



Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

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March/April 2023

Adar/Nisan/Iyar 5783



From the Rabbi's Desk

Dear Friends,

Strength!

The book of Esther, from which Purim is derived, concludes with the Jews' successful campaign against those who sought to harm us.

The book of Nehemiah, which we are studying in our Thursday morning Bible class, tells of how the Jews' "hands are strengthened" as we reinforced the wall around Jerusalem, despite our enemies' desperate attempts to frustrate our success.

Jewish history has points of persecution and tragedy. But it also has moments of triumph, security, and strength.

Yes, we seek peace. We are commanded to do so. Moreover, we expect our leaders to pursue it. At the same time, we – our congregation, our people – do not leave ourselves vulnerable to those whose currency is hatred.

Peace!

Rabbi Jeffrey Weill

Koleinu – “Our Voice”

Join us for a lively and spirited musical Shabbat led by Rabbi Jeffrey Weill and the Koleinu Band.

In-person & Virtual!

March 3rd

April 14th

7:30 p.m. Service

All are welcome!



Check the weekly e-Byte for the zoom link!

Shabbat Ruach

Join us for an inspiring musical Erev Shabbat service guaranteed to enliven your ruach (spirit) and uplift your soul led by Cantor Daniel Gale.

In-person & Virtual!

April 21st

7:30 p.m. Service

All are welcome!



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CANTOR'S NOTE



MUSIC AND SONG: BRINGING DOWN THE SPIRIT TO EARTH

A short while after Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel began teaching at the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1945, he married Sylvia Straus, a gifted pianist. On the recommendation of Arthur Rubenstein, the great Jewish-Polish pianist, Sylvia became a student of the master teacher Eduard Steuermann, another Jew of Polish descent who had studied with Busoni and Arnold Schoenberg, among others. According to Heschel's daughter Susanna, "My mother...brought music to him, which clearly influenced him deeply. He suddenly began to use musical metaphors for the religious life."

In his essay "The Vocation of the Cantor", Heschel explores the relationship between music and religious experience. He writes that music in the synagogue is "not an end in itself, but a means of religious experience", and that the function of music "is to help us to live through a moment of confrontation with the presence of God".

EHNTJC is very much a singing and musical congregation. We sing during services. Our members regularly lead the davening and chant Torah and Haftarah. The congregation supports special musical services like Koleinu and Shabbat Ruach, as well other synagogue musical events like the Purim Shpiel. (Get your tickets at www.ehnt.org. Don't miss it!)

What follows is a partial list of the musical experiences and opportunities for engagement at EHNTJC.

- **EHNTJC'S PURIM SHPIEL** WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY KEN DERMER. NOT TO BE MISSED!!
- **EREV PURIM BEATLES MEGILLAH** ('NUFF SAID)
- **TORAH AND HAFTARAH CHANTING TEAM**
 - TORAH TROPE CLASSES
 - HAFTARAH CHANTING CLASS (NEW! CONTACT THE OFFICE IF INTERSTED)
- **KOLEINU** – AN EREV SHABBAT MUSICAL TRADITION LED BY RABBI WEILL AND THE KOLENU BAND
- **SHABBAT RUACH** – A MUSICAL FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE LED BY CANTOR GALE AND THE SHABBAT RUACH BAND
- **DAVENING PARTNERS AND MINYAN LEADERS** – WEEKDAYS, SHABBAT MORNING, FESTIVALS AND HIGH HOLIDAYS
- **HIGH HOLIDAY CHOIR** – OUR MAGNIFICENT HH CHOIR LED BY ELENA LEVIN AND HOWARD PFEIFER
- **SHIRENU (OUR SONG)** – A NEW EHNTJC CHOIR! CONTACT THE OFFICE IF INTERESTED.
- **JEWISH MUSIC WITH CANTOR GALE** – A MONTHLY CLASS EXPLORING ASPECTS OF JEWISH MUSIC
- **FOLK/ROCK TORAH WITH RABBI WEILL**
- **CONCERTS AND MUSICAL PRESENTATIONS** SPONSORED BY OUR AUXILLIARY ORGANIZATIONS

At EHNTJC, we have so many opportunities to join together musically in community. May we continue, in Heschel's words "bringing the down spirit to earth" with our music and song for many years to come.

