



Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

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January/February 2023

Tevet/Shevat/Adar 5783



From the Rabbi's Desk

Dear Friends,

We often fail to realize that we live in an important time for the Jewish people. Throughout our history, we have usually not possessed autonomy in the land that, according to Torah, God promised Abraham and his descendants (read: us). While there has been continuous Jewish presence in the land, most of our history has been marked by exile.

We are in exile no longer. We are especially appreciative and proud of that fact as we approach the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the modern nation-state of Israel.

Some of you have been to Israel several times. Some have been, but it's been awhile. Some have never been. As Rabbi Hillel taught two centuries ago, *"Im lo achshav, aimatai? If not now, when?"*

Our March 2023 trip to Israel is shaping up very well. We are working with a tour company to design a trip that will be perfect for first-time and veteran visitors to Israel. Our trip will offer fascinating and provocative insights into many dimensions of Israeli society. And, of course, we will visit all the inspiring must-see sights. I was delighted to learn that the same charming and excellent guide from our last trip is leading this one as well.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO SIGN UP!

The deadline is February 15, but there is a price benefit if you commit by January 15th. To discuss travel arrangements, contact fellow congregant Marlene Singer at marlene@lakeshoretravel.com. To discuss the nature of the trip, call me: 847-736-9982.

The dogged determination of Zionist pioneers created a modern miracle. The miracle continues through the dazzling creativity of today's Israelis.

Come to Israel. If not now, when?

Yours,

Rabbi Jeffrey Weill

Welcome!

Welcome to our...

New Members:

Alona Anspach

Beth Farber

Adrienne & Irwin Friedman

Judie Pittel

Sarah & Seymour Rabens

Hanning Zhang & Steve Rosenbloom

Shari Zimelman

New Friend:

David Dana

CANTOR'S NOTE



***Kol Yisrael Areivim Zeh Bazei* - all Jews are responsible for one another**

Progressive and liberal Jews around the world are united in deep concern about the recent political news from Israel. Last Shabbat morning, Rabbi Weill spoke passionately about Israel's current governing coalition which includes ultra-nationalist and right-wing ministers, some of whose views are deeply anathema to many Jews, and I would argue to the universal spirit of Judaism itself. There are expressions of concern not only from the usual liberal voices like J Street, but also from the ADL which stated that including far-right lawmakers in a government "runs counter to Israel's founding principles", and from the Jewish Federations of North America which called for "inclusive and pluralistic" policies.

Along with many Jews in Israel and throughout the Diaspora we must speak out for the rights of the LGBTQ community, for liberal and secular Jews, and non-Jewish Israeli residents and citizens alike, *whose Jewish values-based rights are being challenged by a nationalist, right-wing government in Israel.*

"*Kol Yisrael aveirim zeh ba-zeh*". The Talmud teaches that "all Jews are responsible for one another", that we must be committed to the concept of *K'lal Yisrael* - the community of Israel and the unity of the Jewish people. Yet Judaism and Jewish history also teach that for *K'lal Yisrael*, the sacred community of Israel to survive and flourish Jews and Judaism must contribute not just to the well-being of "our own", but that we must also work tirelessly for the betterment of the material/political/secular lives of those outside our own community - whether in Israel or the Diaspora.

How can we do this? By acknowledging as deeply Jewish those values and teachings which contribute not only to the lives and benefit of Jews and Judaism, but also to the larger society in which we live. *K'lal Yisrael* must be based not only on Jewish unity but also Jewish values.

May the secular New Year 2023 bring peace, blessing and a sense of compassion and unity to *K'lal Yisrael* and to all humanity.

Shalom,
Dan

A Message from Ed Cohen, EHNTJC President

It has been an honor and a privilege to be president of EHNTJC. Although we have had many successes, some challenges continue.

It takes a lot of help for a president to be successful. If I have been successful, the credit goes to those with whom I have worked these last six years. Every person who has served as an officer or board member has contributed their time, resources, new ideas, and thoughtful consideration of what is best for EHNTJC through their personal efforts and labor. Their contributions are what makes EHNTJC a viable and relevant synagogue.



We seek many different things from EHNTJC. Some of us are with us daily, seeking to understand our Jewish heritage, identity, increase our education, observance and spirituality. Others of us are here 3 times a year. Some can read, write and speak Hebrew fluently - others not a word. Some of us are Jews whose lives revolve around our affinity for Judaism while others feel challenged to relate to Jewish teachings, and in fact, may be asking why I am here tonight? Our leadership has put out an all-inclusive welcome mat, our arms wide open to greet you and to provide a hospitable tent to accommodate all who wish to join us. I assert that our greatest challenge is to solicit our ever-increasing unaffiliated neighbors.

In many respects, it's all about connections, connections to the Jewish people, connections to a Jewish Community, to our beloved EHNTJC. Our job as a synagogue is to help you and others make these connections. Here at the synagogue, our job is to make the wonderful community we have here at EHNTJC your community, one where you feel comfortable, welcome and important.

