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**Friday Evenings** at 8:00 p.m. The family service is held on the first Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m. instead of 8:00 p.m. from September through June.

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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

For Those Who Like to Note Jewish Holidays When They Come Early or Late ...

There are many among us who often speak about the Jewish holidays coming “early” or “late.” That usually means in relation to the Gregorian-secular calendar, and it usually refers to the holidays of *Rosh HaShanah*, *Yom Kippur*, *Hanukkah*, and *Pesah* (Passover). Among those who note the arrival of Jewish holidays in this manner (and even if you're not), let me suggest an upcoming holiday to include in that perspective and a possible advantage in doing so.

*Tu B'Shevat*, the New Year festival for trees is coming up on the evening of January 16 and on January 17. It was the holiday, for those of a certain age, when we bought “stamps” towards the purchase of “planting” a tree in Israel. Some of us may have gotten a carob (*bokser*) pod and a little box of raisins in religious school to mark the occasion.

I mention this because January 16-17 is a relatively “early” date to celebrate this holiday. This should not come as a surprise, since people have already told me that *Rosh HaShanah*, *Yom Kippur*, *Sukkot*, and *Hanukkah* have already come “early” in 5782; however, I believe that this holiday, more than those others, really may make a difference in our perspective of life and time by noting that it comes early. Huh?

In Israel, *Tu B'Shevat* is often a day when students go on field trips to physically plant those trees for which we in the diaspora contribute money. Even adults take time out of their schedules to plant trees on *Tu B'Shevat*. I planted trees on the *Tu B'shevat* that I spent in Israel. Many of us are familiar that there is a Jewish mystical Kabbalistic tradition of conducting a special *Tu B'Shevat seder* for the occasion, as we have done in our congregation.

But the reason that I believe celebrating it “early” is significant is because *Tu B'Shevat* signifies the coming of Spring: it marks the blossoming of the almond trees in Israel: Israel's earliest sign of the arrival of Spring. We understand that it is difficult for us to appreciate the coming of Spring while we are sliding on the ice and shoveling snow, but think of it this way: the almond trees in Israel have a two week jump on Punxsutawney Phil and the other groundhogs. Furthermore, when those almond trees blossom, there is no question that Spring is coming: no one needs to check if the almond tree “sees its shadow”.

For those who hope that Omicron will be gone by Spring: the Jewish message is “Spring is coming!” and the almond blossoms as the *Tu B'Shevat* song says:

*Tziporim may-ROSH Kol gag, m'vas-ROTE et BO heh-HAG*

“ ... birds on the top of every roof herald the coming of this holiday.”

Spring is coming. The spike will recede, and we will get a piece of “normal” back with a new-found strength ... and since *Purim* is coming *late* this year (not a typo), maybe even we, in the colder climates, will have experienced enough Spring to celebrate *Purim* with joy.

Stay safe. Stay strong. That is the message of our people.

Rabbi Finkel

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**MICHAEL WEINSTEIN**

President

To all of our congregants and staff, here's wishing you a 2022 of joy and good health and some version of the normalcy we remember! These days, I believe being both a cynic and optimist is in vogue (it is for me), so my faith is in continuing to be some combination of both - for our families and loved ones, our friends, and our community. Just as the pandemic compass keeps turning in different directions and we tire of looking to see where it points next, have faith to keep choosing and moving in the direction you best understand is the right one. As one of the leaders of our PBJC community, we are forced to make these choices, balancing safety and community, fear and faith. We continue to make the best decisions we can with as much conviction as we can muster. We decide, then decide again, and are hopeful you are not only accepting of fluid change, but we also rely on you to push yourself to stay involved and connected as you are able.

In Mid-December my family, grasping that rare moment when our three college-aged children could be together for a week and throwing some caution to the wind, headed to Puerto Rico. Being the pandemic-sensitive one, I admit they kind of dragged me along, but I did learn something. Through compromise, changing it up, redefinition of what it means to be on vacation, we made our own rules, resolved to keep them, and we went. Limiting ourselves to outdoor dining including Uber Eats for dinner, foregoing day trips that required close quarters, and committing to an old-fashioned sit-on-the-beach vacation, we relaxed and got the job done....and what do you know? We got home safely.

It makes me think of PBJC. We are doing things however we can, in different ways, sometimes in less in-person and personal ways, sometimes perhaps in less dynamic ways, and sometimes with a calculated risk, but we do it all as Jews and as a community. We are and we work together on it. Please venture out and participate if you feel up to it or zoom or stream to keep those bonds that tie us together. If you do not or if you cannot, please hold those thoughts close of what it was like when you were seeing, chatting, and interacting with congregants in our atrium, during services, or during a Scheinman Kiddush. Since we all want to be still present and active, remember no one has really gone anywhere and we don't need to return to anything that is now gone. We have plenty that is going on now, but if you're not a part of it, hold tight to your connection in your heart.

