



Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

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July/August 2023

Tamuz/Av/Elul 5783



From the Rabbi's Desk

Dear Friends,

It recently dawned on me – during our lively Torah class – that the Israelites' complaints at the conclusion of their desert wandering mirrored their complaints at its outset. A depressing realization, for it was forty years later; an entirely new generation of Israelites had arisen! Different people, same complaints.

But not everyone. Even during the darkest moments in the desert, many Israelites remained optimistic. Many continued to believe in the Grand Mission of Israelite Nation. They steadfastly refused to complain; they did not join rebellions; they did not bow to idols. They formed a partnership of optimism – a critical antidote to the purveyors of pessimism.

I am grateful that so many of our fellow EHNT congregants steadfastly believe in *our* Grand Mission. I am always impressed – really, amazed – by the efforts so many of you make on behalf of our community. I am equally impressed by how well attended our services and programs are. And I am most impressed by how we genuinely care about one another.

The key to our success is our positivity; it is our optimism. We fill an important role in the lives of our congregants and within the broader community as well. Our congregation is a stronghold of contemporary values and fidelity to tradition. Ours is a congregation worth sustaining – and we must steadfastly do so.

Believe in the future, friends, so that we will continue to serve each other and the community. Do not walk the path of negativity. Rather be among the partnership of the optimistic. Imagine a vibrant future: plan for it, work toward it – and it will be realized.

L'Shalom,
Rabbi Jeffrey Weill

Upcoming dates...

Koleinu - A lively and spirited musical Shabbat led by Rabbi Jeffrey Weill and the Koleinu Band.

August 11th



Shabbat Ruach with SHIREINU – Led by Cantor Daniel Gale, an inspiring musical Erev Shabbat service guaranteed to enliven your ruach (spirit) and uplift your soul.

July 28th

August 18th



Services begin at 7:30 PM – All are welcome!

CANTOR'S NOTE



L'chu neran'nah l'Adonai - **Come, let us sing to Adonai!**

On Friday evenings, we greet Shabbat with the words of Psalm 95, "*L'chu neran'nah l'Adonai*. Come, let us sing to Adonai!"

The Kabbalah Shabbat service is a product of the Kabbalists of *S'fat* during the 16th century. Jewish mystics believed that Shabbat should be greeted ecstatically with song and other expressions of joy in order to thank God for the gift of Shabbat, considered by the rabbis to be a "foretaste of the World to Come".

The same desire to offer songs of praise to God infuses our services and congregational life here at EHNTJC.

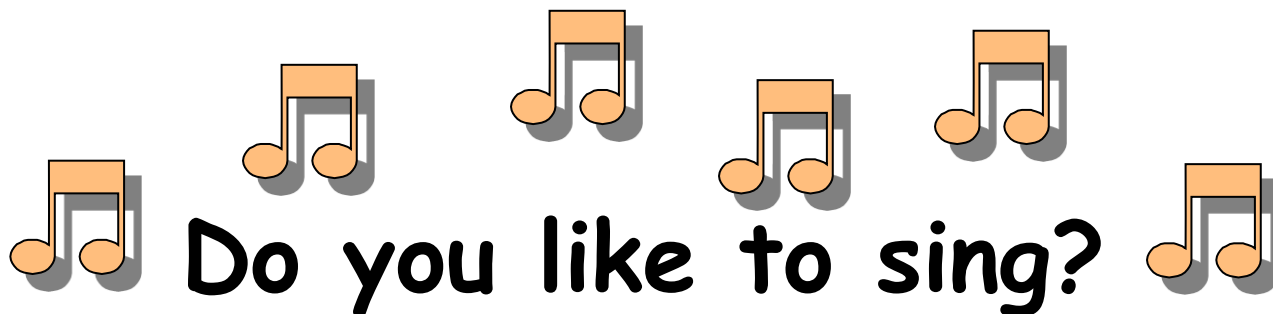
SHIREINU (Our Song), EHNTJC's newly-formed member choir recently participated in our Shabbat Ruach service. And did they ever add ruach (spirit) to the service!

