Dear Friends,

In our Land Beyond Torah class we are learning about King Solomon's superhuman wisdom. His wisdom was "superhuman" because G-d poured it into him. This great divine gift endowed Solomon with an enormous breadth of knowledge and, according to our commentaries, the ability to apply one area of knowledge to another, to synthesize ideas and, of course, to solve seemingly intractable problems.

But Solomon possessed another quality that increased his wisdom even more. Our sages teach that Solomon not only shared his wisdom with people from throughout the world who came to learn from him; he also absorbed their wisdom. He thus fulfilled the much later dictum from Pirkei Avot that the wise person learns from all people. So Solomon was a wisdom-making machine, producing it, sharing it, accruing it, synthesizing it, and broadcasting it outward, enlightening his own people and all of humanity. What a king!

In our Land Beyond Torah class, we learn from each other just as we learn from the Bible and from our sages. I encourage you to come to this class -- Thursdays, 11 a.m. Let’s learn together!

None of us possesses "Solomonic wisdom"! But may we generously share the wisdom we do possess and humbly imbibe the wisdom of others.

Kol tuv - All Good Wishes!

Rabbi Jeffrey Weill
A Message from Ed Cohen, EHNTJC President

EHNTJC: CREATING A JEWISH FUTURE.

EHNTJC has entered into a partnership that will secure the future of the congregation. This partnership allows us to consolidate our debt, balance our budget, will help us sustain our building, and offers us the opportunity to embark on our five year plan. We have not sold our building today and we have a valued partner to help us sustain and realize our future goals.

Both our Rabbi and Cantor are on board with our 5 year plan, will remain with us, and we are very excited and proud to have this team to lead our community.

Our auxiliary groups remain strong with our Sisterhood Chanukah lunch drawing around 100 women from the congregation and the Jewish community around us. The Men’s club has been busy as well, helping at the Lieberman and at the Shul Chanukah party.

We are so proud of the tremendously successful Rock of Ages Chanukah program where upwards of 200 people attended. We have many good pictures of that event on our FB page. We can also be proud of our school, including Lehrhaus, which brings us smiling faces of children at shul! The Koleinu band continues to be a big hit for our community both at select Shabbat services, at our Chanukah party and several community events. The Rabbi’s well-attended Thursday class continues to grow with new people joining each week. We are doing so much.

We are busy preparing for the annual Spiel, our 10th program. The call for auditions has gone out and we are busy planning and getting ready for this year’s programs and the crowds that will come to our Shul.

We have also created our new Bima Fund, allowing members of our community and our surrounding community the opportunity to contribute to a fund to enhance our services. It will support EHNTJC’s clergy, professional daveners, Torah chanters and accompanists.

We are doing so much, that sometimes I feel we are Jewish Chicagoland’s best kept secret.

The congregation recently held their annual meeting. The slate of officers and trustees was read and accepted by those in attendance. Here is the accepted slate of the new 2019 Board of Trustees

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*Please join us on January 11th at 8:00 p.m. for the installation of the new 2019 Board of Trustees. It will be a special Shabbat service and will be exceptionally nice with our EHNTJC family there supporting us. Don’t forget to RSVP for the dinner being held prior at 6:30 p.m. catered by Zelda’s Catering.*
Mazel Tov to...

...Barbara & Brent Brotine on the birth of their granddaughter, Maya Lillian Brotine, born November 12, 2018.
...Shellé Malina and Edie Sue Sutker & Dave Richmond on the birth of their great granddaughter/granddaughter, Makayla Crescenti, born on December 6, 2018.
...to Michael Rosenberg who received a two-page spread profile in a recent issue of The Chicago Jewish Home. The article mentions his years of dedicated teaching of our teens in Lehrhaus.

