When we sat down at our seder tables recently, we took a break from the hectic secular world.

Israel Zangwill (1864-1926), British Jewish writer and Zionist, captured the dichotomy of the world out there and our ancient Passover rite in his poem “Seder Night in London.”

Zangwill’s poem is a sonnet: 14 lines in iambic pentameter (ten syllables), often with a thematic break after line eight. Sonnets are typically love poems, and “Seder Night in London” does indeed feel like a love poem to the seder – and to Jewish tradition.

Zangwill first describes London’s harried cosmopolitanism. He takes note of the city’s modern technology: “thund’rous trains” and “throbbing wires.” (Remember, this was written a century ago.) He also describes urban licentiousness: “gin-palaces in tawdry splendor” and “the last burlesque” of the day.

Zangwill then passes judgment on the city. “In modern prose,” he writes, “all poetry seems drowned.” In the poem’s second part, though, he finds “poetry” within London’s Jewish homes on Passover eve.

Yet in ten thousand homes this April night,
An ancient people celebrates its birth.
To Freedom, with a reverential mirth,
With customs quaint and many a hoary rite,
Waiting until its tarnished glories bright,
Its G-d shall be the G-d of all the earth.

Note the contrasts between “ancient people” and “thund’rous trains”; between “customs quaint” and the “last burlesque”; between “reverential mirth” and “tawdry splendor.”

Zangwill is much better known for his play about America, “The Melting Pot.” But “Seder Night in London” still resonates. It captures Passover’s enduring ability to bring our “ancient people” together, even still. It also celebrates Judaism’s potential to be a counterpoint to the wild world – and its temptations and distractions that surround us. Finally, it reminds us of Passover’s ultimate message – that the whole of humanity will someday recognize “the G-d of all the earth.”

L’shalom,
Rabbi Jeffrey Weill

Koleinu – “Our Voice”
Join us for a lively and spirited musical Shabbat led by Rabbi Jeffrey Weill and the Koleinu Band.

Friday, May 3rd
Friday, June 14th
6:30 p.m. – Candles, Kiddush & More...
7:00 p.m. - Service
All are welcome!
A Message from Ed Cohen, EHNTJC President

Passover is more than a holiday to us. The story of the Exodus of the Jews from Egypt, from a group of slaves to a free nation, is part and parcel of our very identity.

Passover is associated with spring and the annual renewal after a long winter. And finally, it is wonderful to celebrate Passover and spring at our seders with family and friends.

Lillian and I wish you a wonderful Passover and Happy Spring.

Our EHNTJC community has taken on new energy as well. We had a wonderful Purim Festival with the shpiel at the center of our activities. This year was our best. After 10 years, this year’s shpiel broke all the records. Record attendance, record fundraising, record reviews, and record smiles for all four shows.

We have also set the bar high with the addition of 35 new families - the Kehillat Shalom minyan will be joining our community. This is wonderful news for EHNTJC!

We have so much more to look forward to this coming year, activities from our auxiliaries and our committees, there will surely be something for everyone.

A special thanks to all those in our community that make our synagogue the wonderful Shul we all enjoy. From our Rabbi and our services, our Sisterhood, Men’s Club, and committees and the programs they produce, to our executive director, staff and volunteers that make everything seamless when we enter the building, thank you so much.

Once again, Happy Passover and Happy Spring,

Ed Cohen
President

Join us for the
Great Shave-off Culmination
Sponsored by the EHNTJC Men’s Club
May 23, 2019
12:00 PM (following The Land Beyond Torah)
Awards to be given for each participant.
Light lunch will be served.
There is still time to sponsor our participants.
A flat fee or a per day rate for 33 days.
Call Bill Gerber for more details.

Our 2019 participants:
Bill Gerber
Norman Grossman
Burt Hochberg
Henry Rosenbaum
Rabbi Jeffrey Weill

Day One

Also pictured...
Ken Kaiz,
Men’s Club
VP of Programming
Stav, daughter of Miriam and Charles Davidson and sister of Dalia and Oren, is in the 7th grade at Haven Middle School.

