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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.

Saturday Mornings at 9:45 a.m. with preliminary prayers at 9:30 a.m.

Emergency Contact Information

Please use the following protocol in the event of an emergency or if you lose a loved one:
Call the synagogue office at 973-244-9800. If the office is closed, call Rabbi Finkel at
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RABBI'S MESSAGE

RABBI MARK DAVID FINKEL

Remembering Our Loved Ones

As spring and summer approach, I receive a larger than average number of calls to help families order and unveil monuments for loved ones who have passed away in recent months. Probably the two questions that I get asked the most are: 1. What needs to be on a memorial stone? and 2. What is all the Hebrew that one finds on the memorial stone? The answer to the first question is probably "whatever is meaningful to you." A headstone or a footstone is as much a comfort to the family as it is a testament to the departed. However, it is also a ritual object that not only guides us and helps us at our time of grieving, but it is sometimes called a memorial because it also allows us to remember our loved one for generations.

Let me take a step back. Some of you may be asking: "...spring and summer? I thought monuments are dedicated at the first anniversary of a loved one's death." The answer is: "yes and no." For those who have had a loved one who passed away during the winter and wondered if we might wait until the spring or summer for the unveiling, you are not alone. Also, foundations for a monument need to be poured when it isn't too cold or too rainy; and it is usually easier to find dry days in the spring than to find not-so-cold days in the winter. This past year, because of the pandemic, the process of creating a memorial stone has taken longer to complete.

I know most people do not take regular walks in a cemetery, but many rabbis do: not only when it is time for burial or an unveiling, but often to glean information from an older stone to create stones for the next generation of that family. Those of you who may find yourself in a Jewish cemetery looking at headstones from the 1920's, 30's, and 40's may notice a great deal more Hebrew on those stones than on later stones. The Hebrew on some of those stones are beautiful epitaphs, often in the form of poetry or an alphabetic acrostic, using the letters of the loved one's Hebrew name. I find them exceptional works of creativity, but, for the most part, of a bygone era.

Let's start with the English that one often finds on a stone. It is most often the person's name, their relation to those who are grieving, e.g., spouse, parent, grandparent, sibling, or friend, accompanied with caring adjectives; and dates, sometimes of their birth, and usually of their passing.

The Hebrew offers similar information about their Jewish selves: their Hebrew name (usually in Hebrew characters) and their date of death (on the Hebrew calendar). People often ask me: what if I don't read Hebrew? Let's start with the person's Hebrew or Yiddish name. One could put the name in transliteration. If it was a Hebrew name, that wouldn't be too difficult. However, many Yiddish names have variant spellings. One of the reasons why we put the Hebrew/Yiddish name on the stone is to keep it in a logical, safe place to use in naming babies a generation or two or three later. When we transliterate a Yiddish name, we can rarely be sure that we have spelled the name correctly, given the variant spellings, so it is best to do some homework to put the best information that we can on the stone now for future generations.

Now for the date. As I said about the English date: it is sometimes a birth date, but it almost always includes the Hebrew date of death. And for those who ask: can't we figure out the Hebrew date of death from the English date? Again: yes and no. The English date on its own can't give us the exact Hebrew date unless we ask the additional question: "Did our loved one die before sunset or after sunset?" Some people do remember the time of death, but I find that many more can't remember it after not too many years. Furthermore, if we have the Hebrew date on the stone, we never have to compute the *yahrzeit* (Hebrew anniversary) date in 5 or 10 years when the list of annual dates that we receive from the funeral home has run out. (The 10th of Sivan will be the *yahrzeit* every year.) It may sound odd, but the Hebrew date can be inscribed in English characters.

The last piece concerning Hebrew on a memorial is the use of Hebrew letters used as numbers, abbreviations, and acronyms. As with Roman numerals, Hebrew letters also can represent numbers. Among the more common Hebrew acronyms and abbreviations are: "Here lies," "passed away," and "with the help of G-d." Furthermore, at the bottom of most stones, we find 5 Hebrew letters crowned with apostrophes (the use of apostrophes is often an indicator that the Hebrew letters are not a regular word). It represents a verse from the biblical book of First Samuel 25:29 (which was adapted by the Rabbis as the last line of the *Ei Malay* memorial prayer) which is often translated as: "May his (her) soul be bound up in the bonds of everlasting life." It is a final prayer to our loved one. Why abbreviations, contractions, and acronyms? Without any disrespect to our departed, they allow the memorial to hold all this information with an economy of space for all posterity.

May our departed be remembered for a blessing,

Rabbi Finkel

May 2021

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

EVAN ZUCKERMAN

President

While this year has felt a little like the movie Groundhog Day, it also went fast in many ways. I can't believe this is already my penultimate Candlestick article once again. Let me take this opportunity to update you on some of the events that occurred over the last few months and that will be occurring before I turn over the reins to the next administration.

