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CANTOR'S MESSAGE

CANTOR MENACHEM TOREN

Greetings my friends,

In this Gregorian month, we are also entering the Hebrew month of Adar, which normally has in it one of my favorite holidays, Purim. But not this year; this year it will happen next month. This year we have 2 months of *Adar*, *Adar I*, followed by *Adar II*, and the reason for that is the fact that in this year's Hebrew (lunar) calendar, we will have 13 months and not 12 as usual.

So...Hebrew leap year vs the Gregorian leap year – why, how, and when?

In the case of the Gregorian calendar, the story is quite simple - it is based on a solar year, and the earth takes almost 365 days and a quarter to orbit the sun, so one day (February 29) is added to the calendar every 4 years. The Hebrew calendar is based on the moon, and here the story is more complicated. In the Hebrew calendar, another whole month is added in a leap year so that it has 13 months, and it does not occur every 4 years as in the Gregorian calendar. Sometimes it occurs every 2 years and sometimes every 3 years. The Hebrew leap year is determined by calculation and takes place in a fixed order in cycles of 19 years. In such a cycle of 19 years, there are 7 leap years, and they will be the 3rd year, the 6th year, the 8th, the 11th, the 14th, the 17th, and the 19th (and last) year in the cycle. This calculation was developed around the 4th century during the Talmud period.

The months of the Hebrew calendar contain either 29 days or 30 days, and not 30 or 31 days as in the Gregorian calendar. This is because the length of time between the appearance of the moon each cycle is about 29.5 days, and in the Hebrew calendar there are leap years due to the lack of coordination between a lunar year and a solar year (364 days in a lunar year and 365 days in a solar year). As a result, each year there is a difference/discrepancy of 11 days between the lunar year and the solar year.

And why is it problematic? Because in such a situation the holidays will not fall in a fixed season, and there is a connection between the holiday and the agricultural season of the year. According to the Bible, Passover must be celebrated in the spring, *Shavuot*, which is the harvest festival, at the time when the wheat is harvested and the first fruits are gathered, while the holiday of *Sukkot*, which is the festival of *Asif*, ends the agricultural year.

The month that is added in a leap year is *Adar A*, and not *Adar B*, which is the original month that exists every year and in which the holiday of Purim falls. And why *Adar*? Very simple: because according to the ancient calendar, the month of *Adar* is the 12th and last month of the calendar.

Bonus: there are no leap years in the Muslim calendar, so the various holidays such as Ramadan occur each time in different seasons. Also, only with the Hebrew calendar, every lunar month is a complete cycle of the moon, and yet, fully synchronized with the Gregorian calendar.

To be honest about it, I never liked the leap year - not as a child, and not now, but for a different reason. As a child, entering the month of *Adar* symbolized the upcoming Purim in 2 weeks, and it made me excited about it, but not in a leap year...As an adult, especially after coming to America, entering the month of *Adar*, means that next month is Nissan, and on Nissan we celebrate Passover and the coveted spring that I am waiting for through the entire harsh eastern winter...

However, as an adult, I have learned the benefit of being patient. Hopefully, by next month we will celebrate Purim with joy, after our hostages who were abducted by Hamas will be released, and we will have a great reason to be joyful. This year, I am happy for the leap year because I am not ready for any celebration.

Love,
Meni

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SETH FRIEDMAN

President

Hello PBJC Community-

For this month's Candlestick article, I have decided to write about the history of anti-Semitism. This message stems from a philosophical discussion I had with my son Zack while he was home for his college winter break. Coming out of that conversation, I used the past couple of weeks to research the history of anti-Semitism and the effects social media has on hatred towards Jews today.

Anti-Semitism has a long and complex history in the United States. From colonial times to the present day, American society has grappled with manifestations of anti-Semitic attitudes and actions. By examining the evolution of anti-Semitism over time, our society can gain insights into the persistence and changing nature of this phenomenon in the U.S.

During the Colonial Period, despite the promise of religious freedom, Jewish settlers in the American colonies faced discrimination and hostility from European colonizers, who often held anti-Semitic beliefs. In fact, various colonies imposed legal restrictions on Jews, limiting their rights to own property, participate in civic life, and practice their faith freely. The 19th century saw large waves of Jewish immigrants arriving in the United States, fleeing persecution, and seeking economic opportunities. However, they encountered anti-Semitic sentiments among nativist groups who viewed them as threats to American identity and culture. Anti-Semitic stereotypes became prevalent in American society, fueled by conspiracy theories and pseudo-scientific notions of racial superiority.

The 1930s witnessed the emergence of anti-Semitic organizations such as the German American Bund, which promoted Nazi ideology and targeted Jewish communities in the United States. Despite the atrocities committed against Jews in Europe, the United States implemented restrictive immigration policies, turning away Jewish refugees fleeing persecution.

More recently, there has been a disturbing rise in antisemitic incidents linked to the Israeli-Hamas conflict, including physical assaults, online harassment, and discriminatory policies. Social media platforms have become battlegrounds for spreading hateful rhetoric and misinformation, amplifying the impact of antisemitic narratives.

Today, the internet has become a breeding ground for anti-Semitic rhetoric, with social media platforms facilitating the spread of hate speech and conspiracy theories targeting Jews. The anonymity and reach afforded by platforms like Facebook, "X" (Twitter), and YouTube allow individuals and groups to disseminate hateful content with ease, reaching millions of users in a matter of seconds. Antisemitic tropes and stereotypes, such as Jewish control of media, finance, and global affairs, are often perpetuated and normalized through viral posts, memes, and videos, fueling prejudice and animosity towards Jewish communities.