At school she participates in Haven Help Us, a fundraiser for the school. Her activities other than preparing for her bat mitzvah, are tennis and field hockey. Stav loves coming to EHNTJC and is happy to celebrate becoming a bat mitzvah with the community.

Stav has designated the Back Door Food Pantry, where her grandmother volunteers every week, for her tzedakah contribution.

Amanda, daughter of Susan Corzine and John Tellefsen, and sister of Austin and Ashley, is in the 7th grade at Old Orchard Jr. High.

At school she participates in soccer, volleyball, and basketball. She also enjoys ice hockey and going to the mall.

Ashley has designated Huntington Disease for her tzedakah contribution.

...to Judy Frank and Diane Rosenfeld for co-sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat in honor of their Bat Mitzvah anniversary, March 22nd.
...to Evie & Ralph Ruebner for sponsoring the Kiddush in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary, March 30th.
...to Rose-Lynn & Randy Jaffe for sponsoring the Kiddush in honor of Rose-Lynn’s birthday, April 13th.
...to Ken Dermer for his extraordinary skills, time and great effort for writing and directing the Purim Shpiel, Young Esther Stein.

We wish to thank Rabbi Weill, Rabbi Brief, Rabbi Levine, Sisterhood and our many friends for their good wishes, cards and donations in honor of our 45th anniversary!
Ralph & Evie Ruebner
Please join us for a

**SHABBAT EVENING**

May 17, 2019

6:30PM – “Italian Style” Shabbat Dinner
8:00PM - Shabbat Eve Service
& Religious School Graduation
Rabbi Jeffrey Weill
Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

Menu: Lasagna (Cheese & Vegetable), Spaghetti Marinara, Grilled Vegetables,
E.J.’s Mixed Salad & Garlic Knots
- catered by E.J.’s Pizzeria

**Dinner Reservation Form**
Dinner reservation deadline: Tuesday, May 14
Sorry, No transfer credit or refunds if cancelled after May 14

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: __________________________

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

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

From the President’s Desk...

As we turn the calendar over to May, we find so many Sisterhood programs that we can look forward to. On May 1st, we will celebrate Yom Ha’atzmaut, Israel’s 71st birthday, as we hear from Ariella Rada, the Consul for Academic and Community Affairs from the office of Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest.

On Wednesday morning, May 8th, we will be discussing the book “The Girl from Berlin” by Ron Balson. We were fortunate to hear the author speak at our program last November when the book was first released and now that we have all had the opportunity to read the book, I can’t wait for a lively discussion!

Saturday, May 11th is the date of our annual Sisterhood Shabbat. Please join us as our Sisterhood women participate in the service and sponsor the Kiddush Luncheon.

Our Culminating Luncheon and installation of the 2019-2020 Sisterhood Board will take place on Wednesday, June 5th. It is always a beautiful luncheon with wonderful entertainment. Invitations will be in the mail shortly!

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 and Sara Yelen),
  Marcy Feinberg,
  Judy Frank (thank you for all your support during my recent surgery),
  Bobbie Levin, Evie Lowenthal, Dori Marks and Ada Rabinowitz

  If you have news to share, contact Judy Arkin at kjarkin99@comcast.net.

- Sisterhood donation cards are 8/$10 and the Chai cards are 6/$18. The cards are available in the synagogue office.

- 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

“The Girl From Berlin”
by Ronald H. Balson

The next meeting of the Sisterhood Book Club will be on Wednesday, May 8th at 10:30 a.m. at the synagogue.

In the newest novel from internationally-best selling author, Ron Balson, Liam Taggart and Catherine Lockhart are drawn into a property dispute that unearths long-buried secrets.

An old friend calls Liam and Catherine to his famous Italian restaurant to enlist their help. His aunt is being evicted from her home in the Tuscan hills by a powerful corporation claiming they own the deeds, even though she can produce her own set of deeds to her land. Catherine and Liam’s only clue is a bound handwritten manuscript, entirely in German, and hidden in its pages is a story long-forgotten...

