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Friday Evenings at 8:00 p.m.

The family service is held on the first Friday of each month
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RABBI'S MESSAGE

RABBI MARK DAVID FINKEL

***L'hiyot Ahm Hofshi B'Artzenu* – “To Be A Free People In Our Own Homeland”**

For over 150 days we and the world have watched Israel defend itself after the savage attack last October by Hamas. Waiting for news about the return of any hostages, the Israel Defense Forces have fought their way southward in the Gaza Strip to remove the grip of this modern-day Amalek. None of us, when we celebrated Israel's 75th anniversary last spring, could have thought that this is how we would be approaching Israel's 76th anniversary.

In tribute to the best that Israel represents to all who love her, I invite congregants to join with me to look at Zionism and focus on this movement that has inspired the Jewish people and others who love Israel, to dream, to build, to support, and to celebrate a rebuilding of the Jewish homeland into something that has been nothing short of miraculous.

Five sessions on five Tuesdays: March 12 & 26, April 9, May 21, and June 4, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

March 12: Can WE Build It Before the Coming of the Messiah & Where Do We Build It

What were the factors in the 1880's & 90's that made that decade right for modern Zionism? How did Zionism make the transition from a belief to an organized movement?

March 26: If You Come, Be Prepared to Build It! Was Herzl the Messiah or Lucky?

What were the plans for modern Zionism? Zionism's early leaders and the early accomplishments of the *Yishuv* (the pre-state growing Jewish community).

April 9: “The State Will Not Be Given to the Jewish People on a Silver Platter”

This quote by Chaim Weizmann described the resistance of the Arab neighbors of the *Yishuv*, the mixed signals of the British Mandate and world opinion, and the horrors of the Holocaust. Among Zionists, we will examine the splits and differences of opinion among Zionists (mainstream, cultural, revisionists).

May 21: The Race to Statehood: Winning Was Hard and Governing Was Harder

Israel doesn't win many votes at the UN, but the historic “Yes” vote on November 29, 1947, changed everything ... except defending itself from annihilation and being a refuge to hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees with nowhere to go after WWII, and hundreds of thousands of Jews whose safety becomes jeopardized by Israeli statehood.

June. 4: *L'hiyot Ahm Hofshi B'Artzenu* – “To be A Free People in Our Own Homeland”

A look at 76 years of statehood: its accomplishments and its challenges; how it has changed the image of a Jew. What impact has it made on our lives? How different people see Israel differently.

I hope you can join me for this new Adult Education series.

See you in *schule*,

Reb M Finkel

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SETH FRIEDMAN

President

Hello PBJC Community-

As I write this month's Candlestick article, I have my office window open, and I am listening to the menagerie of animals who have invaded my backyard today as we all enjoy the first 65-degree day of 2024. Today's weather is a clear signal that we are now officially a few short weeks of setting the clocks ahead for daylight savings time (yes, we are still doing this) and declaring that the Spring season has officially begun. With Spring, comes Purim, one of the most joyous and colorful festivals in the Jewish calendar, commemorates the salvation of the Jewish people from a genocidal plot in ancient Persia. Rooted in the biblical Book of Esther, Purim not only serves as a testament to Jewish resilience but also celebrates the victory of good over evil, highlighting themes of courage, unity, and divine providence.

The origins of Purim can be traced back to the 5th century BCE, during the reign of King Ahasuerus (Xerxes I) of Persia. The story unfolds in the capital city of Shushan, where a beautiful Jewish orphan named Esther rises to become queen, concealing her Jewish identity at the behest of her cousin and guardian, Mordecai. Meanwhile, the wicked vizier, Haman, fueled by his personal vendetta against Mordecai, devises a nefarious plan to annihilate the Jewish population throughout the Persian Empire.

Haman's decree, sanctioned by the king, sets a date for the mass extermination of the Jews, casting a shadow of fear and despair over the community. However, through a series of divine interventions and strategic maneuvers orchestrated by Mordecai and Esther, the tide turns in favor of the Jews. Esther courageously reveals her true identity to the king, exposing Haman's betrayal and pleading for the lives of her people. In a dramatic turn of events, Haman's plot is foiled, and he meets his downfall on the very gallows he had erected for Mordecai. Central to the observance of Purim is the reading of the Megillah, the Scroll of Esther, which recounts the events of the story in vivid detail. As the tale unfolds, congregants eagerly anticipate the dramatic recitation, punctuated by boisterous cheers at the mention of Mordecai's triumphs and resounding jeers at the mention of Haman's name.

Purim is a time of communal unity and solidarity, as Jews come together to celebrate their shared heritage and collective survival. It is customary to exchange gifts of food and drink, known as mishloach manot, with friends and neighbors, fostering bonds of friendship and goodwill. Additionally, Purim provides an opportunity for acts of charity, with the obligation to give to the poor, ensuring that all members of the community can partake in the festivities. One of the most distinctive features of Purim celebrations is the tradition of masquerades and carnivals which takes place in Jewish communities around the world. These lively events feature colorful costumes, festive music, and spirited dances, as participants revel in the joyous atmosphere of the holiday.