I want to personally thank all the people who have served and worked with me these last six years. I couldn't have done it without you.

This President may be stepping down, but I will still be an active member of EHNTJC, working with our new officers and board members to keep EHNTJC going from strength to strength, generation to generation.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Shul!

With warm wishes,

Ed



Message from Shelley Sutker-Dermer, incoming President

I am excited and honored to be the new president of EHNTJC and I look forward to working with the Executive Board, the Board of Trustees, the clergy, staff and all our members on behalf of our beloved congregation. I am also looking forward to upcoming events including the virtual trip to Paris on Jan. 8th and Jan. 15th; the 14th Annual Purim Shpiel, "The Lyin' Queen," in March; the congregational trip to Israel with Rabbi Weill beginning March 16th (for those of you who are able to attend) and so much more!

I want to thank the outgoing president and board members for their hard work and commitment.

Ed Cohen has been our president for the past six years. He has done an amazing job meeting the unexpected challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of the changes, such as the ability to attend services remotely, have permanently improved how we serve our members. It would be impossible to convey in a few lines how much I appreciate all Ed has done for our synagogue. I know he will continue to support me and the new board as past president.

I feel very lucky to be part of the leadership team of this wonderful synagogue.

Shelley Sutker-Dermer

Mazel Tov to...

...Esther & Bob Manewith on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Isabelle Castner, born December 6, 2022.

...Ronia & Jerry Gross on the birth of their granddaughter, Razly Dolores Gross, born December 21, 2022.

...Tamara Glassburg's son, Robert Sanders, on being one of two Americans selected for the Orchestra Academy of the Vienna Philharmonic.



...Roz Cherry for sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon on December 3rd, in honor of her 80th birthday.

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SISTERHOOD CORNER—January, 2023

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

From the President's Desk...

I have just returned from the funeral of Sisterhood and congregation member, Goldie Brandhandler. As I write this article, I am reflecting about the many tributes I heard today about this very special woman. She had been a leader in both Sisterhood and Women's League in the 1950's, 60's, 70's and beyond at Ner Tamid Congregation in West Rogers Park. She served as president of that Sisterhood and participated in a very special project—transcribing books into Braille. Our condolences to Goldie's family on the passing of this lovely woman.

At this time, I am also preparing for Chanukah and looking forward to celebrations with family and friends. I am happy to share with you a few Chanukah customs in other parts of the world.....

Jews in one region of France, called **Alsace**, commonly used double-decker menorahs with space for 16 lights rather than 8. The second set of lights was used so that both a father and his son could light a candle together on one menorah.

In **Budapest**, Chanukah is a huge deal. Every year, the city hosts the Quarter 6/Quarter 7 Festival, named after the districts that make up Budapest's historic Jewish quarter. For 8 nights, citizens celebrate with flash mobs, concerts, theatre performances, and special Chanukah menus at local restaurants.

In **Yemen and other North African countries**, the 7th night has adopted new meaning. This night is reserved for celebrating women, inspired by heroines of the Torah, specifically Hannah—a woman who sacrificed 7 sons to protect Judaism against Greek pressure to convert, and Judith, a woman who helped to lead the Maccabean army to a fantastic win.

Please join us on zoom for our January and February programs which will focus on Jewish life and culture in other countries. On January 4th we will learn about *Notable Ukrainian Jews Who Influenced Our World*, and we will see a program on *The Jews of Cuba* on February 1st.

Happy and Healthy New Year to all of you and your families!

L' Shalom, 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
4500 Dempster Street • Skokie, IL 60076

Our Media Moguls this month are:

Esther Berman

(in honor of my grandchildren),

Joan Cook

(in honor of the birthday of my grandson,

Andrew Russell Kaplan),

Fran Givertz

(in honor of my family and friends),

Miriam Goldberger,

Mickey Gordon

(in honor of my grandchildren),

Bobbie Levin,

Esther Manewith

(in honor of our grandchildren),

Dori Marks, Ada Rabinowitz and Judi Stein

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• Thanks to all who have made donations in support of our Sisterhood programming!

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Membership Update!

by Roz Cherry - Membership V.P.

We are now in the midst of our membership campaign! Thank you to all of you who have renewed your membership and have also encouraged your friends and neighbors to join! We are so happy to have so many new members. We look forward to seeing you at our wonderful cultural, musical and educational events. Please continue to introduce others to our Sisterhood. Membership dues are \$36, and a check can be dropped off or mailed to the synagogue.

Questions about membership? Please contact me at 847-975-3823 or rosalynrcherry@icloud.com.

**A BIG WELCOME to our new
Sisterhood Members:
Eleanor Bernstein, Rosalyn Harris
and Beverly Silverman**

Good and Welfare...