This last year has been rough financially on PBJC. Our cash collections from dues and fees have been significantly less than in previous years due to COVID related issues, and our expenditure level was not meaningfully mitigated. While all of you helped us exceed expectations during the *Kol Nidre* appeal, we unfortunately have not been able to have other fundraisers or other means to increase cash collections this fiscal year. To help ease the situation, as you all know, we applied for and received a loan under the Payroll Protection Plan ("PPP") last May for approximately \$175,000. We used the entirety of the loan to ensure that our staff were retained and programs continued. This loan was recently forgiven by the small business administration. Around the same time, the second round of PPP money became available last month. As a recipient of the first round of funds, we qualified to apply for a second loan under the PPP program. We initiated the process and received a second loan last month for approximately \$175,000. We are projected to use this money in its entirety by the end of June and apply for forgiveness of the loan this fall. The Finance Committee, which will be led by Jen Katz and Tracy Horowitz, will convene to establish a budget for the 21-22 year to present to the congregation this summer. The Finance Committee and Executive Committee needed some additional time to prepare the next budget due to the financial circumstance caused by COVID and the budget is dependent on certain decisions that have yet to be made regarding how we will operate next year.

To that end, the COVID Task Force has reconvened to determine our plan for the reopening of PBJC. Over the next few months, the Task Force will be discussing how we gradually bring you all back to PBJC. They are contemplating outdoor services and programming this spring and summer, fundraisers, B'nai Mitzvahs, Nursery School and Religious School this fall, and how we hold High Holy Day services in September. There are so many decisions to be made and the Task Force will work with the Ritual Committee, the schools, and the clergy to recommend to the *Chevra* Board the steps to ensure an appropriate, phased, and safe reopening of PBJC. These decisions will also have a financial impact on the synagogue and the Task Force will work with the Finance Committee to ensure all financial considerations have been discussed. I want to thank all the members of the Task Force for their diligent work and dedication over this last year and in the months to come.

May and June bring some wonderful graduations for our schools. Our Kitah Hey Religious School students have their moving up celebration on May 4 and our B'Yachad and Beyond B'Yachad (Hebrew High) students have their confirmation and graduation on May 16. Our Nursery School students will graduate on June 9. I am looking forward to watching both my girls at the B'Yachad services and I am sure I will be a bit emotional. Michelle and I joined the synagogue about 18 years ago when Lindsay was born, not long after we moved into Montville. Our girls started their PBJC educational experiences with music class and Mommy & Me when they were just a year old. Over the last 18 years, Michelle and I attended many Nursery School events and graduation for the girls, enjoyed the many Religious School class services and events, and celebrated their Bat Mitzvahs with all of you. Michelle became an adult Bat Mitzvah and PBJC has truly been a second home to my family. Michelle and I found some of our closest friends at PBJC and we consider the PBJC community to be our extended family. All of our graduations will be via Zoom and/or Live Stream this year and we hope you join us as we celebrate these milestones and the future of our synagogue.

I know I have one more article but I want to take this time to thank each and every one of you for allowing me to serve as your president yet again. It has truly been a rewarding and humbling experience. Later this month, you will be asked to vote on the slate of officers and trustees for the upcoming year. While I am not at liberty to disclose the proposed slate at this time, I can assure you that the Nominating Committee did a great job developing a slate of officers and trustees who will work for all of you and ensure that this synagogue thrives. When the slate is announced in the next few weeks, I encourage you all to vote in support of the slate.

I look forward to finishing out my term and will continue to work to support our future leaders in any way they need. Stay strong, stay well, and stay safe.

Evan

May 2021

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NURSERY SCHOOL

LISA LERMAN and JILL BUCKLER
Nursery School Co-Directors

Spring is finally in the air at PBJC Nursery. We started our month fresh and energized following a nice Passover break! Everyone came back to school ready for warm weather, spring projects and of course, getting outside to the playground!

Yom Ha'Atzmaut was certainly a high point of the month! Thanks to a lot of hard work from all of our very dedicated staff, the nursery children enjoyed an amazing “journey to Israel” in observance of the occasion. The children obtained their passports, boarded their flight to Israel and were off on an exciting Israeli adventure! They ate Israeli food, colored maps of Israel, put notes in the Wailing Wall, visited the Chagall windows in the Hadassah Hospital, enjoyed a glass bottom boat tour in Eilat and climbed Masada. They even had their photos taken with a camel. With a lot of creativity and very vivid imaginations, the trip to Israel was a huge success, as was the entire event.

May promises to be another fun-filled month as we continue to make lots of wonderful memories. We can't wait to share with you how we raised butterflies from caterpillars and truck day in our next update.

Summer 2021 will be here before we know it. Planning for PBJC Day camp is in full swing. We are currently accepting applications for children ages 18 months to 5 years old. Registration forms are available through the Nursery School office. 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!