While social media offers unprecedented connectivity and communication, it also presents significant challenges, one of which is the spread of hate speech and bigotry. Moreover, social media algorithms, designed to maximize engagement and user retention, inadvertently contribute to the proliferation of antisemitism. These algorithms prioritize content based on user preferences and past interactions, creating echo chambers where individuals are exposed to increasingly extreme and divisive viewpoints. As a result, users susceptible to antisemitic messaging may find themselves inundated with hateful content, further reinforcing their biases, and fostering a sense of belonging within online hate communities.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

Furthermore, social media platforms are the culprit for online harassment and targeted attacks against Jewish individuals and organizations. Cyberbullying and threats of violence have become all too common, causing physical harm to victims and perpetuating a culture of fear and intimidation. Jewish public figures, journalists, and activists are particularly vulnerable to online abuse, facing relentless harassment and smear campaigns simply for expressing their views or identity.

Despite these challenges, it is essential to recognize that social media also offers opportunities for positive change and resistance against antisemitism. Jewish advocacy organizations, grassroots activists, and allies have leveraged social media to raise awareness. Through education campaigns and advocacy efforts, individuals are mobilizing online to challenge antisemitic narratives and promote empathy, understanding, and mutual respect.

My son Zack is a proud Jew who wears his Star of David necklace freely. We should all be proud to be Jewish, but at the same time, we must exercise common sense and vigilance during times of strife. My wife Randi and I are happy with the Jewish values we have instilled upon our children, and it is important that each of us infuses these same values across all generations. The time is now to combat misinformation and build solidarity across our communities throughout the United States and the world.

Onward and upward!

Seth

President@pbjc.org

THE PRESIDENT'S APPEAL

This month, I am focused on the Kol Nidre appeal and Security. As it relates to the Kol Nidre Appeal, the PBJC strives for 100% membership participation in this appeal to help strengthen the security, physical appearance, and overall wellbeing of Pine Brook Jewish Center. **As it relates to Security, the PBJC will be offering a security training session for our entire congregation (Date and Time TBD, but the rescheduled date will be sometime in the spring).**

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 Pine Brook Jewish Center. Thank you in advance for your continued support of the PBJC!

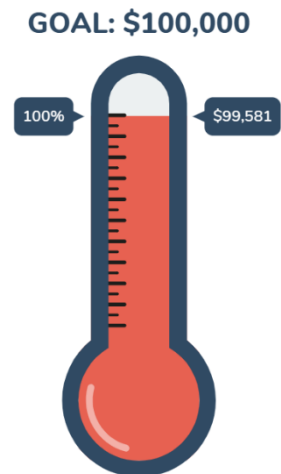
If you are interested in donating to the President's Appeal, please click on the link below and in the "Type" dropdown, choose "23-24 Yom Kippur Appeal" or "Presidents Appeal – Security Training" and direct where you prefer your contribution to go towards.

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

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

100% Goal Target: December 31, 2023

Description: The Kol Nidre Appeal is a fundraising campaign that raises money for PBJC. The appeal is included in a speech by the PBJC President during Yom Kippur. This year, the congregation heard about the needs and desires of the congregation and its leadership, and how the money from this appeal was critical to meeting those needs and desires to bring our community back together. **I am pleased to share that we exceeded our budget projection by roughly \$15,000. Thanks to those who contributed to this effort.**

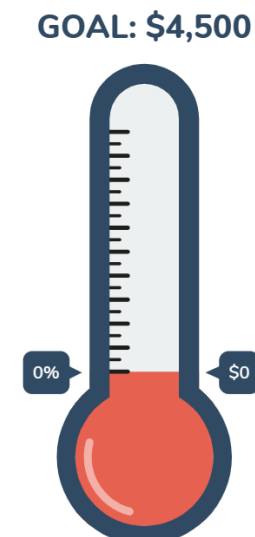


Link: [PBJC - The President's Appeal - Security Training](#)

Appeal #2: PBJC Security Training - \$4,500

100% Goal Target: January 31, 2024

Description: As it relates to Security, the PBJC will be offering two security training sessions, one for the PBJC staff, clergy, teachers, security committee, and Executive Board and then a separate one for our entire congregation (Rescheduling to early 2024). The cost for offering these two training sessions is \$4,500 and was not contemplated during our budgeting process in the Spring 2023. Any and all donations to this appeal will be used to help offset these unbudgeted costs. Anything in excess of \$4,500 will be applied to any armed security we require during these turbulent times.



EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

LISA LERMAN and JILL BUCKLER

Early Childhood Center Co-Directors

PBJC Early Childhood Center kicked off 2024 in high gear! January reminded us that winter weather encourages us to read exciting stories, create wonderful projects and even have some outdoor fun. As we move into the second half of our school year and anxiously await the arrival of spring, we look forward to many exciting programs including learning about dental health, the arrival of the baby chicks and butterflies, Purim, Passover, Eyes of the Wild, *Yom Ha'Atzmaut* and so much more.

We are a state-licensed early childhood program, which also includes the fabulous fun-in-the-sun PBJC Day Camp. Our vibrant programs are highlighted by age-appropriate activities under the care of experienced, loving and professional staff and a curriculum designed for kindergarten preparation. Weekly in-school enrichment classes including physical education, science, music and art round out our dynamic program. At PBJC Early Childhood Center, we encourage the children to become independent, self-confident, and inquisitive learners!

