

A monthly publication of the Pine Brook Jewish Center. Serving the needs of our diverse Jewish community for more than 120 years.

CANDLESTICK

Clergy and Staff

Mark David Finkel, Rabbi Menachem Toren, Cantor Dr. Asher Krief, Rabbi Emeritus Michelle Zuckerman, Executive Director Mary Sheydwasser, Educational Director Lisa Lerman and Jill Buckler, Early Childhood Center Co-Directors Sandy Gonzalez, Melanie Lewis, and Karen Herbst, Office Administrators Robin Mangino, Religious School Administrator Esterina Herman, Bookkeeper

Synagogue Officers

Seth Friedman, President Betsy Steckelman, 1st Vice President Padi Nazmiyal, 2nd Vice President Louis Schwartz, 3rd Vice President Steven Sandler, Treasurer Barry Marks, Financial Secretary David Kraut, Corresponding Secretary Beverly Berkowitz, Recording Secretary Immediate Past President, Michael Weinstein Jay Thailer, Men's Club President Staci Handler and Ilene Thailer, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Religious Service Times

Friday Evenings at 8:00 p.m. The family service is held on the first Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m. instead of 8:00 p.m. Saturday Mornings at 9:45 a.m. with preliminary prayers at 9:30 a.m.

Emergency Contact Information

Please use the following protocol in the event of an emergency or if you lose a loved one: Call the synagogue office at 973-244-9800. If the office is closed, call Rabbi Finkel at (973) 287-7047 (home) or (973) 407-0065 (cell). If you are unable to reach the Rabbi, contact Cantor Toren at (973) 980-7777 or Michelle Zuckerman at (973) 886-5456

August 2023 / Av – Elul 5783

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SETH FRIEDMAN

President

I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer. While it is hard to believe that we are entering the dog days of summer, it is important for me to begin re-engaging the membership with what the PBJC has to offer. In the vibrant community of Montville, the Pine Brook Jewish Center stands as a cornerstone of tradition, spirituality, and camaraderie. As the upcoming High Holidays approach, the importance of active involvement with the synagogue becomes more evident than ever. Beyond the rituals and services, PBJC offers a unique platform for fostering community involvement and personal growth. This month, I want to highlight the significance of being engaged with the Pine Brook Jewish Center and the profound impact of community involvement on individuals and the congregation.

At the heart of Pine Brook Jewish Center lies its dedicated committees, which work tirelessly to organize events and ensure a seamless experience for all members. Joining a PBJC committee presents an opportunity for individuals to contribute their skills, expertise, and passion to enhance the community's overall spirit. Committee members collaborate to create meaningful and inclusive programs that cater to the diverse needs and interests of the congregation.

Community involvement extends beyond the synagogue's walls and encompasses a myriad of activities that enrich members' lives. Whether through volunteering, participating in social events, or engaging in educational programs, involvement strengthens the bonds within the Pine Brook Jewish Center community. By actively participating in the synagogue and engaging with fellow members, individuals develop a sense of fulfillment and purpose. They witness firsthand the positive impact their contributions have on the community, fostering a greater sense of responsibility and commitment. To that point, the PBJC has numerous committees that have been set up, many of which are meant to enrich the experiences of our membership. For us to provide the ultimate "value," these committees require membership participation above lay leadership. Therefore, I am asking the full PBJC membership base to get involved. I have included a link to our active committees in this month's President's Message. To the extent you have an interest in joining a committee, I encourage you to do so. Simply reach out to the office, the committee Chairs, or me, and we will be sure to have you added – <u>PBJC Committees Link</u>.

Lastly, I am creating a new second page to the President's Message called "The President's Appeal." I have set up this new section based on conversations I have had with many congregants over the years about wanting to donate to something tangible that we genuinely need here at the PBJC. To me, donating whether anonymously or by acknowledgement to the PBJC is a wonderful way to support our community and contribute to our cultural offerings. By generously giving items of interest, you can help boost our programs and events, strengthen the safety and security of those in our building, and deepen the lives of members and visitors alike. Joining forces with the Pine Brook Jewish Center through your contributions is a meaningful step towards preserving and celebrating our heritage today and into the future.

Onward and upward!

Seth President@pbjc.org

THE PRESIDENT'S APPEAL

The PBJC needs your help. Please find below a list of projects that would strengthen the security, physical appearance, and overall wellbeing of the Pine Brook Jewish Center. All donations to the following projects are fully tax-deductible as no goods or services were offered in exchange for your contribution to the projects mentioned below. As always, please consult your tax advisor/ accountant with all donations to the Pine Brook Jewish Center. Thank you in advance for your continued support of the PBJC!

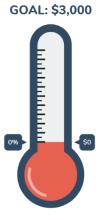
If you are interested in donating to the President's Appeal, please click on the link below and in the "Type" dropdown, choose "President's Appeal" and direct where you prefer your contribution to go towards.

Link: PBJC - President's Appeal

Appeal #1: Wireless Microphone Upgrade - \$3,000

100% Goal Target: September 15, 2023

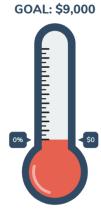
Description: New wireless microphones and transmitters for services in the Sanctuary and Scheinman Hall. These new microphones and transmitters will enable the congregation to hear both the Rabbi and Cantor more clearly during High Holy Day services and weekly Shabbat services. Our current transmitter and microphone are old and not working well.



