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**April 2024 / Adar II – Nisan 5784**

# CANTOR'S MESSAGE

CANTOR MENACHEM TOREN

As Moses and company were crossing the Red Sea, everyone was getting very thirsty after travelling so far through the desert. Of course, the Red Sea "walls" were saltwater so they couldn't drink from them. The Sons of Israel yelled at Moses, demanding fresh drinking water.

Moses stood for a moment helpless. But then, a fish peeked out from a wall and told Moses that he and his family could remove the salt from the water by passing it through their gills and then squirting the fresh water out of their mouths like little fountains that the Israelites could drink from.

However, they had a demand. The fish and their descendants wished to be present at every seder meal (which they somehow knew would be established to commemorate the Exodus). When Moses agreed to this, he also gave them their name, which remains how they are known to this very day, for he said to them, "Go Filter, Fish!"

The fish is usually a "must" in one form or another at the Seder dinner, however, not according to everyone. The Romanian Jews do not eat fish on Pesach because, in the old days, people transferred fish from place to place with a piece of bread soaked in alcohol (for preservation). However, because we don't transfer fish in that matter today, there is nothing to worry about...

There is so much to say about Pesach. The customs, the Haggadah, the rules, etc.

But this year, what I want to say, and it comes directly from my heart, is exactly what this holiday is about. It's about freedom! On Pesach, we mainly celebrate our freedom. Freedom, normally, is taken for granted, like the air around us, because we are free, and the air around us is abundant. But if the air was removed from our surroundings, we would freak out in a matter of seconds, so I do believe people who suddenly lose their freedom feel the same. As of now, 134 of our people are still held as hostages, for six months in conditions we cannot even imagine, hell on earth.

I am free, but likely I will not feel so free on Pesach, because I cannot stop thinking about our brothers and sisters that are in this terrible nightmare. We, the Jewish people, should feel responsible to each other, and especially, at the Seder, we all have to pray and to think about those of us who are in trouble.

I do hope that a miracle will happen before Pesach and we can really rejoice, as we should.

Love,  
Meni

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SETH FRIEDMAN

President

Hello PBJC Community-

Spring break typically brings to mind images of relaxation, leisurely vacations, and a break from the usual routine. However, at the Pine Brook Jewish Center, the atmosphere is anything but tranquil. Despite the school break, the center is abuzz with a myriad of programming and activities, keeping both children and adults engaged and connected to our Jewish community.

One of the focal points during this period is the upcoming Passover holiday, which holds immense importance in the Jewish faith. Passover, also known as Pesach, commemorates the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. It is a time of reflection, gratitude, and celebration of freedom. At the Pine Brook Jewish Center, preparations for Passover begin well in advance. Families come together to clean their homes meticulously, removing all traces of leavened products (chametz) in observance of the commandment to eat unleavened bread (matzah) during the holiday.

The PBJC itself undergoes thorough cleaning and preparation to ensure everything is in place for the various Passover-related activities and services. Some of the highlights for this year leading up to Passover are the ECC Passover Program, the Kitah Bet Class Service and Dinner, and the Religious School's chocolate seder program.

The lively atmosphere at the Pine Brook Jewish Center underscores the community's vibrant spirit and commitment to preserving traditions while embracing modernity. Through a diverse range of activities and programs, members of all ages are actively involved in celebrating their faith, fostering connections, and passing down cherished customs to future generations.

As Passover approaches, the Pine Brook Jewish Center stands as a beacon of unity and resilience, embodying the enduring spirit of the Jewish community and the timeless significance of this meaningful holiday. In addition to the Passover holiday, please be on the lookout for other important upcoming activities and programs at the PBJC and be sure to check out the [full calendar of events](#):

**Monday, April 8** – [Deadline to Place Orders for the ECC Israel T-Shirt Fundraiser](#)

**Monday, May 6** - [Yom HaShoah Commemoration with Carol Moskot](#)

**Thursday, May 16** – [PBJC Golf and Tennis Classic and Green Brook Country Club. Registration is open on the PBJC website. We need the support of the entire PBJC community and broader Montville community to help make this event a success!](#)

Please also be sure to save the dates for the retirement celebrations for both Mary Sheydwasser and Rabbi Finkel. Look for more details and information soon.

[Community Retirement Celebration in Honor of Dr. Mary Sheydwasser](#)

Friday, May 17- Dinner at 6:30 PM, Service at 8:00 PM, followed by Oneg Shabbat

[Community Retirement Celebrations in Honor of Rabbi Mark David Finkel](#)

Sunday, June 9 - Community Concert featuring Eliana Light at 4 PM, Cocktail Reception and Dinner at 5 PM

Friday, June 21 - Musical Shabbat Alive! Service at 8:00 PM, followed by Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, June 22 - Shabbat Service, followed by Kiddush Luncheon in honor of Rabbi Finkel

Onward and upward!

Seth (aka Moses – on Purim only), [President@pbjc.org](mailto:President@pbjc.org)



# THE PRESIDENT'S APPEAL

This month, I am focused on the Kol Nidre appeal. The PBJC strives for 100% membership participation in this appeal to help strengthen the security, physical appearance, and overall wellbeing of Pine Brook Jewish Center.

All donations are fully tax-deductible as no goods or services were offered in exchange for your contribution. As always, please consult your tax advisor/ accountant with all donations to Pine Brook Jewish Center. Thank you in advance for your continued support of the PBJC!

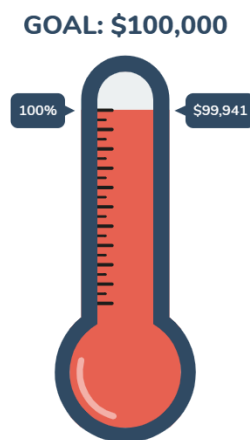
If you are interested in donating to the President's Appeal, please click on the link below and in the "Type" dropdown, choose "23-24 Yom Kippur Appeal."

Link: [PBJC - The President's Kol Nidre Appeal](#)

Appeal #1: Kol Nidre Appeal - \$100,000

**100% Goal Target:** June 30, 2024

**Description:** The Kol Nidre Appeal is a fundraising campaign that raises money for PBJC. The appeal is included in a speech by the PBJC President during Yom Kippur. This year, the congregation heard about the needs and desires of the congregation and its leadership, and how the money from this appeal was critical to meeting those needs and desires to bring our community back together. **I am pleased to share that we are now only \$59 below my goal for this year's appeal and that we exceeded our budget projection by approximately \$15,000.** Thanks to those who contributed to this effort. I will be leaving this appeal open until June 30, 2024, for those who may still have an interest in contributing.



# EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

LISA LERMAN and JILL BUCKLER

Early Childhood Center Co-Directors

What a busy month March was at the PBJC ECC! The excitement of Purim kept us busy and led us right up to spring break! What a fun holiday! We were all busy creating special Purim art projects, reading Purim stories, and eating AND baking delicious hamantaschen. The highlight of Purim, as always, was definitely our preschool carnival! Thanks to all of the teachers, moms, dads and caregivers who were able to make this holiday so special. The children were treated to games and crafts in the holiday spirit. The day was capped off with a wonderful school-wide parade throughout the building. A good time was had by all!

Once the costumes were packed away, it was time to turn our thoughts to Passover! We always spend a lot of time in preparation for this special holiday. Passover is a time when we include our families for our model seder! This year we will be participating in a Sing-Along seder. All of the children will show off their creative projects (frogs and seder plates everywhere) and share the telling of the Passover story in a very whimsical way.

