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# RABBI'S MESSAGE

### **RABBI MARK DAVID FINKEL**

There's No Crying in Baseball,

No Family Has 2 Mother-in-Laws,

and 2 Aharone's Cannot Be Called to the Torah at the Same Service!

Anyone who has seen A League of Their Own, knows the first line. I included it simply to get your attention.

No family has two mother-in-laws. Hopefully, most of my readers have already said, "We get it, Rabbi. The plural of mother-in-law is **mothers**-in-law." Although we refer to them as our "in-laws," the plural of each category of "in-laws" adds the "s" onto the 1<sup>st</sup> component of the hyphenated term. Thus, we have mothers-in-law, fathers-in-law, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and G-d knows who else, but "in-laws" is only used in the aggregate. I do say this with humility: I am sure a Henry Higgins would have a field day with what I sometimes do to any language. Some readers may also be thinking, "...and Rabbi, while you are on the subject, please do not forget that the plural of Attorney General is Attorneys General; the "s" is not added to 'General." So noted.

As Jews who use Hebrew, we sometimes assume that the rules of English grammar can be adapted to words borrowed from other languages. There may be times when that might be acceptable. However, I would strongly suggest that when Jews communicate among one another, we should have enough respect to let Hebrew be Hebrew; and if that means having to know the secret handshake, I believe that the handshake should not be such a secret.

That is not necessarily the case with Yiddish: Yiddish adopted and adapted, to a degree, depending upon whether it was spoken alongside Hebrew, German, Slavic languages, or even English.

Almost all Hebrew nouns are masculine or feminine as is the case in Romance languages and other Semitic languages. Most Hebrew terms form the plural by adding "-ot" for a feminine noun and adding "-im" for a masculine noun (and, I am sorry to say that there are exceptions in Hebrew).

So: the plural of Shabbat is Shabbatot; the plural of tallit is tallitot;

the plural of *kippah* is *kippot*; the plural of *hallah* is *hallot*;

the plural of *sukkah* is *sukkot*; and the plural of *aliyah* is *aliyot*.

The plural of *siddur* is *siddurim*; the plural of *kiddush* is *kiddushim*;

the plural kohen is kohanim; the plural of levi is levi'im;

and the plural of *mahzor* (High Holy Day prayerbook) is *mahzorim*.

Perhaps each of us can make a list of Hebrew nouns that we know and try to figure out the plural forms, so that we will be ready when we receive the Torah next month on *Shavu'ot*.

... and as for the *Aharone's:* that can wait until next month when we celebrate *Shavu'ot* since it is related to how we read the Torah.

I look forward to seeing you in schule,

Rabbi Finkel

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### **MICHAEL WEINSTEIN**

President

When I think of what I'm most proud about my three children, Jewishly, I focus on their Jewish soul. I suppose attending services regularly and speed-reading Hebrew would be nice but I am speaking here about their identity and what's in their hearts? I look for how they can feel close to and empathize with their people- history of persecution, antisemitism, and successes. My experience is it's their choices of connections- gravitating to Jewish friends, being on Hillel boards, and preferring Jewish fraternities that tip their hat to what's inside.

To me, sometimes lost in our American Jewish experience and routine, is a final tangible and all-important measure of their Jewish soul, a regard for and connection to Israel. My three children, 19, 20, and 22, have been to Israel 5 times and are not done pining to return. We should remind ourselves of Israel's importance, never take its existence for granted, and keep it up there on a pedestal. Israel is a big deal, no doubt one of the biggest single achievements in over 2,000 years of our history as a people. Let us hold it dear, stay connected to it, and visit and support the Jewish Homeland in every way we can.

Notably, Yom HaZikaron, Israel's Day of National Remembrance to commemorate all the soldiers and people who lost their lives during the struggle to defend the State of Israel, begins on the evening of Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Interestingly, Yom Haatzmaut, Israeli Independence Day, celebrated with picnics, barbecues and fanfare, begins on May 4<sup>th</sup>, the very next evening. It begs the question- why would Israel's Independence Day need to begin the moment that Remembrance Day ends? The answer seems typical of a Jewish ethos- because we wouldn't be able to celebrate Israel's existence if it weren't for those who gave their lives for it. Honor their memory and everything they fought for and only then can Israel and Jews celebrate independence. For those of you who are able, you can show your support here in the USA by attending the Celebrate Israel Parade on Sunday, May 22 in New York City.

There are many events on the PBJC calendar this month. Among them, are some very special events open to the entire community that you can tie closely to this idea of Jewish pride, connection, and strength of identity as a community. All deserve the asterisk next to them. You should all make every effort to attend!

