



## Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

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January/February 2022

Tevet/Shevat/Adar I 5782



# From the Rabbi's Desk

Dear Friends,

Mark Spitz, the Jewish American Olympic swimmer, has been on my mind. In fact, I woke up one recent morning singing a made-up song about him.

Spitz won seven gold medals in the 1972 Olympics, in Munich. His achievement was unparalleled -- until Michael Phelps came along.

Spitz's ascent up the podium to receive his seventh gold medal occurred on the evening of September 4, 1972. Hours later, as he was returning from dinner, he walked right past the apartment in the Olympic village where Palestinian "Black September" terrorists were holding innocent Israeli Olympians hostage. They had already killed two. The other nine would be killed in a shootout at the Munich airport.

There is so much to this story, including the mind-bogglingly lax security and the fact that there were very likely people within the Olympic village who facilitated the terrorists' easy access.

Authorities feared that Spitz may have been in danger, so they whisked him quickly out of Germany. He was first flown to London, where he posed for the famous picture of him – mustached and in a bathing suit – with the seven gold medals around his neck. He has said that he remembers feeling that terrible incongruity of posing victoriously, while eleven fellow Jews were dead. The terrorist attack in Munich has had an indelible effect on Spitz, now 70 years old. In an article in Ha'aretz 20 years ago, he said:

*"It made me aware of my responsibility to acknowledge that, yes, I am Jewish. You know, before Munich, that issue hardly ever came up. I think most people knew I was Jewish but there were no consequences to it - I was a 22-year-old kid. ... After Munich... I felt an obligation to affirm my ties as a Jew."*

As the fiftieth anniversary of that horrific tragedy nears, may we all recognize that, despite our different beliefs and political opinions, we cannot sever our ties as Jews. May we, then, affirm those ties – to the Jewish state, to our culture, to each other.

Rabbi Jeffrey Weill

# CANTOR'S NOTE



*"...for at every moment we are renewed" - (Reb Nachum of Chernobyl)*

*Me'or Eynayim* ("The Light of the Eyes") is a mystical text written by Rabbi Menachem Nachum of Chernybol. Reb Nachum, as he is known, was an early Hassidic master and disciple of the Baal Shem Tov, founder of the Hassidic movement.

Like other Hassidic masters, Reb Nachum believed that making a personal and spiritual connection with God is the ultimate goal of religious activity. (The Hassidim called this relationship *d'vekus*", or *devkut* – cleaving to God.) R. Nachum counsels us to keep our religious lives spontaneous, receptive and fresh. He teaches that religious experience must not "grow old, depriving you of the impression it should make". Instead, we must endeavor to keep our religious and spiritual activities fresh and spontaneous – whether in prayer, the study of Torah, or in the performance of *mitzvot*. Reb Nachum writes in *Me'or Eynayim*:

*Consider this illustration: one who is regularly in the king's presence does not feel [the same] awe and reverence for the king as one who does not see the king often. Therefore, the Torah warns, "Let the words of Torah be new to you as if they were given today"; that is, don't let your experience of each moment grow old, depriving you of the impression it should make...In this manner, we do not remain the same from moment to moment; for at every moment we are renewed...we are continually filled with passion for our lives.*

As we enter the secular New Year of 2022, may our days be filled with an ever-renewed striving for spirituality and openness to God's presence in our lives.

B'vracha,  
Cantor Daniel Gale

## ***Mazel Tov to...***

...Felice Eckhouse & Stephen Hutnick on the birth of their grandson, Caleb Sidney Hutnick, born October 4<sup>th</sup>.



...to Marcy & Michael Feinberg for the goody bags given at the Koleinu service on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, in honor of their 31<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.

...to Evie & Rabbi Ralph Ruebner for sponsoring the Kiddush on December 4<sup>th</sup>, in memory of his father, Maurice Ruebner.

# A Message from Ed Cohen, EHNTJC President

Thank you to everyone for all you have done this past year. Thanks to committee chairs, volunteers, the office crew, and so many more. We are a village, and everyone is contributing! A special EHNTJC thanks to our Sisterhood and Men's Club!

Rabbi and Cantor, I can't say enough, you have both been wonderful for us all. Our bima team have offered services 7 days a week, our Shabbat and festival services have been exceptional. They offer regular classes that so many enjoy. Both the Rabbi and Cantor assist with our school. The Religious School, small yet mighty, offers classes for grades K-7 including our Lehrhaus/Confirmation grades 8-10 offering.



Our annual Shpiel continues with a new and exciting theme on an old tale. This year it will be a congregational effort to promote, sell sponsorships, sell tickets, fill seats and get folks logged into our virtual offering.

Covid-19 updates have been offered from our stellar doctors. They made sure we were informed and they supported the congregation with information on Covid-19 boosters and flu shots. We held multiple sessions to provide information that helped keep our congregation, friends, and families safe and well.

We began in-person services during the summer, continuing with a blended virtual and in-person model seeing 50/50 mix of attendees. Our policy is to provide both in person and virtual offerings.