Be sure to hear them at our next two Shabbat Ruach services on July 28th and August 18th. They will also sing during Shabbat morning services on July 15th and August 12th. Additionally, SHIREINU will join our magnificent High Holidays choir for the Healing Service on Yom Kippur afternoon.

So please, *l'chu neran'nah l'Adonai* - come to support SHIREINU, as together we sing a song to *Adonai*.

B'shira (In song),
Cantor Gale

Join EHNTJC's Congregational Choir "**SHIREINU/OUR SONG**"
In SHIREINU, we will sing and perform Jewish religious and popular music from many traditions and eras. We will sing at services and other special events.
Led by Cantor Daniel Gale.
Please contact the office if you are interested in joining at 847-675-4141.
Ability to read music or Hebrew is NOT required.



Message from Shelley Sutter-Dermer, EHNTJC President

As we enjoy the summer months, we realize that before you know it the High Holidays will be here. I am filled with immense joy and gratitude for the incredible community we have built together. Our synagogue is a place of spirituality and friendship, and I am honored to serve as your President.



Our services are more than just prayers and rituals; they are an opportunity to come together as a community, to share in the beauty of our traditions, and to seek a deeper understanding of our faith. Our musical Friday night services, Koleinu and Shabbat Ruach, are uplifting and moving. Your presence and participation enhance the experience for everyone in attendance. Please join us on July 28th for a Shabbat Ruach service and dinner honoring Past President Dennis Feinberg and his wife, Bonnie.

As a vibrant community that cherishes joyful celebrations, shared learning, and acts of loving-kindness, we organize a multitude of events and classes throughout the year. These are designed to foster connection, personal growth, and the strengthening of our bond as a spiritual family. This August 11th, Ken and I will be celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary with our synagogue community at the Koleinu service. Please join us!

And let us not forget the tireless dedication of our incredible clergy, Rabbi Weil and Cantor Gale, board members and volunteers. Our volunteers and board members are the pillars of our synagogue, selflessly devoting their time, energy, and talents to ensure the smooth functioning of our community.

To each of our board members and volunteers, I extend my deepest gratitude for your unwavering commitment and invaluable contributions.

I encourage you, dear members, to actively participate in the life of our synagogue. Attend services, join us at events, and reach out to your fellow congregants. Together, we can build lasting relationships, and make a difference in the lives of those around us.

Thank you for being an essential part of our EHNTJC family. I look forward to seeing you at the synagogue.



...to the EHNTJC Sisterhood for sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon on May 13th in honor of Sisterhood Shabbat.

...to the EHNTJC Men's Club for sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon on June 3rd in honor of Men's Club Shabbat.

...Barbara Barnett & Henry Rosenbaum, Faye & Benji Bearman, Bobbie & Stuart Levin, and Diane Rosenfeld for sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon on June 10th in honor of Barbara's 85th birthday, Benji's 35th bar mitzvah anniversary, Bobbie & Stuart's 67th wedding anniversary, Stuart's 88th birthday, and Diane's 77th birthday.

...Rabbi Victor Weissberg & family for sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon on June 17th in honor of Rabbi's 96th birthday.

Mazel Tov to...

...Anita & Daryl Mittelman on the recent bar mitzvah of their grandson Noah.

...Bill and Joel Gerber's nephew Jayden's engagement to Kirstein Thomas.

...Phyllis & Sheldon Post on the marriage of their grandson Edmund Post to Claire Johnson on June 25th.

...Joel Levin on the recent engagement of his son Robbie to Amy Wecker (photo below).





Mazel Tov to Sylva Dachman on becoming a Bat Mitzvah - August 26, 2023

Sylva Lee Dachman, daughter of Arielle & Jeffrey and sister to Macey, is in the 8th grade at Peterson Elementary.

At school she participates in the Children of the American Revolution and the Illinois Society of Mayflower Descendants. She also enjoys Dungeons and Dragons Club and listening to vinyl records.

Sylva has designated Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for her tzedakah contribution.