\*May 15 at 7 PM - Join us for the international Jewish teen choir, HaZamir in Concert! Singers from NJ, NY and PA will come together for this fun event! Come check out this fabulous group for an afternoon of great entertainment that celebrates Hebrew and Yiddish song.

\*May 18 at 7 PM - Rabbi Hazzan Jeffrey Myers from Pittsburgh's Tree of Life Synagogue will speak at PBJC in a discussion of antisemitism and share with us his experience having survived the horrific morning of October 27, 2018 when a heavily armed gunman began a murderous rampage at his synagogue during Shabbat services. The event is open to the public, and co-sponsored by both PBJC and OneMontville. This very special event is not to be missed!

\*May 26- at 7 PM - Tie Dye and Tunes 60's-themed PBJC Fundraiser featuring Grateful Dead cover band, Workingman's Jed. Tickets are modestly priced at \$54 (with several sponsorship opportunities) and we encourage the entire PBJC community to attend this planned outdoor event that will include groovy goodies and an open bar! Please plan to join in support of your PBJC community!

Michael pbjcmweinstein@gmail.com 551-404-2089

# **EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

### LISA LERMAN and JILL BUCKLER

Early Childhood Center Co-Directors

Spring is finally in the air at PBJC ECC. 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 is certainly a high point of the month! Thanks to a lot of hard work from all of our very dedicated staff and parents who volunteer, the children will enjoy an amazing "journey to Israel" in observance of the occasion. The children will obtain their passports, board their flight to Israel and go off on an exciting Israeli adventure! They will eat Israeli food, color maps of Israel, put notes in the Wailing Wall, visit the Chagall windows in the Hadassah Hospital, enjoy a glass bottom boat tour in Eilat and climb Masada. They even will have their photos taken with a camel. With a lot of creativity and very vivid imaginations, the trip to Israel is always a huge success, and a highlight of the year for all involved.

The end of the school year promises to be filled with more fun 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 2022 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 - 5 years old. Registration forms are available through the ECC 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 ECC 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 ECC family.

Be sure to "like" us on Facebook (PBJC ECC.) 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 preschool/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 Primary students (K-2) will be participating in a celebratory program on **Friday, May 6th**; we will be marking **Lech Lecha** (moving up) ceremony of our Kitah Hey students on **Tuesday, May 10th**; and we hope to celebrate our last day of school on **Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** with a variety of outdoor activities, culminating with pizza and a visit from the ice cream truck. We have had quite a challenging year, but I am so grateful that we have come through unscathed with more dedication and commitment for 2022-2023!

Registration for the new school year has already begun! If you haven't already signed your child(ren) up, please do so now. Given our commitment to maintain our high standards of Jewish education, and we will be reviewing our curriculum to ensure it satisfies the needs of all our students. As always, please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Our Religious School Students had the opportunity to plant 250 daffodil bulbs in memory of the children who were murdered by the Nazis for simply being Jewish. We are so fortunate to have committed and dedicated families who donated their time and money to help us raise funds to provide programming for our students. Our daffodils have bloomed in time for *Yom Hashoah*; may we always remember them and keep their memories alive.



Finally, we have an exciting celebration planned for our Graduate and Confirmants on **Sunday, June 5th**<sup>th</sup>. 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, participated in *Shabbatonim*, and had meaningful discussions on every Jewish topic imaginable. I would like to wish our graduate, **Hannah Schneiderman**, and our Confirmants, **Jordan Bergman, Adi Mittler, and Evan Schachman** a very hearty MAZEL TOV ... may all of your dreams come true and endeavors be fulfilled.

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: Michael Weinstein, President, Seth Friedman, Vice President of Education, Karen Kraut and Kim Stiller, Education Co-chairs. 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

# THE HARVEY JAFFE BYYACHAD MEMORIAL FUND

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

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

### A few testimonials...

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

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

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

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

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

May this serve as a living tribute to his memory.

# ELIOT SAKOLSKY AARON MELZER SCHOLARSHIP

Arlene and David Sakolsky, along with their three sons, Eliot, Harvey, and Bill, were pillars of the Jewish community. Eliot was the United Synagogue Youth (USY) leader at Congregation Beth Shalom in Pompton Lakes. He passed away at the age of thirty-one.

A scholarship fund was established by Congregation Beth Shalom in Eliot's memory. The goal of the fund is to provide financial aid to youth participating in Jewish activities, such as Kadima, USY, Camp Ramah, Israel trips, and other Jewish educational activities.

Congregation Beth Shalom has transferred the fund to Pine Brook Jewish Center, where it will continue to perpetuate Eliot's memory. May his memory be a blessing to your youth.