Registration will be opening very soon for the 2024-25 school year at PBJC Early Childhood Center and Giggle Zone. We will be offering classes for 18-month-olds through Pre-K 4's. Additionally the Giggle Zone, our expanded care program, complements our current preschool classes and is available for children ages 18 months to 5 years old from 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. We continually strive to enhance our dynamic, highly regarded nursery programs which are open to children of all faiths. Prospective families are invited to schedule a virtual tour! We would love to show off our wonderful, secure, modern facility. Come speak with our staff and learn more about our highly regarded preschool programs! Help us spread the word and share this information with your friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

Planning for PBJC Day Camp is in full swing! Summer 2024 is right around the corner and children ages 2 years - 5 years old are welcome to attend this terrific camp program. We offer an eight-week program highlighted by fabulous weekly themes and programming that includes water play, arts and crafts, music, games, sports, special events and more! Registration will be available in the preschool office or on our website.

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

As always, our door is open to anyone who would like more information about any of our early childhood or Giggle Zone programs.

Warm Regards,
Lisa Lerman and Jill Buckler
PBJC Early Childhood Center Co-Directors

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

MARY SHEYDWASSER

Educational Director

Our B'Yachad students had a fabulous day together in New York City. Our itinerary included a tour of the Jewish Heritage Museum, discovering how the Danes assisted and hid Jews during the Holocaust, a delicious lunch at Greenwich and Delancey, and a very funny show, "The Play that Goes Wrong". Many thanks to the Harvey Jaffe Fund for subsidizing this trip! One of Hershey's many dreams was to have this group spend time together in an engaging and fun experience. Thank you so much for helping make this come true. *Todah Rabah* to our chaperones, Robin and Matthew Mangino and Frank Sheydwasser for joining us.



B'Yachad is our sacred place where we know whatever happens in B'Yachad stays in B'Yachad. Our students analyzed Hillel's quote, "**Do not separate yourself from the community. Do not judge your fellow until you have stood in his place**". Take a moment and reflect on the following questions: What are the benefits of belonging to a community? What are the sacrifices of belonging to a community? What might Hillel's advice say about the role of interpersonal relationships? What is "the" community? Is it all Jews? A subset of Jews? All people? What does it mean to put yourself in someone else's shoes?

This is what our B'Yachad is all about...creating our own community!

Creating a warm and welcoming environment is a key goal of our religious school. We honored this tradition of a *Kehilla*, (community) when our Kitah Gimel parents and students came together to learn about Shabbat and the meaning of the Kiddush. Each student made a Kiddush cup, an heirloom that can be passed on to future generations. More importantly, they learned more about each other and shared family experiences. Please join us on **Friday, February 9th**, when these students will be leading their Kabbalat Shabbat / Ma'Ariv service. ***Yasher Koach to one and all!***

We do have a very busy February filled with a lot of events and programs. Please mark your calendars:

Thursday, February 1 – B'Yachad (8-9 and 11-12 grades)

Sunday, February 4 – Challah Days

Thursday, February 8 – B'Yachad (8-12 grades)

Friday, February 9 – Kitah Gimel (5th grade) Class Service and Dinner

Saturday, February 10 – Junior Congregation

Sunday, February 11 – Kitah Bet (4th grade) Birkat Habayit Workshop with Parents and Students

Sunday, February 11 – Worldwide Wrap

Sunday, February 18 – NO SCHOOL

Thursday, February 22 – B'Yachad (10 grade)

Saturday, February 24 - Junior Congregation

Sunday, February 25 – Kitah Dalet (6th grade) Yad Workshop with Parents and Students

B'Shalom,

Mary Sheydwasser

Educational Director

HARVEY JAFFE B'YACHAD MEMORIAL FUND

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

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

A few testimonials...

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

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

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

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

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

May this serve as a living tribute to his memory.

ELIOT SAKOLSKY AARON MELZER SCHOLARSHIP

BEVERLY BERKOWITZ and DAVID KRAUT

Co-Chairpersons

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

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

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

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

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

SISTERHOOD

ILENE THAILER and STACI HANDLER

Co-Presidents

As we come into the month of February and brace ourselves for the cold weather ahead, Sisterhood is happy to announce some fun, exciting and comforting events. In January we celebrated *Tu B'Shvat*, a lovely celebration of the start of spring in Israel and the trees starting to bear fruit. Sisterhood is thrilled to start our 2024 programming with Sisterhood Bingo on February 5th at 8pm. Please sign up and let us know if you need a new card.

We are so excited to bring back Challah Making with Hadas! Take the chill out of winter with a warm delicious challah for your shabbat table on Thursday February 15th at 7:30pm in Reich Hall. We will have the recipe, the dough ready and bake our challahs in our fabulous new kitchen! We will also have some fun snacks, desserts, and wine. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

On Wednesday February 28th at 7:30pm Sisterhood will be offering a Yoga class brought to us by our member Lauren Muriello. We will be doing stretches, yoga and learning a little bit about *Rosh Chodesh*. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Sisterhood is starting our biggest fundraising campaign! Spring in the United States coincides with the start of Purim. This year's theme will be ISRAEL! The Purim committee will be buying items for the basket from Israel and supporting Israeli vendors. As Jews, we are obligated to give to charity on Purim, and contributing to the Mishloach Manot baskets is a great way to do this, so please support this fundraiser. Information to contribute will be on the following page as well as the website. Sisterhood will be giving to a charity that will be supporting the IDF in Israel.

In January, we held our first Book Club meetings. We want to thank everyone who participated as well as those that read the book but could not come to the meetings. The conversation was great, and it was interesting to hear everyone's thoughts and perceptions about the book.

Our next Book Club pick will be *Don't Forget to Write* by Sara Goodman Confino. We hope you will join us on Wednesday March 6th at 1pm and Thursday March 7th at 7pm to discuss it. We look forward to meeting again and continuing to have interesting conversations. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

We have a new, private Instagram page @pbjcsisterhood. Please request to follow as we will be updating with events!

