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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.

# RABBI'S MESSAGE

RABBI MARK DAVID FINKEL

## Hanukkah is 8 Nights

**Please Share Tuesday, December 20th with the Montville Jewish Community**

My family still asks me what I would like for Hanukkah. I give them some vague non-answer, and they walk away probably feeling that they are dealing with Scrooge this holiday season. I should give their question some thought *before* they ask me, but I rarely do. Not that I don't want to take responsibility, but I have often thought that there should be a separate Rabbi's holiday for most of the Jewish holidays of the year. That way the Rabbi gets to celebrate with family and not worry about the communal celebration. Even when it is a 2-day holiday, my focus is on making sure that everything at the synagogue is prepared to the best of my ability; and for those who might say, "You would think that after all these years, he would have the holiday ready to go." That would be nice, but you can't buy "*Rosh HaShanah* in a Box" at Target, not even on Amazon.

However, Hanukkah is 8 nights, so it is rare for me to have a professional commitment on each of the 8 nights of Hanukkah; and maybe that's what it takes to celebrate a holiday with enough days that there is room for a communal celebration, other professional commitments related to the holiday, and time to celebrate uninterrupted with family, so without mapping out my schedule for the week of Hanukkah, let me make one Hanukkah request/wish:

**Please join me and other members of the Montville Jewish Community**

**Tuesday, December 20th @ 5:30 PM**

**for the annual lighting of the hanukkiah  
in front of the Montville Township building**

As in years past, there will be food: *sufganiyot* (donuts), hot coffee and hot chocolate and music. Since it is outdoors, we can be less nervous about gathering with other people, and **we can make a statement that in spite of the growing number of acts of anti-Semitism in the United States, we are both the proud hosts and the honored guests of a Hanukkah celebration taking place on our very public property.** We will also be joined there that evening by some of our Township elected leaders, so we can show our pride that evening if we have a larger crowd.

One will find all the details in the *Candlestick* and in the weekly *Shabbat* announcements.  
I hope to see you then.

From me and my family to you and your family:  
a very happy, bright and joyous Hanukkah to all,

Rabbi Finkel

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MICHAEL WEINSTEIN

President

Wow! In early November our community got a scare. The FBI in Newark tweeted it had received "credible information of a broad threat to synagogues in New Jersey." The synagogue had to respond and, advised by the authorities and our own security consultant, we did all the right things in hiring extra security, canceling some synagogue events, and being sure to inform our congregants of what was happening.

My experience is that once a threat has passed and we feel safer again, we tend to pay less attention to learn the cause. If you hadn't heard, let me share; federal prosecutors say an 18-year-old Sayreville, New Jersey man was arrested (fortunately quickly) having sent a manifesto online with threats to attack a New Jersey synagogue based on his hatred of Jews. If this localized threat wasn't enough, toss in former US Presidents refusing to disavow the outspoken beliefs of professed anti-Semites and white supremacist-Holocaust deniers who they've dined with, and we really have a problem. No fooling around here; it's time to stop shrugging our shoulders. Antisemitism is manifesting itself in more blatant and direct ways than ever before!

My younger days had me pretty deaf to the plight of Jews suffering from antisemitism, especially those in other parts of the world like the Soviet Republic. I knew of and saw the threat, but I was insulated and didn't feel it the way I should have. I shied from bringing attention to my Jewish self or embracing my Jewish identity with pride and I remember feeling that tinge of embarrassment at the outward expression of antisemitism by myself or other Jews. I wonder if others feel as they grow older more confidence and strength in standing tall. I do, and I believe all Jews need to, because we see now that with each year bringing new records of antisemitic acts (2022 set to be the highest) and with celebrity and politicians indifferent to hatred and division, we are in danger of antisemitism being normalized in our own backyard! It doesn't matter which side of the aisle you lean; the threat is real!

To protect our community, the Pine Brook Center is currently spending our federal security grants to protect our congregants. We are in the process of spending \$200,000 in hardcore security for bullet-resistant glass for windows and doors, interior and exterior cameras, and room access restrictions. So that you can feel safe, you should all know that USCJ, the umbrella organization of the conservative movement, gives excellent reviews of our building for its current condition and for the things we are currently adding. PBJC is among the most secure synagogue facilities in our region.

My message is simple. Your continued membership and commitment, coming to our building, and engaging as active congregants is your vote of support and pride for all of the Jewish People. Hanukkah, our Festival of Lights, tells the story of a miracle and survival. It shines a special light of joy and dignity for who we are. Let's all celebrate this and all of the many events on our current busy calendar! With emphasis, I remind you that tickets are just becoming available for our major fundraising event, PBJC's Crystal Jubilee, to be held just a few months away, on Saturday, February 11, 2023. Please plan to attend on that night as a special occasion to celebrate our clergy and leadership and ultimately our own Jewish community in beautiful Scheinman Hall!

Happy Hanukkah and holiday season to all!

Michael

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# EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

LISA LERMAN and JILL BUCKLER

Early Childhood Center Co-Directors

To say time is flying by would be an understatement. It seems like just yesterday we were busy preparing for the school year. In the blink of an eye, it is December and we have been so busy learning and making fabulous memories.

At the Early Childhood Center, we are all very thankful for our friends, teachers and of course our families. Thanksgiving is always a very special time of year as we invite our families to share the holiday with us. We told the story of the pilgrims, sang some fun holiday songs, and enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving feast. The children especially enjoyed the chance to munch on some holiday favorites including homemade cornbread and butter!

Hanukkah is always a very exciting time of year for our preschoolers, and at PBJC ECC we really know how to celebrate! The holiday spirit is alive and thriving. Just ask your children what they have been creating. Our classrooms and our hallways are decorated with all of their beautiful art projects! We will continue to read holiday stories, bake yummy treats, and make crafts that our families will cherish for years to come. The children have been practicing for weeks and to cap off our holiday season, a very special Pre - school Hanukkah /Shabbat program will be performed. The staff and children join us in wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy 2023!