...to Ada Rabinowitz and Laura Brody for sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat on November 2, 2018, in honor of Ada’s birthday and celebrating the synagogue and our community.
...to Henry Rosenbaum & Barbara Barnett for sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat on November 9, 2018, in commemoration of Kristallnacht.
...to Rose-Lynn Jaffe, Ralph Ruebner and Carol Straus for sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon on November 10, 2018, in commemoration of Kristallnacht.
...to Beth & Steve Laser for sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon on November 17, 2018, in honor of Joel’s 85th birthday.
...to Marcy & Michael Feinberg for sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat on December 14, 2018, in honor of their 28th anniversary.
...to the Skokie Egalitarian Minyan for leading our Shabbat services and sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon on December 22, 2018, in honor of our synagogue.

We extend a very special mazel tov to Dr. Stan Shulman, who received the prestigious Ronald McDonald House Charities Annual Award. The award includes $50,000 for Stan to donate to the children’s charity of his choice. Fellow EHNTJC member and infectious disease doctor Alan Harris presented the award to Stan. Stan was also recently inducted into his high school alumni hall of fame. Congratulations, Stan!

Mazel tov to Joel Chupack -- Judge Joel Chupack, that is -- for being elected as a Cook County Circuit Court Judge from the 12th Judicial Subcircuit. Joel joins fellow EHNTJC congregants Grace Dickler and Shelley Sutker-Dermer on the Cook County bench.

Shira, Joel, Alana, Matthew and Sarah Chupack

Francine Schulman and Jeanette Sigler volunteering with TOV/Nechama in Horry County, South Carolina to help with the disaster relief after the storm of Hurricane Florence.
Please join us for a special SHABBAT EVENING
Installation of the 2019 Board of Trustees
January 11, 2019

6:30PM - Shabbat Dinner
   - catered by Zelda's catering

8:00PM - Shabbat Eve Service with the Installation of the Board of Trustees

Rabbi Jeffrey Weill and Cantor Benjamin Warschawski

Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

Dinner Reservation Form
Dinner reservation deadline: Tuesday, January 8
Sorry, No transfer credit or refunds if cancelled after January 8

Name(s):

Address: ____________________________ City: ____________________________

Phone # ____________________________ E-Mail address ____________________________

____ # of Adult Members at $20/person = $ ________
____ # of Adult Non-members at $22/person = $ ________
____ # of children 6 to 12 at $10/child = $ ________ (Please list ages) ________
____ # of children 5 and under (free) (Please list ages) ________
____ Total attending ____________________________ Total Enclosed $ ________

Payment method (Payment must accompany reservation):

____ Check (Please make checks payable to EHNTJC) – Check # ________

____ Credit card Visa/MasterCard (Note: A 2% convenience fee as added to all credit card charges.)

Account # ____________________________ Exp. date ________ 3 numbers on back ________

Authorized Signature: ____________________________

If possible, please seat us with: ____________________________

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I/We are currently not members of EHNTJC but would like to be contacted about joining

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SISTERHOOD CORNER—January, 2019
Judy Frank, President (judy@tcscorp.com)  Judy Arkin, Editor (kjarkin99@comcast.net)

From the President’s Desk...
In January we celebrate Tu B’Shevat (January 21st)—the birthday of the trees. Just as the trees are dormant during this time of the year, our Sisterhood will also be “resting”, with no meetings or programs for the entire month of January. But we are busy getting ready for the rest of the year with exciting programs and events planned.

We will be showing the movie “The Band’s Visit” at our luncheon on Wednesday, February 6th. Our next book review will be on Wednesday, February 13th where we will discuss the book “Modern Girls” by Jennifer S. Brown.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in 2019 at one of our many programs. Best wishes for a peaceful New Year!

B’Shalom! Judy Frank

News and Notes...
- Be a media mogul! A $5 contribution makes you a sponsor of our Sisterhood bulletin.
- Please mail your contributions to: Judy Arkin c/o EHNTJC Sisterhood
  4500 Dempster Street ● Skokie, IL 60076
  
  Our Media Moguls this month are: Esther Berman
  (In memory of Abe & Sara Yelen),
  Marcy Feinberg, Esther Javetz
  Bobbie Levin, Evie Lowenthal,
  Dori Marks,
  Idelle Peaceman
  (speedy recovery of daughter Paula),
  Ada Rabinowitz and
  Adrienne Tanner (grandson’s birthday)

  If you have news to share, contact Judy Arkin at kjarkin99@comcast.net.
  