As always, we thank you for your continued support of Sisterhood. If you have any questions, concerns or interest in volunteering, please contact us!

Staci Handler (973) 951-4231 staciahandler@gmail.com

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SISTERHOOD (continued)

***Mishloach Manot* – Help Sisterhood send a Purim Basket to the whole congregation!**

It's that time of year! Help support Sisterhood with its biggest fundraiser of the year...

This year's theme will be **ISRAEL!** Many items in the baskets are being purchased from Israel and are supporting Israeli vendors. As Jews, we are obligated to give to charity on Purim, and contributing to the *Mishloach Manot* baskets is a great way to do this, so please support this fundraiser. Sisterhood will be donating a portion of the proceeds to a charity that supports the IDF in Israel.

Deadline to sponsor Purim Baskets is Thursday, March 7.

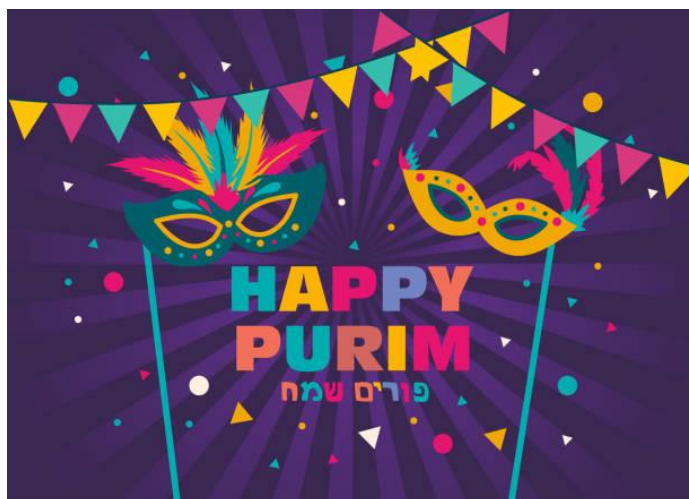
[CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SISTERHOOD PURIM BASKETS](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR THE PURIM BASKET SPONSORSHIP FORM](#)

Note: The following Item Donation Form should be used if you want to sponsor a particular item in the baskets. Please contact the Purim Basket chairs to find out what items are available for sponsorship and the associated cost.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE PURIM BASKET ITEM DONATION FORM](#)

Contact Purim Basket Chairs Jen Kayne, Wendi Leicht, and Fran Simmons at purimbaskets@pbjc.org with any questions.



SISTERHOOD (continued)

Sisterhood 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.

A-GO Nan Rothberg nanpbjc@gmail.com 973-879-3529 only if not sending email

GR-M Aileen Cabelly aileen.cabelly@cabelly.com 973-460-6536 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 bethgfuchs@gmail.com. Beth can check to see if our vendor can supply us with the cards of your choice.



SISTERHOOD TORAH FUND

HEDDY BELMAN

Chair

Every woman has the opportunity to participate in preserving, promoting and perpetuating Conservative/Masorti Judaism by giving to the Torah Fund Campaign of WLCJ. Torah Fund Campaign of WLCJ helps support programs and student scholarships at Jewish Theological Seminary (New York, NY), Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies (Los Angeles, CA), Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies (Jerusalem), Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano (Buenos Aires, Argentina), and Zacharias Frankel College (Potsdam, Germany).

There are continuing opportunities for sisterhoods/affiliates and individual donors to help support all five Conservative/Masorti institutes of higher education through Torah Fund Campaign of WLCJ. Thousands of dedicated volunteers contribute to the spiritual, aesthetic and material well-being of these educational communities by supporting Torah Fund projects. More info about Torah Fund Campaign of WLCJ can be found here: <https://www.jtsa.edu/torah-fund/>.

Your donation can truly make a difference! It is important to donate now for future generations!!!

To contribute to Torah Fund, please make checks out to *Torah Fund* and put *PBJC* in the notes.

Checks can be sent to the PBJC office or to:

Heddy Belman
21 Lancaster Avenue
Pine Brook, NJ 07058

You will receive a Torah Fund pin as a gift for any donations of \$180 or more.

Torah Fund cards are also available for purchase – a box of 6 cards is \$25.00.

Please contact Heddy Belman at 201-452-0887 hbelman@wlcj.org with any questions or for more information about Torah Fund.

Announcing
Our 2023-2024
Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Ba'Zeh
Campaign

All the people of Israel are responsible for one another

We strive to make a significant impact through scholarships and programs that benefit students at The Jewish Theological Seminary, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, Schechter Institutes, Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano and Zacharias Frankel College.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we help committed Jewish students become the rabbis, cantors, educators, synagogue administrators, social workers, scholars, researchers and lay leaders of tomorrow.

When you support Torah Fund, you help educate students in New York, Los Angeles, Israel, Latin America and Europe—and you align with those who value learning, knowledge and providing the future generation with relevant skills to fortify the Jewish people.

Visit www.jtsa.edu/torah-fund

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



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Patron \$1,200
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Or send your check to the Torah Fund office.

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Or send a check to The Jewish Theological Society, 100 Elder Street, North York, Ontario, M3H 5G7.

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MEN'S CLUB

JAY THAILER

President

Men's Club was thrilled to honor our Man of the Year, **Jonathan Lewis**, and our Youths of the Year, **Jordan Bergman**, **Doron Finkel**, **Eliana Finkel**, and **Evan Schachman**, at the annual FJMC Man of the Year Celebration on January 21st.



Be sure to mark your calendars and sign-up for the following upcoming events:

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

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Sunday, March 3 at 10 AM - Men's Club Ping Pong Tournament

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

As always, do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or suggestions.

