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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 (973) 287-7047 (home) or (973) 407-0065 (cell). If you are unable to reach the Rabbi, contact Cantor Toren at (973) 980-7777 or Michelle Zuckerman at (973) 886-5456.

RABBI'S MESSAGE

RABBI MARK DAVID FINKEL

In-person Greater Montville Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Returns to Our Community

It is with joy and thanksgiving that we announce the return of the Greater Montville Clergy in-person Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Since the outbreak of COVID-19, we have spoken about getting back to normal. For each of us that may mean something different; however, each step that we have taken to get back to the way we used to do things has, for the most part, been steps back to normal.

In 2020 our Interfaith Thanksgiving Service was a combination of Zoom among the clergy, broadcast via livestream to the community. In 2021 the clergy, for the most part, was back together worshipping in-person; however, we continued to broadcast to the community via livestream. This year, not only will the clergy be together in-person, but we will have an in-person community worshipping together. What will have to wait, perhaps, for one more year is an interfaith choir.

The service, this year, will be held at the Montville United Methodist Church, 29 Whitehall Road, Towaco, on Tuesday evening, November 22, 2022 at 7:30 PM. Cantor Toren and I look forward to joining with our clergy colleagues in taking this step forward in celebration of Thanksgiving and a step forward to an evening of celebration for our community. Masks will be optional.

May it be a *siman tov*, a good sign for us and our community, and one more step to getting back to the way we used to do things in our individual and community lives.

A joyous Thanksgiving to all,
Rabbi Finkel



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MICHAEL WEINSTEIN
President

"Life is pleasant. Death is peaceful. It's the transition that can be troublesome."

Isaac Asimov, atheist and of Jewish blood, said it best. We may know what he means, but when becomes necessary here at PBJC, we aspire to have smooth transitions where a community can speak, have healthy discourse, then forge a meaningful strategy with an informed plan. Leadership has this goal in mind in setting up three Town Halls for your questions and opinions and in offering thoughtful surveys we know will help to inform us of your perspective with respect to the following important information.

As already previously shared at our first Town Hall last weekend, through both a thorough independent assessment of our synagogue and via consultation with our representatives at The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism ("USCJ"), the Chevra Board of Trustees of the Pine Brook Jewish Center has determined that it makes most sense to migrate from a 2-clergy to a 1-clergy synagogue. A synagogue with a paying membership of our current size is best suited with one full-time Clergy with the expectation to augment as needed. The leadership will formulate a long-term plan to fill the gaps and plug holes with additional staff support (e.g., education/ B'nai Mitzvah lessons). This approach is not new with synagogues in plateauing Jewish communities (there are many according to USCJ) and we will seek their support and counsel, as necessary.

Since PBJC has been sustaining gradual losses in membership units, we need to be realistic in acknowledging and valuing where we are now and we must be responsible to mold a future that is self-sustaining. All should note that our synagogue functioned successfully using a one clergy model for over 100 years and we thrived. Our expectations must always be that we will continue to be a compelling house of worship and center of the Jewish community moving forward and one that is well-positioned for financial viability over the long-term.

As Rabbi Finkel has elected to retire, we are presented with an appropriate moment not only to plan for a thoughtful and seamless transition, but the time (approximately two years) to construct and execute a workable plan. As communicated previously, there will be a Clergy Transition Committee tasked with ensuring the transition runs smoothly and there will be significant time and effort that will go into the planning of this transition. To be clear, the only decision that has been made at this time is the need to transition from 2-clergy to 1-person.

To this point, we encourage all of our congregants to attend at least one of the two remaining Town Halls regarding clergy transition to learn more about the process and to provide your input related to this topic.

The next Town Halls will take place on Sunday, November 6th.

- 9:30 AM - In-Person
- 7:00 PM - Via Zoom

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TO ATTEND THE ZOOM TOWN HALL MEETING](#)

As a reminder, you can also provide input through the congregational survey via this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CJP8DRM>. Please note that the survey will close at 10 PM on Thursday.

We look forward to seeing you at the next Town Hall event on Sunday. Please make every effort to attend so that you may have a voice!

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EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

LISA LERMAN and JILL BUCKLER

Early Childhood Center Co-Directors

This past month has been especially busy at the Early Childhood Center as the children enthusiastically continue to learn about and celebrate the holidays! Our halls and classrooms are filled with holiday stories, songs and marching with the Torah. In addition to all of the holiday excitement, we have jumped right into our classroom activities. We are so thrilled to be able to resume some activities that we have always enjoyed in past years. We are able to participate in a sports program once a week. Additionally, once a week, the Cantor is teaching the children songs for the holidays and Shabbat. Most exciting for the children and the staff is celebrating Shabbat with the Rabbi, Cantor, Shabbat children and their parents. It is wonderful to welcome everyone back into the Sanctuary and then later parents and extended family can celebrate this special day back in the classroom.