  Sisterhood donation cards are $8/$10 and the Chai cards are $8/$18. The cards are available in
  the synagogue office or through our Gift Shop.
  
  Thank you to the knitters who contribute their time to work on shawls for breast cancer
  patients at North Shore Hospitals. The synagogue office has copies of the instructions. For more information, call Idelle
  Peaceman at (847)254-7745.

BOOK CLUB TO DISCUSS
“Modern Girls”
by Jennifer S. Brown

The next meeting of the Sisterhood Book Club will be on Wednesday, February 13th at 10:30 a.m. at the synagogue.

This immensely readable story is set in the immigrant Jewish community on the Lower East Side of Manhattan during the mid-1930s. Brown describes every aspect of life in a tiny flat—from the smell of baking bread, to the crowded living quarters, to the constant noise and commotion on the streets, to the clothing, and even to the distinctive odor of Aqua Velva.

Rather than overwhelming the reader with minutiae, Brown uses the smallest of details to enhance the storyline. She also skillfully weaves accurate historical details into the story. Hitler is on the rise in Europe, where violence against Jews is increasing. Jews are trying to escape to America, but a recently passed law reducing the yearly quota of Jews entering the United States has made leaving Europe more difficult. Unions are on the rise, many immigrants belong to the Socialist Party and demonstrations, often violent, are commonplace.

Please join us for a lively discussion! Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to one of our Book Club Chairs:
Dorothy Lipstadt  (847)673-9525
Elaine Lampert  (847)537-1240
Judith Rae-Ross  (847)708-4541

Good and Welfare...
- Wishing a Refuah Shlayma (a complete and speedy recovery) to Evelyne Sternfeld, Ellen
  Lebowicz and Gail Helfer.
- Mazel Tov to Barbara Brotime on the birth of her granddaughter, Maya Lillian Brotime.
- Mazel Tov to Shelle Malina on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Makayla Crescenti.
- Our condolences to Men’s Club President, Steve Hara on the loss of his mother, Sylvia Hara.

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TODAH RABAH ● תודה רבה ● THANK YOU
- Thank you for the birthday Leagram. It made a special day more special….Ruth Schack.
**Gift Shop Gab - Volume Twenty-Five**

The gift shop is booming! We are becoming a more go-to place for unusual items. The Rock of Ages Chanukah Party was a success for us as well as for the synagogue. We took in $295 in two hours!

Even though we don’t have a January program, please don’t forget our cozy and cute accessories. In addition to the socks, we will have patchwork hats and warm six-foot long scarves in the same funky colors as the socks. Check us out for hostess and kid gifts, too. Our sock monkeys are always looking for a home. When spring is a little closer, we will be presenting some new and exciting additions to our gift shop.

And no report can be complete without thanking the devoted committee members who work tirelessly whenever needed.

Thanks from your Gift Shop Co-chairs!

Sandi Cowen, Marcy Feinberg and Adrienne Tanner

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**Tu B’Shevat - January 21, 2019**

by Dr. Esther Javetz

This holiday always symbolized the physical land of Israel, and the tradition has always been to eat Israeli fruits (even dried) on this day: pomegranate, dates, figs, carobs etc.

We know that this is Rosh Hashanah for the trees; and this is a planting holiday. Let’s talk about trees and the land of Israel.

When the first Aliyah of Jews occurred (1882-1903), the pioneers found a bare country; there were no trees; not on hills, not in valleys, not on mountains and of course not in the desert.

Since the majority of the Jews were expelled around the year 70 (when the second temple was destroyed), the country was invaded and sometimes ruled by different people. They cut all the trees for their use without taking care of replacing them. It is like the difference between owners and renters; renters do not care about the property, they just use it, while owners take care of the property, so it is well maintained for future use as well.

When the Jews settled back in Israel, and especially since the state was born in 1948, Tu B’Shevat became an opportunity to forest the country by children and adults. In addition, the state and Keren Kayemet have invested in forestation. Forestation influences weather, preservation of soil, and the development of animal population.

