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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.

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Call the synagogue office at 973-244-9800. If the office is closed, call Rabbi Finkel at (973) 287-7047 (home) or (973) 407-0065 (cell). If you are unable to reach the Rabbi, contact Cantor Toren at (973) 980-7777 or Michelle Zuckerman at (973) 886-5456.

RABBI'S MESSAGE

RABBI MARK DAVID FINKEL

Watch What You Pray For

Every so often a congregant will ask me if Judaism really has a blessing thanking G-d "for not making me (*sic*) a woman." The operative word is "we."

If the question is: "Do we say such a blessing at services at the Pine Brook Jewish Center," the answer is: "I don't know." I realize that answer makes me seem pretty uninformed. Wouldn't I know if someone were saying that blessing?

So let me frame it this way: Since before my arrival PBJC 14 years ago, there has not been anyone who has led a service or stood before the microphone and offered those words. I can also say, however, that there were some old prayerbooks printed in the 1950's that, pre-dating my arrival, we were using to "fill in" at Sunday morning *B'nai Mitzvah* on *Rosh Hodesh*, *Hol ha'Mo'ed*, and *Hanukkah* when there were more attendees than there were copies of "our preferred edition," and yes, the blessing printed in the "fill-in" books was: "Blessed art Thou, O Lord our G-d, Who hast not made me a woman." (The antiquated translation itself may have been a sign of the times.)

Among my first projects, upon seeing those prayerbooks, was to print large gum-backed labels printed with what has been the text in "our preferred edition" as well as in all new Conservative prayerbooks printed *since* 1946:

Praised are You A-do-nai our G-d, Who rules the universe,
making me in the divine image (to be recited by men and women).

... and with the OK of the Ritual Committee and Arlene's assistance, that aforementioned blessing (and all the others in that "King James" English) were covered over, to never see the light of day again at PBJC services.

Another reason I say "I don't know," is that some congregants and guests use their own personal prayerbooks that may or may not have the same text as our standard prayerbook, *and* sometimes prayerbooks from the PBJC library that were printed in the late 19th century and early 20th century find their way into the sanctuary (the library books very much look their age and could not be mistaken for our standard prayerbooks), but people may have used them. As Rabbi, I get to help set the standards for communal prayer, but I'm not the "prayer police" concerning personal prayerbooks.

But I also want to talk about another blessing in that same collection. In addition to the above blessing, there was a parallel blessing:

"...Who hast not made me a slave." To my recollection, no one has ever seriously questioned me about that prayer (perhaps because the *Pesah* (Passover) story was, in essence, the birth of Judaism); however, the editors of Conservative prayerbooks since 1946, felt that the blessing could be insensitive and condescending to those in our world who have yet to be liberated from bondage. The replacement blessing became:
Praised are You A-do-nai our G-d, Who rules the universe, making me free.

The term for "free" in Hebrew is (as we find in the *Haggadah*) *ben-horin*, literally "a child of freedom;" however, the Hebraists among you might say: "not so fast, Rabbi. I know that the word *ben* may mean 'child,' but can it also not mean 'son?' Could this possibly be another case of gender exclusion?"

The editorial board of the Conservative prayerbooks asked the same question in the 1990's. Their response was a definite maybe. Some might say "maybe" is a wishy-washy answer, but the Rabbis said "maybe" gives us an opening to explore our language of prayer. Since Hebrew is a gender specific language, let's give the worshiper the opportunity to decide: Someone who wishes to interpret the term *ben-horin* as "a son of freedom" may say *ben-horin*; a person who sees *ben-horin* as a generic "child of freedom" may also use that term; but a worshiper who can identify as *bat-horin* "a daughter of freedom" may choose to offer those words instead.

Our congregant Diane Dalton had been leading those blessings at PBJC on many *Shabbat* mornings pre-dating COVID, but has led those blessings almost weekly at PBJC since COVID. She has chosen to offer the term *bat-horin*, "daughter of freedom" in her prayers. I think I can say that this blessing is unique to PBJC among all the Montville places of worship.