The significance of the Purim carnival lies in its ability to transcend cultural and religious boundaries, inviting people of all backgrounds to join in the celebration of freedom and triumph over adversity. It serves as a testament to the enduring spirit of the Jewish people, who have overcome countless challenges throughout history with resilience, faith, and determination. Furthermore, the Purim carnival serves as a means of transmitting the values and lessons of the holiday to future generations, instilling a sense of pride and identity in Jewish youth. Through interactive games, educational activities, and storytelling sessions, children learn about the heroes and heroines of the Purim story, internalizing the importance of courage, righteousness, and compassion.

To me, the Purim carnival stands as a vibrant expression of Jewish heritage and identity, embodying the spirit of joy, unity, and resilience that lies at the heart of the holiday. As Jews around the world gather to celebrate the miracle of Purim, they reaffirm their commitment to the timeless values of justice,

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

freedom, and faith, ensuring that the flame of hope continues to burn bright in the face of adversity. I look forward to seeing each of you (in costume) during our PBJC Megillah Reading at 7:30pm on Saturday, March 23rd and at our Purim Carnival at 11:15am on Sunday, March 24th.

Onward and upward!

Seth

President@pbjc.org

THE PRESIDENT'S APPEAL

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

All donations are fully tax-deductible as no goods or services were offered in exchange for your contribution 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!

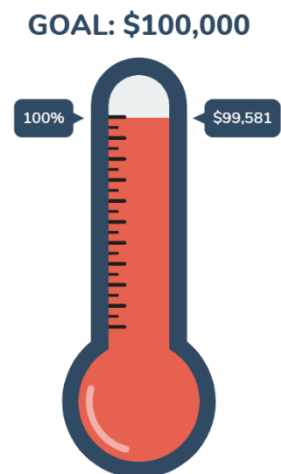
If you are interested in donating to the President's Appeal, please click on the link below and in the "Type" dropdown, choose "23-24 Yom Kippur Appeal."

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

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

100% Goal Target: June 30, 2024

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



EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

LISA LERMAN and JILL BUCKLER

Early Childhood Center Co-Directors

February was a short but exciting month here at the PBJC ECC (Early Childhood Center)! Winter just flies by when you are busy doing all the fun, creative and educational activities that can be found right here in our building. The children have been discussing whether they thought the groundhog saw its shadow, they continue to work on their winter counting books, and they continue to discuss the letter or color of the week.

As we hope you have heard by now, PBJC ECC is thriving. We have expanded our already vibrant and stimulating preschool program to accommodate the needs of parents who require longer hours. Children aged 18 months to 5 years old can enroll in the Giggle Zone, an expanded care option (hours available from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.) to complement our current preschool classes.

Registration is opening this month for the 2024-25 school year and our summer day camp. We will be offering classes for 18 month olds (Intro) through Pre - K4's. Additionally, we provide enrichment classes including music, gym, art appreciation and science. We also hope to be offering optional after school programs such as cooking, sports, movement and more!

Summer 2024 will be here before we know it. Planning for PBJC Day camp is in full swing! Applications for summer 2024, for children ages 24 months - 5 years will be available this month. This year and going forward, PBJC Day Camp will be offered 5 days a week. Registration forms will be available through the ECC office and online. At PBJC Day camp we offer an 8-week program highlighted by fabulous weekly themes and programming that includes water play, arts and crafts, music, games, sports, special events and more! We are also working to offer extended after camp hours this summer, as an extension of our Giggle Zone program.

Finally, the PBJC ECC is excited to offer an Israel t-shirt fundraiser...show your support for Israel in time for *Yom Ha'Atzmaut*! You can purchase t-shirts from now through April 8th. All proceeds will benefit the ECC and the IDF. [CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE YOUR T-SHIRTS](#)

Be sure to "like" us on Facebook and check us out on the "updated" PBJC website www.pbjc.org. 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 ECC programs.

Warm regards,

Lisa Lerman and Jill Buckler
PBJC ECC Co-Directors

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

MARY SHEYDWASSER

Educational Director

I cannot believe that we are preparing for our 2024-2025 Religious School registration. We are looking forward to another great year as we continue to give your children the very best Jewish experience that we possibly can. Thank you all for your support, commitment, and dedication to our program!

Kehila Kedosha is a community that genuinely cares about its people. As educators, we strive to touch the lives of our students and to provide a meaningful and positive impact on the way they and their families embrace Judaism. We do this by creating a warm and inviting community with our class services and special events. In the spirit of being a part of a *kehilla*, our Kitah Bet families came together to create a *birkat habayit*, a *hamsah*, a blessing for one's home.

Let no sadness come through this gate,
Let no trouble come to this dwelling,
Let no fear come through this door,
Let no conflict be in this place,
Let our home be filled with blessing and peace.