Jay Thailer

jthailer@pbjc.org

BETTY CRANE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

FRAN HOBERMAN-SCHENKEL AND BETH FUCHS

Club Coordinators

On January 17th the Friendship Club held its second installation of the Winter Zoom Series. Author and photographer Kevin Woyce shared his amazing photography with us as he showed us around the Jersey Shore. He took us on a tour of New Jersey's coastal history, from the long-ago days of lighthouses and shipwrecks to the founding of today's popular summer resorts. Unfortunately, the program was cut short by technology issues (amazing that in four years, we haven't experienced a Wi-Fi connection issue sooner). We were hoping Kevin could present the last fifteen minutes of his presentation right before or after our upcoming Zoom event, but sadly Kevin is not available.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for these upcoming events:

- **George Washington, New Jersey and the Revolutionary War
February 22nd at 7:30pm on Zoom**

In honor of Presidents' Day and our home state, historian Joel Farkas will teach us about The Man...The State...The War...A Revolutionary Trifecta.

- **The CCB Flutes on March 20th at 2pm in Scheinman Hall**

Come join us to hear this wonderful flute ensemble while we enjoy cookies, coffee, tea and conversation – in person at PBJC.

Stay tuned for the announcements of the April, May and June programs.

If anyone has any suggestions or wants to get involved in planning upcoming programs, please let us know.

Beth Fuchs and Fran Hoberman-Schenkel

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PRAYER BOOK DONATIONS AND DEDICATIONS

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

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

What makes *Siddur Lev Shalem* so special:

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

Egalitarian Text - Egalitarian options for prayers are provided.

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

PBJC and Victoria Mews Residents Celebrate *Shabbat*



Several congregants and students from PBJC joined with some residents at Victoria Mews Assisted Living facility in Boonton to celebrate *Shabbat*. **We will be visiting with them once each month on Fridays at 4:00 pm. Upcoming dates are February 23 and March 22.**

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

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

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

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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Sandy Gonzalez
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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 \$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 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**
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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**



MONTVILLE KIWANIS FOOD PANTRY

The PBJC Community Outreach committee is leading a food donation collection for the Montville Kiwanis Food Pantry during the month of February. Please see the flyer below for the list of food items that are needed currently. *Your generosity is greatly appreciated in helping our less fortunate neighbors with food insecurity.*



 Pine Brook Jewish Center
Chevra Agudas Achim Anshy Pine Brook
Established in 1896

 **Kiwanis**
MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP

The PBJC Community Outreach Committee is supporting the Kiwanis Montville Food Pantry

Please donate items only from this list below and be sure to check expiration dates.

Quaker Quick Oats and Variety Packs, Cereals (except Cheerios), Pancake Mix, Corned Beef Hash, Spam, Coffee, Tea, Canned Beans, Canned Fruit, Fruit Juice, Pasta Sauce, Rice, Dinty Moore Stews, Chef Boy R Dee Items, Vegetable Oil, Ketchup, Mayonnaise

Please drop off items in the collection bins in the PBJC atrium between February 11 and February 28.

The Montville Food Pantry is currently serving over 220 people and community support is critical. Help PBJC make a difference!

FOOD PANTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

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

Monday, February 5 at 8 PM - Sisterhood BINGO via Zoom

Wednesday, February 7 - Chevra Board Meeting

Thursday, February 8 at 10 AM - Deadline to Order Shabbat Dinner for Pick-Up On Friday, February 9

Sunday, February 11 - World Wide Wrap sponsored by Men's Club, please RSVP

Thursday, February 15 at 7:30 PM - Sisterhood Challah Bake with Hadas Toren, please RSVP

Thursday, February 22 at 10 AM - Deadline to Order Shabbat Dinner for Pick-Up On Friday, February 23

Thursday, February 22 at 7:30 PM via Zoom - Betty Crane Friendship Club presents Joel Farkas on "George Washington, New Jersey and the Revolutionary War"

Monday, February 26 at 4 PM - Deadline to Order Challah for March

Wednesday, February 28 at 7:30 PM - Sisterhood Yoga Class, please RSVP

Wednesday, February 28 – Deadline to Donate Items for the Montville Kiwanis Food Pantry Food Drive

Friday, March 1 at 6 PM – Shabbat Across America Family Dinner followed by special Shabbat Across America Musical Service

Sunday, March 3 from 10 AM to 2 PM – Men's Club Ping Pong Tournament, please RSVP

Wednesday, March 6 at 1 PM and Thursday, March 7 at 7 PM - Sisterhood Book Club (open to PBJC Sisterhood members only), please RSVP

Sunday, March 10 at 10 AM - Jewish Family Service of Greater MetroWest Informational Presentation with Brunch, please RSVP

SAVE THE DATE! - Thursday, May 16 - PBJC Golf & Tennis Classic at Green Brook Country Club

PICKLEBALL AT PBJC

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

[CLICK HERE FOR THE PICKLEBALL FLYER](#)

SHABBAT DINNER ORDERS

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

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

CHALLAH ORDERS

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

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

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

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 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 10
Age: 15
973-220-9496

Stella Edelstein
Grade 8
Age 13
973-692-3087

Joshua Marchant
Grade 11
Age 16
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joshmarchant714@gmail.com

Emma Paris
Grade 10
Age 15
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Eli Rosen
Grade 11
Age: 16
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Rebecca Rosen
Grade 11
Age: 16
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Evan Schachman
Grade 12
Age: 17
973-917-9587
Evan.schachman@gmail.com

Perri Schachman
Grade 9
Age: 15
973-917-9777
Perri.schachman@gmail.com

Elissa Schwartz
Grade 9
Age: 14
973-519-2999
elissabries@gmail.com

Amanda Stiller
(May be available when home during college breaks)
Age: 18
201-704-2976

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES and BIRTHDAYS

Happy Anniversary to...