The new year ushers in hope and the resolutions that bring wishes into focus. In past years I had a list, but I have grown comfortable hoping for that one big thing, the same one I will presume all of you have; I yearn for the same sense of contentment, happiness, and moving ahead for the PBJC family as for my own. To that point, we have some great things at PBJC to share. Our much-anticipated new kitchen is now officially a beautiful new kitchen. We are going through final inspections and learning how to use and take care of our new appliances. Our kitchen is waiting at the ready to celebrate it, to use it, and enjoy what it brings us. Let us all not forget this beautiful addition is the gift and legacy of the congregants of our merger partner, Congregation Beth Shalom. Additionally, I am happy to share with you all that PBJC has been awarded a \$50,000 grant for security upgrades from the New Jersey Department of Homeland Security. Thank you to Vice President, Mike Singer, Michelle Zuckerman, and those who have shared in the recent past with the task of managing the submissions of applications for these grants. We will continue to make every effort so that our congregants, religious and nursery school students, and our staff can be as safe as we can make them. We will forge ahead, as always, applying for future security grants.

Not knowing when to thank, a blossoming 2022 is as good a time as any. Thanks to the congregation for your patience as we figure out what best to do next, sometimes with fits and starts, but always informed and with an optimistic outlook. Thank you to all of our congregants for your continued support. Thank you to the Exec Board and to the Chevra Board for staying the course always in healthy debate that leadership requires.

The new year is a great time to make commitments. Please consider getting involved and helping PBJC succeed now and for years to come. If anyone is interested and/or willing to help in the planning of a fundraiser, please let us know. We are in need! Once again, Happy Gregorian New Year to all of you. Stay safe and we hope to see you soon!

Michael ([pbjcmweinstein@gmail.com](mailto:pbjcmweinstein@gmail.com), 551-404-2089)

# NURSERY SCHOOL

LISA LERMAN and JILL BUCKLER

Nursery School Co-Directors

Happy New Year from PBJC Nursery School! December was a whirlwind of activities as we celebrated Hanukkah. This year we had a very special holiday observance. We joined together in Scheinman Hall with Rabbi Finkel and Cantor Toren to welcome Shabbat and Hanukkah at the same time. The children proudly sang a medley of Hanukkah and Shabbat favorites along with some very adoring fans (better known as beaming moms and dads). We concluded our meaningful morning with the lighting of the menorah as well as sharing some homemade treats at our very own mini Kiddush!

In a few short weeks, registration for the 2022- 2023 school year will be open. We will continue to offer our core classes for our Intro, 2's, 3's and Pre-K as they currently exist. Additionally, parents who require longer hours can take advantage of the Giggle Zone to cover the hours that our core classes are not in session. The Giggle Zone is available from 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. for children ages 18 months to Pre - K. We continually strive to enhance our dynamic, highly regarded preschool programs which are open to children of all faiths. 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! We will soon be accepting applications for Summer 2022, for children ages 18 months to 5 years. At PBJC Day Camp we offer an 8-week program highlighted by fabulous weekly themes and programming that includes water play, arts and crafts, music, games, sports, special events and much more!

Be sure to regularly check the PBJC website and like our Facebook page. We share 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 programs.

Warm Regards,  
Lisa Lerman and Jill Buckler  
Nursery School Co-Directors



***PBJC Nursery School students with the Thanksgiving food donations they collected for the Montville Kiwanis Food Pantry.***

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

MARY SHEYDWASSER

Educational Director

The health and safety of everyone in our building remains our top priority. While we will not be able to eliminate all risk during these troubling times, we are committed to mitigating risk of exposure as much as possible. Our Covid Task Force Committee has recommended that our classes be held virtually the first two weeks of January and we do have plans to be back in-person on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. PCR tests will not be required for students returning to school. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

2021 ended with lots of *ruach* and energy at our Religious School. We have had to adjust our lesson plans and reschedule our programs. I never thought that I would have to say **AGAIN**, please put your video on and I don't hear you, but our students took it all in stride. I am deeply appreciative of the support and dedication of our parents. *Todah Rabah!*

I would like to underscore the importance and relevance that our Junior Congregation services have in providing the students with a comprehensive religious education. Students of all levels participate in an abbreviated service including the week's reading of the Torah which not only affords them the opportunity to apply the skills they have learned in the classroom, but also allows them to experience the structure of the service. With practice, they learn the format of the prayers and should feel at ease when they make the transition to the sanctuary for their Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Please encourage your child to attend! We have had good attendance so far and have found the zoom services to be successful. Rewards are given to students who fulfill their junior congregation obligations!