The month of April brings us thoughts of spring, sunshine, warmer weather and of course, Yom Ha'Atzmaut!! Next month we will share with you all the details of our special "trip" to Israel. You won't believe the journey we take even though the children are only preschoolers! We are also excited about our Israeli t-shirt fundraiser. These t-shirts are for everyone who is proud to support Israel and proud to be part of PBJC! We hope all PBJC members will join us and wear your shirt on *Yom Ha'atzmaut!* [CLICK HERE TO ORDER YOUR T-SHIRTS](#)

PBJC Early Childhood Center continues to grow with our expanded, already vibrant and stimulating preschool program. The Giggle Zone program accommodates the needs of parents who require longer hours. Children aged 18 months to 5 years old can enroll in the Giggle Zone. This extended care option (hours available from 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.) complements our current preschool classes. We are so pleased to have already welcomed new families into our PBJC community, with more on their way. Registration is now open for the 2024-2025 school year.

Summer 2024 will be here before we know it. Planning for PBJC Day Camp is in full swing! We are currently accepting applications for children ages 24 months to 5 years old. At PBJC Day Camp we offer an 8-week program highlighted by fabulous weekly themes and programming that includes water play, arts and crafts, music, games, sports, special events and more!

[CLICK HERE FOR THE ECC REGISTRATION PAGE](#)

[\(Including Preschool and Giggle Zone for the 2024-2025 school year and PBJC Day Camp for Summer 2024\)](#)

Be sure to check the PBJC ECC website regularly and like us on Facebook. We will be sharing all sorts of information, updates, and photos.

As always, our door is open to anyone who would like more information about any of our preschool or camp programs.

Warm regards,

Lisa Lerman and Jill Buckler

Early Childhood Center Co-Directors



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# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

MARY SHEYDWASSER

Educational Director

March was a very busy month at our Religious School. Our Kitah Aleph parents and students learned the importance of “*hiddur mitzvah*”, while decorating the cover for the siddur that the children will be studying from in the years ahead. May the siddur be a constant source of Jewish knowledge throughout their lives. The students ended the morning with singing *Hinei Mah Tov*; how wonderful it is for all to be together! The siddur presentation and brunch on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> will be a wonderful milestone for our Aleph families.

We had a wonderful school-wide program, hosted by the Bible Players, to celebrate Purim. This incredible program was funded by your generous donations that help to provide the tools to convey the values and traditions of Judaism to our students.



Generations have greeted Passover with strenuous housecleaning to remove all traces of *chametz* or leaven – the substance that makes dough rise. According to our tradition, when the Hebrew slaves heard that Pharaoh would permit them to leave Egypt, they hurriedly packed before he changed his mind. Carrying dough for bread on their backs, they allowed it to bake in the desert sun. Later G-d commanded the people to remember their deliverance from Egypt each year by eating matzah and avoiding all *chametz*. Kitah Aleph students will have the opportunity to bake their own matzah and learn the beautiful rituals as well.

Please join us on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, as our Kitah Bet students lead us in Kabbalat Shabbat/Ma’Ariv services. They have been working tirelessly with dedication and enthusiasm.

Is there a better way to celebrate a Passover seder than with chocolates and candy? My sincere gratitude to Shari Schwartz for undertaking this program! Parents, I just want to forewarn you that your children will be coming home on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> with quite a sugar high!

This academic year has been enjoyable and rewarding so far, filled with adventure and experiences that helped navigate our students’ religious and spiritual development. Every step that we have taken has been a blessing. Thank you, parents, for allowing us to share in their Jewish journey.

## Upcoming Events and Programs:

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> to Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – School Resumes

Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – Junior Congregation

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Kitah Aleph Siddur Presentation @ 9:00

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Challah Days

Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – Kitah Aleph – Matzah Factory Workshop

Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – Kitah Bet Class Service and Dinner

Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – LAST JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – School Wide Passover Extravaganza

Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup> – NO SCHOOL

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – School Resumes

Wishing you a *zissen Pesach!*

Mary Sheydwasser

# BAR MITZVAH

Jason Daniel  
April 13, 2024



Jason was born on March 11, 2011, to ecstatic parents Beth and David. Right from the start he was an easy child with a keen interest in the details of things. He would occupy himself for hours with his enormous collection of Hot Wheels cars, and recalled each and every car's name and who had given it to him or how he acquired it.

Blessed with an amazing imagination and creativity, Jason has created his own graphic cartoon characters and written and illustrated stories featuring them. When younger, he would draw his own take on famous artist's works (Picasso, Munch, etc.) and has always been captivated by images. As of late, he has turned his talents to developing a YouTube channel and continues to take unexpectedly poignant photographs, capturing the essence of the subject.

Currently a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Lazar Middle School, Jason's academics continue to make his parents proud, and the time spent on the basketball court has seen an incredible growth in his prowess. Summers spent at the beach include rowing, beach volleyball, junior lifeguard training and running around with his dog Cole. More recently, Jason has taken up fishing and has brought home some delicious catches. Now if he would only learn to clean and filet them himself...

For his Mitzvah Project, Jason has participated in bringing Shabbat services to the residents at Victoria Mews. Feeling the need to do more than just share in the prayers, Jason chose to bake and distribute hamantaschen for Purim, embodying the Jewish cultural tradition of sharing food to spread fellowship and kindness.

Jason is grateful to his Hebrew school teachers, the Cantor and Rabbi, and his friends and family for all their support and help as he celebrates his Bar Mitzvah and looks forward to a bright, successful, happy, and healthy future.



# HARVEY JAFFE B'YACHAD MEMORIAL FUND

Harvey Jaffe, *Hershey*, was the driving force behind *B'yachad*. He helped make our dream come alive by leading a vibrant community of learners who come together to post their B'Nai Mitzvah! This is what Hershey had to say about it:

The success of our Hebrew High School, *B'yachad*, is dependent on the ability to not only learn about 'the ethics of our people,' but more importantly to build a community. When students trust and care about each other they feel safe to share their views and ideas in a classroom setting and a dialogue begins. The fear of being judged by one's peers dissipates, and discussions become lively and interactive. From the time of Hillel and Shammai, our tradition teaches that there was always room to examine, dissect and re-evaluate our laws. In fact, many believe that different perspectives are exactly the reason Judaism has survived for almost 6000 years. However, all our ancestors agreed on the importance of a holy community a '*kehilah kedusha*,' where everyone is respected, and every opinion is valued.

A few testimonials...

*The reason I come back to B'yachad cannot be put into words. I cannot describe how much fun it is; it is something that needs to be experienced to understand. Hershey is a magnificent teacher who does an incredible job engaging with all the students and I strongly recommend that everyone attend B'yachad.*

*The reason I keep coming back to B'yachad is because I want to keep learning deeply about Judaism and all its many different features. Also, I love Hershey's sense of humor and the way he handles things are funny. Finally, I like the things we talk about and hanging with friends. B'yachad is the best place to be on a Thursday night, Mrs. Sheydwasser, Hershey, and everyone in it are the best.*

*B'yachad has given me the opportunity to grow closer with my peers. I've learned beyond the basics of responsibility, right from wrong and a series of life lessons. The friendship, trust and creativity in the room allows me to connect individually with each person. I am proud to be a part of B'yachad and I am proud to speak freely there without hesitation.*

*I still come to B'yachad because of the environment and because I know I will learn something I may not anywhere else. Hershey is someone I know I can tell anything to and ask anything without worrying about it leaving the conversation. I love learning about my Jewish roots and about what my religion stands for in relation to the past, the present and what will happen in the future.*

Funds were collected initially after his untimely passing, however, his legacy still lives on. Hershey's family has decided to put this money and all future donations towards scholarships for students interested in enrolling in *B'Yachad*, along with funding off-site excursions that have always been highlights of our program. Donations are accepted in any amount. To make a donation, go to the [DONATE NOW](#) section of the PBJC website and make sure to select Harvey Jaffe B'yachad Memorial Fund as the Payment Type.

