



## Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

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# From the Rabbi's Desk

Dear Friends,

A rabbi noticed a young man – a stranger – enter the sanctuary on Shabbat and sit in the back row. It was apparent to the rabbi that the young man was unfamiliar with the service, and that he did not seem to know anyone else in the sanctuary.

At the beginning of the Torah service, during the processional, the rabbi welcomed the young man; they shook hands, smiling.

Later, during Kiddush, the young man seemed a bit lost. But some congregants approached him, wished him a Shabbat Shalom, and he joined them at their regular table. The rabbi soon joined them too.

As the Kiddush crowd thinned out, the rabbi and some congregants decided to take a walk around a nearby park. The rabbi asked the young man to join them. As they headed out of the social hall, the rabbi asked the group, “What’s in your pockets?”

“Key fob.” “House keys.” “My wallet.” “A phone.” All the regular stuff.

“How about we all leave our stuff in my office? It’ll be safe. Let’s walk with empty pockets.” So that’s what they did.

As they began their circuit of the park, the young man asked the rabbi, “Why did you want to know what was in our pockets? And why did we leave it all behind?”

“On Shabbat,” the rabbi answered, “On Shabbat, we remember that our cars, our homes, our money are only what we have; they are not who we are. On Shabbat, we remind ourselves not to be possessed by our possessions. On Shabbat, we realize that we are all equally children before God.”

Friends, I pray for a time when a story like this can truly be realized – a time when we can welcome a young man into the midst of our communities without being justifiably anxious; a time when we can be in each other’s physical presence without feeling a different sort of anxiety.

And I pray that when we are together again, we can reach a deeper understanding of Shabbat – that it is about *shalom* and *menucha*, peace and a true rest from the constant striving for stuff, and from the petty worries of our lives.

May that day come to us speedily!

L'Shalom,  
Rabbi Jeffrey Weill

# CANTOR'S NOTE



## *“Maoz Tzur” to the tune of...*

One of my favorite memories as a camper at Camp Ramah in Canada occurred during a weekday *Shacharit*, or morning service. Toward the end of the service, the *ba'al tefilah* (the prayer leader) sang the closing hymn, *Adon Olam* to the tune of “Come on Baby, Light My Fire” by Jim Morrison and The Doors. For those of you not of a “certain age”, the Doors were a 1970’s rock and roll group not particularly noted for their religious piety. While not one of my “favorite” *Adon Olam*’s (I prefer “Rock Around the Clock” or “Both Sides Now” by Joni Mitchell), this memory has stayed with me over the years, and has even acquired some significance beyond its story value.

“Contrafactum” is the term that musicologists use to describe a pre-existing melody set to a new and unrelated text. An example of a contrafactum that we all know is the American hymn “My Country ‘Tis Of Thee”, which is sung to the melody of the original English anthem “God Save the King”. (Today, we might call contrafactum “copyright infringement”).

In the music of the synagogue, the use of “foreign tunes” or contrafactum is much more prevalent than is generally known. In fact, within the Hassidic tradition the adoption of foreign melodies was considered meritorious. The Hassidim believed that even profane tunes contained a “spark” of holiness, and that to use such melodies for sacred purposes was to “rescue” this divine spark within the melody. There is a wonderful Yiddish expression which captures this idea: “*Zurickfinden a nign zu seinem shoresh*”, which means “to return a melody to its origin”.

In our synagogues today, there are countless melodies whose origins are from the non-Jewish environment in which Jews have lived for 2,000 years. For example, during the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries, there was much cultural and social interaction between Franco-German Jews and neighboring Christian communities. As a result of this cultural interchange, many “traditional” Jewish melodies trace their origins back to the German popular song tradition of the time called *minnegesang*. Indeed, many so-called “*mi-Sinai* tunes” (traditional Festival and High Holiday melodies of unknown origin) come from this German secular musical tradition.

In fact, our ancestors did not limit their “cultural borrowings” to secular musical borrowings. According to the Jewish musicologist, Eric Weiner in his classic volume *A Voice Still Heard*, the popular melody for *Maoz Tzur* was originally composed by none other than Martin Luther for a chorale entitled “*Nun freut euch liebe Christen g'mein*” -- which is still sung in many Lutheran churches today. (I recall a recently converted member of my Alabama congregation, upon hearing “*Maoz Tzur*” during his first Hanukkah saying to me, “Um, Cantor Gale, what gives? I’ve sung that melody in church my entire life!”) Among many other examples, the haunting melody for *Eli Tzion* sung on Tisha B’Av has been identified as a Gregorian chant belonging to the liturgy of Santiago (St. James) de Compostela.