PBJC Nursery continues to grow! We have expanded our already vibrant and stimulating preschool program to accommodate the needs of parents who require longer hours. Children ages 18 months to 5 years old can enroll in the Giggle Zone, an expanded care option (hours available from 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.) to complement our current preschool classes. We continue to welcome new families to the area and into our program, and we are thrilled that so many families are able to take advantage of our dynamic, highly regarded nursery programs! Be sure to share this information with your friends, neighbors, and co-workers. We have been giving virtual tours to interested families and look forward to expanding our PBJC Nursery family.

Be sure to “like” us on Facebook (PBJC Nursery School.) 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 nursery/camp programs.

Warm regards,

Lisa Lerman and Jill Buckler
Nursery School Co - Directors

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

MARY SHEYDWASSER
Educational Director

Our last month of the academic year is packed with exciting programs for our students, their families, and the synagogue at large. Our Zeraim and Shorashim students will be participating in a celebratory program on **Sunday, May 2nd**; we will be marking the moving up ceremony (*Lech Lecha*) of our Kitah Hey students on **Tuesday, May 4th**; and we hope to celebrate our last day of school on **Tuesday, May 11th** with a variety of outdoor activities. I am hoping for a beautiful afternoon where we can all come together! We have had quite a tumultuous year, but I am so grateful that we have come through unscathed with more dedication and commitment for 2021-2022!

Registration for the new school year has already begun! Our goal is to have our students and teachers in the PBJC building and back in their classrooms. We are committed to doing everything we can to offer in-person learning with all protocols in place. We want to be sure all health measures and social distancing guidelines will be enforced and will certainly keep you informed as we get closer to September 2021. As always, we will accommodate everyone's needs, and will offer the option of remote learning.

Finally, we have an exciting celebration planned for our *B'Yachad* Graduates and Confirmants on **Sunday, May 16th**. I have had the distinct privilege and opportunity to watch these students grow into fine young adults. We have shared many good times together and created a beautiful community! We have enjoyed going on trips, *Shabbatonim*, and having meaningful discussions on every Jewish topic imaginable. I would like to wish the following graduates a very hearty MAZEL TOV....**Sam Abramson, Joseph Crane, Griffin Smolar, Sammy Stiller, Charlotte Weinstein, Steven Zampaglione and Lindsay Zuckerman**....may all of your dreams come true and endeavors be fulfilled.

Our tenth-grade students should also be commended and recognized by our congregation for their ongoing commitment to Jewish learning. We will be honoring **Zachary Friedman, Ethan Kraut, Matthew Reiss, Jack Steckelman, Amanda Stiller, Rachel Thailer, and Hailey Zuckerman** who will be participating in our *B'Nai Torah* Confirmation/Graduation. May you continue to go from strength to strength! I look forward to spending the next two years with all of you and hope to continue our tradition of going on lots of trips!

We are extremely fortunate to have the dedication of many people who make our synagogue a vibrant, meaningful, and wonderful mainstay of Conservative worship. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the parents, for supporting our Religious School. *L'Dor Va'Dor*, from one generation to the next, these children are our future! I also want to express my gratitude to the many lay leaders who devote their time and energy to PBJC and the Religious School: Evan Zuckerman, President, Michael Weinstein, Vice President of Education, Karen Kraut and Kim Stiller, Education Co-chairs, have been invaluable. In addition, my thanks go to Rabbi Finkel, Cantor Toren, Robin Mangino and all the exceptional teachers I have been privileged to work with this past year.

B'Shalom,

Mary Sheydwasser

B'NOT MITZVAH

Hayley Edelstein
May 8, 2021



Hayley Morgan Edelstein was born on March 1, 2008, making Jessica and Seth proud parents for the first time! Although a petite little thing, she was a very spirited toddler and little girl, who has always had a zest for adventure and excitement. Hayley is a caring big sister to Stella and Davis and enjoys hanging with them, watching movies (preferably scary ones), and staying in their rooms way too late at night. She also loves animals and is particularly keen at teaching our old dog new tricks. A dedicated student at Lazar Middle School, Hayley enjoys dancing, skiing, golf, playing the piano, sometimes playing tennis, and hanging with friends and family. Hayley spends her summers at Trail's End Camp and cannot wait to get back there this summer with her friends and cousins. We are so proud of the hard work Hayley has done in becoming a Bat Mitzvah. Her mitzvah project was a special collaboration she worked on with her cousin to raise money to gift presents to the children who unfortunately had to be in the hospital at CHOP over the holiday season. Together, they were able to support another cousin who works there and they had the opportunity to pick out which toys and art supplies they wanted the kids to have, which was a unique experience, especially during Covid. Her strong sense of family and wanting to help others is something we admire. We are looking forward to celebrating her special day with our extended family in person!

