Dear Friends,

Call it the Eight Flames Challenge. The miracle of the cruse of oil that lasted, according to Adam Sandler, “eight crazy nights,” as well as the military victory of the ragtag Maccabees over Antiochus’s sophisticated army represent, a miracle of justice over injustice, of light over darkness.

When we light Chanukah candles, we bring a little bit of light to long, dark December nights. The candles’ flames are small, but they represent a big idea, that WE have the power to engage in that Maccabean battle by dispelling darkness with small acts of kindness.

During these eight days of Chanukah, let us challenge ourselves to bring eight new good deeds – eight flames – into the world. Perhaps an extra, unexpected smile or hug; perhaps additional tzedekah; perhaps suppressing a selfish urge with an act of selflessness.

Let’s do this together, and bring eight holy flames into a world sorely in need of light this Chanukah season.

Chag Urim Sameach! Happy Festival of Lights!

Rabbi Jeffrey Weill

A Message from Ed Cohen, EHNTJC President

Over the past 12 months, we implemented, rather successfully with tremendous progress, our plan to strengthen and sustain our EHNTJC community. We had a record number of programs with record attendance. We have new members, Kehillat Shalom joined our community. We have tremendous energy and strength. We remember those that have left us and pause to remember them today and always, keeping their memories alive.

For the New Year, we will continue to strengthen our community. We will continue to grow our community both through membership as well as financially. We will stay the course with cutting edge programming that will fill our house with participation from our EHNTJC community and the community around us.

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank each and every person who has been a part of our community over the year for all you have done and the support you offer EHNTJC.

Chanukah is upon us and we celebrate with our friends and families by lighting the candles, singing songs, saying prayers, spinning the dreidel, and eating latkes. It is truly a joyous time of the year. From my family to yours, Lillian and I, from the board of trustees of the shul, we wish you a Happy Chanukah and a wonderful 2020.
Greetings,

As I write this bulletin article I am full of conflicted emotions. It is hard to believe that I have been the Cantor at EHNTJC for the past 15 years and it’s even harder to grasp how much has happened; how much life has been lived in that time. When I first arrived I was going strong in the operatic side of my career, Adina was a 5-month old baby, George W. Bush was President, and dare I bring it up, the White Sox won the World Series that fall. While I am still the same person I was then...life seems like it was quite different 15 years ago. This makes me feel reflective, melancholy, joyful, pensive, and hopeful for the future all at the same time. Like I said, conflicted emotions.

One thing that has remained clear to me throughout these 15 years is a guiding principle in my life and my cantorate: I'du et Hashem b'simcha! /Serve G-d in joy! It has become one of my own “raison d'être” ideas and one of the main concepts I try to share through music, prayer and my personality. I strive to serve in SIMCHA/JOY!

What does that mean?

Sometimes that service is singing or praying. Sometimes it is spending a few extra minutes at kiddush with someone who needs a kind ear. Sometimes it’s a hospital visit. Sometimes it’s cleaning up and rehabbing the social hall stage. Sometimes it’s a funeral or unveiling. And sometimes it is just being present to lead the community and keep spirits high. I veiw all of these things and many more as my service. Service to G-d, service to His people, and service to this congregation’s spiritual/musical desires. That is the lesson I hope I will leave behind. It is good to serve! But it is better to serve with joy! I hope you feel that I have served you with some measure of G-dly joy and I hope you will continue to serve EHNTJC, your individual families, and the Jewish community at large with joy.

To all the good people of Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, I say thank you for having been a home to me, my wife Heather, and our children, Adina and Sam. I also wish you much Mazel in the future, both individually and as a congregation. There is so much good in this synagogue and yet more potential remains. My blessing to you all is that the good continue to increase and the potential be filled for the continued strength of the EHNTJC membership and Am Yisrael as a whole! I would like to take this opportunity to tell you to feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance to you either professionally or personally. You can reach me via email at bmw@warschawski.net.

In closing, we have sung together, learned together, celebrated the cycle of the Jewish year together, laughed together, cried together, shared joyous occasions together, mourned sad occurrences together, and just plain lived a lot of life together. All of it has been very special to me and I have been privileged to spend this time with you as your Cantor. I hope to see you somewhere “down the road” whether it be on stage, or on the bimah. Either way, please be sure to say hello the next time our paths do cross. And know that there will always be a piece of my life, my music, my family and my soul that resides eternally at 4500 Dempster Street in Skokie.