2/6 – Judith and Mark Lipsky
2/8 – Dara and David Manheim
2/18 – Randee and Glenn Fox
2/27 – Debra Scharfstein and Mike Margiotta



Happy Birthday to...

2/1 – Leo Dos Santos, Roman Esgar, Daniel Miller
2/2 – Henry Bernstein, Sabrina Jacobs, Robert Kesselman, Zoey Leibowitz,
Michael Marchant, Walter Shenker, Jordan Suomela, Steven Tuckman, Jonathan Weiner
2/3 – Joshua Blumenthal, Jack Flusty
2/4 – Bernard Ulrich
2/5 – Judy Gothelf
2/6 – Meredith Rosen
2/7 – Addison Schwartz
2/8 – Weston Baumgarten, Marisa Bernstein
2/9 – Logan Hall, Ethan Kraut
2/10 – Jennifer Levene Bruno, Gayle Isacson, Lori Weiner
2/11 – Barbara Frankel, Lauren Muriello, Heather Reiser, Betsy Steckelman
2/13 – Daniel Eskinazi, David Manheim
2/14 – Joshua Estrin, Sydney Rosenkranz, Sondra Schuman
2/15 – Max Eagle, Liam Handler, Judith Lipsky, Warren Nadler
2/16 – Dawn Baron, Sheldon Eisen, Julian Michaels
2/17 – Aiden Blumenthal, Max Blumenthal, Michael Fuchs, Louis Lees,
Paul Martino, Jan Pett
2/18 – Abe Goll, Dana Schonberg
2/19 – Marilyn Bodow, Elisa Sandler
2/20 – Larry Freimauer, David Reiss
2/21 – Rachel Abramson, Ira Dawer, Mickey Gilbert, Ruthanne Mirchin
2/22 – Ava Baron, Heather Handler, Nancy Lerner-Weiss, Ethan Raiken
2/24 – Barry Davis, Jagger Jensen, Charli Pasternack, Philip Person
2/25 – Estelle Stein, Sheila Weinreb
2/26 – Jennifer Abfier, Steven Zampaglione
2/27 – Alan Bernstein, George Damiano
2/28 – Aviva Levin, Debra Tarowsky
2/29 – Nathan Fine



DONORS/SPONSORS

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

By: Jill and Alan Bernstein
In honor of Rabbi Finkel. Thank you for your comfort and support to our family.

By: Sima and Abe Feder
With gratitude to Rabbi Finkel for all he does at PBJC; In memory of Sima's beloved mother, Rebeca Rapoport; In honor of Doron and Eliana Finkel for being Youths of the Year

By: Ariel Lippa
In memory of Ann and Paul Monka and Yehudit and Edward Lippa z"l

By: Roz and Peter Lippa and Family
In memory of Rosanne Dawer. Time flies so quickly and we miss you, dear Rosanne, every single day.

By: The Mariash Family
To Rabbi Finkel - Thank you for your warmth and understanding during this time of sorrow.

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

By: Jill and Alan Bernstein
In honor of Cantor Toren. Thank you for always being a source of comfort and support to our family

By: Dale and Rob Greenfield
In honor of Sheryl and Howard Chesler's new grandson

By: The Mariash Family
To Cantor Toren - Thank you for your warmth and understanding during this time of sorrow.

PBJC CARING COMMITTEE

By: Alan and Jill Bernstein
In honor of the birth of Lori Stein Kayne and Matthew Kayne's grandson and in honor of the wedding of David Eidelberg and Caroline Baer

By: Diane and Frank Dalton
In honor of Eliana and Doron Finkel, on the occasion of being named Youths of the Year. You do us proud!

By: Carol Kotch
In memory of her beloved mother, Mina G. Smith

THE HARVEY JAFFE B'YACHAD MEMORIAL FUND

By: Rosalyn and Peter Lippa
In memory of our dear friend, Harvey Jaffe. Your laughter and smile can be heard and seen.

SISTERHOOD GENERAL DONATION

By: The Mariash Family
Thank you for sending the many cards in memory of Ann

By: Sima and Abe Feder
In honor of Sheila Basem, with gratitude for all you do at PBJC

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

By: Ina and Mark Roffman
In memory of Ann Mariash

PRAYER BOOK FUND (LEV SHALEM)

By: Diane and Frank Dalton
In honor of Rebecca Neadel, with great pride on the occasion of your Bat Mitzvah, January 20, 2024

By: Sima and Abe Feder
In honor of Sandy Gonzalez, with gratitude for your total dedication to PBJC; In honor of Diane Dalton, with gratitude for all you do at PBJC. You make our services extra special with your participation; In honor of Carol Kotch's retirement, with gratitude for all you do for the Caring Committee.

PBJC GENERAL DONATION

By: Lori and Matthew Kayne
Mazel Tov to Howard and Sheryl Chesler on the birth of their grandson, Brody Cooper!
Wishing your family all the best.