Appeal #2: Door Security System - \$9,000

100% Goal Target: December 31, 2023

Description: New security intercom/video system to allow PBJC office staff to communicate with visitors and have a clear visual picture of anyone seeking entry into the building. This is separate from the security camera system. Our current system is not working properly and is out-of-date.



EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

LISA LERMAN and JILL BUCKLER

Early Childhood Center Co-Directors

What a fabulous experience our campers are having at PBJC Day Camp. The past four weeks we have had special themes....Happy Birthday, USA, Summer Fun, Sea Creatures and Rainbow week! We have made countless art projects and learned so many songs to coordinate with our theme of the week. In addition to our fun activities, the campers are kept busy playing on our playground, splashing around at our water tables and running around in and out of the sprinklers! Each week the children learn a sport when *Sports Universe* comes. We look forward to every Monday when Miss Susan comes and teaches us Science. The children have learned so many fun science facts and have had hands-on experience participating in wonderful science experiments. Finally, camp would not be complete without "cooking" yummy treats each week. To date, we have made homemade pizza, edible dirt cups, rainbow toast and tie-dye cupcakes!!! We are considering publishing our recipes at the end of camp!!

If you can imagine, we are finalizing our calendar and lesson plans for the 2023-2024 school year. We will be spending the summer putting the finishing touches on what promises to be another amazing, memorable and fun school year.

PBJC ECC continues to grow with our expanded, already vibrant and stimulating preschool program. Additionally, 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 numerous new families into our PBJC community with more on their way.

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is still open. Stay tuned for continued details regarding our dynamic Intro, 2, 3 and Pre-K programs. As always, our door is open to anyone who would like more information about any of our Early Childhood Center programs.

Warm Regards,

Lisa Lerman and Jill Buckler

ECC Co- Directors

Check out some of our fabulous campers enjoying PBJC Day Camp on the next few pages!





















































August 2023

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

MARY SHEYDWASSER

Educational Director

Our theme for the 2023-2024 school year is "**TRADITION**"! We are looking forward to engaging our students and involving you, the parents, on many levels. Please join our Education Committee and collaborate with us on ways to enhance your children's Jewish education and prepare them for the future. *L'Dor Va'dor*, from one generation to the next, parental involvement will help to make our Religious School the best it can be!

Our mission is to foster a love and passion for Judaism encouraging our students to learn about the history, traditions, ethics, language, and philosophy of our religion. With this in mind, we also look forward to seeing our students coming into our building with smiles on their faces and sharing what they have learned with their parents.

We are hard at work preparing for the school year. All the pertinent information, goals and expectations, calendars, and curriculum, will be **emailed** to you at the beginning of August.

Our Honey from the Heart fundraiser is a wonderful way to send Rosh Hashana greetings to family and friends, celebrate the New Year, and raise funds for the PBJC Religious School!



The link is <u>http://www.honeyfromtheheart.org/PBJ</u>. It will take you directly to the PBJC page to sign up and order your honey jar greetings.

The cost is \$14 per jar, and to avoid the \$6.50 shipping fee, order before August 1st (although honey will be sent closer to the holiday).

Thank you for participating in this fundraiser. We have fabulous programs lined up for the 2032-2024 school year!

As always, please contact me if you have any questions, suggestions, or comments. You can reach me at <u>msheydwasser@pbjc.org</u> or on my cell #201-704-3469.

Enjoy the rest of your summer,

Mary Sheydwasser

Educational Director



BAT MITZVAH

Brie Stone August 26, 2023



Brie Danielle Stone graced us with her presence on July 12, 2010. She immediately lit up the room and hearts of many, especially her parents, Cary and Alexis, making them first-time parents. It wasn't long before she had her family wrapped around her finger. An 8th grader at Riverdale Public School, Brie's big heart and huge smile can turn anyone's frown upside down. A kind-hearted young lady that is always looking to help others and make a difference in the world whether it be through Girl Scouts, volunteering her time with the March of Dimes, local animal shelters or just being a shoulder to lean on for those in need. She always (well most of the time) looks out for her younger sister, Anabelle, and she loves showing her the ropes as an older sister!

Brie's love for the ocean and marine life is admirable and she is looking to be a Marine Biologist. Brie is always exploring the animals around her and wants nothing more than to be surrounded by all of the animals, especially by those that live in the ocean. Besides volunteering, when Brie isn't in school, she can be found on the basketball court, spending time with her family and friends, painting and trying new art ideas, and cooking! She makes a pretty amazing vodka sauce with homemade pasta!

For her mitzvah project, Brie chose to work with Comfort Zone Camp, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) bereavement organization that transforms the lives of children who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling, primary caregiver, or significant person. Someone near and dear to her lost a loved one during 9/11, and after going to the camp for many years is now a director for the organization. Brie wanted to do something for those that were attending camp and made bracelets for all the campers and counselors with a word of inspiration on them. She visited the camp to hand the bracelets out to each individual upon arrival in hopes of them knowing they are not alone and inspiring everyone with their strength daily.