Till we meet again...

Best wishes,

Cantor Benjamin Warschawski
Mazel Tov to...

...Ricardo Garcia & Maria Perez on the birth of their son, Yanuel Garcia Perez, born November 30th.
...Charles Kriesberg & Pat Kay on their marriage, October 27, 2019.
...Grace Dickler on becoming the president of the Jewish Judges Association of Illinois.
...Lt. Gary Merrill was awarded “First Responder of the Year” by the Shomrim Society of Illinois.
...Jan Eisbart on her granddaughter Jordyn’s bat mitzvah.

...Jeff Winter and Janis Fine for sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat, November 15th, in honor of their 20th anniversary working together.
...EHNTJC Sisterhood for sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon, November 16th, in honor of the synagogue.
...Frank Sacks for sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat, November 22nd, in honor of his final Koleinu.
...Sue Agate & Mike Slutsky, Linda & Mike Hoffenberg, and Karen Lobl & David Eisenberg for sponsoring the kiddush luncheon, November 23rd, in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Skokie Egalitarian Minyan.

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

Friday, January 10th
6:30 p.m. Shabbat Dinner
8:00 p.m. Service with Installation of the 2020 Board of Trustees

Friday, February 7th
6:30 p.m. Candles, Kiddush & More... 7:00 p.m. Service

HERE'S A GREAT WAY TO HELP THE SYNAGOGUE AND IT'S SO EASY!!
If you shop at Jewel, purchase our $100 Jewel gift cards. You get full value and the synagogue gets money back for each card sold. Jewel gift cards can be acquired from Jeanette Sigler in the synagogue office.

Rabbi Marcey Rosenbaum, Kehillat Shalom’s High Holiday clergy, will be presenting a study session on January 11, 2020 from 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The session will be held in the Chapel. All are welcome to join this learning opportunity.

SAVE THE DATE!!
January 27, 2020
7:30 PM (come for minyan at 7:00)
Jewish Magic?
Presented by Rabbi Amitai Adler
More details forthcoming...

When you are shopping, please keep in mind that Amazon (and almost every major on-line retailer) will donate a portion of purchases to the synagogue as long as the retailer is selected and accessed through our website. http://ehnt.org/marketplace
Please join us for a very special

**SHABBAT EVENING**

Koleinu & Installation of the 2020 Board of Trustees

**January 10, 2020**

6:30PM - Shabbat Dinner
8:00PM – Koleinu Band & the Installation of the Board of Trustees
Led by Rabbi Jeffrey Weill
Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

**Dinner Reservation Form**
Dinner reservation deadline: Tuesday, January 7
Sorry, No transfer credit or refunds if cancelled after January 7

Name(s): ____________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________ City: ____________

Phone # ___________________________ E-Mail address ______________________

_____ # of Adult Members at $22/person = $ ________

_____ # of Adult Non-members at $25/person = $ ________

_____ # of children 6 to 12 at $11/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: ________________________________

# of Vegetarian: ______

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

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**SISTERHOOD CORNER—January/February 2020**

**From the President’s Desk...**

We had a busy day on December 4th... thank you to Diane Rosenfeld, Programming VP, for arranging the Latke Luncheon and magic show done by our own congregant, Lee Levin. This was followed by our Holiday Boutique. A huge thank you to the Boutique Chair, Ronia Gross, the many volunteers and of course, our shoppers—it was a very successful afternoon!

With our winter weather soon approaching, I am going to think beyond that and focus on next summer and the Women’s League Convention. The dates are Sunday, July 12th to Wednesday, July 15th. The theme this year is “Sisters Journeying Together”. It will be held very close to home at the Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg.

Many of the presenters are local. You may be familiar with a couple of them—Rachel Kamin, Director of Cultural and Learning at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El in Highland Park, and Renee Rosen, who has reviewed two of her books at our Sisterhood programs, “Windy City Blues” and “Park Avenue”. Her next book, “Social Grace”, will be out in 2021.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday afternoon, February 5th at our luncheon and Tu B’Shevat Seder led by Rebbetzin Julie Weill. See the enclosed flyer for more information and to make your reservation. On February 12th, the Book Club will meet to discuss “Mrs. Everything” by Jennifer Weiner.

