Holocaust? Shoah? What’s in a name?

We recently commemorated Yom ha'Shoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, in our chapel. We were moved by the story congregant Gunther Marx bravely shared about his late, first wife, Diane, and her experiences during that tragic time.

Two words refer to the decimation of European Jewry in the mid-twentieth century. Years ago in America we only used the word “Holocaust.” Today the Hebrew word “Shoah” has become prominent as well. Both words present problems.

The word “holocaust” originally referred to a ritual sacrifice -- a whole (holo) burning (caust). The word then came to be associated with genocides long before the Nazi genocide against the Jews of Europe. For years after World War II, writers referred to the Nazi genocide as “a holocaust,” and not as a proper noun – the Holocaust – which referred specifically to that one particular period in Jewish and human history. In the 1970s, the word finally took root as a proper noun – the Holocaust – referring exclusively to the Nazi genocide against the Jews.

I am ambivalent about the name, the Holocaust, to refer to the campaign to exterminate the Jews, for, etymologically, it evokes ritual sacrifice, and sacrifices are made with the hope of receiving something in return. Were six million Jews killed in order to receive something in return? Was the creation of the state of Israel a divine response to the death of so many innocents, including more than one million children? Surely not.

The word “shoah” is a biblical word usually translated as “devastation” or “ruin.” But while “shoah” does not imply a sacrifice, the Bible often uses it to refer to divine retribution against the sinful ancient Israelites. Applying this notion of an angry, punishing G-d to the murder of the six million is also inappropriate, even deeply offensive. It is a classic case of blaming the victim.

Both words -- Holocaust and Shoah -- carry an implication that there was a reason and purpose for the murder of millions. They are powerful words, but troubling. On the other hand, perhaps this is appropriate. For how can we really ever expect to find the right word for such evil? The devastation wrought upon our people was unimaginable and indescribable. Such a titanic human tragedy should and must resist any single or simple definition. Words elude us, as does comprehension.

Let us finally note the fuller Hebrew name of Holocaust Remembrance Day: Yom ha'Shoah v'ha'Gevura, Day [of Remembrance] of the Holocaust and Heroism. The Shoah (the word I prefer) presents us with calamity, but also awe-inspiring heroism and bravery. Moreover, one week after Yom ha'Shoah we honor those who heroically died in defense of Israel on Yom ha'Zikaron – the Day of Remembrance – followed immediately by Yom ha'Atzmaut – Independence Day.

It was a tragedy of unspeakable dimensions. But we are Jews. In our tragedies, we will triumph. In our darkness, we shed light. In our despair, we hope. From evil, goodness. From weakness, strength.

Rabbi Jeffrey Weill
Mazel Tov to...

...Shaynee & Michael Lichtenstein on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Alyse Lora Lichtenstein.
...Jan Eisbar & Barry Markowitz on the B’nai Mitzvah of their grandchildren.
...Anita & Daryl Mittelman on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Rachel Buchanan.
...Luisita & Howard Graff on the birth of their granddaughter, Riley Faith Schiff.
...Dorette Klein on the birth of her granddaughter, Emmalyn Leal Cotter.

...Judi & Alex Stein for sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat in honor of Joanne Stein’s D’var Torah, March 10th.
...Menucha & Alan Levy for sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon in honor of their son Jacob’s Bar Mitzvah, March 11th.
...Adrienne Tanner for sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon in honor of her special birthday, March 18th.
...Harvey & Tita Mantel and Ken Mantel for sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon in honor of Harvey’s 65th birthday, Harvey & Tita’s 37th wedding anniversary, and Ken’s new EHNTJC membership, April 1st.
...Rose-Lynn Jaffe and Ricki Herling for co-sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon in honor of Rose-Lynn’s birthday and Ricki’s 70th birthday, April 22nd.
...Men’s Club for sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon in honor of Men’s Club Shabbat, April 29th.