Message from Shelley Sutker-Dermer, EHNTJC President

EHNTJC is a very special synagogue, with a strong sense of community and dynamic, passionate and caring clergy. Their enthusiasm, knowledge and leadership are evident at services, programs and classes. I'm excited to work with our members and clergy in my new role as president.



Our board, composed of new and seasoned members working together, will continue to work to provide services and programming both virtually and in-person to allow everyone an opportunity to attend. We will be expanding our in-person events and continuing to follow the advice of our (very much appreciated) member medical advisory group.

I am writing this a few weeks before the performances of this year's Purim Shpiel, "The Lyin' Queen." Ken Dermer, the writer, director and driving force behind the shpiel — not to mention my husband — deserves a tremendous thank you for his hard work to bring this show to our community. Thank you to all those who have made it possible. The Ways & Means Committee, clergy, staff, synagogue members, friends, family, sponsors and community members have devoted time and money to make it financially successful. I'm confident that it also will be great entertainment.

As I transition into the president's role, I encourage you to reach out to me with any concerns or ideas you may have.

Thank you to all who make EHNTJC a thriving and vibrant community.

Shelley

Mazel Tov to...

- ...Jack & Jackie Lauwasser, on the marriage of his daughter, Melissa to Josh Little, on February 25th.
- ...Rabbi Neil Brief on the birth of his great-granddaughter, Neta Hallel Brief, February 20th.
- ...Mickey Gordon on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Ivy Mae Gordon.
- ...Debby & Michael Reinstein on the bar mitzvah of their grandson Max, and son-in-law, Andrew Madof.



- ...Evie & Rabbi Ralph Ruebner for sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon, in memory of their fathers, Maurice Ruebner and Herbert Prauer (past president), on the anniversary of their yahrzeits, on January 7th.
- ...Bill Gerber for sponsoring the Oneg, in honor of the installation of our 2023 Board of Trustees, on January 13th.
- ...Bill and Joel Gerber for sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon, in honor of Bill's 50th birthday, on January 14th.
- ...Rabbi Victor Weissberg for sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon, in honor of what would've been his and Tamar's 71st wedding anniversary, on February 11th.
- ...Kehillat Shalom for continuously supporting our Kiddush luncheons twice a month.

Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation
SISTERHOOD CORNER—March, 2023

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

From the President's Desk...

There are four important mitzvot of Purim that one is commanded to fulfill. They are listening to the entire megillah being read, giving gifts of food (mishloach manot) to friends, giving support or tzedakah (matanot l'evyonim) to those in need, and eating a festive meal (seudah). However, there are also many other customs in which we may partake. One such custom that has been around as early as the 1500's is the "Purim Shpiel."

The Shpiel is a musical parody—usually is a dramatization of the Book of Esther. Purim shpiels became widely used by Ashkenazi Jews as early as the mid-1500's. By the 18th century in Romania and some other parts of Eastern Europe, Purim shpiels had evolved into broad-ranging satires with music and dance. By the mid-19th century, some routines started to be based on other Bible stories.

Today, Purim shpiels are performed annually in many American synagogues and in Jewish communities in much of Europe. Our synagogue will be presenting our 14th Shpiel, "The Lyin' Queen," a spectacular production, written by our in-house creative director, writer and entertainer, Ken Dermer. Please support our shpiel this year by attending in-person on March 4th or 5th, or in-person or virtually on March 11th or 12th. You can call the office for more info at 847-675-4141.

And now for a well-known Purim phrase.... "If Purim is here, can Pesach be far behind?" Speaking of Pesach, please join Sisterhood on March 23rd when Julie Weill will present a new innovative and interactive Women's Passover seder!