It is almost January, which means that it will be time to start our Introduction to Preschool class for children who will be 18 months old by January 1. This transition class is designed for toddlers to slowly gain confidence and independence in a classroom setting. The children in "Intro" will be ready for Pine Brook Day Camp Summer 2023 program as well as the 2's class in September. Registration is taking place now.

Planning for Summer 2023 is in full swing! We are currently working on registration for the PBJC Day Camp for children ages 18 months old to 5 years old. Registration will be available in Early Childhood Center office or please feel free to contact us at [ecc@pbjc.org](mailto:ecc@pbjc.org) to hear more about this wonderful program.

Registration for the 2023-24 school year will soon be open. Stay tuned for details regarding our dynamic and vibrant Intro, 2, 3 and Pre-K programs in our January newsletter.

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 / Jill Buckler  
Early Childhood Co-Directors

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

MARY SHEYDWASSER

Educational Director

I trust that you all had a happy and meaningful Thanksgiving. So, in the tradition of giving thanks, our teachers, Robin, and I would like to simply say, thank you to all the Religious School parents for allowing us to be a part of your child's Jewish journey. Our objective has always been to give our students the ethics and values of becoming a "mensch", a legacy of which, they will carry forward to their children.

Kitah Dalet families came together for a memorable Bar/Bat Mitzvah workshop. During our discussion, a feeling of community was established, and important aspects of Judaism were addressed. Our sages have always said that there is so much to learn from each other! We ended our workshop by creating "yads," a ritual object that students will be able to use at their own Bar / Bat Mitzvah celebration. The students have been working tirelessly on their Kabbalat Shabbat prayers as they will be leading services on December 2<sup>nd</sup>... **I am so proud of the accomplishments and skills of our students; may they continue to go from strength to strength.** Kol Hakavod to Diane Mendelsohn, and Randy Wenarsky for their commitment and dedication!

December promises to be a very exciting month, filled with special programs and events. Students will be learning all about Hanukkah, culminating with a school wide program on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, featuring Eva Grayzell. She is a renowned, vibrant, interactive storyteller, and I am sure that she will certainly engage our students of all ages! Please check our calendar for all our events.

Many thanks to the Jewish Memorial Chapel for their \$500 donation to our Religious School. Their contribution helps to provide the means that enables us to maintain an active Jewish community.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge our "Youth of the Year" students: Zachary Friedman, Ethan Kraut, Matthew Reiss, Jack Steckelman, Amanda Stiller, Rachel Thailer and Hailey Zuckerman. They have given so much of themselves to our school, volunteering in our primary program or working with students on Hebrew fluency. I have had the honor of watching them grow into extraordinary adults and only wish them well in university. May their dreams and aspirations be fulfilled!



## Upcoming Events:

Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> – B'Yachad (8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade students)  
Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kitah Dalet Class Service & Shabbaton  
Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Junior Congregation  
Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – B'Yachad (10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students)  
Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – Challah Days  
Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – Olive Oil Workshop for Kitah Aleph (3<sup>rd</sup> grade)  
Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> - Junior Congregation  
Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – School Wide Hanukkah Program  
Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> – Lighting of the Town Hall Hanukkiah  
Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> - B'Yachad Hanukkah Party  
Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> – No Religious School

I am elated that our community has come together with *ruach*, spirit, and a sense of accomplishment in this post COVID era. Wishing you a very happy Hanukkah; may the lights from our Hanukkiot continue to light our spirit and souls.

B'Shalom

Mary Sheydwasser

Education Director

December 2022

Kislev – Tevet 5783

# B'NAI MITZVAH

**Shawn Yudkin**

**December 10, 2022**



Shawn Harris Yudkin was born on December 10, 2009, making Felice and Marc proud parents for the first time. Although Shawn was tiny at birth, he was a very busy, energetic, and strong-willed toddler and little boy. Shawn has grown into a thoughtful, independent, smart, and fun young man. He is the most loving son, brother, grandson, and friend. Since he took his first steps, Shawn has had a passion for sports. He is a committed and amazingly talented athlete who shines on the golf course, basketball court and soccer field. When not playing sports, Shawn loves spending his summers at Tyler Hill Camp, enjoying time with his family, and hanging out with his friends.

For his mitzvah project, Shawn has decided to organize a toy drive to benefit children with pediatric cancer. With the help of family and friends, Shawn has collected dozens of toys that he will deliver to the Tomorrows Children Fund at Hackensack Hospital. Shawn is hopeful that he can bring some cheer to these sick children during the upcoming holiday season.

To say that we are proud of Shawn is an understatement. We know the future is bright for Shawn and we can't wait to continue to watch his success. We can't wait to celebrate Shawn's Bar Mitzvah and 13<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 10<sup>th</sup>!



**Sophia Baron**  
**December 17, 2022**



Sophia brightened our world on December 17, 2009, and continues to be a source of love, kindness, humor, and positivity. She amazes us with her intelligence, work ethic, and patience beyond her years. Sophia is a 7<sup>th</sup> grade straight A honor student at Lazar Middle School where she participates in theater, Broadway choir, and the drama club. She recently performed in the school's fall production of "A Storm in the Barn". Sophia has participated in other school productions along with singing and acting performances at Fine Arts Connection in Montville. During the summers, Sophia attends Willow Lake Day camp where she enjoys rock climbing, tubing, spending time with friends, and of course, acting in the camp's theatrical productions. She recently starred as Donkey in the camp's musical "Shrek Jr." and Sven the reindeer in "Frozen Jr.", but we promise she has nothing against playing human roles.

At an early age, Sophia discovered the joy of reading, which is why she chose to focus her Mitzvah Project on literacy. Sophia has been actively collecting books for an incredible non-profit organization called Bridge of Books Foundation. Through this project, she will be able to donate hundreds of books to less fortunate children throughout New Jersey. She is a firm believer that no child should be deprived of the joy of reading or proper education. This is among the countless reasons that we, her parents Pam and Mike, are so proud of the incredible young woman she has become.

# 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 after his untimely passing four years ago, 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

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 has 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 is 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.