- **Refuah Shlema** to Gloriann Levy and Renée Repkin.
- **Mazel Tov** to Esther Manewith on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Isabelle Castner.
- **Condolences** to the family of Goldie Brandhandler.
- **Condolences** to Bette Blumenthal on the passing of her brother-in-law, Henry Eaton.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

by Judy Arkin - Programming V.P.

Wednesday, January 4th at 1:00 p.m.

**Notable Ukrainian Jews Who
Influenced Our World -**
by Leah Polin (ZOOM only)

Wednesday, February 1st at 1:00 p.m.

Jews of Cuba -
by Helene Herman (ZOOM only)

*see back page for flyer

Wednesday, February 15th at 10:30 a.m.

Book Club - (ZOOM only)

**"Ticking Clock: Behind the Scenes at
60 Minutes" by Ira Rosen**

EDUCATION CORNER

by Bobbie Levin - Education Committee

Destruction of Our First Temple

On the 10th day of the Hebrew month of Tevet (this year observed on January 3, 2023), we commemorate the Destruction of our First Temple.

In 588BCE the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar began the siege of Jerusalem, culminating in 586BCE with the destruction of our first temple, Solomon's Temple. This led to the downfall of the Kingdom of Judah and the Babylonian exile of the Jewish people.

This is commemorated in Judaism as a minor Fast Day, from dawn until nightfall. According to tradition, the fast on the Tenth of Tevet also commemorates other calamities that occurred throughout Jewish history.

The Chief Rabbinate of Israel chose to observe the Tenth of Tevet as a general Kaddish Day to allow relatives of victims of the Holocaust, whose yahrzeits are unknown, to say Kaddish in their memory.

The significance of the Fast is to awaken our hearts toward repentance. Each person is obligated to examine their deeds and repent, leading to good actions and deeds.



*If you have a good idea,
carry it out before it fades.*

WAYS & MEANS

by Judy Frank - Ways & Means V.P.

We had a very successful fundraiser at our December meeting with both our boutique and our raffle.

The women enjoyed shopping with the vendors and especially at our Judaica shop. The raffle prizes (cash) hidden in the menorah candles was a "big hit" and great fun!

Deanna Shoss, our synagogue and Sisterhood member, spoke at our synagogue on November 30th, and afterwards donated copies of her book, written with Jerry Witkovsky **"Where Two Worlds Meet: A Guide to Connecting with Your Teenage Grandchildren."** Please stop by our gift shop and purchase a copy of the book. They are \$12 each.

I want to remind everyone about our "Leagrams". It is a wonderful Sisterhood fundraiser in which all members can participate. A Leagram is sent to members with wishes for a Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary. Your name can be included on each Leagram sent for an annual cost of \$54. Contact Debbie Reich at dr0615@aol.com to be included in the Leagrams.

847-530-4572 or Judy@tcscorp.com

We are looking for volunteers to assist during Koleinu and Shabbat Ruach services. The greeter for the evening would also unplug the coffee pot and wrap/put away the cookies, etc.

If you are able to do this, please contact Bill Gerber in the synagogue office at 847-675-4141 or bill@ehnt.org.





TORAH FUND 80th BIRTHDAY

by Rose-Lynn Jaffe – Torah Fund V.P.

The dedicated philanthropy of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Torah Fund, has raised nearly **\$106 million** in its 80 years. Over these years, our donors have had an important role in the perpetuity of Conservative Judaism. More than 35 years ago, a change in the Conservative Movement allowed women to become Rabbis and Cantors and so lead synagogues and other Jewish organizations.

Our Sisterhood is a proud member of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism. Your donations to Torah Fund have supported scholarships and programming at *The Jewish Theological Seminary (NY)*, *Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies (LA)*, *Schechter Institutes of Jewish Studies (Jerusalem)*, *Seminario Rabbinico Latinoamericano (Buenos Aires, Argentina)* and *Zacharias Frankel College (Potsdam, Germany)*.

Our 2022-2023 theme **Chazak v'Ematz**, be Strong and Courageous, celebrates our 80th anniversary of ever-increasing strength of Torah Fund. With your help and donations, we will continue to grow – from strength to strength.

**Our next *Sisterhood* Book Club will meet Wednesday, February 15th
at 10:30 a.m. on ZOOM to discuss**

***"Ticking Clock: Behind the Scenes
at 60 Minutes"*
by Ira Rosen**



Based on decades of access and experience, producer Ira Rosen takes readers behind closed doors to offer an incisive look at the show that invented TV investigative journalism, *60 Minutes*. Written with an eye for colorful detail, Rosen writes about his years as Mike Wallace's top producer. Rosen later became the senior producer of ABC's *Primetime Live* and *20/20*. He has won 24 Emmy awards as well as two Peabody Awards, for excellence in quality storytelling. Telling the stories of the famous, from Tom Brady to Hillary Clinton, and the infamous including corrupt politicians and mobster John Gotti Jr., from Israel to Pakistan and beyond, Rosen has been a part of the interviews with newsmakers and policy shapers from around the world. His investigations into wrongly imprisoned people, shoddy conditions at a Virginia VA hospital and the plight of refugees, had the capacity to right some of the wrongs of society. As the child of a Holocaust survivor, Rosen believed the long hours, frequent verbal abuse and pressure were worth it because journalism provided him with the opportunity to expose injustices. At times humorous, but always highly entertaining, this revealing portrait of one of American television's most famous and successful news shows is sure to be an interesting read.