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

Please RSVP to one of our Book Club Chairs:
  Dorothy Lipstadt: (847)673-3525
  Elaine Lampert: (847)537-1240
  Judith Rae-Ross: (847)708-4541

AND COMING UP:

Wednesday, August 7th
a special Book and Author Luncheon
with author Renée Rosen
to discuss her recently released book
“PARK AVENUE SUMMER”
GIFT SHOP GAB - VOLUME TWENTY-NINE

The gift shop is gearing up for spring and summer. We already have our fabulous socks in lightweight fabric for spring and we have a brand new selection of the beautiful inlaid wood pill and trinket boxes.

Our half-price sale ended on April 30th, but we still have useful and unique items at great prices.

Early shopping reward to those who want the original “unmatched” socks. The prices of all socks will be $14 on June 1st. But if you shop now, you can still get the original socks for $12 a pair, while supplies last.

Sandi Cowen, Marcy Feinberg and Adrienne Tanner

MEMBERSHIP IS A PARTNERSHIP

I want to thank you, our members, for encouraging your friends and family to join our Sisterhood. We are very pleased that so many women have become a part of our organization. Your partnership with our membership team has played an important role in our success!

We look forward to continuing this partnership. Invite the women in your life to come to our May 1st Yom Ha’atzmaut luncheon and our culminating luncheon and installation on June 5th, as well as the many events that we have throughout the year. We appreciate your involvement and look forward to yet another successful year.

With best wishes,
Ada Rabinowitz - Membership Chair

HUNGER IN AMERICA
SUNDAY, MAY 19th
10:15 a.m. (after minyan)

Join us as we learn more about
MAZON – A Jewish Response to Hunger
...and how we can help!

PROGRAM FEE:
Food for
THE NILES TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY
(Kosher food only please!)

CO-SPONSORED BY SISTERHOOD and
THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE OF EHNTJC

Good and Welfare...

➢ Mazel Tov to Carol Bartman on her daughter Hillary’s graduation from Northeastern Illinois University with a degree in Information Technology.

➢ Condolences to Lillian Cohen on the passing of her mother, Bernice Maltz. May her memory be for a blessing.

TODAH RABAH • תודה רבה • THANK YOU

➢ Thank you to Bobbie Levin for her generous donation to our Sisterhood in honor of the 60th anniversary of Judy Frank’s and Diane Rosenfeld’s B’not Mitzvah.

➢ Many thanks for the Leagram wishes for my birthday. I truly appreciate each and every one of you with special thoughts—it is appreciated more than words can express.....Ruth Saffro.

➢ Thank you to Roz Cherry for her generous donation to help sponsor the upcoming Kiddush Luncheon following our Sisterhood Shabbat on May 11th.

SHAVUOT
by Evie Lowenthal

In our modern world, as members of a synagogue organization affiliated with Women’s League, we are especially interested in the Festival of Shavuot, also known as Z’man Matan Torataynu, the Time of the Giving of the Torah, which refers to the revelation at Sinai. This accounts for the reading of the Book of Ruth at Shavuot services, for it was Ruth the Moabite, who accepted the Torah given to Israel at this season and was rewarded for her commitment by becoming an ancestor of the Messianic house of David. Because it marks the time when the Almighty revealed Himself and gave our ancestors the Ten Commandments, the rabbis declared Shavuot the most pleasing of all our holidays.

There has been no love story in Jewish history more lasting than that between the Jew and the Torah, a relationship which has been sorely tested by every means known to mankind. Rabbis defining its significance to the Jewish people, have stated that Torah is the quest of the mind for understanding and of the spirit for fulfillment. It is the tree of life and in its shade alone can the Jew find completeness, peace, and serenity. “Torah is the quintessence of Judaism.”