Chloe Horowitz
May 15, 2021



On July 16, 2008, proud parents Tracy and Steven and big brother Logan welcomed Chloe Elle Horowitz into the world. Chloe is a smart, funny, often goofy young woman that certainly keeps everyone on their toes! She is an advanced seventh grader at Newark Academy. For as long as she could walk, Chloe has loved sports and keeping active. She plays basketball for the Montville travel team, the NJ Magic AAU team and for the Newark Academy middle school team. She is also on the middle school tennis and track and field teams. She also loves shopping, Tik Tok, playing video games and just jumping around. Chloe spends her summers at her home away from home, Camp IHC. She is lucky to have great friends from Montville, Newark Academy and Camp IHC. Chloe enjoys giving back and has made many, many sandwiches for soup kitchens, as so many people are food insecure, especially since the pandemic started. We are very proud of the amazing young woman that Chloe has become and can't wait to see what her future holds.

Eden and Ruby Brodsky

May 22, 2021



Having identical twins was the shock of a lifetime. Ruby and Eden were born on April 11, 2008 and have continued to surprise us every step of the way. They are exceptional students, both receiving straight As at Lazar Middle School each marking period. They are also committed athletes who shine on the soccer field as well as the basketball court. Ruby is so generous and loving towards her friends and family. Eden is responsible, funny, and very hard working. Ruby and Eden are both enthusiastic, positive, and a joy to be around. These qualities make them amazing friends, daughters, sisters, and members of the larger community. Ruby and Eden spend their summers at Pine Forest Camp in Greeley, Pennsylvania. Camp is such an important part of who they are as individuals. It is a place to try new things, make strong connections and simplify the pace of life for seven weeks each summer. In fact, camp is so important to them that they chose to center their Mitzvah project around helping less fortunate children get the opportunity to attend summer camps as well. Thank you to all of our friends and family who donated to the Hughie and Selma Black Foundation, which helps fund children in need to receive the gift of camp. We can't believe their B'not Mitzvah has arrived. They have worked long and hard to prepare for this day. Ruby and Eden's friends and family are so proud of each of their accomplishments and look forward to sharing in this important milestone.

Emma Paris

May 29, 2021



Emma Rose made her debut on July 16, 2008 and has brought twelve years of laughter and joy to our family. A hard working 7th grade student at Lazar Middle school, Emma's favorite subjects are ELA and Italian. She is a big sister to Alexa and two Yorkshire Terrier puppies, Joey and Chandler, new additions to our team. Outside of school, Emma enjoys playing tennis, traveling, spending time with her friends, and day trips to NYC checking out cool pop up art museums and restaurants. Emma spends her summers at Pine Forest Camp and can't wait to get back there in a few weeks. For her mitzvah project Emma is raising money for ALS patients, as she has been an enthusiastic participant in the annual ALS walk in New York City in the past. Sadly, last year's cancellation of the 2020 walk meant that many families and their support systems suffered. Her goal is to raise \$3,600. Emma has the gift of bringing laughter to everyone around her. To the daughter, sister, and granddaughter who makes us all so very proud, we wish Emma a lifetime of happiness and health!

SISTERHOOD

ILENE THAILER and FRAN SIMMONS
Co-Presidents

Happy Spring everyone!! We are so thrilled that the weather is getting warmer and we can start going out more. We are also thrilled that we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel in regard to the pandemic. Our programming is reflecting this wonderful news with our first in-person event. On May 2nd we gathered outdoors, socially distanced and masked, to learn about gardening with Wanda Knapik. It was very informative and we learned a lot. We are both hoping to have a green thumb this summer. A big thank you to our programming chairs, Erin Wilner and Rachel Ehudin for putting this event together. We all had a great time, especially seeing people in person!

We are also continuing our Zoom BINGO this month. We will have games on Monday, May 3 at 8:00pm and Tuesday, May 25 at 8:00pm. We hope to see you there. Congrats to our April winners, and as always thank you to Rachel Ehudin and Erin Wilner for putting the games together.

We are coming to a close on our two-year term as Sisterhood Co-Presidents and would like to ask if anyone is interested in a leadership position in Sisterhood to reach out to us. It is truly a mitzvah to volunteer for Sisterhood, and not only help out our fellow women, but the synagogue, Nursery School and Religious School as well. Please contact us at your convenience; our information is below.

Our tribute card donations are ongoing, but one of our volunteers has a new email. So please make a note of it.

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As always, we thank you for your continued support of Sisterhood, and please contact us with any questions, comments, or concerns.

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BETTY CRANE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

FRAN HOBERMAN-SCHENKEL

BETH FUCHS

Club Coordinators

We hope everyone enjoyed Janet Mandel's program, "Andy Warhol: One Singular Sensation," in late April. The lecture examined Warhol's life and art from his beginnings as a commercial illustrator in the 1950s, to his iconic Pop masterpieces of the early '60s, to the avant-garde films from the '60s and '70s, to his innovative use of readymade abstraction in the '80s. Few American artists are as celebrated and notorious as Andy Warhol and Janet's Artalks event was fun and informative.

