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***MERRICK JEWISH CENTRE***

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**SCHEDULE OF HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> – Erev Rosh Hashanah**

Light Holiday Candles .....	6:51 P.M.
Evening Services .....	6:45 P.M.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> – 1 Tishri 5776**

**First Day of Rosh Hashanah**

Services .....	8:15 A.M.
Torah Reading .....	9:45 A.M.
<b>The CJL Minyan.....</b>	<b>9:45 A.M.</b>
An Intimate, Interactive Adaptation of the Traditional High Holy Day Service, led by Rabbi Ravid Tilles	
Teen Services .....	10:30 A.M.
Tot Service - Ages 4 and under, (under 3 must be accompanied by an adult)	10:30 A.M.
Children's Services .....	10:30 A.M.
Tashlich .....	5:15 P.M.
Evening Services (Mincha/Maariv) .....	6:45 P.M.
Light Holiday Candles after.....	7:51 P.M.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> – 2 Tishri 5776**

**Second Day of Rosh Hashanah**

Services .....	8:15 A.M.
Torah Reading .....	9:45 A.M.
<b>The CJL Minyan.....</b>	<b>9:45 A.M.</b>
An Intimate, Interactive Adaptation of the Traditional High Holy Day Service.	
Tot Service - Ages 4 and under, (under 3 must be accompanied by an adult)	10:30 A.M.
Teen Services .....	10:30 A.M.
Children's Services .....	10:30 A.M.
Evening Services (Mincha/Maariv) .....	6:45 P.M.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> – Shabbat Shuvah**

Services .....	9:00 A.M.
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**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup> – Yom Kippur**

Light Holiday Candles..... no later than	6:35 P.M.
Kol Nidre Services .....	6:25 P.M.
<b>Kol Nidre Youth Service-Center for Jewish Life.....</b>	<b>6:30 P.M.</b>

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup> – Yom Kippur**

Services .....	8:15 A.M.
Torah Reading .....	10:00 A.M.
<b>The CJL Minyan.....</b>	<b>9:30 A.M.</b>
An Intimate, Interactive Adaptation of the Traditional High Holy Day Service, led by Rabbi Ravid Tilles	
Teen Services .....	10:30 A.M.
Children's Services .....	10:30 A.M.
Yiskor Services .....	10:45 A.M.
Community Yiskor Services .....	3:00 P.M.
<b>Healing Service – Led by Rabbi Ravid Tilles.....</b>	<b>3:30 P.M.</b>
Mincha .....	4:45 P.M.
Neilah .....	6:00 P.M.
Yom Kippur Ends .....	7:32 P.M.

# Schedule of Sukkot and Simchat Torah Festival Services

**MERRICK JEWISH CENTRE**  
Congregation Ohr Torah

Schedule of Sukkot and Simchat Torah Festival Services



**SUNDAY, September 27<sup>th</sup> – SUKKOT 5776**

Light Festival Candles .....no later than 6:27P.M.  
Festival Service..... 6:15 P.M.

**MONDAY, September 28<sup>th</sup> – First Day of SUKKOT**

Morning Services..... 9:00A.M.  
Sukkot Alive!..... 10:30 A.M.  
Mincha/Maariv Service..... 6:15 P.M.  
Light Holiday Candles after..... 7:24 P.M.

**TUESDAY, September 29<sup>th</sup> – Second Day of SUKKOT**

Morning Services..... 9:00 A.M.  
Sukkot Alive!..... 10:30 A.M.  
Mincha ..... 6:15 P.M.

**SUNDAY, October 4<sup>th</sup> Eve of Shemini Atzeret**

*HOSHANA RABBAH MORNING SERVICE* ..... 6:15 A.M.  
Light Candles ..... no later than 6:15 P.M.  
Mincha/Festival Service ..... 6:15 P.M.

**MONDAY, October 5<sup>th</sup> – SHEMINI ATZERET**

Morning Services..... 9:00 A.M.  
Yiskor Services..... 10:30 A.M.  
Shemini Atzeret Alive!..... 10:30 A.M.  
Mincha Services..... 6:15 P.M.  
Maariv Services – SIMCHAT TORAH ..... 7:00 P.M.  
*Torah Processions – Hakafot – Flags – Refreshments!*  
Light Festival Candles – SIMCHAT TORAH.....after 7:12 P.M.

**TUESDAY, October 6<sup>th</sup> – SIMCHAT TORAH**

Morning Services..... 9:00 A.M.  
Simchat Torah Alive!..... 10:30 A.M.

Aliyot to all – flags, goodies to all who attend!

Mincha..... 6:15P.M.





## A Message From Our Rabbi

### “Future Tense”

Dear Friends,

One of my great joys of summer is the opportunity to finally get to read some of the books that I've been looking at for months. Thanks to the fact that Rabbi Jonathan Sacks is one of the most prodigious writers the Jewish people have ever produced, there is usually a book of his that finds its way to the top of my reading list.

So included in my summertime reading was his book, *Future Tense*. In *Future Tense*, Rabbi Sacks writes that the Jewish Bible produced many new truths that revolutionized the ancient world. One of the great new ideas of the Bible was that there is a future which can be dramatically different from the past. Until our Bible the people of the ancient world believed that life was circular – it never moved forward – what was always will be. Judaism announced that life is linear – that there is a future which every one of us has the opportunity to shape and mold in our own way. To quote him, “Until Abraham and Moses, no one thought of time as a journey in which where you are tomorrow will not be where you were yesterday. The Hebrew Bible represented a radical break --- things do change --- human life is an arena of transformation.” According to Sacks the result was that for humankind the future suddenly opened up and people came to believe that each life was blessed with the potential that a “Future Tense” offers. Through the message of the Bible, first our people, and then others, came to believe that “we know the beginning of our story, but we do not yet know how it will end.” People began to take to heart the thought that what happens during the course of time is very much a product of the choices we make, the commitments we live by, our ability to take advantage of our potential to transcend the past.

From this revolution a perspective on life was born. It was this concept that became the philosophical foundation for our High Holy Days that allows us to believe that we are not prisoners of our past. Only those who conceive of life as having an open future can come to appreciate that we “are not condemned forever to be haunted by the wrongs we once did.” The Mahzor tells us repeatedly of our potential to begin again and again.

I also had the pleasure of reading, *The Road to Character* by David Brooks. In his book he writes about the road that leads us into a future that represents a departure from the past. It is the road that we travel when we come to understand that life is calling us to take a different path. Brooks’ “road” is the one we travel when we feel summoned to take on new commitments and to see life with a new purpose. Brooks wrote his book telling the stories of those who were determined that the beginning of their story would not be how it would end. His hope in writing this wonderful book was that those who would read it might feel summoned to take a new road into the future. I am certain that he would agree that the thesis of his book was made possible by the future tense our people brought into the world.

When you come to the synagogue on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur of course bring your tickets. But I encourage you to bring something else that will make the High Holy Day experience life-changing. Bring with you a soul and spirit ready to walk the road into a new future. Bring with you a heart and mind prepared to examine your life and ready to believe in a future that can be better than your past. Bring with you an awareness that these days can be the beginning of a new chapter in life.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks summed it up when he wrote, “Judaism is faith in the future tense.” Each year it is that faith that brings us together for our High Holy Days. As we begin the year 5776 may each one of us discover renewed faith in the future tense of life and a deeper faith in ourselves to create it.

Betty and our family join me in wishing you and yours a Sweet, Healthy, Joyous and a Very good New Year.

Faithfully yours,

Rabbi Charles Klein

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# Rabbi Ravid Tilles

A new year is coming and that means one thing for certain: change. Looking back on last year's High Holidays, I'm sure that we have noticed significant changes in lives. Sometimes the change is happy and welcome and sometimes the change is painful and troubling. Sometimes the change is an addition to our circle of family or friends and sometimes it's a loss. Sometimes the change is something that we've worked hard for, like an achievement and sometimes it is out of our control.

What will change is uncertain, or at least unknown to us, but the fact that things will change is a reality we are certain of. Our High Holiday prayers (particularly untaneh tokef) reflect an acceptance of guaranteed change. Who shall live and who shall die.

Who shall find new life or new hope and who shall struggle on the journey to next year. The future is partly out of our control, and we leave our fate to God and partly in our control, based on our attitudes and behaviors. Our prayers remind us that the future is forged by this partnership with the Divine.

With thanks to God, the past two months have included a major life change for me, Yaffa and Avishai. On June 21 we welcomed our second son, Micah Baer, into the world. The change has been exciting and rewarding, and has brought profound change to our daily lives. We feel overwhelmed with gratitude to all of you, our community, who have given us amazing love and support during this joyful time. We look forward to bringing Micah to Shul regularly so that he can soon start dancing on the bima with big brother Avishai.