Carol Gottlieb and Dolly Zavell – Book Club Chairs

JCFS Holiday Winter Gift Drive

by Julie Weill - Social Action V.P.

Thank you to all the Sisterhood members who participated in the JCFS Holiday Winter Gift Drive this year! Our Sisterhood and religious school families raised over \$2,000 to fulfill the Wish Lists of 30 children who are JCFS clients throughout the Chicago area.

Thank you to Jamie Pawlan for helping to lead the project and to Nina Summers, Bina Rubinson, Michelle Mantel and Miriam Davidson for working with the religious school families to raise the funds and purchase the gifts, including Legos, wooden puzzles, headphones, stuffed animals, origami art sets, and more for children ages 3-18. Thank you for helping to bring a bright Hanukkah to so many who deserve it.

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**Please join us for a special presentation
on**

The Jews of Cuba



by Helene Herman

Helene recently retired as President of a 400-member LifeLong learning SLED Club in Florida that evolved from Brandeis Women. She is a lecturer for a number of university led LifeLong learning programs on a variety of historical and cultural topics.

Wednesday—February 1st, 2023

1:00 p.m. CST on ZOOM*

(link opens at 12:45 p.m.)

****Since we will not be meeting in-person for this program, we are offering it to you at no charge –but donations to offset the program costs are always appreciated!***



Name: _____ E-mail: _____

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The EHNTJC Men's Club

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Presents

“From the Catskills with Love”



Hosted by Irv Slifkin & Laurence Lerman

Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 7:30 PM CST

The now mostly shuttered summer resorts of Southeastern New York's Catskill Mountains – Grossinger's, Kutsher's, the Raleigh, the Concord, the Pines and others – provided the formative years for many prominent Jewish comedy stars for a number of decades up through the 1970s. Discover the origins of the region that came to be known as the Borscht Belt and how such youngsters as Woody Allen, Shelley Berman, Totie Fields, Milton Berle, Jack E. Leonard, Joan Rivers, Jerry Lewis, Betty Garrett, Danny Kaye and Myron Cohen left their audiences in stitches. Plus, we take a look at the movies inspired by the “Jewish Alps”.

Irv Slifkin has had a lifelong love for movies and popular culture. A native Philadelphian, Irv teaches film and journalism classes at Temple University and Rowan College. He is the author of the books *Filmadelphia: A Celebration of a City's Movies* and *Groovy Movies: Far-Out Films of the Psychedelic Era*. In addition to writing for such publications as the Philadelphia Inquirer, Entertainment Weekly, The Hollywood Reporter, Chicago Tribune and Los Angeles Times, Irv has lectured on film and popular culture, in person and on Zoom, for libraries, organizations and Jewish institutions throughout NJ and PA.

Laurence Lerman saw Alfred Hitchcock's North by Northwest when he was 13 years old and that's all it took. He has worked with MGM, Sony, Music Box Films, Cohen Media, Sterling Productions and Kino International, where he helped launch the home entertainment division. He has been writing about film and video for 30+ years for such outlets as Variety, Entertainment Weekly, The Morning Call, and Video Business Magazine, where he served as a Senior Editor for 15 years. He is the co-founder and editor-in-chief of DiscDish.com, a popular Blu-ray and DVD website offering reviews, news and interviews.

RSVP to bill@ehnt.org or 847-675-4141

Reservation is required to receive a Zoom link.

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Presents an Eight-Part Series...

Jewish History from Biblical Times to Present

Part Five...



“The Barcelona Disputation of 1263”

Thursday, January 26, 2023

7:30 PM CST via Zoom

Nina Caputo, Associate Professor and Associate Chair, Department of History, University of Florida

The Barcelona Disputation (1263) was a watershed moment in the history of medieval Jewish-Christian relations. Or was it? In this theological debate, the Nahmanides (R. Moses ben Nahman, 1194-1270), arguably the greatest rabbinic teacher and leader of his time, was called by King James of Aragon to defend Judaism against arguments by Friar Pablo Christiani, a convert from Judaism, that the rabbis of the Talmud recognized Jesus as the Jewish messiah. For the church, this public disputation offered an opportunity to test a missionizing strategy in a high profile public venue, but, if any, were the consequences of this public disputation? This lecture will discuss the religious, political, and social context in which the Barcelona Disputation took place and modern interpretations of it.