There is a reason I share this bit of Jewish music history trivia and the story of my “least favorite *Adon Olam*” during the Hanukkah season. Like our ancestors, we struggle to find a balance between Jewish and non-Jewish influences in our lives. What from our secular surroundings is of value to us as Jews? And what must we reject as contrary to Jewish values and tradition? The very songs we sing during services today tell us that our ancestors did not entirely close their ears to the non-Jewish world around them. Rather, they incorporated the best elements from their non-Jewish musical surroundings into their *tefillot* – imbuing these melodies with a new Jewish meaning.

During Hanukkah, we celebrate the Maccabees’ victory over the tyrant Antiochus. Yet even the Maccabees recognized that Greek civilization, or Hellenism, had much to offer Judaism. They fought against only those influences that were inconsistent with Judaism’s values, and against the inclination by some Jews toward complete assimilation into Greek society and the abandonment of Judaism.

Similarly, we cannot sustain vibrant Jewish life if we close ourselves off from our surroundings. As Jews in America, we engage in a careful and constant balancing of outside influences with those of our tradition. We embrace our country's values. We participate in our country's achievements and are grateful for the opportunities offered by this blessed land. Yet we must retain a sense of judgment and balance - *sechel* - if you will. Like our ancestors, we must be ever watchful that whatever "outside" influences we bring to our lives serve to nurture and enhance our Judaism and our Jewish identity – not undermine and weaken them.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel put it well when he said that Judaism survives and adapts best *when it assimilates into it* elements from the surrounding culture -- *but is not assimilated into it*.

Maybe this is what Jim Morrison and The Doors' version of *Adon Olam* can teach us this Hanukkah season: That like the *hazzanim* of old, while we keep our ears and our hearts open to that which is of value in the world around us – not every new tune for *Adon Olam* is a "keeper".

Wishing you and your loved ones a "*Chag urim sameach*" -- a joyous Festival of Lights,

Cantor Daniel Gale

## A Message from Ed Cohen, EHNTJC President



It has been over 8 months since we all assembled in our synagogue building. I miss seeing all of you in person. I miss the routine. I miss knowing that whatever life has thrown my way I could return at week's end to the shul. I could watch the light stream through the window at the same angle. I could stare at the same ceiling. I could close my eyes and hear familiar voices from all sides singing the same prayers. We need to recall and we need to plan for today and a brighter tomorrow.

The pandemic has made me realize and truly miss, for a couple of hours on Saturday morning being in the right place, where I belong, in our shul. We will be back, we are developing plans for both in person and virtual services. In light of the recent COVID activities, we have had to put these plans on hold.

EHNTJC has responded well over these 8 months, setting up virtual programs and activities. Services every day, too. Our Rabbi and Cantor join us, support us, they are our spiritual leaders, supporters, and friends. They are here for all of us whenever we need!

EHNTJC needs to respond to you with more. We know that many in our community do not or cannot participate in virtual services. Many need help, support, and assistance in so many ways.

At the October Board of Trustees meeting we began the development of a plan to enhance our one-on-one outreach for everyone in our community. We will develop a "buddy system" of support for everyone. You will be reminded, through our outreach, you have friends and resources provided by and supported by our synagogue. EHNTJC is here for you. Our leaders are here for you, our office staff is here for you, and our clergy is here for you.

As the winter months approach, holidays may not be the same and all of us need friends, support, and assistance to make it through the coming weeks and months. Please check our email communications, take that phone call from the shul or shul member who is calling to check in and accept our support and friendship. We all need this outreach, we all need this support.

I wish you all the very best, stay healthy and safe,

Ed Cohen  
President

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in memory of my loved ones

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in memory of our loved ones

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in beloved memory of Henry Pollak

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in honor of our grandchildren—Joshua, Emersyn,  
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**Rabbi Ralph & Evie Ruebner**

in honor of our children and grandchildren

**Arona & George Sarfatty**

in honor of Ethel Sarfatty Rath's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday

...they truly add to the beauty of our services!

**A BIG THANK YOU TO...**

Howard Spiro for donating the dry cleaning of all our Torah and table covers, tallitot and choir robes for the High Holidays.