Second Seder – A Crowd Pleaser

Every Seder makes mention of bitter herbs, but only the EHNTJC Congregation Second Seder featured commentary from a live and suitably obnoxious “Bitter Herb” – played for laughs by Lee Levin and Bruce Claver. That was just one highlight of this joyful event that saw over 100 congregants of all ages celebrate the second night of Passover together.

The evening featured participation from every table, songs, amusing discussions between Rabbi Weill and Cantor Warschawski, special costumed appearances by Bruce, Lee and Rich Newman, plus a magic show interlude from Lee. Everyone enjoyed an excellent dinner catered by Mizrahi Grill.

Our thanks to past president Stanley Schwartz and members of his committee, Abby Gurevitz, Sandi Cowen, Carol Straus and Jeanette Sigler, for their hard work at arranging this meaningful and enjoyable celebration.

-M Brent Brotine, Communications Chair

Mazel Tov to Ashley Tellefsen
on becoming a Bat Mitzvah!

May 20, 2017
Parashat Behar-Bechukotai

Ashley, daughter of Susan Corzine and John Tellefsen, sister to Austin and Amanda, is in the 7th grade at Old Orchard Junior High. At school she participates in choir and band. Ashley also enjoys playing softball.

Ashley has designated Team Hope for her tzedakah contribution.

Thank you to Susan & Joe Corzine and John Tellefsen for sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon in honor of Ashley’s simcha.

“Thank you to all who donated to the synagogue in honor of our anniversary and wishing Michael good health thoughts after his surgeries. Thank you to those of you who donated your time shopping and taking us to doctors and just being our good friends. We so appreciated all you have done for the two of us.”
- From Shaynee and Michael Lichtenstein

Koleinu – “Our Voice”

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

Friday, May 5th
Friday, June 9th
7:00 p.m.

All are welcome!
**Festival Maariv Service**
- **Tuesday, May 30**
  - 9:15 PM: Festival Maariv Service
  - 10:00 PM: Tikkun Leil Shavuot – Nilmad! Let’s Learn!
    - No reservations necessary.
    - Cheesecake and other dairy will be served.
    - BYOL -- Bring Your Own Lactaid (if necessary).

**Tikkun Leil Shavuot – Nilmad! Let’s Learn!**
- **Tuesday, May 30**
  - 10:00 PM: Festival Maariv Service

**Morning Shavuot Service -- Day One**
- **Wednesday, May 31**
  - 9:30 AM: Morning Shavuot Service -- Day One

**Festival Maariv Service**
- **Wednesday, May 31**
  - 7:00 PM: Festival Maariv Service

**Morning Shavuot Service -- Day Two**
- **Thursday, June 1**
  - 9:30 AM: Morning Shavuot Service -- Day Two

**Yizkor**
- **Thursday, June 1**

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**CALLING ALL 12-YEAR OLDS, THEIR PARENTS & ALL CONGREGANTS!!!**

Please volunteer at the Uptown Café on either Sunday, June 25th or Sunday, July 30th. 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

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**Clothing and Textile Recycling Drive**

**Help EHNTJC – Help the Environment!**

Collection dates – June 5-8, 2017 from 9 am to 5 pm

This clothing drive serves as a fundraiser for EHNTJC, and is organized with assistance from Chicago Textile Recycling and Wipeco, Inc.

**Items Needed:**
- Shirts, blouses, dresses
- Pants
- Suits
- Jackets & coats
- Undergarments
- Pajamas
- Warm-ups
- Paired socks & shoes
- Sheets, curtains, drapes
- Towels & washcloths
- Bedspreads & blankets
- We will accept clothing with small tears or that are lightly stained or worn.