On May 10th join us as we virtually travel through Europe with Oscar Israelowitz of Israelowitz Publishing and Tours. Oscar will lead us through Italy, Switzerland, Germany, France, Holland, and England to visit and discuss the great Synagogues of Western Europe. Mark your calendar for this Zoom trip on May 10th at 7:15pm. We look forward to seeing you online.

If you have suggestions for future programs or want to be more involved and join the Friend Club Committee, please reach out to us at PBJCfriendshipclub@gmail.com.

Beth and Fran

SASS

ELAINE NACHSHEN

Coordinator

Thank goodness the signs of Spring are finally popping up all around us. Forsythia plants are blooming, and buds are forming on the azalea, rhododendrons, and lilac bushes. The temperature, however, still has not decided if we are in Spring yet, as cold days with frost continued into April. I have always used Mother's Day as my signal that it is safe to start planting. Perhaps by the time you are reading this article, Spring will have truly sprung. My hope is that everyone will be fully vaccinated, and restaurants, movie houses and theatres will be open safely so that we can resume SASS's active programming. I hope to set up outdoor programs for later in May and June. More information will follow as soon as arrangements have been firmed up. Please call or email with any questions about our Socially Active Single Seniors club at PBJC.

Elaine Nachshen 973-263-0407 nachshen@aol.com

nourish.NJ

Louis Schwartz
Chair



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 May 30th. Due to the pandemic, 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, May 30th 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 May 30th. 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 or 973-787-7243.

Shavu'ot Service Times

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Shavu'ot Evening Service

with B'Yachad B'nai Torah Ceremony

(10th Grade Confirmation / 12th Grade Graduation)

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

via Live Stream at www.pbjc.org

*The following services will be in-person,
with registration/sign-up required,
as well as via Zoom and Live Stream.*

Monday, May 17, 2021

Preliminary Prayers

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Shavu'ot Morning Service

9:45 AM - 12:00 NOON

Alternate *Yizkor* Service

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Preliminary Prayers

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Shavu'ot Morning Service with traditional Yizkor

9:45 AM - 12:00 NOON

FOUR SHAVU'OT TRADITIONS

Re-enacting receiving the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai - The Torah reading on the first morning of *Shavu'ot* which, this year, falls on Monday, May 17 is the telling of Moses' receiving the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai. During the *aliyah* when the Ten Commandments are chanted, the congregation stands recalling that our ancestors anxiously stood at the foot of Mount Sinai waiting, and then listens to these timeless sacred words.

Tikkun - As some of you know, it is customary, on the 1st evening of *Shavu'ot*, to gather in study. This year the Conservative/Masorti movement will present a 24-hour *Tikkun Leil Shavu'ot* drawing on our world-wide scholarship from North America, South America, Europe, and Israel, from **May 16th at 12:00 PM to May 17th at 12:00 PM EDT**. Access to the experience is FREE for all, regardless of synagogue affiliation or organizational participation. PBJC is a Co-sponsoring organization. The link is: [Conservative/Masorti Tikkun Leil Shavuot 5781](#)

Eating Dairy - Many Jews have a tradition of eating dairy foods on *Shavu'ot*. There are a variety of explanations of this custom. My favorite is that since the Torah had not yet been received, the Israelites were uninformed about the intricate rules for preparing kosher meat. Accordingly, the Israelites chose to eat dairy, rather than be hungry and physically weak for the anticipated special event of receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai. *Blintzes*, ice cream, and cheesecake have all found their way onto the menus of this holiday.

Yizkor - Because the festival of *Shavu'ot* is the anniversary of receiving the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai, our tradition also asks us, at this festival that brings generations of families together, to remember those generations who are no longer with us. In synagogues around the world, *Yizkor* prayers such as the ones that are said on *Yom Kippur* are also said on the second day of *Shavu'ot*. **Our congregation has traditionally gathered to say Yizkor prayers on the morning of the second day of Shavu'ot. Those prayers will begin around 11 AM during the morning service on Tuesday, May 18.** We have experimented in recent years at PBJC with offering *Yizkor* prayers at a time that might be **more convenient** when *Shavu'ot* falls on what is, for some people, a work day. Some congregants have asked, again, if PBJC could offer *Yizkor* prayers at a time that might be **more convenient**, and so, **we will also offer Yizkor prayers on the evening before, on Monday, May 17 at 7:00 PM**. I especially encourage those congregants who have not been able to make it in the past to attend *Yizkor* prayers, to join us for this opportunity to pause and remember our loved ones who are no longer with us, but, especially on a festival, are present in our hearts and in our minds. If any congregant would like their loved one's name (Hebrew or English) read during the *El Malay* (memorial) prayer, please mention it to Rabbi Finkel by the beginning of the service or bring the name on a 3 x 5 card, so that Rabbi Finkel may offer the name during the prayer. We hope that this can be a special spiritual moment to allow the memories of our loved ones and the echoes of their voices to help guide us in our daily lives along the paths upon which they guided us in the time we shared with them. Last, but not least, it is also the custom to light a 24-hour *Yizkor* candle. If anyone needs a *Yizkor* candle, they are available for pick-up at the PBJC office. Please contact the office to arrange a pick-up time.