The High Holidays were a tremendous success, from planning the honors, with both in-person and virtual offering provided by our congregation and our partners, the Skokie Egalitarian Minyan and Congregation Kehillat Shalom.

In November we began meetings in person in the building.

Rabbi Brief's tribute recognized our Rabbi Emeritus for 50 years of service to EHNTJC and Skokie.

We had multiple fundraising successes. A big shout-out goes to the Ways & Means committee and our Capital Funds committee for their hard work driving our financial success.

Our partnership with our minyanim, the Skokie Egalitarian Minyan and Congregation Kehillat Shalom, continues with great success and collaboration.

Looking forward, we need to reenergize our committee chairs, provide goals and targets, and be sure we meet with our committees regularly. We have had an extended break, a Covid break. As we move forward with in-person and virtual offerings, we need to be creative to **provide value** through both channels. Committee chairs need to work with Jeanette to schedule meeting times today.

We continue to struggle with custodial assistance through the entire week and Shabbat.

Dennis Feinberg, the congregation's legal eagle, and I met with Gershon Bassman in November. The meeting was very cordial, friendly, and positive. We looked at several parts of the building regarding maintenance issues and Gershon indicated they would be taken care of as well as catching up on any past-due monthly amounts due. It was clearly acknowledged that another two years remains on the initial portion of the agreement and one "option" year. Gershon did not indicate that any alternate use of the building was considered and/or likely. Our time left in the building is somewhat open and several scenarios of our remaining in the building beyond the 6-year term remain viable and will be explored.

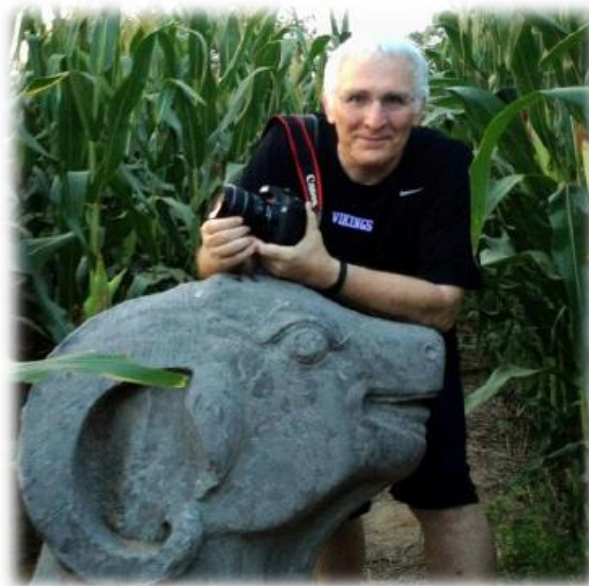
With Deepest Gratitude to our Wonderful  
Synagogue Family

for supporting us... for making donations... for showing up...  
for feeding us... for lifting us up in our time of need...  
and for your presence in our lives

Thank you,  
one and all,  
as we mourn the loss  
of our  
Dear Son

**KEN LUBOWICH**

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS



Marty & Shirley Lubowich



Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation  
**SISTERHOOD CORNER—January, 2022**

Diane Rosenfeld, President (raynesd@aol.com) Judy Arkin, Editor (kjarkin99@comcast.net)

***From the President's Desk...***

We have a great array of programs for 2022. Our January and February programs will be held on Zoom to allow participation by our members who are away for the winter. By this time, I hope that you have already registered for our January 5th program, "Chicago's Newest Murals." On January 19th, we will have our next book review, "The Color of Love" by Marra B. Gad.

The holiday of Tu B'shvat will be observed this year on January 17th. Tu B'shvat is the New Year of the Trees, and school children in Israel go into the forests and plant new saplings on this day. Outdoor planting cannot be done in our cold climate. But, we can celebrate Tu B'shvat by donating to tree planting causes like the Jewish National Fund, eating a variety of fruit associated with Israel, or by volunteering. Because this year Tu B'shvat aligns exactly with Martin Luther King Day, it is good to focus on service projects, especially those that have an environmental focus. Please join me at the Women's League Tu B'shvat Seder on Thursday, January 6th at 6:00 p.m. CT. (See the Women's League December 15th e-mail for details or contact me for more information.)

Our February program is a highlights tour of the new ANU, Museum of the Jewish People. Located on the campus of Tel Aviv University, formerly The Museum of the Diaspora, the museum has been greatly expanded. It is now the largest Jewish museum in the world! It represents all parts of the Jewish people and highlights the creative works and cultural riches of a variety of communities in different periods of history (flyer enclosed).

Our membership team is completing our campaign. If you have not yet paid your dues (\$36), please do so as soon as possible so that you can take advantage of our wonderful programs. Please also encourage your family and friends to join our Sisterhood.