We are pleased to announce that we were able to award four scholarships this year. We would like very much to award many more in years to come; however, we need more applicants and donations from congregants. If you would like to make a donation to PBJC, we ask you to consider the Sakolsky/Melzer Scholarship Fund.

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

Beverly Berkowitz  
Committee Chairperson

# SISTERHOOD

ILENE THAILER and FRAN SIMMONS

Co-Presidents

The weather is starting to get colder, and it is getting dark very early, which means Hanukkah is fast approaching! Even though we must start putting on layers of clothing, scarves and gloves it is an exciting time with parties, shopping and holidays!

Our biggest party of the year, our annual Paid-Up Dinner, was on December 1. We all had so much fun and tested our knowledge of trivia. Thank you to our Membership Chairs Staci Handler and Jess Edelstein for coordinating, shopping, and setting up this fun night. We appreciate all their hard work and commitment to Sisterhood.

On Tuesday, December 6 we will be having one of my favorite nights of the year! Shopping at the PBJC Marketplace! We are so happy to be bringing this event back and our wonderful Co-chairs Annika Levitt, Erica Schachter and Lesley Neadel have been working hard getting vendors, doing publicity and setting up the event space to make sure everything goes smoothly. Please tell your friends and family to come and get some fabulous Hanukkah gifts for your family and some extra gifts for yourself!

On Wednesday, December 21 Sisterhood's Z'Havah will be hosting the annual Hanukkah celebration for young families of PBJC and the greater Montville area. We will start the night off with lighting the hanukkiyah and then enjoy pizza, salads, jelly donuts and then some dancing with a DJ. Look for a flyer that will be coming out soon with more information!

One of the best things about Sisterhood is being able to send a Tribute Card for simchas, bereavement and any occasion you can think of. We are so happy that we have a new volunteer for part of the alphabet. Thank you, Nan Rothberg, for volunteering for this position. Below are the names, contact information and corresponding alphabet letters for your last name.

In January we will be having our Zoom bingo night on Monday, January 9 at 8pm, and we will also be having an in-person game night the end of January. Once we have confirmed the date, we will have a flyer sent out. As always, we thank you for your support of Sisterhood and please contact us with any questions or concerns! Happy Hanukkah to you and your families!

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## **Tribute Cards**

Please use the new 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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GR-M	Wendi Leicht <a href="mailto:leichts@optonline.net">leichts@optonline.net</a>	973-420-2679 only if not sending email
N-Z	Estelle Stein <a href="mailto:EstelleBPStein@gmail.com">EstelleBPStein@gmail.com</a>	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
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Online:	Amazon, LL Bean
Retailers:	American Eagle, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath and Beyond, 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 [bethgfuchs@gmail.com](mailto:bethgfuchs@gmail.com). 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 had a great breakfast on Sunday, November 20 with our guest speaker Tyler Benson. Tyler spoke about getting drafted to the Baseball Minor League with the San Diego Padres. Everyone enjoyed listening to him and he answered all the many fabulous and interesting questions he was asked. After Religious School the kids were able to meet Tyler, ask him questions, and get a baseball signed by him.

Men's Club is also thrilled to honor our Man of the Year, Seth Friedman, and our Youths of the Year: Zachary Friedman, Ethan Kraut, Matthew Reiss, Jack Steckelman, Amanda Stiller, Rachel Thailer and Hailey Zuckerman at the annual Federation of Jewish Men's Club event on Sunday, December 4. Please see the following pages for more information about our wonderful and very deserving honorees! Finally, please save the following dates for more Men's Club events:

Sunday, 1/22/23 - Men's Club Breakfast

Sunday, 3/19/23 – Men's Club Breakfast

Sunday, 5/7/23 – Day of Giving and Lag Ba'Omer BBQ

Sunday, 6/11/23 – Men's Club 5K

I look forward to seeing you at these events. Thank you again for your support of PBJC Men's Club.

Jay Thailer

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Jay Thailer and Tyler Benson at the Men's Club Breakfast on November 20





Attendees at the FJMC Man of the Year/Youth of the Year awards dinner on Sunday, December 4, 2022: Seth Friedman, Zachary Friedman, Ethan Kraut, Matthew Reiss, Cantor Toren, Michael Weinstein, Jay Thailer, Rachel Thailer, Hailey Zuckerman, Amanda Stiller, Rabbi Finkel.



Rachel Thailer, Hailey Zuckerman, Amanda Stiller, Matthew Reiss, Ethan Kraut, and Zachary Friedman receive the Youth of the Year award from David Glass.



# MEN'S CLUB MAN OF THE YEAR - Seth Friedman

Seth has been a proud member of the Pine Brook Jewish Center for over 15 years, and he has enjoyed serving the community in many capacities and leadership positions. He co-chaired the Finance Committee for several years and spent two years running the annual Golf Outing fundraiser event. He served on the executive board as Treasurer (for two separate terms), and Financial Secretary. He is currently serving as the First Vice President. He has also been an active member of men's club since he joined the synagogue.

Seth is a Managing Director at Abacus Finance Group, LLC and is a seasoned investment professional having served the private equity industry for over 25 years. He serves on the Board of Directors of Marketplace Events, the largest home and garden show events business in the United States and Canada. He has been actively involved in the community through his children having been involved with the Montville Baseball and Softball Association, as well as coaching various recreational sports teams in Montville through the years.

Married to his wife Randi for 20 years, they reside in Montville with their children Zachary and Hannah. Both of Seth's kids attended PBJC's Early Childhood Center and Religious School, celebrated their B'nai Mitzvah, and currently attend the B'Yachad Hebrew high program at PBJC. The synagogue has become a second home for Seth and his family and they could not be happier to be part of this wonderful and inclusive congregation. Seth is thankful to the community for the honor of being recognized as PBJC's Man of the Year.



Seth Friedman receives the Man of the Year award from David Glass.