The month of January is filled with exciting programs. Tu B'Shevat will be celebrated in their individual classrooms; our primary classes will have the opportunity to plant parsley that will hopefully be used at their Passover Seder table. Please continue to look at the Religious School calendars for our updates regarding our class services and programs.

Our Religious School strives to provide a nurturing and comfortable environment where the study of our Jewish identity and traditions are being passed on from one generation to the next. It is very exhilarating to see your children, our students, grow and develop into the fine people that will continue our heritage for many more years to come.

Wishing you a very healthy and happy 2022!

B'Shalom,  
Mary Sheydwasser

# THE 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 awarded two scholarships last year and two again 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 would like you to consider the Sakolsky/Melzer Scholarship Fund.

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



# SISTERHOOD

ILENE THAILER and FRAN SIMMONS

Co-Presidents

We hope that everyone had a happy, healthy new year. Unfortunately, due to current Covid conditions, we will be rescheduling our Paid Up event featuring comedian Johnny Lampert for this spring. Please know, however, that we still must pay our Sisterhood dues to the Women's League for Conservative Judaism. Please support our PBJC Sisterhood as well as WLCJ by joining Sisterhood today!

[CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT PBJC SISTERHOOD](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR THE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP FORM](#)

Covid has not stopped our Sisterhood in the past and it won't now! We first want to mention two wonderful events we were proud to sponsor in December. A big thank you goes to Lauren Pugach and Paige Silverman for coordinating the Nursery School Hanukkah celebration. The event featured beautiful decorations, a great dinner with yummy latkes and festive songs and prayers led by Rabbi Finkel and Cantor Toren outside by the PBJC Hanukkiah. A great time was had by all! Sisterhood loved providing gelt, dreidels and Hanukkah candles to all of our students in both our Religious School and Nursery School, as always.

Next, we were thrilled to co-sponsor a great event with the Betty Crane Friendship Club - *Keep This, Toss That* with Jamie Novak. She mentioned two very helpful websites - [tasty.com](https://www.tasty.com) to find out about food expiration and [donationtown.org](https://donationtown.org) to look into options for donation pick-up. Contact Ilene if you would like information about additional resources from the program.

Please save the date for our next Zoom BINGO night - Thursday, January 27. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#). We hope you can join us for some fun and prizes!

Finally, please see the next page for information about Sisterhood's largest fundraiser of the year – our Mishloach Manot / Purim Baskets. Thank you to Nancy Drillings and Helene Vallese who have been working hard to put together wonderful baskets for us again this year! We truly appreciate your support.

Please also look for information about some additional virtual events we are in the process of planning. We are also looking forward to some more in-person options as we move into the spring. Thank you, as always, for your support of Sisterhood. Don't hesitate to reach out at any time with questions or suggestions.

Ilene Thailer

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# PBJC Sisterhood Mishloach Manot Fundraiser



One of the mitzvot of the Purim holiday is sending food to other Jewish people. This act, called Mishloach Manot or “sending of portions,” references a section of the Book of Esther where Jews refuted Haman’s accusation that the Jews were “a scattered, and divided people” and demonstrated by sending portions that they were, in fact, united.

The Purim basket program (Mishloach Manot) is Sisterhood’s largest fundraiser which supports all of our great programs throughout the year, so in the spirit of a united PBJC congregation, please consider participating in one or more of the following ways:

1. Become a **PLATINUM SPONSOR** and send a basket to all members of PBJC for \$180
2. Become a **GOLD SPONSOR** and send a basket to all members of PBJC for \$118
3. Become a **SILVER SPONSOR** and send a basket to all members of PBJC for \$72
4. Become a **BRONZE SPONSOR** and send a basket to all members of PBJC for \$54
5. Become a **CORPORATE DONOR** to help with the cost of the baskets for \$250
6. Donate or sponsor a particular item in the basket. Contact chairs below to discuss.

Donors and sponsors will be listed on the scrolls sent to the entire congregation as well as in the April Candlestick Newsletter. All donations are tax deductible.

There will not be a temple wide mailing of order forms, so....

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

The form can also be found in the Sisterhood section of the PBJC website, under GET INVOLVED...CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS.

**Deadline to sponsor is Thursday, March 3, 2022. Purim begins at sundown on Wednesday, March 16, 2022.**

Baskets will be available for **pickup** in the synagogue parking lot on Sunday, March 13 ...