Please join us on Friday, April 19th as these students lead us in their Kabbalat Shabbat service.

The joyous holiday of Purim takes place during Adar, a month known for celebration and happiness. All our students are going to enjoy a Purim Program, led by the Bible Players on Sunday, March 17th. Purim invites students to consider the mitzvah of giving and reflect on concepts of justice and morality. What have our students done that has been difficult? How did it feel afterwards? If one of your children saw unfairness in the world, how would they act? Who would they ask if they were unsure? This offers great opportunities for students to look at current events and think critically about their decisions and feelings. I would also like to acknowledge all the students in our school for contributing tzedakah, monies that went towards the *mishloach manot* for our community!

Our Kitah Aleph families will be learning the importance of "*hiddur mitzvah*" by decorating the cover for the siddur that our students will be studying from in the years ahead. May the siddur be a constant source of Jewish knowledge throughout their lives.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge our Kitah Dalet students. They have been working tirelessly on their Shabbat service and I couldn't be prouder! We will be spending the afternoon bonding without cell phones or any other electronics.

We have an incredibly busy month ahead; please mark your calendars for these special events:

Saturday, March 2	Kitah Dalet Shabbat Service / Shabbaton
Sunday, March 3	Challah Days
Thursday, March 7	B'Yachad (8-9 and 11-12 grades)
Sunday, March 10	REGISTRATION FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR
Sunday, March 10	Kitah Aleph Siddur workshop with parents
Thursday, March 14	B'Yachad (10 th grades)
Sunday, March 17	School wide Purim Program
Thursday, March 21	B'Yachad (8-12 grades) Celebrating Purim
Sunday, March 24	Purim Carnival (dress up)
Sunday, March 31	NO SCHOOL

B'Shalom,
Mary Sheydwasser

B'NAI MITZVAH

Addison Eagle
March 9, 2024



Addison Riley, born on January 10, 2011, to Lauren and Ken Eagle, affectionately known as Munchkin, represents happiness, determination, and resilience. Her role as a big sister to Max adds a dimension to her vibrant personality, as he not only holds a special place in her heart but also serves as her partner in fun and mischief.

From a young age, Addie has showcased an extraordinary ability to adapt to new environments with ease, despite changing schools. Moving schools hasn't hindered her from forming strong connections wherever she goes, demonstrating talent for building lasting friendships.

Addie's adventurous spirit fuels her eagerness to explore new activities, whether it's skiing down slopes, dancing at competitions or simply spending quality time with friends at home or at sleepaway camp. Her enthusiasm for discovery extends to her academic pursuits as well, diving into subjects like Math, Art, and Science with genuine curiosity and enthusiasm as a 7th grader at Lazar Middle School.

Beyond her academic and recreational endeavors, Addie has embraced her Jewish heritage with enthusiasm and dedication. As a newcomer to PBJC, she fully immerses herself in the experience, cherishing the opportunity to deepen her understanding of Jewish studies and forge meaningful connections with classmates. Her upcoming Bat Mitzvah is a testament to her determination and focus, as she prepared for this important milestone. Addie's compassionate nature and commitment to making a positive impact are evident in her Mitzvah project where she worked to make chocolates for first responders, and her involvement in planting the PBJC garden. These activities embody the values of tikkun olam (repairing the world) and have been central to her upbringing. In every aspect of her life, Addison Riley exemplifies resilience, compassion, and a genuine desire to make the world a better place. We are honored to share her special day with this community.

Abigail Willner
March 16, 2024



Abby was born in the middle of a snowy day on January 31, 2011, just 13 months after her brother, Jake. She came into the world and charmed everyone immediately. At an early age, Abby was capable of disarming strangers with her precious nature and big smile. She has a sense of humor that can light a room and an empathy that serves as an inspiration. In October 2014, Abby became a big sister to Zoe, and undertook the additional tasks of being a role model, confidant and best friend. No one could have done it better. Although their personalities are as different as the stars in the sky, Zoe has learned humility, sincerity and thoughtfulness from her sister, along with a disdain for school and refusal to get out of bed in the morning.

Abby is a 7th grader at Lazar Middle School but has limitless dreams that will carry her far in life. She hopes to one day become an animator, and to reshape the world through art and humor. She will also be taking her first teen tour this summer and traveling across the country with her brother, Jake.

Abby is especially concerned about mental health awareness. To her, it's essential that all people feel happy and healthy both in their bodies and their minds. She's aware that mental health is a process and not a destination, even for children. She is concerned that the mental needs of children are not being addressed enough. She is also aware that it takes work to explain the things that bother us, and empathy from others to help us through difficult times.

For her mitzvah project, which is to help support the mental heal of our community, Abby is working to support the Anxiety & Depression Association of America (ADAA), an entity that improves the quality of life of those who suffer from anxiety and depression through evidence-based educational resources, professional practice, and scientific research. As a result of her efforts, Abby will be sharing her own personal story and also raising money to add to this important cause.