Nina Caputo is an Associate Professor in the Department of History at the University of Florida. She is author of *Nahmanides in Medieval Catalonia: History, Community, Messianism* (2007) and *Debating Truth: The Barcelona Disputation of 1263, A Graphic History* (Oxford 2017), illustrated by Liz Clarke. She has also co-edited *Faithful Narratives: Historians, Religion, and the Challenge of Objectivity* (Cornell, 2014) and *On the Word of a Jew. Religion, Reliability, and the Dynamics of Trust* (Indiana, 2019). She is currently working on a book on the figure of the Jewish convert to Christianity in the middle ages.

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Presents

"WWII & Hollywood's Jewish Question"



Hosted by Irv Slifkin & Laurence Lerman

Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 7:30 PM CST

The Production Code in 1934, the Great Depression, the rise of the Nazi Party in Germany and a general growth in anti-Semitism didn't bode well for the Hollywood studio moguls, Jewish men like Louis B. Mayer, Harry Cohn, Jack Warner and others who virtually created Hollywood. The moguls tried to ignore the rise of Nazism, even as they continued distributing films in Germany up until the war broke out and not making an anti-Nazi film until 1940. With World War II & Hollywood's Jewish Question, we look at how the Jewish moguls reacted – and failed to react – to what was happening in Europe in the 1920s, and how they proceeded through the war and its subsequent years.

Irv Slifkin has had a lifelong love for movies and popular culture. A native Philadelphian, Irv teaches film and journalism classes at Temple University and Rowan College. He is the author of the books *Filmadelphia: A Celebration of a City's Movies* and *Groovy Movies: Far-Out Films of the Psychedelic Era*. In addition to writing for such publications as the Philadelphia Inquirer, Entertainment Weekly, The Hollywood Reporter, Chicago Tribune and Los Angeles Times, Irv has lectured on film and popular culture, in person and on Zoom, for libraries, organizations and Jewish institutions throughout NJ and PA.

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Presents an Eight-Part Series...

Jewish History from Biblical Times to Present

Part Six...

"Blood Libel: On the Trail of an Anti-Semitic Myth"

Thursday, February 16, 2023

7:30 PM CST via Zoom

*Magda Teter, Professor of Jewish History and the Shvidler Chair
of Jewish Studies, Fordham University*

In 2019, a shooter of the synagogue in Poway near San Diego invoked the story of Simon of Trent, a Christian boy whose death March 1475 led to one of the most notorious trials of Jews in European history, as one of the reasons why he decided to attack and kill Jews in California. Since the Middle Ages, the death of a Christian child often resulted in violence against Jews. While other anti-Jewish libels waned, this one has endured. Magda Teter's talk will unpack the enduring power of this libel, and explain how and why it came to be rooted in first Christian imagination in Europe and then to reach contemporary America and the Middle East.

Magda Teter is Professor of History and the Shvidler Chair of Judaic Studies at Fordham University. She is the author of *Jews and Heretics in Catholic Poland* (2005), *Sinners on Trial* (2011), *Blood Libel: On the Trail of An Antisemitic Myth* (2020), and of dozens of articles in English, Hebrew, Italian, and Polish. Her book *Blood Libel* won the 2020 National Jewish Book Award, The George L. Mosse Prize from the American Historical Association, and the Ronald Bainton Prize from the Sixteenth Century Society. Her new book *Christian Supremacy: Reckoning with the Roots of Antisemitism and Racism* is forthcoming from Princeton University Press in 2023. Teter has received prestigious fellowships, including from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, the Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers at the New York Public Library, the NEH. She is currently the President of the American Academy of Jewish Research.

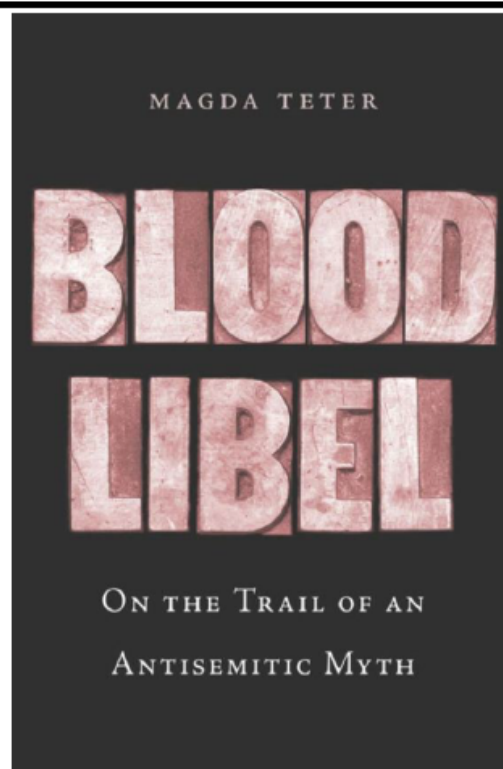
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A Two Day Virtual Tour of PARIS

Led by Tour Guide Karen Reb Rudel
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Sunday, January 8th & 15th, 2023
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM CST



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synagogue in Paris • Musee Carnavalet
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• Arc de Triomphe • Pont Neuf • Ile de la Cite
• Opera Garnier • Place de la Concord •
Tuileries Gardens • Shakespeare & Co. • Grand
Palais...and more!