Fall is definitely here and there are signs of it everywhere we look! From squirrels to leaves to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, there are so many great learning opportunities and projects. Next time you are in the building, take a look at the creative artwork hanging from our ceilings and bulletin boards to see what we mean! The children are excited and already beginning to prepare for our very special Thanksgiving Feast. We will share the story of the Pilgrims and taste some holiday treats.

This month is Fire Prevention Month! The children have been practicing what to do in case of a fire ... Just ask us to show you how to Stop, Drop and Roll.

Our Giggle Zone program continues to thrive. This expanded care program complements our current preschool classes. The Giggle Zone provides a safe environment that supports positive behavior and exploration. Many giggles are heard throughout this room as children ages 18 months to 5 years interact, learn self-confidence, and become inquisitive learners. The Giggle Zone is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and is open during some holidays when the Early Childhood Center is closed.

We are happy to announce that registration is now open for the Intro to Preschool class for children who will be 18 months old by January 1, 2023. This unique class will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The program enables children to gradually gain confidence and independence in a classroom setting. The children in this class will be eligible to attend PBJC summer camp and the 2's class in September 2023.

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

Warm Regards,
Lisa Lerman / Jill Buckler
Early Childhood Co-Directors

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

MARY SHEYDWASSER

Educational Director

The chagim are behind us but a lot of work went into making our holidays rich with tradition and rituals. Students celebrated Simchat Torah by receiving an Aliyah and participating in the “hakafot,” rounds of parading and dancing with the Torah. Todah Rabah to Rabbi Finkel and Cantor Toren for making this happen! Our primary students went to Fairfield Farms. Everyone had a great time by going on a hayride, walking through a corn maze, climbing up bales of hay, and of course, bringing home a pumpkin!



I mentioned in my last article how proud we are of our madrichim program. I would like to acknowledge the following young adults who are creating memorable ties with PBJC: Matthew Kraut, Aiden Blumenthal, Kevin Reiss, Amanda Stiller, Hannah Friedman, Eliana Finkel, Hailey Zuckerman, Zachary Friedman, Ethan Kraut, Matthew Reiss, Evan Schachman, Jordan Bergman, Rachel Pett, and Hayley Edelstein. *L'Dor V'Dor*, from one generation to the next, may they continue to go from strength to strength!

Our *B'Yachad* program, eighth through twelfth grade students, began with lots of vim and vigor! Do you consider yourself an American Jew or a Jewish American? Most of our discussions are based on what is happening in their lives today. How much freedom should kids have? What is the appropriate age to begin dating? Has anyone ever told the truth and wished they told a lie? Has anyone ever told a lie and later wished they had told the truth? We share our strengths and weaknesses, and one thing is for certain...**what is said in *B'Yachad*, stays in *B'Yachad*!** We are planning a trip to New York City in January, more details to follow.

Upcoming November Events:

Thursday, the 3 rd	B'Yachad (8 th -9 th grade students)	Thursday, the 17 th	B'Yachad (10 th -12 th grade students)
Saturday, the 5 th	Junior Congregation	Saturday, the 19 th	Junior Congregation
Sunday, the 6 th	Challah Days	Sunday, the 20 th	Kitah Dalet Parent Student
Tuesday, the 8 th	Kristallnacht Program with Heather Lutz (6 th -7 th grade students)	Sunday, the 27 th	Yad Workshop No Religious School (Thanksgiving Weekend)
Sunday, the 13 th	No Religious School (Teachers' Convention)		

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

B'Shalom,

Mary Sheydwasser

B'NAI MITZVAH

Benjamin Coletti
November 5, 2022



Never to be confused when called out by name during a Pine Brook Jewish Center pick-up, Benjamin Louis Coletti (Benyamin Yitzak) is the oldest of the “Coletti brothers” and will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on November 5, 2022. Born October 27, 2009, to Aili Monahan and Ryan Coletti, he is the older brother to Sam. The first grandchild on both sides of the family, Ben is named for two of his great-grandfathers (Louis and Isaac). Ben is fortunate to be surrounded by an incredibly supportive extended family, including four grandparents, aunts, uncles, and lots of cousins. Ben is, and has always been, funny, thoughtful, and inquisitive. Learning to talk at a young age, Ben has never stopped asking questions. Ben’s dedication and focus has also fostered his love of reading, skiing, soccer, cross-country, fantasy football, piano, violin, science and riddles. He is in 7th grade at Lazar Middle School in Montville and spends his summers at Chestnut Lake Camp.