We are so proud of Brie, all she has already accomplished, and the commitment and dedication she has put into becoming a Bat Mitzvah! We are eager to see what she will tackle next!

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 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 <u>DONATE NOW</u> 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

Chairperson

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 <u>sakolsky-melzer-scholarship@pbjc.org</u> with any questions.

CLICK HERE FOR THE SAKOLSKY/MELZER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

SISTERHOOD

ILENE THAILER and STACI HANDLER

Co-Presidents

We start the month of September wishing you and your families a very happy New Year. As we come together in shul and reflect on the past year, Sisterhood will be starting this year with some changes. We have some past sisterhood board members in new positions, as well as new people volunteering in board positions. We are thrilled to have so many smart and talented women working with us to enhance our connection to PBJC and Judaism. New this year will be a welcome back dinner on Thursday October 5 at 7:00pm. We hope you can make it and enjoy a relaxing meal and learn about future Sisterhood events.

Also new this year will be a joint breakfast with Men's club and the Friendship club. On Sunday November 19 at 10:00am we will be having a breakfast and then enjoying a musical concert titled: One Fine Tapestry, A Carole King Tribute. We know everyone will enjoy this and we are really excited to bring this to everyone at PBJC and Sisterhood members.

Thank you to Michelle Zuckerman for organizing the Sisterhood New Year Greetings. We are very thankful to all the women who contribute to this fundraiser and participate in this long-standing tradition.

Below we have listed some of our events and dates, so please mark your calendars. We hope to see you all soon and shanah tovah umtukah!

If you have any questions, concerns or would like to volunteer, please contact us!

Staci Handler (973) 951-4231 or <u>staciahandler@gmail.com</u> Ilene Thailer (201) 658-4244 or <u>ithailer@optonline.net</u>

Sisterhood Events and Fundraisers

Thursday, September 7 at 9 AM - Welcome Parents/Caregivers to ECC Breakfast Monday, September 25 - Yom Kippur Break Fast (after shofar blowing) Thursday, October 5 at 7 PM – Kick-Off Dinner Thursday, October 26 at 7:30 PM – Game Night Sunday, November 19 at 10 AM – Breakfast and Concert: "One Fine Tapestry" A Carole King Tribute (cosponsored with Friendship Club and Men's Club) Thursday, November 30 at 7 PM – Paid-Up Dinner Wednesday, December 13 at 5 PM – ECC/Preschool Hanukkah Party Monday, January 8 at 8 PM – Zoom BINGO Sunday, March 17 – Purim Basket Packing and Delivery

Tribute Cards

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

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.

A-GO	Nan Rothberg	ı nanpbjc@gmail.com	973-879-3529 only if not sending email
GR-M	Wendi Leicht	leichts@optonline.net	973-420-2679 only if not sending email
N-Z	Estelle Stein	EstelleBPStein@gmail.com	973-588-7332 only if not sending email

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

Did you know that Sisterhood sells Gift Cards to many of the stores where you shop?

Please support the Sisterhood Scrip program and purchase gift cards for your family, friends, and teachers. Sisterhood earns a small percentage of the face value of the cards sold. Gift cards are available for sale in the PBJC office. Cash and checks (made out to PBJC Sisterhood) are accepted for payment.

The cards we keep in stock include:

Supermarkets:	ShopRite, Kings, Foodtown and Acme	
Coffee:	Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks	
Online:	Amazon, LL Bean	
Retailers:	American Eagle, Barnes & Noble, Bloomingdale's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Gamestop,	
	Limited, Macy's, Marshalls, Nordstrom, REI, Sephora, Ulta, Target, TJ MAXX	

And new to our collection we now sell American Express Gift Cards which have no activation fee. So, a \$100 gift card simply costs \$100.

If there are any Gift Cards that we do not carry that you are interested in, contact Beth Fuchs about a special order at <u>bethqfuchs@qmail.com</u>. Beth can check to see if our vendor can supply us with the cards of your choice.



MEN'S CLUB

JAY THAILER President

Men's Club is pleased to be planning some great events for the upcoming year. We appreciate your support and are always looking for new members to join us! Please contact me with any programing ideas or interests you have – we are also always looking for new ideas and different ways for the men of PBJC to come together.

Please save the dates for the following Men's Club programs/events:

Friday, September 22 – Men's Club Habitat for Humanity Build (look for more details soon)

Sunday, September 24 at 9 AM – PBJC Sukkah Building and Set-Up

Sunday, October 29 at 10 AM - Men's Club Breakfast with speaker Arnie Pallay: Revolutionizing Medical Genetics Testing for 2023 – A Focus on Jewish Genomics

Sunday, December 17 at 10 AM - Men's Club Breakfast with speaker David Krell, Baseball Historian / Baseball Hall of Fame Speaker

Sunday, February 11 at 9 AM - World Wide Wrap followed by Breakfast sponsored by Men's Club

Sunday, March 3 at 10 AM - Men's Club Breakfast with speaker TBD

Sunday, May 10 from 10 AM to 2 PM - Men's Club Day of Giving

Sunday, June 2 at 10 AM - Men's Club Breakfast with speaker TBD

We look forward to seeing you at these events! Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or suggestions.