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:

Barbara Barnett

(in honor of my family),

Esther Berman

(in honor of my grandchildren),

Joan Cook

(in honor of grandson

Hayden Chandler Kaplan's birthday),

Fran Givertz

(in honor of my family and friends),

Mickey Gordon

(in honor of my grandchildren),

Bobbie Levin,

Esther Manewith

(in honor of our grandchildren),

Dori Marks, Ada Rabinowitz and Judi Stein

Our Sisterhood is an affiliate of



*Knowledge is of little help if
not ruled by common sense.*

Good and Welfare...

- **Mazel Tov** to Mickey Gordon on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Ivy Mae Gordon.
- **Mazel Tov** to Debbie Groman on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Nina Groman.
- **Mazel Tov** to Debby Reinstein on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson Max and son-in-law, Andrew Madof.
- **Mazel Tov** to Shirley Lubowich on her 95th birthday and her 76th wedding anniversary.
- **Refuah Shlema** to Joan Cook.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER...

by Judy Arkin - Programming V.P.

Thursday, March 23rd at 7:30 p.m.
Women's Seder—led by Julie Weill

Wednesday, April 19th at 11:30 a.m.
Miep Gies portrayed by Megan Wells

Wednesday, May 3rd at 10:30 a.m.
Book Club – (ZOOM only)
"The Matchmaker's Gift"
by Lynda Cohen Loigman

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WAYS & MEANS

by Judy Frank - Ways & Means V.P.

Our Sisterhood Cards can be purchased through our gift shop. These cards can be used in honor of or in memory of someone. There are two sizes: small are 8 for \$10 and large are 6 for \$18.

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 will be included on each Leagram sent for an annual cost of \$54.

847-530-4572 or Judy@tscorp.com

Our next

Sisterhood Book Club



**will meet Wednesday, May 3rd
at 10:30 a.m. on ZOOM to discuss
"THE MATCHMAKER'S GIFT"**

by Lynda Cohen Loigman

Even as a child in 1910, Sara Glickman knows her gift -- she is a seeker of soulmates and a maker of matches. But among the pushcart-crowded street of New York's Lower East Side, Sara's vocation is dominated by devout older men -- men who see a talented female matchmaker as a dangerous threat to their traditions and livelihood. After working in secret for more than a decade, Sara must fight to take her rightful place among her peers, and to demand the recognition she deserves.

Two generations later, Sara's granddaughter, Abby, is a successful Manhattan divorce attorney, representing the city's wealthiest clients. When her beloved Grandma Sara dies, Abby inherits her collection of handwritten journals recording the details of Sara's matches. But among the faded volumes, Abby finds more questions than answers. Why did Abby's grandmother leave this library to her, and what did she hope Abby would discover within its pages? Why does the legal work Abby once found so compelling suddenly feel inconsequential and flawed? Is Abby willing to sacrifice the career she worked so hard for in order to keep her grandmother's mysterious promise to a stranger? And is there really such a thing as love at first sight?

Anyone whose life has been touched or inspired by a grandparent will be drawn to *The Matchmaker's Gift* --its vision of how one generation can affect another through shared stories and connections.

***Don't forget to complete the e-mail survey we
recently sent to you to help guide our
selections for next year!***

Carol Gottlieb and Dolly Zavell - Book Club Chairs

EDUCATION CORNER

by Cheryl Sklar - Education Committee

Purim: A Feminist Perspective

Purim is a holiday where women take center stage. The two key women, Queens Vashti and Esther, are heroic in different ways. They took opposite approaches when confronted with difficult situations. What they have in common is that once they made a decision they did not waiver.

The Megillah opens with a party being held by King Ahasuerus. The King summons his wife, Queen Vashti, to appear with her royal crown. When the Queen refuses, she is banished; some say that she is killed. Midrash is critical of Vashti, both as a person and for her actions. Vashti is identified as the great-granddaughter of Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian king who destroyed the first temple and exiled the Jews to Babylonia. Additionally, she is described as both wicked and vain as she enslaved Jewish women and forced them to work on Shabbat. While she may have been commanded to come to the party wearing only her crown, she refused the King's command because she had developed a skin ailment, and not because she objected to appearing in the nude. However, when Vashti's actions are evaluated from a modern perspective, she can be commended for her courage and disobedience. She had to have known that refusing to appear before the King would result in serious negative consequences, nevertheless she stuck with her principles.