Eliot's brothers, Harvey and Bill, are current members of Pine Brook Jewish Center. Upon learning of the sudden and tragic loss of Aaron Melzer, a Pine Brook Jewish Center Religious School student, Congregation Beth Shalom honored the Melzer family by rededicating the fund as the Eliot Sakolsky Aaron Melzer Scholarship Fund.

Aaron is the son of Margo and Jason Melzer, and the older brother of triplets, Anna, Brielle, and Brian. Aaron was a Religious School Student at Pine Brook Jewish Center, beginning at the age of two in its Nursery School. Aaron was a kind, loving, thoughtful and empathetic young man who was looking forward to his Bar Mitzvah. It was Aaron's dream to travel to Israel, but he never did, as a result of his sudden passing at the age of eleven. The Melzer family shares the Sakolsky family's mission to offer financial assistance to Religious School students so that they can further their Jewish studies at home and abroad.

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

Please contact the Eliot Sakolsky Aaron Melzer Scholarship Fund Committee chairperson, Beverly Berkowitz, at <a href="mailto:sakolsky-melzer-scholarship@pbjc.org">sakolsky-melzer-scholarship@pbjc.org</a> with any questions.

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

### **CLICK HERE FOR THE SAKOLSKY/MELZER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

# **B'NAI MITZVAH**

Molly Weiner May 7, 2022



Molly Elizabeth was born on May 7, 2009 and is so thrilled to have her Bat Mitzvah on her birthday! Her parents Lori and Jonathan Weiner and her big brother Daniel are so excited to celebrate all of Molly's hard work.

Two years ago, her family celebrated Daniel's Bar Mitzvah with the Torah in their living room, so they can't wait to see Molly shine on the bimah in front of her friends and family.

Molly is a 7th grader at Robert R Lazar Middle School. She loves school, sports, friends, and family. She loves being part of a team and plays soccer and softball. In the winter she loves to ski. In the summer Molly spends time at Chestnut Lake Camp. She loves her time at camp and the special bond with the friends she has made. Summer is also about family vacations at the beach and time at the lake with family and friends.

When Molly chose her Mitzvah project, she wanted it to be something very meaningful and special. So, Molly and some of her friends and family participated in the Polar Plunge in Seaside Heights, NJ to raise money for the Special Olympics. Special Olympics is near and dear to Molly's heart since she has an Aunt and Uncle that have special needs, and they have participated in the Special Olympics their whole lives. Molly raised over \$4,000 for this event, and even though she had to jump into freezing cold water, she knew it was worth it!

We can't wait to celebrate Molly on her special day!

Ethan Auerbach May 21, 2022



Ethan Benjamin Auerbach proudly made Greg and Kim Auerbach parents for the first time on May 10, 2009. This just happened to be the same day as Mother's Day that year, the best Mother's Day present possible. Ethan is a fun loving goofy kid who at times can be very outgoing, but would not hesitate to find a quiet corner to read a book. He is very smart, and often will challenge the direction of life instead of just going with the easiest path, much like his great grandfather Benjamin for who he is named after. He enjoys playing soccer, running cross country and track, and Boy Scouts.

For his mitzvah project, Ethan is gathering donations for the animal shelter. He has always had a big heart for all beings, especially animals. We look forward to celebrating this very special milestone in Ethan's life with family and friends. Sadly, his Grammy A. will not be physically with us during this special day, but we know she is the proudest of all, as one of her last wishes with us was to know her grandchildren would be carrying on this special Jewish tradition. Greg, Kim and his sister Anna wish him the best and cannot wait to celebrate.

# **SISTERHOOD**

### **ILENE THAILER and FRAN SIMMONS**

Co-Presidents

Spring is finally here and we are thrilled to have warmer weather and some exciting programs in person!!

On Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our annual Paid-Up Dinner. The evening will start at 7:00 pm with a catered dinner and then a comedy show with Johnny Lampert. I hope to see you all there! If you have questions or concerns, please contact Staci Handler at <a href="mailto:973-951-4231/staciahandler@gmail.com">973-951-4231/staciahandler@gmail.com</a> or Ilene Thailer at <a href="mailto:201-658-4244/ithailer@optonline.net">201-658-4244/ithailer@optonline.net</a>.

On Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be having an in-person game night. Feel free to bring any type of board game or card game. We will supply the snacks and drinks! We will also be having a teaching table for those who want to learn mahjong.

We are thrilled to announce that we are bringing back our Donor program this year. On Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be going to the Paper Mill Playhouse to see *Sister Act*. Look for more information and a flyer in the weekly announcements.

Sisterhood needs your help and is looking for volunteers to send out tribute cards. If you are interested, please reach out to us. This position is truly a mitzvah of giving, not only giving to Sisterhood but to friends and family in the form of beautiful cards for all life cycle events.