Yahrzeit Donation

By: Eleanor Damiano
In memory of her beloved father, Morris Charles Papier

By: Arnold Decof
In memory of his beloved mother, Etta Dichowski

By: Abby Edelman
In memory of her beloved mother, Doris Fader

By: Jacqueline Fenton
In memory of her beloved husband, Paul Fenton
and her beloved aunt, Faye J. Koss

By: Beth Goldberg
In memory of her beloved mother, Phyllis Lutin
and her beloved father, Jerome B. Lutin

By: Abe Goll
In memory of his beloved mother, Toby Goldberg

By: Alice Gordon
In memory of her beloved mother, Roberta Belsky

By: Dale Greenfield
In memory of her beloved grandmother, Bella Beards

By: Robert Greenfield
In memory of his beloved father, Abraham Greenfield

By: Marcia Grossman
In memory of her beloved father, Sam Fox

By: Barbara Kaufman
In memory of her beloved father, Irving Wrozlowsky

By: Melinda Kraus
In memory of her beloved grandfather William Cherr

By: Sheila and Michael Kirsch
In memory of Howard Leicht

By: Ronald Lerner
In memory of his beloved father, Louis Lerner

By: Judith Lipsky
In memory of her beloved father, Aben Goldstein

By: Gilbert Mandel
In memory of his beloved father, Max Mandel

By: Miriam Person
In memory of her beloved mother, Gertrude Geisler

By: Allan Markus
In memory of his beloved father,
Seymour B. Markus

By: Gail and Jeffrey Rempell
In memory of Gail's beloved mother, Sylvia Weiss
and Jeffrey's beloved father, Leonard Rempell

By: Sandy Schancupp
In memory of her beloved father, Harry Lifshitz

By: Marlene Scheinthal
In memory of her beloved husband,
Bernard Scheinthal and her beloved father,
Irving Wrozlowsky

By: Patty Shwartz
In memory of her beloved aunts, Sylvia Shwartz,
Bernadine Kobre and Sylvia Kobre

By: Hervey Sicherman
In memory of his beloved mother, Sylvia Sicherman

By: Nancy Stanton-Tuckman
In memory of her beloved mother, Inge Stanton

By: Ira Sukoneck
In memory of his beloved father, Edward Sukoneck

By: Larry Wayne
In memory of his beloved mother, Helene Wayne
and his beloved brother, Donald Wayne

By: Nancy Lerner-Weiss and Jeffrey Weiss
In memory of Nancy's beloved grandmother,
Rose Cohen, her beloved grandfather, Louis Lerner
and her beloved sister, Caryn Lerner; and in
memory of Jeffrey's beloved grandmother, Bertha
Flamenbaum and his beloved mother, Joan Weiss

By: Lester Wolfson
In memory of his beloved grandmother, Miriam
Lieberman

SISTERHOOD TRIBUTES

To: Alan Bernstein –
In memory of your father, Sidney Bernstein
From: Janice and Fred Aibel

To: Renee Bitner –
Mazel Tov on the birth of your great-grandchild
From: Myra Sumka

To: Sheryl and Howard Chesler –
Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson,
Brody Cooper
From: Roberta and Bob Kanarick,
Ina and Mark Roffman, Fran and Howard Schenkel

To: Gail Feldman –
Mazel Tov on your new home
From: Sue Charnet, Ina and Mark Roffman,
Marlene Scheinthal, Estelle Stein

To: Doron Finkel –
Mazel Tov on your Youth of the Year award
From: Alice Gordon, Nancy and Jeffrey Weiss
and Family

To: Eliana Finkel –
Mazel Tov on your Youth of the Year award
From: Alice Gordon, Nancy and Jeffrey Weiss
and Family

To: Judy and Steve Gothelf –
Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandchild,
Rosie Bea Gothelf
From: Janice and Fred Aibel

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

To: Julie and Howard Harris –
Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandchild, Parker
From: Sharon and Bob Fields

To: Carol Kotch –
Mazel Tov on reading Torah in memory of
your mother, Mina G. Smith
From: Ilysa and Beverly Berkowitz

To: Jonathan Lewis –
Mazel Tov on your Man of the Year honor
From: Alice Gordon, Ina and Mark Roffman,
Ilene and Jay Thailer, Nancy and Jeffrey Weiss
and Family

To: Ray Mariash –
In memory of your wife, Ann
From: Gail Feldman, Dale and Rob Greenfield,
Marcia Grossman, Roberta and Bob Kanarick,
Barbara and Marvin Kaufman, Mel Sanders,
Nancy and Jeffrey Weiss

To: Celia and Howard Musikant –
Mazel Tov on Maxwell's Bar Mitzvah
From: Sisterhood

To: Lesley Neadel –
In memory of your father, Neal Weiner
From: Nancy and Jonathan Cohen,
Diane and Frank Dalton, Beverly and Michael Miller,
Kimberly and Craig Stiller, Ilene and Jay Thailer

To: Lesley and Evan Neadel –
Mazel Tov on Rebecca's Bat Mitzvah
From: Beverly and Michael Miller, Ina and Mark
Roffman, Sisterhood, Ilene and Jay Thailer

To: Don Rosenthal –
Wishing you a speedy recovery
From: Estelle Stein

To: Marlene Scheinthal –
Wishing you Happy Birthday
From: Ilysa and Beverly Berkowitz

SISTERHOOD TRIBUTES (continued)

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

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

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

A-GO	Nan Rothberg nanpbjc@gmail.com	973-879-3529 only if not sending email
GR-M	Aileen Cabelly aileen.cabelly@cabelly.com	973-460-6536 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.***

YAHARZEITS

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

2/3/24 – 24 Shevat

Max Adelman
Rosalyn Bodow
Mary Goldberg
Toby Goldberg
Esther Lerner
Henry Salter

2/4/24 – 25 Shevat

William Harry Eckman
Cathy Silverman
Paul Weiner

2/5/24 – 26 Shevat

Harry Ader
Florence Buren
Edith Eliasberg
Frieda Handelman
Taube Pearl Marcus
Morris Rosenthal
Jennie Tell
Samuel Ulrich
Donald Wayne