# **MEN'S CLUB YOUTHS OF THE YEAR**

## **Zachary Friedman, Ethan Kraut, Matthew Reiss, Jack Steckelman, Amanda Stiller, Rachel Thailer, and Hailey Zuckerman**

B'YACHAD, the Hebrew word for "together," is a fitting title for the Hebrew High School program at the Pine Brook Jewish Center. Our B'Yachad students learn to embrace Judaism and Jewish values as they relate to their lives, to their community, and to the world. Students meet twice a month where they bond, learn, share meals, and discuss a wide variety of topics in an atmosphere of acceptance and respect and with a commitment to open sharing without judgment. The students also enjoy special programs and trips together. The B'Yachad program at PBJC was created by our Educational Director, Mary Sheydwasser, fifteen years ago and it continues to thrive and inspire our students every year under her dedication and leadership.

PBJC is thrilled to honor our seven graduating 12th grade B'Yachad students as our Youths of the Year - Zachary Friedman, Ethan Kraut, Matthew Reiss, Jack Steckelman, Amanda Stiller, Rachel Thailer, and Hailey Zuckerman. Together they have been committed to B'Yachad, helping the program to continue to thrive even during the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to their leadership in our Hebrew High program, Amanda, Hailey, Rachel, Zack, Ethan, and Matthew have been Madrichim for our Religious School, serving as assistant teachers in classes, tutoring students, and helping however needed. Ethan and Zack have read Torah during High Holy day services for the past five years, Hailey read High Holy Day Haftarah one year, and Amanda has assisted with High Holy Day Tot Shabbat services. Both Rachel and Amanda work in our Early Childhood Center Giggle Zone daycare and are recipients of the PBJC Sakolsky-Melzer Scholarship, for Amanda's work at Camp Deeny Riback in the summer and for Rachel's trip to Israel through NJY Camps. The students are also involved in the PBJC Community Outreach Committee (Zack is Treasurer), helping to collect items and serve meals to those in need.

The students excel academically and are members of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, and Tri-M Music National Honor Society. Matthew received a National Merit Scholarship Commendation. He also received Honorary Mention for Grand Concours, the National French Exam, when he placed 11th in the nation. Ethan was a National Finalist and two-time State finalist for FBLA. They are leaders in and members of many school activities, clubs and organizations including the High School newspaper (Ethan is Editor-in-Chief), Missy's Miracle (Zack is President), Key Club (Hailey is Senior Vice-President), French National Honor Society (Matthew is President), Robotics Club (Jack is an officer), FBLA (Ethan is an officer), Model UN (Ethan is an officer), Peers as Leaders, Drama Club, Science Olympiad, Chamber Choir, International Concerns Club, Computer Club, Make-A-Wish Club, and the Forensics Speech and Debate Club. They participate in sports including the Tennis Team (Zack and Ethan), Bowling Team (Amanda), Swim Team (Matthew), Cross Country Team (Jack), and the Track Team (Jack and Amanda). Matthew participated in the Columbia University Pre-college Summer Immersion Program and Hailey participated in the Tufts Mini Med School Summer Program.

Their community service contributions are many and the impact they have made is considerable. Zack, Ethan, Matthew, Amanda and Jack are mentors for Pathways for Exceptional Children, Rachel is an EMT Cadet and Hailey is a Junior Volunteer at Chilton Medical Center. Hailey has also volunteered with the REACH program. Ethan, Zack, Amanda, and Matthew have served as summer camp counselors while Rachel, Amanda, and Hailey have babysat for many local families.

All seven of these students began their journey at the Pine Brook Jewish Center in our Early Childhood Center, graduated from our Preschool, and became Bar and Bat Mitzvah here. It is with great pride that PBJC celebrates the many achievements of these fine young men and women who truly are wonderful role models for our community.

# BETTY CRANE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

FRAN HOBERMAN-SCHENKEL AND BETH FUCHS

Club Coordinators

On November 17<sup>th</sup> Paul Cirillo came to PBJC and spoke to us about “Living on the International Space Station.” Paul is a wonderful speaker, and this was a terrific, fun, and educational topic. Paul shared gorgeous photos of space and the earth, videos of some of the astronauts in space demonstrating daily activities and taught us much about the ISS. Did you know:

- the ISS has been continually manned for over 22 years and is expected to be in use until 2030?
- originally there was a crew of 3, but today typically there are 6 or 7 people living / working on the ISS, typically for a 6-month visit?
- 2 ships are always docked at the ISS in case an emergency escape is necessary?
- the ISS is about 250 miles from earth and orbits at 17,500 miles per hour?
- the ISS is the length of a football field (including the end zones)?
- the ISS (if on earth) would weigh about 1 million pounds?
- there are 3 labs on the ISS doing hundreds of experiments, many related to curing diseases back on Earth?

Paul ended his discussion by explaining that the ISS is visible via plain sight from your backyard as it passes above and that you can look up the best times to see the ISS passing overhead on the website [www.heavens-above.com](http://www.heavens-above.com).

In December we look forward to having Dr. Robert W. Butts join us to talk about “**The Lasting Influence of the Jewish Musicians of the 1960s**”. So please mark your calendars for **7:30pm on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**. The 1960s were one of the most violent and volatile of decades, filled with incredible change, confrontation, and creativity. All forms of music were impacted by the times. Among the most important artists were many Jewish composers, songwriters and performers in the orchestral world, Broadway, folk music, rock and roll, and more, including Leonard Bernstein, Neil Sedaka, Carole King, Stephen Sondheim, Bob Dylan, Paul Simon, Jerry Herman and Barbra Streisand. Free for FC members. \$5 for non-members.

Please also save the dates for a **two-part ArtTalks** series via **Zoom** by Janet Mandel. Janet will be presenting on **Marc Chagall** at **7:30pm on Tuesday January 24<sup>th</sup>** and at **7:30pm on Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup>**. Join us whether in northern NJ or somewhere warm.

Thanks to all who have renewed their membership. If you aren't sure whether you have joined/paid for the 2022-2023 Membership Year, please send us an email and we can check for you and send a membership form if you have not yet joined/renewed.

If you have suggestions for future programs or want to help us out and join the Friendship Club Committee, email us at [PBJCfriendshipclub@gmail.com](mailto:PBJCfriendshipclub@gmail.com).

