Dear Friends:

Hope, they say, springs eternal. “Spring” is the right verb, for the season of spring is nature’s most hopeful time. Winter ice melts, mercury nudges upward, geese fly northward, and crocuses and daffodils delight the eye.

In spring comes our most hopeful holiday, Pesach. True, all Jewish holidays are hopeful. Even Tisha b’Av, our darkest day, ends with a hopeful prayer for the messiah.

But Pesach stands out with its exuberant message of hope. Just as Egyptian slavery represents a long winter of physical hardship and spiritual dormancy, so does our liberation from Egypt represent renewal, a promise of freedom and, when we arrive at Mt. Sinai, a renewed relationship with God.

Part of this season’s message of hope resides in Sefirat ha’Omer, the counting of the omer, the 49 days that link Passover and Shavuot. As we count those days, we examine our characters, focusing daily or weekly on different aspects of our selves. The goal is to be prepared – emotionally and spiritually – for Shavuot, when we receive Torah.

This tradition of methodical self-examination encourages us to believe in our ability to change and to be deserving, once again, of Torah. Our tradition does not ask us to be perfect, of course. It only asks for little changes toward better selves.

Friends, we’ve left Egypt and we’re walking to Sinai. May each of us take a little step toward godliness and better selves. And may we hold fast to the hope that we will be worthy of that great gift of Torah, lovingly bestowed.

Rabbi Jeffrey Weill
PURIM CARNIVAL UPDATE

We are grateful to the children and families that supported us, and to the 23 volunteers who assisted in selling tickets, raffles, manning the games, and distributing the prizes. Thank you to our seven Religious School students who took charge and manned some of the games instead of playing them. The Men’s Club provided food for this event, and we wish to thank them for their efforts and support. A special thank you to Jeff Sacks for coordinating security, and to Randy Jaffe for photographing our event.

“THE KING & I” (May 15th) - LYRIC OPERA HOUSE
The Religious School is still selling tickets to the May 15th Lyric Opera production of “The King & I.” (Showtime: 1:30 pm.) Based on a true story, “The King & I” is one of the most popular musicals of all time. This highly acclaimed production by Rodgers and Hammerstein is a “must see!” This show is selling out fast - so please order your tickets now. We have reserved great First Balcony seats, which will be sold for $60 (Adults) and $50 (Children). Main Floor and other seating options are available upon request. Roundtrip bus transportation will be available from EHNTJC on a first come-first serve basis at $15 per person, however seating is limited. For additional information: contact Ms. Shimrah Bullock-Adkins at 847-675-4141 or Religious_Education@ehnt.org.

HEY CLASS EVENT
Rabbi Weill and Lee Levin will continue instructing the class on the blessings and procedures for laying Tefillin. Our students enjoyed the initial class and look forward to the follow-up session. We look forward to having other congregants participate in this important endeavor.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL GRADUATION
Religious School graduation will be held during our Shabbat service on Friday, June 10th. Students from our Hey and Lehrhaus classes will be graduating.
**Tree of Life**

Share Your Joy!
Dedicate a leaf on the
Tree of Life sculpture
in the synagogue lobby.

Celebrate your happy events.
Call Bill Gerber in the office.

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**EHNTJC Sisterhood Gift Shop Splashy Debut!**

The EHNTJC Sisterhood Gift Shop had its grand reopening at the Women’s Seder on April 6th. There were many lovely Passover items for the Seder, the table and things for children, along with items for Mother’s Day gifts.

The Sisterhood’s goal is to make the new and improved gift shop a successful source of income that will ultimately benefit the synagogue. To this end, surveys have been created to establish a “wish list” of items to be carried by the gift shop. The committee will also search for items requested by members for wedding, bar and bat mitzvah, baby and other gifts. Gift wrapping service will also be offered. It is the hope of the committee that members and non-members will look to the EHNTJC gift shop before patronizing retail stores in the area.

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**Koleinu – “Our Voice”**

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

Friday, May 13th
Friday, June 17th
7:00 p.m.

All are welcome!

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**Purim Sale!!!**

**THE QUEEN AND I**

**DVD’S:**
One DVD is $15.00
Each additional is $10.00

**T-SHIRTS:**
$5.00 each (limited sizes)

**HIGHLIGHTERS:**
$1.00 for a pack of 3

Contact the office for more details.