I hope her searching and discovery into some of the richness of our Hebrew prayers and the Hebrew language itself can inspire all of us to "watch what we pray for" and to see ourselves in our prayers ... so "with all our heart and with all our soul" we can hear our prayers and within those words hear G-d's words.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MICHAEL WEINSTEIN

President

Here's wishing you all one more Shana Tovah and a happy, healthy, and safe New Year! Whether you attended High Holy Day services in person or virtually, we are appreciative of the positive feedback we've received and appreciate your flexibility and understanding moving forward. My sincere thank you to all of you who have already contributed to our annual Kol Nidre Appeal and my thanks to all of you who have not yet made your commitment for this year. If it were that that envelope still lies in that pile of mail on the counter, then we hope you will still consider a pledge to support your community. Needless to say, any amount helps and thank you all again for your grace.

After I presented my Kol Nidre Appeal there was one more appeal to make; the just-as-necessary appeal for congregant volunteers. My cynical side says there are very few things in life that are truly "Win-Win;" my positive side screams this is one of them! Do I have to say it? When you step up to volunteer your time, you win by feeling the benefit of contributing to your community, by making connections, and by busting out of what for many is a limiting COVID routine.....and PBJC wins by having you step forward in each of those ways! Volunteerism is a core Jewish value and in making this leap of faith, you'll be leaping towards your faith and jumping into a community of fellow congregants that will leave you enriched and rewarded. As the Chevra Board is currently organizing committees, NOW is the best time to step up and get involved.

The following is a list of PBJC's current Committees:

- Adult Education
- Caring
- Cemetery
- Finance
- Fundraising
- House and Grounds
- IT/Tech
- Membership
- Nursery School
- Programming
- Public Relations/Marketing
- Religious School
- Ritual
- Security

While we welcome congregant volunteers on all committees, highest on our list of needs is in the fundraising area. All would be mistaken if it were assumed that the world of philanthropy is quiet. Many organizations are successfully planning and holding virtual, semi-virtual, and outdoor events while applying creative formulas to hold enjoyable, valuable, and successful fundraisers. Safety is the only constraint to try something innovative during a time when PBJC would welcome these extra funds to supplement our operating budget.

There seems no doubt that there is a remarkable amount of talent here at PBJC. Whether your thing is programming or event planning, education or the spiritual, there is no better time than the new year to engage and take the plunge. Please email or call me or our Executive Director, Michelle Zuckerman or If you prefer, you can let your friend on our *Chevra* Board know you want to get involved. Please take the step. Thank you for your consideration and we hope to hear from you. I can promise you your commitment will be rewarding!!

Michael

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NURSERY SCHOOL

LISA LERMAN and JILL BUCKLER

Nursery School Co-Directors

The beginning of a new school year is always an exciting time for both parents and children. There are so many emotions and new feelings as we adjust to being back at school or starting school for the first time. The 2021-2022 school year promises to be UNIQUE, and we will do everything we can to make it a fantastic year for all. Our staff is excited, enthusiastic and have worked very hard all summer to prepare to keep the children safe and engaged in a loving, fun, environment. We are all looking forward to a wonderful, exhilarating year. The beginning of the year will be filled with meeting new friends, adjusting to new routines, and taking part in many stimulating activities as we learn about the holidays we will be observing. Our preschoolers spent September learning about the very special holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We munched on apples and honey and sang festive new songs. We had a special visit in the Sukkah which we helped decorate and had our special snack there.

The nursery school children have jumped right into all of their classroom activities with tremendous enthusiasm! They participate in circle time, create holiday themed art projects, learn new songs, play on the playground ... there is always something fun happening at PBJC Nursery School! The children LOVE being outside. We take full advantage of the weather and our terrific play area. A big highlight of the week is celebrating Shabbat with the Rabbi and Cantor every Friday morning. This fabulous program will begin in early October.

The Giggle Zone is thriving this year! It is an expanded care program which 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 Nursery School is closed.