- Religious School parents - pickup while in car line between 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
- Everyone else - pickup between 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Baskets will not be delivered to your home. If you will be out of town and would like your basket shipped, please let us know your shipping address via email.

We look forward to your participation in this wonderful mitzvah and thank you for your generous support of PBJC Sisterhood. If you need more information or help with donating online, please contact us.

*Chag Purim Sameach!*

*Nancy Drillings*

(973) 723-5088

*Helene Vallese*

(973) 868-0090

[purimbaskets@pbjc.org](mailto:purimbaskets@pbjc.org) (to contact both Nancy and Helene)

# SISTERHOOD TORAH FUND

The Torah Fund theme for 2021–2022 is B'Yachad, which means 'Together'. This theme signifies the joy of sisterhood members working together year-round to make important contributions to the Jewish community through their volunteer efforts at synagogues across the United States and Canada.

Our pride in being Jewish shows in everything we do.

The Women's League for Conservative Judaism (which you are all a part of) in the Torah Fund B'Yachad Campaign supports scholarships and programming at The Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles, Schechter Institutes of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano in Buenos Aires, and Zacharias Frankel College in Potsdam. Help strengthen Jewish education and ensure the vibrancy of the Jewish people for decades to come, with your gift to Torah Fund. You each can make a difference, and do make a difference, every time you donate a small \$18 or \$36, or bigger amounts when you are given a gift of a B'Yachad pin as a "Thank You". You each make a difference for the future.

Women's League for Conservative Judaism understood, decades ago, that they had to support the future leaders and educators of our communities, and they began the Torah Fund Campaign now supporting the five centers of education mentioned above.

I am honored to announce that Gail Feldman will continue to send Torah Fund cards for all occasions. Gail can be reached at [gfeldman3993@gmail.com](mailto:gfeldman3993@gmail.com), 973-334-2482 (home), or 201-323-4854 (cell).

I look forward to connecting with each of you and answer any questions you may have, as well as helping Pine Brook Jewish Center, The Garden State Region of WLCJ and Women's League for Conservative Judaism reach their goals during 2021-2022, so our children, grandchildren, families, and communities benefit as we move forward into the future together – "B'Yachad"!!!

*Sincerely,  
Heddy Belman  
Past Sisterhood President PBJC  
Torah Fund Cabinet and WLCJ Board,  
Worldwide Communications WLCJ  
AND Representing you on various Boards in  
the Greater Jewish Community*

# MEN'S CLUB

**JAY THAILER**

President

On Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup> we held our annual Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Man of the Year and Youth of the year celebration. The event was held in person, which was very exciting. As usual the food was amazing.

Video presentations were recorded prior to the event and there was a monitor in lobby displaying all of the recorded presentations by each of the honorees. As in past years, I was impressed with all the youth of the year honorees. They all spoke beautifully and made me feel comfortable that our Jewish legacy will live on for many years to come.

Congratulations to our youth of the year honoree, Hannah Schneiderman. Good luck with all your future endeavors and we know that all your experiences at PBJC will follow you wherever you go.

Future Events: Please look for future information regarding the World Wide Wrap sponsored by Men's Club. WWW will be Sunday February 13, 2021 and will be held virtually. I will distribute additional information when it becomes available.

We are also planning an exercise class at Retro Fitness in Fairfield and plans for the PBJC 5K (scheduled for May 22, 2022) and the PBJC Day of Giving (scheduled for June 12, 2022), both sponsored by Men's Club, will be sent out in the near future.

Regards,  
Jay Thailer



# BETTY CRANE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

FRAN HOBERMAN-SCHENKEL AND BETH FUCHS

Club Coordinators

We wish everyone a happy, healthy 2022! And we hope you enjoyed Jamie Novak's ***Keep This, Toss That for a Clutter-Free New Year*** back in mid-December. We thought Jamie shared many useful tips for organizing as well as for cleaning house.

On Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> Janet Mandel of ArTalks will be joining us on Zoom to discuss Camille Pissarro. Meet and greet at 7:15 pm and presentation at 7:30 pm. Pissarro was an “outsider” in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Paris—he was a Jewish émigré from St. Thomas, a political radical, and he absolutely rejected the academic art establishment. He has been called the father figure and peacemaker of the Impressionists because he was the eldest, had the least quarrelsome temperament, and he took new artists under his wing and gave them advice and encouragement. Although he painted a variety of subjects, he is mostly known for his luminous portrayal of the natural world, which inspired not only the young artists of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century avant-garde, but which continues to enthrall art lovers.