To say we are proud, is an understatement, we love Abby and can't wait to see her called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah.

Matthew Waldorf
March 23, 2024



Born in New York City on March 29, 2011, after 20 hours of labor, Matthew Ross Waldorf entered the world right on time for Yankees opening day. Two days later Matthew quickly settled into New Jersey, first living in Hoboken before following in his father's footsteps growing up here in Pine Brook.

Matthew's day to day is that of a typical 7th grader at Lazar Middle School. His teachers say he is extremely engaged and makes friends in each and every one of his classes. He comes home eager to share what knowledge he has acquired on a daily basis, educating his family with random "fun facts" that will make him a future Jeopardy champion and lengthy jokes that prove his maturity is beyond expectations.

As his parents, Nikki and Heath are most proud that Matthew is so kindhearted. He displays compassion and empathy, making others, even his younger brother Asher, feel included. Matthew's Mitzvah project combined those traits with his love of sports. For two years, he has volunteered to work with young kids who are first learning to play soccer, basketball, and baseball in the Pathways for Exceptional Children organization. He takes pride in teaching these kids and helping them find success scoring goals and baskets or running the bases all the way round third to home.

Matthew proved his dedication to his Bar Mitzvah, working tirelessly with Cantor Toren and his mother to learn his prayers, master his Haftorah, his Torah portion and to prepare for the big day. He thanks Rabbi Finkel, his Hebrew School teachers, his friends, and family who will be there to support him.

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 leave the month of Adar and head into the month of Nissan, we look forward to celebrating Purim and enjoy adding some lightness and joy to our days. Purim will start on the evening of March 23rd and will be celebrated also on March 24th. Sisterhood is proud to continue our tradition of giving Mishloach Manot bags to every family in the synagogue. This year our bag theme is **ISRAEL**, and most items are from Israel or benefit Israel. As always, Sisterhood will be donating to a charity and this year we are donating to the Israel Defense Fund. Deadline to sponsor is March 7th.

[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.

Our popular Sisterhood BINGO is back for March! We will be having our Zoom BINGO on Monday March 11 at 8pm. Please join us and hopefully you will shout Bingo and win a gift card! [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR BINGO](#).

Wendi Leicht is back with pickleball lessons on March 19th at 9:30am and March 20th at 7:30pm. This lesson is for beginners and advanced beginners so join us as we pick up some tips and tricks from a pro!! [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR PICKLEBALL LESSONS](#)

Sisterhood would like to thank Hadas Toren for teaching us how to make challah bread! It was a fun night, and the challah was delicious! Thanks to everyone who came and hope you had a good time and a wonderful addition to your Shabbat table!

Another thank you goes to Lauren Muriello, who instructed us in yoga on February 28th. This was an evening class, and the yoga was both invigorating and relaxing at the same time! I know everyone enjoyed it and can't wait to attend another class! So please look for an announcement soon on an upcoming date!

Sisterhood also had our second book club meeting, and everyone enjoyed the book, *Don't Forget to Write!* Everyone had so many great comments and insights to the book. Please look in the weekly announcements and the next Sisterhood article for the next book and meeting dates.

If you would like to see more of Sisterhood happenings, please like us on Instagram @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!

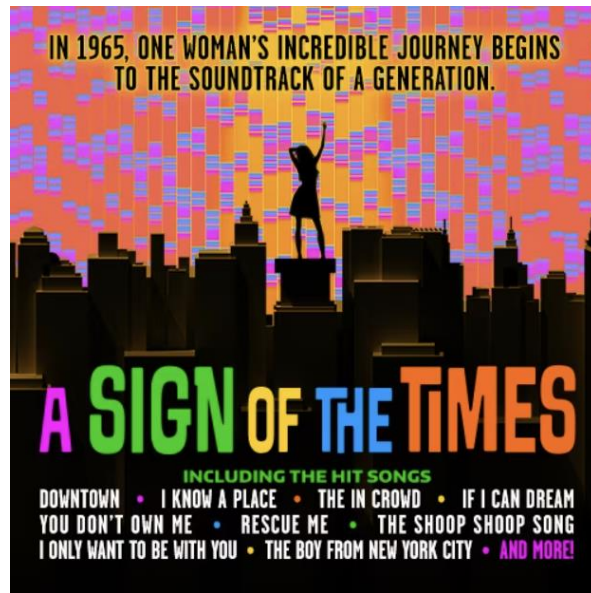
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Sisterhood Donor Event 2024

Thursday, May 30th

NOW SHOWING



The year is 1965. In this era of Vietnam, equal rights, and social wrongs, one aspirational young woman finds herself in New York City – ready to dive into this brave new world.

Journey back to America’s most turbulent decade as a young photographer tries to make her way in the world amid the changing times that defined an era. A totally original story with such classic songs as Downtown, Gimme Some Lovin’, Rescue Me, and I Know A Place, plus dozens more, *A Sign of the Times* explodes with the music you love and the madness that shaped that generation – and our own.