Virtual Tour of Paris – RSVP by January 3rd

___ \$54 per Household OR Angel (includes the link) ___ \$100, ___ \$180, ___ \$360

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

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Phone #: _____

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Deadline extended to January 5th

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Exclusive Preview First Weekend - In-Person Only

Saturday, March 4th 8:00 PM CST & Sunday, March 5th 1:30 PM CST

***In-Person & Virtual**

***Saturday, March 11th 8:00 PM CST & *Sunday, March 12th 1:30 PM CST**

Tickets Available at www.ehnt.org/TLQ

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Gorilla	\$ 1,000 (Includes 10 VIP tickets & full page)
Tiger	\$ 540 (Includes 6 VIP tickets & 1/2 page)
Zebra	\$ 360 (Includes 4 Regular tickets & 1/3 page)
Frog	\$ 180 (Includes 2 Regular tickets 1/4 page)
Mouse	\$ 99 (Includes 1 Regular ticket & one line)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email(s) (Required): _____

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

I will attend/watch the performance on:

___ Saturday, March 4th 8:00 PM (In-person only) ___ Sunday, March 5th 1:30PM (In-person only)

___ Saturday, March 11th 8:00 PM **Please select one:** ___ In-person ___ Virtual

___ Sunday, March 12th 1:30 PM **Please select one:** ___ In-person ___ Virtual

___ # of tickets at \$25 Sponsor \$ _____
(Sponsor payment due by February 21st to be included in the show program)

Total enclosed \$ _____

___ Enclosed is my check payable to EHNTJC # _____

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Ways & Means – Judy Frank, Chair

2023 Will Be An Exciting Ways & Means Year!

I am happy to report that we are on the way to an exciting 2023. I am pleased that you have asked me to serve as your Ways & Means Chair. I feel fortunate that I have the support of the immediate past chair, Ada Rabinowitz. Ada and Dolly Zavell have already planned a special virtual tour of Paris. Also the Purim Shpiel is starting rehearsals on January 22. We thank Ken Dermer for sharing his creativity and talent with us. The Purim Shpiel is always entertaining -- a real happening!

At this time, I want to encourage you to join us to tour Paris on Zoom, Sundays, January 8th and January 15th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. We will be led by a very knowledgeable guide, Karen Reb Rudel. The tour will include Jewish Paris and the sights and sounds of this wonderful city. Karen has the ability to give us historical background and cultural scoops that most walking tours leave out. Looking forward to sharing this experience with you. Call the synagogue to make a reservation.

You will not want to miss this year's Purim Shpiel "The Lyin' Queen". It will be an extraordinary show. This Musical Purim Parody will be performed on the weekends of March 4th and 11th. Your support is always appreciated.

We will be planning spring and summer events. As you already know, your participation is important to our success. We are grateful for your commitment to our programs and events. You make a difference. We are all in this together.

Thank you!

Membership, the Heart of EHNTJC

Ada Rabinowitz, Chair

Dear Friends,

I am writing to ask you, our members, for your help. I believe that every member is a Membership Chair. So I am asking you to promote our wonderful congregation. Invite your friends to our events. Have a coffee in your home to meet our Rabbi and Cantor. Be our ambassador! When guests are at services be friendly at our Kiddush luncheons. You are important representatives.

I feel that we are the best kept secret. We are a synagogue that is welcoming and active. We have great services, wonderful classes, creative programs and exciting Friday night services featuring Koleinu - our spirited and musical Shabbat led by Rabbi Weill and the Koleinu Band, and Cantor Gale's Shabbat Ruach with accompanists Howard Pfeifer and Stuart Rosenberg.

I will be meeting with my committee to work on a Membership campaign. If you have marketing expertise, I need you! We need to advertise and let the community know that we are here for them. We are here for all life-cycle events, we have an excellent school for their children and so much more.

I thank you in advance! If you have suggestions and ideas, please call the synagogue. I will get back to you. I would be grateful for your help.

Best wishes, Ada

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

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

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.



amazon

smile

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

EHNTJC offers heartfelt condolences to...

The family of Goldie Brandhandler.

The family of Ede Snyder.

Elaine Koffman on the loss of her husband,
Bennett Koffman.

Caryn (Fred Huss) Bark on the loss of her
father, Sidney Bark.

*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.

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

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

February Birthdays

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

January Anniversaries

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

February Anniversaries

Ellen & Marvin Bero
Shirley & Marty Lubowich
Andy & David Reich
Valerie & Jeffrey Reich

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.