For his mitzvah project, Ben has been collecting books and monetary donations for The Bridge of Books Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides new and used books to underprivileged and at-risk youth throughout New Jersey. For Ben, reading provides an outlet for stress and fosters his imagination. He is excited to collect these donations to help other children have the opportunity to enjoy similar benefits. (Donations can be made at Ben’s home or Lake Valhalla Club through November 30.)

We are incredibly proud of Ben for his hard work and dedication to prepare for his Bar Mitzvah. We look forward to watching Ben continue to grow and the next chapters in his life. We cannot wait to celebrate his special day.

Sydney Glickson
November 19, 2022



Sydney Glickson was born on December 7, 2009 to proud parents Alison and Jay and big sister Samantha. Sydney is funny, smart, and kind with a generous smile. She enjoys spending her time with family and friends, playing soccer, basketball and lacrosse and enjoys dance, as well.

Sydney spent five summers at Camp Wayne for Girls, paused in 2022 and is considering her options for 2023, a decision we will be waiting on with bated breath. Her mitzvah project is collecting funds for Crown Veterinary Hospital who recently cared for her dog Daisy. She is raising money so others can access funding for their four-legged friends. Sydney wanted to help others who care for their pets the way that she did, but don't have the resources.

We are so proud of the lovely young lady Sydney is becoming and we can't wait to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah.

HARVEY JAFFE B'YACHAD MEMORIAL FUND

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

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

A few testimonials...

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

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

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

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

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

May this serve as a living tribute to his memory.

ELIOT SAKOLSKY AARON MELZER SCHOLARSHIP

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We are pleased to announce that we were able to award four scholarships 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 ask you to consider the Sakolsky/Melzer Scholarship Fund.

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

Beverly Berkowitz
Committee Chairperson

SISTERHOOD

ILENE THAILER and FRAN SIMMONS
Co-Presidents

Fall is here and bringing us beautiful days and cool nights! We have enjoyed the last two weeks of holidays, eating in the sukkah and marching with the Torah. We are proud that Sisterhood was able to provide the yummy desserts and apples. Sisterhood was able to have our welcome back brunch in person and in Scheinman hall this year. Thank you to our programming chairs, Samara Barnes and Lauren Baumgarten, as well as Michelle Zuckerman for putting this event together and Betsy Steckelman for speaking on behalf of us. It is always a joy to see new and old friends and catch up with everyone.

On Wednesday, November 16 starting at 8:45 AM, we will be hosting a Mah Jongg Tournament. If you play the game, you will not want to miss this event. It is so much fun and a great way to meet people, plus the catered breakfast and lunch are fantastic! You can reach out to Susan Kantor at sbk51@optonline.net or 862-881-2611.

On December 1st we will be having our annual paid-up dinner at 7 PM. Join us for a night of good food, friends, and trivia! [CLICK HERE](#) to register to attend. The event is open to all PBJC Sisterhood members who have paid their 2022-2023 membership dues. [CLICK HERE](#) to join Sisterhood.

Another fabulous event Sisterhood is bringing back is the Marketplace!! This will be held on Tuesday, December 6 starting at 4 pm. Please save some of your holiday shopping for this night; we really have some great vendors with some great merchandise. *Hanukkah* will start on the night of December 18 and our gift shop will have a table with menorahs, candles and fun toys and gifts.

We would like to wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving, and as always Sisterhood is grateful for your continued support. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or ideas or if you would like to volunteer.

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

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

The cards we keep in stock include:

Supermarkets:	ShopRite, Kings, Foodtown and Acme
Coffee:	Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks
Online:	Amazon, LL Bean
Retailers:	American Eagle, Barnes & Noble, Bed Bath and Beyond, Bloomingdale's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Gamestop, Limited, Macy's, Nordstrom, REI, Sephora, Ulta, Target, TJ MAXX

**And new to our collection we now sell American Express Gift Cards which have no activation fee.
So, a \$100 gift card simply costs \$100.**

If there are any Gift Cards that we do not carry that you are interested in, contact Beth Fuchs about a special order at bethgfuchs@gmail.com. Beth can check to see if our vendor can supply us with the cards of your choice.