Jay Thailer (201) 920-4752 ithailer@pbjc.org

BETTY CRANE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

FRAN HOBERMAN-SCHENKEL AND BETH FUCHS

Club Coordinators

We hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. Although The Friendship Club has been on hiatus for the summer, we are gearing up for the 2023-2024 season.

Mark your calendar for the Friendship Club's first event of the fall -- on **Tuesday**, **September 19th at PBJC at 7:30 pm** Carol Simon Levin of *Telling Her Stories* will present *Mothers of Invention*. Carol speaks about fascinating women that history has forgotten. In *Mothers of Invention* Carol portrays Lillian Moller Gilbreth, motion study pioneer and mother of twelve, and shares the stories of other overlooked women innovators. From Margaret Knight (the 19th century "Female Edison") to Hollywood superstar Hedy Lamarr, these "Mothers of Invention" changed our lives, yet their accomplishments were all too often ignored, discounted or credited to others.

Mark down these additional dates for upcoming events (details to come):

- A luncheon at Elma's in Parsippany for Tuesday, October 3rd and
- A brunch in conjunction with Sisterhood and Men's Club on Sunday, November 19th. Special guests Gerard and Diane Barros will perform "ONE FINE TAPESTRY, A CAROLE KING TRIBUTE".

Please see the following page for information on joining the Friendship Club. For those who need transportation to in-person events, if you reach out in advance, we can arrange rides with members from your area. Please fill out and send in the form and join the PBJC Betty Crane Friendship Club for '23-'24.

If you have suggestions for future programs or want to help us out and join the Friendship Club Committee, email us at <u>PBJCfriendshipclub@gmail.com</u>.

Beth Fuchs and Fran Hoberman Schenkel

973-886-2397 973-632-7715

PBJC Betty Crane Friendship Club September 2023 – June 2024 Membership Form

The Betty Crane Friendship Club is open to local empty-nesters. One does not need to be a PBJC member or Montville resident. The Club meets monthly during the school year for entertaining and informative programs, although during the winter months a few of the programs will be virtual so that snowbirds can attend, and people can avoid going out in bad weather. Typically, the group takes an annual trip to a museum, a concert or the theatre. We also usually hold a luncheon and/or dinner event. During the two years of COVID the Club offered programming via Zoom free of charge (no membership dues were collected), but since the fall of 2022 most events have been in-person and we have resumed a formal membership process.

The Friendship Club's 2022-2023 programs included:

- John Kenrick presented West Side Story: We'll Find a New Way of Living.
- We hosted the AARP Safe Driver Course.
- Paul Cirillo shared *Living on the International Space Station*.
- Dr. Butts discussed The Lasting Influence of the Jewish Musicians of the 1960s.
- We visited "The Jewish Deli" exhibit at the NY Historical Society and enjoyed a deli lunch.
- Janet Mandel of ArtTalks ran a two part course titled *Marc Chagall: Painting Poetry*.
- Rabbi Ron Isaacs presented Leonard Cohen, Judaism in Song.
- Joel Farkas shared his lecture *Remembering the Revolutionary War*.
- We ended with a Friendship Club Shabbat Dinner and Service.

Additional past programs have included NY historian Marty Schneit, author Michael Gabriele, photographer Kevin Woyce, professional organizer Jamie Novak, and the Maccabeats, among others.

If you have any questions, suggestions for future programs or want to be more involved and join the Friendship Club Committee, please email us at <u>PBJCFriendshipclub@gmail.com</u>. Don't forget to fill out the following form and mail it in!

PBJC Betty Crane Friendship Club

To join the PBJC Friendship Club, please fill out the form below and mail it with a check made payable to **Pine Brook Jewish Center Friendship Club** (\$25 *per person* to defray the cost of refreshments and events; there will be additional charges for some events). Please mail form and annual dues to:

Pine Brook Jewish Center Friendship Club 174 Changebridge Road Montville, NJ 07045-8800

FRIENDSHIP CLUB 2023-2024 MEMBERSHIP FORM

First and Last Name(s): _____

Home Address:

Phone (Person One): circle Home or Cell

Phone (Person Two): circle Home or Cell

Email Address(es):

Are you currently a PBJC Member: *circle* Yes or No

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.

Symbols - Icons are used to help readers participate in the service. For example, one symbol indicates when to bow.

Commentary - Provides context for each prayer. What are its origins? Why it is here? What meaning might it convey?

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 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

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.

Carol Kotch Cell 201-400-5702 Home 973-299-1343 Email <u>cjknj@optonline.net</u> Sandy Gonzalez Cell 973-592-2831 Email <u>sgonzalez@pbjc.org</u>

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEES

MARK ROFFMAN

Committee Founder

The Community Outreach Committee began almost 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.

Last year 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 of Dover High School who have made a difference in their community. For the first year the committee, comprised of 21 members, provided one scholarship of \$2,400 and two scholarships each of \$400.

Joining either or both of the Community Outreach 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). 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 <u>\$150 for each committee</u>. 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 <u>markroffmanphd@gmail.com</u> 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.