Again, thank you all for your support and continued contributions to Sisterhood!

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# SISTERHOOD TORAH FUND

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

Our pride in being Jewish shows in everything we do.

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

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

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

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

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



### Dear Friends.

This is a busy season for Torah Fund, as we progress toward our annual campaign goal. B'Yachad -- together - let's raise money to benefit the important Conservative/Masorti institutes of higher education that train our next generation of Jewish leaders.

Below, we're happy to present a D'var Torah by Carol Simon in honor of our 80th anniversary... consider making a donation becoming a benefactor @ \$180.00, or any amount. For benefactor you receive a B'Yachad pin as a gift in recognition of your donation. In the meantime, here is a little history of 80 years ago.

Sincerely,

Heddy Belman, <a href="mailto:hbelman@wlcj.org">hbelman@wlcj.org</a>
Past Sisterhood President PBJC Torah Fund Cabinet and WLCJ Board, Worldwide Communications

### Torah Fund 80th Anniversary D'var Torah

By Carol Simon, Past International President of WLCJ

We have reached a most notable milestone, 80 years of supporting Torah Fund!

As our matriarchs gathered to create an entity that would assist our future clergy, the world was on the brink of war. 1942 was the year that the United States entered World War II, joining with Canada who had entered the war in 1939. It was a time that saw women creating a variety of auxiliaries to make a difference in the world that we lived in.

The Women's Coast Guard Auxiliary was established, as well as the Women's Army Auxiliary commonly known as the WAAC. Over 150,000 American women joined this special group during the war. General Douglas MacArthur said the women in his command were "My best soldiers. They worked harder, complained less and were better disciplined than the men."

At the same time, the members of National Women's League realized that they also needed to mobilize to ensure that our students had proper places to live and study, and to provide tuition assistance. They founded Torah Fund. At a time when a gallon of gas cost 15 cents, the average new car cost \$920 and the average home cost \$3,770, the first donation to Torah Fund was \$6.11. In gematria, the numerical value of Hebrew letters, "Torah" is 611. Our "sisters" rose to the occasion, giving "Torah" for future clergy.

The number 80 is represented by the letter "Pey", the 17<sup>th</sup> letter in the Hebrew alphabet. "The symbol represents the divine spark of God within the soul." 80 years ago, our matriarchs knew that this undertaking of Torah Fund was essential. I am sure that there was much praying, as they led our membership through unchartered waters. Yet it was a time of activism. It was a time when the women throughout North America knew that they needed to step up, that our soldiers needed their mothers, sisters, aunts, grandmothers, and friends, to provide comfort during a very trying time. I am sure that they never imagined that WE would be doing the same thing, 80 years later! Our donations to Torah Fund still help provide comfort to our students worldwide – scholarships, programming, and a place to live and study.

May the next 80 years, be as successful as our first 80!

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<sup>1</sup> McIlvaine, Ron, "Army women honored for paving new paths throughout military history," Fort Hood Sentinel, December 22, 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Flynn, Alexis, "What is special about the number 80?" Greedhead.net, February 11, 2021.

# **MEN'S CLUB**

JAY THAILER President

On Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> approximately 41 members of Pine Brook Jewish Center Men's Club attended our Family Hockey Night at the Prudential Center to watch the New Jersey Devils play the New York Islanders. The group got a special treat by being allowed to go on the ice after the game to take a group picture. A great time was had by all. The game was very exciting, even though I am a Ranger fan.

Thanks go out to Phil Schacter who was our liaison with the Devils and arranged the group tickets. Thanks to Michelle Zuckerman for taking care of setting up the portal for members to pay for their tickets.

By the time you read this, people around the world will have participated in the Yom HaShoah Remembrance Day (Holocaust Remembrance Day). One of the largest programs that Men's Club participates in is the distribution of the Yellow Candles. Thanks go to Adam Handler for helping put together many of the candles, bags and literature for distribution.

Future Events: We are planning an exercise class at Retro Fitness in Fairfield and plans for the PBJC 5k will be emailed soon. I am looking for speakers for a Men's Club breakfast. If you know anyone that would be an interesting speaker, please let me know. Please also save the date of Sunday, June 12 for the Men's Club sponsored day of giving at PBJC. There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive and other ways to give back to the local and greater community. Look for more details soon.

Regards,

Jay Thailer
PBJC Men's Club President



# **BETTY CRANE FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

FRAN HOBERMAN-SCHENKEL AND BETH FUCHS

**Club Coordinators** 

We hope everyone had a happy Passover and has been enjoying the emergence of spring. We had a very nice turnout and positive feedback last month when Rabbi Finkel and Pastor Tom of Montville Reformed Church led us in a discussion of **Two Holy Weeks:** Pesah/Passover and Holy Thursday – Good Friday – Easter. The Friendship Club made donations to each of their discretionary funds in gratitude for their time and knowledge and they both sent lovely thank you notes.