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy 2022!.....Diane Rosenfeld

***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  
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**Our Media Moguls this month are:**

**Esther Berman**

*(with deep gratitude to everyone for their kindness and continuous support during Roger's recovery),*

**Joan Cook**

*(in honor of the birthday of my grandson, Andrew Kaplan),*

**Fran Givertz**

*(in memory of my mother, Andriana Fotinos and in honor of the birthdays of Bonnie Boehm and my nephew, Andrew),*

**Miriam Goldberger,**

**Mickey Gordon**

*(in honor of my grandchildren),*

**Bobbie Levin,**

**Esther Manewith**

*(in honor of our grandchildren),*

**Dori Marks, Ada Rabinowitz,**

**Diane Rosenfeld**

*(in honor of nephew David and grandchildren Josh, Avi, Zev, Ella, Max, Lexi, Jake and Ryan),*  
**Judi Stein and Dolly Zavell**

***Good and Welfare...***

- **Condolences** to Linda Ehrensaft on the passing of her husband, Don.
- **Condolences** to Paulette Levy on the passing of her husband, Julian.
- Wishing a **Refuah Shlayma** to Goldie Brandhandler.

**TODAH RABAH • תודה רבה • THANK YOU**

- Thanks to all who have made donations in support of our Sisterhood programming!
- Special thanks to some of our Chanukah raffle winners for their kind donations to our Sisterhood!
- Thank you to Susan Kaplan-Toch for her generous donation to Sisterhood in honor of her granddaughter, Elle Levy.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**by Judy Arkin - Programming V.P.**

**Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.**

**Chicago's Newest Murals**

**Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.**

**ANU Museum in Tel Aviv**

**Both programs will be on Zoom!**

**A BIG WELCOME to our new  
Sisterhood Members:  
Marilyn Chiappe and Irene Walanka**

## EDUCATION CORNER

### Tu B'Shvat

(= Rosh Hashanah for the Trees)

by Dr. Esther Javetz - Education V.P.

The name of the holiday means the fifteenth of Shvat (the 5<sup>th</sup> month in the Jewish calendar). All Jewish holidays were planned for the land of Israel, so they look weird in other countries. In the northern hemisphere, it is winter (snow and rain) and in the southern hemisphere, it is mid-summer (hot sun), so are those good planting seasons? No. But in the Middle East it is!

In Israel it is a rainy season, but with sunny days in between. There are good planting days, and after planting, one can expect rainy days to nourish the new baby trees.

#### Customs of Tu B'Shvat:

There are various customs around eating fruits, but one of the common ones is eating the 7 species that are indigenous to Israel. They are eaten in the following order: Wheat (could be cake); Barley (could be beer); Olives; Dates; Grapes; Figs; Pomegranates.

Why in this order? Because we take the fruit of one kernel to fruit more and more kernels.

#### Mystical Interpretations:

Throughout history, all holidays received more and more layers of interpretations. Tu B'Shvat is a holiday during the rainy season; well water is a metaphor to the Torah; the way the water is nourishing the little trees step by step until they become mature trees which bear fruit. The same is learning, which is step by step accumulating and creating a knowledgeable adult. The tree is a metaphor to an adult person (in the Bible: Ki Ha-Adam Etz Hasade).

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**Our next BOOK CLUB will be on  
Wednesday, January 19th at 10:30 a.m.  
on ZOOM to discuss**

**"The Color of Love" by Marra B. Gad**

Winner of the 2020 Midwest Book Award in Autobiography/Memoir, *The Color of Love*, by Marra B. Gad, recounts the journey of a mixed-race Jewish woman from adoption and prejudice to helping the members of her extended family who once shunned her.

Marra B. Gad's biological parents were a black man and a white, Jewish woman. In 1970, at three days old, she was adopted by a white, Jewish family in Chicago. For them, it was love at first sight—but the world was not ready for a family like theirs. In black spaces, Marra was considered "not black

enough" and encountered anti-semitism. In Jewish spaces, she was mistaken for the help, asked to leave, or worse. She even faced racism within her own family.

Marra's family cut ties with relatives who refused to accept her—including her once beloved and glamorous Great-Aunt Nette, who was like a "third-parent" to Marra's mother. But after 15 years of estrangement, Marra discovered that Nette had Alzheimer's, and that she was the only one able to reunite Nette with her family. Instead of revenge, Marra chose love, and watched as the disease erased her aunt's racism, making space for a relationship that was never possible before.

*The Color of Love* explores the idea of *yerusha*, which means "inheritance" in Yiddish, such an important concept that it was the original title of the book. At times heart-wrenching and heartwarming, this is a story about what you inherit from your family—identity, disease, melanin, hate, and most powerful of all, love.

We hope you will join us for a lively discussion!

Book Club Co-Chairs

Elaine Lampert (847)537-1240

Carol Gottlieb (847)501-1896

**NEXT UP: Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

*The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict  
(FYI...this is historical fiction about Hedy Lamar)



### Torah Fund 5782

by Rose-Lynn Jaffe –  
Torah Fund V.P.