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**See, Learn, Experience Israel with Rabbi Jeffrey Weill**

DECEMBER 11 – 21, 2016

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To the families who have an upcoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah, please contact the Sisterhood Gift Shop for kippot and other event needs. We will be happy to assist you in finding everything you need for a successful day. Remember that purchasing from the Sisterhood Gift Shop helps the synagogue. Contact Marcy Feinberg at 847-318-9266 or Judy Frank at 847-677-4950.

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...to the Men’s Club for sponsoring the IDF Soldiers to speak during our Kiddush luncheon on Saturday, April 9th.
**MAZEL TOV TO OUR UPCOMING B’NAI MITZVAH!**

**William H. Claver**, son of Bruce and Amy Claver and brother to Sarah, will become a Bar Mitzvah on **May 4, 2016**. He is in the 7th grade at Attea Middle School in Glenview.

At school, William participates in the gaming club and enjoys math, science, and music classes. He also enjoys reading science fiction and comic books, playing piano and actively participates in Boy Scouts. This summer, William will pursue his interest in marine biology by participating in the MarineQuest program for teens at the University of North Carolina Wilmington then, pursue his interest in exotic animals at Cub Creek Science Camp in Missouri, and finish up the summer at Boy Scout Camp at Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan in Wisconsin.

William has designated the **The Red Bag of Courage Mitzvah Project** with Magen David Adom for his tzedakah contribution.

*Kiddush sponsored by Bruce and Amy Claver.*

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**Oren and Dalia Davidson**, twins of Miriam and Charles Davidson and brother/sister to Stav, will become B’nai Mitzvah on **May 21, 2016**. They are both in the 7th grade at Haven Middle School in Evanston.

Oren participates in climbing club, the EHNTJC Purim Shpiel, soccer and enjoys playing piano. He also enjoys building things, biking, skating and sledding.

Dalia plays tennis and piano. She also enjoys biking, hiking and going to services.

Oren and Dalia have both designated **The Back Door Food Pantry** for their tzedakah contribution.

*Kiddush sponsored by Charles and Miriam Davidson.*

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**Alana Beth and Shira Rose Chupack**, twins of Sarah and Joel Chupack, sisters to Matthew, will become B’nai Mitzvah on **May 28, 2016**. They are both in the 7th grade at Northbrook Jr. High School in Northbrook.

At school, both Alana and Shira participate in Peer Mentoring. Alana enjoys tennis and swimming and Shira enjoys dance and gymnastics.

Both girls have designated **Peer Mentoring** and **Chain of Memory** for their tzedakah contribution. Alana has also designated **Locks of Love** as an additional contribution.

*Kiddush sponsored by Joel and Sarah Chupack.*
Alyssa Mabel Batman Levin, daughter of Elena Batman Levin and Lee Levin, will become a Bat Mitzvah on June 4, 2016. She is in the 7th grade at Old Orchard Jr. High in Skokie.

At school she participates in Science Olympiad, orchestra, choir, theater, FCS, and is a Gold Honor Roll student.

Alyssa enjoys horseback riding, tennis, sketching, writing fan fiction, swimming, sewing and reading.

Alyssa has designated Rhea Segal Food Pantry and Feed My Starving Children for her tzedakah contribution.

Kiddush sponsored by Lee Levin and Elena Batman Levin.

Mazel Tov to...

...Mickey & Phil Gordon on their granddaughter, Tatum, becoming a Bat Mitzvah on December 26, 2015 in Israel.

...Evelyn Lowenthal on her grandson, Henry Jacob, becoming a Bar Mitzvah on June 4, 2016.

...Veronika & George Urban on the birth of their granddaughter, Emily Ariella Shiba, born on April 23, 2016.

...Joyce & Jack Hoyt on the birth of their granddaughter, Madalyn Rae Hoyt, born on April 25, 2016.

Calling All 12-Year Olds, Their Parents & All Congregants!!!

Please volunteer at the Uptown Café on either Sunday, May 22nd or Sunday, June 5th. It will be a rewarding mitzvah to help serve a meal to those less fortunate than ourselves. We need 6 volunteers for each date.