Esther is the more reluctant heroine of the Megillah. When King Ahasuerus decides that he needs to find a replacement for Queen Vashti, he invites women of the kingdom to apply. Esther does not initially offer herself as a candidate, rather she does so when convinced by Mordechai, her uncle/brother, to apply. Esther is selected as the new queen but she hides her Jewish identity. However, when Haman, the King's prime minister, plans to murder all of the Jews, Mordechai convinces her to plead her case before the King to save her people. This was a dangerous step for Esther as appearing before the King without his permission was punishable by death. Esther knows what happened to Vashti who refused the King's order; now she too will defy the King by presenting herself without being called. Esther's strength is that, like Vashti, once she determines her course of action, she does not back down. We learn from the Megillah that as women, it is important to stand up for our beliefs, regardless of the risks.

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE
FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

PRESENTS AN ORIGINAL PASSOVER WOMEN'S SEDER **Led by Julie Weill**

"The Power of Belonging"

Thursday—March 23, 2023
7:30 p.m. CDT in the
EHNTJC Chapel
(and also available on Zoom)

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



The Exodus is a formative experience for the Jewish people—one that creates faith, identity, peoplehood, and a sense of belonging. The desire to connect is a human impulse. Through personal exploration and the sharing of stories and poetry, we will consider to whom and to what we belong and what belonging means to us.

PLEASE CLIP FORM BELOW AND RETURN BY MARCH 15th



EHNTJC *Sisterhood* Women's Seder

Name(s): _____ E-mail*: _____

**E-mail address required to receive ZOOM link (link will be sent out on March 21st)*

I/we will attend the Women's Seder ☐ **in-person** ☐ **on Zoom**

I would like to support Sisterhood programming with a donation of \$_____

Return to: EHNTJC SISTERHOOD ■ 4500 Dempster Street ■ Skokie, IL 60076

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Programming V.P.

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE
FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM



"SISTERHOOD SHABBAT"

Saturday—May 13th, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Our Sisterhood Shabbat Service is scheduled for May 13th.
Please indicate your participation interest by checking off your skills
in the areas below. Keep in mind that we will have more Hebrew parts
than English ones. The format will be similar to last year's service.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FORM BELOW

EHNTJC 2023 Sisterhood Shabbat

Name: _____ Phone: _____

- English Reading _____
- Hebrew Reading _____
- Aliyah _____
- Hebrew Chanting of Prayers _____
- Hebrew Responsive Chanting of Prayers _____
(ex. Ashrei, Birchot Hashachar)
- Chanting from Torah _____
- Chanting of Haftarah _____
- Serve on the Sisterhood Shabbat Planning Committee _____

Please return this form no later than March 5th to:

EHNTJC **SISTERHOOD SHABBAT**
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or e-mail your choice of participation to Esther Javetz at javfam@aol.com

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Education Vice-President

The EHNTJC Men's Club

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Presents an Eight-Part Series...

Jewish History from Biblical Times to Present

Part Seven...



“Sephardic Experiences of the Holocaust”

led by Sarah Abrevaya Stein

Thursday, March 16, 2023 - 7:30 PM CST via Zoom

Sarah Abrevaya Stein, Professor of History, Viterbi Family Chair in Mediterranean Jewish Studies, Sady and Ludwig Kahn Director, Alan D. Leve Center for Jewish Studies, UCLA

Holocaust books, documentaries, exhibits, monuments and museums privilege the story of Ashkenazi Jews' experience of the rise of Nazism, German occupation, deportation, annihilation, resistance and survival. But Sephardic Jewish communities had some of the highest rates of destruction among all the communities of Europe. This talk explores the ways in which the Holocaust unfolded in southeastern Europe, devastating the Judeo-Spanish heartland, and traces its effects on individual families and communities during the war years and after.