Torah Fund celebrates its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. In Perkei Avot, it is written that 80 is the age of strength. The strength of Torah Fund comes from the wisdom and experience of the leaders of Women's League and sisterhoods like us. Over the years, the funds raised helped support the training of professionals at the Conservative/Masorti seminaries. Residence halls were built, a library room was transformed into the Women's League Seminary Synagogue and special scholarship projects were launched. For 80 years, we, the women of Conservative Synagogues, have used our wisdom and understanding to raise the funds to support these future professional leaders. I am proud to say that our sisterhood has been a strong partner in this fundraising.

Thanks to everyone who continues to support

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Join us on  
Wednesday, January 5th  
at 1:00 p.m. on *ZOOM!*  
with Beth Sair  
as we learn about some of  
Chicago's unique murals!



Travel virtually throughout Chicagoland with Beth Sair, passionate historian, and retired educator, as she shares some of Chicago's newest murals with you. While enjoying this fascinating PowerPoint presentation, you will learn unique details about Chicago's history and uplifting elements about the artists and their mural projects that feature communities, celebrities, and whimsical characters.

*No cost to participate, but donations to offset program costs are always appreciated...*

### **EHNTJC Sisterhood *Chicago Murals***

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**Wednesday—February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

**1:00 p.m. (CT) on ZOOM**

*(link opens at 12:45 p.m. – link will be sent out on February 1<sup>st</sup>)*



**COST:** Donations to offset program costs are always appreciated!



**EHNTJC Sisterhood *Tour of ANU Museum***

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# ***Lainie Kazan***

## ***Up Close and Personal***



**Sunday, January 30, 2022**  
**7:00 PM CST**

Spend an hour with Lainie Kazan as she talks about her career on Broadway, in the movies, on TV, headlining at nightclubs and more.

Lainie Kazan is the embodiment of the word entertainer – an artist who has reached the pinnacle in virtually every area of performance. She has come a long way since she was Barbara Streisand's Broadway understudy in "Funny Girl".

She was nominated for an Emmy Award, a Tony Award, and a Golden Globe Award but may be most recognized for her role as the mother (Maria Portokalos) in "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" 1 and 2. A third MBFGW movie is in the works!

Kazan was a guest on Dean Martin's variety series 26 times. Her TV work includes a recurring role as Aunt Frieda on the Fran Drescher sitcom "The Nanny" and as Kirstie Alley's mother on "Veronica's Closet" (Emmy nomination).

RSVP to [bill@ehnt.org](mailto:bill@ehnt.org) or 847-675-4141  
*Reservation is required to receive a Zoom link.*

**The program is free of charge and open to all!**  
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**"The Triangle  
Shirtwaist Factory Fire:  
Out of Tragedy Comes  
Social Justice"  
led by Pamela Nadell**

**Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 PM CST**



On the first day of spring in 1911, a terrible fire broke out in Manhattan's Garment District. When it ended half an hour later, 146 workers, mostly young immigrant Jewish women, were dead. This horror capping years of worker protests against intolerable conditions propelled a powerful coalition New Yorkers to enact factory safety legislation that would become a model for the nation.

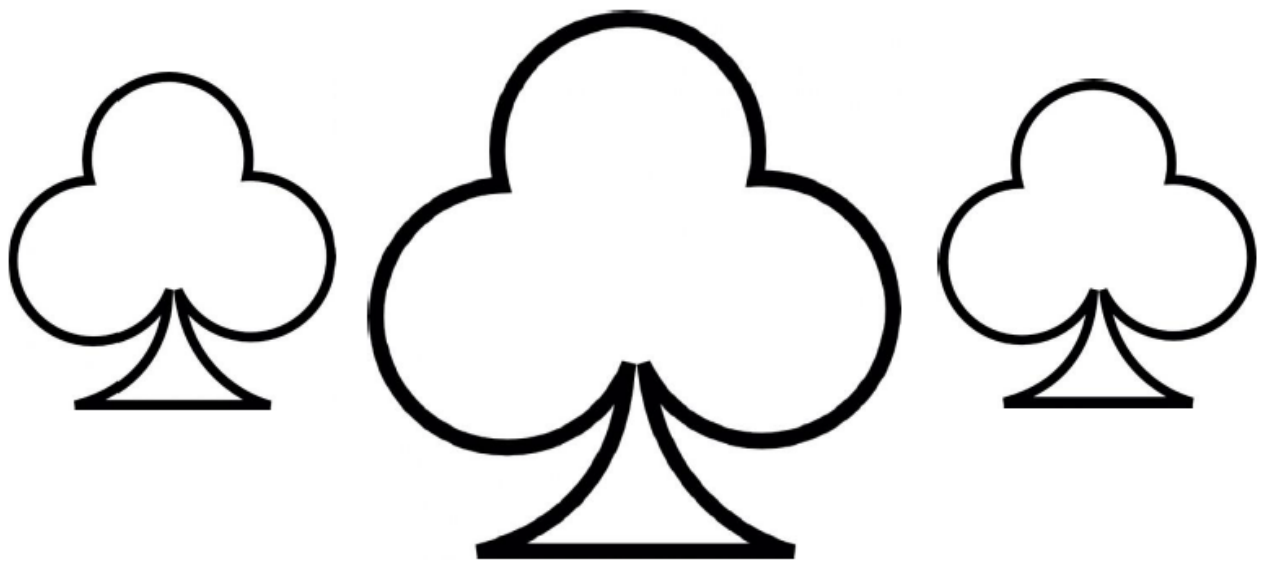
*Professor Pamela Nadell holds the Patrick Clendenen Chair in Women's and Gender History at American University where she directs the Jewish Studies Program and received the university's highest award, Scholar/Teacher of the Year. Her books include "Women Who Would Be Rabbis: A History of Women's Ordination, 1889-1985". A past president of the Association for Jewish Studies and the recipient of the American Jewish Historical Society's Lee Max Friedman Award for distinguished service. Her consulting work for museums includes the National Museum of American Jewish History and the Library of Congress.*