PBJC Nursery is thrilled to announce that registration is now open for Intro to Preschool, a transition class for children who will turn 18 months by January 1, 2022. This twice weekly class will begin in January. Please contact us for more information and registration. We can be reached at (973) 244 - 9800 x 212 or our email pbjcnursery@pbjc.org.

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

Warm Regards,

Lisa Lerman and Jill Buckler

Nursery School Co-Directors

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

MARY SHEYDWASSER

Educational Director

The first day of school is always filled with excitement, but none so much like this year. Words do not do justice to how wonderful it was to see our halls filled again with “*ruach*”, spirit, on our first day of school. I just couldn’t get over the fact that so many of these students are now taller than I am! The picture below shows our seventh graders waiting to come into class, the camaraderie and community that they all share is priceless! I would like to welcome our new families into our community! We now have 43 students enrolled in our primary (K-2) program, these children are our future, **BRUCHIM HABAIM!**

You are all aware that *Tefillah*, prayer, is a core element of our curriculum. We *daven*, pray together, and reinforce what the students study in the classroom. We end our Sunday sessions with *Havdallah*, a service that separates Shabbat from the hustle and bustle of our routine everyday activities. We use this opportunity to wish each other “*Shavuah Tov*”, a greeting for a good week ahead. To enhance our program, we are bringing in different melodies and encouraging our students to find their own spiritual journey.

We welcome parental input and participation as you are the essential partners in the process of Jewish education. We encourage you to discuss what your child learned in school and consider adding more Jewish customs and practices to your normal routine. If you are interested in helping us promote the highest standard of Jewish living in our Religious School, please contact the Education Committee Co-Chairs.....Kim Stiller at kim615@optonline.net or Karen Kraut at karenkraut@hotmail.com.

Junior Congregation services are designed to give our Aleph, Bet, Gimel and Dalet students the opportunity to participate and lead an abbreviated Shabbat Service geared to their level. It is the ideal vehicle to prepare the student for his/her Bar/Bat Mitzvah and is a necessary part of their education. Students will be able to accumulate credits for attending services as they learn and enjoy the process.

Now that all the *chagim* are behind us, we are going to have continuity with our learning. October is going to be a very busy month for all. We are partnering with the **Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest** with the **Daffodil Project**. This is a worldwide initiative to plant 1.5 million daffodils in memory of the 1.5 million Jewish children murdered by the Nazis for simply being Jewish, as well as to educate young people in a way that they can understand the magnitude of the massive number of lives lost. We hope you can join us for this important event on Sunday, October 17, 2021. We also hope you will help sponsor the event by adopting a daffodil bulb. [CLICK HERE FOR THE EVENT FLYER](#) [CLICK HERE TO SPONSOR](#)

Belated New Year’s Greetings from the Religious School Faculty to all members of our school and the PBJC community at large.

Please mark your calendars for these October events:

- 3rd Kitah Dalet Informational Zoom Meeting at 9:00
- 7th B’Yachad (8th-9th graders) begins
- 10th Havdalah Workshop for our Primary students
- 14th B’Yachad and Beyond (10th-12th graders) begins
- 16th Junior Congregation
- 17th Kitah Aleph Orientation Zoom Meeting at 9:00
- 19th Dinner with our Madrichim
- 21st B’Yachad
- 24th **CHALLAH DAYS**
- 28th B’Yachad and Beyond
- 30th Junior Congregation

B’Shalom,
Mary Sheydwasser

October 2021



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 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

Kayla Bray
October 2, 2021



We were blessed with the most precious gift we could ever receive on November 10, 2008, when our beautiful Kayla Arielle Bray was born. She is an amazing big sister and role model to her brother, Zach, who she loves to fight with, but also to play basketball, roblox, tiktok and to laugh with. She is a lover of dance, basketball, baking, art, animals, and especially her puppy, Frankie. She excels in all she does and is a wonderful daughter, student, athlete, and friend.