Sarah Abrevaya Stein is Sady and Ludwig Kahn Director of the Alan D. Leve Center for Jewish Studies, and Viterbi Family Chair in Mediterranean Jewish Studies at UCLA. She is the author and editor of ten books, including, most recently, *Wartime North Africa: a Documentary History, 1934-1950* (Stanford University Press, with the cooperation of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 2022) and *Family Papers: A Sephardic Journey Through the Twentieth Century* (FSG/Macmillan, 2019).

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!

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Part Eight...



“Awake My People: Anti-Semitism and the Jewish Encounter with Modernity”

led by Avinoam J. Patt, Ph.D.

Thursday, April 27, 2023 - 7:30 PM CST via Zoom

Avinoam J. Patt, Ph.D., Doris and Simon Konover Chair of Judaic Studies and Director of the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life, University of Connecticut

The Jewish encounter with the modern world has been framed by the dual factors of *antisemitism and assimilation*, which have paradoxically ensured Jewish survival, while also serving as constraints on Jewish growth. This lecture will explore the ways in which Jews have responded to the opportunities and challenges of these twin factors and the ways in which Jewish identity in the modern period has been shaped by this encounter.

Avinoam J. Patt, Ph.D. is the Doris and Simon Konover Chair of Judaic Studies and Director of the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life at the University of Connecticut. Until July 2019, he served as the Philip D. Feltman Professor of Modern Jewish History at the Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Hartford, where he was also director of the Museum of Jewish Civilization. Previously, he worked as the Miles Lerman Applied Research Scholar for Jewish Life and Culture at the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM).

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A MUSICAL PURIM PARODY 2023/5783

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

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

Tickets - \$25 each for in-person or per household virtually

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

Total enclosed \$ _____

___ Enclosed is my check payable to EHNTJC # _____

___ Credit card Visa/MasterCard (Note: A 3% convenience fee is added to all credit card charges.)

Account # _____ Exp. Date _____ 3 Digit Code _____

Authorized Signature _____



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PRESENTS:

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EREV PURIM

MONDAY, MARCH 6TH

5:45 PM

COME IN
COSTUME

Games - "Minute to Win It"

*Purim Fashion
Show
Pizza*



**STAY FOR THE PURIM SERVICE AND
MEGILLAH READING AT 7PM**

\$5.00 PER PERSON

RSVP BY THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND AT 847-675-4141



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EHNTJC offers heartfelt condolences to...

Ken (Shelley Sutker-Dermer) Dermer on the loss of his mother, Marilyn Dermer.

Ron Schultz on the loss of his wife and Robert (Amy) Rubinberg on the loss of his mother, Myra Schultz.

Robin Cember on the loss of her husband, Michael Cember.

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:

**Joel H. Farber
Ira Benjamin
Selma Benjamin**

*by
Beth Farber*

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!!

March Birthdays

April Birthdays

Susan Agate	Carol Gottlieb	Shirley Michaelson
Michael Baron	Alan Harris	Joan Olson
Ellen Bero	Jordan Hecktman	Beryl Rabinowitz
William Claver	Brian Jablo	Andy Reich
Lillian Cohen	Norton Josephson	Benjamin Rontal
Dalia Davidson	Arthur Klowden	Arona Sarfatty
Oren Davidson	Audrey Levin	Francine Schulman
Stav Davidson	Jack Lauwasser	Larry Sklar
Dani Dragon	Rabbi Shlomo Levine	Flora Steigman
Bonnie Feinberg	Jacob Levy	Benjamin Summers
Carol Friedlander	Paulette Levy	Nina Summers
Tamara Glassburg	Harvey Mantel	Adrienne Tanner
Fran Givertz	Neil Mermelstein	George Urban
	Gary Merrill	Bob Zavell

Lucca Bonaventura	Adie Fuchs	Hayden Reich
Barbara Brotine	Lee Golden	Tyler Reich
Sally Brown-Winter	Mickey Gordon	David Richmond
Joel Cohen	Mark Gruen	Susan Rifkin
Macey Dachman	Arica Hirsch	Judith-Rae Ross
Charles Davidson	Bruce Hoffen	Marlene Singer
Ken Dermer	Rose-Lynn Jaffe	Earl Strum
Herbert Dorfman	Esther Manewith	Renee Strum
Barbara Dorfman	Debbie Novoselsky	Neal Toback
David Eisenberg	Jamie Pawlan	Trudy Turner
Alan Farkas	Ray Pershing	Lila Weltman
Fred Fenig	Sarah Rabens	Alex Yovits
Howard Frank		