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Niles Township Jewish Congregation*

Please join us as we
honor

Dennis & Bonnie Feinberg



Dennis was our President from 1997-1999
and served as our Legal Counsel for 18 years.

Friday – July 28, 2023

**Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
followed by Shabbat Ruach service at 7:30 p.m.**

at

**EHNTJC
4500 Dempster Street
Skokie, Illinois**

\$50 per person

RSVP by July 20, 2023

2023 Feinberg Shabbat Dinner

- ☐ I/we will be attending ____ at \$50 per person
- ☐ I/we will sponsor at \$180 (includes 2 seats)
- ☐ I/we will sponsor at \$360 (includes 4 seats)
- ☐ I/we cannot attend, but have enclosed a donation in honor of Dennis & Bonnie Feinberg \$ ____
- ☐ My check payable to EHNTJC is enclosed
- ☐ _____

Visa/MC card number (3% convenience fee added)
Exp. _____
CVC _____

Name(s) _____

Phone no. _____

Please note any seating requests and/or dietary needs on the back of this card!



MAZEL TOV TO THESE GRADUATES...

...Faye & Benji Bearman's son **Leo Bearman**, from Solomon Schechter Day School.

...Esther & Roger Berman's granddaughter **Zoe (Shaina Mina) Berman**, from Lane Tech College Preparatory High School and going to Kenyon of Ohio.

...Bette Blumenthal's granddaughter **Alana Joy Blumenthal**, from Buffalo Grove High School.

...Marsha Brody's granddaughter **Orli Elovic**, from the University of Illinois. Orli will be working in Denver at a special needs school.

...Felice Eckhouse & Stephen Hutnick's granddaughters **Meira Lapp**, from the 2-3 year old program at JRC, and **Sela Lapp**, from the Pre-K program at Chicago Jewish Day School.

...Mickey Gordon's granddaughters **Marlee Gordon**, from Miami International University with her Master's Degree in Higher Education, **Sadie Gordon** from Maple Junior High and will attend Glenbrook North High School, and **Rian Gordon**, from North Springs Charter High School in Atlanta and will attend Indiana University.

...Bobbie & Stuart Levin's grandson **Aidan Victor Levin**, from New Trier High School and entering New York University.

...Shaynee & Michael Lichtenstein's granddaughter **Sophie Ruth Lichtenstein**, from Hawthorne Junior High in Vernon Hills.

...Harvey Mantel's granddaughter **Camille "Cami" Victoria Jones**, from Marist High School and will be attending North Carolina A&T State University.

...Marsha & Rich Newman's granddaughter **Clare Newman**, from Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa with honors. She won the Zirkle Memorial Prize for sculpture.

...Lori & David Prosnitz' daughter **Miriam Prosnitz**, from Northwestern University with a Master of Business Administration.

...Ada & Beryl Rabinowitz' grandson **Joey Rabinowitz**, from New Trier High School and will attend Ohio State.

...Debbie & Stewart Reich's grandson and Jessica & Michael Reich's son **Tyler Reich**, from pre-school and on to Kindergarten at Kipling School in Deerfield.

...Diane Rosenfeld's granddaughter **Ella Jade Shmarak**, from Glenbrook North High School and will attend Ohio State University.

...Amy & Robert Rubinberg's daughter **Leah Rubinberg**, from Illinois State University with a Bachelor of Social Work.

...Evie & Ralph Ruebner's grandson **Ethan Chernoff**, from Caruso Middle School.

...Marlene Singer's grandson **Charles Singer**, from Ida Crown Jewish Academy and looks forward to an Israel Gap Year program at Bar Ilan University.

...Julie & Rabbi Jeffrey Weill's daughter **Betsy Weill**, from New York University.

...Robyn Weinstein & Ed Bettenhausen's daughters **Abigail (Abby) Bettenhausen**, from Northeastern University, Boston, MA with a Master of Science Degree in Biomedical Engineering and **Yael (Ellie) Bettenhausen**, from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN with a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology. Abby has accepted a position with W.L. Gore in Flagstaff, AZ and Ellie is working in a local physical therapy office a year before continuing for a Master's Degree.