Beth and Fran

# 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](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

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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Home 973-299-1343  
Email [ciknj@optonline.net](mailto:ciknj@optonline.net)

Sandy Gonzalez  
Cell 973-592-2831  
Email [sgonzalez@pbjc.org](mailto:sgonzalez@pbjc.org)

For more than 20 years, PBJC has served as a member congregation of nourish.NJ (formerly the Community Soup Kitchen & Outreach Center), taking responsibility for lunch whenever there is a fifth Sunday of a month.

The next fifth Sunday is **January 29th**. PBJC members are asked to consider contributing to nourish.NJ in either of the following ways:

1. nourish.NJ continues to hand out bagged groceries each day. Louis Schwartz will be in the PBJC parking lot on **Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> collecting donations from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM**. The food in greatest need right now is canned chicken, canned beans, canned soups, canned stews, and cereal. **Please only donate non-perishable items.**
2. Help by making a monetary donation to nourish.NJ by **January 29th**. All donations collected for nourish.NJ through PBJC will go directly towards food supplies for nourish.NJ. Monetary donations can be made as follows:
  - Online through the PBJC website. Click on “Donate Now” and make sure to select “nourish.NJ Donation” as the “Type” of payment.
  - Through a check made payable to “PBJC” and mailed to PBJC at 174 Changebridge Road, Montville, NJ 07045. Please indicate “nourish.NJ donation” in the memo of the check and please put “Attn: nourish.NJ donation” on the envelope.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with nourish.NJ as the organization grows and evolves. We will see how we can best support the organization and the people it serves. Thank you for your continued support.

**If you have any questions, you can contact Lou at [nourishNJ@pbjc.org](mailto:nourishNJ@pbjc.org) or 973-787-7243.**



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEES

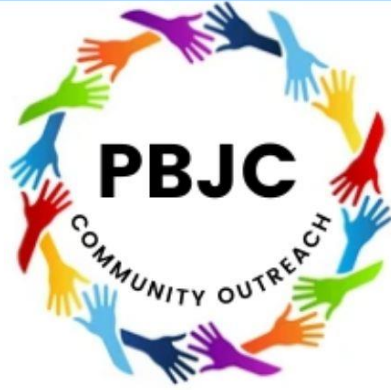
**MARK ROFFMAN**

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](http://www.pbjc.org)). Alternatively, send a check payable to PBJC with the appropriate notation (indicating the committee 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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## **WHY JOIN:**

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

- ✓ **EMAIL: [PBJCOUTREACH@GMAIL.COM](mailto: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](#)

Tuesday, December 6 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM – Sisterhood Marketplace

Wednesday, December 7 at 8 PM - Chevra Board Meeting

Thursday, December 8 at 7:30 PM - Friendship Club: The Lasting Influence of the Jewish Musicians of the 1960's

Wednesday, December 14 - Deadline to Drop Off Toys for the Holiday Toy Drive

Tuesday, December 20 at 5:30 PM - Montville Township Hanukkah Lighting

Wednesday, December 22 - Preschool Hanukkah Lighting and Hanukkah Celebration Sponsored by Sisterhood

Saturday, December 24 at 7 PM - Virtual Art Auction

Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 6 PM - We Stand with Ukraine Program and Fundraiser

Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 7 PM - REGISTER NOW! PBJC's Crystal Jubilee

Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 4 PM - SAVE THE DATE! Morris County Jewish Community Concert - 613

July 2-10, 2023 - Jewish Federation of Greater Metrowest Centennial Mission to Israel

## Calling All Teens!

It's time for HaZamir's 2022-2023 season! HaZamir: The International Jewish Teen Choir, the one-of-a-kind youth movement, is the place for you!

HaZaPrep Metrowest, 7th and 8th grade, meets Sundays 12p-1p

HaZamir MetroWest, 9th-12th grade, meets Sundays 1p-3p

both at Pine Brook Jewish Center, conducted by our very own Joshua Gonzalez. Spread the word! This year is going to be a very exciting one for our chapter!!!

Anyone interested in learning more about HaZamir or HaZaPrep, should reach out to Joshua Gonzalez at [HaZaMetrowest@gmail.com](mailto:HaZaMetrowest@gmail.com).

# 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, and phone number. We will be happy to include you in our babysitting section in future issues of the Candlestick newsletter.*

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

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

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

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

# DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES and BIRTHDAYS

Happy Anniversary to...

12/11 – Jennifer and David Katz  
12/13 – Anna Kundel and Omar Bellorin Marin  
12/18 – Ann and Raymond Mariash  
12/19 – Sharon and Robert Fields  
12/23 – Rosalyn and Peter Lippa



Happy Birthday to...

12/3 – Andy Boyer, Lilia Jasinski, Riley Marcus, Michael Margiotta, Randy Wenarsky  
12/4 – Muriel Leon, Skylar Zacker  
12/6 – Howard Chesler  
12/7 – Sydney Glickson, Tara Goldstein, Lauren Kideckel, Zoe Willner  
12/8 – Jake Baron, David Honig, Diane Krause, Howard Lefkowitz, Shoshana Schiff  
12/10 – Barbara Kaufman, Mason Orgel, Shawn Yudkin  
12/12 – Hannah Friedman, Steven Sandler, Reese Schachter  
12/13 – Staci Handler, Alexandra Musikant  
12/15 – Jason Schneidkraut  
12/16 – Sima Feder, Liam Pugach, Reece Spielberger  
12/17 – Sophia Baron, Arielle Katz, Charlie Rubin  
12/19 – Diane Talman  
12/20 – Rita Murray, Riley Wertheimer  
12/21 – Aiden Solotoff  
12/22 – Chloe Adest, Melanie Lewis  
12/23 – Beverly Miller, Jake Willner  
12/24 – Robert Rosenhouse, Harrison Talman  
12/25 – Michael Baron, Adam Handler, Ellen Lewis, Susana Mendelson, Allison Wise  
12/26 – Sigmund Harac  
12/27 – Chelsey Devereux, Ethan Weiss, Sadie Weiss  
12/28 – Ian Handler, Andrew Jacobs, Bennett Rothenberg  
12/29 – Mitchell Goldstein, Jennifer Marchant, Barry Marks, Stewart Nadel  
12/30 – Steven Horowitz, Gary Murray  
12/31 – Jacqueline Fenton, Lynn Glass, Alan Rothberg, Cory Solotoff