MEN'S CLUB

JAY THAILER

President

Thank you to all men in our community who have elected to support your PBJC Men's Club. Please note that we are doing our best and putting forth a strong effort to present a successful Men's Club inclusive of programming of interest to our congregation. As we have not collected any dues since 2019, we need your support. To be clear, while we have automatically billed \$75 for Men's Club dues on PBJC accounts, please know that you can contact the Bookkeeper in the PBJC office if you wish to have the Men's Club dues removed from your account billing.

A great time was had by all at the Men's Club breakfast on October 30th. It was great to get together to catch up. We are pleased to be planning a variety of programming and events as well as to be supporting the PBJC community in many ways.

We are looking forward to another breakfast on Sunday, November 20 at 10 AM. Tyler Benson, who was recently associated with the San Diego Padres organization will be speaking to us about his experience in professional baseball. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP online to attend the breakfast.

We are also looking forward to the annual Men's club Man of the Year/Youth of the Year Dinner, which is sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. We are thrilled to honor SETH FRIEDMAN as our Man of the Year and the 2023 B'Yachad Graduating Class (Zachary Friedman, Ethan Kraut, Matthew Reiss, Jack Steckelman, Amanda Stiller, Rachel Thailer, and Hailey Zuckerman) as our Youths of the Year! The dinner will take place on Sunday, December 4th at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael. [CLICK HERE](#) to register to attend the event or [CLICK HERE](#) for the Ad Journal form.

Please also save the following dates to attend our upcoming and future programs:

Sunday, 11/20/22 - Men's Club Breakfast with Tyler Benson

Sunday, 12/4/22 – Men's Club Man of the Year/Youth of the Year Dinner

Sunday, 1/22/23 - Men's Club Breakfast

Sunday, 3/19/23 – Men's Club Breakfast

Sunday, 5/7/23 – Day of GIVING and Lag Ba'Omer BBQ

Sunday, 6/11/23 – Men's Club 5K

I look forward to seeing you at these events. Thank you again for your support of PBJC Men's Club.

Jay Thailer

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BETTY CRANE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

FRAN HOBERMAN-SCHENKEL AND BETH FUCHS

Club Coordinators

On October 27th we welcomed Ted and Sarita of AARP at PBJC. Together they facilitated AARP's award-winning Driver Safety Course which is a recognized defensive driving course by the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission. Twenty Friendship Club members were awarded certificates of completion which are valid for three years and can be used to receive a multi-year discount on auto insurance, and in some cases a participant can earn a two-point reduction for an existing motor vehicle infraction. This course is designed for drivers over the age of 50. In addition to incorporating safe driving techniques, it also addressed the effects of medication on driving and age-related physical changes and how to adjust your driving to compensate.

Please save the evening of November 17th at 7:30 pm for a visit by Paul Cirillo. Paul, who is a NASA Solar System Ambassador and a lifelong enthusiast of astronomy and space missions, will be at PBJC to share his knowledge of "Living on the International Space Station". Share in the adventure of how astronauts live and work in space! Discover how the absence of gravity affects the human body and what we can do about it. See breathtaking pictures of the Earth from this orbiting laboratory.

The December event will be announced shortly. But, in the meantime we can tell you to save the dates for a two-part ArtTalks series via Zoom by Janet Mandel. Janet will be presenting on Marc Chagall at 7:30 pm on Tuesday January 24th and at 7:30 pm on Wednesday February 15th. More details coming soon.

Thanks to all who have renewed their membership. If you aren't sure whether you have joined/paid for the 2022-2023 Membership Year, please send us an email and we can check for you and send a membership form if you have not yet joined/renewed.

If you have suggestions for future programs or want to help us out and join the Friendship Club Committee, email us at PBJCfriendshipclub@gmail.com.

Beth and Fran

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

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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I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped PBJC help nourish.NJ. Due to the generosity of our congregants, we collected \$455 in cash donations and once again delivered a full carload of food to people in need. These donations are so greatly appreciated. Our next formal collection for nourish.NJ will be on January 29, 2023 . I'd like to send a special thanks to:

Josh Baron
Pam and Michael Baron
Beverly Berkowitz
Kye and Arnold Brenner
Sue Charnet
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If you have any questions, you can contact Lou at nourishNJ@pbjc.org or 973-787-7243.

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.