...Dolly & Bob Zavell's grandchildren **Shayna Zavell**, from Highland Park High School going on to Brandeis University, **Ben Zavell**, from Northwestern University with a Master of Science in Energy and Sustainability, and **Max Zavell**, from University of Connecticut with a Master's Degree in Oceanography.

...Sharon & Jay Zite's granddaughter **Morgan Bard**, from Niles North High School and will attend Eastern Illinois University.

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SISTERHOOD CORNER—July/August, 2023

Judy Arkin, Editor (kjarkin99@comcast.net)

Judy Frank, Co-President (judy@tcscorp.com) and Diane Rosenfeld, Co-President (raynesd@aol.com)

From the President's Desk...

Our culminating event and board installation on June 7th was magnificent in every way! Pam Schlosberg, Central Great Lakes Region President, presented a beautiful installation ceremony. The lunch was delicious and plentiful. Thank you to Debbie Reich for the beautiful setup, table gifts and for keeping track of the reservations and the seating. Kudos to Ada Rabinowitz for organizing and planning every detail ahead of time, and to Bobbie Levin for stepping in to help. Judy Arkin was our top-notch MC who also conducted the election and introduced the entertainment. Lindsay Baer was a wonderful singer and pianist who topped off the afternoon. Thank you to Francine Schulman for being in charge of the presentation and serving the food. Many thanks to the following who helped in some way to make the day a success: Carol Friedlander, Fran Givertz, Mickey Gordon, Dori Marks, Judie Pittel, Esther Rubin, Cheryl Sklar, Larry Sklar (Zoom operator) and Jeff Sacks who provided security.

Please make sure to visit *A Photo Retrospective* in our social hall chronicling the constancy, and change, values and resilience of Chicago's most enduring Jewish neighborhood - West Rogers Park. This exhibit will be showcased here until July 14th. Some of our past and present Sisterhood members are featured or mentioned in this display.

From July 16th-19th, several of our members will be attending the International Women's League for Conservative Judaism, (WLCJ) International Convention in Schaumburg. Our next bulletin will contain an update on the convention.

Stay tuned for our fall programs which are being planned now as we write this message.

L'Shalom, Judy Frank and Diane Rosenfeld

***Presenting our Sisterhood
2023-2024 Officers and
Board of Trustees***

Co-Presidents	Judy Frank and Diane Rosenfeld
V.P. Membership	Roz Cherry
V.P. Programming	Judy Arkin
V.P. Social Action	Julie Weill
V.P. Torah Fund	Rose-Lynn Jaffe
VP Ways & Means	Ada Rabinowitz
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Recording Secretary	Judi Stein
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Committee Chairs

Book Club	Carol Gottlieb and Dolly Zavell
Bulletin	Judy Arkin
Chesed	Rosalie Persky
Hospitality (Kitchen)	Francine Schulman
Hospitality (Decorations)	Davida Grossman
Leagrams	Debbie Reich

At-Large Board Members

Esther Javetz	Bobbie Levin
Gloriann Levy	Debby Reinstein
	Cheryl Sklar

Good and Welfare...

- **Mazel Tov** to Cheryl Sklar as newly elected President of Kehillat Shalom.
- **Mazel Tov** to Rabbi Victor Weissberg on his 96th birthday.
- **Refuah Shlemah** to Roz Cherry, Carol Straus and Rabbi Ralph Ruebner.
- **Condolences** to the family and friends of Janet Keiser, a Sisterhood member and daughter of Leah Lazere.

If you have any "Good & Welfare" to share, please contact Judy Arkin at kjarkin99@comcast.net.