Kayla has always had a desire to help those in need and has participated in several Mitzvah projects, including volunteering with children with special needs at Friendship Circle, decorating hearts through Hearts of Hope and delivering them to children who are mourning losses at Good Grief, selling bracelets and rings to donate proceeds to the Montville Animal shelter, and volunteering with Pathways as well. Anyone who meets Kayla is immediately able to see her maturity and kindness shine through.

Kayla, we could not be more proud of the young woman you have become and are so excited to celebrate you becoming a Bat Mitzvah. We wish you all the luck in the world and know you will succeed in all you do. We love you more than anything Kay!

Kate Wise
October 2, 2021



Kate Dylan Wise was born on August 7, 2007, making Allison and Jeffrey proud parents for the first time! Kate is a great big sister to her brother Jake. Kate is a kind, smart and funny young woman. A dedicated eighth grade student at Newark Academy, Kate enjoys tennis, volleyball, and softball. She feels extremely lucky to have a wonderful group of friends from Montville, Newark Academy, and Pine Forest Camp. Kate has participated for several years in the PBJC Community Outreach to aid the homeless and is raising money for this worthy cause for her Mitzvah project. We admire her desire to help others and are so proud of the hard work Kate has done in becoming a Bat Mitzvah. We cannot wait to see what Kate's future holds! We look forward to celebrating her special day!

Brody Manheim
October 16, 2021



On November 23, 2008, Dara, Dave, and big sisters Ellie and Alexa welcomed Brody Andrew Manheim into the world. He came home from the hospital on Thanksgiving day, the same special day as his big sisters three years before him. It has served as an incredible reminder each year of what a blessing he is to all of us, and how much our family truly has to be thankful for. He is a wonderful little brother, and does all he can to make us laugh each and every day. Brody is a fun-loving, energetic, compassionate, and outgoing kid, who enjoys spending time with his family and friends. He is an honor roll student at Lazar Middle School, and enjoys playing travel soccer, basketball, tennis, swimming, and baseball. He's a pretty good ping pong player too!! He has spent most summers since the age of eight at his home away from home, Camp Lokanda. For his Mitzvah project, Brody started #TeamEllie, as part of a fundraising walk/run campaign for the Valerie Fund. This fund helps children with cancer and their families navigate through their journey as they deal with the unimaginable. The organization has helped our family so much, and Brody wanted to make sure that other families continue to get the same support that our family did. He has chosen to do this in honor of his big sister Ellie, which makes it all the more special. We are so very proud of him in each and every way, and cannot wait to celebrate Brody's Bar Mitzvah, in person, at PBJC with our closest family and friends.

Perri Schachman
October 23, 2021



Perri Hayden Schachman brightened up Ilissa and David's world on October 22, 2008. She joined her older brother Evan and then became a big sister to Jordan. Perri enjoys life. It doesn't matter what she is doing or where she is going, she finds enjoyment in everything. She is smart, funny, artistic, athletic and a genuine person. She loves spending time with her family and friends. Perri loves basketball, dance, field hockey & skiing. Perri has a heart of gold and is very determined in everything she does. She works hard to earn good grades at Lazar Middle School. She looks forward to her summers at Camp Echo to be carefree and spend time with friends.

For her mitzvah project, Perri volunteered at Pathways. Perri helped kids in cooking classes, dance & basketball. Perri is an excellent big cousin, so this was right up her alley and it meant a lot to her to help kids in need. Perri also volunteered at Grains of Hope to help package meals to be distributed to those in need. We are beyond proud of Perri in how hard she worked to prepare for her Bat Mitzvah. We look forward to celebrating this very special milestone in Perri's life with family and friends.