Best Wishes for a Happy Chanukah and a peaceful New Year!

*B’Shalom! Judy Frank*

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**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:*

- Elyau Baum
  (in memory of my darling Steve Baum),
- Esther Berman
  (in memory of Abe and Sara Yelen),
- Marcy Feinberg, Mickey Gordon,
  Ricki Herling,
  (in memory of my beautiful mother Bernice),
- Bobbie Levin,
- Esther Manewith
  (in honor of our grandchildren),
- Dori Marks, Miffie Nagorsky,
- Debbie Novoselsky,
- Idelle Peaceman
  (Happy New Year to all)
- Ada Rabinowitz, Judi Stein
- Adrinne Tanner
  (in memory of Lawrence Tanner)

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

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**BOOK CLUB TO DISCUSS**

“Mrs. Everything”
by Jennifer Weiner

The next meeting of the Sisterhood Book Club will be on Wednesday, February 12th at 10:30 a.m. at the synagogue.

Spanning sixty-five years, Jo and Bethie Kaufman are sisters whose story begins in 1951. They’re polar opposites—Jo, the intrepid jock, has an eye for adventure (and, as it so happens, women), and Bethie is the girly-girl whose aspirations skew more on the conventional side. When tragedy befalls one of them, dreams get deferred, threatening to irreparably change not only the course of their lives, but who they are. Jennifer Weiner’s *Mrs. Everything* is sweeping in its personal and political scope, chronicling Jo’s and Bethie’s fumbling attempts to right their respective ships against the backdrop of an America experiencing its own growing pains. It’s a multi-layered and very moving story for the #MeToo era, one that traces how far women have come, and how far we have yet to go.

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

**EHNTJC Sisterhood**
is affiliated with the Women’s League for Conservative Judaism
SAVE THE DATE!
Women’s League for Conservative Judaism
International Convention
July 12-15, 2020
at the Hyatt-Regency-Schaumburg

GIFT SHOP GAB - VOLUME THIRTY-FIVE

The gift shop had a very successful Holiday Boutique, with sales of $1,675. This success will have to carry us through the next couple of months as there are no programs scheduled for the gift shop to be open until February. We can only encourage our members and their friends to stop into the synagogue to look in the cases. Bill has keys to the cases and can take your payment.

Sandi Cowen, Marcy Feinberg
and Adrienne Tanner

Good and Welfare...

- Mazel Tov to Jan Eisbart on her granddaughter Jordyn’s Bat Mitzvah.
- Wishing a Refuah Shlayma to Rabbi Brief, Fran Givertz and Debbie Groman.

SOCIAL ACTION UPDATES

- A heartfelt THANK YOU to all of you who donated Target gift cards for JCFS (Jewish Child and Family Services). We collected $610 worth of cards and they were extremely grateful.
- During January and February we are throwing a “Paper Shower” for The Ark. Donations of all paper products—including diapers, wipes and sanitary items can be dropped off in the box in the synagogue office.

Ricki Herling, Social Action VP (Tikkun Olam)

TODAH RABAH

Todah Rabah to you, our members, for joining our Sisterhood. You have made a difference! Thank you for your support. We all are on the membership team and it is wonderful that many of you have encouraged your family and friends to join. It’s my hope that 2020 will be another successful year!

Ada Rabinowitz, Membership VP

Torah Fund 5780

Over the past several months, more and more of our Sisterhood members have been wearing the 5780 (2019-2020) Torah Fund pin they received as a thank you for their donation of $180 or higher. While wearing our pins, as a necklace or pin, we have been complimented on its design and asked if the design is symbolic of something. The answer is a simple yes.

As you can see, the pin depicts a heart surrounded by three circles, one larger than the rest. This symbolizes the heart of kindness which Jews enact in ever widening realms of generosity from family to community to the larger world. As it is said in Psalm 89 – “May we build a world of kindness”.

Save the date for this year’s Torah Fund Luncheon – April 13th. More information will be forthcoming in our March Newsletter.