At New World Stages in NYC

Light Dinner at PBJC	4:30pm
Bus Departs PBJC	5:15pm
Showtime:	7:00pm
Bus Returns PBJC	10:30pm

Reserve your spot NOW.

Price (including dinner, show, snacks and transportation) is \$125/person.

SIGN UP FOR Sisterhood Donor Event 2024 Thursday, May 30th



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For several reasons, including that the trip is a few weeks earlier than normal and that attendance to the Donor Event has been below normal since COVID hit, we are having people reserve spots in advance so that we can purchase more seats / get a bigger bus if the response warrants. Donor credit* will be calculated at the end of April as usual and in early May we will send each participant their “bill” for the event (\$125.00 less any donor credit earned). For the moment, for those who believe they have earned > 1 free ticket, we are limiting you to a max of 2 free tickets (one for yourself and one for a guest). Likewise, at this time the event is only open to current Sisterhood membs.

To attend, please email bethgfuchs@gmail.com and reserve your ticket(s).
Or email with any questions.

*Donor Credit is earned through purchases of scrip (gift cards), tribute cards & gift shop items.

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.

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

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

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

The cards we keep in stock include:

Supermarkets:	ShopRite, Kings, Foodtown and Acme
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Online:	Amazon, LL Bean
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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.



MAKE IT A PRIORITY TO GIVE TO TORAH FUND!

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- Keter Kavod \$5,000
- Scholarship Patron \$2,500
- Patron \$1,200
- Associate Patron \$600
- Guardian \$300
- Benefactor \$180

FOR OUR U.S. SUPPORTERS, go to inspired.jtsa.edu/torahfund
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FOR OUR CANADIAN SUPPORTERS, go to torahfundecards.jtsa.edu/canadian
Make a donation of any amount with the minimum purchase of one ecard.
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

The Men's Club was pleased to once again sponsor the annual World Wide Wrap and breakfast. Thank you to Rabbi Finkel and Cantor Toren for making the event meaningful, educational, and fun for all.

A great time was had by all at the Men's Club Ping Pong Tournament which was held on Sunday, March 3rd. We had about 20 people attend, and it was truly a fun event!

Be sure to look for your Yom HaShoah candles, which will be delivered to you along with your Sisterhood Purim Baskets this month. The April Candlestick will contain more information about lighting and displaying the candles.

The Northern NJ Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs is excited to offer a fun event that is open to all Men's Club members. Race your fellow Men's Club members on the track in Edison! The fee is \$40 each. Registration is first come first serve and is limited to 60 spots. [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE GO KART EVENT](#). Here is the link to pay and register: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=5RRTV8BKEPQEC.

We are also planning another fun Men's Club Breakfast for June 2nd. Look for more information about that soon.

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

Jay Thailer

jthailer@pbjc.org

BETTY CRANE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

FRAN HOBERMAN-SCHENKEL AND BETH FUCHS

Club Coordinators

On February 22nd the Friendship Club held its final installation of the Winter Zoom Series. Historian Joel Farkas, after some technical issues, walked us through nearly 200 years of Colonial and post-Revolutionary history, eventually focusing on the role of New Jersey and George Washington in the Revolutionary War and beyond. Did you know that when New Jersey became a colony under British rule the Duke of York granted the land between the Delaware and Hudson Rivers to George Carteret and Lord John Berkeley? The Duke of York called it New Jersey in honor of Carteret's defense, as Governor, of the English Channel Island of Jersey during the English Civil War. After being granted the land, the two men divided it with Carteret keeping East Jersey and Berkeley overseeing West Jersey. Even Marie Antoinette and Alexander Hamilton were mentioned in the presentation. Afterwards Joel entertained questions and regaled us with his knowledge of Benedict Arnold and the Marquis de Lafayette, as well as sharing some anecdotes with us about his time as a docent at the Ford Mansion, aka Washington's Headquarters, in Morristown.

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

- Wednesday, **March 20th at 2:00pm at PBJC** in Scheinman Hall the **CCB Flutes** will entertain us during an afternoon of Coffee, Cookies and Conversation. Free for members. \$5 for non-members, payable at the door. [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)
- Wednesday, **April 17th Dinner and a Bus Trip to see Sophisticated Ladies** at Montclair State. Kosher Deli dinner at PBJC at 5:30pm, roundtrip bus, 7:30pm Curtain at Alexander Kasser Theatre at Montclair State University. Expected back at PBJC by 10pm. \$55 per person. See attached flyer and fill out and send in your form and payment ASAP. Limited to 40 participants. Priority to members. [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)
- Wednesday, **May 8th at 7:30pm at PBJC** organizational wizard **Marilyn Labendz** will discuss how we can organize our space and our lives by eliminating clutter and making spaces easy and efficient. Free for members. \$5 for non-members, payable at the door. [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)
- Monday, **May 20th at 7:30pm at PBJC** Broadway historian John Kenrick will present **From Screen to Stage: How Movies become Musicals**. Free for members. \$5 for non-members, payable at the door.