Somewhat worn, stained, faded, torn fabric items are all acceptable. The materials we collect will be donated to those in need if they are in good condition, BUT if not, they will be repurposed – torn into rags or broken down to make filler. All you have to do is bring your plastic bag of clean materials to EHNTJC – sorting and processing will all be done for you! (Complete pairs of shoes/boots and purses in good condition can also be donated.)
Please join us for a special
Shabbat Evening
May 19, 2017
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, Oven "Fried" Chicken, Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Chicken Gravy,
and Herbed Green Beans - Catered by Zelda’s Kosher Gourmet

Dinner reservation deadline: Tuesday, May 16
Sorry, No transfer credit or refunds if cancelled after May 16

Name(s): ____________________________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________
City: __________________________
Phone #____________________ E-Mail address ____________________________

____ # of Adult Members at $20/person = $__________
____ # of Adult Non-members at $22/person = $__________
____ # of children 6 to 12 at $10/child = $__________ (Please list ages)_______
____ # of children 5 and under (free) (Please list ages)

____ Total attending

Total Enclosed $__________________________

____ Check (Please make checks payable to EHNTJC) – Check #___________

____ Credit card Visa/MasterCard (Note: A 2% convenience fee is added to all credit card charges.)
Account # __________________________ Exp. date _______ 3 numbers on back _______

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—May-June, 2017

Judy Frank, President (judy@tcscorp.com)        Diane Rosenfeld, Editor (raynesd@aol.com)

From the President’s Desk...

The months of May and June prove to be very busy ones for our Sisterhood. Starting with Wednesday evening, May 3rd at 7:30 p.m., when our own EHNTJC Membership Chair, Judge Shelley Sutker-Dermer will present “Work, Family, Life: A Juggling Act.” Please join us for a lively discussion on the many roles that women play. Help support The Ark by bringing paper goods to this program. Also, our gift shop will open at 6:30 p.m.—one hour before the program begins.

The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, May 10th, to discuss “We’ll Always Have Casablanca” by Noah Isenberg (see below). And on Saturday, May 13th, we hope you will join us for Sisterhood Shabbat when our Sisterhood members will lead the Shabbat morning service, followed by a Kiddush lunch sponsored by the Sisterhood.

On Sunday morning, May 21st, we will show “Hava Nagila”—the last movie in our Jewish film series sponsored by the Sisterhood and Men’s Club. The movie will begin at 11:00 a.m. following minyan and breakfast. Through the unlikely prism of the song, this documentary manages to tell a complicated story of cultural adaptation while providing a fresh look at a good chunk of modern Jewish history, from poverty to plenty, from the shtetl in Ukraine to Israel to the suburbs of America, that “other promised land.”

Our final program of the season is our Culminating Luncheon and Installation of the 2017-2018 Officers and Board of Trustees which is planned for Wednesday, June 7th. Please mark your calendar. An invitation with more details will follow shortly. We hope to see you at one of our upcoming events!

B’Shalom! Judy Frank

News and Notes...

- Be a media mogul! A $5 contribution makes you a sponsor of our Sisterhood bulletin. Please mail your contributions to:
  Diane Rosenfeld c/o EHNTJC Sisterhood
  4500 Dempster Street • Skokie, IL 60076

Our Media Moguls this month are:
- Marcy Feinberg
- Bobbie Levin
- Evie Lowenthal
- Phyllis Marcus
- Ada Rabinowitz

If you have news to share, contact Diane Rosenfeld at raynesd@aol.com.

- Sisterhood donation cards are $8/$10 and the Chai cards are $6/$18. The cards are available in the synagogue office.
- If you would like to attend a Sisterhood event and need a ride, please call Flora Steigman at (847)675-9223.

BOOK CLUB TO DISCUSS

“We’ll Always Have Casablanca” by Noah Isenberg

The next meeting of the Sisterhood Book Club will be on Wednesday, May 10th at 10:30 a.m. at the synagogue.

“We’ll Always Have Casablanca” is celebrated film historian Noah Isenberg’s rich account of this most beloved movie’s origins. Through extensive research and interviews with filmmakers, film critics, family members of the cast and crew, and diehard fans, Isenberg reveals the myths and realities behind Casablanca’s production, exploring the transformation of the unproduced stage play into the classic screenplay, the controversial casting decisions, the battles with Production Code censors, and the effect of the war’s progress on the movie’s reception. Isenberg particularly focuses on the central role refugees from Hitler’s Europe played in the production (nearly all of the actors and actresses cast in Casablanca were immigrants).