If interested, please contact Judy Arkin, 847-763-1996 or kjarkin99@comcast.net
Please join us for a special

**Shabbat Evening**

May 6, 2016

6:30PM - Shabbat Dinner
8:00PM - Shabbat Eve Service with
Rabbi Jeffrey Weill and Cantor Benjamin Warschawski
Followed by an Oneg Shabbat

Menu: Dinner Salad, Greek Chicken, Herbed Green Beans and Couscous w/ Carrots & Celery
- Catered by Zelda’s Kosher Gourmet

Dinner reservation deadline: Tuesday, May 3
Sorry, No transfer credit or refunds if cancelled after May 3

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_____ # of children 5 and under (free) (Please list ages) ______________

_____ Total attending Total Enclosed $ __________________________

_____ Check (Please make checks payable to EHNTJC) – Check # ______________

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Authorized Signature: ___________________________________________________________________

If possible, please seat us with:

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

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SISTERHOOD CORNER—April-May, 2016

Evelyn Lowenthal, Sisterhood President       Judy Arkin, Editor (kjarkin99@comcast.net)

From the President’s Desk...

THANK YOU to all who helped make our April Women’s Seder another super success! A special thank you to Julie Weill for her creative Haggadah and her leadership of the event! Now coming to an end, we hope you enjoyed your Passover celebration with family and friends.

Our Sisterhood year is wrapping up with a Book Review & Luncheon on Wednesday, May 4th at 11:30 a.m., featuring author Ron Balson reviewing his latest book “Saving Sophie”. On Saturday, May 14th, we will celebrate Sisterhood Shabbat and lead Shabbat morning services along with sponsoring the Kiddush Luncheon which follows. We invite you to join us!

Plans are underway for our Culminating Luncheon and Installation of the 2016-2017 Officers and Board of Trustees, so please save the date—Wednesday, June 8th. Invitations will be mailed soon. We hope to see you at one of our upcoming events!

Stop by and check out our Gift Shop cases in the Social Hall. We have lots of new items—perfect for the holidays or a special gift!

B’Shalom! Evelyn Lowenthal

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 Marcy Feinberg, Miriam Goldberger and Ruth Saffro. If you have news to share, contact Judy Arkin at kjarkin99@comcast.net.

- Sisterhood donation cards are $5/10 and the Chai cards are $5/18. The cards are available in the synagogue office.

- Our Sisterhood continues to make shawls for breast cancer patients. The synagogue office has copies of the instructions. For more information, please call Idelle Peaceman at (847)254-7745.

Membership Takes a Village!

Attracting new members to our Sisterhood is a year-round endeavor! Invite your friends and family to the next Sisterhood event. And if you know of someone who needs a ride—let us know or bring them with you so they can also enjoy the fun and our interesting programs! Thank you for your participation....we hope to see you soon! A BIG WELCOME to our newest member—Sarah Chupack!

Ada Rabinowitz (847)530-5517
Vice President – Membership

BOOK and AUTHOR LUNCHEON
Wednesday, May 4th @ 11:30 a.m.

“SAVING SOPHIE”
by Ronald H. Balson

Also the author of “Once We Were Brothers”, his newest book “Saving Sophie” is the powerful story of the lengths a father will go through to protect his daughter and an action-packed thriller that will take you on an unforgettable journey of murder and deception, testing the bonds of family and love.

Please join us for lunch and a lively discussion!

$18 Sisterhood Members by April 29th
$23 Guests and Non-members
Or At the Door!

THANK YOU to our Education Committee for their work on our Rosh Chodesh programs. These thoughtful Rosh Chodesh discussions grew out of their ideas and commitment. Thanks also to Davida Grossman and the Hospitality Committee for their mouth-watering light luncheons! And, thanks to each of you who attended—we couldn’t have had these wonderful programs without you!

Kol ha Kovod!

Judith-Rae Ross
Vice President – Education
OUR DISTINGUISHED JEWISH WOMEN—PAST AND PRESENT:
Ruth Handler
(Founder of the Barbie Doll)
by Joanne Stein

Born the youngest of 10 children, Ruth Mosko was the daughter of Jewish immigrants from Poland. She married her high school boyfriend, Elliot Handler, and then teamed up with a friend named Harold Mattson to form a business partnership.

The business began to specialize in toys. Mrs. Handler liked to say that she came up with the idea for the Barbie Doll by watching her own daughter, Barbara, play with dolls. (Barbie was her daughter’s nickname.)