We can all participate in adding trees to the land of Israel through Keren Kayemet L’yisrael (Jewish National Fund). Think: trees!

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**Our Distinguished Jewish Women—Past and Present:**

*Rebecca Gratz*

by Joanne Stein

The beautiful, socially prominent Rebecca Gratz was born in Philadelphia in 1781. Her wealthy German-Jewish parents practiced traditional Orthodox Judaism. Rebecca was the seventh of her mother’s twelve children.

Her parents both died young and Rebecca became responsible for running the household. When one of her sisters also died prematurely, the household included the sister’s nine motherless children.

Rebecca fell in love with a young attorney but refused to marry him because he was not Jewish. He married someone else and Rebecca remained single all her life.

She immersed herself in charitable work and founded the Female Hebrew Benevolent Society which cared for the influx of new Jewish immigrants. This society was the first Jewish philanthropic institution in the U.S.

She also founded the Philadelphia Orphan Society, the first Jewish orphan home in this country, which sheltered and educated orphaned children until they found adoptive homes. She served as its secretary for 40 years.

In addition, she established the first Jewish Sunday School system in the U.S. in 1838. The school was free and open to everyone, and provided Jewish girls with an education for the first time. The Sunday School movement spread to many other cities and was considered the most important element for Jewish education in this era.

There is a story that she became the source for the character Rebecca in Sir Walter Scott’s novel “Ivanhoe”. She knew the American author Washington Irving and nursed his fiancée through a grave illness. Irving was a friend of the famous English author and told him Rebecca’s story. Scott was so impressed that he is said to have modeled his beautiful fictional Jewish heroine after her.

Rebecca Gratz remained unmarried by choice but made such an impact on children’s welfare that some of the organizations she started still survive more than a century after her death.

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**Torah Fund 2018-2019**

Women’s League and Torah Fund are proud to support the education of future rabbis, cantors, educators and scholars who will serve as the gifted leaders and innovators of the Conservative Movement. Torah Fund has raised more than $95 million since its inception as a grass-roots fundraising campaign. Individual donors to Torah Fund at the Benefactor level ($180) or higher receive the distinctive Torah Fund pin in recognition of their gift. Your participation in our annual campaign will help our Sisterhood reach our 2018-2019 goal.

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Evie Lowenthal

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Join us for Lunch and a Movie.....

The Band's Visit
A FILM BY ERAN KOLIRIN

They are in the middle of the Israeli desert, having taken the wrong bus to the wrong destination. Another bus will not come until tomorrow. "The Band’s Visit" begins with this premise, which could supply the makings of a comedy, and turns into a quiet, sympathetic film about the loneliness that surrounds us. Oh, and there is some comedy, after all!

DATE: Wednesday—February 6th, 2019
TIME: 11:30 a.m.—Lunch
PLACE: EHNTJC Social Hall
COST: $20 for Sisterhood Members with paid reservation by January 30th
$25 for Non-members and at the door

PLEASE CLIP FORM BELOW AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT BY JANUARY 30TH

EHNTJC Sisterhood “Lunch and a Movie”

Name: ________________________________ Phone: ________________________________

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*Name(s): ____________________________________________________________

Enclosed is my check payable to EHNTJC SISTERHOOD for $_________
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**Please list any seating preferences or dietary restrictions on the back of this form!**
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Book Club

Please join us on Wednesday—February 13th, 10:30 a.m. at the synagogue to discuss...

“Modern Girls”
by Jennifer S. Brown

In 1935, Dottie Krasinsky is the epitome of the modern girl. A bookkeeper in Midtown Manhattan, Dottie steals kisses from her steady beau, meets her girlfriends for drinks, and eyes the latest fashions. Yet at heart, she is a dutiful daughter, living with her Yiddish-speaking parents on the Lower East Side. So when, after a single careless night, she finds herself in a family way by a charismatic but unsuitable man, she is desperate: unwed, unsure, and running out of options.