May this serve as a living tribute to his memory.

# ELIOT SAKOLSKY AARON MELZER SCHOLARSHIP

BEVERLY BERKOWITZ and DAVID KRAUT

Co-Chairpersons

Arlene and David Sakolsky, along with their three sons, Eliot, Harvey, and Bill, were pillars of the Jewish community. Eliot was the United Synagogue Youth (USY) leader at Congregation Beth Shalom in Pompton Lakes. He passed away at the age of thirty-one. A scholarship fund was established by Congregation Beth Shalom in Eliot's memory. The goal of the fund is to provide financial aid to youth participating in Jewish activities, such as Kadima, USY, Camp Ramah, Israel trips, and other Jewish educational activities. Congregation Beth Shalom transferred the fund to Pine Brook Jewish Center, where it will continue to perpetuate Eliot's memory. May his memory be a blessing to your youth.

Eliot's brothers, Harvey and Bill, are current members of Pine Brook Jewish Center. Upon learning of the sudden and tragic loss of Aaron Melzer, a Pine Brook Jewish Center Religious School student, Congregation Beth Shalom honored the Melzer family by rededicating the fund as the Eliot Sakolsky Aaron Melzer Scholarship Fund. Aaron was the son of Margo and Jason Melzer, and the older brother of triplets, Anna, Brielle, and Brian. Aaron was a Religious School Student at Pine Brook Jewish Center, beginning at the age of two in its Nursery School. Aaron was a kind, loving, thoughtful and empathetic young man who was looking forward to his Bar Mitzvah. It was Aaron's dream to travel to Israel, but he never did, as a result of his sudden passing at the age of eleven. The Melzer family shares the Sakolsky family's mission to offer financial assistance to Religious School students so that they can further their Jewish studies at home and abroad.

In memory of Eliot Sakolsky and Aaron Melzer, this fund will continue to financially assist Jewish youth to obtain a meaningful Jewish education and to fulfill their own individual dreams. Please note that recipients of this scholarship must be members of Pine Brook Jewish Center and students in high school or college. All decisions related to this fund will be governed by the Eliot Sakolsky Aaron Melzer Scholarship Fund Committee.

Please contact the Eliot Sakolsky Aaron Melzer Scholarship Fund Committee chairperson, Beverly Berkowitz, at [sakolsky-melzer-scholarship@pbjc.org](mailto:sakolsky-melzer-scholarship@pbjc.org) with any questions.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE SAKOLSKY/MELZER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION](#)

# SISTERHOOD

ILENE THAILER and STACI HANDLER

Co-Presidents

*Chag Sameach!* As we enter the month of April and hopefully some warmer weather, we will be celebrating Passover towards the end of the month. We wish everyone a *Zissen Pesach!*

March was filled with many Sisterhood events, and we want to start off by thanking our Purim bag chairs Jen Kayne, Wendi Leicht, and Fran Simmons. They did an incredible job getting all the items, sponsors and keeping everything on track for assembly and delivery. We are so impressed with the Israel theme of the bags and will be donating a portion of the proceeds to FIDF – Friends of the Israel Defense Forces. A huge thank you to everyone that participated in the Purim bag fundraiser -- all the donors, packers, and distributors of the bags. It is truly a wonderful mitzvah!

Sisterhood also held another Zoom BINGO that saw multiple winners. Thank you to Fran Simmons for hosting and calling out the numbers!

We ended March with another night of yoga! A big thank-you goes to Lauren Muriello who led us with relaxing yoga stretches and balancing poses. It is a night we look forward to and count down the days till we can attend! We are thrilled to announce that we have scheduled a few more yoga classes with Lauren! Registration is now open for [April 25<sup>th</sup>](#), [May 29<sup>th</sup>](#), and [June 17<sup>th</sup>](#)! (Click on the Dates to Register)

Book Club was also held in March, and we enjoyed the discussions in both the afternoon and evening sessions. The next book that we will be reading for book club will be *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks. We will be getting together to discuss the book on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 pm and on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. [CLICK HERE REGISTER TO ATTEND ONE OF THE DISCUSSIONS](#)

Also, in May we will be having our annual Cinco de Mah Jongg game night on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm. Come for any games you would like to play and enjoy drinks, snacks and desserts. We would like to have a “learn canasta table”. If anyone is interested in teaching it, please reach out to us! [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

We are also busy putting together our annual donor night on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Sisterhood will be seeing the show *A Sign of the Times* which tells the story of a young woman trying to find her way in an ever-changing world with the music of classic 60s hit songs. Please contact Beth Fuchs at (973) 886-2397 or [bethgfuchs@gmail.com](mailto:bethgfuchs@gmail.com) to let us know if you plan to attend or with any questions. [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

Happy Passover to everyone and please contact us with any questions or suggestions!

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# THANK YOU FROM THE PURIM BASKET (MISHLOACH MANOT) CHAIRS

We would like to thank the many individuals who generously offered their time to help with the 2024 Purim Baskets. Volunteers helped curate the basket contents, order items, unpack, schlep, roll scrolls, sort and pack for delivery. We could not have made this happen without all of you! Thank you, Nan and Alan Rothberg, for helping prepare the delivery routes.

We want to thank the PBJC and Sisterhood Members who generously donated to this fundraiser. Thank you to Dr. Michael Kirsch and Dr. Ben Jacobs for the chapsticks; DVL, Inc. for the chip clips; and the Rosenkranz family for the Kind Bar donations. We would also like to thank our corporate sponsors from The Davis Group, Family Dentists, Mindful Medicine, NJ Lenders Corp, Randi & Tracy Real Estate Team, and the Well Being Therapy Center.

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A HUGE thank you to Ilene Thailer and Michelle Zuckerman for your guidance, time, and support.

We enjoyed planning, creating, and organizing the Israeli themed baskets. We appreciate your support! We look forward to seeing you at PBJC!

Co-Chairs

Jen Kayne, Wendi Leicht, and Fran Simmons



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*This pin highlights the word 'arevut,' responsibility. It corresponds to the theme from the Babylonian Talmud, Shevuot 39a, that all the people of Israel are responsible for one another, and we assume that responsibility through our support of the five Conservative/Masorti institutions of higher education.*



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# MEN'S CLUB

**JAY THAILER**

President

Men's Club was pleased to once again provide a Yom HaShoah candle to our entire congregation. Candles were delivered to you along with your Sisterhood Purim Baskets last month. Please see the following pages for more detailed information about the Men's Club Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program and remember to light your candles on the evening of Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Northern NJ Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs is excited to offer a fun event that is open to all Men's Club members. Race your fellow Men's Club members on the track in Edison! The fee is \$40 each. Registration is first come first serve and space is limited.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE GO KART EVENT.](#)

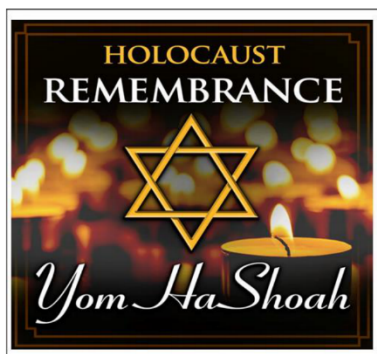
Here is the link to pay and register: [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=5RRTV8BKEPQEC](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=5RRTV8BKEPQEC).