We hope and pray that, just as our family has experienced joy and blessing during this past year, you and your family should experience goodness and sweetness during the coming year. We also wish you strength, courage and serenity to accept the changes that will come to all of us between this Rosh Hashanah and the next.

On behalf of myself, Yaffa, Avishai and baby Micah we wish you and your family a shanah tovah u'metukah.

Rabbi Ravid Tilles  
Associate Rabbi

## Friday Night Live!

### Introducing Friday Night Live!

Our Friday evening prayers have transformative, spiritual power and we want to help these remarkable prayers come alive for you and your family! Beginning in September, our Friday evening services will be more interactive, engaging, and exciting than ever before. During the year we will experiment with new music and melodies, highlight specific themes of the service, and enrich the experience with discussions and teachings. We will pray the prayers of our treasured tradition in an innovative and unique style to enhance the experience for everyone! We hope that you'll join us, every Friday evening at 6:30 pm to make our Friday nights come alive!

## We Need Your Help!

Volunteers are needed to assist as ushers at the High Holy Day services. One hour per person is all that is needed. Meet and greet your fellow congregants. ....And it will give you an opportunity to "stretch your legs."

Help us help the congregants attending services this year

Contact the office or Rob Hochhauser  
[roberthoc117@gmail.com](mailto:roberthoc117@gmail.com) or cell phone: (516) 448 -2963

# Administrator



## New Year's Resolutions

Erev of secular New Year 2015, I was talking with an avid runner. One thing led to another, and suddenly I found myself with a resolution to begin a mile-a-day running streak for 2015. These past nine months have found me wearily dragging myself through snow, rain, below freezing temperatures, which gave way to the searing heat of the summer. My distances slowly increased, I burned off more of the calories than I consumed during lavish kiddushes, and I ran first a 5 mile race, then a half marathon (13.1 miles), and as of this article, I will have completed my first 50 mile ultra-marathon. While I'm determined to complete the challenge of running every day for the remainder of 2015, what will happen on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 is still to be decided.

I mention this personal challenge because I think it is important that we all set goals each year. Not just a broad goal like trying to be a more efficient worker – although that's important too. A realistic goal that can be clearly defined and measured will help increase your self-confidence when achieved. It doesn't have to be physical – it can be to learn a new language, to attend more lifelong learning programs – or maybe to attend minyan at least four times a month (hint hint). They say the first thing you should do when signing up to run your first marathon is to tell the world. You will receive encouragement from your friends, feel more obligated to achieve it because it's out in the open, and believe it or not, you will inspire others to follow your lead. Let's all make a resolution for the New Year 5776 – tell everyone – feel free to even call me at the office and I'll keep track – and we'll all celebrate our accomplishments next year at this time!

### Volunteer Spotlight

From time to time I like to put the spotlight on a volunteer who has gone over-the-top in his or her efforts to further the mission of the Merrick Jewish Centre. Josh Diamond, husband of Melanie, and father of Samantha, Abigail and Jacob, has gone above and beyond in supporting so many of the things that we do at the MJC. A member for only 2 years, Josh is a regular minyan attendee, and one of the first to organize a special breakfast for someone's special occasion. Josh can be found assisting the custodians breaking down tables – to bringing the whole mishpacha to our many family events – and Josh can always be counted on when we need something that falls within the realm of his professional expertise. Thank you Josh for everything you bring to our beloved shul.

L'Shanah Tovah Umetukah!!

B'Shalom,

Jamey Kohn  
Administrative Director



## Lulav and Etrog

The etrog has both a taste and an aroma; so, too, do the people of Israel include individuals who have both Torah learning and good deeds.... The date (the fruit of the lulav) has a taste but does not have an aroma; so, too, do the people of Israel include individuals who have Torah but do not have good deeds.... The hadas (myrtle) has an aroma but not a taste; so, too, do the people of Israel include individuals who have good deeds but do not have Torah.... The aravah (willow) has no taste and no aroma; so, too, do the people of Israel include individuals who do not have Torah and do not have good deeds.... Says G-d: "Let them all bond together in one bundle and atone for each other."

- *Midrash Rabbah, Vayikra 30:11*



## Our President's Message

Dear Fellow Congregants--

Never in a million years did I think I'd be back as president of the MJC. However, my first "tenure" in the job (2005-2009) was so rewarding and fulfilling, that it didn't take *too much* arm-twisting when Rabbi Klein and the Nominating Committee approached me about returning while several relievers warm up in the bullpen to take the ball.

Compulsive as I am, I've already prepared my Yom Kippur speech to the congregation—and at that time I'll talk more about my decision to return as well as my plans for the year ahead. There were several conditions, one of which was that I wouldn't be just an interim or "caretaker." I want to hit the ground running and accomplish certain goals I have for our beloved synagogue. I'll share those with you in the weeks ahead.

In addition, as many of you know, besides teaching at Hofstra, I'm now a reporter for WCBS Newsradio 880 and a columnist for the *Herald* chain—so I have deadlines six days a week. I apologize in advance; I can't make as many meetings and events as I did the first time 'round and will have to delegate the VP's to cover them for me.

There is, however, one objective I do want to mention now because it's my passion: *engagement/inclusion*. (It's been called several things—but what's in a name?!) I view our almost 700 families in concentric circles. There are the "leaders," the "board of directors," the "regulars," the "occasionals," and those who "rarely" take advantage of the rich religious... educational... and social activities we offer. **I want to change that!** In the year ahead, I'm going to work hard to get more people involved. While rarely do you get 100% participation, I will strive to bring more members in our spiritual home. And there's a *fourth* dimension: namely, the social services we provide to our congregants. You'll hear more about those as well.

Hopefully by now, you're reading my Monday morning weekly updates, "From the President's Desk." Big Brother is watching! Thanks to technology, we know how many people are opening our emails. My message has a read-rate of about 50%. (Bereavement messages score the highest, in the 60% range; go figure.) I hope many more of you will get in the habit of checking out my messages.

I have made one change since my first "reign." I think I overwhelmed the congregation with too many emails. Hence, barring any emergency, I'm confining my emails to just one per week—and one only. So please, check it out each Monday morning.

In addition, I will be publishing a Saturday morning brochure to be given out at services. It will contain everything you need to know about the service, including a brief summary of the Torah parashat of the week *plus* various life cycle events: birthdays... anniversaries... yahrzeits. Please—join us, even occasionally; I think you will enjoy the service, not to mention the "sumptuous" luncheon which follows.

The experiment this summer to continue lunches after services on Saturday was a huge success. Frankly, I didn't know how we were going to fund this and took a big chance when I suggested it. However, congregants came to the rescue! We had *multiple* sponsors each week, made "in honor of" or "in memory of." All for just \$75. We're toying with the idea of continuing this plan into the regular year.

That's about it from my end. One of my other goals is to get to know as many new congregants as possible. If you see me anywhere – from the bagel store to the beach club – introduce yourself. If you need to contact me, you can always reach me via email: [sk3015@aol.com](mailto:sk3015@aol.com). And please—stay connected *as much as possible*—to our MJC.

On behalf of my wife Sharyn, our children Todd, Alyssa, Eric, Lonnie, and Laura, and our granddaughters Rebecca and Kaylee – *I wish you a sweet, happy, and healthy New Year!*

--Steve Kussin, President

**PS – We couldn't find an up-to-date picture, so one of Tom Cruise was substituted, since there is such a close resemblance between the two of us.**

### We Invite You To Visit

The Merrick Jewish Centre Web Site:

[www.merrickjc.org](http://www.merrickjc.org)

Check our **CALENDAR** for upcoming events Visit our **PHOTO GALLERY**

Check our **BULLETIN BOARD**

## *Kol Nidre 5776*

Shalom,

We are pleased to report that our annual Kol Nidre campaign is well underway. Our hard working committee and Board of Directors, along with many of our members, have already expressed their generous support for this important campaign. The Kol Nidre appeal is vitally important in providing funding for the increased programming and needs of our growing synagogue family.

The committee will be reaching out to all of us by telephone and letter so that we will be able, with your generous and willing support, to announce at Kol Nidre, that we have far exceeded our goals.

We are grateful for your responsiveness and your commitment to our beloved synagogue.

With warmest wishes for a happy, healthy, prosperous, peaceful and sweet New Year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Barry Silverman & Rena Cohen Kozin  
Kol Nidre Campaign Co-Chairs

PS. As we do each year, all contributors will be listed alphabetically in the main lobby. Gifts of \$360 or more will have their own plaque on our newly refurbished Kol Nidre Scroll of Honor.