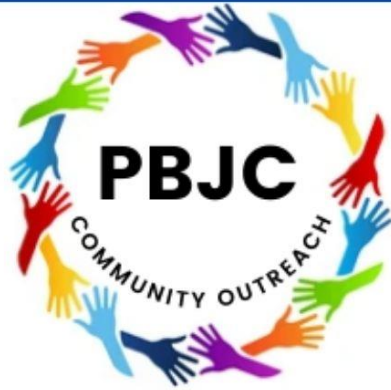
Joining either or both of the Community Outreach Committees is easy. You can do so by donating \$150 per year to participate in each committee. You can donate directly on the PBJC website (www.pbjc.org). Alternatively, send a check payable to PBJC with the appropriate notation (indicating the committee 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.

We hope you can join the Community Outreach Committee on Sunday, November 6 at 11:15 AM as we walk to raise much needed funds for **nourish.NJ**. We will be walking a one-mile loop around the immediate PBJC neighborhood.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TO WALK](#)

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE TO SUPPORT THE WALK](#)

Note: Donations are appreciated by those who walk as well as those who are unable to walk but still want to support this cause!



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!**

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

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Friday, November 4 - Shabbat Alive! Dinner and Service

Sunday, November 6 – Town Hall Meetings Regarding Clergy Transition:

9:30 AM – In Person at PBJC

7:00 PM – Via Zoom (Registration required)

Sunday, November 6 at 11:15 AM – Community Outreach Walk for nourish.NJ at PBJC. Contact Jen Abfier or Hayden Abfier with any questions. Click on the following link to donate:

<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E357233&id=17&cfid=28>

Wednesday, November 9 – Deadline to Order Shabbat Dinner for Pick-Up on Friday, November 11

Wednesday, November 16 at 8:45 AM - Sisterhood Mah Jongg Tournament - Registration is Now Open!

Thursday, November 17 at 7:30 PM Friendship Club Presents – Living on the International Space Station

Sunday, November 20 at 10 AM – Men's Club Breakfast with Tyler Benson

Tuesday, November 22 at 7:30 PM – Interfaith Thanksgiving Service of Greater Montville at Montville United Methodist Church

Thursday, December 1 at 7 PM – Sisterhood Paid-Up Dinner and Trivia Night

Sunday, December 4 at 4 PM – Men's Club Man of the Year and Youth of the Year Dinner

Tuesday, December 6 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM – Sisterhood Marketplace

Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM - SAVE THE DATE! PBJC's Crystal Jubilee: *A Celebration of Life and Leadership* – Join us for a special night with our PBJC Community. More details coming soon!

July 2-10, 2023 - Jewish Federation of Greater Metrowest Centennial Mission to Israel

Calling All Teens!

It's time for HaZamir's 2022-2023 season! HaZamir: The International Jewish Teen Choir, the one-of-a-kind youth movement, is the place for you!

HaZaPrep Metrowest, 7th and 8th grade, meets Sundays 12p-1p

HaZamir MetroWest, 9th-12th grade, meets Sundays 1p-3p

both at Pine Brook Jewish Center, conducted by our very own Joshua Gonzalez. Spread the word! This year is going to be a very exciting one for our chapter!!!

Anyone interested in learning more about HaZamir or HaZaPrep, should reach out to Joshua Gonzalez at HaZaMetrowest@gmail.com.

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, and phone number. We will be happy to include you in our babysitting section in future issues of the Candlestick newsletter.

Eli Rosen
Grade 10
Age: 15
Phone number: 973-840-9162

Rebecca Rosen
Grade 10
Age: 15
Phone number: 973-840-9163

Elissa Schwartz
Grade 8
Age: 13
Phone number: 973-519-2999

Amanda Stiller
Grade 12
Age: 17
Phone number: 201-704-2976

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES and BIRTHDAYS

Happy Anniversary to...

11/6 – Michele Glass and Adam Raiken
11/7 – Diane and Jonathan Talman, Nancy Stanton Tuckman and Steven Tuckman
11/10 – Jennifer and Jason Abfier
11/12 – Tammy and Benjamin Buren
11/13 – Jennifer and Michael Marchant
11/14 – Rosalie and Robert Kesselman
11/15 – Randy and Jack Wenarsky
11/16 – Deborah and Bernard Ulrich
11/17 – Alexis and Cary Stone
11/18 – Wendi and Leonard Leicht
11/22 – Susan and Fred Decter
11/24 – Sheryl and Howard Chesler

Happy Birthday to...