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*Gadi Ben-Dov was born in the U.S., raised on a Kibbutz in the Galilee and now lives in the center of Israel. Gadi became a licensed tour guide after finishing his IDF service as an officer and traveling the world. His love of travel and his many experiences have given him insights that he shares with every participant.*

**Sunday, January 23 to Tuesday, January 25, 2022  
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM CST**

Enjoy this spectacular three day tour of Petra & Spain from the comfort of your own home. See the wonders of the Nabatean heritage site and the red sandstone temples, in addition to the Alhambra Palace in Granada, Spain, and more...

Don't miss this opportunity!

**Cost: \$54 for all three days per Household  
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Can't make a session? Register anyway! You will have access to recordings on a private channel!

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**I cannot attend the tour but wish to make a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_**

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\_\_\_ Enclosed is my check (made payable to EHNTJC)

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



***Three Day Itinerary for EHNTJC Virtual Tour of Petra & Spain,  
January 23 to 25, 2022 from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM CST:***

**Day 1: Petra, Jordan - The Red Rock**

The Nabatean people built the city of Petra. They controlled the trade route from the bottom southern parts of the Arabian Peninsula to the shores of the Mediterranean. Their capital city was Petra or the rock, a beautiful city carved out of the local red sandstone complete with temples and buildings. The Nabateans controlled almost exclusively the trade of myrrh and frankincense to the Roman empire and became extremely wealthy and successful. They built this incredibly beautiful capital city in the country of Jordan today. Petra is a world heritage site recognized by UNESCO and made famous by Indiana Jones movies.

**Day 2: Spain: The North: Madrid, Toledo and Girona**

Explore with me the modern capital of Spain today, the city of Madrid. Madrid is a relatively new city and the seat of the king and the government. Visit the Royal Palace and the beautiful gardens that are typical of this modern city. The city of Toledo was the original capital of Spain, for many centuries. It is less than a two-hour drive to the south. Situated on the banks of the Tagus River with breath taking views, Toledo is a beautiful ancient city surrounded by old walls. Hiding in them are ancient synagogues alleyways that tell the stories and connections to Jewish life that was once here.

Visit the northern city of Girona, another major Jewish city of the Spanish Golden age. We will visit the beautifully preserved Jewish Quarter and walk down the alleyways to the Jewish Museum housed in a building that used to be a synagogue. Girona is the hometown of the famous Rabbi Nachmanidies, Rabbi Moshe Ben Nachman (Ramban).

**Day 3: Spain: The South: Granada, Seville and Malaga**

The Muslims who controlled the Iberian Peninsula for a brief time were the most important developed and advanced empire during the 8-15 centuries CE. Even more than in Europe during the Middle Ages. After losing the northern part of the Peninsula to Charlemagne in the early 800s, they controlled the southern part for several centuries and allowed culture, science, medicine, philosophy and more to flourish. The Jewish population of this region produced great rabbis, writers, thinkers, doctors and lawyers who lived under the rule of the Muslims. We will visit the great cities of Spanish Jewish life during the Muslim control of the area and visit highlights such as the Alhambra Palace, the Generalife gardens, the Mesquite, the Seville cathedrals, the Synagogues and Jewish remains. We will follow the stories of famous rabbis such as Maimonides, the Rambam, Rabbi Yehudah Halevi and Solomon ibn Gabirol just to name a few.

**No passports needed!**

**Leave the sunscreen at home!**

**Bring snacks and wine for a l'chaim at the end!**

***Looking forward to sharing this experience with you!***

*Ada Rabinowitz, Ways & Means Chair and Dolly Zavell, Program Chair*

*Ways & Means Committee Members: Barbara Barnett, Bette Blumenthal, Marsha Brody,*

*Barbara Brotine, Barbara Dorfman, Joel Farber, Judy Frank, Mickey Gordon,*

*Ronia Gross, Jack Lauwasser, Bobbie Levin, Dori Marks, Debbie Novoselsky, Sally Rosenberg,*

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*\*In-Person & Virtual*

**\*Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 8:00 PM CST & \*Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 1:30 PM CST**

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(List guest's names & emails on back/Include dates and times)

I will attend/watch the performance on:

\_\_\_ Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 8:00 PM (In-person only) \_\_\_ Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 1:30PM (In-person only)

\_\_\_ Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 8:00 PM Please select one: \_\_\_ In-person \_\_\_ Virtual

\_\_\_ Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 1:30 PM Please select one: \_\_\_ In-person \_\_\_ Virtual

\_\_\_ # of tickets at \$25 Sponsor \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sponsor payment due by March 1<sup>st</sup> 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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## Join our Social-Action Committee

The Social Action Committee will be meeting soon to start working on some very interesting and important programs for the coming year. We hope that we will be able to interest you, our membership, to help by participating in our programs for the coming year.