### **"KIDS FOR KOL NIDRE"**

Gifts in your children and grandchildren's honor will appear on the "Kids for Kol Nidre" board.

We ask you to kindly consider a contribution of \$18 per child. It is a source of great excitement for them and sets them on the path of charitable giving that will be so important in their own lives.

## Sisterhood

As the summer comes to an end, and the New Year begins, why not join Sisterhood and give it a try? We have a lot of fun and exciting events and programs planned throughout the year. Don't take our word for it—ask other women in the congregation. Chances are, they are members. Together we can dance, play, eat, learn, and fund-raise to help make Sisterhood even stronger.

Come join us this month for a Dahn Yoga class that is free of charge. Don't miss our **Paid Up Membership Party (PUMP)** on October 21<sup>st</sup> to help benefit breast cancer awareness. We are having a paint night on November 18th and a pre-Chanukah Latka and Vodka party on December 5th. In the spring we will be co-hosting our Friday night Shabbat service and dinner, with Men's Club. A Torah Fund Breakfast will be held on April 3rd. Names of the honorees will be announced at a later date. Looking ahead to June we will be holding a game night on the 1st of the month. Besides all of these events we will hold our annual Purim Shalach Manot program on March 16th. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We will be packing and preparing the delivery of all of the baskets on that evening.

We all have busy lives. Why not treat yourself to one night a month to kick back and enjoy a "girls' night out" while doing some good? Watch your temple mailings for sisterhood enrollment forms and program flyers. Check your e-mail or temple website for upcoming sisterhood events and Israeli dancing. Look for the Sisterhood table when you pick up your High Holy Day tickets. Looking forward to meeting you then!

Please don't hesitate to call on us with any questions. Ellen can be reached at 546-0725 or [elmulter@optonline.net](mailto:elmulter@optonline.net). Elaina can be reached at 236-4157 or [lpooh19@gmail.com](mailto:lpooh19@gmail.com).

We wish you and your family a happy and a healthy New Year.

L'Shanah Tova,  
Ellen Multer & Elaina Corwin

Do you know that the Merrick Jewish Center now has its own YouTube Channel? You can find sermons, classes, and recordings of special events all on the Merrick Jewish Centre YouTube Channel. You can go to our website ([www.merrickjc.org](http://www.merrickjc.org)) and click on the link for the YouTube Channel, and there you will find a long and growing list of videos available.

## Ethics of Our Fathers

Ethics of Our Fathers presents discussions of moral conduct and ethical life. Some might look at this as the golden rule of living. At this season it is good to look at the way we conduct our lives and the way we conduct ourselves with other people. Reflection and introspection are part of this very special time of year.

Ben Zoma says: Who is brave? The one who subdues his negative inclination... (Talmud - Avot 4:1)

Ben Zoma says: Who is rich? The one who is appreciative of what he has... (Talmud—Avot 4:1)

Ben Zoma says: Who is wise? One who learns from every man. Who is strong? One who overpowers his inclinations. Who is rich? One who is satisfied with his lot. Who is honorable, one who honors his fellows...

Rabbi [Judah HaNassi] would say: Which is the right path for man to choose for himself? Whatever is harmonious for the one who does it, and harmonious for mankind...

Akavia, the son of Mahalalel, would say: Reflect upon three things and you will not come to the hands of transgression. Know from where you came, where you are going, and before whom you are destined to give a judgment and accounting...

Moses received the Torah from Sinai and gave it over to Joshua. Joshua gave it over to the Elders, the Elders to the Prophets, and the Prophets gave it over to the Men of the Great Assembly. They would say three things: Be cautious in judgment; establish many pupils; make a safety fence around the Torah...

*Hillel would say:* "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But if I am only for myself, what am I? And if not know when?"

Shammai taught; "Say little and do much." (1:15)

Hillel would say: "A person that is (too) shy (to ask questions) will never learn and a teacher that is too strict cannot teach ..... And in a place where there are no men, strive to be a man." (2:5)

Rabbi (Meir) said, "Look not at the flask but at what is therein; There may be a new flask full of old wine, And an old flask wherein is not even new wine." Pirke Avot 4:20

Rabbi Yose said: "Let your friend's property be as precious to you as your own; Give yourself to studying the Torah, for it does not come to you by inheritance; and let all your deeds be done in the name of Heaven." Pirke Avot 2:12

One very wise person once proclaimed, "We have two ears but one mouth, we can achieve twice as much with our ears than our mouths." This is not from Pirke Avot but it is something that we should consider in the New Year 5776.

# M.J.C. Men's Club

For the experience of your life

Social Spiritual Service

The MJC Men's Club is on a rebuilding mission. Since March we have conducted regular monthly meetings on the last Thursday of each month. Each meeting contains two components: business discussion and a program. At these meetings, we determined our club's goal will be to provide Social, Service and Spiritual programs, through cultural and fun-filled activities. Many of the activities will be open to and shared with the entire MJC Family.

Since the spring, we have engaged in several meaningful and enjoyable activities:

Our annual Yom HaShoah Candle packing was completed in record time with a record number of people. The sale of candles created a scholarship program for our Youth Department. Through the new program Youth Group members will be eligible for subsidies to United Synagogue activities.

Our BBQ was held on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The menu included smoked brisket (by popular demand), hamburgers, hot dogs and various salads. The BBQ was topped off with special dark chewy brownies with a Mexican zing. It was a great evening with over 80 congregants

evening. Keep a look out for the reprise of the Men's Club Congregational BBQ. Thanks go out to Jon Goldenberg, Josh Diamond, Peter Donath, Ira Blankstein and so many more for their help.

On June 30<sup>th</sup> Men's Club sponsored a trip to Citi Field to watch the Mets play the Chicago Cubs. Thanks to Mark Zuckerman and Ira Blankstein for being the point people for this program.

July 27<sup>th</sup> was picked as the first Men's Club Fishing Trip. Ray Cohen was the point person and was able to arrange for a "tide perfect" evening of fishing on the Fishfinder II from Captree State Park. This was a wonderful evening of fishing and camaraderie.

These activities could not have taken place without the help of our own Jamey and Keith and congregant, Howard Zryb.



Howard was the creator of the new posters and email fliers that advertised the four programs.

Now we move on and plan for new projects and programs for both our members and the congregation. Men's Club, with the support of our congregation and membership, will provide the variety of programs that will encourage participation and enrich our congregation in meaningful ways.

It has been very rewarding to be part of the re-birth of the Merrick Jewish Centre Men's Club.

Hank Arkin  
Men's Club President

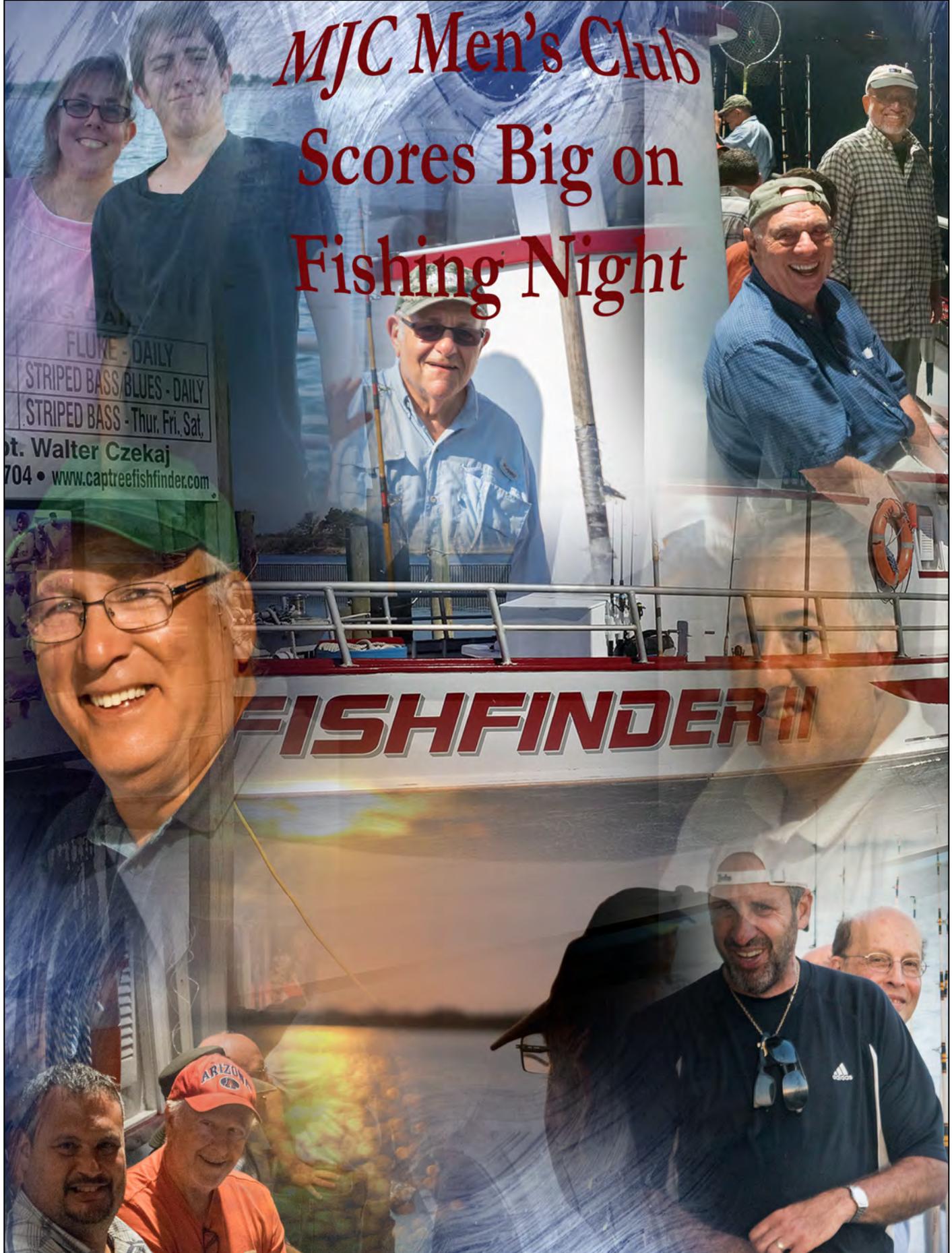
participating. As a special addition we were treated to a car show presented by our members, a great addition to a great