We apologize that there are two events in May and none in June. Coordinating schedules with John Kenrick was difficult but will be worth the snafu.

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

Beth Fuchs and Fran Hoberman-Schenkel

973-886-2397 973-632-7715

PBJCfriendshipclub@gmail.com

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 them once each month on Fridays at 4:00 pm. The date of our next visit is March 22nd when we will celebrate *Shabbat* and Purim with the residents.**

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

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

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Sandy Gonzalez at SGonzalez@pbjc.org 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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COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEES

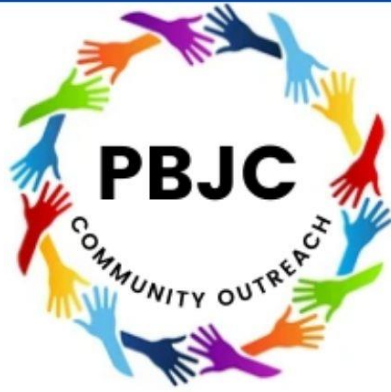
MARK ROFFMAN

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**



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.

This March our collection date will be **the fourth Sunday, March 24th**. 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, March 24th collecting donations from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM**. Donations will also be collected **later that day at the PBJC Purim Carnival from 11:15 AM to 2:00 PM**. 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 **March 24th**. All donations collected for nourish.NJ through PBJC will go directly towards food supplies for nourish.NJ. Monetary donations can be made as follows:
 - Online through the PBJC website. Click on "Donate Now" and make sure to select "nourish.NJ Donation" as the "Type" of payment.
 - Through a check made payable to "PBJC" and mailed to PBJC at 174 Changebridge Road, Montville, NJ 07045. Please indicate "nourish.NJ donation" in the memo of the check and please put "Attn: nourish.NJ donation" on the envelope.

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

If you have any questions, you can contact Lou at nourishNJ@pbjc.org or 973-787-7243.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

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

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

Wednesday, March 6 at 8 PM – Chevra Board Meeting

Thursday, March 7 - Deadline to Sponsor Sisterhood Purim Baskets

Thursday, March 7 at 10 AM- Deadline to Order Shabbat Dinner for Pick-Up on Friday, March 8

Monday, March 11 at 8 PM via Zoom - Sisterhood BINGO Night

Tuesday, March 12 from 7 PM to 8:30 PM – Adult Education with Rabbi Finkel: Watershed Moments in Modern Zionism, Session I

Sunday, March 17 at 9 AM - Sisterhood Purim Basket Packing

Monday, March 18 at 7:30 PM via Zoom – Rabbi Laura Geller: Getting Good at Getting Older

Tuesday, March 19 from 9 AM to 10 AM and Wednesday, March 20 from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM – Sisterhood Pickleball Lessons with Wendi Leicht

Wednesday, March 20 at 2 PM - Betty Crane Friendship Club presents The CCB Flutes & Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation

Saturday, March 23 at 7:30 PM - Megillah Reading

Sunday, March 24 from 11:15 AM to 2 PM - PBJC Purim Carnival, Purchase Wristbands Now – Donate to nourish.NJ at the Carnival!

Tuesday, March 26 from 7 PM to 8:30 PM – Adult Education with Rabbi Finkel: Watershed Moments in Modern Zionism, Session II

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

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

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

Wednesday, April 17 at 5:30 PM – Friendship Club Dinner and a Bus Trip to see Sophisticated Ladies at Montclair State. Send in your form and payment ASAP. Limited to 40 participants.

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

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

BABYSITTERS

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

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

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Age: 15
973-220-9496

Stella Edelstein
Grade 8
Age 13
973-692-3087

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Age 16
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joshmarchant714@gmail.com

Emma Paris
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Age 15
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Rebecca Rosen
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Age: 17
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Perri Schachman
Grade 9
Age: 15
973-917-9777
Perri.schachman@gmail.com

Elissa Schwartz
Grade 9
Age: 14
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elissabries@gmail.com

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

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES and BIRTHDAYS

Happy Anniversary to...

Happy Anniversary to...

- 3/13 – Lois and Barry Davis
- 3/15 – Sima and Abe Feder
- 3/24 – Laurie and Matthew Silverman
- 3/28 – Joyce and Martin Helfant
- 3/30 – Jacquelyn and Alexander Sweetwood



Happy Birthday to...