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CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND

Bill Gerber
Florence Nelson
Marlene Singer

IN MEMORY OF

Goldie Brandhandler
my father, Cantor Saul Meisels
Goldie Brandhandler

CONGREGATION FUND

Sonia Berk and Family
Harriet Berland

IN MEMORY OF

Goldie Brandhandler
Sheldon Baum
Bertha Baum

Stanley Biel & Leila Redlich
Alice Biner

Goldie Brandhandler
beloved mother, Molly Wexler
beloved father, Nathan Wexler
my parents, sisters and husband

Elaine Blaustein

Harold Horowitz

Norma Braude

Goldie Brandhandler

Barbara & Brent Brotine

Bert Sinai

Fred W. Sinay

Robin & Michael Cember

Marilyn Cember-Zimmerman

Lillian & Ed Cohen

Sidney Bark

Joan Cook

Aaron Cook

Sandi Cowen

Cynthia Sax

Nina Cunningham

Betty Strickler

Steven Davidson

Mildred Davidson

Felice Eckhouse & Stephen Hutnick

Carlos Rizowy

Amy Elgamil

Jacob Elgamil

Linda & David Estrin

Ede Snyder

Alan Farkas

Tamar Farkas

Bonnie & Dennis Feinberg

Steven Goldman

Robert Fine

beloved mother, Jeanette Fine

Debbie Fishbain

Goldie Brandhandler

Muriel Fohrman

Sidney S. Fohrman

Lazaro Fraiman

Carlota Fraiman

Fred Frankston

Robert Mintz

Adrienne & Irwin Friedman

Sonia Stern Rosenthal

Bill Gerber

Sidney Bark

Bill and Joel Gerber

beloved grandmother, Ruth Gerber

beloved aunt, Zelda Eisenstein

Frances Givertz

Sidney Bark

Izzie Givertz

Harline Goldberg

Leo Refkin

Lee Golden

Abraham Golden

Madeline Goldman

adored husband, Dr. Steven H. Goldman

Fran Green

Sheldon Minow

Ronia & Jerry Gross

beloved mother, Evelyn Gross

beloved father, Ephraim Dallal

Davida Grossman

Gerry Neer

Abraham Neer

Melvin Glick

Morris Beckerman

Suzanne & Lee Harris, Jeff Harris
and Charles Dolnick

Goldie Brandhandler

Marlene & Jordan Heckman

Alice Heckman

Marty Heller

Aaron and Gladys Heller

Barry Ablin

Edye Singer

Burt Hochberg

Myrna Hochberg

Elisabeth Howard

Nina Wayne Klein

James Jagodzinski and Lisa Fox

Goldie Brandhandler

Jeff Kaiser

Beatrice Kaiser

April Krydyski

Goldie Brandhandler

Penny Leshin

Harry Witt

Bobbie & Stuart Levin

Alex Meisinger

Sidney Bark

Alan Levy

Ruby and Bernie Levy

Paulette Levy

Julian Levy

Gary Minkus

Elsie Minkus

CONGREGATION FUND

Anita & Daryl Mittelman

IN MEMORY OF cont'd.

Helen Mittelman

Berenice Mittelman

Sarah Ratnofsky

Esther Probisky

Jack Probisky

Leonard Olson

Jerald Fogel

Marsha & Richard Newman

Joan Olson

Henry Novoselsky

Benjamin Novoselsky

Idelle Peaceman

Goldie Brandhandler

Ada & Beryl Rabinowitz

Sidney Bark

Goldie Brandhandler

Andy & David Reich

Doris Baer

Debbie & Stewart Reich

Else Servos

Max Ries

Kurt Baer

Aenne Metzger

Harold B. Pozner

Dr. Allan H. Repkin

Michele Reznick

Michael W. Reznick

Deborah Rheinstrom

beloved husband, Richard Rheinstrom

beloved father, Sam Myers

beloved father-in-law, Tony Rheinstrom

Michael Ries

Max Ries

Maurice Roth

Ann Roth

Pauline Roth

Marvin Kuznitsky

Evie & Ralph Ruebner

dear father, Maurice Ruebner

dear father, Herbert Prauer

dear uncle, Eugene Katz

Arona & George Sarfatty

Esther Hankin

Francine & Steve Schulman

Sidney Bark

Goldie Brandhandler

Dr. Stan & Claire Shulman

beloved brother, Alan Zaner

beloved mother, Beatrice Marenberg

beloved mother, Clara Tarschis

Esther Siver & Janet Terry

Keith Kreinik

Cheryl & Larry Sklar

Sidney Bark

Goldie Brandhandler

Renee Soltan

Jerome Soltan

Joanne Stein

Lena Stein

Renee & Earl Strum

all our loved ones' *yahrzeits*

Marcia Templer

Ruth Levy

Andrea Toback

Perry Toback

Sophie Toback

Cynthia & Neal Toback

Perry Toback

Lee Tockman

Goldie Brandhandler

Ilene Wallerstein

Ida Wolberg

Philip (Pablo) Warren

Evelyn Warren

Max Pildes

CONGREGATION FUND

IN HONOR OF

Faye & Benji Bearman

"Giving Tuesday"