TODAH RABAH • תודה רבה • THANK YOU

- *Thanks to our wonderful Sisterhood for their good wishes on my 87th birthday. I appreciate it and bless you all.....Miriam Goldberger.*
- *Thank you to all my Sisterhood friends for your wonderful birthday wishes.....Diane Rosenfeld.*
- *With our deepest thanks for the Leagram good wishes on our 67th wedding anniversary.....Bobbie and Stuart Levin.*

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*Encourage me and I
will not forget you...*

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 granddaughter Zoe Berman graduating from Lane Tech H.S. and moving on to Kenyon College...Mazel Tov to all of this year's graduates),

Joan Cook

(in honor of the birthdays of sons Rod Kaplan, Alan Cook; daughter-in-law Heidi Kaplan; cousins Jeff Mendes, Judy Barasch and nephews Casey and Caleb Ruken, and the wedding anniversaries of son and daughter-in-law Rod and Heidi Kaplan; cousins Steve and Beth Ruken and Bette and Ronnie Mendes),

Fran Givertz

(in honor of my family and friends),

Mickey Gordon

(in honor of my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren),

Miriam Goldberger, Bobbie Levin, Dori Marks, Esther Manewith

(in honor of our grandchildren),

Miffie Nagorsky

(in honor of our grandson, Rafi and granddaughter, Madeline graduating from high school),

Ada Rabinowitz and Judi Stein

**A BIG WELCOME to our new
Sisterhood Member –Linda Freedman**

“SHARE OUR SPARE”

by Julie Weill, Social Action V.P.

We are collecting items for young families in need through the organization **Share Our Spare**. Items can be dropped off in the synagogue office or we can shop for you.

You can donate cash, a check payable to our Sisterhood (include 'Share Our Spare' in the memo line), or a Target gift card.

Donations must be received by July 14th
so that our

Sisterhood Social Action Committee will have time to purchase the needed items (a list of these items is available in the synagogue lobby).

Sisterhood will also be organizing these kits for the families on Sunday, July 23rd
from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at EHNTJC.

For a list of items needed, to make a donation, or volunteer your time, please contact Julie Weill at
juliweill@msn.com.

Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop

by Ada Rabinowitz, Ways & Means V.P.

The gift shop is here to serve our members. If you have a suggestion of an item that you would like us to purchase for the gift shop, please let us know. Are you or a loved one moving into a new house or condo – we have *mezuzot* and scrolls. Do you need a gift for a special occasion? Please browse the display cases in the social hall. If you have questions, would like an item, or are interested in ordering something, please call Ada Rabinowitz at 847-530-5517.

**Remember, supporting our Sisterhood
supports our synagogue!**

Torah Fund

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



***Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh
Ba'Zeh - All the People
of Israel are Responsible
for One Another***

These words, the theme for our 2023-2024 Torah Fund campaign, corresponds to the theme from the Babylonian Talmud, Shevuot 39a that all the people of Israel are responsible for one another. This year's heart shaped pin highlights the word “arevut” responsibility. One way that we assume responsibility is through our donations to Torah Fund. When you support Torah Fund, you help educate students in New York, Los Angeles, Israel, Latin America and Europe – and you align with those who value learning, knowledge and providing the future generation with relevant skills to fortify the Jewish people.

Our 2023-2024 Torah Fund campaign begins July 1st. Donations of any amount are always appreciated. As a special thank you to anyone who donates \$180 or more, our new pins will be available before September 1st.



ENJOY THE
Summer



Sisterhood Culminating Luncheon and Installation of our Officers and Board

June 7th, 2023



≤ CGLR President Pam Schlosberg during Installation ceremony with new Co-Presidents, Diane Rosenfeld and Judy Frank



2023-2024 Officers ≥

Judy Arkin (*V.P. Programming*),
Debbie Reich (*Treasurer/Financial Secretary*),
Judi Stein (*Recording Secretary*),
Dori Marks (*Corresponding Secretary*) and Rose-Lynn Jaffe (*V.P. Torah Fund*)



≤ 2023-2024 Board Members
Carol Gottlieb and Dolly Zavell
(*Book Club Chairs*),
Judy Arkin (*Bulletin*),
Francine Schulman (*Hospitality*),
Esther Javetz and Cheryl Sklar
(*Members-at-Large*),
Debbie Reich (*Leagrams*), and
Gloriann Levy (*Member-at-Large*)

THE *Sisterhood*

of EZRA-HABONIM, THE NILES TOWNSHIP JEWISH CONGREGATION

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE
FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

This summer our Sisterhood will be collecting items for young families in need. They will be donated to ***Share Our Spare***, an organization that ensures that families in need that have children ages 0-5 have the essential items to support the health and development of their children. Having these supplies helps children thrive and enables families to shift from crisis management to caregiving with dignity.