- 3/1 – Zachary Boyer, Hayley Edelstein, Stephanie Kutlow, Eliana Musikant, Toby Wolfman, Harry Zohn
- 3/2 – Dylan Kideckel
- 3/3 – David Katz
- 3/4 – Abby Crane
- 3/5 – Scott Estrin, Lindsay Marchant, Jordana Michaels, Gabrielle Roth
- 3/7 – Jack Steckleman
- 3/8 – Toby Hofstein, Barbara Tsukroff, Emilie Yudkin
- 3/9 – Elliott Abrutyn, Simona Esgar, Barry Isaacs, Ellen Levitan
- 3/10 – Lesley Neadel
- 3/11 – Ester Budak, Capri Jensen, Melissa Levy, Jason Roeltgen, Shari Schwartz
- 3/12 – Fred Colfin
- 3/13 – Abigail Edelman, Marcy Guilder, Jared Silverman
- 3/15 – Fred Morrison, Zachary Pett, Noah Wolf
- 3/16 – Ethan Eskinazi
- 3/17 – Ilanit Leibowitz
- 3/18 – Sandy Gonzalez
- 3/19 – Meryle Handler
- 3/20 – Andrew Kalfas, Ralph Zemel
- 3/21 – Samantha Bernstein, Zachary Friedman, Hudson Handler
- 3/22 – Carol Kotch, Cory Schneiderman, Ethan Schneiderman
- 3/23 – Marshall Kaplan
- 3/24 – Gerson Alkin, Jaz Cherna, Joyce Helifant, Robin Mangino, Rachel Pett, Morris Rynsky
- 3/25 – Elaine Fisvitz, Michael Pett
- 3/26 – Susan Mandel
- 3/27 – Seth Edelstein, Matthew Waldorf, Lester Wolfson
- 3/28 – Samuel Abramson, Jordan Bergman, Stephen Berman
- 3/29 – Emanuel Steren
- 3/30 – Joseph Crane, Rebecca Eisen, Jeff Jackter, Karen Kraut



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By: Diane and Frank Dalton and Mimi Gitomer
In honor of Sy Katz - many good wishes for your good health; In honor of Abe Goll's birthday - Mazal Tov and best wishes for good health and many more happy birthdays!

By: Carol Kotch
In honor of Gail Feldman - in celebration of your new home. May it be one of enjoyment and much fun!

By: Carol Kotch
Thank you to the Caring Committee for thinking of me during my recovery.

PBJC CARING PROGRAMMING

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In memory of Shelly Goldstein

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By: Diane Dalton
In memory of her beloved uncle, Harry Greenetz and her beloved grandparents, Harry and Gussie Gitomer

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In honor of Gail Feldman - Mazal Tov on your new home at Cedar Crest; In honor of Esther Soussa - Mazal Tov on your new home at Cedar Crest

By: Carol Kotch
In honor of Esther Soussa - in celebration of your new home. May you have much enjoyment and fun!

ELIOT SAKOLSKY/AARON MELZER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

By: Beverly Berkowitz
In honor of Gail Feldman - Mazal Tov on your next chapter; In honor of Esther Soussa - Mazal Tov on your new home. Wishing you good health and happiness

By: Harvey Sakolsky
In memory of his beloved brother, Eliot J. Sakolsky

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By: Diane and Frank Dalton
In honor of Judy Gothelf and her 70th birthday. Mazal Tov and good health for many more best wishes

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In honor of Judy and Steve Gothelf, with gratitude and kindness for their dedication to PBJC

By: Susan and Marshall Goodman
In memory of Shelly Goldstein

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By: Natalie Wallach
In memory of Shelly Goldstein

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By: Susan Charnet
In memory of her beloved mother-in-law, Esther Charnet

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In memory of her beloved husband, Eric Adams

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Dr. Kenneth A. Chazen

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In memory of her beloved father, Robert S. Gross

By: Gail Feldman
In memory of her beloved father, Irvin Morris Stadd

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In memory of his beloved mother, Sylvia Opper and
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In memory of her beloved husband, Alan Gitlin and
her beloved father-in-law, Hyman Gitlin

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Kenneth Alan Miller and Beverly's beloved brother,
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In memory of Ellen's beloved mother, Shirley
Schneider and Malcolm's

By: Patty Shwartz
In memory of her beloved grandmother, Bess Kobre
and her beloved uncle, William Shwartz

By: David Zerman
In memory of his beloved brother, Lee Michael
Zerman and his beloved mother, Florence Zerman

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Mitchell Goldstein, Libby Stein and family on
the loss of their beloved wife, mother, and
sister, Shelly Goldstein

Elahna Weinflash on the loss of her beloved
mother, Joyce Strom

Tracy Horowitz on the loss of her beloved
mother, Rita Epstein

SISTERHOOD TRIBUTES

To: Lauren and Kenneth Eagle –
Mazel Tov on Addison's Bat Mitzvah
From: Sisterhood

To: Mitchell Goldstein –
In memory of your wife Shelly Goldstein
From: Wendy and Jay Birnbaum, Aileen and
Jonathan Cabelly, Sheryl and Howard Chesler, Nancy
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Leicht, Marian and Bob Lowenfish, Monique and Jedd
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Sanders, Fran Hoberman-Schenkel and Howard
Schenkel, Celina and Emanuel Steren, Esta and
Phil Zwick

To: Judy and Steve Gothelf –
Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter
From: Alice Gordon

To: Rosalie and Robert Kesselman -
Wishing you the best in your new home
From: Sisterhood