# DONORS/SPONSORS

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

By: Shay Dubman  
In memory of his beloved mother, Blanche Madee Dubman and his beloved father, Jack Jacob Dubman

By: Randy and Jack Wenarsky  
In appreciation of Rabbi Finkel's support during the funeral of Randy's beloved mother, Roberta Phillips

## CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

By: Randy and Jack Wenarsky  
In appreciation of Cantor Toren's support during the funeral of Randy's beloved mother, Roberta Phillips

## PBJC BEAUTIFICATION/HONOR MEMORIAL GARDEN

By: Nancy Friedman  
In honor of Seth Friedman being named Man of the Year

## THE HARVEY JAFFE B'YACHAD MEMORIAL FUND

Mazel Tov to Polly and Allan Senker  
in honor of Jeremy becoming a Bar Mitzvah

By: Robin Mangino  
In honor of the Youths of the Year - Zachary Friedman, Ethan Kraut, Matthew Reiss, Jack Steckelman, Amanda Stiller, Rachel Thailer and Hailey Zuckerman

By: Mary and Frank Sheydwasser  
In honor of the Youths of the Year - Zachary Friedman, Ethan Kraut, Matthew Reiss, Jack Steckelman, Amanda Stiller, Rachel Thailer and Hailey Zuckerman

## PRAYER BOOK FUND (LEV SHALEM)

By: Estelle Stein  
In memory of her beloved father, Louis Premock and her beloved mother, Annette Premock

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

By: Sima and Abe Feder  
In memory of Sima's beloved parents, Rebecca and Yudel Rapoport and Abe's beloved parents, Ana Kolpen Feder and Jaime Feder

By: Nancy Friedman  
In honor of Zachary Friedman being named Youth of the Year

By: Aimee Matlick and Mitchell Kramer  
In memory of Roberta Phillips

By: Mary and Frank Sheydwasser  
In honor of Seth Friedman being named Man of the Year. Mazal Tov on this well-deserved achievement

## ELIOT SAKOLSKY/AARON MELZER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

By: Harvey Sakolsky  
In memory of his beloved mother, Arlene Sakolsky

## PBJC GENERAL DONATION

By: Robin Mangino  
In honor of Seth Friedman being named Man of the Year!

By: Barry Marks and Isabel Margolin  
In honor of Seth Friedman being selected as Man of the Year

By: Thomas Renny

## Yahrzeit Donation

By: Fred Aibel  
In memory of his mother, Harryette L. Aibel  
and his beloved father, Samuel H. Aibel

By: Rochelle Askinazi  
In memory of her beloved father, Charles Allman

By: Barry Berger  
In memory of his beloved brother, Allan Berger  
and beloved father, Sol Berger

By: Tammy Buren  
In memory of her beloved father, Irving Berman

By: Cyndy Chase  
In memory of her beloved mother, Tillie Bohana

By: Arnold Decof  
In memory of his beloved father-in-law,  
Louis Neiditch

By: Joan Disler  
In memory of her grandmother, Rose L. Cohen

By: Abigail Edelman  
In memory of her beloved father, Evan Fader

By: Melvyn Feinbloom  
In memory of his beloved father, Jack Feinbloom

By: Gail Feldman  
In memory of her beloved sister-in-law,  
Hinda Esterson

By: Marcy Greenwald  
In memory of her beloved daughter, Lisa Olsen

By: Barry Kaufman  
In memory of his beloved mother,  
Florence G. Kaufman

By: Stephanie Kutlow  
In memory of her beloved mother, Rebecca Mevorah

By: Melinda Kraus  
In memory of her beloved maternal grandmother,  
Yetta Cherr

## Yahrzeit Donation (Continued)

By: Vivian Lebowitz  
In memory of her beloved father, Benjamin Levine

By: Beverly Miller  
In memory of her beloved father,  
Raymond Lichtenberg

By: Barbara Morrison  
In memory of her beloved father,  
James H. Mergentime

By: Craig Nadel  
In memory of his beloved parents,  
Manny and Estelle Nadel

By: Marlene Rosen  
In memory of her beloved husband, Martin Rosen; her  
beloved son, David Michael Rosen; her beloved  
mother, Sylvia Kostner; her beloved mother-in-law,  
Sadie U. Rosen; her beloved father-in-law, Samuel A.  
Rosen; her beloved aunt, Gertrude Miller; her beloved  
grandmother, Sarah Kostner and her beloved  
grandfather, Morris Kostner

By: Patty Shwartz  
In memory of her beloved father, Harold Shwartz, her  
beloved aunt, Pauline Shwartz, her beloved  
grandfather, Louis Kobre and her beloved uncle,  
Irving Kobre

By: Esther Soussa  
In memory of her beloved husband, Maurice Soussa  
and beloved brother, Steve Hay

By: Marcia Speck  
In memory of her beloved mother,  
Ruth Neuhaus Schlesinger

By: Vicki and Ira Sukoneck  
In memory of Vicky's beloved mother, Harriet  
Sherman and Ira's beloved mother, Mae Sukoneck

By: David Stein  
In memory of his beloved father, Merton Stein

By: Estelle Stein  
In memory of her beloved father, Louis Premock

## Yahrzeit Donation (Continued)

By: Lawrence Tornow  
In memory of his beloved mother, Esther Tornow

By: Nancy Lerner-Weiss  
In memory of her beloved grandmother and  
grandfather, Kate Lerner and Charlie Cohen

By: Lester Wolfson  
In memory of his beloved uncle, Sam Siegel  
and his beloved father, Jacob Wolfson