As we celebrate the joyous festival of Shavuot and review our accomplishments of the past season, let us remember the Torah is not only our inheritance but our legacy. Through its study and our performance, let us forge the link from generation to generation, which is the lifeblood of the Jewish people.

“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.”

Audrey Hepburn
The **Sisterhood**
of EZRA-HABONIM, THE NILES TOWNSHIP JEWISH CONGREGATION

**“SISTERHOOD SHABBAT”**
Saturday—May 11\(^{th}\), 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

Please join us when our Sisterhood members lead the Shabbat service, followed by a Kiddush lunch sponsored by the Sisterhood.

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**EHNTJC Sisterhood**

Proposed Slate of Officers and Board of Trustees
2019 - 2020

- President: Judy Frank
- Vice President Administration: Judy Arkin
- Vice President Education: Esther Javetz
- Vice President Membership: Ada Rabinowitz
- Vice President Programming: Diane Rosenfeld
- Vice President Social Action: Ricki Herling
- Vice President Ways & Means: Ronia Gross
- Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Debbie Reich
- Recording Secretary: Judi Stein
- Corresponding Secretary: Idelle Peaceman

**Committee Chairman**

- Book Club: Dorothy Lipstadt, Elaine Lampert, and Judith-Rae Ross
- Bulletin: Judy Arkin
- Chesed: Mickey Gordon
- Hospitality (Decorations): Davida Grossman
- Hospitality (Kitchen): Francine Schulman and Sandy Kaiz
- Leagrams: Debbie Reich
- Publicity: Esther Manewith
- Torah Fund: Evelyn Lowenthal and Rose-Lynn Jaffe

**At-Large Board Members**

- Joanne Abelman
- Sally Jablo
- Dori Marks
- Esther Berman
- Bobbie Levin
- Flora Steigman
- Phyllis Dickstein
- Gioriann Levy
- Jill Todres

The proposed slate will be voted on at our May 1\(^{st}\) Luncheon.
Installation of our 2019-2020 Board will take place during our Culminating Luncheon on June 5\(^{th}\).
We hope you will join us!
The Sisterhood and Social Action Committee of Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation invite you to join us as we learn more about MAZON - A Jewish Response to Hunger:

SUNDAY – MAY 19th, 2019
10:15 a.m. (following minyan)

HUNGER IN AMERICA

42.2 million Americans struggle with hunger
More than 1 in 8
13.1 MILLION CHILDREN
5.7 MILLION SENIORS

Learn how we can help • Participate in activities
Program fee – bring food for The Niles Township Food Pantry
(Kosher food only please!)

Name(s): ___________________________________________ Phone: ______________

Please send in your reservation by May 15th to:
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Ricki Herling • (847)677-5919 Evelyn Lowenthal • (847)673-2505
Sisterhood Social Action Vice-President EHNTJC Social Action Chair

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EHNTJC Men’s Club presents

Brunch & Bette Midler

Via a narrated PowerPoint presentation by Hy Speck

Bette Midler is a dazzling, exciting, outrageous, shocking, and supremely talented performer.
She has starred in movies, television, stage, and records for almost fifty years, winning every major award given in the performing arts. She has dazzled audiences around the world.

Sunday, June 2, 2019
10:30 AM
Everyone is welcome!

$15.00 - Men’s Club Members
$18.00 - Non-members and at the door

RSVP by May 28th at 847-675-4141 or bill@ehnt.org

PLEASE CLIP FORM BELOW AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT

EHNTJC Brunch & Bette Midler

Name: ___________________________    Phone: ______________

I am a Men’s Club Member $15.00 ______

I am bringing a guest(s) _____ at $18.00 each    Guest(s) name: ______________________

Enclosed is my check payable to EHNTJC Men’s Club for $__________
(cash or check only – no credit card charges)

Please send in your reservation by May 28th to:

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The Men’s Club of
EZRA-HABONIM, THE NILES TOWNSHIP JEWISH CONGREGATION
an affiliate of
The Federation of Jewish Men’s Club
Midwest Region

“MEN’S CLUB SHABBAT”
Saturday—June 15th, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

Please join us when our Men’s Club members lead the Shabbat service, followed by a Kiddush lunch sponsored by the Men’s Club.