# MJC Men's Club Scores Big on Fishing Night

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## FISHFINDER II



## Family Programming

The Family Program Committee is excited to present a year chock-full of activities that are sure to entice family participation.

This year's programs range from Breakfast with Bubbe, PJ Library (members and non-members welcome) and Story Time, to a New Year's Eve party and weekend retreat. Grab a friend and join us -- see you there!

9/27/15, 10:00am - 11:00am - Breakfast with Bubbe

10/12, 10:00am - 11:30am - Play Date at Julian Park

10/23, 5:45pm - 6:45pm - PJ Library Once Upon a Shabbat

11/20, 5:45pm - 6:45pm - PJ Library Once Upon a Shabbat

12/12, 5:45pm - 6:45pm - PJ Library Celebrates Hannukah and Havdallah

12/31, 6:00pm - 8:00pm - Family Programming presents: Family New Year's Eve

1/10/16, 10:00am - 11:00am - Family Programming presents: Story Time

1/23, 6:00pm - 7:00pm - PJ Library Havdallah

2/7, 10:00am - 11:00am - Family Programming presents: Story Time

2/27, 6:00pm - 7:00pm - PJ Library Havdallah

3/6, 10:00am - 11:00am - Family Programming presents: Story Time

3/18, 5:45pm - 6:45pm - PJ Library Purim Programming - Once Upon a Shabbat

4/15, PJ Library Passover Programming - Once Upon a Shabbat

5/13 - 5/15 - MJC Family Retreat at Camp Kaylie

5/20, 5:45pm - 6:45pm - PJ Library Once Upon a Shabbat

6/26, 3:00pm - 6:00pm - PJ Library Family Fun Day

7/13, 6:00pm - 8:00pm - PJ Library Movie Night

8/10, 6:00pm - 8:00pm - PJ Library Movie Night

For more information, to offer a program idea or to become part of the Family Programming Committee, contact Rabbi Tilles at 516-379-8650.

## Chesed

- ◆ Bereavement Support
- ◆ Family Support Services
- ◆ Support Groups and Services
- ◆ Bikur Cholim
- ◆ Mitzvah Days

**“Chesed is practiced by those who accept and fulfill the obligation of Gemilut Chassidim... Deeds of Loving Kindness.”**

Our desire is to provide support for members of our congregational family that are in need.

**We are our brothers' keeper!**

## College Contact

Last year our college program successfully linked the Merrick Jewish Centre with our college students throughout the country. What began several years ago as a program of mailing articles and bulletins to college students, has developed into a program which includes the sending of holiday packages for Chanukah, Purim and Passover.

As we begin this year, we ask that you provide the office with the names and addresses of your college age youngsters so that they can be included on our mailing list for the years 2015-2016. **Please note that names and college addresses must be updated each year.**

## We Invite You To Visit

The Merrick Jewish Centre Web Site:

[www.merrickjc.org](http://www.merrickjc.org)

Check our **CALENDAR** for upcoming events

Visit our **PHOTO GALLERY** and Check our **BULLETIN BOARD.**

# Hebrew School News

*Shanah Tovah U'metukah!!*

As we approach this New Year, each Shabbat we are reading from the book of *D'varim*. In this last of the five books, Moses presents a wonderful model for all of us.

Moses is preparing the people of Israel for the next stage in their lives. He knows that he will not be their leader once they enter into the promised land. Moses speaks eloquently about God's covenant with the people of Israel and tells the Jews of the many laws to create a society "pursuing justice and righteousness, living in harmony with God ..." (*Eitz Chayim*, p. 980.) It is in *D'varim* that we find the *Shema* and the *v'avavta*, giving us a strong base of belief as well as our mission to pass these words onto our children. Laws for wearing *tallit*, *tefillin* and having *mezuzot* on our doorposts are just some of the important messages found in *D'varim* as well.

Before Moses began his discourses, his final words to the Jewish people, he spent the first portion of *D'varim* reviewing the events and travels of the last 40 years, both the good and the bad. In doing so, Moses provided us with this teaching for our New Year. Before we move forward, it is important for us to reflect upon the past, to learn from it, adapt, change and grow. In our Hebrew School, we continue to strive to create new and exciting ways of learning, and establishing relationships. Each year, we explore how to enrich the Jewish lives of our students, their families and the Merrick Jewish Centre community. Some ideas and projects are new, others have been part of the Hebrew School for years. We evaluate and explore, try to discard what does not work and expand upon what does. Below are some of the new programs and projects that were implemented this past year.

We look forward to this New Year!

*Shanah Tovah!*

Helena Eilénberg



This year we had our very first *Maccabia!* Blue and White! Kachol v'lavan! The children were great sports, competing in "sports-like" Hebrew and Judaica competitions. Beginning a new tradition!



Dan Jellinek, enthusiastic Dalet, white team participant!



Blue team! Kachol had such great spirit!



Each team had wonderful help from high school and junior high school students as well as their teachers who led the team! In this picture, the helpers were- Jake Eckstein, Eric Butler, Justin Kohan and Zach Neiger.



Hay students competed by answering questions about the holidays using buzzers. Kachol v'Lavan (blue and white teams) both had a great time!



Hayley Greenberg began a beautiful new tradition at Merrick Jewish Centre with her entire family. The Gimel class created beautiful Challah boards in memory of Hayley's mother, for whom Shabbat was a very special day. (l to r - Hailey Spiegel, Alyssa Farber, Jessica Steckel, Ally Greenberg, Nicole Farber, and Beverly Kleinman in the front)



This is the second year of the Dalet class' creations and presentations about their B'nei Mitzvah portions. (L to R - Kayla Stern, Sam Pollack, Melissa Resnick, Dan Jellinek, Ethan)

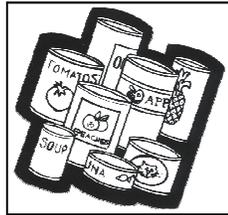
Inspired by Frieda and Alex Rosenberg's daughter Jessica, who has worked with the Abayudaya in Kenya, Sharyn Schweitzer, Laura Libov, and Ronni Schweitzer began a new tradition at the Purim carnival. They raised over \$ 200 to donate to the Jews of Abayudaya by selling hand-made jewelry and kippot made by the Jews of Abayudaya.



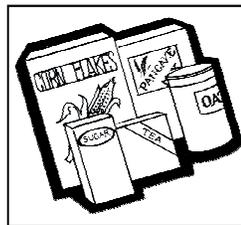
To celebrate Yom Haatzma'ut, our entire school played the *Aliyah Game*. Students were either refugees or Haganah members (Hay students) who were smuggling the refugees into Palestine in 1947. Students had to sit and study Hebrew in order to NOT be captured by the British,!

# Kosher Pantry

There are Jewish people on Long Island who are going **hungry**. As you may know, The Chesed Committee is committed to a wonderful initiative in which we support the Kosher Pantry in Massapequa, which helps our fellow Jews in need.