Up to that time, toy manufacturers had always believed that little girls wanted baby dolls to pretend to be mommies—Mrs. Handler felt that little girls wanted to pretend to be bigger girls.

The Barbie Doll, with its large breasts, was introduced in 1959 and sold more than 350,000 the first year. By the early 1960s, the Mattel Company, with Ruth as its president, had sales of over $100 million. The Ken Doll, named for the Handlers’ son, appeared, as did other dolls named for their grandchildren.

There was criticism based on the unrealistic measurements of the doll, the equivalent of 39-21-33. Mrs. Handler defended these dimensions, stating that Barbie’s clothes would not fit well without them.

In 1970, Mrs. Handler underwent a mastectomy which led to her second trailblazing career: manufacturing and marketing artificial breasts. She named her product “Nearly Me” and crossed the country as a spokesperson for early detection of breast cancer, as well as the sale of her invention. She fit former First Lady Betty Ford, after Mrs. Ford’s mastectomy. Mrs. Handler died at age 85 in 2002 of complications from colon surgery.

Her invention of the Barbie Doll is considered so quintessentially American that it was included in the official America’s Time Capsule. More than one billion Barbies of every ethnicity have been sold, reflecting Mrs. Handler’s belief that through the doll “a little girl could be anything she wanted to be”.

Just this past year, the iconic Barbie Doll was given its first change. Now Barbie will come in three new body sizes and a variety of skin tones and hairstyles. Time will tell whether the diversity of Barbie will be successful for the company, or whether Mrs. Handler’s original vision will prevail.

Torah Fund “Chai” Tea

Thank you to all who supported our 2015-2016 Torah Fund Campaign and joined us at our “Chai” Tea on March 24th. Our guest speaker was Rabbi Lizzie Heydemann, Rabbi of Mishkan Chicago, and a 2010 Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies graduate.

Eve Lowenthal, Rabbi Heydemann, Gloriann Levy (Torah Fund Co-chair), Edna Schrann (CGLR Co-chair) and Yoni Dahlen (graduating from JTS in May)
Photo taken by Julie Weiss (Torah Fund Co-Chair)

Good and Welfare...

- Wishing a speedy recovery to Paula Carroll, Barbara Wax, Judy Klowden, Henely Kramer, Carol Straus, Shirley Lubowich and Sheila Gross.
- Our condolences to Ruth Siegel on the recent loss of her mother, Rachel Siegel.
- Our condolences to Judy Frank and Henely Kramer on the loss of their brother, Cyril Rubin.
- Thank you to Glenda Elam for her recent donation to Sisterhood in beloved memory of Cyril Rubin.
- Thank you to Judy Klowden for her donation in appreciation of the many cards and good wishes she received after her fall and surgery.
- Mazel Tov to Mickey Gordon on the Bat Mitzvah in Israel of her granddaughter, Tatum Gordon.
- Mazel Tov to Elaine Lampert on the birth of her grandson, Rowan Ames Lampert.
- For the first time in ten years, Dorothy Lipstadt enjoyed her 17 grandchildren and great-grandchildren from Toronto and Washington, DC at Passover.
- Our condolences to the family of Sisterhood member, Sylvia Footlik. May her memory be for a blessing.

GIFT SHOP GRAND RE-OPENING!

Check out our new items for Passover, Mother’s Day and gifts for all occasions.
Contact Marcy Feinberg (847)318-9266 or Judy Frank (847)877-4950 for more information.
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Invites you to join us for a special
Book and Author Luncheon....

featuring

Ronald Balson
author of “Once We Were Brothers”
with a review of

“Saving Sophie”

DATE:  Wednesday—May 4th, 2016
TIME:  11:30 a.m.—Lunch
PLACE:  EHNTJC Social Hall
COST:  $18 for Sisterhood Members with paid reservation by April 29th
       $23 for Non-members and at the door

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

EHNTJC Sisterhood “Book and Author Luncheon”

Name: ________________________________ Phone: ____________

_____ @ $18 (Members)  _____ @ $23 (Guests*/Non-members*)

*Name(s): __________________________________________

Enclosed is my check payable to EHNTJC SISTERHOOD for $ __________
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Please send in your reservation by April 29th to:
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The **Sisterhood**
of EZRA-HABONIM, THE NILES TOWNSHIP JEWISH CONGREGATION

**“SISTERHOOD SHABBAT”**
Saturday—May 14th, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

Please join us when our Sisterhood members lead the Shabbat service, followed by a Kiddush lunch sponsored by the Sisterhood.