Filled with fresh insights into Casablanca’s creation, production, and legacy, “We’ll Always Have Casablanca” is a magnificent account of what made the movie so popular and why it continues to dazzle audiences seventy-five years after its release.

Please join us for a lively discussion! Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to one of our Book Club Chairs:
Dorothy Lipstadt (847)673-3525
Elaine Lampert (847)537-1240
Judith Rae-Ross (847)709-4541

A BIG WELCOME to our new Sisterhood Member: Adi Dalin

Few recognize their own blessings, yet are fully aware of other’s.
“Shavuot, or: To Whom Does the Torah Belong?”

by Dr. Esther Javetz
Education Vice-President

Shavuot (=weeks) is the holiday of “Matan Torah” (= the giving of the Torah) that happened seven weeks after the escape from Egypt. Who escaped from Egypt? Mainly, “Bnai Israel” (the descendants of Jacob, the original Jewish people), and other people, probably slaves that used the opportunity of the Exodus. These people are called in the Bible “Asafus” (=add-ons or collectibles).

Numbers, 11, 4.

They all stood together next to Mount Sinai and accepted the Torah. The Torah was binding to all of them. Moses himself took a lady from Midian as his first wife, Tzipporah, (he crossed an ethnic barrier), and an Ethiopian woman, a black woman, as his second wife (he crossed a racial barrier). Some explain that the latter was an Ethiopian woman (from the Asafus), and some say that it was Tzipporah that was dark-skinned. In any case there is always a difference between reaction of individual people and the formal position of the Biblical text. Miriam, Moses’ sister, criticized him about the woman he married. The Biblical text clearly supports Moses, and Miriam was punished for this deed and got leprosy. Moses prayed for her. She was isolated outside of the main camp for seven days (to recover), and they all waited for her to continue their journey. — Numbers, 12, 1-16.

Later in history the story about Ruth became a custom to be read on Shavuot. Ruth was a Moabites (another ethnic group), but when her mother-in-law was about to return to Israel, she said the famous quote: “Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” Ruth, 1,16-17.

To whom does the Torah belong? As a group the Jewish people accepted the Torah and promised to live by its rules, but it also belongs to all individuals who chose to join in. Happy Shavuot!

TODAH RABAH • תודה רבה • THANK YOU

- Thank you to my many Sisterhood friends for your good wishes, cards, phone calls, visits and gifts following my surgery. I look forward to seeing you all soon at shul and Sisterhood events….Diane Rosenfeld

- I want to deeply thank all the volunteers who made our “Think Spring Boutique” a roaring success—including Marcy Feinberg and Ronia Gross along with their Gift Shop Committee. Our president, Judy Frank, assisted in every step of the way. We all worked as a team and had fun throughout the day. Your support was so meaningful to our Sisterhood!….Judy Arkin

GIFT SHOP GAD: VOLUME TEN

Great news! We have a whole selection of new items that are perfect for Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, graduation and summer travel. Check out our gift items, home décor, accessories and fabulous Judaica items.

Thank you to everyone that supported our Sisterhood and shopped during our Spring Boutique. We had a wonderful day—selling more than $1,200 of merchandise!

Marcy Feinberg and Ronia Gross
Gift Shop Co-Chairs

Let’s Get Together!

Sisterhood meetings and events are a wonderful way to meet and greet your friends both new and long-standing. I hope you are able to attend most of our activities. They are really very informative and lots of fun. Don’t forget to invite your family and friends! They will be grateful for the opportunity to be part of the action. We are planning some programs in the evening to accommodate our working women. That means that everyone can come. We will plan car pools for those who do not drive at night.

Thank you for your support throughout the year. Our Sisterhood is growing and very successful because of your commitment and involvement. We appreciate all you do to make this organization special.