After the birth of five children—and twenty years as a housewife—Dottie’s immigrant mother, Rose, is itching to return to the social activism she embraced as a young woman. With strikes and breadlines at home and National Socialism rising in Europe, there is much more important work to do than cooking and cleaning. So when she realizes that she, too, is pregnant, she struggles to reconcile her longings with her faith.

As mother and daughter wrestle with unthinkable choices, they are forced to confront their beliefs, the changing world, and the fact that their lives will never again be the same....

Coffee and...is served.

Come join us!

Modern Girls

A Novel

Jennifer S. Brown

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AND COMING UP:

March 13th
“WE WERE THE LUCKY ONES”
by Georgia Hunter

May 8th
“THE GIRL FROM BERLIN”
by Ronald Balson
YOUNG ESTHER STEIN
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Saturday, March 16 – 8:00PM
Saturday, March 23 – 8:00PM
Sunday, March 17 – 1:30PM
Sunday, March 24 – 1:30PM

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$20 for Adults – $10 for Children 12 and under with paid reservation by Thursday, March 14th
$25 for Adults – $12 for Children 12 and under at the door

Ghost $10,000 (Front cover)
Invisible Man $5,000 (Back cover)
Mummy $2,500 (Includes 36 tickets & full page)
Elvira $1,000 (Includes 16 tickets & full page)
Wolfman $540 (Includes 8 tickets & 1/2 page)
Dracula $360 (Includes 4 tickets & 1/3 page)
Frankenstein $180 (Includes 2 tickets & 1/4 page)
Zombie $99 (Includes 1 ticket & one line)

Shpiel Sponsor/Ad Categories
(Due by March 8th to be included in the program)

Name:_________________________ Phone:_________________________
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I would like to attend the performance on:

_____ Saturday, March 16th
_____ Saturday, March 23rd
_____ Sunday, March 17th
_____ Sunday, March 24th

_____ # of Adult tickets at $20
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Total enclosed $_______

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EHNTJC offers heartfelt condolences to...

Steve (Marla) Hara on the loss of his mother, Sylvia “Simmie” Hara.
Rhoda Pomerantz on the loss of her husband, Stanley Schwartz.

May G-d comfort them among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

In Loving Memory
If you wish to honor the memory of a dear one, a most fitting, traditional and dignified remembrance is through a memorial plaque. Each memorial plaque, bearing the name and yahrzeit date, is mounted in the Memorial Alcove in our chapel. On the day of the yahrzeit, your loved one’s name is listed on a tablet in the chapel alcove. For more information or to order a plaque, contact Bill Gerber in the synagogue office.

It Was a Wonderful Year
A Ways and Mean Report – Ada Rabinowitz, Chair
We are pleased to report that 2018 was a very successful year! The Ways and Means Committee thanks you, our members, for your help, support and cooperation. Todah Rabah to our Staff. We appreciate our Executive Director, Jeanette Sigler, Bill Gerber, Ricardo Garcia, Christopher Lee and our office volunteers. Last year we sponsored five major fund raisers. They were the Purim Shpiel, the Ad Book, the Cantor’s Concert, the Rosh Hashanah Honey Sale and the Lenny Dave Show. We also raised money from Jewel Cards, Bulletin Ads, and the Amazon Smile/Food 4 Less rebates. Our total profit for the year was $74,203.45. We are grateful to all of you for your past support and ask you for your continued commitment to our synagogue community. Everyone working together does make a difference. Let’s all be a part of our success!!
The Way and Means Committee would like to encourage you to buy Jewel Cards from the synagogue and to use the Amazon Smile opportunity. We make a nice percentage from both. Amazon Smile is very easy to use. All you have to do is go to the Synagogue Website and click on Amazon Smile which is under Marketplace on the bottom right of the screen. That will bring you to the Amazon site and then you will know what to do from there. We are excited to announce that our first fund raiser for this year is the Annual Purim Shpiel. The Shpiel, YOUNG ESTHER STEIN, is written by Ken Dermer and will be starting to rehearse soon. We look forward to this special production. Again thank you for being there for us! We are grateful!