WHY JOIN:

- REWARDING TO HELP THOSE IN NEED
- FLEXIBLE TIME COMMITMENT
- **BUILDS LEADERSHIP SKILLS**
- PARTICIPATE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS
- EARN COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDITS

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

EMAIL: PBJCOUTREACH@GMAIL.COM TO JOIN

DONATE USING PBJC WEBSITE

VOLUNTEER TO DO A PANTRY SHOP, DROP OFF ITEMS,

PREPARE MEALS, HELP FUNDRAISE, AND MUCH MORE!

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM @PBJCCOMMUNITYOUTREACH

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

CLICK HERE FOR THE FULL PBJC CALENDAR

<u>Tuesday, August 1 - Deadline to Order Honey for the Religious School Honey Fundraiser to Avoid</u> <u>Shipping Charges</u>

Wednesday, August 2 at 8 PM - Chevra Board Meeting

<u>Thursday, August 24 - Deadline to Order Honey for the Religious School Honey Fundraiser to</u> <u>Guarantee Delivery Before Rosh HaShanah</u>

Monday, August 28 - Deadline to Submit Your Sisterhood New Year's Greeting for the September Candlestick

HIGH HOLY DAYS 5784

High Holy day packets with information are being mailed this week. You should receive your packet and tickets in the mail soon. However, all High Holy Day information is also on the PBJC website. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for the High Holy Day section of the PBJC website. Please note that all forms and payments can be completed online.

PICKLEBALL AT PBJC!

We are excited to bring pickleball to our PBJC community! We now have one pickleball court in our gym that will be available for reservation by PBJC members on weekday evenings and Sundays. 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! <u>CLICK HERE FOR THE PICKLEBALL FLYER</u>

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 <u>kherbst@pbjc.org</u> 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.

Hayley Edelstein Grade 9 Age: 15 973-220-9496

Joshua Marchant Grade 10 Age 16 Phone number: 973-886-1029

Eli Rosen Grade 10 Age: 15 Phone number: 973-840-9162

Rebecca Rosen Grade 10 Age: 15 Phone number: 973-840-9163

Evan Schachman Grade 11 Age: 17 973-917-9587

Perri Schachman Grade 8 Age: 14 973-917-9777

Elissa Schwartz Grade 8 Age: 13 Phone number: 973-519-2999

Amanda Stiller Grade 12 Age: 17 Phone number: 201-704-2976

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary to...

8/1 – Hadas and Menachem Toren 8/3 – Carol and Marvin Fietelson 8/4 - Carole and Sheldon Eichenbaum 8/6 – Elaine and Alan Fisvitz 8/7 – Ilissa and David Schachman 8/9 – Janice and Fred Aibel, Betty and Fred Crane 8/10 - Andrea and Mitchell Goldsmith 8/11 - Melissa and Edward Levy 8/13 – Margaret and Earl Rostoker 8/15 - Lauren and Craig Baumgarten, Miriam and Philip Person 8/16 - Erica and Philip Schachter 8/17 - Nancy and Gary Drillings 8/19 – Ilanit and David Leibowitz, Cecile and Harry Zohn 8/21 - Jessica and Seth Edelstein 8/22 – Jan and Michael Pett, Celina and Emanuel Steren 8/23 – Abby and Mark Finkel, Michelle and Evan Zuckerman 8/24 - Gay and Steven Gershberg 8/30 - Wendy and Jay Birnbaum



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to ...

- 8/1 Jaime Brodsky, Jaclyn Schneiderman
- 8/2 Roberta Kanarick
- 8/3 Ryan Coletti, Julian Jasinski
- 8/4 Lauren Berman, Renee Bitner, Susan Mittler, Barbara Neelman
- 8/5 Eliza Irushalmi
- 8/6 Shiloh Ehudin, Bob Lowenfish, Frances Tsukroff
- 8/7 Peter Lippa, Kate Wise
- 8/8 Krissy Weiss, Edio Zampagliione
- 8/9 Richard Mark, Carolyn Wortman
- 8/10 Lauren Baumgarten
- 8/11 Harper Hall
- 8/12 Jared Bruno, Evan Neadel, Mary Sheydwasser
- 8/13 Andrew Feinstein, Jory Schlenger
- 8/14 Alison Glickson, Thomas Peck
- 8/15 Drew Handler
- 8/16 Ryan Bernstein
- 8/17 Jerrold Davis, David Kraut. Hailey Zuckerman
- 8/18 Jay Thailer, Lindsay Zuckerman
- 8/19 Phyllis Biskowitz, Evan Zuckerman
- 8/20 Allison Bernstein, Gary Messinger, Abigail Seewald
- 8/21 Eve Fields
- 8/22 Mark Davis
- 8/23 Sherry Eichenbaum, Carolyn Segal, Arin Vallese
- 8/24 Riley Pett
- 8/25 Hayden Abfier, Stacey Blumenthal, Janet Schiff
- 8/26 Michael Kirsch, Suzanne Reiss, Anabelle Stone
- 8/27 Scott Schneiderman, Lee Tsukroff
- 8/28 Samuel Coletti, Alan Fisvitz, Pam Stoller
- 8/29 Andy Bernstein, Shelley Zemel
- 8/30 Beverly Berkowitz, Barbara Moll, Marvin Stein