March Anniversaries

April Anniversaries

Zahava & Fred Fenig	Evie & Ralph Ruebner
Stephanie & Casey Jensen	Mary & Manny Schenk
Sandy & Ken Kaiz	Rachel & Van Schwab
Shirley & Jeff Michaelson	Irina Pechenik & Mark Shukhman
Sherry & Benjamin Rontal	Janice & David Solovy

Esther & Roger Berman
Robyn Weinstein & Ed Bettenhausen
Shaynee & Michael Lichtenstein
Dori & Joel Marks
Anita & Daryl Mittelman
Debbie & Henry Novoselsky

Have a Simcha?

Call the office if you would like to sponsor a Kiddush luncheon in honor of a birthday or anniversary or to make a donation to the

Gerald Melton Simcha Fund. This fund provides support of our Onegs and receptions. Donations can commemorate a special event or simcha.

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CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND

Sandi Cowen	Cantor Gale's 65th birthday
Shelley Sutker-Dermer & Ken Dermer	Cantor Gale's 65th birthday
Bill and Joel Gerber	Cantor Gale's 65th birthday
Judith & Nick Greifer	Cantor Gale's 65th birthday
Marsha & Richard Newman	Cantor Gale's 65th birthday
Marlene Singer	Cantor Gale's 65th birthday
Dolly & Bob Zavell	Cantor Gale's 65th birthday

V. CHANNON SOCIAL ACTION/TZEDAKAH FUND

<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>	
Robin Richman	beloved mother, Ann Richman

CONGREGATION FUND

<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>	
Ruth Abramson and Jim Lewis	Goldie Brandhandler
Alona Anspach	Tamar Weissberg
Liz & Barry Bennett	Miriam Jacobs
Harriet Berland	Goldie Brandhandler
Elaine Blaustein	Albert Berland
Bette Blumenthal	Irvin Blaustein
Marsha Brody	beloved husband, Thomas Blumenthal
The Carroll and Delano Family	Marilyn Dermer
Linda Chizewer	Marilyn Dermer
Lillian & Ed Cohen	Harold Chizewer
	Fred Kudert
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Bill Gerber's 50th birthday

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a speedy recovery to Sheldon Berg

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Ivy Mae

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Mickey Gordon

the birth of my first great-granddaughter,

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Bill Gerber's 50th birthday

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EHNTJC Ways & Means Committee
Judy Frank, Chair

The Purim Shpiel is just around the corner. This year will be the 14th show that Ken Dermer has written and our outstanding cast will be performing. Hope you purchased your tickets. If not, tickets can also be purchased at the door.

We have several special events planned for the summer months.

As you know, your support is very important to the success of our fundraisers. Thank you for always being there for us.

Looking forward to another successful year for EHNTJC!

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hereby authorize you to act as an agent to sell any chametz that may be in our possession, wherever it may be, at home, place of business, car or elsewhere, in accordance with Jewish law. I/We understand that any chametz in my/our possession will not be mine/ours from Wednesday, April 5, 2023 beginning at sundown through Thursday, April 13, 2023 ending at sundown.

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I/We enclose \$ _____ for tzedakah payable to EHNTJC. All donations received will be forwarded to Maot Chitim.

EHNTJC Religious Education Committee
Nina Summers, Chair

March

Rabbi Weill and Cantor Gale are collaborating with the Family Programming and Religious Education Committees in preparing the students for the Erev Purim Megillah Reading on March 6th (service begins at 7:00 pm). The children will participate in reading the chapters in English and say the blessings (if able to).

Family Programming (Bina Rubinson, Chair) and Religious Education are also planning a Purimpalooza prior to the service. Please see the enclosed flyer.

April

I am working with the teachers in preparing the students to lead the service in late April or early May. Each child will lead a prayer and participate in the Shabbat service.

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

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