Please fill out the Friendship Club 2022 Membership Form and mail it to PBJC with a check made out to PBJC Friendship Club (dues are \$25 per person for calendar 2022). The Form is available in this Candlestick, on the PBJC website, in the PBJC Weekly Announcements, and has also been sent to current members via email.

For now Friendship Club will continue to hold programs via Zoom. When COVID eases we will survey the membership regarding the event platform, and when the majority are comfortable meeting in person, we will resume in-person events.

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

Beth and Fran

## PBJC Betty Crane Friendship Club 2022 Membership

The Betty Crane Friendship Club is open to empty-nesters in Morris and Essex counties. You do not need to be a member of PBJC to join the Club. The Club meets about once a month for entertaining and informative programs (when in-person, most events take place at PBJC and refreshments are served). Typically, the group also takes an annual trip - visiting a museum or attending a concert or the theatre. During COVID the Club has continued offering programming, via Zoom.

Some recent programs have included The Maccabeats, photographer Phil Mando, Lloyd Kishinsky on Zero Mostel, Marty Schneit on Women of NY, Janet Mandel on Andy Warhol, Broadway historian John Kenrick, author and NJ historian Kevin Woyce, professional organizer Jamie Novak, and Miriam Kraemer Gray on Jewish superstitions.

If you have any questions, suggestions for future programs or want to be more involved and join the Friendship Club Committee, please email us at [PBJCfriendshipclub@gmail.com](mailto:PBJCfriendshipclub@gmail.com).

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

## **PBJC Betty Crane Friendship Club 2022 Membership Form**

First and Last Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Person One): circle Home or Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Person Two): circle Home or Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently a PBJC Member: circle Yes or No

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 30<sup>th</sup>. Currently, it is still not possible to volunteer to serve this meal. Instead, 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 30<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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. 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.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

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

Tuesday, January 4 at 7:30 PM - Adult Education with Rabbi Finkel: The Two Sides of King David - Session V, David as the Family Man

Wednesday, January 5 at 8:00 PM - Chevra Board Meeting via Zoom

Sunday, January 16 at 7:30 PM – *Mercaz Tu B'Shevat* 5782 Celebration via Zoom

Wednesday, January 19 at 10:00 AM - Adult Education with Rabbi Finkel: The Two Sides of King David, King David with a Touch of Machiavelli

Friday, January 21 - Last Day to Drop Off New Clothing Items for the Morris County Winter Clothing Drive with Diller Teen Fellows and nourish.NJ

Tuesday, January 25 at 7:15 PM – Betty Crane Friendship Club presents another ArtTalk with Janet Mandel. Join us as she discusses the life and work of Camille Pissarro

Thursday, January 27 at 8:00 PM - Sisterhood BINGO Night via Zoom

Sunday, January 30 from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM – Collection of Non-Perishable Food Items for nourish.NJ

Tuesday, February 1 at 7:30 PM - Adult Education with Rabbi Finkel: The Two Sides of King David, David's Legacy: David Melekh Yisrael Chai v'Kayahm

Sunday, February 13 at 9:00 AM - SAVE THE DATE - World Wide Wrap, more information to follow

## **PBJC COVID Task Force Update**

All current COVID protocols will remain in place at the current time. Proof of COVID vaccination is required to attend PBJC services and events, and masks are required to be worn at all times. Food service, including Oneg Shabbat and Kiddush luncheon, will be suspended for the month of January. There will be a fellowship hour following services in Scheinman Hall where people may gather socially, with all protocols in place. There will be a “grab and go” Kiddush snack bag available when attendees leave the building. The Task Force will continue to monitor COVID conditions and will update protocols accordingly.



# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary to...

1/13 – Carol and Stephen Berman

1/17 – Nan and Alan Rothberg

1/23 – Trudy and Martin Sarver

Happy Birthday to...

1/1 – Nancy Cohen

1/2 – Rob Greenfield

1/3 – Spencer Carus, Myra Sumka, Gary Warech

1/4 – Marcia Grossman, Jenna Levitt, Joshua Marchant, Romi Michaels, Amy Miller

1/5 – Esterina Herman, Jodi Spitzberg

1/6 – Stacey Cozewith, Marty Lesh, Eileen Rolnick, Leonard Wallach

1/7 – Frank Dalton, Talya Gluck

1/8 – Amanda Citron

1/9 – Doron Finkel, Elia Finkel, Janet Reich, Drew Schneidkraut, Nate Schneidkraut

1/10 – Urmí Baines, Daniella Gluck, Thomas Kaufmann, Ethan Leibowitz, Steven Schneiderman, Samuel Steckelman