We are collecting ONLY the following items:

Newborn Kits:

- 2 NEW bottles
- 2 NEW pacifiers
- 2 NEW burp cloths
- 1 pkg. of wipes (NOT supersized qty.)
- 1 pkg. of Size 1 diapers*
- (*around 40—open packages accepted)

Hygiene Kits:

- 1 NEW 3-in-1 shampoo, conditioner and body wash
- 2 NEW toothbrushes for children
- 1 NEW toothpaste for children
- 2 NEW washcloths
- 1 NEW comb

Purchase any of the above items—or a full kit(s) and deliver them to the synagogue office. *Items must be received by Friday, July 14th.*

Need us to shop?

If you can't shop, please make a donation to this project! Drop off cash, a check payable to our Sisterhood (include 'Share Our Spare' in the memo line), or a Target gift card. Donations must be received by July 14th so that our Sisterhood Social Action Committee will have time to purchase the needed items.

Help pack the kits...

Join us on **Sunday, July 23rd from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.** (after minyan) to assemble the kits at the synagogue.

We will then deliver the kits to ***Share Our Spare*** the following week.



EHNTJC Sisterhood

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**Please feel free to contact JulieWeill at the number shown or at julieweill@msn.com with questions!*

The EHNTJC Men's Club
(and other sponsoring synagogues)
Presents

"Jews of Florida: Centuries of Stories"

Presented by Marcia Jo Zerivitz
Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at
7:30 PM CST via Zoom

Enjoy an exhilarating and surprising overview of the history of Jews in Florida.

This history of the Jews of Florida, from colonial times to present, is a sweeping tapestry of voices spanning centuries. Despite not being officially allowed to live in Florida until 1763, Jewish immigrants escaping expulsions and exclusions were among the earliest settlers. They have been integral to every area of Florida's growth, from tilling the land and developing early communities, to boosting tourism and ultimately pushing mankind into space. The Sunshine State's Jews, working for common good, have been Olympians, Nobel Prize winners, computer pioneers, educators, politicians, leaders in business and the arts, and more, while maintaining their heritage to help ensure Jewish continuity for future generations. Today, Florida has the third largest population in the nation and the third largest Jewish community.

Marcia Jo Zerivitz, is the Founding Executive Director of the Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU.

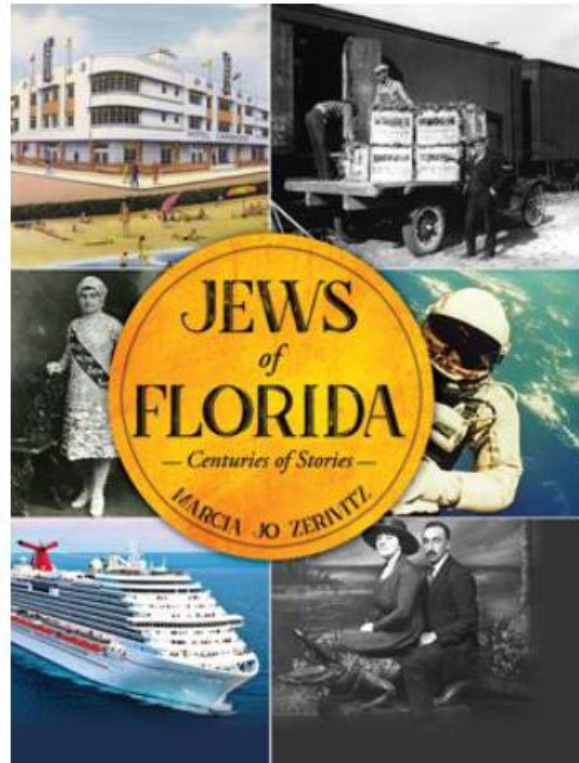
RSVP to bill@ehnt.org or 847-675-4141

Reservation is required to receive a Zoom link.