May our loved ones be remembered for a blessing.

To our PBJC family, my wishes on behalf of myself, my family, and the PBJC staff for a happy and healthy *Shavu'ot*.

Rabbi Finkel

IMPORTANT LINKS AND INFORMATION

[Click Here for the full PBJC Calendar](#)

*Be sure to regularly check the calendar on the PBJC website as updated flyers and event/program information will be added.

Upcoming Events:

[Sunday, May 2 at 11:00 AM - Sisterhood Planting and Gardening Program with Wanda Knapik from My Local Garden \(registration required for this in-person, outdoor event\)](#)

[Monday, May 3 at 8:00 PM - Sisterhood BINGO Night via Zoom](#)

[Tuesday, May 4 at 7:00 PM - Kitah Hey Moving Up Ceremony / Lech Lecha via Zoom](#)

[Thursday, May 6 at 7:00 PM - Cooking with Cantor Toren - Dairy Recipes for Shavuot via Zoom](#)

[Monday, May 10 at 7:15 PM - Betty Crane Friendship Club presents Synagogues of Western Europe with Oscar Israelowitz via Zoom](#)

[Tuesday, May 11 at 7:30 PM - Adult Education with Rabbi Finkel - The Golden Land, Session V via Zoom](#)

[Wednesday, May 12 at 7:30 PM - Congregational Meeting via Zoom followed by Chevra Board Meeting at 8:00 PM via Zoom \(*Remember to submit your electronic votes!\)](#)

[Wednesday, May 19 at 10:00 AM - Adult Education with Rabbi Finkel - The Golden Land, Session VI via Zoom](#)

[Friday, May 21 – Deadline to Submit Graduate Information](#)

[Tuesday, May 25 at 8:00 PM - Sisterhood BINGO Night via Zoom](#)

[Wednesday, May 26 at 8:00 PM – Men's Club presents Tips to Achieve Sustainable Energy and Health \(and Lose Weight at the Same Time\) with Dr. Matthew Mandel via Zoom](#)

[Sunday, May 30 from 9 AM to 9:30 AM – Collection of Non-Perishable Food Items for nourish.NJ](#)

[Thursday, June 2 at 6:00 PM - UJA Federation of New York Trusts and Estates Group virtual event honoring our own Glenn Fox](#)

[Monday, August 9 – SAVE THE DATE – PBJC Golf, Tennis & Game Room Classic](#)

Shabbat and Shavu'ot Services

All weekly Shabbat services on Friday evening and Saturday morning, as well as all *Shavu'ot* services, will be both in-person in the sanctuary and via Zoom and Live Stream. In-person attendance will be limited. You can sign-up to attend services in-person on the Services section of the PBJC website ([CLICK HERE](#)) or you can contact the PBJC office for assistance.

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary to...

- 5/2 – Jill and Alan Bernstein
- 5/5 – Shoshana Schiff and Warren Usatine
- 5/8 – Sharon and Joe Huber
- 5/19 – Amanda and Daniel Eskinazi
- 5/20 – Debby and Paul Martino
- 5/22 – Shari and Louis Schwartz
- 5/25 – Fran Hoberman-Schenkel and Howard Schenkel
- 5/27 – Betsy and Adam Steckelman



Happy Birthday to...