SISTERHOOD

ILENE THAILER and FRAN SIMMONS

Co-Presidents

It's that time of year where we are asking for the support of all women of PBJC to join Sisterhood! Sisterhood is a vital part of the PBJC community, providing much-needed support and services to the Synagogue and the populations it serves. We are a group of women who are actively involved in activities that enrich both the Synagogue and our community in general. We also work to enhance our personal growth and Jewish involvement. We sponsor many of the ongoing events at PBJC and, through our fundraising efforts, are able to donate money for programming and synagogue beautification that benefits the entire congregation. Our *Mishloach Manot* Basket Program for Purim has been, and will continue to be, a great success. Sisterhood also provides many important services to PBJC. We supply challah and cake after Shabbat services, as well as food for *Selichot* and Yom Kippur "Break the Fast." We sponsor programs for the Religious School, Youth Groups, and Nursery School and send packages to college students who cannot be home for the holidays. Sisterhood, in conjunction with the Caring Committee, assists its members in need whether during a family illness or while in mourning. Additionally, Sisterhood sells tribute cards to mark special occasions, sells Scrip for stores, and operates the PBJC Gift Shop. We are proud of the programming and events we have sponsored during the Covid-19 pandemic and will continue to work to provide interesting, informative, and fun programming as well as support to our entire community.

Dues paying members of Sisterhood are eligible for the many programs, activities, and services offered throughout the year to our members and to the PBJC community. With your Sisterhood membership you also receive automatic membership in the Women's League for Conservative Judaism. Some of Sisterhood's annual events include: Kick-Off Breakfast, Paid-Up Membership Dinner, Donor Event, Game Nights, Guest Speakers, Trips, Cooking Classes, and much more! We invite you to join us whether you are a longstanding member of the congregation, brand new to PBJC, or just looking for Jewish involvement.

You may join PBJC Sisterhood as follows:

- Go to the GET INVOLVED...CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS section of the PBJC website ([CLICK HERE](#)). Sisterhood is the first organization listed. The online Sisterhood membership form is in the Sisterhood section of the website. You can fill out the form and make your dues payment online. Annual dues are \$50 for regular dues and \$40 for senior dues (for ages 65 & up). ([CLICK HERE FOR THE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP FORM](#))
- Send a check to PBJC (174 Changebridge Road, Montville, NJ 07045, Attn: Sisterhood Membership) made payable to "PBJC Sisterhood". Include a note with your name, email, address, phone number, and indicate if you are PBJC member and a new or returning sisterhood member

Please join us for the Sisterhood Kick-Off Brunch on Sunday, October 3 at 10 AM! The event will be held outside in the PBJC backyard, under the tent and sukkah. Per current PBJC Covid-19 protocols, proof of Covid-19 vaccination is required for attendance at the event.

Please also join us for a Zoom BINGO night on Tuesday, October 12 at 8 PM! [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Thank you for your support. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions.

Ilene and Fran

BETTY CRANE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

FRAN HOBERMAN-SCHENKEL AND BETH FUCHS

Club Coordinators

We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. As you know, due to all of the holidays falling in September, Friendship Club did not have a program last month.

On Tuesday, October 19th we are welcoming back John Kenrick. John will discuss ***Jews in the American Theatre***. If we are in a position to do an in-person event on October 19th, he will speak live at PBJC. If people are wary of meeting in person, or if the PBJC protocols change, we can do this as another Zoom program. Be on the lookout for a survey to ask for your preference. Either way, meet and greet at 7:15 pm and speaker begins at 7:30 pm.

For anyone that missed the August program which John ran on ***How Musicals Get to Broadway***, John is an entertainment historian who has worked in the theatre business at every level from amateur to Broadway, eventually serving as personal assistant to six Tony Award winning producers, including the team behind the original production of *Rent*. He has taught musical theatre history courses, written books, and he runs the educational website Musicals101.com.

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

Beth and Fran

SASS

ELAINE NACHSHEN

Coordinator

SASS hopes everyone at PBJC, together with their families and friends, enjoyed a very happy Rosh Hashana. We pray that the new year will bring a time in our lives when we are no longer focusing on Covid-19 and find ourselves back to how we all were before the pandemic began, It is a great deal to wish for, but we can never stop seeking the light at the end of the tunnel. That light does exist and we hope Rosh Hashana is where the tunnel begins, As the High Holy Days conclude, SASS wishes everyone a New Year filled with faith, love, good health, joy, and peace.