Ada Rabinowitz, Membership Vice-President
(847)-673-0697

EHNTJC Sisterhood
an affiliate of Women’s League for Conservative Judaism
Invites you to a very special evening program on Wednesday—May 3rd, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

“Work, Family, Life: A Juggling Act”
with Shelley Sutker-Dermer

Shelley Sutker-Dermer is Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County’s Second Municipal District in Skokie. She is active in our synagogue and is currently the Membership Committee Chair on our Board of Trustees.

Please join us for a lively discussion on the many roles that women play—wife, mother, daughter, caretaker, employee, volunteer, friend!

Dessert reception to follow program.

TIME: 7:30 P.M. (please join us for minyan at 7:00 p.m.) at EHNTJC

COUVERT: $5 for Sisterhood Members with paid reservation by April 27th
$8 for non-Members and at the door

**We will be collecting paper goods for The Ark—please help our area families in need!
Paper towels, toilet paper, diapers, napkins, tissues, etc. would be appreciated.**

PLEASE CLIP FORM BELOW AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT BY APRIL 27TH

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EHNTJC “Work, Family, Life: A Juggling Act”

Name(s): ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

____@ $5 (Members) __________@ $8 (Guests*/Non-members*) TOTAL $________

*Name(s): ___________________________

Please return to: EHNTJC SISTERHOOD May Program
4500 Dempster Street • Skokie, IL 60076

Judy Frank • (847)677-4950 Sisterhood President
Gloriann Levy • (847)983-8242 Programming Vice-President
**Mathilde’s Mentionables**

Providing new and gently used underwear for women in need

A new special project of Women’s League for Conservative Judaism

Mathilde’s Mentionables is an ongoing Women’s League chapter project, named in honor of our founder, Mathilde Schuchter. We will be collecting women’s bras for local facilities and shelters, or in the event of natural disasters such as earthquakes or floods. All types of new and gently worn (clean and looking new) bras are welcome—including sports, nursing and maternity bras. Drop them off in the synagogue office by June 30th.

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**CALLING ALL COOKS!**

The EHNTIC Sisterhood is creating a recipe book which will include categories such as appetizers, soups, salads, entrees, desserts and Jewish holiday recipes. If you have any gluten-free, dairy-free, low-carb, vegetarian or vegan recipes, we would like them too.

Remember that all recipes must be kosher-

and marked as meat, dairy, parve, gluten-free, vegan, etc.

Please e-mail your recipe(s) to Joanne Abelman at joabelman1@adl.com or mail them to the synagogue office.

Joanne Abelman • (847) 470-2484 • Project Chair
Judy Frank • (949) 677-9456 • Sisterhood President
Judy Adlen • (847) 63-3135 • Ways & Means Vice-President

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**SISTERHOOD SHABBAT**

Saturday—May 13th, 2017 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.

For more information, contact Esther Javitz at (847) 289-3515 or Giovanna Lavy at (847) 963-8242.

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**KNITTING PROJECT**

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

The final film in the EHNTJC Cinema Film Series co-sponsored by Men’s Club and Sisterhood is a real change of pace from our previous features. It’s not dark; it’s not funny; it’s not fiction. It’s historical; it’s colorful; it’s about a melody familiar to all of us who have ever attended a Jewish wedding, bar/bat mitzvah or other freilach Jewish event. It’s

Hava Nagila — The Movie

Just because you know how to dance The Hora, you think you know Hava Nagila. You don’t — until you learn how Hava Nagila evolved from its beginning in Ukraine to its place in America and the world today.

The story is told by rabbis, cantors, musicians, historians, celebrities such as Danny Kaye, Harry Belafonte, Leonard Nimoy, Connie Francis and many others.

Tentative Program Schedule (May–June)

May 1    Board Meeting
May 21   EHNTJC Cinema Series Film
    “Hava Nagila — The Movie”
June 5   Board Meeting

Watch for our flyers on these and other Men’s Club events.
Just because you know how to dance The Hora ...

you think you know Hava Nagila.
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Hava Nagila — The Movie

Sunday Brunch on May 21st at 10:00 am
Fee for brunch/movie and discussion is $12 by May 15th, $15 at the door.