- 5/1 – Ariel Michaels
- 5/2 – Elias Rosen, Rebecca Rosen
- 5/4 – Jennifer Kayne, Marly Cucci Lampf, Evan Orris
- 5/5 – Blake Friedman
- 5/6 – Mel Chodor
- 5/7 – Melvyn Feinblom, Barbara Morrison, Natalie Wallach, Molly Weiner, Marc Yudkin
- 5/8 – Joseph Huber
- 5/9 – Anna Auerbach, Rowan Baines, Martin Tsukroff
- 5/10 – Ethan Auerbach, Robert Fields, Lisa Lerman
- 5/11 – Chelsea Adest, Sharon Fields, Nancy Gilbert
- 5/12 – Joshua Baron, Ronnie Drewke, Samantha Glickson, Isabella Honig, Samantha Honig, Erika Rosenthal, Nancy Stanton Tuckman
- 5/13 – Dylan Banks, Richard Edelman, Justin Solotoff, Hadass Toren
- 5/14 – Keith Brown, Richard Schuman
- 5/15 – Lois Davis, Ilissa Schachman
- 5/17 – Chase Blumenthal
- 5/18 – Marcia Kalfas, Avery Solotoff
- 5/19 – Wendy Birnbaum, Logan Horowitz, Evan Schachman
- 5/21 – Michael Brodsky
- 5/22 – Lawrence Garb, Jedd Mendelson, Michael Miller
- 5/23 – Betty Crane
- 5/25 – Richard Citron
- 5/26 – Ryan Abfier, David Paris
- 5/27 – Madison Friedman
- 5/28 – Brady Garb, Seth Goldstein, Janet Slipowitz
- 5/29 – Jill Buckler, Erica Paris, Ezra Robbins, Jill Weiss
- 5/30 – Keith Adest, Susan Decter, Jonathan Lewis
- 5/31 – Millie Baron, Cyndy Chase, Arthur Eisen

Note: Children of members are included on the birthday list until their 21st birthday.



Pine Brook Jewish Center wants to acknowledge your graduates from high school, college, and graduate school!

If you have a 2021 graduate, please send an e-mail to mitzvahs@pbjc.org and include the following information: PBJC Member's Name; Student's Name; School from which they are Graduating; School which they will be Attending (if applicable)

We will send out a special announcement congratulating our graduates!



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In memory of our beloved son and brother,
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In memory of his beloved mother, Lillian Kaufman

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In memory of her beloved father,
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In memory of her beloved husband,
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In memory of his beloved father-in-law,
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In memory of her beloved mother and sister,
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In memory of his beloved mother, Rose Ulrich

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In memory of Natalie's beloved mother, Rose
Rubin and Len's beloved uncle, Leo Wallach

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In memory of her beloved mother and father,
Ruth Goldberg and Isidore Goldberg

By: Ann Wolman
In memory of her beloved brother, Stephen Katz

CONDOLENCES TO:

Dean Baker on the loss of his father,
Howard Baker

Keith Lewis on the loss of his father,
Frederic Alan Lewis

SISTERHOOD TRIBUTES

To: Stacey and Joshua Blumenthal –
Mazel Tov on Aiden and Max's B'nai Mitzvah
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To: Jaime and Michael Brodsky –
Mazel Tov on Eden and Ruby's B'not Mitzvah
From: Sisterhood

To: Jessica Edelstein –
In memory of your grandmother
From: Abby and Rich Edelman

To: Jessica and Seth Edelstein –
Mazel Tov on Hayley's Bat Mitzvah
From: Sisterhood

To: Ray Feldman –
Wishing you a Happy Birthday
From: Ina and Mark Roffman

To: Tracy and Steven Horowitz –
Mazel Tov on Chloe's Bat Mitzvah
From: Sisterhood

To: Erica and David Paris –
Mazel Tov on Emma's Bat Mitzvah
From: Sisterhood

To: Jan and Michael Pett –
Mazel Tov on Zachary's Bar Mitzvah
From: Wendi and Leonard Leicht

To: Ilene Thailer –
In memory of your cousin
From: Wendi and Leonard Leicht

To: Sandy Zwickel –
Mazel Tov on your new job as HR Director
of the JCC in West Orange
From: Melinda Kraus

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. PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ESTELLE STEIN

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YAHRZEITS

**READ ON FRI/SAT,
4/30 and 5/1**

5/1/21 – 19 Iyar

Florence Tobias
Helen Pollak
Alice Levitan
Jean Ruth Shwartz

5/2/21 – 20 Iyar

Abe Morgenstern
Rochel Mann
Isidor Tarowsky
Pearl Frey
Miriam Elefant
Lillian Kaufman
Susan Persson

5/3/21 – 21 Iyar

Ruth Meranus
Rae Katz
Etta E. Konner
Abraham Popkin
Teddy Carchman
Sidney Rauchback
Era Monka
Irving Drillings
Bella Sunshine

5/4/21 – 22 Iyar

Harriet Eisenstadt
Stephen Katz
Dora Bartner
Dora Goldman
George Oppenberg

5/5/21 – 23 Iyar

Jacob Kesselman
Henny Wahl
Abraham Schwartz
Dorothy Fink
Lillian Gold

5/6/21 – 24 Iyar

Ida Ezorsky
Norman S. Greenberg
Ana Kolpen Feder

5/7/21 – 25 Iyar

Frederick Greenberg
Bessie Schkolnick
Joseph Rotter
Judith Salzberg
Sam Reisbaum

**READ ON FRI/SAT,
5/7 and 5/8**

5/8/21 – 26 Iyar

Harry Miller
Yetta Goodkin
Melvin Maurice Feldman
Meta Scherl
Fred Erman
Rose Steinberg Sanders
Anna Bloom