SASS hopes to return to programming as soon as possible, but an ounce of precaution is worth a pound of cure. Hence, we wait for a time when it is safe for our seniors to resume our socially active lifestyle. We hoped to have an outside picnic last month, but the many days of intense heat and the abundance of rain prevented that from happening, As the fall season arrives and the colors on the trees change, SASS wishes we also change to a happier, healthier, and safer world for everyone.

We wish everyone *Shalom*.

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

nourish.NJ

Louis Schwartz
Chair



For more than 20 years, PBJC has served as a member congregation of nourish.NJ (formerly the Community Soup Kitchen & Outreach Center), taking responsibility for lunch whenever there is a fifth Sunday of a month.

The next fifth Sunday is October 31st. Currently, it is still not possible to volunteer to serve this meal. Instead, PBJC members are asked to consider contributing to nourish.NJ in either of the following ways:

1. nourish.NJ continues to hand out bagged groceries each day. Louis Schwartz will be in the PBJC parking lot on **Sunday, October 31st collecting donations from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM**. The food in greatest need right now is canned chicken, canned beans, canned soups, canned stews, and cereal. **Please only donate non-perishable items.**
2. Help by making a monetary donation to nourish.NJ by October 31st. All donations collected for nourish.NJ through PBJC will go directly towards food supplies for nourish.NJ. Monetary donations can be made as follows:
 - Online through the PBJC website. Click on "Donate Now" and make sure to select "nourish.NJ Donation" as the "Type" of payment.
 - Through a check made payable to "PBJC" and mailed to PBJC at 174 Changebridge Road, Montville, NJ 07045. Please indicate "nourish.NJ donation" in the memo of the check and please put "Attn: nourish.NJ donation" on the envelope.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with nourish.NJ as the organization grows and evolves. We will see how we can best support the organization and the people it serves during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. Thank you for your continued support.

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

IMPORTANT LINKS AND INFORMATION

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

[Sunday, October 3 at 10:00 AM – Sisterhood Kick-Off Brunch \(outside in the tent\)](#)

[Wednesday, October 6 at 8:00 PM - Chevra Board Meeting via Zoom](#)

[Tuesday, October 12 at 8:00 PM – Sisterhood BINGO Night via Zoom](#)

[Sunday October 17 at 9:30 AM - Religious School Adopt A Daffodil Bulb Project](#)

[Tuesday, October 19 at 7:30 PM - Betty Crane Friendship Club presents Jews in American Theatre with John Kenrick](#)

[Sunday, October 24 at 9:00 AM – First Religious School Challah Days Class for 3 and 4 year olds](#)
[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

As indicated in the most recent communication from synagogue leadership and the Covid-19 Task Force, proof of Covid-19 vaccination will be required to attend in-person services (including High Holy Day services) and programs at the present time.

There are three ways that you may submit proof of vaccination:

- You can fill out our online Covid-19 Vaccination form, which is located on the [home page](#) of the PBJC website (or [CLICK HERE](#) for the form). You will be asked to submit a copy of your vaccination card online.
- You can come into the PBJC office with your card and we can make a copy of the card for our files.
- You can mail a copy of your card to the PBJC office at:
174 Changebridge Road
Montville, NJ 07045
Attn: Covid Vaccination

We will maintain a list of our membership that will indicate who has proof of vaccination on file. When you arrive at PBJC for services or events, we will be able to verify your vaccination status and you will not need to have your vaccination card with you. Of course you may also show your vaccination card in-person upon arrival to services and other events. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the office with any questions. Thank you for your continued understanding as we work to keep our community as safe as possible

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary to...

- 10/7 – Cory and Justin Solotoff
- 10/9 – Sheila and Michael Kirsch, Tracey and Gary Warech
- 10/11 – Rebecca and Sheldon Eisen, Robin and Laurence Kahwaty
- 10/17 – Jill and Jason Bergman
- 10/21 – Aileen and Jonathan Cabelly
- 10/23 – Sandy and Joseph Gonzalez
- 10/26 – Pam and Michael Weinstein
- 10/27 – Julie and Howard Harris
- 10/30 – Staci and Adam Handler



Happy Birthday to...