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Dedicate a leaf on the Tree of Life sculpture in the synagogue lobby.
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Call Bill Gerber in the office.

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RSVP to 847-675-4141 by January 11.
Walk-ins welcome as space is available.

Dates to save...

Wednesday, February 13th –
Men’s Club Movie Nite

Sunday, February 24th –
Adult Education Program

...information coming soon!

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TUESDAYS 1:00PM - 2:00PM

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OCT 9 - NOV 13

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JAN 8 - FEB 12

DESSERT: AFTERLIFE IN TALMUD
APR 30 - JUN 4

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Entree: Joy in Talmud
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### Let’s Celebrate!!

#### January Birthdays

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### January Anniversaries

- Abraham & Lee Golden
- Randy & Rose-Lynn Jaffe

### February Anniversaries

- Marvin & Ellen Bero
- Alan & Tamar Farkas
- Martin & Shirley Lubowich
- David & Andy Reich
- Jeffrey & Valerie Reich
- Walter & Carol Straus
- Rabbi Victor & Tamar Weissberg

### Have a Simcha?

Call the office if you would like to sponsor a Kiddush luncheon in honor of a birthday or anniversary or to make a donation to the **Gerald Melton Simcha Fund**. This fund provides support of our Onegs and receptions. Donations can commemorate a special event or simcha.
### CANTOR’S MUSIC FUND
- **IN MEMORY OF**
  - Dr. Barbara & Brent Brotine: Sylvia Hara
  - Judy & Howard Frank: Stanley Schwartz
  - Rabbi Ralph & Evie Ruebner: Stanley Schwartz
dear cousin, Ed Rose
  - Sandy Kaiz’s 80th birthday
  - Joel Farber’s 85th birthday

- **IN HONOR OF**
  - David Garfield: Sally Jablo’s 80th birthday
  - Rabbi Ralph & Evie Ruebner: Sally Jablo’s 80th birthday
  - Sandy Kaiz’s 80th birthday
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### V. CHANNON SOCIAL ACTION/TZEDAKAH FUND
- **IN MEMORY OF**
  - Dolores & Ralph Barnett: Stanley Schwartz

### CONGREGATION FUND
- **IN MEMORY OF**
  - Penny Arnold: Harry Witt
  - Barbara Barnett: Leann Ott
  - Leonie Bergman: Russell Todres
  - Harriet Berland: Albert Berland
  - Alice Biner: beloved mother, Molly Wexler
  - beloved father, Nathan Wexler
  - Elaine Blaustein: Harold Horowitz
  - The Bofman-Freed Family: Russell Todres
  - Marsha Brody: Duane Rubens
  - John Burger & Joyce Riffer: Stanley Schwartz
  - Sherry Chedock: Beverly Wolin
  - John Chisholm: Stanley Schwartz
  - Vivian Coretz: Magda Schloss
  - Sandi Cowen: Cynthia Sax
  - Phyllis Dickstein: Joseph Dickstein
  - Max Dolins: Dora Branson
  - Sharon Doney: Russell Todres
  - Glenda Elam: the victims of the Pittsburgh synagogue shootings
  - Emilia (Amy) Elgamil: Yacov ben Haim Elgamil
  - Edith & Jerry Falk: Stanley Schwartz
  - Barbara & Fred Frankston: Joan Kerman
  - Adie Fuchs: Ron Salsburg
  - Bill Gerber: Stanley Schwartz
  - Sylvia Hara
  - Ronia Gross: beloved father, Ephraim Dallal
  - Davida Grossman: David Neer
  - Edward Grossman: Stanley Schwartz
  - Celia Gruenebaum: Robert Werner
  - Judy & Alan Harris: Joel Harris
  - Jordan Hecktman: Alice Hecktman
  - Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Heimann: Stanley Schwartz
  - Edwin Helman: Adele Helman
  - Evelyn Hirshman: beloved mother, Jennie Rikfin
  - Mary & Mark Hoppe: Sylvia Hara
  - Sally & Cy Jablo: Stanley Schwartz
  - Isa Jablo
  - Susan Kaplan: Russell Todres
  - The Family of Mel Kramer: Mel Kramer
  - Bobbie & Stuart Levin: Stanley Schwartz
  - Helene Levy: Shervin Freed
  - Menucha & Alan Levy: Bernard and Ruby Levy