5/9/21 – 27 Iyar

Frieda Nesman
Susan Spindel
Hyman Poretz
Ann Daniels
Martin Garb

5/10/21 – 28 Iyar

Gertrude Kavesh
Max Winkler
Murray Zeldman
Gabriel Buckholtz

5/11/21 – 29 Iyar

Frances Brodsky
Helen Spiesman
Mollie Berkowitz
Pauline Newman
Gertrude Miller
Meita Schreiber
Freda Sanet

5/12/21 – 1 Sivan

Jack Epstein
Rose Leist
Bert B. Globus
Lillian Berman
Berenice Baker
Sidney N. Ludwig

5/13/21 – 2 Sivan

Rose Robinson
Wayne Klein

5/14/21 – 3 Sivan

Benjamin J. Levy
Harry Iglowitz
Esther Edwards
Manuel Kurzberg
Henry Handelman

**READ ON FRI/SAT,
5/14 and 5/15**

5/15/21 – 4 Sivan

Norman Pallay
Jack Gold
Russel C. Prokop
Dr. Woodrow J. Frankel
Bertha Berman
Anna Schumer
Alan Rosenbaum
Emanuella Schottenfeld
Dora Kleinman
Paul Kohner

5/16/21 – 5 Sivan

Rose Stern
Martin Zuckerman
Lillian Turkeltaub
Lillian Rosenblatt

5/17/21 – 6 Sivan

Morris Liboff
Murray Krone
Max Halprin
Hyman Denenberg
Lawrence Max Green
Jacob Priest
Fannie Frank
Anna Treiser
Helen Fisvitz
Madeline Thaler

5/18/21 – 7 Sivan

Saul Dabrowski
Elaine Sandra Cooperstein

5/19/21 – 8 Sivan

Ruth Goldberg
Sylvia Friedman

5/20/21 – 9 Sivan

Yetta Domash
Tillie Nachshen
Hannah Fleischner
Leon Goldenberg
Yetta Levine

5/21/21 – 10 Sivan

Tillie Abrutyn
Martin Rosen
Alexander Kafka
Joseph Kleiman
Bernard Mark
Barry Slavitt
Frieda Dolber
Jacob Zaba

**READ ON FRI/SAT,
5/21 and 5/22**

5/22/21 – 11 Sivan

Mindy Sue Freeman
Fay Einbinder
Arnold Fox
Irving Warren
Aaron Lintz

5/23/21 – 12 Sivan

Morton Schneider
Max Mark Moskowitz
Sandra Carol Druin Schrager
Vivian Silver
Leo Wallach
Samuel S. Nochimson
Rose Schreck
Roselle Schey

5/24/21 – 13 Sivan

Madelon Kaplan Van Vort
Lawrence Diener
Rita Rosenberg

5/25/21 – 14 Sivan

Morris Kass
Mollie Lipsky Popkin Galub
Susan Nadler
Rose Rubin
Sydell Fox
Andrew A. Manowitz
Mary Sarver
Regina Nifoussi
Roselyn Toub

5/26/21 – 15 Sivan

Kate S. Ginsberg
Isadore Gulitz
Elke Perlmutter
Shmuel Perlmutter
Betty Shwartz Smith
Charles Gitterman
Sally Molinas

5/27/21 – 16 Sivan

Allan Karpel
Deidre Alana Rindner
Ida Bernstein
Rose Rosenblatt
Isaac Haskelberg
Irving Alper

5/28/21 – 17 Sivan

Joseph Shapior
Albert M. Shulman
Arthur Simmons
Nathan Ebert
Jack Alperin
Helen Heifitz
Herbert Rodaman

**READ ON FRI/SAT,
5/28 and 5/29**

5/29/21 – 18 Sivan

Albert Grossman
Tobias Waxberg
Simon Shaffer
Ruchel Grubman
Annette Premock
Abe Nathanson

5/30/21 – 19 Sivan

Timour Nili
Benjamin W. Cohen

5/31/21 – 20 Sivan

Ester Kravetz
Melvin Goldberg
Benjamin Lifschien
Benjamin Reiff
Hyman Schaeffer

6/1/21 – 21 Sivan

Irwin Weiss
Norman Chase
Reba B. Eidelberg
Jack Dawer
Dora Rynski
David Tornow

6/2/21 – 22 Sivan

Bessie Scharlat
Rosalind Shapiro
Herman N. Sussels
Julius Ebert
Edwin Aronowitz
Chaim Miklacki
Ethel Adelman
Roslyn Eisen

6/3/21 – 23 Sivan

Aaron Melzer
Paul Pulver
Harriet Burkam
Pearl Neiditch
Daniel D. Schwartz
Eugene Dworkis

6/4/21 – 24 Sivan

Monroe J. Davis
Israel Bernstein