Our role in this project is a **very simple** one: Remember to bring one item of non-perishable food: a can of soup, a box of pasta, a jar of peanut butter, a canister of oatmeal-- and so forth.... and deposit these donations in one of the collection bins in the lobby. You get the idea! When the kids come to Hebrew school, that's also the perfect time for a drop off. *If each person in our congregation remembered, imagine what we would collect-- and how far our donations would go to alleviating this pressing problem.*



Please -- don't leave it to others. Again, we are fortunate to enjoy three full meals a day; there are fellow Jews just a stone's throw away that are not so lucky. On behalf of Chesed project coordinators Ellen Sussman & Linda Zryb-- "**thank you**" for participating in this mitzvah.

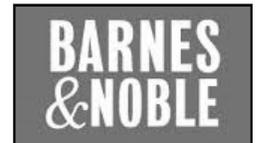
Our food drive for the Kosher Pantry has been very successful. Therefore, we are asking our congregants to please think of the hungry when they go food shopping and buy something extra to donate. Please drop off donations at Merrick Jewish Centre.

**The Kosher Food Pantry is open to all who are in need regardless of religious affiliation.**

# Scrip / Gift Card Program

We are excited to introduce our latest fundraising effort, the **Scrip / Gift Card Program**. Yes... we are asking for your money, but we are giving you something back in return! This program is utilized by many non-profit organizations and has

proven to be a very successful fundraiser. However, it will only be successful for us with **YOUR** participation. So we invite you to join our effort by purchasing gift cards for stores in which you shop. There are many to choose from. Please contact the MJC office today (516-379-8650 or [office@merrickjc.org](mailto:office@merrickjc.org)) to place your order.



## DAILY QUOTE

What is this world comparable to? To the water wheel in the garden: the clay bowls on the bottom rise filled, and the upper ones descend empty. In the same way, not everyone who is rich today is rich tomorrow, nor is one who is poor today poor tomorrow. Why? Because the world is a wheel.

- Midrash Rabbah, Shemot 31

## *The I.N.N. News*

Imagine preparing food for two hundred people in 30 minutes! You can be part of the fun by joining a wonderful group of people one Thursday morning a month as we assemble lasagna for the Interfaith Nutrition Network in Freeport. Think of the *I Love Lucy* episode where she and Ethel are working on an assembly line packaging chocolates...it's almost that much fun!

For information please contact Shelley at 867-0717.

### **HIGH HOLY DAY TICKET COMMITTEE**

Each year, congregants stop by the temple for a few minutes to pick up their High Holy Day tickets.

It takes significant work by a dedicated ticket committee to assemble the envelopes for our 650 families.

The congregation would like to thank the committee for its efforts:

#### Ticket Committee

Linda Altman  
Suzan Barge  
Phyllis Chaskes  
Jeff Cohen  
Michael Drucker  
Lance Goldman  
Ed Goldstein  
Faye Gross  
Steven Kozin  
Irene Kroll  
Ellen Sussman  
Jeff Schwartz  
Debbie Weiss

#### Office Staff

Jamey Kohn  
Marcia Friedman  
Dalia Steinberg

Mark Silver – Chair Ticket Committee

## *If the Shoe Fits*

**WEAR CANVAS SNEAKERS ON  
YOM KIPPUR**

**THAT'S RIGHT – WE'RE  
ENCOURAGING YOU TO.....**

**SNEAK INTO SHUL THIS  
YOM KIPPUR**

*It is a tradition for Jews to wear non-leather shoes on Yom Kippur. According to our tradition by forgoing leather shoes on Yom Kippur we are symbolically making the statement that in the year to come we will choose to walk in the spirit of kindness, goodness, compassion, humility and a reverence for life.*

**SNEAK INTO SHUL THIS  
YEAR ON YOM KIPPUR  
BUT .....  
DON'T FORGET TO TAKE  
ALONG YOUR HIGH HOLY DAY  
TICKET!**

## *Remember*

*It is never too late to make  
your*

*Kol Nidre  
Pledge.....*

*But, please, remember to  
follow it  
up with a Check!*



**FRIENDS OF THE IDF**  
**ידידי צה"ל בארה"ב**



Dear Friends,  
 Friends of the IDF's Five Towns & Greater South Shore community has been busy!

At this year's Annual Community Event to benefit the soldiers of the IDF, over 550 community members joined us for a moving program, which included a tribute to Israel's soldiers who participated in Operation Protective Edge; a special salute to the dozens of local Lone Soldiers from our community; and moving speeches by Lone Soldier Corporal B., IDF paramedic St. Sgt. (Res.) Elle, and Shimon Shalev, the father of fallen soldier Shachar Shalev, Z"l.

Together, we mourned, we honored, and we celebrated -- and we raised a total of \$420,000 to support the wellbeing and educational needs of Israel's soldiers!

On behalf of the brave men and women of the IDF, FIDF's board and staff, and the State of Israel, we thank you for your dedicated support of Israel's soldiers.

We also recently welcomed five wounded IDF veterans, many of them members of FIDF's Strides Program, where they participated in the Wounded Warrior Project's Soldier Rides and biked side-by-side with American wounded veterans in an inspiring demonstration of perseverance and hope. As part of their trip, the veterans also had a chance to meet with many local FIDF supporters. David Peretz, a member of the delegation summarized, "Being part of the WWP Soldier Ride and meeting the FIDF supporters who made the Strides Program possible was an amazing experience."

Be sure to "Like" FIDF-Tri-State Region on Facebook for local updates and events within our community. And for more information about the FIDF Long Island Chapter, please contact us directly at [Deborah.Sason@fidf.org](mailto:Deborah.Sason@fidf.org) or 646-274-9661.

Sincerely,  
 Liron Kreitman  
 Director of Long Island  
 Friends of the IDF



The Five Towns Event



Saluting the families at the Five Towns Event



Soldiers attending the FIDF Five Towns Event



WWP Soldier Ride

Wounded Warrior Project, is a US organization that supports wounded US veterans. FIDF partners with WWP for a bike ride every summer. Wounded US vets bonding with wounded Israeli vets, it's a really amazing connection!

# Chesed

## Chesed: Introspection and Inspiration

The High Holidays are upon us once again and our thoughts have turned to our responsibilities. No, we do not mean just shopping, cooking, and cleaning. We mean delving inside ourselves to see where we think we could have done better, building on good things we have started, and rejuvenating our spirits. To be honest, some of that last responsibility would feel good right about now. In fact, that shiny new *ruach* will remind us that some of our responsibilities are actually blessings and privileges.

There are two very important things to contemplate if we are approaching these holidays in less than the ultimate spirit. The first is, "Yes, what we do makes a difference to others." The second is, "Yes, what we do makes a big difference in ourselves." As Rabbi Klein illustrates every year, there are variations in how one goes about his or her High Holiday columns or sermons. Having myself written about eight High Holiday pieces, the Rabbi's feats are looking mightily impressive. So, I was glad to be inspired by an obituary I read in *Newsday* this week. The subject was a woman, Dr. Frances Kelsey, who died at the age of 101. Working at the Food and Drug Administration for only a short while, she was asked to sign off on a drug that she felt was not adequately tested. Despite her lack of tenure and the great pressure of a pharmaceutical company, Kelsey stood her ground blocking the drug in the United States. The drug was thalidomide, and not too much later reports began to come in from Europe of birth defects, which ultimately involved thousands of babies. What a difference one person made!

That brings us to the second point: all that we receive when we give of ourselves. *Newsday*, once again, provided some inspiration in a column written by someone we know. Entitled, "Finding Renewed Life in Volunteering," it was the tale of a Merokian named Marlene Soling. Marlene had the great misfortune of losing both her son and husband in 2010. She was always a busy and creative person, but there was an enormous hole in her life. On a sudden impulse, she decided to volunteer time in the Merrick school systems, and she has been working

in Liza Womack's first grade class at Birch ever since. She notes, "My life is filled with joy because I feel as if every year I get a new batch of 'grandchildren' to love. Volunteering is its own reward." Our Chesed committee members find this to be true time after time. We wish you a happy, healthy, New Year in which you are fulfilled by your good deeds and we leave you with two final thoughts of inspiration:

"It's not what you gather, but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived." Golda Meir  
"Deeds of giving are the very foundation of the world."  
The Torah

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## Chesed by Day

If you cannot come to night time meetings and activities but want to be more involved then join us at Chesed by Day!

The Chesed Committee is adding daytime meetings so that more people will have a chance to be involved in Acts of Loving Kindness.

First day time meeting will be on  
**October 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM**  
in the CJL.

Mark the Date on your Calendar!