To: Bob Lowenfish –
Wishing you a Speedy Recovery
From: Estelle Stein

To: Janet and Jeff Mestel –
Mazel Tov on the Bat Mitzvah of your
granddaughter, Ally
From: Fran Hoberman-Schenkel
and Howard Schenkel

To: Celia and Howie Musikant –
Mazel Tov on the Bar Mitzvah of your son, Max
From: Ilene and Jay Thailer

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

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

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

To: Libby Stein –
In memory of your sister, Shelly Goldstein
From: Wendy and Jay Birnbaum, Aileen and
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Nancy and Jonathan Cohen, Alice Gordon,
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Fran Hoberman-Schenkel and Howard Schenkel,
Celina and Emanuel Steren, Esta and Phil Zwick

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Mazel Tov on the Bar Mitzvah of your son, Matthew
From: Sisterhood

To: Erin and Michael Willner –
Mazel Tov on the Bat Mitzvah of your
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Yahrzeits

**READ ON FRI/SAT,
3/1 and 3/2**

3/2/24 – 22 Adar I

Parvin Adel-Arjomand
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3/3/24 – 23 Adar I

Ruth Goldberg
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3/4/24 – 24 Adar I

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Martin Bloom
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3/5/24 – 25 Adar I

Fannie Blackman
Sally Cholever
Sidney Eisenhandler
Hyman Gitlin
William Goldstein
Samuel Kleinman
Sandford Lichtenberg
Rebecca Lifschin
Paul Margolin
Marcus Rosenthal
Helen Sanders

3/6/24 – 26 Adar I

Eric Adams
Helen Biber
Aliza Ende
Martin Goldman
Lillian Gulitz
Lena Kohn
Grisha Lewitan
William Shwartz

3/7/24 – 27 Adar I

Frances Bernstein
Milton Book
Max M. Liss
Blanch Meyer
William Morris
Norman Teich

3/8/24 – 28 Adar I

Steven Epstein
Jesse Gershberg
David Goldberg
Samuel Grossman
Bess Kobre
Dora Osur

**READ ON FRI/SAT,
3/8 and 3/9**

3/9/24 – 29 Adar I

Shirley Brown
Carl Gordon
Mildred Koslow
Jacob Lazerwitz
Sylvia Opper
Morris Rostoker
John H. Roy
Lee Michael Zerman

3/10/24 – 30 Adar I

Sidney Lerner
Louis Sirotkin

3/11/24 – 1 Adar II

Pearl Cohen
Arthur Fechter
Alan Gitlin
Ben Heller
Robert Rosenberg

3/12/24 – 2 Adar II

Samuel Ershowsky
Bernard S. Leon
Leo Zuckerman

3/13/24 – 3 Adar II

Richele Blake
Irving Kruger
Samuel Mariash
Sarah Schneider

3/15/24 – 5 Adar II

Angie Polsky
David Schachter

**READ ON FRI/SAT,
3/15 and 3/16**

3/16/24 – 6 Adar II

Harry Gitomer
Joel Grabell
Harry Greenetz
Miriam Manheim
Michael Reiser
Florence Zerman

3/17/24 – 7 Adar II

Jacob Blum
Irving Brenner
Monroe Saul
Gertrude Schofield

3/18/24 – 8 Adar II

Emma Liberman
Irving Reich

3/19/24 – 9 Adar II

Helen Levy
Mollie Zakarin

3/20/24 – 10 Adar II

Sandy Bond
Max Daniels
Dora Simon

3/21/24 – 11 Adar II

Marjory Goldstein
Caryn B. Lerner
Mildred Roth
Jennie Schiff

**READ ON FRI/SAT,
3/22 and 3/23**

3/23/24 – 13 Adar II

Leonard Handman
David Weiner

3/24/24 – 14 Adar II

Irving Baker
Louis Morrison
Shirley Moskowitz
Hannah Schirn
Diane Schneider

3/25/24 – 15 Adar II

Seymour Cohen
Dave Cohen
Clara Kleiner Goldberg

3/26/24 – 16 Adar II

Stanley Diener

3/27/24 – 17 Adar II

Rose Kaplan
Eugene Morton Paster
Simon B Seltzer

3/28/24 – 18 Adar II

Louis Feinstein
Samuel Grubman

**READ ON FRI/SAT,
3/29 and 3/30**

3/30/24 – 20 Adar II

Adam Glenn Belman
Miriam Bogert
Martin O. Greenberg

3/31/24 – 21 Adar II

Aida Reingold
Lowell Sherwin

4/1/24 – 22 Adar II

Morris Grossman
Barbara June Levine
Rose Messinger
Alfred Weiss

4/3/24 – 24 Adar II

Abraham Cohen
Isidore Rosenhouse

4/4/24 – 25 Adar II

Martha Weitman

4/5/24 – 26 Adar II

Cynthia Bressler
Mordecai Kanengiser
Frances Levy
Paul Spindel