11/1 – Seth Katz, Michael Kideckel, Lenox Lampf
11/2 – Keith Lewis, Alexis Stone
11/3 – Ivan Bader, Naomi Estrin, Rabbi Mark Finkel
11/4 – Estelle Abramson, Jacob Levitt
11/6 – Heath Waldorf
11/7 – Samantha Edelman, Jason Melzer, Felice Yudkin
11/8 – Jean Bader, Scott Benson, Sheryl Feinstein, Louis Katz, Jackie Schwartz, Teddy Wolf
11/9 – Zachary Estrin, Emily Tlusty
11/10 – Benjamin Jacobs, Irena Rappaport, Michael Rappaport, Louis Schwartz, Drew Wortman
11/11 – Seymour Katz, Avery Lawrence
11/12 – Jeffrey Edelman
11/13 – Aileen Cabelly, Evan Spitzberg, Jason Spitzberg, Adam Steckelman
11/14 – Joelle Sandler, Barry Weinreb
11/15 – Amy Resnikoff
11/16 – Fred Aibel, Jens Jenson, Gilbert Mandel, Henry Roth
11/17 – Samuel Carness, Ari Miller
11/18 – Maya Boxer, Alexa Manheim, Ellie Manheim, Dahlia Miller
11/19 – Benjamin Buren
11/20 – Andrew Benson, Stella Hall, Adam Resnikoff, Susan Schenker
11/21 – Alexis Handler
11/22 – Jeri Feinbloom, Elaine Nachshen, Parker Talman
11/23 – Nancy Alkin, Brody Manheim
11/24 – Jodi Sokaler
11/25 – Jonathan Cabelly, Robin Kahwaty
11/26 – Amy Sturmer-Margulis
11/27 – Jason Benson, Jodi Benson
11/28 – Carol Fietelson
11/29 – Abby Finkel, Harold Hofstein, Kia Nili, Ilene Thailer
11/30 – Kevin Reiss, José Nieves



DONORS/SPONSORS

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

By: Randee and Glenn Fox
In appreciation of Rabbi Finkel

By: Irma and Norman Resnic
In appreciation of Rabbi Mark Finkel's kindness
and his especially meaningful Yom Kippur Service

By: Jack and Randy Wenarsky
In celebration of a Sweet and Happy New Year

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

By: The Leflein Family
In memory of Cantor Toren's beloved mother,
Rachel Toren

By: Jack and Randy Wenarsky
In celebration of a Sweet and Happy New Year

PBJC CARING COMMITTEE

By: Diane Dalton
In memory her beloved father, Martin Gitomer

COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

By: Pamela Stoller
In memory of her beloved mother, Beatrice Stoller
on her Yahrzeit

THE HARVEY JAFFE B'YACHAD MEMORIAL FUND

By: Sharon Jaffe
In honor of Andrea Pattap's Special Birthday,
in honor of Marielle Handler becoming a Bat Mitzvah,
in honor of the marriage of Shira and Joshua
Gonzalez and in memory of Robb Cohen

SISTERHOOD

By: Esther Soussa
In honor of the birth of her great grandson, Jonah

PRAYER BOOK FUND (LEV SHALEM)

By: Pamela Stoller
In memory of her beloved mother, Beatrice Stoller

By: Ron & Ann Soussa
In memory of Ray Feldman

The Stadd Family
In loving memory of their beloved brother-in-law
and uncle, Ray Feldman

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

By: The Friedman, Kraut and Stiller Families
Wishing Mary Sheydwasser, a speedy recovery!

By: Miriam and Dan Zeevi
In honor of their grandchildren, Dylan and Ella Levy

LIVE STREAMING DONATION

Miriam and Dan Zeevi
In honor of their children, Melissa and Edward Levy

ELIOT SAKOLSKY/AARON MELZER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

By: Harvey Sakolsky
In memory of his beloved grandmother,
Jennie Kaufman

PBJC GENERAL DONATION

By: Rita and Stephen Frank
In honor of the wedding of Sima and Abe Feder's
grandchildren, Sam, and Sarah

By: Barry Marks and Isabel Margolin
In memory of Roberta Phillips

Yahrzeit Donation

By: Rochelle Askinazi
In memory of her beloved father, Charles Allman

By: Beverly Berkowitz
In memory of her beloved grandfather,
Benjamin Axelrod

By: Renee Bitner
In memory of her beloved father, Manny Elkin

By: Abe Goll
In memory of his beloved father, Sol Goldberg

By: Michael Miller
In memory of his beloved father, David Miller

By: Jan Myers
In memory of her beloved father, Samuel Stieber

By: Barbara Neelman
In memory of her beloved mother, Ann Fabricant
and her beloved father, Samuel Fabricant