DONORS/SPONSORS

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

By: Enid Davis In memory of Leonard Wallach

By: Miriam Gitomer In memory of her beloved mother, Sadie Greenetz and her beloved father, Mike Greenetz and for Rabbi Finkel's kindness and compassion

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

By: Elaine Blitz In memory of Leonard Wallach

By: Diane Dalton In memory of her beloved grandfather, Mike Greenetz

PBJC CARING COMMITTEE

By: Karen Adelman In memory of Len Wallach

By: Howard Altman In memory of his beloved wife, Karen Altman

By: Miriam Gitomer In memory of her beloved father, Mike Greenetz

By: Sima and Abe Feder In honor of Carol Kotch's retirement; In honor of Dr. Daniel Toren receiving his medical degree; In honor of Erika Rosenthal's special birthday

By: Gail Feldman In memory of Leonard Wallach and in memory of Dr. Stephen H. Lewis, Jr.

By: Marlene Scheinthal In honor of Mimi Gitomer's 101st birthday -with much love.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

By: Mary and Frank Sheydwasser In honor of Seth Friedman becoming President of PBJC

By: Pam Stoller In memory of her beloved father, Murray Stoller

PBJC GENERAL DONATION

By: Elaine Bookman In honor of Mimi Gitomer's 101st Birthday

By: Lynn Clark, Dipika Jain and Janelle Slawson In memory of Leonard Wallach

By: Linda and Marc Fishman In memory of Maxwell Weiss

By: Seth and Randi Friedman In memory of Leonard Wallach

By: Alan Shier and Cheryl Schneider In memory of Leonard Wallach

By: Pam Stoller In honor of Carol Kotch's retirement

PRAYER BOOK FUND (LEV SHALEM)

By: Sima and Abe Feder In honor of Sue Charnet's 85th birthday; In honor of Mimi Gitomer's 101st Birthday

By: Seth Friedman In memory of Robert J. Friedman

By: Paula and Ed Kadushin In honor of Mimi Gitomer's 101st birthday

By: Janet Reich and Cindy Reich Davidson In memory of Leonard Wallach

By: Nan and Alan Rothberg In memory of Maxwell Weiss

KIDDUSH FUND

By: Beverly and Ilysa Berkowitz In honor of Mimi Gitomer's 101st Birthday

By: Sue Charnet

By: Diane and Frank Dalton In honor of Dr. Arnold Brenner on his birthday and in gratitude for his Torah reading on Shabbat and holidays

By: Francine and Bruce Katz In memory of Len Wallach

KIDDUSH FUND (CONTINUED)

By: Carol Kotch In honor of Mimi Gitomer's 101st birthday

By: Marlene Scheinthal

YAHRZEIT DONATION

By: Barry Berger In memory of his beloved brother, Arthur Berger

By: Ilysa and Beverly Berkowitz In memory of Ilysa's beloved father and Beverly's beloved husband, Barry Berkowitz In memory of Beverly's beloved father and Ilysa's beloved grandfather, Louis Axelrod In memory of Beverly's beloved grandmother and Ilysa's beloved great grandmother, Tillie Rosen

By: Renee Bitner In memory of her beloved husband, Maurice Bitner

By: Ronnie Drewke In memory of her beloved cousin, Lauri Colfin West

By: Sima and Abe Feder In memory of Sima's beloved father, Yudel Rapoport

By: Gail Feldman In memory of her beloved brother, Steven Stadd

By: Judy Gothelf In memory of her beloved father, Philip Bitterman

By: Marilyn Grossman In memory of her beloved husband, Leonard Grossman

By: Melanie Lewis In memory of her beloved uncle, Marc A. Appel

By: Gilbert Mandel In memory of his beloved mother, Sarah Mandel

By: Gary Messinger In memory of his beloved father, David Messinger

By: Susan Messinger In memory of her beloved mother, Beatrice Feinberg

By: Beverly Miller In memory of her beloved mother, Nellie Kotkin Lichtenberg

YAHRZEIT DONATION (CONTINUED)

By: Stewart Nadel In memory of his beloved father, Leo Nadel

By: Heather Reiser In memory of her beloved father, I. Robert Ehrlich

By: Arnie Schancupp In memory of his beloved mother, Gussie Schancupp and his beloved father, Seymour Schancupp

By: Janet Slipowitz In memory of her beloved parents, Charles and Selma Gitterman

By: Rochelle Stone In memory of her beloved brother-in-law, Harold Rosenblum and her beloved sister-in-law, Selma Gellman

By: Lester Wolfson In memory of his beloved mother, Rose Wolfson and his beloved grandfather, Joseph Wolfson

OUR CONDOLENCES TO

Peter Lieber on the loss of his beloved brother, Anthony Lieber

Jeffrey Weiss on the loss of his beloved father, Maxwell Weiss

Steven Gershberg on the loss of his beloved mother, Myra Gershberg

Keith Brown on the loss of his beloved wife, Fran Brown

Shirley Kavesh on the loss of her beloved husband, Sheldon Kavesh

THANK YOU

On behalf of my entire family, I want to thank the Pine Brook Jewish Center and its congregants for support during our bereavement. Thank you for sending cards, donations, and messages, and thank you for visiting. Your kindness and support are reminders that our community is filled with wonderful people. Your thoughtfulness has helped ease our pain and we are grateful for it. Thank you for thinking of us. Jeffrey Weiss