- **IN MEMORY OF cont’d.**
  - Shirley & Marty Lubowich: Leann Ott
  - Esther & Bob Manewitl: E. Morris Lubowich
  - Dori Marks: Martha Gross
  - Edith & Jerry Falk: Stanley Schwartz
  - Carmen Rosenbaum: Max Ries
  - Barbara & Charles Schwartz: Annette Ritz
  - Sheila & Michael Schwartz: Stanley Schwartz
  - Dr. Stan & Claire Shulman: beloved mother, Clara Tarschis
  - Shabbat: Joel Harris
  - Aliyahs: Judy & Alan Harris

- **IN HONOR OF**
  - Renee Repkin: Dr. Allan Harvey Repkin
  - Elaine & Michael Ries: Max H. Ries
  - Marcia Rosenbaum: Stanley Schwartz
  - Rabbi Ralph & Evie Ruebner: dear father, Maurice Ruebner
dear uncle, Eugene Katz
dear father, Herbert Prauer
dear grandmother, Alice Katz
dear grandfather, Salick Katz
  - Nora Saposnik: Rubin Saposnik
  - Beatrice Schatz: Ida Wolberg
  - Larry Schoeneman & Judy Orbach: Marian and Joseph
  - Barbara & Charles Schwartz: Annette Ritz
  - Sheila & Michael Schwartz: Stanley Schwartz
  - Dr. Stan & Claire Shulman: beloved mother, Clara Tarschis
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### OTHER
- **IN HONOR OF**
  - Frederic Beahan: with thanks to Ralph Ruebner for the
  - Annual fund: with get well wishes for Harvey Bandar
  - Distinctive Men’s Choir: with get well wishes for Harvey Bandar
  - Bandar’s 60th birthday: with thanks to Ralph Ruebner for the
  - Bandar’s 60th wedding anniversary: with thanks to Ralph Ruebner for the

- **IN MEMORY OF**
  - Ann Slavick: Stanley Schwartz
  - Ede & Aaron Snyder: Russell Todres
  - Renee Soltan: Jerome Soltan
  - Marcia Templer: Ruth Levy
  - Andrea Toback: Jack Susman
  - Jill & Alan Todres: Belle Lukinsky
  - Frances Toll: Ben Millman
CONGREGATION FUND
Bobbie & Stuart Levin
Sally Jablo’s 80th birthday
Sandy Kaiz’s 80th birthday
Marcia & Joe Liss
general donation
Esther & Bob Manewith
“Giving Tuesday”
Margot & Gunther Marx
with thanks to Ralph Ruebner for the special Kristallnacht Shabbat and the 80th anniversary of Ezra-Habonim
Judith & David Michaelson
with best wishes to Ralph Ruebner for the 80th anniversary of Ezra-Habonim
Marsha & Richard Newman
Dr. Stan Shulman’s award from Ronald McDonald Charities
Ada & Beryl Rabinowitz
a speedy recovery to Phil Gordon with best wishes to Marty Steigman with best wishes to Claire Shulman with best wishes to CarolStraus with best wishes to Elaine Lampert with best wishes to Marsha Newman with best wishes to Paulette Levy the marriage of Ralph and Cynthia Hodosh Barbara and Brent Brotine’s new granddaughter, Maya Lillian Brotine Dave Richmond and Edie Sue Sutker’s new granddaughter, Makayla Cresceni Shelli Malina’s new great-granddaughter, Makayla Cresceni Debbie & Stewart Reich a speedy recovery to Paulette Levy Barbara & Charles Schwartz a speedy recovery to Karan Dicker Joanne Stein Bonnie and Dennis Feinberg’s 50th wedding anniversary Lila & Yigael Weltman Ada Rabinowitz’s birthday