By: Natalie Wallach  
In memory of her beloved sister, Janet F. Salzman

## OUR CONDOLENCES TO

Michael Slipowitz on the loss of his beloved  
father, Joseph Slipowitz

Pam Stoller on the loss of her beloved sister,  
Fern Goldstein

Jory Schlenger and Sandy Gonzalez on the  
loss of their beloved wife and mother,  
Estelle Schlenger

Heather Reiser on the loss of her beloved  
mother, Sheila Lenoir Ehrlich

Deborah Kauf Colfin on the loss of her beloved  
mother, Evelyn Kauf

# SISTERHOOD TRIBUTES

To: Pam and Michael Baron –  
Mazel Tov on Sophia's Bat Mitzvah  
From: Sisterhood

To: Sue Charnet –  
Thank you for the beautiful handmade items for my  
great-grandson, Jonah Stein  
From: Esther Soussa

To: Sue Charnet –  
Wishing you a speedy recovery  
From: Marlene Schienthal

To: Diane Dalton –  
Thank you for your generosity, care and friendship  
From: Esther Soussa

To: Ira Dawer –  
In memory of your wife, Rosanne  
From: Marcy and Alan Guilder, Rosalee and Doug  
Keech, Carol Kotch, Ellen and Peter Lieber, Fran  
Hoberman Schenkel, Howard Schenkel and Family,  
Toby Wolfman

To: Sima and Abe Feder –  
Mazel Tov on the marriage of your grandchildren  
From: Esther Soussa

To: Gail Feldman –  
Thank you for your generosity, care and friendship  
From: Esther Soussa

To: Seth Friedman –  
Mazel Tov on being named PBJC Men's Club  
Man of the Year  
From: Beverly and Ilysa Berkowitz

To: Carol Kotch –  
Thank you for your generosity, care and friendship  
From: Esther Soussa

To: Judy and Mark Lipsky –  
Mazel Tov on your grandson's Bar Mitzvah  
From: Marlene Schienthal

To: Marlene Schienthal –  
Mazel Tov on your grandson's engagement  
From: Beverly and Ilysa Berkowitz

To: Marlene Schienthal –  
Mazel Tov on your grandson's Bar Mitzvah  
From: Beverly and Ilysa Berkowitz

To: Michael Slipowitz –  
In memory of your father, Joseph Slipowitz  
From: Irene and Jerrold Davis, Marcia Grossman,  
Diane and Alan Krause, Randy and Jack Wenarsky

To: Randy Wenarsky –  
In memory of your mother, Roberta Phillips  
From: Janice and Fred Aibel, Beverly and Ilysa  
Berkowitz, Nancy and Jonathan Cohen, Lois and  
Barry Davis, Gail Feldman, Gay and Steve  
Gershberg, Judy and Steve Gothelf, Marcy and  
Alan Guilder, Roberta and Bob Kanarick, Wendi  
and Leonard Leicht, Ellen and Peter Lieber, Susan  
and Gary Messinger, Beverly and Michael Miller,  
Ina and Mark Roffman, Mel Sanders, Fran  
Hoberman Schenkel and Howard Schenkel, Estelle  
Stein, Libby and Charlie Stein, Sheila and Barry  
Weinreb, the Weiss Family, Toby Wolfman

To: Felice and Marc Yudkin –  
Mazel Tov on Shawn's Bar Mitzvah  
From: Sisterhood

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:  
<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.

**Welcome to the tribute team, Nan Rothberg. She will be sending out the cards for the first third of the alphabet.**

A-GO	Nan Rothberg <a href="mailto:nanpbjc@gmail.com">nanpbjc@gmail.com</a>	973-879-3529 only if not sending email
GR-M	Wendi Leicht <a href="mailto:leichts@optonline.net">leichts@optonline.net</a>	973-420-2679 only if not sending email
N-Z	Estelle Stein <a href="mailto:EstelleBPStein@gmail.com">EstelleBPStein@gmail.com</a>	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.**

# YAHREZEITS

**READ ON FRI/SAT,  
12/2 and 12/3**

**12/3/22 – 9 Kislev**

Max Blank  
Sophie Grossman  
Lillian Levine  
Abraham Rynski  
Morris Treiser

**12/4/22 – 10 Kislev**

Fannie Iglowitz  
Rose B. Moroch  
Benjamin Zimmerman

**12/5/22 – 11 Kislev**

Charlotte Bornstein  
Jack Feinbloom  
Harry Gottesman  
Solomon Kleiner  
Abe Konner  
Gertrude Richman  
Max Rubin  
Louis Seman

**12/6/22 – 12 Kislev**

Martin Seidman  
Maurice Toub

**12/7/22 – 13 Kislev**

Tillie Bohana  
Monte Brief  
Rachel Dina Dabrowski  
Mildred Fabricant  
Clara Halprin  
Josef Hoch  
Harold Solomon Levin  
Naomi Rebecca Newman  
Edward Rubin  
Arlene Sakolsky

**12/8/22 – 14 Kislev**

David Alboum  
Frances Freeman  
Joseph H. Friedman  
Nathan Leibowitz  
Lisa Olsen  
Rose Saul  
Ruth Schulman  
Myrna Teich

**12/9/22 – 15 Kislev**

Roye David Abramson  
David Bauman  
Rose Bloom  
Donald Davidson  
Lillian Fenton  
Abe M. Finver  
Emily Jane Hirsch  
Rebecca Levy  
Charles Liboff  
Edna Morenstein  
Jane Russnow  
Miriam Simon  
Dorothy Urbach  
Gertrude Kleiner Zimmerman

**READ ON FRI/SAT,  
12/9 and 12/10**

**12/10/22 – 16 Kislev**

Beatrice Freedberg  
Esther Harris  
Estelle Krinsky  
Abe M. Levine  
Aaron Neelman  
Louis Premock

**12/11/22 – 17 Kislev**

Samuel Albin  
David Engel  
Ida Gurr  
Dora Morris  
Samuel Soled  
Arnold Unger