SISTERHOOD TRIBUTES

To: Keith Brown – In memory of your wife, Fran Brown From: Nancy and Jonathan Cohen, Steve and Gay Gershberg, Celina and Emanuel Steren

To: Sue Charnet – Mazel Tov on your New Home From: Diane and Frank Dalton

To: Sue Charnet – Wishing you a Happy Birthday From: Estelle Stein

To: Abe Feder – Wishing you a Happy Birthday From: Sue Charnet

To: Steve Gershberg – In memory of your mother, Myra Gershberg From: Diane and Frank Dalton, Gail Feldman, Marcy and Alan Guilder, Melinda Kraus, Randy and Jack Wenarsky, Toby Wolfman, Esta and Phil Zwick

To: Miriam Gitomer – Wishing you a Happy 101st Birthday From: Sue Charnet, Gail Feldman, Bea and Sy Katz, Ina and Mark Roffman, Esther Soussa, Estelle Stein

To: Paula Kadushin – Wishing you a Happy Birthday From: Gail Feldman, Carol Kotch, Esther Soussa

To: Eric Kayne – In memory of your grandmother, Ruth Aron From: Ilene and Jay Thailer

To: Carol Kotch – Mazel Tov on your Retirement From: Melinda Kraus, Michelle and Craig Nadel, Sandy and Arnie Schancupp, Esther Soussa

To: Jonathan Lewis –

In memory of your father, Dr. Stephen H. Lewis Jr From: Beverly Berkowitz, Nancy and Jonathan Cohen, Diane and Frank Dalton, Diane and Alan Krause, Marian and Bob Lowenfish, Michelle and Craig Nadel, Ina and Mark Roffman, Ilene and Jay Thailer, Randy and Jack Wenarsky, Esta and Phil Zwick To: Peter Lieber – In memory of your brother, Anthony Lieber From: Barbara and Marvin Kaufman, Sheila and Michael Kirsch, Tom Peck, Ilene and Jay Thailer, Nancy and Jeffrey Weiss, Randy and Jack Wenarsky

To: Bob Lowenfish – Wishing you a Speedy Recovery From: Gail Feldman, Roberta and Bob Kanarick, Ina and Mark Roffman

To: Gil Mandel – In memory of your sister, Sally Caruana From: Carol Kotch

To: David Manheim – In memory of your father, Stewart Manheim From: Sheila and Michael Kirsch, Ilene and Jay Thailer

To: Robin Mark – In memory of your mother, Harriet Dworkis From: Michelle and Craig Nadel

To: Michelle and Craig Nadel – Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter, Rose From: Estelle Stein

To: Ina Roffman – Wishing you a Happy Birthday From: Gail Feldman

To: Ina and Mark Roffman – Wishing you a Happy Anniversary From: Sue Charnet

To: Mark Roffman – Wishing you a Happy Birthday From: Gail Feldman

To: Nan and Alan Rothberg – Mazel Tov on your grandson's Bar Mitzvah From: Esther Soussa

To: Hadas and Cantor Menachem Toren – Mazel Tov on Daniel receiving his medical degree From: Roberta and Bob Kanarick, Carol Kotch, Marian and Bob Lowenfish, Esther Soussa

SISTERHOOD TRIBUTES (continued)

To: Daniel Toren -

Mazel Tov on your graduation from Medical School From: Roberta and Bob Kanarick

To: Cantor Menachem Toren – Wishing you a Happy Birthday From: Sue Charnet, Esther Soussa

To: Natalie Wallach –

In memory of your husband, Leonard Wallach From: Janice and Fred Aibel, Sheryl and Howard Chesler, Jonathan and Nancy Cohen, Betty and Fred Crane, Jackie Fenton, Sharon and Bob Fields, Alice Gordon, Marcia Grossman, Marcia and Andy Kalfas, Barbara and Marvin Kaufman, Sheila and Michael Kirsch, Stephanie Kutlow, Arlene Leicht, Judy and Mark Lipsky, Sue and Gil Mandel, Beverly and Michael Miller, Amy Minkoff, Tom Peck, Ina and Mark Roffman, Marlene Scheinthal, Estelle Stein, Myra Sumka, Esta and Phil Zwick To: Jeffrey Weiss -

In memory of your father, Maxwell Weiss From: Nancy and Jonathan Cohen, Diane and Frank Dalton, Gail Feldman, Marcia and Andy Kalfas, Sheila and Michael Kirsch, Judy and Mark Lipsky, Beverly and Michael Miller, Tom Peck, Ina and Mark Roffman, Mel Sanders, Estelle Stein, Kim and Craig Stiller, Ilene and Jay Thailer, Natalie Wallach, Randy and Jack Wenarsky

To: Michelle and Evan Zuckerman – Mazel Tov on Hailey's graduation From: Esther Soussa

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

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

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.