We are happy to announce our first in person event – we are going to see a matinee of *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* at The Barn Theatre on Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2 pm. If you are interested in attending, please email us at the below address and we will send you the details.

We also wanted to announce that the AARP Safe Driver course will be offered in June for a fee (see the flyer in the Candlestick or on PBJC's website). This will be a six hour course plus a catered lunch break in the middle, held at PBJC on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 4pm. Please email us at the below address to reserve a spot.

If you have suggestions for future programs or want to be more involved and join the Friendship Club Committee, please reach out to us at <a href="mailto:PBJCfriendshipclub@gmail.com">PBJCfriendshipclub@gmail.com</a>. As we begin to hold in person programming, we will need some assistance so please volunteer to be on our committee.

Beth and Fran

# 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 29<sup>th</sup>. PBJC members are asked to consider contributing to nourish.NJ in either of the following ways:

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

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

If you have any questions, you can contact Lou at <a href="mailto:nourishNJ@pbjc.org">nourishNJ@pbjc.org</a> or 973-787-7243.



# 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

# 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!

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# **UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

### CLICK HERE FOR THE FULL PBJC CALENDAR

Click on the links below to go to the event page for more information and to register:

Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00 PM - Session III of Rabbi Finkel's Adult Education Class: Who Wrote the Bible?

Wednesday, May 11 at 8:00 PM - Chevra Board Meeting

<u>Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 PM - Sisterhood Paid-Up Event featuring the comedy of Johnny Lampert – Register now on the PBJC website</u>

Friday, May 13 - Shabbat Dinner Order Pick-Up at PBJC (orders must be received by Wednesday, May 11)

Sunday, May 15 at 2:00 PM - HaZamir in Concert at PBJC – Join us to welcome HaZamir, the international Jewish teen choir, in concert! Singers from NJ, NY, and PA will come together for this fun event! Come check out this fabulous group of great entertainment! All teens from 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades (HaZa-Prep) to 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades (HaZamir) are welcome to contact Joshua Gonzalez about auditioning for the upcoming school year!

Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00 PM - Session IV of Rabbi Finkel's Adult Education Class: Who Wrote the Bible?

Wednesday, May 18 - PBJC and OneMontville present an evening with Rabbi Hazzan Jeffrey Myers from Pittsburgh's Tree of Life Synagogue

<u>Sunday, May 22 at 2:00 PM – The Betty Crane Friendship Club trip to the Barn Theater in Montville to see the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee</u>

<u>Thursday, May 26 at 7:00 PM - Tie Dye and Tunes Fundraiser Event – Register through May 19 on the PBJC</u> website

Friday, May 27 – Shabbat Dinner Order Pick-Up at PBJC (orders must be placed by Wednesday, May 25)

<u>Sunday, May 29 from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM in the PBJC Parking Lot – Collection of non-perishable food donations for nourish.NJ</u>

<u>Thursday, June 2 at 7:30 PM – Sisterhood Game Night – Register now on the PBJC website</u>

Saturday, June 11 at 8:30 PM - Relay for Life of Greater Montville PBJC Team Participation

Monday, June 13 at 9:00 AM - Betty Crane Friendship Club AARP Driver Safety Course

<u>Thursday, June 16 at 5:00 PM - Sisterhood Donor Event - Dinner at PBJC and Sister Act show at the Paper Mill Playhouse</u>

# MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

# Happy Anniversary to...

5/2 - Jill and Alan Bernstein

5/5 - Shoshana Schiff and Warren Usatine

5/18 - Diane and Frank Dalton

5/19 - Amanda and Daniel Eskinazi

5/20 - Debby and Paul Martino

5/22 - Shari and Lou Schwartz

5/25 - Fran Hoberman Schenkel and Howard Schenkel

5/27 - Betsy and Adam Steckelman

# Happy Birthday to...

5/1 - Ariel Michaels

5/2 – Eli Rosen, Rebecca Rosen

5/4 - Marley Cucci, Jennifer Kayne

5/5 - Blake Friedman

5/7 – Melvin Feinbloom, Barbara Morrison, Natalie Wallach, Molly Weiner, Marc Yudkin

5/9 - Anna Auerbach, Rowan Baines, Sue Charnet, Martin Tsukroff

5/10 - Ethan Auerbach, Bob Fields, Lisa Lerman

5/11 - Chelsea Adest, Sharon Fields, Nancy Gilbert, Robin Pallay

5/12 – Joshua Baron, Ronnie Drewke, Samantha Glickson, Isabella Honig, Samantha Honig, Erika Rosenthal, Nancy Stanton Tuckman, Marianne Wolfson