1/11 – Brooke Sandler, Cary Stone

1/12 – Danielle Abramson, Sheila Ferguson, Hanna Friedman, Gail Levey, Mia Rappaport, Robyn Zampaglione

1/13 – Bette Goldman, Robert Lieberman, Alexa Paris

1/14 – Samuel Stiller

1/15 – Keith Bobier, Alan Goldman, Sheldon Kavesch, Frank Mirchin, David Weinstein

1/16 – Mitchell Goldsmith

1/17 – Jordan Basem, Heddy Belman, Maxwell Musikant

1/18 – Joshua Carus, Meredith Persson

1/19 – Jason Abfier, Aaron Citron, Fred Crane, Stacey Garb, Alan Warren

1/20 – Ira Sukoneck

1/21 – Ian Benson, Seth Friedman, Rebecca Neadel, Jacob Wise

1/22 – Marlene Scheinthal

1/23 – Asher Waldorf

1/24 – Anita Freimauer, Marsha Kaplan, Adriana Solotoff, Celina Steren

1/25 – Jordyn Pleener

1/26 – Ellen Lieber, Robin Mark, Craig Stiller

1/29 – Terry Glass, Hannah Schneiderman

1/30 – Chuck Crane, Jaime Fuchs, Deborah Lees, Mitchell Mittler, Miriam Person

1/31 – Susana Agrusti, Sophie Bressler, Abigail Willner



# DONORS/SPONSORS

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

By Arlene and Eddie Lopez  
In honor of Howard Chesler's 70th Birthday  
and Sima Feder's 80th Birthday;  
In memory of Toby Levy's beloved wife,  
Susan Levy; Steve Sander's beloved mother,  
Edith Sanders Rudell and Dr. Joseph Scholnick's  
beloved mother, Elaine Scholnick

By: Ross Lesser

## CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

By: Ross Lesser

## PBJC GENERAL DONATION

By: Beth Cartegna; Julie Cartegna-Jones  
and Kevin Jones; Steven and Irma Newdorf  
In memory of Toby Levy's beloved wife,  
Susan Levy

By: Alice Gordon

By: Hema Patel and Kiran Shah  
In celebration of the wedding of  
Sydney Fields and Andrew Bellwoar

By: Lester Wolfson

## CARING COMMITTEE

By: Robert and Sharon Fields  
In memory of Irma Herz and Larry Deutschman

## KIDDUSH DONATION

By: Susan Charnet  
In memory of her beloved brother,  
David Rosenberg and her beloved  
mother-in-law, Esther Charnet

## ELIOT SAKOLSKY/AARON MELZER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

By: Beverly Berkowitz  
In memory of her beloved father-in-law,  
Irving Berkowitz and her beloved grandfather,  
Hyman Rosen

By: Ilysa Berkowitz  
In memory of her beloved grandfather,  
Irving Berkowitz and her beloved  
great grandfather, Hyman Rosen

By: Harvey and Bill Sakolsky  
In memory of Stacey Blumenthal's beloved  
grandmother, Florence Wellen

## THE HARVEY JAFFE B'YACHAD MEMORIAL FUND

By: Sharon Hope Jaffe  
In honor of Aunt Dot's (Doris Koenig)  
special 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

## YAHREZEIT DONATION

By: Elizabeth Adams  
In memory of her beloved mother, Ellen Leist

By: Jordan and Sheila Basem  
In memory of Sheila's beloved mom, Betty Sokolow.

By: Ruth Citrin  
In memory of her beloved husband, Alan Jay Citrin,  
her beloved mother, Vivian Lieberman Edlin and her  
beloved father, Albert Lieberman

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

By: Ronnie Drewke  
In memory of her beloved father, Charles Colfin

## Yahrzeit Donation (Continued)

By: Phyllis Gitlin  
In memory of her beloved father, Irvin O'Koon

By: Abe and Barbara Goll  
In memory of Abe's beloved brother,  
Gabriel Goldberg and Barbara's beloved brother,  
Dr. Paul Schofield

By: Marcy Guilder  
In memory of her beloved father, Lester Leitman

By: Louis Katz  
In memory of his beloved father, Louis Katz

By: Sheila Kirsch  
In memory of her beloved father, Howard Leicht

By: Lillian Lerman  
In memory of her beloved father, Jacob Kravitz  
and beloved father-in-law, Benny Lerman