GEMILUTH CHESED—LOTTE GRUEN FUND
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Stanley Schwartz
HILLMAN LIBRARY FUND
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Stanley Schwartz
GERALD MELTON SIMCHA FUND
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RABBI’S SPECIAL FUND
Dr. Marvin & Marcia Cooper
general donation
Jerry Gross
my birthday
Elaine & Bennett Koffman a speedy return to good health for Dr. Marvin Cooper
The Family of Simon Weltman Rabbi Weill for his comfort during our time of need

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EDUCATION FUND
Marlene & Barry Balik
Sandi & Gil Libert and Rochelle & Doug Sowa

Join us for
Rabbi Weill’s Bible Class
“The Land Beyond Torah”

Thursdays - 11:00 a.m.

Explore with Rabbi Jeffrey Weill the early prophetic books: Joshua, Judges, Samuel and Kings.

All are welcome!
Synagogue Wish List
There are so many items the synagogue truly needs that our congregants, if only they knew, would be pleased to provide. Here are some of our Wish List items with approximate costs:

- New Paint (Social Hall) $10,000
- Help with a Membership $1490 Single $2750 Family
- Chairs on Bima Reupholstery (Named) $1000 each
- Gift Certificates to: Office Max Jewel/Osco Amazon (any denomination welcome)

Our great funds to donate to:

BELLA BRIEF FUND – This fund is used by our Rabbi to schedule programs and guest speakers for the congregation.

BIMA FUND – This fund provides financial support for our clergy, daveners, layning and accompanists.

CANTOR’S MUSIC FUND – This fund is designated for the Cantor’s use to benefit the congregation’s musical programs.

VIVIAN CHANNON SOCIAL ACTION/TZEDAKAH FUND – This fund is used for social action and/or tzedakah projects for people in need and disasters in the world.

CONGREGATION FUND – This fund is used by the congregation for general operating expenses.

GEMILITH CHESED – LOTTE GRUEN FUND – This fund confidentially assists needy members of the congregation. Funds are awarded by a committee.

HERMAN GREENBAUM CAMP RAMAH FUND – This fund assists needy members of the congregation to attend Camp Ramah. The scholarships are awarded by a committee.

HILLMAN LIBRARY FUND – This fund is used to purchase books and materials for the congregation’s library.

GERALD MELTON SIMCHA FUND – This fund provides support of our Onegs and receptions – donations can commemorate a special event or simcha.

PRAYER BOOK FUND – This fund is used to purchased prayer books and Chumashim. Bookplates are inscribed and placed in the front of purchased books. ($25 minimum donation)

RABBI EMERITUS FUND – This fund is designated for the Rabbi Emeritus’ use at his discretion to promote the synagogue, for education or charitable organizations.

RABBI’S SPECIAL FUND – This fund is designated for the Rabbi’s use at his discretion to promote the synagogue, for education or charitable organizations.

STEVE & MARGRIT REICH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND - This fund provides confidential support to families who need scholarships for their children to attend our Religious School. It also helps the school to underwrite needed projects.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EDUCATION FUND – This fund is used for the Religious School as needed with the approval of the Religious Education Committee.

RUBIN/LEVETON CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND – This fund assists children of the congregation to attend Jewish-oriented summer camps (other than Camp Ramah). The scholarships are awarded by a committee.

AVRAHM STAMPFER FUND – This fund assists member children who will be going on sponsored trips to Israel. Scholarships are awarded by a committee.

TALCOTT/LEVIN YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND – This fund is used for youth activities and programs with the approval of the Youth Activities Committee.

A Minyan Reminder...
Those who attend our minyan enjoy double satisfaction: they are personally enriched and they help others by allowing them to recite mourners kaddish with a full minyan (ten adults). Attending minyan is a mitzvah!

Thank you for supporting our fellow congregants and for helping to build our community.

Daily Minyan – Monday-Thursday 7:00 PM
Sunday 9:30 AM
Holidays 6:00 PM
No Saturday Minyan

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