## Chesed by Night

Chesed starts our new season on a special night as we celebrate Sukkot:  
**Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**  
In Vicki Goldman's Sukkah

## *Bubby's Bakers*

Part of what makes Merrick Jewish Centre special is the sense of community that we experience as a congregation. One of the ways we foster this sense of community is by joining together for lunch each week after Shabbat morning services. A new feature of these lunches is the homemade desserts we have all been enjoying. These desserts include cookies, muffins, mandel bread, brownies and other goodies that are baked by a group of women referred to as "Bubby's Bakers." Under the leadership of Susan Blumberg, and with the support of our Sisterhood, volunteers enjoy working together in the MJC kitchen to make these tasty treats. If you are interested in helping with the baking, just leave a message in the office and you will be included the next time "Bubby's Bakers" get together to create their tasty treats.

## *Partners in Caring*

Hi Rabbis Klein and Tilles,

To further introduce ourselves to your congregants and community, the Mid-Island Y JCC's Partners in Caring has written a brief article introducing our services for your next upcoming newsletter for the Merrick Jewish Center. Here it is as following:

During life's challenges, there are times where we are unsure of which path to take for support. There may have been a recent death, a sudden life change, stress related to being a caregiver, or a separation in a marriage. Just as we have the support of our families, friends, neighbors, or fellow congregants, we may need to seek help elsewhere, in a private environment. Having a confidential and safe place to turn is a crucial step in the healing process. Look no further than the Mid-Island Y JCC's Partners in Caring program!

Partners in Caring is a program funded by UJA to connect synagogue congregants with short-term counseling services, support groups, and information and referrals. We come to you as a team of professional social workers with various skills who will collaborate with you in a safe, confidential environment. We believe we are a community and we wish to further unite and strengthen us. To learn more or to schedule an appointment, please contact Amy Angelone, MSW, Partners in Caring social worker at (516) 822-3535 ext. 384 or email her at [aangelo@miyjcc.org](mailto:aangelo@miyjcc.org).

## *Operation Build a Sukkah*

Make this the year you build a Sukkah for your family to celebrate Sukkot.

We've increased our MJC Sukkah subsidy to \$200 for those purchasing a Sukkah. This incentive subsidy is made available by the Alan Klein Memorial Fund.

**Build it – and They Will Come!**

## *Share—a— Simcha*

**A Simcha is such a wonderful thing!**

**Would you like to share a Simcha with members of our congregation?**

**Sponsor a Shabbos luncheon!**

**For all reservations and questions please**

**contact the office!**

*Tell them you read it in the Bulletin!*

## The Art of Arianna Kohan

The artist, Arianna Kohan is the daughter of Debbie and Marcelo Kohan. She graduated from Kennedy High School this past June. She will be attending George Washington University (on scholarship) in the fall with an intended major in international affairs, and in French. Because of her academic achievements and interests, she's been selected w/ 23 other girls from all over the country to be part of a selective "women's leadership program" that GW University offers.

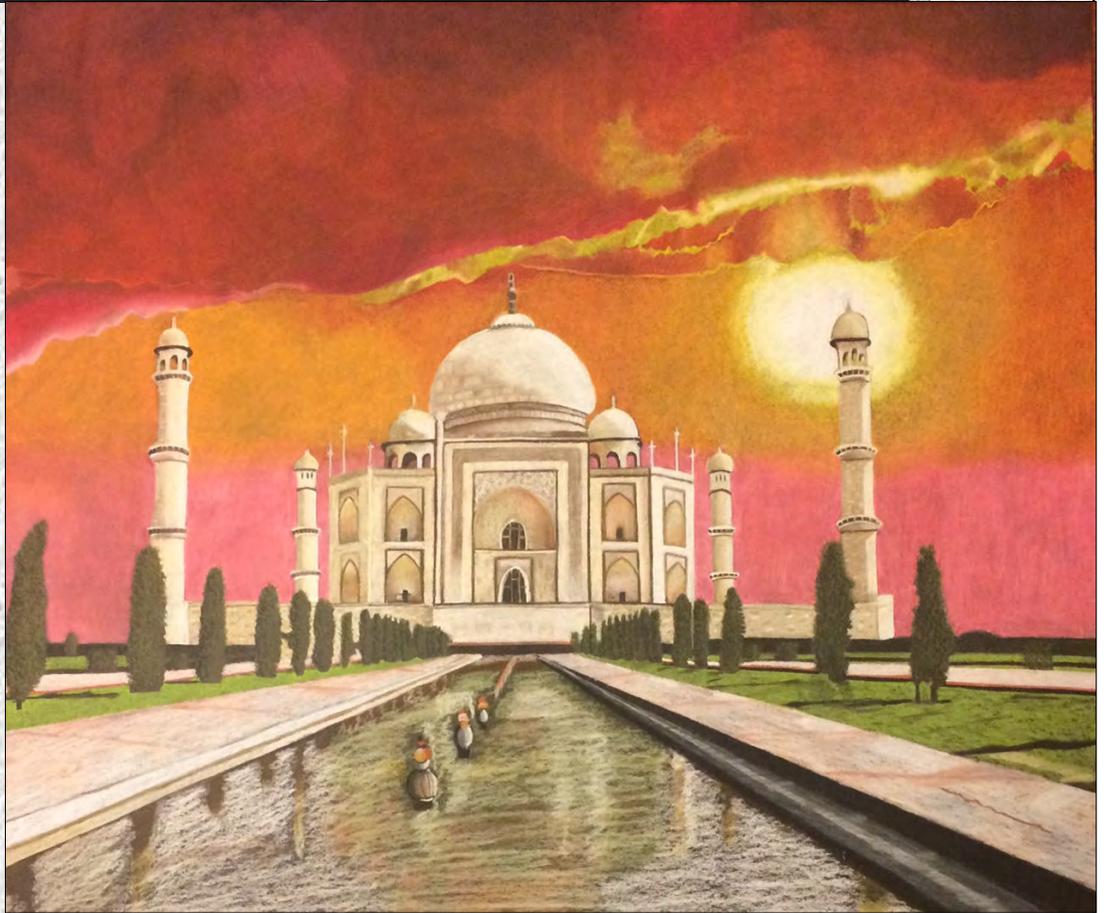
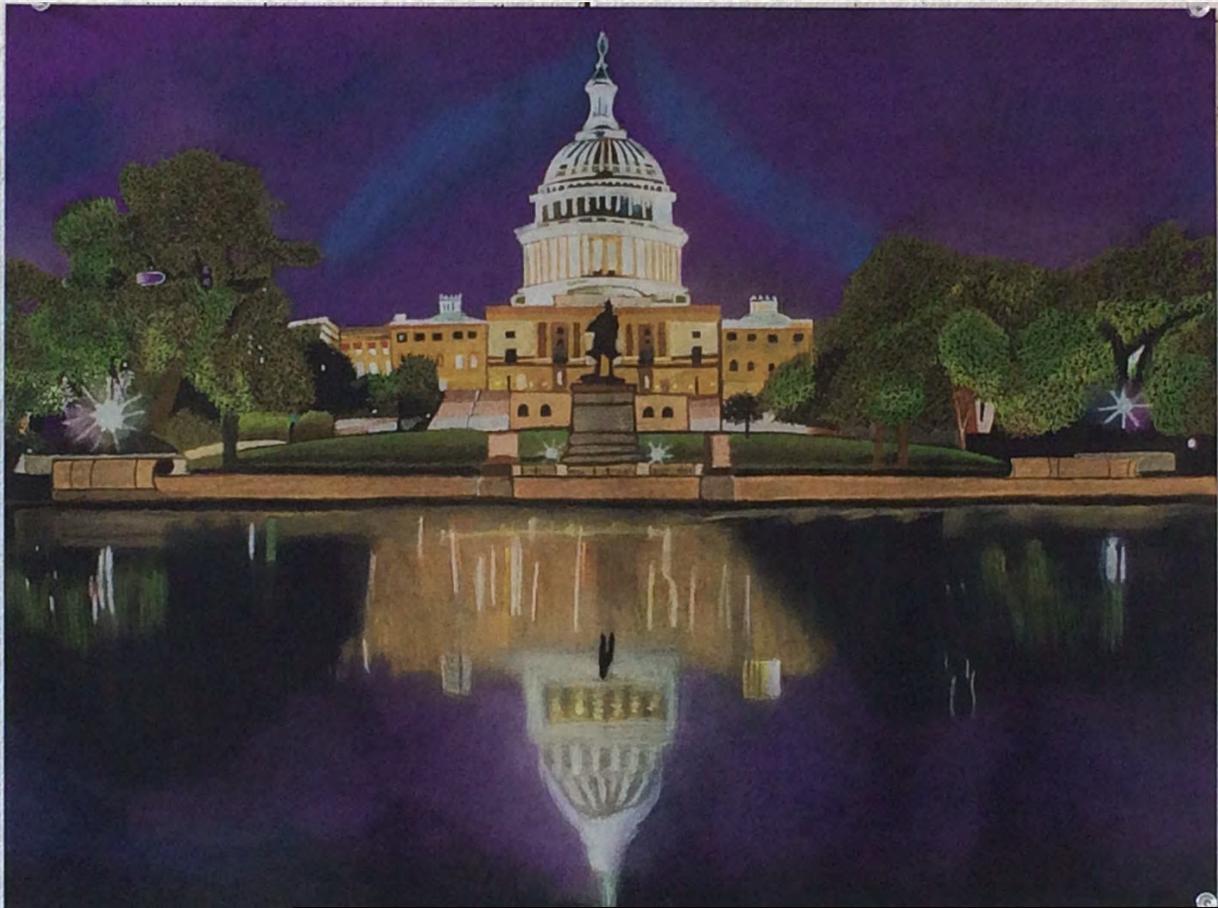
Arianna is a very talented artist and is very passionate about her art. Her favorite mediums are chalk, pastel pencils and colored pencils, though she does branch out with other mediums as well.