5/13 – Dylan Banks, Rich Edelman, Justin Solotoff, Hadas Toren

5/14 - Richard Schuman

5/15 - Lois Davis, Ilissa Schachman

5/16 - Bea Katz

5/17 - Chase Blumenthal

5/18 - Arnold Decof, Marcia Kalfas, Avery Solotoff

5/19 – Wendy Birnbaum, Logan Horowitz, Evan Schachman

5/21 - Michael Brodsky

5/22 - Larry Garb, Jedd Mendelson, Michael Miller

5/23 - Betty Crane

5/24 - Jack Prince

5/25 - Rich Citron

5/26 - Rvan Abfier, David Paris

5/27 - Madison Friedman

5/28 - Brady Garb, Seth Goldstein, Janet Slipowitz

5/29 - Jill Buckler, Erica Paris, Ezra Robbins, Larry Tornow

5/30 - Keith Adest, Susan Decter, Jonathan Lewis

5/31 - Millie Baron, Cyndy Chase, Art Eisen



# **DONORS/SPONSORS**

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

By: Estelle Abramson and Alan Zales In honor of Phil Person's 2nd Bar Mitzvah

By: Phi Adest

In memory of Tina Adest

By: Anshei Chesed

In memory of Rhoda Robinson

By: Eleanor and George Damiano

Mazal Tov on Phil Person's 2nd Bar Mitzvah.

Wishing you all the best.

By: Friendship Club

In appreciation for Rabbi Finkel for putting together the discussion with Pastor Tom on

the Two Holy Weeks

By: Harriet and Stan Greene

Mazal Tov on Phil Person's 2nd Bar Mitzvah

By: Arlene and Eddie Lopez

In honor of Stephen Scheinthal's induction

as President of the Association of

NJ Osteopathic Physicians

By: Phil and Miriam Person

With much appreciation for helping Phil

prepare for his Adult Bar Mitzvah

By: Irma and Norman Resnic

In appreciation for Rabbi Finkel welcoming members of Anshei Chesed to the inspiring Services weekly

and during the holidays

By: Frances and Martin Tsukroff

In honor of Phil Person's Adult Bar Mitzvah

By: Debbie and Bernie Ulrich

Mazal Tov on Phil Person's 2nd Bar Mitzvah

### KIDDUSH DONATION

By: Sue Charnet

In memory of her beloved mother, Alice Rosenberg

By: Phil and Miriam Person

In honor of Phil's Adult Bar Mitzvah

### **CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

By: Phil Adest

In memory of Tina Adest

### PRAYER BOOK FUND

By: Jay and Wendy Birnbaum In memory of Bernice Birnbaum, Wilfred Birnbaum, Robert Cohn, David Gross Jr, Roslyn Gentler Gross, Jack Mandell and Sharon Birnbaum Mandell

# ELIOT SAKOLSKY/AARON MELZER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

By: Andrew and Danielle Abramson In memory of Aaron Melzer

By: Beverly Berkowitz

In honor of Sue Charnet's Birthday

By: Beverly and Ilysa Berkowitz In memory of Ray Feldman

By: Robert and Sharon Fields In memory of Claire Shapiro

By: Erika and Don Rosenthal

Mazel Tov for Brian, Anna and Brielle on

becoming a B'nai Mitzvah

### **PBJC CARING COMMITTEE**

By: Sue Charnet

Thank you to the Caring Committee

By: Sue Charnet

In memory of her beloved father-in-law,

Benjamin Charnet

By: Diane and Frank Dalton In honor of their dear friend, Esther Soussa, on the occasion of her birthday. Wishing her good health and happiness always.