We are also planning another fun and delicious Men's Club Breakfast for June 2<sup>nd</sup>. David Krell will be back to talk to us about Baseball in the 70's and 80's. Look for more details and registration information soon.

As always, thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or suggestions for Men's Club.

Jay Thailer

[jthailer@pbjc.org](mailto:jthailer@pbjc.org)



### **The Yellow Candle Program -- Sponsored by the Men's Club**

In Judaism the home is the most important link in the transmission of our heritage from generation to generation. Many important events – Holidays and festivals, Shabbat, Hanukkah, some rituals – are celebrated at home with family and friends. The Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle program was conceived to promote home observance in remembrance of the Holocaust and those who perished. As hundreds of thousands of Yellow Candles are lit around the world on Yom HaShoah, the spirit and memory of those who perished will not be forgotten.

The Holocaust itself is far removed from other events in Jewish history. It was an event of pure evil. The intent of the Nazis, similar to the intent of Haman, was the complete destruction of the Jewish people.

We need to remember each person who perished in the Holocaust. Each was an individual, with goals and aspirations. Our tradition states that one who saves a life is as if he has saved the entire world.

We need to teach our children, without frightening them, about what occurred. It is important for each of us, as individuals, to take a moment to remember. We must NEVER FORGET!

### **Lighting the Yellow Candle**

When lighting your Yom HaShoah Candle, make sure that you place it on a firm base in an area that is away from flammable items. If possible, the candle should be lit so that it can be seen from a window, like the Hanukkah Menorah. On a table is preferable, so that others can see it. We should light our Yom HaShoah Candle so that the world can see – so that they do not forget.

As you prepare to light the candle you may want to take time, with your family, to add an appropriate reading. Selections from "The Diary of Anne Frank" or "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" are good to use with children. Take a few minutes as a family together. Let your children take part in the reading, because we must help our children confront and cope with the parts of life that cause us pain, doubt and discomfort.

Read the meditation included with your candle, and then light the candle. After lighting, spend a moment in reflection.

**"IF THERE IS ANYTHING AS HORRIFYING AS THE HOLOCAUST,  
IT'S FORGETTING THAT IT EVER HAPPENED"**



### ***YOM HASHOAH – LIGHT A YELLOW CANDLE TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO PERISHED***

It's been almost 80 years since Nazi concentration camps were liberated and the Holocaust that claimed six million Jewish lives came to an end. To ensure that the six million did not die in vain and that the Holocaust never happens again, the PBJC will join Jews throughout North America and the world by participating in the *Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program*, a program sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs in cooperation with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the North American Federation of Temple Brotherhoods.

As the years pass, the memories of those who fell victim to the ultimate hate crime must not diminish. That's why we are encouraging every family in our congregation to light just one candle and place it in the window on the night of Sunday, May 5, 2024. When the candle is lit, it will increase the awareness of the Holocaust and perpetuate our commitment to our people.

The number of Holocaust survivors is diminishing with each passing day. As we lose this precious link, those who deny the Holocaust ever happened gain strength. Sadly, over 20% of all high school students have no knowledge that the Holocaust ever occurred.

Yom HaShoah candles are a highly visible symbol for keeping the flame alive. Their color recalls the badges Jews were forced to wear in Nazi-occupied Europe, but their flame inspires hope that we can yet make our world a tolerant place to live.

The Yellow candle is a fitting and beautiful way to remember the six million in each of our homes. Please light the candle and, by doing so, take time to remember.

***Light a Candle, Preserve a Memory!***



## ***PBJC Men's Club***

**174 Change Bridge Road Montville, New Jersey 07045**

Dear Friends:

You should have received your Men's Club Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle inside your Purim Basket. We hope that you will once again join with the other members of the PBJC family on Sunday, May 5th, erev Yom HaShoah, and light this candle. We light the candle in our homes in memory of the victims of the Holocaust. The act of kindling this flame and reading the enclosed meditation, can be a moving ritual to remind us of what happened to our people not so long ago. Placing the candle in your window is a way to help remind the community. This moment would also be an appropriate opportunity to discuss the Holocaust with your children.

The events of October 7<sup>th</sup> and subsequent ongoing conflict and rise in antisemitism are a fresh reminder that Jews are still persecuted around the world. This should heighten our awareness and recognition of Yom HaShoah this year.

This is the 29th year of our participation in this program. The Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program is a project of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, in cooperation with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the North American Federation of Temple Brotherhoods.

It is our hope that the observance of Yom HaShoah, centered on the lighting of a Yellow Candle, will become an annual event in your home and in the home of every member of our congregation. Many of our families have already made this commemoration an important day in their Jewish calendar.

As in the past, we ask that you help to underwrite the cost of this project. The funds received go directly to support the cost of this project, which will help to ensure the future of our people. By remembering, by doing our part to ensure our future, we celebrate the ongoing life of our people, even as we memorialize those who were destroyed. We appreciate your support of our efforts in this Yom HaShoah commemoration and our on-going education programs.

We hope that you and your family will participate on Sunday evening, May 5th, in this small but meaningful project. If you have questions or need additional candles, please contact us.

Sincerely,

*Jay Thailer*

Jay Thailer  
Men's club President

# The PBJC Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program

Again this year, the Men's Club is providing a Yom HaShoah candle to every family in our congregation. It has been almost 80 years since Nazi concentration camps were liberated and as the years pass, the memories of those who fell victim to the ultimate hate crime must not diminish. To ensure that the six million did not die in vain and that the Holocaust never happens again, the PBJC with the support of the Men's Club, will join Jews throughout the world by participating in the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program.

The Men's Club is encouraging your family and every family in our congregation to participate and light just one Yellow Candle on the evening of Sunday May 5th.

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**Place the Yellow candle in your window and light it as you recite the following:**

*As I light this Yellow Candle, I vow never to forget the lives of the Jewish men, women and children who are symbolized by this flame. They were tortured and brutalized like beasts; their lives were taken in cruelty. May we be inspired to learn more about the six million brothers and sisters as individuals and as communities, to recall their memory throughout the year, so they will not suffer a double death. May we recall not only the terror of their deaths, but also the splendor of their lives. May the memory of their lives inspire us to hallow our own lives and to live meaningful Jewish lives so that we may ensure that part of who they were shall endure always.*

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The Yom HaShoah Yellow Candles are a highly visible symbol for keeping the flame alive. Their color recalls the badges Jews were forced to wear in Nazi-occupied Europe, but their flame inspires hope that we can yet make our world a tolerant place to live.

If you have any questions or if you need additional candles, please contact the PBJC office.

The Yom HaShoah Candles program is sponsored by the Men's Club. The candles are provided at no charge. As in the past, we ask that you help underwrite the cost of this project, so that this small but meaningful program will be able to continue.

You can donate online by going to the DONATE NOW section of the PBJC website ([www.pbjc.org](http://www.pbjc.org)). Select "Men's Club – Yom HaShoah Candle Donation" at the payment Type. You can also mail a check payable to "PBJC Men's Club" (put Yom HaShoah Candle Donation in the check memo) to:

Steven Gothelf  
14 Van Riper Avenue  
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# BETTY CRANE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

FRAN HOBERMAN-SCHENKEL AND BETH FUCHS

Club Coordinators

On March 20<sup>th</sup> the CCB Flutes came to PBJC and wowed the Friendship Club with a beautiful concert. The CCB Flute ensemble is an offshoot of the Chatham Community Band and PBJC's Melinda Krauss is the group's leader. The eight flautists played three different types of flutes (alto flute, C flute and piccolo) and gave us a lesson on their various instruments as well as some they didn't have present (you should look at photos online of a bass flute, the contrabass flute and the hyper bass flute, which has 26 feet of tubing).