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**EHNTJC Sisterhood**

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2016-2017

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MEN’S CLUB BRIEFS

Telling It Like It Was

Recent Men’s Club Movie Nite programs provided a look back at events and stories that grew out of the World War II era and the years shortly thereafter.

“Unlikely Heroes” told the stories of Jews who saved Jews and other Jews who resisted the Nazis. One story covered the wartime experience of TV actor Robert Clary.

It was followed by “Above & Beyond”, the story of the birth of Israel and the American pilots who formed the fledgling group that evolved into what is today the Israeli Air Force.

Our next feature was “The Woman In Gold”, the story of the successful legal fight by Marla Altmann to reclaim the famous painting of her aunt, Adele Bloch-Bauer, that was stolen from their family by the Nazis and later held by the government of Austria.

We recognized our paid-up members by hosting a “thank you” dinner and a presentation by Brent Novoselsky and Ed Sherman. They related sports stories about the way it was when Brent was an NFL football player with the Chicago Bears and Minnesota Vikings and Ed was a Chicago Tribune sports writer.
Telling It Like It Is

We hosted the Israeli Soldiers’ Tour at a Shabbat Kiddush where congregants had the opportunity to meet 2 Israeli citizen soldiers, Dekel and Ell, and to hear first hand about their battlefield experiences.

Telling It Like It Will Be

Once again Men’s Club is working to keep alive the memory of our 6 million kinfolk who perished during the Shoah. We are providing a Yellow Memorial Candle to every congregant family and we are sponsoring a Yom HaShoah memorial program for the synagogue.

For 33 days you’ll see bearded men in the synagogue. They’ll be participating in a “Shave-Off program beginning April 23rd (the first day of Passover) and ending May 26th (Lag B’Omer). They’re not too lazy to shave. They’re just having fun and raising money for the congregation. When they ask you, please support them with a pledge.

Observe Shabbat with us at the Men’s Club Saturday morning service and Kiddush lunch. As they have for the past few years, Men’s Club members will conduct the entire service, including chanting, reading parts in Hebrew and English, coming to the bima for aliyahs, and delivering the D’var Torah. You’ll also enjoy the lunch meal which will be prepared and served by our members.

Tentative Program Schedule (May-June)

May 2   Board Meeting
May 5   Yom HaShoah Memorial Program
May 26  Lag B’Omer (End of the “Shave-Off” Fundraiser Program)
June 6  Board Meeting
June 18 Men’s Club Shabbat and Kiddush Lunch

Watch for our flyers on these and other Men’s Club events.
In Loving Memory

If you wish to honor the memory of a dear one, a most fitting, traditional and dignified remembrance is through a memorial plaque. Each memorial plaque, bearing the name and *yahrzeit* date, is mounted in the Memorial Alcove in our chapel. On the day of the *yahrzeit*, your loved one’s name is listed on a tablet in the chapel alcove. For more information or to order a plaque, contact Bill Gerber in the synagogue office.

The following memorial plaque has recently been dedicated in the chapel:

Bertelle K. Meyers
by Ken Meyers

EHNTJC offers heartfelt condolences to...

Judy (Howard) Frank and Henely (Mel) Kramer on the loss of their brother, Cyril Rubin.

Joel (Dori) Marks on the loss of his brother, Robert.

Ed Cohen on the loss of his aunt, Sharon Herzog.

The family of Herman Cohn.

Brenda Huss and Fred (Caryn Bark) Huss on the loss of their husband and father, David.

Janice Footlik on the loss of her mother, Sylvia.

Miriam Jacobs on the loss of her husband, Gilbert.

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

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SOCIAL ACTION CORNER
Joel Chupack, Chair

On April 3rd, EHNTJC’s Social Action Committee held a program on Fighting Sex Trafficking, led by JCAST (Jewish Community Against Sex Trafficking). It was very informative. Thank you to those who donated travel sized toiletries to go to the people who are trafficked.

EHNTJC ADULT EDUCATION
Diane Rosenfeld, Chair

Our current classes/programs include:
Rabbi Weill teaches a weekly Torah Study class at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings, “The Land Beyond Torah”. Congregants are encouraged to attend this class whenever they are able.