Barbara & Brent Brotine

Jeff Sacks' 65th birthday

Lillian and Ed Cohen's 5th wedding anniversary

Debbie and Stewart Reich's 45th wedding anniversary

Esther and Hanan Javetz's 50th wedding anniversary

Debbie & David Chizewer

Rabbi Jeffrey and Julie Weill

Joanna Charnes

Fred Huss' musical composition collaboration

The Family of Max Dolins

general donation

Bonnie & Dennis Feinberg

Carol Shiffman's granddaughter's

Bat Mitzvah

a speedy recovery to Beryl Rabinowitz

Margaret Foster

general donation

Frances Givertz

Esther and Bob Manewith's new

great-granddaughter, Isabelle Castner

Judy & Alan Harris

Esther and Bob Manewith's new

great-granddaughter, Isabelle Castner

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	<i>IN HONOR OF cont'd.</i>
Odette Langer	general donation
Linda & Elliott Lenoff	"Giving Tuesday"
Melynda Lopin z"l	general donation
Renee Lubowich	"Giving Tuesday"
Esther & Bob Manewith	"Giving Tuesday"
Marsha & Rich Newman	Claire Shulman's 80 th milestone Marty Lubowich's 95 th birthday Esther and Bob Manewith's new great-granddaughter, Isabelle Castner a speedy recovery to Debbie Reich Happy Hanukkah!
Rosalie & Norm Persky	Esther and Bob Manewith's new great-granddaughter, Isabelle Castner
Carla & Allan Price	Roz Cherry's 80 th birthday
Ada & Beryl Rabinowitz	Claire Shulman's 80 th birthday
Debbie & Stewart Reich	Skippy Kray's 90 th birthday Marty Lubowich's 95 th birthday Marsha Brody's grandson's Bar Mitzvah
Barbara Schwartz	a speedy recovery to Debbie Reich
The Family of Stan Shulman	Dr. Stan Shulman's First Annual Shulman Lectureship in Pediatric Infectious Diseases at Lurie Children's Hospital
Howard Spiro	general donation
Margalit Tocher	EHNTJC for always being so welcoming
Dolly & Bob Zavell	a speedy recovery to Debbie Reich wishing good health to Bobbie and Stuart Levin Mark Wolfinger's 80 th birthday Marcy and Michael Feinberg's wedding anniversary

GEMILUTH CHESED—LOTTE GRUEN FUND *IN MEMORY OF*

Evie & Ralph Ruebner	Martin Revesz dear grandparents, Sali and Alice Katz Sidney Bark
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GEMILUTH CHESED—LOTTE GRUEN FUND *IN HONOR OF*

Jackie Lauwasser	general donation
Evie & Ralph Ruebner	Randy Jaffe's 75 th birthday Marty Lubowich's 95 th birthday
Irene Walanka	general donation

GERALD MELTON SIMCHA FUND *IN HONOR OF*

Robin & Michael Cember	general donation
Bill Gerber	Roz Cherry's 80 th birthday Karen Lobl's 65 th birthday Phyllis Post's 85 th birthday Michael Rosenberg's 75 th birthday Van Schwab's 70 th birthday Claire Shulman's 80 th birthday Marty Lubowich's 95 th birthday Esther and Bob Manewith's new great-granddaughter, Isabelle Castner
Bill and Joel Gerber	Ada Rabinowitz's birthday Judy Harris' birthday Roz Cherry's birthday Sandi Cowen's birthday Debbie and Stewart Reich's wedding anniversary Davida and Norm Grossman's wedding anniversary Marcy and Michael Feinberg's wedding anniversary Laurie and Larry Wasserman's wedding anniversary
Bobbie & Stuart Levin	
Marsha & Rich Newman	Phyllis Post's 85 th milestone

HILLMAN LIBRARY FUND *IN MEMORY OF*

Barb & Alan London	Goldie Brandhandler
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PRAYER BOOK FUND *IN MEMORY OF*

Marsha & Richard Newman	Goldie Brandhandler
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RABBI'S SPECIAL FUND

Bill Gerber	Goldie Brandhandler
Mickey Gordon	Sidney Bark Allie Karbal

RABBI'S SPECIAL FUND

	<i>IN HONOR OF</i>
Madeline Goldman	Rabbi Weill's caring and thoughtful support
Mickey Gordon	a speedy recovery to Beryl Rabinowitz
Luisita Graff	Bill Gerber Lee Levin
Jerry Salzberg	general donation
Elaine Weill	"Giving Tuesday"

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EDUCATION FUND *IN MEMORY OF*

Judy Arkin	Sidney Bark
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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EDUCATION FUND *IN HONOR OF*

Judy Arkin	Roz Cherry's 80 th birthday Esther and Bob Manewith's new great-granddaughter, Isabelle Castner Barry and Nina Summers— our Simchat Torah <i>Hatan and Kallat Bereshit</i>
Bill and Joel Gerber	



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 the 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 *In-person and Zoom*

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

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