If you would like to participate in the service, please complete the form below and return it to the synagogue office by June 1st.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW

EHNTJC Men’s Club Shabbat

Name: ____________________________ Phone: ________________

I would like to participate in the Men’s Club Shabbat on June 15th.

_____ I would like an English reading  _____ Ark Opening

_____ I would like a Hebrew reading  _____ Greeter

Please return form no later than June 1st to:

EHNTJC MEN’S CLUB SHABBAT
4500 Dempster Street • Skokie, IL 60076
The Family Programming and Religious Education Committees
of Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation
Present

“PETS ON PARADE”

SUNDAY – MAY 26th, 2019
(Rain date Monday - MAY 27th)
11:00 a.m.
EHNTJC Parking Lot
4500 Dempster Street ● Skokie, IL
Bring your own pooper scooper and water dish. Bottled water will be provided.
Dogs must be vaccinated and on a leash.

PRIZES FOR...
- cutest, scariest, funniest costume
- best trick
- dog looking most like its owner

PLEASE CLIP REGISTRATION FORM BELOW AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT

________________________________________________________________________________________

“PETS ON PARADE”

Pet Owner: ___________________________ Phone Number: ___________ E-mail: ________________

Contestant #1 Name: ___________________ Contestant #2 Name: ___________________

Contestants: $18.00 each
Judges: _____ @ $5.00 each  Non-voting attendees: _____ @ $2.00 each

Enclosed is my check payable to EHNTJC for $ __________

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE EHNTJC RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
Return reservation and payment to:
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PHONE (847)675-4141  FAX (847)675-0327  www.ehnt.org
Help us honor

Rabbi Jeffrey and Julie Weill

The 2019 Ad Book for Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation is dedicated as a tribute to Rabbi Jeffrey and Julie Weill.

There are many ways to participate in our 2019 Tribute Ad Book:
☑ Place your own tribute ad honoring Rabbi Jeffrey and Julie Weill
☑ Honor our clergy and staff
☑ Memorialize a loved one
☑ Celebrate the special people in your life
☑ Share a happy occasion
☑ Solicit ads from family and friends
☑ Place an ad for your own business
☑ Solicit ads from people or places you do business with

We are counting on your help and your efforts to support our synagogue and its ongoing programs and activities. As we continue building our future, let’s all work together to make our 2019 AD BOOK a huge success!

An ad blank is included with this newsletter. Additional ad blanks and solicitation letters are available in the office.

For more information, please contact Ada Rabinowitz at (847)673-0697 or Debbie Reich at (847)272-4057.
Thank you in advance for your support!

Ada and Debbie
Ada Rabinowitz and Debbie Reich
2019 Ad Book Chairmen

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PHONE (847) 675-4141  FAX (847)675-0327  E-mail jeanette@ehnt.org
ADVERTISING CONTRACT

The advertiser below hereby authorizes the insertion of an advertisement in the EHNTJC 2019 AD BOOK

Name of Advertiser:

Address of Advertiser:

Phone:

E-mail:

Contract signed by:

ADVERTISING RATES

Please check the appropriate box next to page size
Cover Page  $500
Gold Page   $300
Silver Page $200
Full-Page (black print) $100
Half-Page  $ 75
Quarter-Page $ 40

Check enclosed in the amount of $__________
Checks payable to EHNTJC

Ad Book Deadline—July 10, 2019

Your participation in this Ad Book is tax-deductible as a contribution or advertising expense.

EHNTJC shall not be liable for errors or omissions so long as printed page in ad book conforms to copy written or attached here.