- 10/1 – Carol Berman
- 10/2 – Matthew Kayne, Jeffrey Weiss
- 10/3 – Benjamin Mittler, Jordan Schachman
- 10/4 – Kenneth Gluck
- 10/6 – Rachel Usatine
- 10/7 – Julie Harris, Sharyn Nadel
- 10/8 – Cecile Zohn
- 10/10 – Wallace Ferguson, Jane Spielberg
- 10/11 – Nelson Goldstein, David Judovin
- 10/12 – Chase Garb, Emma Karp, Susan Lefkowitz
- 10/13 – Aric Bernstein, Marian Lowenfish
- 10/14 – Marian Kaufmann, Cooper Lawrence, Earl Rostoker
- 10/15 – Michael Carver, Loren Mendelsohn
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- 10/18 – Donald Rosenthal
- 10/20 – Jeffrey Mestel, Micah Schachter
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- 10/22 – Padi Nazmiyal, Perri Schachman, Ann Wolman
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10/2/21 – 26 Tishrei
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Nathan Meistrich
Harry (Hyman) Thorner

10/3/21 – 27 Tishrei
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Donna Mendelson
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Mary Rosenberg

10/4/21 – 28 Tishrei
Ilya Korchman
Etta Krampf
Vivian Dawer

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Irving Deutschman
Mildred Wenarsky
Doris Schaechter
Richard Scher
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READ ON FRI/SAT, 10/8 and 10/9

10/9/21 – 3 Heshvan
Pauline Lerman
Philip Richman
Isadore Thorner
Sarah Ershowsky
Morris Gralla
Herman Shillin
Samuel Blackman
Marlene Teich

10/10/21 – 4 Heshvan
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Abraham Rabiner
Sol Houtkin
Lester Eisenstodt
Ruth Gold
Lewis Isador Fox

10/11/21 – 5 Heshvan
Jerry Polesuk
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Alfred Lerner

10/12/21 – 6 Heshvan
Harry Rosen
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10/13/21 – 7 Heshvan
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10/14/21 – 8 Heshvan
Esther Laya Adelman
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10/15/21 – 9 Heshvan
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**READ ON FRI/SAT,
10/15 and 10/16**

10/16/21 – 10 Heshvan

Hanna Steppel
Frances J. Turner
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Saundra Lesh
Yecheil Meistrich

10/17/21 – 11 Heshvan

Frances Wolfson
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10/18/21 – 12 Heshvan

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Mildred Friedland
Abe Akronowitz
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10/19/21 – 13 Heshvan

Joseph Sheinis
Harry Goodman
Steve Hay
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10/20/21 – 14 Heshvan

Seymour Schenkel
Etta Brand
David Hirsch
Harry Nifoussi
Abraham Greenberg

10/21/21 – 15 Heshvan

Irving Seidman
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Milton Brodsky

10/22/21 – 16 Heshvan

Harry Bailynson
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Julius Davidson

**READ ON FRI/SAT,
10/22 and 10/23**

10/23/21 – 17 Heshvan

Charles Fox
Dorothy Belman
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10/24/21 – 18 Heshvan

Bertha Flamenbaum
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10/25/21 – 19 Heshvan

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10/27/21 – 21 Heshvan

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Louis Lieberman
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10/28/21 – 22 Heshvan

Sarah Winkler
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Katie Levine
Ida Weiss
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10/29/21 – 23 Heshvan

Sarah Smith
Frances Kadushin
Armin Taube
Bessie Mintz

**READ ON FRI/SAT,
10/29 and 10/30**

10/30/21 – 24 Heshvan

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

10/31/21 – 25 Heshvan

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

11/1/21 – 26 Heshvan

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

11/2/21 – 27 Heshvan

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

11/3/21 – 28 Heshvan

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

11/4/21 – 29 Heshvan

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

11/5/21 – 1 Kislev

Judith Lipka
Sid Gilbert
Esther Shoflick
Lillian Cohen
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Joseph Wasserman
Anna Halperin