Evie Lowenthal and Rose-Lynn Jaffe
Torah Fund Co-Chairs

PROGRAMMING NEWS

- Please join us for an original Tu B’shevat Seder on Wednesday, February 5th led by our own Rebbeztin, Julie Weill. The afternoon will include lunch and an interactive seder including the tasting of several different kinds of fruits that we enjoy on this holiday. (See enclosed flyer for details and reservation form.)
- Be among the first in Chicagoland to witness the widely acclaimed "Notorious RBG" exhibit, the new temporary exhibit at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. Our visit on March 4th will include a tour of this new exhibit and then a visit to the hologram where you will hear the story of a Holocaust survivor come alive and then will be able to ask him/her questions. An optional lunch at EJ’s is also being planned before the Holocaust visit. (See enclosed flyer for details and reservation form.)

Diane Rosenfeld, Programming VP

The weather might be cold, but at least our hearts are warm.
THE Sisterhood
of EZRA-HABONIM, THE NILES TOWNSHIP JEWISH CONGREGATION
an affiliate of WOMEN’S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

Join us for this special event!

“If Trees Could Talk...
Lessons From the Forest:
An Original Tu B’Shevat Seder”

Led by Julie Weill

DATE: Wednesday—February 5th, 2020
TIME: 11:30 a.m. – Luncheon and Seder
PLACE: EHNTJC Social Hall
COST: $20 for Sisterhood Members with paid reservation by January 29th
       $25 for Non-members and at the door

PLEASE CLIP FORM BELOW AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT BY JANUARY 29TH

EHNTJC Sisterhood “February Tu B’Shevat Seder”

Name: ________________________________ Phone: ________________________________

_____ @ $20 (Members)       _____ @ $25 (Guests*/Non-members*)

*Name(s): ________________________________

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

Please send in your reservation by January 29th
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Judy Frank ● (847)677-4950       Diane Rosenfeld ● (847)674-5651
Sisterhood President       Programming Vice-President

Please note any seating requests or dietary restrictions on the back of this response...
THE SISTERHOOD OF
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Please join us at the
Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center
for this special exhibit.....

NOTORIOUS RBG
THE LIFE AND TIMES OF RUTH BADER GINSBURG

• docent led
• includes Hologram experience
• optional lunch before at
  EJ’s Pizzeria
  9149 Gross Point Road
  Skokie

DATE: Wednesday – March 4th, 2020
TIMES: 11:30 a.m. – lunch at EJ’s Pizzeria (each person pays for their own)
        1:15 p.m. – arrival at museum for tour (tour begins at 1:45 p.m.)
        3:00 p.m. – Hologram (optional) begins
COST: Tour - $12 for Sisterhood Members
       $17 for Non-Sisterhood Members and Guests

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
FEBRUARY 24th – see form below.....

EHNTJC Sisterhood “Notorious RBG Exhibit:

Name: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________

_____ @ $12 (Members)  _____ @ $17 (Guests*/Non-Sisterhood Members*)

*Name(s): _____________________________________________________________

I/We will be joining you for lunch  yes / no  I/We will be staying for the Hologram  yes / no

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

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Sisterhood President  Programming Vice-President

Car pooling recommended!
We would like to introduce the newly elected Men’s Club Board Members for 2020 – 2022:

Men’s Club Board Members
- Ariel Adkins: President
- Kenneth Kaiz: Executive Vice President
- Joel Farber: V. P. (Programs)
- David Gordon: V. P. (Memberships)
- Gerald Silberman: Recording Secretary
- Henry Rosenbaum: Corresponding Secretary
- Hanan Javetz: Treasurer

The EHNTJC Men’s Club will continue to offer Religious service-related programs, as well as educational and entertainment programs/activities for our synagogue and community.

If you would like to become a member of the Men’s Club, please complete an application, or see Bill Gerber in the synagogue office. The cost for a one-year membership is $36.00.

We are always looking for volunteers to join us every fifth week at the Lieberman Center for Health and Rehabilitation in Skokie. Men’s Club members escort Lieberman residents from their rooms to Shabbat services, and assist them back to their room at the conclusion of the service. Anyone interested in volunteering should attend a Men’s Club meeting. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month.

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There Are All Kinds of Clubs, But None Are Like Our Men’s Club!
Join our EHNTJC Men’s Club or RENEW your membership TODAY!
We welcome men who are not affiliated with EHNTJC too.

I’m happy to help. Enclosed is my $36 payment for my 2020 Men’s Club Membership.