- A-GO Nan Rothberg <u>nanpbjc@gmail.com</u>
- GR-M Wendi Leicht leichts@optonline.net
- N-Z Estelle Stein EstelleBPStein@gmail.com

973-879-3529 only if not sending email 973-420-2679 only if not sending email 973-588-7332 only if not sending email

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

YAHRZEITS

READ ON FRI/SAT, 8/4 and 8/5

8/5/23 – 18 Av Marsha Cohen Goldie Grenker Etta Judovin Stewart Markowitz Lou Rosenberg Tillie Tarasch Mendel Weinreb

8/9/23 – 22 Av

Billy Ballenberg Irene Bergman Ruth Cone Adolf Rabenbauer Carroll Rafkind

8/6/23 – 19 *Av*

Sidney Ashendorf Alex Denenberg Stephen Epstein Bessie Levine Bertha Levitt Sarah Mandel Herbert Scheinman Samuel Weichselbaum Joseph Wolfson

8/7/23 – 20 Av

Teres Kleinman Erna Poppel Joseph Trich Benjamin Wetstein **8/8/23 –21 Av** Isadore Brodsky Belle Davidson Rosalyn F. Gottlieb Samuel Gurr Charles Rand

8/10/23 – 23 Av

Hyman Domash Chelsey Goldman Jack Levy Simon Taitel

8/11/23 – 24 Av

Melvin L. Gelfer Esther Rudy Edward A. Sanet Yeta Scharlat Benjamin Singer

READ ON FRI/SAT, 8/11 and 8/12

8/12/23 – 25 Av

Fannie Horowitz Diener Arthur Gapin Tillie Rosen Carole Sohmer Else Suessel Anna Waas **8/13/23 – 26 Av** Benjamin Itzchak Akronowitz Milton Coleman Selma Gellman Mike Greenetz **8/14/23 – 27 Av** Robert Berkowitz

Marla Damiano Brecher David Dover Leonard Grossman Barnett Jafferson Mayer David Leicht Harold Rosenblum Norman Stiel Madalyn Rita Zohn 8/15/23 –28 Av Ruth Landers

8/16/23 – 29 Av

Maurice Bitner Samuel Klasner Gertrude (Gitty) Safier Malvin Sumka

8/17/23 – 30 Av

Aaron Cohen Anna Jean Dworkin George Helfant George Liberman Gershon Ann Lovitch Stephen Sohmer Hilda Weinreb

8/18/23 – 1 *Elul*

Arthur Kutlow Eileen Levin Gary Harold Schachter Harry Silver Rosalie Sussman

8/18 and 8/19

8/19/23 – 2 Elul

Mildred Bernstein Naomi Breuer Steven Burkam Florence Fischman Robert R. Goldman Esther Gottlieb Beatrice Kasen Sally Robin Gettel C. Thorner

8/23/23 - 6 Elul

Anne Farber **Barbara** Fine **Richard Alex Fischer** Emanuel Gerstein Della Goldberg Samuel Kaplan David Kelman Leon D. Reich Clara Schultz Yaker

READ ON FRI/SAT, 8/25 and 8/26

8/26/23 - 9 Elul E. Jerry Light

8/20/23 - 3 Elul

Morris Friedman David Goldstein Sherry Halprin Morris Kostner Max Poppel Mildred Rosenhouse Lila Schimmel **Bernard Schumer**

8/24/23 - 7 Elul

Alexander Breinan Jaime Feder Goldy Frosch Alvin Levine Leiba Pischtschenok Ruth Sacks Harry Schutzer

8/21/23 - 4 Elul

Sonva Graff Paul Meola, Jr. Florine Peck Milton Vishlitsky

8/22/23 -5 Elul

Leon Fichtelberg **Rose Freifeld** Jack Pleener

8/25/23 - 8 Elul

Ralph Atkins Arthur Berger Hannah Jankowitz Anna Leibowitz Pearl Lerner Leventhal Arthur David Levine **Bessie Medwin David Miller**

8/27/23 – 10 Elul Louis Bernstein **Beatrice Butler** Edward Butler Abraham Fleischner

Edith G. Cohen Shirley Friedman Svlvia Krenis Ida Marcus Sally Seidenfrau Henry Shapiro

8/30/23 - 13 Elul

Cy Cymbol Millie Feinbloom Pennie Galtman Leon Kutner Morris Marcus Monroe Reiser Theodore Silverman Robert Sperling

8/31/23 – 14 Elul

Herman Adler Lena Bader Albert Berman William Corby Helen Decter Jules Edlin Paula Fruchtman Morris Rothberg

8/28/23 – 11 Elul

Louis Axelrod Isidore Goldenberg Alexander Greenfield **Bob Herbst** Ignatz Kalman Nancy D. Kayne Leona Roth Loewenstein Rose Wolfson Lillian Morris Solomon Nagin Estelle Person

9/1/23 – 15 Elul

Abraham Concool Ida Druckman Mildred Koss Harry Levine Andor Rosenberg Morris Steinberg

8/29/23 -12 Elul

Rose Bader **Rochelle Lucy Cohen** Nathan Goldstein Libby Mendelsohn Mary Rosenthal Dorothy Stern