By: Carol Kotch

In memory of her beloved father,

Sidney Wesley Smith

By: Louis and Deborah Lees

By: Susan, Ean, David Levy and families

In loving memory of Tina Adest

### PBJC GENERAL DONATION

By: Fred and Ellen Levine In memory of Alan Gitlin

By: Barry Marks

In memory of his beloved wife, Yvonne Marks

By: Patty Shwartz

Thank you to those who generously prepared

and delivered the Purim Baskets

### **YAHRZEIT DONATION**

By: Elizabeth Adams

In memory of her beloved father, Arthur Leist

Bv: Maxine Berger

In memory of her beloved mother, Ida Ezorsky

By: Beverly and Ilysa Berkowitz

In memory of Beverly's beloved brother and

Ilysa's beloved uncle, Gerald Axelrod

Bv: Tammv Buren

In memory of her beloved mother, Lillian Berman

By: Fred Decter

In memory of his beloved father, Max Decter

By: Gary Drillings

In memory of his beloved father, Irving Drillings

By: Arthur Eisen and Judith Eisen

In memory of Arthur's beloved father, Arnold Eisen

and Judith's beloved father, Alfred Wolff

By: Lawrence Garb

In memory of his beloved mother, Sandy Garb

and beloved father, Martin Garb

Bv: Phyllis Gitlin

In memory of her beloved mother, Ann O'Koon

By: Robert and Dale Greenfield

In memory of Robert's beloved mother,

Ruth Greenfield and Dale's beloved mother,

Harriet Eisenstodt and beloved cousin, Katje Spier

By: Shane Gross

In memory of his beloved father, Ira Gross

By: Louis Katz

In memory of his beloved mother, Rae Katz

By: Keith Lewis and Melanie Lewis In memory of Keith's beloved father, Frederic Lewis and Melanie's beloved father, Michael Jay Appel

By: Marian Kaufmann

In memory of her beloved father, Steven Dozsa

By: Jennifer Kayne

In memory of her beloved father, Sheldon Seidman

By: Harold Rosenbaum

In memory of his beloved father, Phillip Rosenbaum

By: Mel Sanders

In memory of his beloved wife, Anita P. Sanders

and beloved father-in-law, Jack Epstein

By: Marlene Scheinthal

In memory of her beloved mother,

Goldie Wrozlawsky and beloved father-in-law,

Samuel Scheinthal

By: Louise Shapiro

In memory of her beloved husband, Fred D. Shapiro

By: Patty Shwartz

In memory of her beloved mother,

Jean Ruth Shwartz, beloved uncle, Morris Shwartz

and beloved aunt, Sylvia Kobre

By: Harriet Stein

in memory of her beloved father, Sidney Gordon

By: Harvey Sussman

In memory of his beloved father, Oscar Sussman

By: Ann Wolman

In memory of her beloved brother, Stephen Katz

### **OUR CONDOLENCES TO**

Rena Goldenberg on the loss of her beloved husband, Alan Goldenberg

Marcia Mauro on the loss of her beloved mother, Pearl Shapiro

# SISTERHOOD TRIBUTES

To: Keith Adest -

In memory of your mother, Tina

From: Nancy and Jonathan Cohen, Gail Feldman,

Robin Mangino, Beverly and Michael Miller,

Mary and Frank Sheydwasser, Ilene and Jay Thailer,

Nancy and Jeffrey Weiss, Esta and Phil Zwick

To: Kimberly and Gregory Auerbach – Mazel Tov on your son Ethan's Bar Mitzvah

From: Sisterhood

To: Sue Charnet -

Wishing you a speedy recovery

From: Marlene Scheinthal

To: Rena Goldenberg -

In memory of your husband, Alan

From: Janice and Fred Aibel, Gail Feldman, Beverly and Michael Miller, Marlene Scheinthal

To: Nancy Lerner-Weiss -

In memory of your sister, Caryn Lerner

From: Gail Feldman, Rita Murray, Tom Peck, Ilene and Jay Thailer

To: Isabel Margolin-

Mazel Tov on your honor by the NCJN/Essex Curtain Up! Gala 2022

From: Marlene Scheinthal

To: Mary Sheydwasser – Wishing you a speedy recovery From: Bev and Ilvsa Berkowitz

To: Mary and Frank Sheydwasser – Mazel Tov on your granddaughter

Maya's Bat Mitzvah

From: Randy and Jack Wenarsky

To: Lori and Jonathan Weiner -

Mazel Tov on your daughter Molly's Bat Mitzvah

From: Sisterhood

To: Randy and Jack Wenarsky – Mazel Tov on your daughter Lindsay's marriage to Gregory

From: Fran Hoberman-Schenkel and Howie

Schenkel, Nancy and Jeffrey Weiss

If you want to send a tribute card, please contact a member of the tribute team according to your last name. Tribute cards may be sent to synagogue members and non-members, but only members will be listed in the Candlestick. Email notification is preferred. No calls on the Sabbath, Jewish holidays, before 9:00 AM, or after 9:00 PM please.