Enclosed is my check for $____ payable to EHNTJC Men’s Club for ____ admission(s) for brunch, movie and discussion. Advance reservations due by May 15th.

Name ________________________________
Phone (____)_________ Cell ________________
Email ________________________________

The EHNTJC Cinema Series
Co-Sponsored by Men’s Club and Sisterhood
Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation
4500 Dempster Street, Skokie, IL 60076 847-675-4141
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.

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

EHNTJC offers heartfelt condolences to...

Alan (Judy) Harris on the loss of his sister, Joyce Leta Harris.

Karen (David Eisenberg) Lobl on the loss of her mother, Sarah Lobl.

Ken (Shelley Sutker-Dermer) Dermer on the loss of his uncle, Floyd Gitelman.

Dolly (Bob) Zavell on the loss of her uncle, Dale Glustoff.

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 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.

A Minyan Reminder...

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 your fellow congregants and for helping to build our community.

Daily Minyan – Monday-Thursday 7:00 PM
Sunday 9:30 AM and 6:00 PM/Holidays 6:00 PM
No Saturday Minyan
**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:

- **Seating & Shelves for our new coat room**
  - $1000
- **New Paint (Social Hall)**
  - $10,000
- **New & Improved Website and Maintenance**
  - $5000
- **Help with a Membership**
  - $1274 Single
  - $2318 Family
- **Chairs on Bima Reupholstery (Named)**
  - $1000 each
- **Carpet Cleaner/Shampooer**
  - $600

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

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

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**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.

The following leaf has recently been placed on the Tree of Life in our lobby:

In honor of our new granddaughter

**Mackenzie Inez Kramer**

by Debbie and Stewart Reich

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**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.

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**I switched my father’s pre-paid funeral from a Chicago Jewish funeral home with chapels to Mitzvah Memorial Funerals and saved over $2600**

I hadn’t heard of Mitzvah Memorial Funerals when I pre-arranged Dad’s funeral and accidently called them when he passed. They explained they didn’t have the overhead funeral homes with chapels have thus using them for a graveside service would be far less expensive without sacrificing the quality of service or merchandise that I had arranged. They also explained that the insurance policy I set up for my father was easily transferable and I would be refunded the difference.

I used Mitzvah and couldn’t have been more satisfied. The service was beautiful and the casket, which was $850 less than the same one I had chosen, was actually nicer as it was finished.

It’s easy not to be concerned with money when you lose a loved one, but spending thousands more for a funeral home with chapels when I wasn’t using the chapel would have only made this difficult time much more difficult.

**Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**

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May Birthdays

Ethan Allen
Marc Applebaum
Joseph Baron
Howard Bartman
Marv Bero
Jennifer Boston
Matthew Boston
Marsha Brody
Sylvi Callistein
Eda Carroll
Ed Cohen
Rachel Cowen
Adi Dalin
Gerry Dicker
Jannis Eisbart
Margot Eisenhammer
Barbara Frankston
Howard Gilbert
Miriam Goldberger
Marla Hara
Michael Hoffenberg
Talia Hoffenberg
Carolyn Katz
Michael Korey
Marshall Kupchan
Alyssa Levin
Jackie Levin
Lillian Maltz
Jeff Meyerowitz
Marilyn Mittman
Michael Reinstein
Larry Schoeneman
Eugene Shepp
Deanna Shoss
Stan Shulman
Aaron Starkston
Alex Stein
Cynthia Stein
Veronika Urban
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Lise Weisberger
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Helen Zaremski
Sherrine Zansky
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June Anniversaries

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### Candle Lighting

- May 5: 7:37
- May 12: 7:45
- May 19: 7:52
- May 26: 7:58

### June 2017

- June 2: 8:04
- June 9: 8:08
- June 16: 8:11
- June 23: 8:13
- June 30: 8:13