2/6/24 – 27 Shevat

Rose Blitze
Etta Dichowski
Rose Fisherman
Charles J. Fishman
Harry Hart
Frances Lazarus
Ada Mariash
Gussie Osur
Julius Rubin
Frieda Vishlitsky
Harry Weitman

2/7/24 – 28 Shevat

Rosella Berman
Audrey Brecher
Rose Brodsky
Jennie Feig Goldberg
Abraham Greenfield
Betty Kaplan
Pearl Kramer
Erica Mathias
Abraham Medwin
Rachel Pokorne
Fannie Schneider
Sylvia Shwartz
David Louis Wolfe

2/8/24 – 29 Shevat

Esther Charnet
Francine Bonis Fast
Yvette Feinstein
Louis Alan Fenton
Charna Lear Fox
Frieda Greenspan
Joseph Lambert
Howard Leicht
Louis Lerner
Ray Levin
Irvin O'Koon
Shimon Isaac Rutenberg
Sylvia Sicherman
Dora Weichselbaum
Louis Weiss
Jennie Weissman

2/9/24 – 30 Shevat

Claire Cohen
Leon Fisch
Benjamin O. Ginsberg
Samuel Konner
Dolly Leibowitz
Meyer Margolies
Leon Rosen
Eli Sloan
Erwin Stanton
Anna Stern

READ ON FRI/SAT, 2/9 and 2/10

2/10/24 – 1 Adar I

Nathan Chanin
Ilene Joyce Domash
Irving Feigenbaum
Milton Gordon
David Gross, Jr.
Samuel Robinson
Jean Roesch
Florence Stein

2/11/24 – 2 Adar I

Helen R. Cohn
Erna Schoenfeld
Elsie Wallman

2/12/24 – 3 Adar I

Herbert Leo Aber
Edward Kaufman
Sarah Melnik
Esther Rubin
Louis Schulsinger
Edward Sukoneck
Alfred Tenenbaum
Joan Weiss

2/13/24 – 4 Adar I

Jules Braver
Charles Krampf
Florence J. Metzger
Leonard Rempell
Tillie Rifkin
Irving Salus
Etta Schneiderman
Ilyssa Fran Schwartz
Myrna Tarkan
Samuel Weissman
Aaron Yaroshefsky

**READ ON FRI/SAT,
2/9 and 2/10
(CONTINUED)**

2/14/24 – 5 Adar I

Kali Akronowitz
George Aronowitz
Jennie Brick
Alice Brickman
Bernadine Kobre
Sylvia Kobre
Doris Stiel

2/15/24 – 6 Adar I

Mina Atkins
Samuel Basem
Samuel Bloom
Renee Concool
Donald Davis
Morton Goldsmith
Lester Heineman
Hinda Ietelai Lebovitz
Edward Lowenfish
Marvin Ulrich

2/16/24 – 7 Adar I

William Blumstein
Ronda L. Bromberg
Benjamin Kline
Anne Scher
Mary Wagner

**READ ON FRI/SAT,
2/16 and 2/17**

2/17/24 – 8 Adar I

Sadie Kleiner Atkins
Bertha Ballenberg
Mollie Feinstein
Roslyn G. Gross
Fay Isacson- Rosenfeld
Mollie Kleiner Schling
Morris Kriss
Cecelia Lyons
Regina Rokower
Menachem Mendel
Rosenberg
Louis Saviet
Ethel Silverberg
Evelyn Weiner

2/18/24 – 9 Adar I

Ida Hirsch
Irving Lefkowitz

2/19/24 – 10 Adar I

Ruth Alster
Doris Fader
Rose Harac
Sidney Michaelson
Sadie Miller
William Schwartz

2/20/24 – 11 Adar I

Stephen Cohn
Linn Kurtin
Sidney Lesser
Stanley Lewis Reichman
Max Rosen
Eliot J. Sakolsky

2/21/24 – 12 Adar I

Rena Rodaman Altman
Dr. Siegbert Bornstein
Pearl Cohen
Todd Alan Goldstein
Dotty Karpel
Ronni Katz
Miriam Lieberman
Gertrude Mueller
Ruth Saul

2/22/24 – 13 Adar I

Paul Luchs
Irma R. Mergentime
Harry Nesman
Minna Rosen
Rose Rothberg
Israel Stein

2/23/24 – 14 Adar I

Esther Cohen
Irving Kwasnik
Philip Lederman
Phyllis Lutin
Jerome H. Meistrich
Kenneth Alan Miller
Robert Simon Reich

**READ ON FRI/SAT,
2/23 and 2/24**

2/24/24 – 15 Adar I

Morris Epstein
Ashur Massarsky
William Ottinger
Marjorie Salter

2/25/24 – 16 Adar I

Samuel Anghel
Abraham Krentcil
Sarah Stein

2/26/24 – 17 Adar I

Miriam Calvin
Dr. Kenneth A. Chazen
Muriel Goldsmith
Manus Isacson
Jacqueline Gellman Rosenblum
Ethel F. Silverman

2/27/24 – 18 Adar I

Celia Barosin
Morris A. Cohen
Florence L. Obstler
Johanette Pischtschenok
Morris M. Rosenfeld

2/28/24 – 19 Adar I

Ruth L Fuller
Dorothy (Dotty) Golloub
Jack Kelman
Max Leopold Kleinman
Golda Rabenbauer
Bette Anne Rosen
Sylvan Rothenberg

2/29/24 – 20 Adar I

Isidore Goldberg
Stanley Rolnick
Frieda Schutzer
Bernice E Shorr
Irving Silverman

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Robert Blitzstein
Leo Grabell
Charles Levine
Leon Liebes
Jack Orris
Zelda Rostoker
Myron Leslie Wayne
Estelle Zohn