By: Philip Person
In memory of his beloved father, Alfred Person

By: Gail Rempell
In memory of her beloved father, George Weiss
and her beloved mother-in-law, Sylvia Rempell

By: Mel Sanders
In memory of his beloved grandmother, Sarah Smith

By: Steven Sanders
In memory of his beloved mother,
Edith Sanders Rudell

By: Reese and Micah Schachter
In memory of their beloved great-grandfather,
Shea Schachter

By: The Schachter Family
In memory of their beloved uncle, Marc Schachter

By: Howard Schenkel
In memory of his beloved father, Seymour Schenkel

By: Hervey Sicherman
In memory of his beloved father, Milton Sicherman

Yahrzeit Donation (Continued)

By: Deborah Ulrich
In memory of her beloved brother, Bernard Goldberg

By: Toby Wolfman
In memory of her beloved husband, Edwin Wolfman;
her beloved mother, Sophie Fox; and her beloved
mother-in-law, Regina Wolfman

By: Lester Wolfson
In memory of his beloved grandmother,
Frances Wolfson and his beloved grandfather,
Louis Lieberman

By: Shelley Zemel
In memory of her beloved mother, Eleanor Alper
and her beloved uncle, Richard Foer

OUR CONDOLENCES TO

Ira Dawer on the loss of his beloved wife,
Rosanne Dawer

Michael Slipowitz on the loss of his beloved
father, Joseph Slipowitz

Randy Wenarsky on the loss of her beloved
mother, Roberta Phillips

SISTERHOOD TRIBUTES

To: Heddy Belman –
Mazel Tov on your Haftorah reading
From: Ina and Mark Roffman

To: Jennifer and Jared Bruno –
Mazel Tov on Caleb's Bar Mitzvah
From: Marian and Bob Lowenfish

To: Ira Dawer –
In memory of your wife, Rosanne
From: Jonathan and Nancy Cohen, Lois and Barry Davis, Gail Feldman, Gay and Steve Gershberg, Judy and Steven Gothelf, Roberta and Bob Kanarick, Beverly and Michael Miller, Tom Peck, Ilene and Jay Thailer, Sheila and Barry Weinreb

To: Aili Monahan and Ryan Coletti –
Mazel Tov on Benjamin's Bar Mitzvah
From: Sisterhood

To: Jackie Fenton –
In memory of your husband, Paul
From: Gayle and Jeffrey Isacson

To: Alison and Jay Glickson –
Mazel Tov on Sydney's Bat Mitzvah
From: Sisterhood

To: Meryle Handler –
Mazel Tov on your granddaughter
Marielle's Bat Mitzvah
From: Alice Gordon

To: Staci and Adam Handler –
Mazel Tov on Marielle's Bat Mitzvah
From: Ilene and Jay Thailer

To: Judy Lipsky –
Mazel Tov on your grandson's Bar Mitzvah
From: Arlene Lopez, Gil and Sue Mandel

To: Arlene Lopez –
Wishing you a speedy recovery
From: Gil and Sue Mandel

To: Sharyn Nadel –
Wishing you a Happy Birthday
From: Diane Dalton

To: Marlene Scheinthal –
Mazel Tov on your grandson's engagement
From: Tom and Marian Kaufmann, Arlene Lopez, Gil and Sue Mandel

To: Shari and Lou Schwartz –
Mazel Tov on Elissa's Bat Mitzvah
From: Gayle and Jeffrey Isacson

To: Cantor Menachem Toren –
In memory of your mother, Rachel Toren
From: Gayle and Jeffrey Isacson

SISTERHOOD TRIBUTES GENERAL INFORMATION

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

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.

YAHREZEITS

READ ON FRI/SAT, 11/4 and 11/5

11/5/22 – 11 Heshvan

Louis Julius Kanoff
Millie Paster
Rebecca Mary Rifkin
Barry Alan Scheinman
Ruth Unger
Frances Wolfson

11/6/22 – 12 Heshvan

Abe Akronowitz
Isaac Edwards
Mildred Friedland
David Reinstein
Edwin Wolfman

11/7/22 – 13 Heshvan

Blanche Blum
Harry Goodman
Steve Hay
Meyer Roesch
Morris Rosenthal
Joseph Sheinis

11/8/22 – 14 Heshvan

Etta Brand
Abraham Greenberg
David Hirsch
Harry Nifoussi
Seymour Schenkel

11/9/22 – 15 Heshvan

Milton Brodsky
Raymond Lichtenberg
David Minkoff
Max Pollak
Morris Sass
Irving Seidman