**12/12/22 – 18 Kislev**

Sam Bader  
Dezider Benau  
Sheryl Ferguson  
Joan Konner Kass  
Saul Landau  
Reuben Marine  
Alan Rose  
Sol Rosenblatt  
Isaac Schwartz

**12/13/22 – 19 Kislev**

Philip Frelich  
Beatrice Harris  
Ethel Joseph  
Cornelia Kleinman  
James H. Mergentime  
Evelyn Rosmarin  
Benjamin Wenarsky  
Teddie Nelson Wieland

**12/14/22 – 20 Kislev**

Samuel H. Aibel  
Jean Davis  
Belle Gitlin  
Toby Michaelson  
Charlotte Herbitter  
Tenenbaum

**12/15/22 – 21 Kislev**

Robert Einhorn  
Harold Shwartz  
Florence Wellen

**12/16/22 – 23 Kislev**

Jacob Goldberg  
Aaron Goldstein  
Erwin Greenwald  
Irwin Messinger  
Anne Weinberg  
Ruth Wolff



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**12/17/22 – 23 Kislev**

Charlie Cohen  
Ida Falk  
Rose Kleiner  
Shlome Madriss  
Michael Margulis  
Herman Stein

**12/18/22 – 24 Kislev**

Ida Atkins Bilus  
Benjamin Biskowitz  
Seymour Bortniker  
Max Cone  
Anita Shuster Gumnit  
Louis Kobre  
William Ronald Krupnick  
William Leflein  
Elaine Lintz  
Edward Lippa  
Idel Mathias  
Nancy Mazur

**12/19/22 – 25 Kislev**

Irving Cabelly  
Sophie Fagen  
Albert Levine  
Janet F. Salzman  
Pauline Shwartz

**12/20/22 – 26 Kislev**

Jerry Atkins  
Abraham Baron  
Irving Berman  
Nettie Scheinthal Bresler  
Sigmund Heiman  
Samuel B. Mendelsohn  
Alvin Nochenson  
Eleanore Nochenson  
George Singer  
Roy Dennis Youngman

**12/21/22 – 27 Kislev**

Isaac Bader  
Leah Epstein  
Hinda Esterson  
Alvin Feinberg  
Selma Friedman  
Herman Glassman  
Ruth Schwartz

**12/22/22 – 28 Kislev**

Max Abrahamson  
Vera Atkins  
Edna Chodor  
Cecil Gordon  
Doris Katz  
Ella Kaufmann  
Benny Lerman  
Edwin Russnow  
Ida Schwartz  
Morton Weinstein  
Bessie Yaroshefsky

**12/23/22 – 29 Kislev**

Milton Albert  
Joseph Bodow  
Louis J. Crane  
Shirley Daniels  
Herbert D. Druckman  
Muriel Glassman  
Siah Grossman  
Mendel Harac  
Emanuel Kleinman  
Max Kritz  
Kate Lerner  
Rebecca Mevorah  
Leah Mittman  
Ruth Neuhaus Schlesinger

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**12/24/22 – 30 Kislev**

Dorothy Klass Facher  
Evan Fader  
George Faecher  
Ida Lifshitz

**12/25//22 – 1 Tevet**

Harryette L. Aibel  
Gene Bass  
Ida Bornstein  
Blanche (Madee) Dubman  
Samuel Greenfield  
Chaim Yechiel Neuhaus  
Chava Rochma Neuhaus  
Elaine Schkolnick  
Harriet Sherman  
Jacob Wolfson  
Erica Zwickel

**12/26/22 – 2 Tevet**

Philip Daniels  
Sidney Fietelson  
Helen Isenberg  
Jean Klein  
Gerald Lebowitz  
Sophie Ratnoff  
Saul Schwartz  
Lena Zerman

**12/27/22 – 3 Tevet**

Isadore Atkins  
Minnie Delancey  
Abraham Disler  
Heather Edelstein  
Helen F. Isenberg  
Evelyn Jankowitz  
Michael Morenstein  
Estelle Rose White Nadel  
Sady Pearl  
Harold Silverberg

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**12/28/22 – 4 Tevet**

Edward Mark Breinan  
Benjamin Chodor  
Jeffrey Edelman  
Jacob Lesh  
Jeffrey Lipson M.D.

**12/29/22 – 5 Tevet**

Jennie Bailyson  
Ruth Fins  
George Greenspan  
Siegfried Katz  
Sarah Osur  
Sadie Rosenthal  
Hannah Shahmoon

**12/30/22 – 6 Tevet**

Judith Cohn  
Joan Feldman  
Ida Grossman  
Claire Grossman  
Wendy Lenner  
Michael Kevin London

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**12/31/22 – 7 Tevet**

Joseph Baltuch  
Marion Buckholtz  
Samuel Fisvitz  
Martin Grossman  
Sidney A. Levkov  
Jeanne Resnick  
Steven Saloway

**1/1/23 – 8 Tevet**

Larry Boxer  
Irwin Goldstein  
Esther H. Klein  
Benjamin Levine  
Sidi Schlesinger  
Philip Welger  
Jacob Zemel

**1/2/23 – 9 Tevet**

Freida Fish  
Robert Gellman  
Renee Gothelf  
Lillian Pedlosky  
Joseph Reich  
Mae Sukoneck  
Florence Sumka  
Fannie Trencher

**1/3/23 – 10 Tevet**

Shirley Ashendorf  
Edith Kirsch  
Lillian Nadel  
Louis Neiditch  
Leah Saviet  
Merton Stein  
Edward Stoller

**1/4/23 – 11 Tevet**

Dr. Richard Charnet  
Michael Feinstein  
Isador Golden  
Anna Kanengiser  
Charles Korn  
Jacob Kravetz  
Wolf Levine  
Nelma Lieberman  
Eva Pallay  
Adolph Sherwin  
Morton Stein

**1/5/23 – 12 Tevet**

Phyllis Ampel  
Seymour Brumer  
Gilda Horn  
Joseph A. Sarrow

**1/6/23 – 13 Tevet**

Dora Cohn  
Rose Kluger Mendelsohn  
Haim Toren  
Paul B. Weiner