Anyone interested in being on the committee, please contact me.

Thanks.

Marsha Brody, Social Action Chair

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Do you have a business you would like to advertise in our Bulletin?

Contact Jeanette Sigler for more information at 847-675-4141.



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.

[ehnt.org/marketplace](http://ehnt.org/marketplace)

### 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.



## Good Bye to 2021 Ways & Means Welcomes 2022

2021 was a very successful year for us. In spite of the many challenges we raised \$92,210.44 and still climbing. We thank everyone who helped us reach this terrific total. Your help, support and cooperation really made a difference. We appreciate our staff, our clergy and volunteers and thank them for always being there for us.

Last year's events and projects included the Virtual Israel Trip, the Purim Shpiel, "*Megillahgan's Islands*", Rabbi Brief's Tribute Book, Cantor Gale's Concert "*Songs of Love*", the Rosh Hashanah Honey Sale, Bulletin Ads, Amazon rebates, and Jewel Gift Cards.

We are starting 2022 with a **Virtual Trip to Petra & Spain** from **January 23<sup>rd</sup> to January 25<sup>th</sup>**. The trip will be 1 ½ hours each night from 7:30 to 9:00 PM CST. We are pleased to host this event and hope that you will join us on this wonderful tour. A flyer is in this bulletin. For more information call the office or visit [ehnt.org](http://ehnt.org).

We are looking forward to the **2022 Purim Shpiel, "Shushan, Incorporated"**. The performances will be the weekends of March 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. We know the show will be creative and entertaining! Ken Dermer, the writer and producer, always thrills us with his amazing talent! A flyer is also included in this mailing.

Stay tuned! We are planning some unique programs including a **special summer event**, the **Cantor's Concert**, as well as our **Honey Sale** for the High Holidays.

We are grateful to you, our members, for your past support and ask you for your continued commitment to our EHNTJC community. Thank you in advance! With your help, 2022 will be another successful year!

**Ada Rabinowitz, Chairman**

**Ways and Means Committee:** Barbara Barnett, Bette Blumenthal, Marsha Brody, Barbara Brotine, Barbara Dorfman, Joel Farber, Judy Frank, Mickey Gordon, Ronia Gross, Jack Lauwasser, Bobbie Levin, Dori Marks, Debbie Novoselsky, Sally Rosenberg, Veronika Urban, Sally Brown-Winter, Dolly Zavell, and Sharon Zite

## EHNTJC offers heartfelt condolences to...

Paulette Levy on the loss of her husband,  
Julian Levy.

Shirley & Marty Lubowich on the loss of  
their son, Kenneth Lubowich.

*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 memorial plaque would be a most fitting, traditional and dignified remembrance.

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:

**Harriett Farber**

*by Joel Farber and Beth Farber*

**Charlotte (Lottie) Nemtzow**

## Tree of Life



Share Your Joy or Honor a Loved One  
Dedicate a leaf on the  
Tree of Life sculpture  
in the synagogue lobby.

Call Bill Gerber in the office.

## 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 purchase 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.



# Let's Celebrate!!

## January Birthdays

Kenneth Arkin	Anelyn Jablo	James Rabinowitz
Faye Bearman	Joshua Jensen	Jeffrey Reich
Ed Bettenhausen	Raphael Kaplan	Jessica Reich
Linda Berkowitz	Dorette Klein	Sherry Rontal
Katherine Black	Elaine Koffman	Henry Rosenbaum
Elaine Bogetz	Shelley Korey	Ralph Ruebner
Susan Boldrey	Bobbie Levin	Mary Schenk
Bruce Claver	Annabel Levine	Bonnie Stesin
Miriam Davidson	Dan Newbart	Phillip Warren
Paula DeBofsky	Henry Novoselsky	Laurie Wasserman
Debbie Dragon	Kathleen Parker	
Zahava Fenig	Steven Parker	
William Gerber	Norman Persky	
Sam Goldfarb	Alex Pruzan	
Norman Grossman		

## February Birthdays

Jeffrey Cunix	Harriet Jacobs	Rachel Schwab
Sylva Dachman	Mackenzie Kramer	Jeanette Sigler
Grace Dickler	Elena Batman Levin	Pye Squire
Ian Erdos	Alan Levy	Uri Toch
Judy Frank	Shirley Lubowich	Jill Todres
Madeline Goldman	Bob Manewith	Sherry Warso
David Gordon	Jeff Michaelson	Betsy Weill
	Michael Reich	Jason White
	Malcolm Rich	Steven Wiseman
	Jerry Salzberg	Sharon Wiseman
	Shaunna Schlag	Dolly Zavell

## January Anniversaries

Steve & Zahava Davidson  
Tamara Glassburg & James Sanders  
Randy & Rose-Lynn Jaffe  
Jackie & Jack Lauwasser

## February Anniversaries

Marvin & Ellen Bero  
Martin & Shirley Lubowich  
David & Andy Reich  
Jeffrey & Valerie Reich  
Rabbi Victor & Tamar Weissberg

## Have a Simcha?

Call the office if you would like to make a donation to the **Gerald Melton Simcha Fund**. Donations can commemorate a special event or simcha.