The concert began with a rendition of the Turtles' *Happy Together*, a number of Disney tunes were played, *Edelweiss* from *The Sound of Music*, *Over the Rainbow* from *The Wizard of Oz*, some classical music including Vivaldi's *Spring* and Rubio's piece commonly known as *The Mexican Hat Dance*, Elvis's *Love Me Tender*, *Sunrise Sunset* from *Fiddler On The Roof*, and they ended with their own version of the *Hora*. Melinda asked trivia questions and shared some history with us as she introduced each song. It was a very upbeat and informative afternoon enjoyed by all. Thank you, Melinda, for bringing your very talented group to perform at PBJC!

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for these upcoming events (and please RSVP)

- Wednesday, **April 17th Dinner and a Bus Trip to see *Sophisticated Ladies*** at Montclair State. Kosher Deli dinner at PBJC at 5:30pm, roundtrip bus, 7:30pm curtain at Alexander Kasser Theatre at Montclair State University. Expected back at PBJC by 10pm. This event is **SOLD OUT!**
- Wednesday, **May 8th at 7:30pm at PBJC** organizational wizard **Marilyn Labendz** will discuss how we can organize our space and our lives by eliminating clutter and making spaces easy and efficient. Free for members. \$5 for non-members, payable at the door.
- Monday, **May 20th at 7:30pm at PBJC** Broadway historian John Kenrick will present ***From Screen to Stage: How Movies become Musicals***. Free for members. \$5 for non-members, payable at the door.

The May 20<sup>th</sup> event will conclude this year's programming. We apologize that May has two events and June has none. Scheduling issues.

As we mentioned in our recent communications with the Club, after three years of leading the Friendship Club, we are stepping down as Co-Chairs this June. If anyone is interested in getting more involved or in chairing the Friendship Club, please let us know.

Beth Fuchs and Fran Hoberman-Schenkel

[PBJCfriendshipclub@gmail.com](mailto:PBJCfriendshipclub@gmail.com)

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# PRAYER BOOK DONATIONS AND DEDICATIONS

Dedicating a *Siddur Lev Shalem* or *Etz Hayim* Bible that will be used in our congregational services is a wonderful way to celebrate family, remember loved ones, and honor our Pine Brook Jewish Center community.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support as we transition from the *Siddur Sim Shalom* to the *Siddur Lev Shalem*. We need many donations to help us purchase enough *Lev Shelem siddurim*.

What makes *Siddur Lev Shalem* so special:

**Transliteration** - User-friendly and provided for those parts of the service most often sung or chanted out loud by the congregation.

**Egalitarian Text** - Egalitarian options for prayers are provided.

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**Insights** - Prose and poetry, drawn from ancient to contemporary sources, that reflect and expand on the themes of that page.

Contact the PBJC office at [office@pbjc.org](mailto:office@pbjc.org) or (973) 244-9800 with any questions.

**[CLICK HERE TO DONATE A PRAYER BOOK OR BIBLE](#)**

# CARING COMMITTEE

SANDY GONZALEZ and CAROL KOTCH  
Committee Chairs

## PBJC and Victoria Mews Residents Celebrate *Shabbat* and *Purim*

Several congregants and students from PBJC joined with some residents at Victoria Mews Assisted Living facility in Boonton to celebrate *Shabbat* and *Purim*. We sang songs and blessings, dressed in costumes, and ate some yummy *hamantaschen* courtesy of one of our students and his mom. **We will be visiting them once each month on Fridays at 4:00 pm. The date of our next visit is April 19<sup>th</sup> when we will celebrate *Shabbat* and Passover with the residents.**



It is a wonderful *Mitzvah* to be able to volunteer time to our neighboring community and share in the blessings of *Shabbat*. In addition to our congregants volunteering, students in Dalet and Hey are engaging with residents and celebrating *Shabbat* as part of their *Mitzvah* projects, while B'Yachad students are able to get community service hours needed for Honor Society as well as for college applications.

The warmth and intimacy that is shared fuses our communities together. The *Hesed* (kindness) we strive to promote in our students and congregation is rooted in a sense of *Areyvut* (responsibility to serve each other, our community and all of humanity) – leading with kindness to improve the world!

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Sandy Gonzalez at [SGonzalez@pbjc.org](mailto:SGonzalez@pbjc.org) or Carol Kotch at [cjknj48@gmail.com](mailto:cjknj48@gmail.com).

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We hope all is going well with you and your family. The Caring Committee continues to provide assistance to our friends and fellow congregants in need and we need your help. Examples of the types of assistance we provide include:

- Delivering Shabbat meals occasionally on the second and fourth Friday of each month.
- Providing needed rides to doctors' appointments.
- Shopping for those who can't get out or picking up and delivering a prescription.
- Setting up a house for shiva.
- Keeping someone company or calling someone who would appreciate the companionship.

Please contact us to sign up to serve on the committee. We will add you to the list of people we reach out to when we need assistance. In addition, **remember to let the office or us know if someone could use our help.** We can't support them if we don't know about it! Thank you in advance for your help.

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# COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEES

**MARK ROFFMAN**

Committee Founder

The Community Outreach Committee began over 10 years ago with a simple mission: to provide living necessities to those with a defined psychiatric illness who are clients of the Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris Counties. This committee continues to thrive under the leadership of a Board of Directors comprised of dedicated young adults who receive guidance from Abby Edelman, Jamie Kideckel, and Ali Wise. The committee now provides resources for clothing of children living in shelters as well as supporting nourish.NJ.

A few years ago a second committee was formed - The Community Scholarship Committee of the Pine Brook Jewish Center. The mission of this committee is to provide scholarships to academically worthy students who have made a difference in their community. For the first year, the committee provided scholarships to students at Dover High School. Since then, we have provided scholarships to deserving students in the Paterson school district.

Joining either or both committees is easy. You can do so by donating \$150 per year to participate in each committee. You can donate directly on the PBJC website ([www.pbjc.org](http://www.pbjc.org)). Alternatively, send a check payable to PBJC with the appropriate notation (indicating the committee's name) in the memo line. Again, the yearly donation to join is \$150 for each committee. Neither committee has any meetings. Please consider joining one or both of our committees. Thanks for taking the time to read this message Please contact Mark Roffman at [markroffmanphd@gmail.com](mailto:markroffmanphd@gmail.com) if you would like more information about either of the committees.