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

By: Marian Lowenfish  
In memory of her beloved father, Maurice B. Zager

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

By: Rita Murray  
In memory of her beloved mother,  
Annabelle (Ann) Jacobs

By: Stewart Nadel  
In memory of his beloved mother, Lillian Nadel

By: Miriam Person  
In memory of her beloved father, Joseph Geisler

By: Dorothy Rubin  
In memory of her beloved mother, Bertha Spodeck  
and beloved sister, Florence Harr

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

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

By: Howard Schenkel  
In memory of his beloved mother, Joan Schenkel

By: Mary Sheydwasser  
In memory of her beloved mother, Helen Rozprza

By: Patty Schwartz  
In memory of her beloved aunt, Sylvia Schwartz

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

By: Toby Wolfman  
In memory of her beloved uncle,  
Herman L. Wolfman

By Lester Wolfson  
In memory of his beloved cousin, Jerome Flax  
and his beloved aunt, Molly Siegel

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### OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Toby Levy on the loss of his beloved wife and our  
member, Susan Levy

The Schkolnick family on the loss of our member,  
Elaine Schkolnick

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# SISTERHOOD TRIBUTES

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

To: Melanie Lewis –  
Wishing you a Happy Birthday  
From: Sue Charnet

To: Ros and Peter Lipa –  
Wishing you a Happy Anniversary  
From: Sue Charnet

To: Stewart Nadel –  
Wishing you a Happy Birthday  
From: Sue Charnet

To: Tom Peck –  
Mazel Tov on your new position at the JCC  
From: Ina and Mark Roffman

To: Mark Roffman – Wishing you a speedy recovery  
From: Beverly and Ilysa Berkowitz

To: Pam Weinstein – Wishing you a speedy recovery  
From: Bev Berkowitz

If you want to send a tribute card, please contact a member of the tribute team according to your last name. Tribute cards may be sent to synagogue members and non-members, but only members will be listed in the Candlestick.

**Email notification is preferred.**

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

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GR-M	Pam Weinstein	<a href="mailto:23cheryl@optonline.net">23cheryl@optonline.net</a>	973-296-7020 (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)

# YAHREZEITS

**READ ON FRI/SAT,  
12/31 and 1/1**

**1/1/22 – 28 Tevet**

Louis Grossman  
Abe Hofstein  
Robert King  
Saul Manheim  
Ben Michelson  
Alexander Monka  
Susan Pleener  
Rita Sheffrin  
Leon Sieradzky

**1/2/22 – 29 Tevet**

William Berestetsky  
Annabelle (Ann) Jacobs  
Leon Lazarus  
Harry Lifschin  
Ethel Mintz  
Edward Paster  
David Rosenberg  
Maurice B. Zager

**1/3/22 – 1 Shevat**

Vivian Lieberman Edlin  
Harry Goldhammer  
Harold Gottlieb  
Phyllis Kempner  
Pari Keola  
Bernard Nelson  
William Sirotkin  
Gertrude Weiss

**1/4/22 – 2 Shevat**

Ethel Altman  
Dora Baron  
Alexander Fish  
Lester Leitman  
Abraham Rosmarin  
Alice Auguste Warech

**1/5/22 – 3 Shevat**

Rose Cohen  
Ann Domash  
Anne Dorfman  
Teddy Goldhagen  
Sondra Goldsmith  
Frances Harac  
Benjamin Kleinman  
Marjorie Jane Reichek  
Julius Safier  
Ebrahim Shadsirat  
Manuel Unterman  
Bertha Weiss

**1/6/22 – 4 Shevat**

Rita Abraham  
Bertram Brandler  
Nat Edwards  
Aben Goldstein  
Cecilia Halpern  
Charles Kalmus  
Milton Rosenberg  
Joseph Tankel

**1/7/22 – 5 Shevat**

Samuel Altschuler  
Nathan Glick  
Max Harris  
Charlotte Lasko  
Marc Rosen  
Mina G. Smith

**READ ON FRI/SAT,  
1/7 and 1/8**

**1/8/22 – 6 Shevat**

Yitchak Fluke  
Sarah Esther Goldberg  
Frieda Greenspan  
Harry Rothman  
Lillian Seigal  
Ilene Sussman

**1/9/22 – 7 Shevat**

Marion Newman  
Helen Rozprza  
Fay Schwartz  
Catherine Schwartz

**1/10/22 – 8 Shevat**

Irving Berkowitz  
Fannie G. Einhorn  
Miriam Jafferson  
Shirley Yormack

**1/11/22 – 9 Shevat**

Mildred Engel  
Steven Gyor  
Charles Katz  
Ellen Leist  
Seymour Nachshen  
Abraham Paster  
Jennie Schrager  
Gladys Stein  
Leo Wolfe  
Bernard L. Zemsky