# Ezra-Habonim. the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

## CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND

Bonnie & Dennis Feinberg  
Sydelle Klein  
Judy & Alan Harris  
Francine Schulman

## IN MEMORY OF

Stephen Sondheim  
Lottie Weinstein  
Lottie Weinstein  
Howard Carroll

## CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND

Bette Blumenthal the wonderful Cantor's Concert  
Judith & Nick Greifer the wonderful Cantor's Concert  
Carla & Allan Price Cantor Gale's and Elena Batman Levin's  
Cantor's Concert performances

## CONGREGATION FUND

Helen & Michael Abrams  
Judy & Ken Arkin  
Penny Leshin Arnold  
Harriet Berland

## IN MEMORY OF

Kenneth Lubowich  
Kenneth Lubowich  
Harry Witt  
Bertha Baum  
Albert Baum

Elaine Blaustein

Harold Horowitz

Bette Blumenthal

Irvin Blaustein

Filis Casey

Thomas M. Blumenthal

Sherry Chedeck

Kenneth Lubowich

Lillian & Ed Cohen

Beverly Wolin

Joan Cook

Kenneth Lubowich

Sandi Cowen

Aaron Cook

Nina Cunningham

Ken Lubowich

Bonnie Delongchamp

Sidney Strickler

Barbara & Herbert Dorfman

Ken Lubowich

Shoshana Dorman & Bruce Braverman

Ida Graff

Mary Erbaugh

Margaret Graff

Emilia Elgamil

Ken Lubowich

Robert Fine

Jacob Elgamil

Adrienne & Irwin Friedman

beloved mother, Jeanette Fine

Sue Pinsky Gardner

Sam Friedman

Bill Gerber

Julian Levy

Bill and Joel Gerber

Julian Levy

Frances Givertz

Ken Lubowich

Harline Goldberg

Andriana Fotinos

Lee Golden

Izzie Givertz

Ted Golden and Family

Leo Refkin

Lester Gordon

Abraham Golden

Carol Gottlieb

Israel Zygan

Fran & Mel Green

Norma Gordon

Nancy & David Greenfield

Neal Gottlieb

Marilyn Gross

Sheldon Minow

Ronia Gross

Kenneth Lubowich

Davida Grossman

Natalie Abrams

Judy & Alan Harris

beloved father, Ephraim Dallal

Marlene & Jordan Hecktman

beloved sister, Clementine Shoug

Evelyn Hirshman

Gerry Neer

Burton Hochberg

Morris Beckerman

Sally Jablo

Mildred Beckerman

Jeff Kaiser

Joel Harris

Anna & Larry Kaplan

Max Moschel

Judy & Art Klowden

Jennie Rifkind

Leah Lazere and Janet Keiser

Dorothy Hochberg

## CONGREGATION FUND

Bobbie & Stuart Levin

## IN MEMORY OF cont'd.

Alex Meisinger

Alan Levy

Kenneth Lubowich

Stephanie Liss

Ruby Levy

Shirley & Marty Lubowich

Julian Levy

Esther & Bob Manewith

Kenneth Lubowich

Sylvia Lieberman

Ken Lubowich

Charles Bankendorf

Sol Bankendorf

Rose Manewith

Manuel Gross

Ken Lubowich

Ken Lubowich

Ken Lubowich

Alma Kaufman

Elsie Minkus

Julian Levy

Eugene Newman, Sr.

Jack Probisky

Esther Probisky

Mitchell Pearlman

Ken Lubowich

Ken Lubowich

Ken Lubowich

Dorothy Persky

Julian Levy

Julian Levy

Ken Lubowich

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Ken Lubowich

Julian Levy

Shirley Gendell

Else Servos

Ken Lubowich

Max Ries

Kurt Baer

Aenne Metzger

Julian Levy

Julian Levy

Dr. Allan H. Repkin

Sampson L. Myers

Meyer Rheinstrom

Max Ries

Kenneth Mark Lubowich

beloved father, Maurice Ruebner

dear father, Herbert Prauer

dear uncle, Eugene Katz

Julian Levy

Ken Lubowich

Charles Schwartz

Ken Lubowich

beloved mother, Clara Tarschis

Kenneth Lubowich

beloved mother, Clara Zaner

Arlene Nelson

Belle Lukinsky

George Toll

Kate Millman

David Toll

Julian Levy

Barbara Siver

Carol & Joel Singer and Family

Esther Siver

Esther Siver, Janet Terry, Hannah and Sophie Kreinik

Keith Kreinik

Jerome Soltan

Renée Soltan

Ken Lubowich

Joanne Stein

Markus Bloom

Judi, Alex and Laura Stein

Ken Lubowich

# Ezra-Habonim. the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

## CONGREGATION FUND

Julie Stone & Scott Mendeloff  
Marcia Templer  
Nancy & Jack Thompson  
Andrea Toback