The program is free of charge and open to all!

Donations to offset program costs are always appreciated!

This program is co-sponsored by participating members of a consortium of Jewish organizations, nationwide.



SAVE THE DATE!

FOLK & ROCK REVUE IV

August 20, 2023

at EHNTJC

Details forthcoming...

*The High Holidays
are coming!
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Watch for your
information
packets!*

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.



DONATE YOUR USED CELLPHONES AND iPADS.

SHALVA sends them to a recycling company, receiving money to fund their much-needed services.

The Ways & Means Committee of EHNTJC is

READY TO START SELLING HONEY FOR ROSH HASHANAH

This is a great way to send New Year greetings or loving wishes to friends, family and business associates and make money for the synagogue at the same time!

A gift wrapped 8 oz. plastic jar of pure kosher honey will be mailed directly anywhere in the US, with a Rosh Hashanah Greeting enclosed for just \$10.00 per jar or \$9.50 per jar when you purchase 10 or more.

Try this greeting instead of sending New Years Cards. Everyone who receives one will be thrilled.

Watch for your flyer and order form coming in the mail or call Marsha Brody at 847-675-5440.

If you have never ordered before, please consider doing it this year.



DEADLINE for orders: August 27, 2023

EHNTJC offers heartfelt condolences to...

Rich Alvarado on the loss of his wife,
Audrey Alvarado.

Charles (Miriam) Davidson on the loss of
his mother, Zipora Lerman. Grandmother
of Dalia, Oren, and Stav.

Julie Seltzer on the loss of her father,
Saul Seltzer.

Leah Lazere and the Keiser family on the
loss of Janet Keiser.

The family of Cantor Shlomo Shuster.

*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!!

July Birthdays

Carl Alterman	Linda Hoffenberg	Shellé Malina
Judy Arkin	Esther Javetz	Daryl Mittelman
Carol Bartman	Jeff Kaiser	Ava Newbart
Benji Bearman	Gary Kenzer	Sherry Petlin
Leo Bearman	Jackson Kramer	Carla Price
Marcia Cooper	Charles Kriesberg	Hudson Reich
Matan Dalin	Ellen Lebowicz	Debby Reinstein
Dennis Feinberg	Joel Levin	Sally Rosenberg
Michael Feinberg	Lee Levin	George Sarfatty
Lazaro Fraiman	Gaia Levy	Manny Schenk
Fred Frankston	Shaynee Lichtenstein	Judi Stein
Davida Grossman	Evie Lowenthal	Cynthia Toback

August Birthdays

Alona Anspach	Irwin Friedman	Evie Ruebner
Micah Brody	Stephanie Jensen	Tracy Sienzant
Robyn Caplan	Emersyn Jensen	Ryder Skaggs
Marc Cherney	Melvin Katz	Larry Wasserman
Sigrid Cohen	Pat Kriesberg	Jeffrey Weill
Verlin Erdos	Gayle Landy	Ina Weiner
Marcy Feinberg	Michael Lichtenstein	Kinney White
Ian Fingerman	Steven Rosenbloom	Dori Wolgel
Ruth Fingerman	Michael Rosman	Hanning Zhang



July Anniversaries

Carol & Howard Bartman
 Amy & Bruce Claver
 Miriam & Charles Davidson
 Ruth & Ian Fingerman
 Barbara & Norton Josephson
 Ziva Green & Paul Kredow
 Audrey & Mark Levin
 Elena Batman Levin & Lee Levin
 Sylvia & Lawrence Margolies
 Kathleen & Steven Parker
 Rosalie & Norm Persky
 Lori & David Prosnitz
 Francine & Steve Schulman
 Susan & Wayne Shapiro
 Deanna Shoss & Geno Bonaventura
 Veronika & George Urban
 Laura & Lou Weisbach

August Anniversaries

Lillian & Herbert Cohen	Jessica & Michael Reich
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