(Make checks payable to EHNTJC Men’s Club)

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ Zip: ___________________________

Phone: ___________________________ Cell: ___________________________

Email: ____________________________________________________________________________
CHAI NOON
THE WESTERN MUSICAL PURIM PARODY

Saturday, March 7 – 8:00PM
Saturday, March 14 – 8:00PM

Sunday, March 8 – 1:30PM
Sunday, March 15 – 1:30PM

Tickets Available at www.ehnt.org/noon

Open to the Entire Community! Facebook/Tweet/Share with your Family and Friends!

$20 for Adults – $10 for Children 12 and under with paid reservation by Thursday, March 5th

$25 for Adults – $12 for Children 12 and under at the door

John Wayne $10,000 (Front cover)
Bonanza $ 5,000 (Back cover)
Lone Ranger $ 2,500 (Includes 36 VIP tickets & full page)
Clint Eastwood $ 1,000 (Includes 16 VIP tickets & full page)
Marshall $ 540 (Includes 8 VIP tickets & ½ page)
Sheriff $ 360 (Includes 4 VIP tickets & 1/3 page)
Cowboy $ 180 (Includes 2 VIP tickets & ¼ page)
Cowpoke $ 99 (Includes 1 Regular ticket & one line)

Shpiel Sponsor/Ad Categories
(Due by February 27th to be included in the program)

Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________
Address: _________________________ Email: _____________________________

I would like to attend the performance on:

_____ Saturday, March 7th _____ Sunday, March 8th

_____ Saturday, March 14th _____ Sunday, March 15th

_____ # of Adult tickets at $20 _____ # of Children tickets at $10 Sponsor $__________
(Sponsor payment due by February 27th to be included in the show program)

Total enclosed $__________

_____ Enclosed is my check payable to EHNTJC #_______

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

Account # ___________________________ Exp. Date ___________ 3 Digit Code _______

Authorized Signature __________________________

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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:

Judith Levin
by Dr. Stuart and Bobbie Levin

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EHNTJC offers heartfelt condolences to...

Harvey Mantel and Michelle Mantel on the loss of his wife and her mother, Tita.

Stewart (Debbie) Reich and David (Andy) Reich on the loss of their aunt, Doris Baer.

Jack (Jackie) Lauwasser and Judi (Alex) Stein on the loss of their mother, Bernice Lauwasser.

Julie Seltzer on the loss of her mother, Edythe.

The family of Victor Drower.

Dr. Marvin (Marcia) Cooper on the loss of his sister, Florence Salkin.

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

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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!

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Tree 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.

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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:

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)
Introducing www.mitzvahpackages.com

5 packages of funeral services plus a choice of 10 caskets from $2995 to $4995!

Most Chicago Jewish funeral homes with chapels charge $4450-$5675 for the same services* without the casket and up to and over $3000 for the same, or similar caskets

Package A-Cloth Casket
Package B-Pine Box (no interior) or Geneva
Package C-Dan Casket (aka Kidron), or Windridge silver or copper
Package D-Haggai, Adom or Zion (5 colors)
Package E-Obadiah or Armitage brown or black

Graveside-$2995, Synagogue $3295
Graveside-$3495, Synagogue $3795
Graveside-$3995, Synagogue $4295
Graveside-$4295, Synagogue $4595
Graveside-$4695, Synagogue $4995

Prefer a funeral home chapel? Buy the casket and vault from us & save! www.mitzvahcaskets.com

Example-Our finished Dan for $1350 is $845 (>38%) less than our competitor charges for their unfinished Dan & our Haggai for $1650 is $1045 (>38%) less than our competitor charges for their Haggai, plus tax savings.

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Olivia Hurtgen and Cheri Mandel

*Based on itemized prices listed in competitors General Price Lists

Packages: Include Basic Services of Funeral Director and Staff, transfer of remains from place of death (or airport) to funeral home, preparation of the body including refrigeration, bathing and handling, dressing and casketing or use of tahara room, staff and equipment for service, graveside transfer vehicle or hearse if service from Synagogue or other indoor facility plus casket (see casket price list, or www.mitzvahcaskets.com for description) **Hearse on graveside service instead of graveside transfer vehicle is $150 additional, ***Outer burial container, tachrichim (shroud), shiva package, register book, limousine(s), weekend or holiday services, sales tax and cash advances additional.
Good Bye to 2019

Ways and Means Welcomes 2020

2019 was an outstanding year for us. We raised $100,236.39. We thank everyone who helped us reach this terrific total. Your help, support and cooperation really made a difference! We appreciate our staff and thank them for always being there for us. Todah Rabah to our Executive Director, Jeanette Sigler, Bill Gerber, Ricard Garcia, Christopher Lee and our office volunteers.