Cynthia & Neal Toback  
Barbara & Burton Turek  
Veronika & George Urban

Ilene Wallerstein  
Philip (Pablo) Warren

Ina and Brian Weiner  
Dolly & Bob Zavell

## IN MEMORY OF cont'd.

Julian Levy  
Ruth Levy  
Ken Lubowich  
Perry Toback  
Sophie Toback  
Perry Toback  
Julian Levy  
Ken Lubowich  
Alfred Glück  
Ida Wolberg  
Adela Bruder  
Evelyn Warren  
Israel Zygmán  
Ken Lubowich

## CONGREGATION FUND

## IN HONOR OF

Bill Gerber Felice Eckhouse and Stephen Hutnick's new grandson,  
Caleb Sidney Hutnick  
Judith Harris' 75<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Joanne Stein's special birthday  
Trudy Turner and Scott Beller's 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
Sally Brown-Winter and Jeff Winter's 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
Bill and Joel Gerber Glenda Elam's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Barbara and Brent Brotine's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
Sally Jablo a speedy recovery to Judith-Rae Ross  
Al Lipson's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Barbara Kite Dennis Feinberg  
Bobbie & Stuart Levin Ada Rabinowitz's birthday  
Roger Berman's birthday  
Elena Batman Levin's spectacular Cantor's Concert performance  
Rabbi Shlomo & Annabel Levine Eli Libenson and Judy Chester—  
our *Hatan Torah* and *Kallat Torah*  
Ada & Beryl Rabinowitz a speedy recovery to Menucha Levy  
Debbie & Stewart Reich our grandchildren  
Joanne Stein's special birthday  
Barbara and Brent Brotine's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
Roberta Schwartz general donation  
The Shulman Family Dr. Stanford Shulman's Festschrift for his  
retirement from Lurie Children's Hospital  
Cheryl & Larry Sklar Ken Dermer's selection as the Men's Club  
"Man of the Year"  
Elaine Weill Rabbi Jeffrey Weill  
Dolly & Bob Zavell Mickey Gordon's granddaughter  
Danielle Gordon's marriage to Will Smith  
Sandi Cowen's birthday

## GEMILUTH CHESED—LOTTE GRUEN FUND IN MEMORY OF

Carolyn Standler-Reed & David Reed Lottie Goldberg Weinstein  
Evie & Ralph Ruebner Ken Lubowich  
Jerry Salzberg Morris Salzberg  
Betty Salzberg  
Bruce Salzberg  
Anne Salzberg  
Sandra Salzberg  
Nina Wayne Klein  
Geoffrey Forward

## GEMILUTH CHESED—LOTTE GRUEN FUND IN HONOR OF

Irene Walanka general donation

## H. GREENBAUM CAMP RAMAH FUND

## IN MEMORY OF

Chuck Goldstein Ken Lubowich

## PRAYER BOOK FUND

## IN MEMORY OF

EHNTJC Men's Club Julian Levy  
Harvey Mantel and Family Kenneth Mark Lubowich

## PRAYER BOOK FUND

## IN MEMORY OF cont'd.

Marsha & Richard Newman

Kenneth Lubowich  
Lotte Nemtsov

## RABBI'S SPECIAL FUND

## IN MEMORY OF

Linda Fox Ken Lubowich  
Mickey Gordon Kenneth Lubowich  
Mickey Gordon, Staci Cohen and Family David Finkelstein  
Sydelle Klein Senator Howard Carroll  
Elaine Wayne  
Cheryl & Larry Sklar Lottie Goldberg Weinstein

## RABBI'S SPECIAL FUND

## IN HONOR OF

The Claver Family with Chanukah wishes for the Weill Family  
Bill and Joel Gerber Mickey Gordon's granddaughter  
Danielle Gordon's marriage to Will Smith  
Veronika & George Urban our *Chanukat HaBayit*  
Dolly & Bob Zavell Marcy and Michael Feinberg's  
31<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary

## REICH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

## IN HONOR OF

Bill Gerber Meredith and Benjamin Kramer's  
10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EDUCATION FUND

## IN MEMORY OF

Edith Standler Lottie Goldberg Weinstein

## TALCOTT/LEVIN YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND IN MEMORY OF

Ellen Menaker & Marty Pozesky Ken Lubowich

## A Minyan Reminder...\*Virtual

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  
Saturday 6:00 PM followed by Havdalah  
Sunday 9:30 AM

*\*Check the weekly News Byte for Zoom links*

*\*\*Folk-Rock-Torah follows each Wednesday evening minyan.*

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