## **WHO WE ARE:**

**PBJC COMMUNITY OUTREACH IS AN ORGANIZATION TO HELP THOSE LESS FORTUNATE BY PROVIDING RESOURCES SUCH AS FOOD, CLOTHING, AND OTHER NECESSITIES.**

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  - **FLEXIBLE TIME COMMITMENT**
  - **BUILDS LEADERSHIP SKILLS**
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## **HOW TO GET INVOLVED:**

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# 2024/5784 Passover Service Times

## Tuesday, April 23

### **Preliminary Prayers**

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM

### **1<sup>st</sup> Day *Pesah* Morning Service**

9:45 AM - 12:00 NOON

## Wednesday, April 24

### **Preliminary Prayers**

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Day *Pesah* Morning Service**

9:45 AM - 12:00 NOON

## Friday, April 26

### ***Shabbat Hol Ha-Mo'ed Pesah* Friday Evening Service**

8:00 PM – 9:00 PM

## Saturday, April 27

### **Preliminary Prayers**

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM

### ***Shabbat Hol Ha-Mo'ed Pesah* Saturday Morning Service**

9:45 AM - 12:00 NOON

## Monday, April 29

### **Preliminary Prayers**

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM

### **7<sup>th</sup> Day *Pesah* Morning Service**

9:45 AM - 12:00 NOON

## Tuesday, April 30

### **Preliminary Prayers**

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM

### **8<sup>th</sup> Day *Pesah* Morning Service**

**Including *Yizkor* Prayers (at approximately 11 AM)**

9:45 AM - 12:00 NOON

## PBJC Office Hours During Passover

There will be regular PBJC office hours during Passover with the following exceptions:

**Monday, April 22** – Office closes at 12:00 PM

**Tuesday, April 23** – Office Closed

**Wednesday, April 24** – Office Closed

**Monday, April 29** – Office Closed

**Tuesday, April 30** – Office Closed

# UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

[CLICK HERE FOR THE FULL PBJC CALENDAR](#)

Monday, April 1 at 4 PM - Deadline to Order Challah for April

Monday, April 8 – Deadline to Place Orders for the ECC Israel T-Shirt Fundraiser

Tuesday, April 9 from 7 PM to 8:30 PM – Adult Education with Rabbi Finkel: Watershed Moments in Modern Zionism, Session III, Please Register

Wednesday, April 10 at 8 PM - Chevra Board Meeting

Thursday, April 11 at 10 AM – Deadline to Order Your Shabbat Dinner for Friday, April 12

Wednesday, April 17 at 5:30 PM – Friendship Club Dinner and a Bus Trip to see Sophisticated Ladies at Montclair State. THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT.

Friday, April 19 at 3 PM – Last Day and Time for the Passover *Hametz* Sale

Thursday, April 25 at 7:30 PM – Sisterhood Yoga Class with Lauren Muriello, Please Register

Wednesday, May 1 at 4 PM - Deadline to Order Challah for May

Wednesday, May 1 at 1 PM and Thursday, May 9 at 7 PM - Sisterhood Book Club, Please Register

Thursday, May 2 at 7:30 PM – Sisterhood Cinco de Mah Jongg Game Night, Please Register

Monday, May 6 at 7:00 PM – Yom HaShoah Commemoration with Carol Moskot, Please Register

Wednesday, May 8 at 7:30 PM - Betty Crane Friendship Club presents Organizational Wizard Marilyn Labendz

Thursday, May 16 - PBJC Golf & Tennis Classic at Green Brook Country Club - Registration is Open!

Friday, May 17 at 6:30 PM – Retirement Celebration in Honor of Dr. Mary Sheydwasser, Look for Registration Information Soon!

Wednesday, May 22 at 9:45 AM – Sisterhood Mah Jongg Tournament – Registration is Full, Waitlist is Open

Thursday, May 23 - Northern NJ Region of Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Go Kart Event, Register Now

Wednesday, May 29 at 7:30 PM Sisterhood Yoga Class with Lauren Muriello, Please Register

Thursday, May 30 - Sisterhood Donor Dinner and Trip to NYC to See A Sign of the Times on Broadway - Reserve Your Spot Now!

Save the dates for Community Retirement Celebrations in Honor of Rabbi Mark David Finkel:

Sunday, June 9 - Community Concert featuring Eliana Light at 4 PM, Cocktail Reception and Dinner at 5 PM

Friday, June 21 - Musical Shabbat Alive! Service at 8 PM, followed by Oneq Shabbat

Saturday, June 22 - Shabbat Service, followed by Kiddush Luncheon in honor of Rabbi Finkel

**REGISTER NOW!**

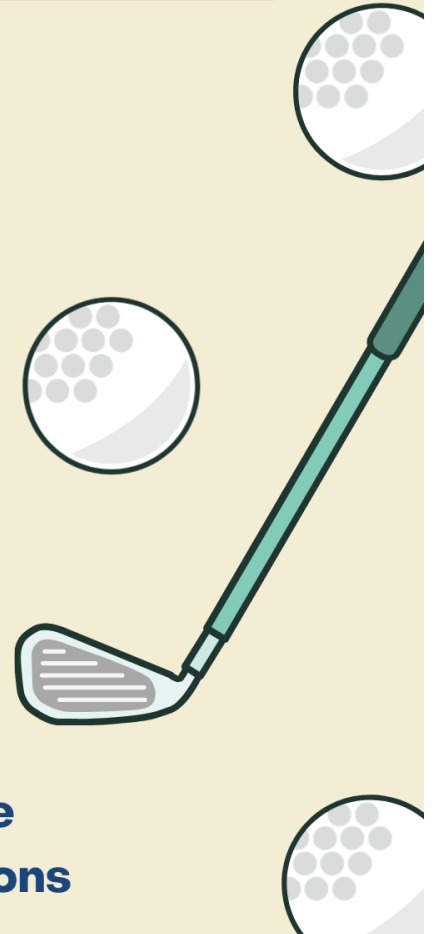
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**GOLF & TENNIS CLASSIC**

**Thursday, May 16, 2024**

**Green Brook Country Club**

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- \*Golf, tennis, and game room**
- \*Raffles and prizes**
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- \*Many sponsorship opportunities available**
- \*Contact [golfouting@pbjc.org](mailto:golfouting@pbjc.org) with questions**

# PICKLEBALL AT PBJC

We are excited to bring pickleball to our PBJC community! We have one pickleball court in our gym that is available for reservation by PBJC members at various times. The schedule may vary based on other events taking place at PBJC. A weekly schedule with online sign-ups will be sent out each Monday morning. The cost to rent the court is \$30/hour. Players should bring their own racquets and balls. Please note that court rental is open to PBJC members and at least one PBJC member must be present at all times. Look for the first week of sign-ups coming soon!

[CLICK HERE FOR THE PICKLEBALL FLYER](#)

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# SHABBAT DINNER ORDERS

Purchase Shabbat Dinner from **Kosher Nosh** for your family on the second and fourth Friday of every month. Orders must be placed by Thursday at 10 am and can be picked up on Friday in the PBJC office.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND THE SHABBAT DINNER ORDER FORM](#)

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# CHALLAH ORDERS

We are pleased to offer weekly challah orders from **Zadies**. This is a fundraiser for the PBJC ECC. Challah can be picked-up on Fridays in the PBJC office.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND THE CHALLAH ORDER FORM](#)

Note: We also need volunteers to pick-up the challah from Zadies in Fair Lawn every Thursday. Please look for the volunteer sign-up form that comes out quarterly. We need the help of volunteers to ensure we can get the challah from Zadies each week!

[CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER TO PICK-UP CHALLAH FROM ZADIES](#)

# BABYSITTERS

Please see below for a list of available babysitters from our PBJC community.

*If you would like to be listed, please email Karen Herbst at [kherbst@pbjc.org](mailto:kherbst@pbjc.org) with your name, age, grade, phone number and email address. We will be happy to include you in our babysitting section in future issues of the Candlestick newsletter.*

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Age: 15  
973-220-9496

Stella Edelstein  
Grade 8  
Age 13  
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Grade 11  
Age 16  
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Grade 10  
Age 15  
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Age: 14  
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Amanda Stiller  
(May be available when home during college breaks)  
Age: 18  
201-704-2976

# APRIL ANNIVERSARIES and BIRTHDAYS

Happy Anniversary to...