Ad secured by: ___________________________
Twice monthly group for older adult Spouse and Partner Loss. This group meets the first and third Tuesday of the month from 10:30-12pm at the Goldie Bachman Luftig Building 5150 Golf Rd., Skokie. Fee $10

General Loss group at Templ Beth El 3610 Dundee Rd., Northbrook. Group meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00-8:30pm.

To register for the above programs: Marsha Raynes (847) 745-5408 or marsharaynes@jcfs.org.

Nechama: A workshop for the Newly Bereaved. Wednesday, May 15 at 5:30-7:00pm at Chicago Sinai Congregation, 15 W. Delaware, Chicago.

To register: Elizabeth Cohen (847) 745-5404 or elizabeth@jcfs.org.

Saturday, June 8
8:45 PM  Festival Maariv Service
9:30 PM  Tikkun Leil Shavuot
No reservations necessary.
Cheesecake served!
BYOL -- Bring Your Own Lactaid! (if necessary)

Sunday, June 9
9:30 AM  Morning Shavuot Service -- Day One
7:00 PM  Festival Maariv Service

Monday, June 10
9:30 AM  Morning Shavuot Service -- Day Two
Yizkor
Ways & Means – Ada Rabinowitz, Chair

We are so pleased to work on the many activities that help our synagogue flourish. We are the Ways & Means Committee and we are committed to raise the much needed funds to support our synagogue.

The Purim Shpiel was a huge success. We thank the Chairman, Ken Dermer, and all those who worked to make the performances so outstanding. The funds raised were extraordinary and very much appreciated. Also the Ways & Means Committee, headed by Judy Frank, need to be thanked for their help for the four performances. Around 1,200 people attended the shpiel.

The next fund raiser will be the Ad Book which will be honoring Rabbi Jeffrey and Julie Weill on the seventh year of their tenure here at EHNTJC. Seven is an important number in Jewish history and we are thrilled to honor this fantastic couple who mean so much to this congregation. The Ad Book will be distributed at a Brunch on Sunday, September 8, 2019.

We will be doing a fun afternoon (Rock & Folk Revue) on Sunday, June 23. Back by popular demand to entertain us will be wonderful bands. You will not want to miss this event!!

Information about the Honey Sale for Rosh Hashanah will be in the mail in July. Marsha Brody will be the Chairman for this project.

We are happy to announce that Cantor Warschawski’s Concert will be on Sunday, August 18, 2019. We look forward to this special performance. More information will follow soon.

On Saturday, November 2, 2019 we will once again present Ronnie Rice. So come and rock with us. It will be a fun-filled evening.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for these joyous events. You will be having a wonderful time and at the same time help our synagogue flourish!!

Religious Education Committee – Judy Arkin, Chair

A Family Shabbat service was held on March 23rd with Miriam Davidson and Josh Morrel directing the students to lead the service. The students did an excellent job to the kvelling of the parents and grandparents.

Rabbi Weill has introduced a new program on Shabbat every few weeks. A chosen congregant speaks to the students about his/her life experiences. The program has been well received by the students who asked a variety of pertinent questions.

Graduation is Friday, May 17 after our Shabbat Dinner. Hope you can join us.

We’re having a school fundraiser on Sunday, May 26th at 11:00 am. It’s called “Pets on Parade,” a dog costume contest. If you have a dog or know someone who does, please complete the flyer on the lobby table.

We’re also planning an ad campaign to publicize the school for fall registration.

Lastly, if you know of any friends who are looking for a Hebrew school in the fall, please have them contact Rabbi Weill or myself.

Trees of Life

Share Your Joy! 
Dedicate a leaf on the Tree of Life sculpture in the synagogue lobby.

Celebrate your happy events. 
Call Bill Gerber in the office.
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.

The following memorial plaque has recently been dedicated in the chapel:

**Phillip S. Gordon**
by Mickey Gordon

EHNTJC offers heartfelt condolences to...

Lillian (Ed) Cohen, Rebecca, Jennifer and Matthew on the loss of mother and grandmother, Bernice Maltz.

Lawrence Hamilton on the loss of his father, Herbert.

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

**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.
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