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# **YAHRZEITS**

# READ ON FRI/SAT, 5/6 and 5/7

### 5/7/22 - 6 lyar

Lillian Davis
Esther Feldsott
Lillian Leibner
Arthur Leist
Henry Lerner
Ida Neelman
Greg Nochenson
Anita P. Sanders
Mel B. Schwartz
Moshe Yehuda Trencher

### 5/8/22 - 7 lyar

Lena Ebert Henry Edelstein Charles Fisherman Ruth Nagin Greenberg Recha Rosenthal Fira Sokolovsky

### 5/9/22 - 8 lyar

Herman Goldberg Ira Gross Abram Lipkin Sheldon Seidman

### 5/10/22 - 9 lyar

Mark Adest
Jack Berkowitz
Isadore Danishefsky
Beatrice L. Eismann
Dr. Jerome S. Eisman
Gerald Goldsmith
Arthur Kaplan
Freda Karpen
Joyce Leonard
Ann O'Koon
Irving Shapiro
Fred D. Shapiro
Ida Shulman

### 5/11/22 - 10 lyar

Frances Eisenhandler
Ruth Freedman
Mary Gibel
Gertrude Goldie Lerner
Frederic Lewis
Sondra Marritt
Clara Medwin
Mona Pincus
Morris Resnikoff
Robert Maxwell Robinson

### 5/12/22 - 11 lyar

Franklyn Davis
Harry Edelstein
Theresa Kreielsheimer Fox
Farah Hay
Ethel B. Konner
Clara Reich
Sally Reisbaum
Helen Schirn
Adelle Segalowitz
Charles Shulman
Morris Warshawsky
Mark Wechsler

### 5/13/22 - 12 lyar

Tillie Apelhot Benjamin Charnet Isabelle Cohen Louis Fleischmann Marcus Fruchtman Ronald Schuster Samuel Yormack

# READ ON FRI/SAT, 5/13 and 5/14

### 5/14/22 - 13 lyar

Sadie Bloom Shava Kleinman Allan Michaelson Annie B. Oshrowitz Herman Stern

# 5/15/22 – 14 lyar

Wendy Finkel

### 5/16/22 - 15 lyar

Jean Berkowitz Celia Bernstein Wilma Mendelson Howard Phillips Louis Steck Leon Stoll

### 5/18/22 - 17 lyar

Ruth Greenfield Aaron Nochenson

### 5/19/22 - 18 lyar

Sidney Gordon Florence Rosen Pearl Laefsky Feldman Wolfe

### 5/20/22 - 19 lyar

Alice Levitan Helen Pollak Jean Ruth Shwartz Florence Tobias

### 5/17/22 - 16 lyar

Deborah Hirshcorn Helen Kavesh Charles Krieger

# READ ON FRI/SAT, 5/20 and 5/21

### 5/21/22 – 20 lyar Miriam Elefant Pearl Frey Lillian Kaufman Rochel Mann Abe Morgenstern Susan Persson Isidor Tarowsky

# 5/22/22 – 21 lyar Teddy Carchman Irving Drillings Rae Katz Etta E. Konner Ruth Meranus Era Monka Abraham Popkin Sidney Rauchback Bella Sunshine

### 5/23/22 – 22 lyar Dora Bartner Harriet Eisenstodt Dora Goldman Stephen Katz George Oppenberg

### 5/24/22 – 23 lyar Dorothy Fink Lillian Gold Jacob Kesselman Abraham Schwartz Henny Wahl

### 5/25/22 – 24 lyar Ida Ezorsky Ana Kolpen Feder Sydell Fox

Norman S. Greenberg

5/26/22 – 25 lyar Frederick Greenberg Sam Reisbaum Joseph Rotter Judith Salzberg Bessie Schkolnick

# 5/27/22 – 26 lyar Anna Bloom Fred Erman Melvin Maurice Feldman Yetta Goodkin Harry Miller Rose Steinberg Sanders Meta Scherl

# READ ON FRI/SAT, 5/27 and 5/28

5/28/22 - 27 lyar
Ann Daniels
Martin Garb
Frieda Nesman
Hyman Poretz
Susan Spindel

5/29/22 – 28 lyar Gabriel Buckholtz Gertrude Kavesh Max Winkler Murray Zeldman

### 5/30/22 – 29 lyar Mollie Berkowitz Frances Brodsky Gertrude Miller Pauline Newman Freda Sanet Meita Schreiber Helen Spiesman

5/31/22 – 1 Sivan
Berenice Baker
Lillian Berman
Jack Epstein
Bert B. Globus
Paul Grossman
Rose Leist
Sidney N. Ludwig

# **6/1/22 – 2 Sivan** Wayne Klein Rose Robinson

# 6/2/22 – 3 Sivan Esther Edwards Henry Handelman Harry Iglowitz Manuel Kurzberg Benjamin J. Levy

6/3/22 – 4 Sivan
Bertha Berman
Dr. Woodrow J Frankel
Jack Gold
Dora Kleinman
Paul Kohner
Norman Pallay
Russell C Prokop
Alan Rosenbaum
Emanuella Schottenfeld
Anna Schumer