- 4/1 – Jean and Ivan Bader
- 4/2 – Jennifer Levene Bruno and Jared Bruno
- 4/3 – Madelyn and Jerrold Langer
- 4/13 – Nancy and Mickey Gilbert
- 4/24 – Allison and Michael Hammer



Happy Birthday to...

- 4/1 – Jeff Michaels, Jordana Miller, Edward Schey, Emma Zwickel
- 4/2 – Jonathan Talman
- 4/3 – Logan Lewis
- 4/4 – Andrew Eichenbaum, Andrea Greene, Margo Melzer
- 4/5 – Anna Melzer, Brielle Melzer, Brian Melzer, David Schachman, Michael Usatine
- 4/6 – Isabel Margolin, Laurie Silverman
- 4/7 – Amy Boyer, Amanda Eskinazi, Howard Levey, Kaitlin Somers, Michelle Zuckerman
- 4/8 – Randi Friedman, Steve Gershberg, Jordan Margiotta
- 4/10 – Marge Rostoker
- 4/11 – Bentley Baumgarten, Brielle Berman, Brooklyn Berman, Bryce Berman, Eden Brodsky, Ruby Brodsky
- 4/12 – Stella Edelstein, Bob Kanarick, Deborah Ulrich, Nikki Waldorf
- 4/15 – Marvin Fietelson, Mark Lipsky
- 4/16 – Laurence Kahwaty
- 4/17 – Charlotte Weinstein
- 4/18 – Libby Stein
- 4/19 – Shery Seewald
- 4/21 – Jill Bergman, Charlotte Gitlin, Jeffrey Isaacson
- 4/22 – Sandy Schancupp
- 4/23 – Danica Jackter, Simone Singer, Lonny Tarowsky
- 4/24 – Benjamin Bellorin-Kundel, Michele Glass, Alon Rabinovich
- 4/25 – Bode EHUDIN, Sawyer EHUDIN
- 4/26 – Jessica Edelstein, Dylan Levy, Debra Scharfstein
- 4/27 – Hunter Epstein, Karen Herbst
- 4/28 – Justin Esgar, Janet Mestel, Jeffrey Moll
- 4/29 – Naomi Boxer, Madison Kramen, Rob Sauertig, Luke Tlusty
- 4/30 – Dax Jackter, Dana Schneiderman, Avery Silverman





# DONORS/SPONSORS

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

By: Arlene Leicht  
In honor of Marlene Scheinthal's grandson's wedding

## CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

By: Annika and Jordan Levitt  
In honor of Addie Eagle becoming a Bat Mitzvah  
In memory of Rita Epstein

By: Debra and Lonny Tarowsky  
In memory of Shelly Goldstein

## ECC DONATION

By: Abby and Chuck Crane, Lisa and Marc Eidelberg,  
Roberta and Bob Kanarick, Rosalyn and Peter Lippa,  
Amy Minkoff  
In memory of Shelly Goldstein

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

By: Howard Youngman

## SISTERHOOD GENERAL DONATION

By: Jamie and Michael Kideckel  
In memory of Rita Epstein

By: Lauren Kideckel and Family  
Mazel Tov to Heath, Nikki and Asher  
in honor of Matthew Waldorf's Bar Mitzvah

## ELIOT SAKOLSKY/AARON MELZER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

By: Harvey Sakolsky  
In memory of his beloved father, David Sakolsky

## THE HARVEY JAFFE B'YACHAD MEMORIAL FUND

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By: Sharon Jaffe  
In honor of Meryle Handler's birthday

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By: Beverly Berkowitz  
In honor of Esther Soussa's 90th Birthday

By: Elly and Alan Bernstein  
In memory of Joyce Strom

By: Sima and Abe Feder  
In loving memory of Grisha Lewitan

## PRAYER BOOK FUND (ETZ HAYIM)

By: Arlene Lopez  
In memory of Rabbi Asher Krief

## PBJC GENERAL DONATION

By: Randi and Seth Friedman  
In memory of Rita Epstein

By: Leonard Oppenberg  
In memory of Rabbi Asher Krief

By Carol and Wayne Shochat  
In honor of Steven Sander's birthday

## Yahrzeit Donation

By: Beverly and Ilysa Berkowitz  
In memory of Beverly's beloved brother and  
Ilysa's beloved uncle, Gerald Axelrod

By: Abby Crane,  
In memory of her beloved father, Eli Burkam

By: Arthur Daniels  
In memory of his beloved mother, Lois Daniels

By: Arnold Decof  
In memory of his beloved wife, Helaine Decof

By: Fred Decter  
In memory of his beloved father, Max Decter

By: Ronnie Drewke  
In memory of her beloved mother, Thelma Colfin

By: Gail Feldman  
In memory of her beloved mother-in-law,  
Ida Ethel Feldman and her beloved father-in-law,  
Leonard Frank Feldman

By: Robert Fields and Family  
In memory of their beloved father and grandfather,  
Samuel Fields

By: Barbara Goll  
In memory of her beloved mother, Gertrude Schofield

By: Dale Greenfield  
In memory of her beloved cousin, Katje Spier

By: Marvin Kaufman  
In memory of his beloved father, Frank Kaufman

By: Fred Morrison  
In memory of his beloved father, Louis Morrison

By: Reese and Micah Schachter  
In memory of their beloved grandfather,  
David Schachter

By: Sharyn Nadel  
In memory of her beloved mother, Gertrude Sheinis

By: Arthur Schutzer  
In memory of his beloved mother, Frieda Schutzer

By: Louise Shapiro  
In memory of her beloved mother-in-law,  
Claire Shapiro

By: Patty Shwartz  
In memory of her beloved grandfather,  
John Shwartz and her beloved uncle,  
Morris Shwartz

By: Esther Soussa  
In memory of her beloved sister, Hannah  
Shahmoon and her beloved mother, Dina Hay

By: Bernard and Deborah Ulrich  
In memory of Bernard's beloved brother,  
Marvin Ulrich, his beloved father, Samuel Ulrich  
and Deborah's beloved mother, Mary Goldberg

By: Natalie Wallach  
In memory of her beloved mother-in-law,  
Annette Wallach

By: Larry Wayne  
In memory of his beloved father,  
Myron Leslie Wayne

### OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Harold Hofstein on the loss of his beloved  
wife, Toby Hofstein

# SISTERHOOD TRIBUTES

To: Sheryl and Howard Chesler –  
Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson  
From: Marcy and Alan Guilder

To: Sima and Abe Feder –  
Wishing you a Happy Anniversary  
From: Beverly and Ilysa Berkowitz, Sue Charnet

To: Mitchell Goldstein –  
In memory of your wife, Shelly Goldstein  
From: Gail Feldman, Roberta and Bob Kanarick,  
Jory Schlenger, Ilene and Jay Thailer

To: Harold Hofstein –  
In memory of your wife, Toby Hofstein  
From: Sue Charnet

To: Tracy Horowitz –  
In memory of your mother, Rita Epstein  
From: Jen and Brad Horowitz, Ilene and Jay Thailer

To: Carol Kotch –  
Wishing you a Happy Birthday  
From: Sue Charnet, Marlene Scheinthal

To: Isabel Margolin –  
Mazel Tov on the Bar Mitzvah  
of your grandson, Matthew Waldorf  
From: Beverly Berkowitz, Judy and Mark Lipsky,  
Beverly and Michael Miller

To: Marlene Scheinthal –  
Mazel Tov on the marriage  
of your grandson Eitan, to Lizzie  
From: Sue Charnet, Diane Dalton, Sharon and  
Bob Fields, Judy and Mark Lipsky, Arlene and  
Eddie Lopez, Sue and Gil Mandel