Last year’s events and projects included the Purim Shpiel directed and written by Ken Dermer, the Ad Book in honor of Rabbi Jeffrey and Julie Weill, Cantor Benjamin Warschawski’s Concert, the Rosh Hashanah Honey Sale, the Ronnie Rice Event, the Folk & Rock Revue, Jewel Gift Cards, Bulletin Ads and Amazon Rebates.

So you can see it was a wonderful year!!

We are looking forward to our 2020 programs. We are off to a great start! The 2020 Purim Shpiel entitled “Chai Noon” will be starting rehearsals soon. And we are pleased and happy to announce that the 2020 Ad Book Honorees will be Dennis and Bonnie Feinberg. Dennis is a Past President and is currently the Legal Counsel for our synagogue. We thank Bonnie and Dennis for accepting this honor and we look forward to a successful Ad Book.

We are also planning to continue the Honey Sale for the holidays and are working on several unique and entertaining programs. Stay tuned! You will not want to miss these events.

We are grateful to all of you for your past support and ask you for your continued commitment to our EHNTJC community. Thank you in advance! With your help 2020 will be another wonderful year!!

Ada Rabinowitz, Chairman

Ways and Means Committee: Barbara Barnett, Bette Blumenthal, Marsha Brody, Barbara Brotine, Barbara Dorfman, Joel Farber, Tamar Farkas, Judy Frank, Mickey Gordon, Ronia Gross, Jack Lauwasser, Dori Marks, Liz Nichols, Debbie Novoselsky, Sally Rosenberg, Jill Todres, Veronika Urban, Sally Winter, Dolly Zavell, and Sharon Zite
Let’s Celebrate!!

January Birthdays

Kenneth Arkin
Faye Bearman
Ed Bettenhausen
Linda Berkowitz
Elaine Bogetz
Susan Boldrey
Dan Cedarbaum
Bruce Claver
Miriam Davidson
Paula DeBofsky
Debbie Dragon
Daniel Eisenberg
Zahava Fenig
William Gerber
Sam Goldfarb
Norman Grossman

Ethel Herman
Anelyn Jablo
Joshua Jensen
Alvin Kaplan
Raphael Kaplan
Dorette Klein
Elaine Koffman
Shelley Korey
Bobbie Levin
Annabel Levine
Dan Newbart
Henry Novoselsky
Kathleen Parker
Steven Parker
Norman Persky
Alex Pruzan

James Rabinowitz
Jeffrey Reich
Jessica Reich
Sherry Rontal
Henry Rosenbaum
Ralph Ruebner
Mary Schenck
Bonnie Stesin
Richard Triffler
Phillip Warren
Laurie Wasserman

February Birthdays

Rebecca Ainis
Susan Corzine
Jeffrey Cunix
Grace Dickler
Ian Erdos
Judy Frank
Abraham Golden
Madeline Goldman
David Gordon
Debra Honig
Harriet Jacobs
Mackenzie Kramer
Elena Batman Levin
Alan Levy
Shirley Lubowich
Bob Manewith
Jeff Michaelson
Michael Reich
Robert Sanders
Rachel Schwab
Jeanette Sigler
Pye Squire
Sharon Stein
Jill Todres
Sherry Warso
Betsy Weill
Jason White
Steven Wiseman
Sharon Wiseman
Dolly Zavell

January Anniversaries

Steve & Zahava Davidson
Abraham & Lee Golden
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- **HERMAN GREENBAUM CAMP RAMAH FUND** – This fund assists needy members of the congregation to attend Camp Ramah. The scholarships are awarded by a committee.
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- **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.
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**A Minyan Reminder…**

Those who attend our minyan enjoy double satisfaction: they are personally enriched and they help others by allowing them to recite mourner s' 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  
No Saturday Minyan

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