11/10/22 – 16 Heshvan

Harry Bailynson
Julius Davidson
Martin Glassman
Abraham Moroch
Frances M. Paster
Fritzie Pasternak
Gail Sonners

11/11/22 – 17 Heshvan

Dorothy Belman
Charles Fox
Sylvia Rempell
Louis Weiss

READ ON FRI/SAT, 11/11 and 11/12

11/12/22 – 18 Heshvan

Bertha Flamenbaum
Irving Markowitz
Nathan Rich
Daniel Rosen
Benny Tucker
Edith Weinberg
Fannie Younger
Morris Zerman

11/13/22 – 19 Heshvan

Benjamin Axelrod
Lawrence Block
Anne Book
Margaret Crane
Celia Eckman
Max Lasko
Jack Lipson
Aaron Moses Rosenthal

11/14/22 – 20 Heshvan

Sarah Nochenson
Ida Osur
Harry Simon
Gussie Srulovitz
Anna Tsukroff
George Weiss

11/15/22 – 21 Heshvan

Manny Elkin
Alex Fenster
Samuel Ganz
Louis Lieberman
Sylvia Youngman

11/16/22 – 22 Heshvan

Elizabeth Anghel
Bernard Dover
Meyer Frey
Herman J. Halpern
Elenor Jafferson
Gloria Janis
Jeanette Leicht
Katie Levine
Esther Tornow
Ida Weiss
Sarah Winkler

11/17/22 – 23 Heshvan

Frances Kadushin
Bessie Mintz
Sarah Smith
Armin Taube

11/18/22 – 24 Heshvan

Sophie Fox
Beatrice Gerstein
Morris Green
Herman Schwartz
Alexander Steinberg
Ann Zimmerman

**READ ON FRI/SAT,
11/18 and 11/19**

11/19/22 – 25 Heshvan

Max Abrams
Frank Alexander
Gerald Darrow
Linda Ginsberg
Samuel Leibowitz
Jean Lieberman
Minnie Manzbach
Rhoda Marrus
Alfred Person

11/20/22 – 26 Heshvan

Sylvia Basem
Rose Fischer
Irving Gold
Bernard Landers
Bella Bailynson Meyers
Irving Netkin
Samuel Post
Hyman Rosenstein
Charles Schnitzler

11/21/22 – 27 Heshvan

Mollie Rand
Shirley Rauch
Albert Martin Schottenfeld
Jerome Siegfried
Ben Steck
Regina Wolfman

11/22/22 – 28 Heshvan

Anita Bruskin
Lester Deneberg
Anne Fabricant
Ida Katz
Hanna Kruger
Joseph Mager
Steven Reich
Theodore Schulman
Maurice Soussa

11/23/22 – 29 Heshvan

Jacob M. Bloom
Rebecca Felzenberg
Ben Gold
Manya Landau
David Lewis Mazzola
Ben Mendelsohn
Sarah Stoll

11/24/22 – 30 Heshvan

Julius Bernstein
Michael Ehudin

11/25/22 – 1 Kislev

Lillian Cohen
Sid Gilbert
Anna Halperin
Judith Lippa
Esther Shoflick
Joseph Wasserman
Henrietta Waxberg

**READ ON FRI/SAT,
11/25 and 11/26**

11/26/22 – 2 Kislev

Charles Allman
Samuel Fabricant
Lois Sanders
Edith Sanders Rudell

11/27/22 – 3 Kislev

David Gerkin
Joseph Goldberg
Sally Zemel

11/28/22 – 4 Kislev

Samuel Bernstein
Leonard Cohen
Abraham Sheinker

11/29/22 – 5 Kislev

Samuel Gladstein
Jessie Kaufman Jacobs
Mamie Tarter

11/30/22 – 6 Kislev

Isaac Bornstein
Anna Brenner
Rose L. Cohen
Millie Gnapp
Joan Howard
Reuben Jankowitz
Tillie Lewis
Clarise Minzenheimer
Solomon Oshrowitz
Harry Robbins
Jack Rosenberg

12/1/22 – 7 Kislev

Allan Berger
Bernard Kirsch
Dorothy Schram
Saul Smolar
Leo S. Weiner

12/2/22 – 8 Kislev

Debby Frieder
Yetta Massarsky
Abraham Salton
Max J. Sarver
Anna Schenerman
Sam Siegel
Marvin Striziver