She likes to choose architecture from around the world, because it is important to note how interconnected our world is, and how a building is majestic no matter where it is globally.

My newest and favorite piece is of Mount Rushmore with famous women's faces on it, because it shows how women are just as fundamental to success as men are. She believes that it is important to make people feel something when they look at artwork, and that is what she is trying to do.



ARIANNA KOHAN



# The Wonderful World of Youth Activities



## The USY Board



our new USY board from right to left Zach, Mia, Lara, Jessie, Raquel, Samara and Josh

## Teen Programs/USY at MJC

Open to All Teens Grades 8-12

In both summers 2014 and 2013, our lives were changed forever when we hopped on a bus full of eager teenagers and staff. Wheels "classic" with USY provided the both of us with the best summers of our lives. The experience was not only focused on traveling the country, but also on creating bonds that would provide us with best friends for life, mentors and even the feeling of a second family. We learned a lot through others and through seeing the country. Prayers and Shabbat with our bus helped us both grow spiritually and become more connected to Judaism. Mount Rushmore, Yellowstone, Coca Cola factory, Disneyland, and Texas Rodeo are just a few of the incredible spots we visited on this amazing six week tour. The memories and friendships we created will last a lifetime.

Due to the amazing times we've had with USY on summer programs, we want to share our love and devotion through our chapter here at Merrick Jewish center. Our chapter here has grown so much and has been recognized throughout the entire region of New York multiple times. Our chapter has various fun events such as Iron Chef, Bubble Soccer, and even Ice Skating and Paint-balling. By coming to USY on Monday nights it gives us a chance to let go of school and home life for a few hours and just enjoy being a kid.

-Raquel Dash & Samara Kalmus

This year MJC is offering scholarships/funding brought to us by the Men's Club at MJC for teens to attend USY summer programs and various Regional programs throughout the year. Check out <http://www.metnyusy.org/> for more details on USY programs. Applications for scholarships/funding will be available in the fall.

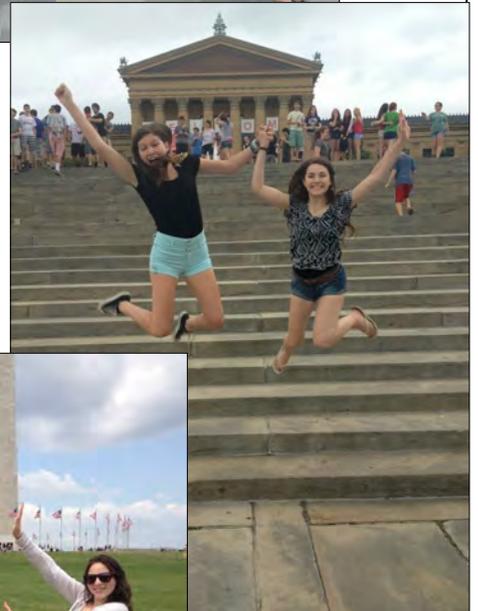
This Year's Board:

Co-Presidents-Raquel Dash & Samara Kalmus  
Israel Programing-Josh Stamler  
Social Action-Lara Kandel  
Religious Education-Zach Neiger  
Membership-Mia Houser  
Communication-Jessie Green

Mark your Calendar for Monday USY Nights at MJC 7-8:30PM

September 21, 2015 Indoor Laser Tag & Pizza  
7-9:00PM

Upstairs Youth Lounge at MJC  
Grades 8-12



# Youth Group at MJC 2015-2016

## 3rd Grade 6:15-7:30PM

September 21, 2015	Juggler and Candy Apple Making
November 23, 2015	Board Game Night & Hanukkah Card Making for Israeli Soldiers
December 21, 2015	Hanukkah Sand Art
January 25, 2016	Tu B'shvat Scavenger Hunt
February 29, 2016	Chinese Food & Movie Night *until 8PM
March 28, 2016	Chocolate Seder
May 2, 2016	Cake Boss
May 23, 2016	Game Bus and Barbeque

## 4th Grade 6:15-7:30PM

September 21, 2015	Juggler and Candy Apple Making
November 2, 2015	Spy Academy
November 30, 2015	Fun Ceramics
January 4, 2016	Nerf Battle & Cupcake Decorating
February 1, 2016	Purim Booth Making
March 7, 2016	Chinese Food & Movie Night *until 8PM
April 4, 2016	Chocolate Seder
May 23, 2016	Game Bus and Barbeque

## 5th Grade 6:15-7:30PM

October 19, 2015	Laser Tag (at MJC)
November 9, 2015	Board Game Night
December 7, 2015	Hanukkah Cake Boss
January 11, 2016	Who Kidnapped the Rabbi? Mystery Night???
February 8, 2016	Purim Booth Making
March 14, 2016	Chinese Food & Movie Night *until 8PM
April 11, 2016	Passover Lights Out Candy Hunt
May 16, 2016	Balloon Battle

## 6th & 7th Grades 6:15-7:30PM

October 19, 2015	Laser Tag (at MJC)
October 26, 2015	Sushi and Karaoke Night & Birthday Bags for Kids in Need
November 16, 2015	Fear Factor
December 14, 2015	Hanukkah Crayon Art
February 22, 2016	Purim Booth Making
March 21, 2016	Chinese Food & Movie Night *until 8PM
April 18, 2016	Nerf Battle and Cupcake Decorating
May 16, 2016	Balloon Battle

## Steering Committee 6:15-7PM (Grades 6 & 7)

November 23, 2015
February 1, 2016
May 9, 2016

## Specials

November 10, 2015~3rd & 4th Late Night \$15
January 23-24, 2016~5th-7th Sleepover \$25
Winter Pool Party TBA
Island Rock TBA

## *Chag HaSukkot*

Sukkot is a seven-day harvest holiday that arrives during the Hebrew month of Tishrei. It starts four days after Yom Kippur and is followed by Shmini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. Sukkot is also known as the Festival of Booths and the Feast

of Tabernacles.

## The Origin of Sukkot

Sukkot harkens back to times in ancient Israel when Jews would build huts near the edges of their fields during the harvest season. One of these dwellings was called a "sukkah" and "sukkot" is the plural form of this Hebrew word. These dwellings not only provided shade but allowed the workers to maximize the amount of time they spent in the fields, harvesting their food more quickly as a result.

Sukkot is also related to the way the Jewish people lived while wandering in the desert for 40 years (Leviticus 23:42-43). As they moved from one place to another they built tents or booths, called sukot, that gave them temporary shelter in the desert.

Hence, the sukot (booths) that Jews build during the holiday of Sukkot are reminders both of Israel's agricultural history and of the Israelite exodus from Egypt.

## Traditions of Sukkot

There are three major traditions associated with Sukkot:

- Building a sukkah.
- Eating in the sukkah.
- Waving the lulav and etrog.

At the beginning of sukot (often during the days between Yom Kippur and Sukkot) Jews construct a sukkah. In ancient times people would live in the sukot and eat every meal in them. In modern times people most often build a sukkah in their backyards or help their synagogue construct one for the community. In Jerusalem some neighborhoods will have friendly contests to see who can build the best sukkah.

Few people live in the sukkah today but it is popular to eat at least one meal in it. At the beginning of the meal a special blessing is recited, which goes: "Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who has sanctified us with commandments, and commanded us to dwell in the sukkah." If it is raining then the commandment to eat in the sukkah is postponed until the weather is more accommodating.