Rabbi Victor Weissberg teaches “Wisdom of Our Sages” on most Shabbat mornings after Kiddush.

“Take a Walk on the Weill Side” - is a walk around Devonshire Park with Rabbi Weill held on most Wednesday afternoons at 2 pm. During the winter months, the walk is held in the Social Hall.

Charles Kriesberg, EHNTJC Torah reader, teaches an ongoing Intermediate Hebrew class.

The Adult Ed committee met in March, and we will soon be sending an interest survey for all to complete so that we can offer classes that appeal to our congregants.

Purim Shpiel - Tremendous Success
Judy Frank, Ways & Means Chair

This year was our 7th annual Purim Shpiel once again written and directed by Ken Dermer. The other synagogue members totally involved with this outstanding show were:

- Francine Schulman – Costume Design
- Larry Schoeneman – Set & Stage Design
- Bruce Claver – Communications
- Mary Schenk – Assistant Director
- Rena Rozen (Religious School teacher) – Choreography

This was absolutely our most successful show yet. We had over 250 people at each of the three performances, more sponsors than ever before, and a huge cast consisting of many of our own synagogue members.

As Ways & Means Chairman, I would like to thank you, our members, for supporting the Purim Shpiel by being a sponsor, getting sponsors, purchasing tickets and encouraging your friends and family to attend. I especially want to thank everyone involved including the talented cast for the time and effort that they put into this wonderful production.
# Let’s Celebrate!!

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| Rivka Angelus        | Neil Gurevitz           | David Reich                 |
| Seth Bachman         | Kathleen Harris         | Debbie Reich                |
| Doris Baer           | Marlene Hecktman        | Diane Rosenfeld             |
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| Phillip Dickler      | Joel Levin              | Naomi Spiro                 |
| Sandy Falkin         | Stuart Levin            | Ariel Starkston             |
| Robert Fine          | Julian Levy             | David Starkton              |
| Linda Fox            | Dori Marks              | Stuart Starr                |
| Alan Gilman          |                         | Rabbi Victor                |

## May Anniversaries

- Phillip & Penny Arnold
- Steve & Sandy Falkin
- Howard & Judy Frank
- Jacob & Roz Goldberg
- Alan & Judith Harris
- Jordan & Marlene Hecktman
- Michael Kleinstein & Debra Honig
- Sam & Charlotte Nemtzow
- Michael & Deborah Feinstein
- Larry Schoeneman & Judy Orbach

## June Anniversaries

- Harold & Linda Chizewer
- Phillip & Grace Dickler
- Fred & Barbara Frankston
- David & Pauline Gimbel
- Steven & Madeline Goldman
- Lester & Norma Gordon
- Cy & Sally Jablo
- Stanley & Isaela Kaplan
- Arthur & Judith Klowden
- Marshall & Judy Kupchan
- Stuart & Bobbie Levin
- Rabbi Shlomo & Annabel Levine
- Gunther & Margot Marx
- Allan & Carla Price
- Dave Richmond & Edie Sue Sutker
- Stan & Claire Shulman
- David & Randi Starkman
- Martin & Flora Steigman
- Lloyd & Sharon Stein
- Bob & Dolly Zavell

## 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.
Help us honor
Allan and Paula Carroll

The 2016 Ad Book for Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation is dedicated as a tribute to our own Allan and Paula Carroll on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary and their many years of service to EHNTJC.

There are many ways to participate in our 2016 Tribute Ad Book:
✓ Place your own tribute ad honoring Allan and Paula Carroll
✓ Honor our clergy and staff
✓ Memorialize a loved one
✓ Celebrate a happy occasion
✓ Solicit ads from family and friends
✓ Place an ad for your own business
✓ Solicit ads from people or places you do business with

Not only will we be honoring the Carrolls, but we will also be generating much needed funds to help our synagogue continue to grow and prosper.

An ad blank is included with this newsletter. Additional ad blanks and solicitation letters are available in the office.

For more information, please contact Ada Rabinowitz at (847)673-0697 or Debbie Reich at (847)272-4057.
Thank you in advance for your support!