**1/12/22 – 10 Shevat**

Harold Fink  
Norton Friedman  
Harry Medwin  
Ann Monka  
Sylvia Shelsky

**1/13/22 – 11 Shevat**

Bella Beards  
Michael Cohen  
Herman Fins  
Seymour Harris  
David Miller  
Rochelle Shulman  
Albert Srulowitz

**1/14/22 – 12 Shevat**

Melvin Bailynson  
Jerome Flax  
Ida Liboff  
Sylvia Scharlat  
Bernard Singer  
Herman Weissman  
Helen Zuckerman

**READ ON FRI/SAT,  
1/14 and 1/15**

**1/15/22 – 13 Shevat**

Gertrude Blank  
Julia Fechter  
Robert S. Gross  
Philip Medwin  
Morris Charles Papier  
Simon Reich

**1/16/22 – 14 Shevat**

Rhoda Gold  
Yetta Goldenberg  
Beatrice Gordon  
Suzanne King  
Leslie Schofield

**1/17/22 – 15 Shevat**

Jack (Jacob) Dubman  
Paul Gilden  
Jacob Konner  
Tully N. Kostner  
Abraham Lees  
Molly Siegel  
David Slutsky  
Ruth E. Warren  
Helene Wayne  
Rachel Weiser

**1/18/22 – 16 Shevat**

Rose Bloom Backhus  
Carlton Diskin  
Evalyn Goldstein  
Rita Gordon  
Seymour B. Markus  
Maurice Tarasch

**1/19/22 – 17 Shevat**

Paul Feuerstadt  
Bernard Goldsmith  
Albert Lerner  
Albert Lieberman  
Max Mandel  
Elisabeth Roth  
Shirley Schneider  
Rabbi Joseph Schreiber  
Charles Seigal  
Ida Taitel  
Sylvia Weiss  
Irving Wrozlowsky

**1/20/22 – 18 Shevat**

Sol Frosch  
Gertrude Geisler  
Sadie Korn  
Faye J. Koss  
Jennie Newman  
David Pedlosky  
Isaac Rosenblatt  
Matthew Roth  
Fritzie Segal  
David Seligman  
Chaim Weiser

**1/21/22 – 19 Shevat**

Louis Davis  
Molly Deutsch  
Irma Fleck  
Gussie Gitomer  
Donald Gold  
Louis Greifer  
Morris Kanarick  
Dora Prager  
Maurice M. Reich  
Hyman Rosen  
Bernard M. Scheinthal  
Larisa Suerdlova  
Joseph Yaroshefsky

**READ ON FRI/SAT,  
1/21 and 1/22**

**1/22/22 – 20 Shevat**

Louis Bloom  
Isadore Blum  
Esther Marine Kurtz  
Rose Strom  
Charles Suessel

**1/23/22 – 21 Shevat**

Abraham Epstein  
Tillie Fietelson  
Ruth Silver Fox  
Sam Fox  
Benjamin Gewirtzman  
Florence Harr  
Anna Kalmus  
Rose Kramer Lees  
Joan S. Schenkel  
Betty Sokolow  
Arthur Stern

**1/24/22 – 22 Shevat**

Eleanor Lipson Abramson  
Betty Brooks  
Arthur Cohen  
William Halprin  
Gladys Lazerwitz  
Gladys Reinhorn  
Ben Setzer  
Lawrence Solotoff  
Iris Sunshine  
Herman Wechsler  
Mabel Weiner

**1/25/22 – 23 Shevat**

Alan Jay Citrin  
Bernard Levin  
Samuel Moretsky  
Norma Railles

**1/26/22 – 24 Shevat**

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

**1/27/22 – 25 Shevat**

William Harry Eckman  
Paul Weiner

**1/28/22 – 26 Shevat**

Harry Ader  
Edith Eliasberg  
Frieda Handelman  
Taube Pearl Marcus  
Morris Rosenthal  
Jennie Tell  
Samuel Ulrich

**READ ON FRI/SAT,  
1/28 and 1/29**

**1/29/22 – 27 Shevat**

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

**1/30/22 – 28 Shevat**

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

**1/31/22 – 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

**2/1/22 – 30 Shevat**

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

**2/2/22 – 1 Adar I**

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

**2/3/22 – 2 Adar I**

Helen R. Cohn  
Erna Schoenfeld  
Elsie Wallman

**2/4/22 – 3 Adar I**

Herbert Leo Aber  
Edward Kaufman  
Sarah Melnik  
Esther Rubin  
Louis Schulsinger  
Cathy Silverman  
Edward Sukoneck  
Alfred Tenenbaum