Since Sukkot celebrates the harvest in the land of Israel, another custom on Sukkot involves waving the lulav and etrog. Together the lulav and etrog represent the Four Species. The etrog is a kind of citron (related to a lemon), while the lulav is made of three myrtle twigs (hadassim), two willow twigs (aravot) and a palm frond (lulav). Because the palm frond is the largest of these plants, the myrtle and willow are wrapped around it. During Sukkot, the lulav and etrog are waved together while reciting special blessings. They are waved in each of the four directions - sometimes six if "up" and "down" are included in the ritual - representing God's dominion over Creation.

The lulav and etrog are also part of the synagogue service. On each morning of Sukkot people will carry the lulav and etrog around the sanctuary while reciting prayers. On the seventh day of Sukkot, called Hoshana Rabba, the Torah is removed from the Ark and congregants march

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around the synagogue seven times while holding the lulav and etrog.

The eighth and last day of Sukkot is known as Shmini Atzeret. On this day a prayer for rain is recited, demonstrating how the Jewish holidays are in tune with the seasons of Israel, which begins on this day.

### The Quest for the Perfect Etrog

Among religious circles a unique aspect of Sukkot involves the quest for the perfect etrog. Some people will spend upwards of \$100 for the perfect etrog and on the weekend before Sukkot outdoor markets selling etrogim (plural of etrog) and lulavim (plural of lulav) will spring up in religious neighborhoods, such as Manhattan's Lower East Side. Buyers are looking for unblemished skin and etrog proportions that are just right. A 2005 movie titled "[Ushpizin](#)" shows this quest for the perfect etrog. The movie is about a young Orthodox couple in Israel that is too poor to build a sukkah of their own, until a miraculous donation saves their holiday.

### Simchat Torah

Simchat Torah is a celebratory Jewish holiday that marks the completion of the annual Torah reading cycle. Simchat Torah literally means "Rejoicing in the Law" in Hebrew.

#### The Meaning of Simchat Torah

Throughout the year, a set portion of the Torah is read each week. On Simchat Torah that cycle is finished when the last verses of Deuteronomy are read. The first few verses of Genesis are read immediately afterward, thereby starting the cycle again. For this reason, Simchat Torah is a joyous holiday celebrating having completed the study of God's word and looking forward to hearing those words again during the coming year.

#### When Is Simchat Torah?

In Israel, Simchat Torah is celebrated on the twenty-second day of the Hebrew month of Tishrei, directly after [Sukkot](#). Outside of Israel it is celebrated on the twenty-third day of Tishrei. The differences in date are due to the fact that many holidays celebrated outside the land of Israel have an additional day added to them because in ancient times the rabbis worried that without this extra day Jews might become confused about the date and accidentally end their holiday observances early.

#### Celebrating Simchat Torah

Simchat Torah services begin in the evening, at the start of the holiday. The Torah scrolls are removed from the ark and given to members of the congregation to hold, then they march around the synagogue and everyone kisses the Torah scrolls as they pass. This ceremony is known as *bakajot*, which means "to march around" in Hebrew. Once the Torah holders return to the ark everyone forms a circle around them and dances with them. There are seven *bakajot* in total, so as soon as the first dance is completed the scrolls are handed to other members of the congregation and the ritual begins anew. In some synagogues it is also popular for children to hand out candy to everyone.

During Simchat Torah services the next morning many

congregations will divide into smaller prayer groups, each of which will use one of the synagogue's Torah scrolls. Dividing the service up this way gives every person in attendance the opportunity to bless the Torah. In some traditional communities only the men or pre-bar mitzvah boys accompanied by adults bless the Torah (post bar mitzvah boys are counted among the men). In other communities women and girls are also allowed to take part.

Because Simchat Torah is such a happy day, services are not as formal as at other times. Some congregations will drink liquor during the service, others will make a game out of singing so loud that they drown out the cantor's voice. Overall the holiday is a unique and joyful experience.

Shemini Atzeret, meaning "the eighth day of assembly," is a Biblical Jewish holiday that follows the Jewish festival of Sukkot. It is written: "On the eighth day you should hold a solemn gathering; you shall not work at your occupation" (Numbers 29:35).

#### Praying for Rain

Shemini Atzeret marks the beginning of the rainy season following the harvest in Israel.

The prayer for rain, *Tefilat Geshem*, is the only ritual that is unique to Shemini Atzeret. In ancient times, an offering was brought to the Temple in Jerusalem on Shemini Atzeret. But once the Temple was destroyed, the only Shemini Atzeret ritual that remained was the liturgy requesting rain for a plentiful year.

After the prayer for rain is recited on Shemini Atzeret, the phrase *Masheev HaRuach U-Moreed HaGeshem* (He causes the wind to blow and the rain to fall) is inserted into the Amidah prayer until Passover.

Ashkenazi Jews recite the Memorial Prayer, *Yizkor*, on Shemini Atzeret.

#### Shemini Atzeret and Sukkot

Even though Shemini Atzeret immediately follows the festival of Sukkot, it is a totally separate holiday. A new *Shebechiyanu* blessing is recited. And if one sits in the sukkah on Shemini Atzeret, the prayer recited for sitting in the sukkah is not recited.

#### Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah

Since the completion of the annual cycle of Torah readings occurred around the time of Shemini Atzeret, a rabbinical tradition developed in the Middle Ages to celebrate the Torah on Shemini Atzeret. This celebration came to be known as Simchat Torah. Simchat Torah celebrates - with joyful processions, singing and dancing - the ending of one cycle of Torah reading and the beginning of a new cycle.

Today in the Diaspora, Simchat Torah is celebrated on the second day of Shemini Atzeret. It is common for Jews in the Diaspora to refer to the first day as Shemini Atzeret and to the second day as Simchat Torah.

In Israel, Simchat Torah is celebrated on the first and only day of Shemini Atzeret. The holiday is referred to as both Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah.

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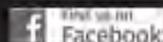
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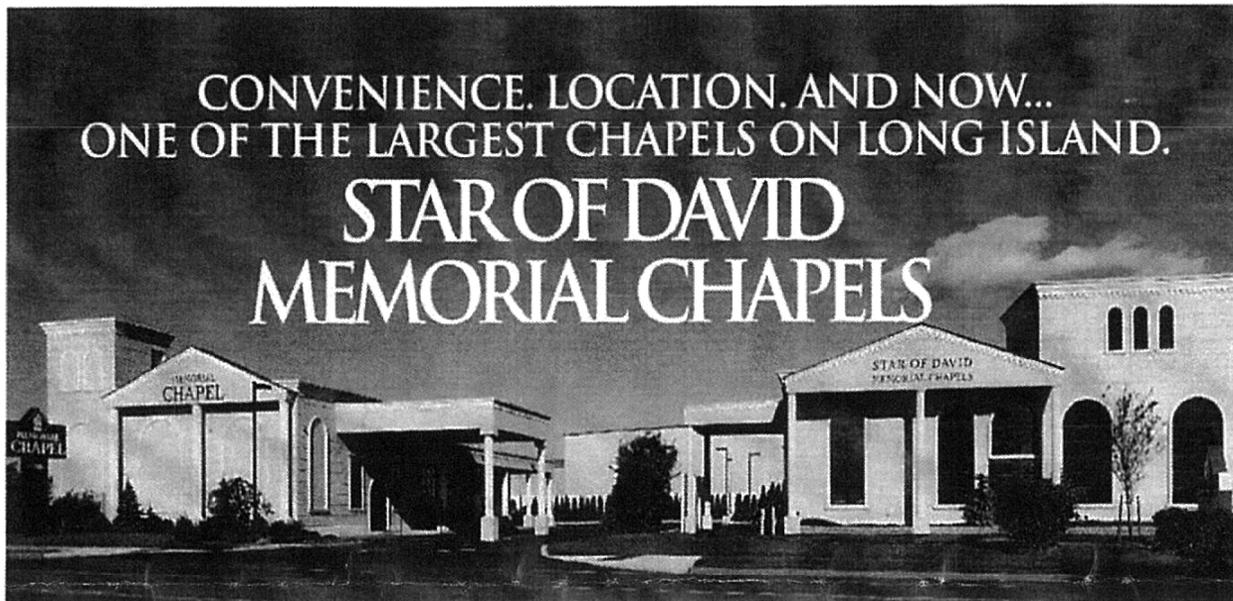


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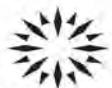
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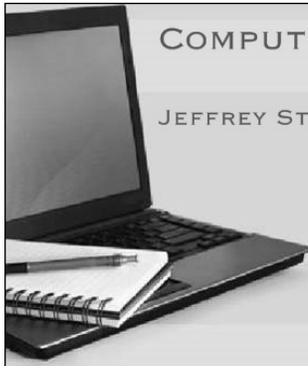
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