Ada and Debbie
Ada Rabinowitz and Debbie Reich
2016 Ad Book Chairmen

Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation
4500 Dempster Street • Skokie, Illinois 60076-2093
PHONE (847) 675-4141 FAX (847)675-0327 E-mail jeanette@ehnt.org
Honoring

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The advertiser below hereby authorizes the insertion of an advertisement in the 2016 EHNTJC TRIBUTE AD BOOK

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Your participation in this Ad Book is tax-deductible as a contribution or advertising expense.
Still Directing!

Ilan "Izzy" Dick

Seymour Mandel

In December of 2014 Izzy and Seymour celebrated their 91st and 80th birthdays respectively. This made them the two oldest practicing and most experienced licensed Jewish funeral directors in the state of Illinois.

Izzy and Seymour serve the families that call them through Mitzvah Memorial Funerals. Combined with Lloyd Mandel, Bill Goodman and Larry Mandel, Mitzvah Memorial Funeral has the most experienced staff of Jewish funeral directors in Chicago with over 200 years of combined experience.

Mitzvah Memorial Funerals also provides the lowest price! In most cases we save families $2000-$5000 versus what Chicago Jewish funeral homes with chapels charge for the same or similar services and casket.

If your Synagogue has a discounted funeral plan that we are not currently a provider of you can still choose us. We guarantee to be at least 25% less!*

If you have already made a pre-arrangement elsewhere you can switch to us. In most cases we will refund your family thousands of dollars.

We also offer pre-arrangements and fund through Homesteaders Life

*Guarantee is on base price of funeral plan including services, casket and miscellaneous items. Not included in this are the cemetery charges, vault and cash advance items.

Mitzvah Memorial Funerals
630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824)
Names you have trusted for decades... Still here to serve when needed

Lloyd Mandel
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SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH AT 8AM

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To improve the health & wellness of injured veterans by providing a life changing experience through cycling

Registration Includes:
- DRAWINGS
- w/CUBS TICKETS
- LIVE MUSIC
- TACO BAR
- SAG SUPPORT
- FINISHING MEDAL

Register at EvanstonSubaru.com

Evanston Subaru in Skokie
3340 Oakton Street / 847-869-5700 / EvanstonSubaru.com
HERE'S A GREAT WAY TO HELP THE SYNAGOGUE AND IT'S SO EASY!!

If you shop at Jewel, purchase our $100 Jewel cards. You get full value and the synagogue gets money back for each card sold. Jewel cards can be acquired from Bill Gerber in the synagogue office.

Do you have a business you would like to advertise in our Bulletin? Contact Jeanette Sigler for more information at 847-675-4141.

Rehabilitation at its Best!

The Selfhelp Home is a non-profit, Jewish senior living community offering independent living, short-term rehabilitation, assisted living, intermediate and skilled nursing care.

Experience high quality rehabilitation in a luxurious setting at the Health & Rehabilitation Center at The Selfhelp Home. Skilled therapists, geriatricians and healthcare professionals work together in a state-of-the-art therapy center to prepare you to return home. Enjoy a spacious private room with in-room dining, Wi-Fi and overnight accommodations for your family member.

For a tour of our rehabilitation center, call 773.271.0300.
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**Join Men’s Club members as EHNTJC**

**Observes Yom HaShoah**

Thursday May 5th at 6:30 pm

Join us as EHNTJC remembers those brothers and sisters we lost in the Holocaust and as we commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Nuremberg Trials.

The memorial program will begin with a short video of a survivor recounting his experiences during the Holocaust. Rabbi Weill will then continue the program with a service and selected readings appropriate to the occasion and to the start of the trials of the Nazi war criminals.

EHNTJC Men’s Club

Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

4500 Dempster Street, Skokie, IL 60076 847-675-4141
Synagogue Wish List
There are so many items the synagogue truly needs that our congregants, if only they knew, would be pleased to provide. Here are some of our Wish List items with approximate costs:

- **New Paint (Social Hall)**
  - $10,000

- **New & Improved Website and Maintenance**
  - $5000

- **Help with a Membership**
  - $1218 Single
  - $2218 Family

- **Seating & Shelves for our new coat room**
  - $1000

- **Chairs on Bima Reupholstery (Named)**
  - $1000 each

- **Carpet Cleaner/Shampooer**
  - $600

- **Gift cards from Sam’s Club or Office Max**
  - Any denomination

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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.

- **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 purchased 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 undertake 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.

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AVAILABLE EHNTJC CDS

*Cantor Benjamin Warschawski’s High Holiday CD is available in the office, only $18.*
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