To: Libby Stein –  
In memory of your sister, Shelly Goldstein  
From: Gail Feldman, Jory Schlenger,  
Ilene and Jay Thailer

To: Pam Stoller –  
Thank you  
From: Carol Kotch

To: Elahna Weinflash –  
In memory of your mother, Joyce Strom  
From: Aileen and Jonathan Cabelly, Nancy and  
Jonathan Cohen, Marcy and Alan Guilder, Rita and  
Gary Murray, Ina and Mark Roffman, Jory  
Schlenger, Janet and Michael Slipowitz, Ilene and  
Jay Thailer

To: Sheila Weinreb –  
Wishing you a speedy recovery  
From: Ina and Mark Roffman

To: Erin and Michael Willner Family –  
Mazel Tov on Abigail's Bat Mitzvah  
From: Ilene and Jay Thailer

*Tribute cards may be sent to synagogue members and non-members, but only members will be listed in the Candlestick.*

Please use the tribute card online ordering system for your convenience. The link is:  
<https://www.pbjc.org/form/sisterhood-tribute-card-form.html>

If you are having difficulties with the online ordering form, please contact a member of the tribute card team according to your last name. Email notification is preferred.

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***\*No calls on the Sabbath, Jewish holidays, before 9:00 AM, or after 9:00 PM please***

# YAHREZEITS

**READ ON FRI/SAT,  
4/5 and 4/6**

**4/6/24 – 27 Adar II**

Philip Bergman  
Minnie Handwerker  
Claire Shapiro  
John Shwartz

**4/7/24 – 28 Adar II**

Hyman Abraham Bartner  
Danny Hofstein  
Gertrude Sheinis  
Irving Stoltz

**4/8/24 – 29 Adar II**

Tina Adest  
Cecelia V. Prager

**4/9/24 –1 Nisan**

Yakov Budek  
David Sakolsky  
Benjamin Schwartz

**4/10/24 – 2 Nisan**

Belle Baron  
Norbert Heinrich Bek  
Libby Bitterman  
Simon Epstein  
Abraham Gibel

**4/11/24 – 3 Nisan**

Gerald Axelrod  
Morris Bromberg  
Maurice Fasteau  
Leonard Frank Feldman  
Mannie Lovitch  
Morris Rutenberg

**4/12/24 – 4 Nisan**

Hyman Druckman  
Philip Gordon  
Alfred Gurton  
Kevah Konner  
Elliot Marchant

**READ ON FRI/SAT,  
4/12 and 4/13**

**4/13/24 – 5 Nisan**

Elaine Ershow  
Alan Goldenberg  
Sarah Liebeskind

**4/14/24 – 6 Nisan**

Morris Bloom  
Helaine Decof  
Frank Kaufman  
Joseph Schnitzer  
Dorothy Weinberg

**4/15/24 – 7 Nisan**

Benjamin Epstein  
William Freeman  
Janet Celia Kafka  
Benjamin Levitt  
Bella Rosenzweig  
Morris Schaeffer  
Samuel Schneider  
Sidney W. Smith  
Audrey H. Stein

**4/16/24 –8 Nisan**

Lois Daniels  
Ida Ethel Feldman  
Mildred Weiner

**4/17/24 – 9 Nisan**

Harold Adelman  
Linda Bailyson  
Bernice Birnbaum  
Morton Liebowitz  
Clarence Lipsky  
Jerome B. Lutin  
Steven Scharlat  
Henry Schirn  
Millie Yellin  
Elliot Zerman

**4/18/24 – 10 Nisan**

Sylvia Altschuler  
Jack Atkins  
Barbara Gilbert  
David Michael Rosen  
Sy Rosensweig

**4/19/24 – 11 Nisan**

Sarah Cowan Bolan  
Roslyn Scheinman Brown  
Ralph Carmen  
Henry Fleck  
Dr. Betty Kafka Frankel  
George J. Kaplan  
Sadie U. Rosen  
Phillip Rosenbaum  
Jenny Rosenberg  
Sonia Sherwin

**READ ON FRI/SAT,  
4/19 and 4/20**

**4/20/24 – 12 Nisan**

Mary Bergman  
Joyce Decker  
Arnold Eagle  
Sandy Garb  
Hyman Hirshcorn  
Harry Karpen  
Sidney Meranus  
Sasson Soussa

**4/21/24 – 13 Nisan**

Herman J. Cooper  
Max Decter  
Gertrude Epstein  
Yetta Goldman  
Yvonne Marks  
Annette Wallach  
Sondra Wanderer  
Paul Warech

**4/22/24 – 14 Nisan**

Dr. Warren Baron  
Joseph L. Book  
Eugene Goldman  
Harold Kantor  
Samuel Kaufman  
Jacob Nochenson

**4/23/24 – 15 Nisan**

David Atkins  
Selma Ebert  
Rita Fietelson  
Ariel Marah Goldberg  
Diana Rubin Lerner  
John Rosen  
Joseph Rosenbaum  
Mary Scher  
Katje Spier

**4/24/24 – 16 Nisan**

Abraham Bernstein  
Rachel Cohen  
Rosemary Dreyfuss  
Estelle R. Finver  
Sylvia Kutner  
Alice Rosenberg  
Adele Scheinman  
Max Scher  
Joseph Schram  
Justin Wayne

**4/25/24 – 17 Nisan**

Edward Ehrlich  
Meyer Eliasberg  
Harry Harak  
Lorraine Kleinman  
Morris Kurtin  
Rae Nadler  
Barbara Roberts  
Murray Sonners

**4/26/24 – 18 Nisan**

Shirley Baron  
Sam Diener  
Morris Kavesh  
Aaron Maisel  
Paula Michaels  
Robert Miller  
Ada Rosenberg  
  
Morris Shwartz  
Joseph Vishlitsky  
Sam Winkler

**READ ON FRI/SAT,  
4/26 and 4/27**

**4/27/24 – 19 Nisan**

Arnold Eisen  
Ray Finkelstein  
Carly Jenna Hollander  
Dora Minzenheimer  
Oscar Sussman

**4/28/24 – 20 Nisan**

Bessie Aronowitz  
Judy Goldman  
Rayfield B. Kurland  
Paul Monka  
Sally Sarnoff  
Sonia Seidman  
Henrietta Stoltz  
William Weinstein

**4/29/24 – 21 Nisan**

Maurice Basem  
Julia Berliner  
Edwin L. Fox  
Alvin Lechten  
Anna Baraff Miller  
Jerry Schragar  
Naima Soussa

**4/30/24 – 22 Nisan**

Shirley Aronowitz  
Samuel Herbert Fields  
Daniel S. Kurzweil  
David Pokorne  
Pearl Shapiro  
Ben Steppel  
Chaim Hillel Wishnick

**5/1/24 – 23 Nisan**

Lena Bloom  
Eli Burkam  
Diana Ershowsky Gellman  
Stuart Gothelf  
David Kramer  
Sophie Lesh  
Lillian Levison  
Martin S. Schwack  
Morris Tarter  
Isidore Wallman  
Sadie Zuckerman

**5/2/24 – 24 Nisan**

Celia Kaplan  
Nettie Katz  
Yetta Kellman  
Lena Konner

**5/3/24 – 25 Nisan**

George Domash  
Hymie Ershowsky  
Morris Ershowsky  
Morris Goodkin  
Roger Kulka  
Samuel Tarter  
Sol Weinstein  
Alfred Wolff