberg (917-855-1491 or wendysteinsteinberg1@aol.com).

Sisterhood is bigger than ever. Join us to catch up with old friends, meet new ones and enjoy a ladies night out!

Book Club News

We are delighted to announce that Bob Nesoff, former president of the New Milford Jewish Center, will kick off the synagogue's seventh year for the Book Club with a discussion of his book, "Spyder Hole." The novel has received critical praise from reviewers.

"Spyder Hole" is one of the few books in which the Israelis and Mosad are the good guys, leading an international force attempting to stop terrorists from setting off nuclear weapons in New York and London.

The meeting will take place on Sunday, Oct. 6, at 10 a.m. at the JCCP/CBT. A light breakfast will be served. The discussion is open to all. Look forward to seeing you!

Any questions, please call Beth Chananie at 201-262-0063 or Mimi Levin at 201-265-0454.

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Membership Lottery #15 - 2013



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The Glatzers, Blechers and Gordons, knowing they wouldn't use the parking spaces during the holidays, generously offered them back as potential fund raisers. They were very generously bought by Renee and Arthur Abrams, Sandy and Rich Alpern and Phyllis and Larry Polevoy. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to the Abrams, Alperns and Polevoys.

The Membership Lottery is a great tradition at the JCCP/CBT, as well as a much needed fundraiser, and we look forward to its continued success in the future.

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October 5-11

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Sue Greenberg
Richard Lehner
Dina Braun
Norman Frolow
Sarah Rosenfeld
Michael Reuveni
Michael Epstein
Sandra Groveman

October 12-18

Janie Horowitz
Mark Monka
Michael Pechman
Mark Tendler
Herman Lindenbaum
Randie Berner
Stanley Blecher
Paul Frischer
Joseph Rosenfeld
Lisa Slomowitz
Renee Aronesty
Steven Finkelstein
Roni Rubin
Louis Fallon
Irwin Geller

Jeffrey Kahn
Matthew Root
Bernard Stern
Lawrence Zucker

October 19-25

Randy Auerbach
Robert Chananie
Aryeh Plitnick
Jacqueline Poritz
Linda Rose
David Saltzberg
Mark Menegus
Irene Reiss
Roslyn Weiss
Jeffrey Bart
Elana Heitlinger
Shelley Moritz
Steven Grundleger
Keren Abraham
Howard Marks
Nina Rothman
Gerald Simmons

October 26-31

Toby Fischbein
Barry Fishman
Shelley Tobenkin
Steven Shatkin
Jacquelyn Ackerman
David Spiegel
Marceline Bernstein
Eric Holmberg
John Antebi

Mazel Tov

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October 5-11

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October 12-18

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FREIDA TOLKACHEW
SARAH LAYB
SYLVIA COHN
MANO LICHTENSTEIN
FRANK PEARLMAN
WILLIAM ROSENBAUM
GUSSIE SABIN
THELMA SMITH
RALPH GITTLEMAN
TED KISLAK

For the week of October 12-18

We Remember:

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SAM FRAIDA
HENRY FRANK
MIRIAM KAUFMAN
BENJAMIN KUSHNER
STEFAN ROHDIE
VICTOR BART
ERICA BREDA
DIANA GRUNDLEGER
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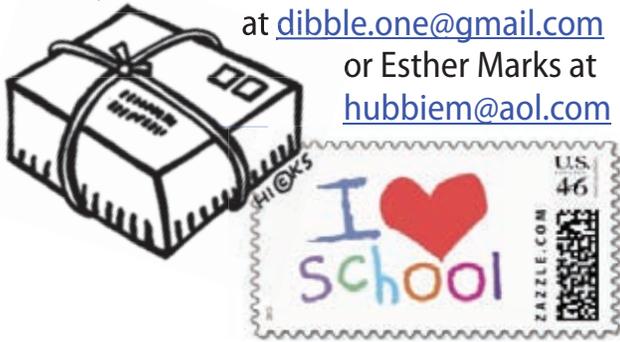
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August 15, 2013

Fred Harris pulled the winners for the membership lottery:

Free Membership: Mel and Linda Polkow

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Leaf on the Tree of Life: Merle and Fred Harris

Parking spaces: Arthur and Renee Abrams; Eve and Stu Lehrer; Rhonda and Daniel Gordon;
Stan and Marsha Blecher.

Harvey Brenner reported our membership count is at 482. Everything is proceeding well for the High Holidays. The Book of Remembrance will be printed in a few days, and we are still waiting for a few more ticket applications.

Alan Jay explained that we are implementing a trial High Holiday handout booklet this year.

Rob Chananie reported that the usher schedule is complete. Please contact Rob if your assignment needs to be switched.

Eileen Schneider asked you to contact her if you are interested in volunteering for the children's programs during the High Holidays.

Rabbi Weiner announced that this year we will have a family service on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, from 10:30 to 11:45, and on Yom Kippur from 11:00 to 12:15. Sam Weiner will lead the services along with Iris Dadon.

Alan Jay announced that this Selichot we are honoring Sam Weiner. Selichot is on Aug. 31 at 9 p.m.

Harlan announced that our opening breakfast, sponsored by Men's Club and Sisterhood, is on Sept. 15. We have had feedback from several parties that New Milford members aren't familiar with all of our offerings and events. We want to take advantage of this date, where we will have many in attendance, to do some sort of presentation. We need all the arms present at the breakfast to make a two-minute presentation of what you do. This presentation will be good for all our members. Elana Heitlinger added that we will also be building and decorating the sukkah on this date.

Charles Goldberg reported that the town of New Milford failed to put our resolution on the books, so we won't meet the Sept. 30 close date. There is a 45-day window for appeal, so we are now looking at early October for closing. The certificate of occupancy will be available for pickup next week, so we are clear to close as far as the town is concerned.

Jack Bauer reported that the contract is set for Casino Night on March 1, 2014. We need prizes, and need to start working on getting gift cards from restaurants, etc. We are looking for someone to chair the prize committee.

Harvey Brenner reported that we now have an interactive calendar on our website. Click on any event, and all the information for that event will pop up in a window. This will be a good opportunity to reach the younger families. As an extension on the calendar, weekly announcements may change a bit to cut down on retyping the same information. From there, we will be able to send our event information to other social media.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Harvey thanked Beth Chananie and her staff for helping with a last-minute compilation of a High Holiday ad.
- Thank you to Eugene Heitlinger for his help in getting the electronic calendar online.
- Bob Nesoff reported that the contract for the storage unit for CBT ends this month, so we need to empty out the unit so we don't pay for another month of storage.
- Roger Rosenstein announced that the Borough of Paramus has named Madison Avenue "Stanley Mitchel Way."
- Rabbi reported that our new member, Leon Jaffe, had surgery last week and is doing well.

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