**Mazel tov to our...**  
**Chatan & Kallat Ha'Torah –**  
**Ken Dermer & Shelley Sutker-Dermer**  
**and**  
**Chatan & Kallat B'reishit –**  
**Steve & Francine Schulman**

***Mazel Tov to...***

...Rose-Lynn & Randy Jaffe on the birth of their granddaughter, Isabel Teresa Jaffe, August 14<sup>th</sup>.  
...Ronja & Jerry Gross on the birth of their granddaughter, Mazarine Susan Gross, August 27<sup>th</sup>.  
...Joan Cook on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Harper Olivia Hobson, September 4<sup>th</sup>.  
...Sally Brown-Winter & Jeff Winter on the birth of their grandson, Owen Levi Cooper, September 17<sup>th</sup>.  
...Diane Rosenfeld on the bar mitzvah of her grandson, Zev Winick, October 18<sup>th</sup>.  
...Lori Mallet on the bat mitzvah of her daughter, Aaliyah Struthers, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**THANK YOU** to our  
Security team during  
the High Holidays:  
Jeff Sacks,  
Ian Erdos  
and Mitch Pawlan!

Thank you everyone for  
your thoughts, kindness  
and cards on my late  
husband, George. I  
appreciate your friendship.  
-Judy Peyovich

**THANK YOU** to our  
additional donations received for our 2020  
**Technology Campaign**

**Glenda Elam**  
**Franklin Gerber**

**Judy Arkin and Rose-Lynn Jaffe**  
for a Zoom link for the Religious School

Thank you to those that made donations  
in honor of my  
granddaughter Peyton's bat mitzvah!  
-Mickey Gordon



Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation  
**SISTERHOOD CORNER—November, 2020**

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***From the President's Desk...***

On September 18th, at the start of Rosh Hashanah, we were truly saddened to hear of the passing of a true hero, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a champion of women's equality and justice. According to Jewish tradition, a person who dies at the start of Rosh Hashanah is a true *tzadik*, a person of great righteousness. Because of her relentless efforts, the American legal system views women as equal under the law. She was the first woman and first Jew to lie in state at the U.S. Capitol rotunda for two days. The funeral was held in the Supreme Court building where Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt spoke. Ruth was buried in Arlington National Cemetery next to her husband, Marty. She was a member of Adas Israel, the largest conservative synagogue in D.C. A few years back she and Rabbi Hotzblatt wrote a feminist paper for the synagogue.

Diane Rosenfeld and I were fortunate to attend a program entitled "Circle the Courthouse" on Friday, October 2nd, where we heard three excellent speakers in Harms Woods and then walked to the Skokie Courthouse. Two of the speakers were from NCJW (National Council of Jewish Women), the sponsoring organization, and the third speaker was Rabbi Dana Ruttenberg (who was a guest speaker at one of our Torah Fund events). Rabbi Ruttenberg quoted "Justice, justice, you shall pursue--*Zdekeh, Zdekeh, Tirdof.*" This core of RBG's Jewish conviction is found in Deuteronomy and was proudly displayed in her office. This gathering took place at the end of the Shiva period and the courthouse was used for obvious reasons. The walk around the block is a symbol of our re-entrance into normal life after a death.

RBG was known for her judicial collars (*jabot*). *Tsadee, Daled* and *Kuf* stands for justice and this is written on one of her collars. When asked a few years ago on how she would like to be remembered, she said "As someone who used whatever talent she had to do her work to the very best of her ability. And to help repair tears in her society, to make things a little better through the use of whatever ability she has." May RBG's memory be for a blessing and may we honor her legacy.

*B'Shalom! Judy Frank*

***News and Notes...***

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**Our Media Moguls this month are:**

***Joan Cook***

***(in honor of Lucky Cook's birthday),***

***Miriam Goldberger***

***(in honor of Justin & Tori's engagement),***

***Mickey Gordon, Bobbie Levin,***

***Esther Manewith***

***(in honor of our grandchildren),***

***Dori Marks and Ada Rabinowitz***

If you have news to share, contact Judy Arkin at  
[kjarkin99@comcast.net](mailto:kjarkin99@comcast.net)

**Our next BOOK CLUB will be  
Wednesday, December 16th at  
10:00 a.m. via ZOOM**

***"The Last Watchman of Old Cairo"*  
by Michael David Lukas**

Joseph, a literature student at Berkeley, is the son of a Jewish mother and a Muslim father. One day, a mysterious package arrives on his doorstep, pulling him into a mesmerizing adventure to uncover the tangled history that binds the two sides of his family.

For generations, the men of the al-Raqb family have served as watchmen of the storied Ibn Ezra Synagogue in Old Cairo, built at the site where the infant Moses was taken from the Nile. Joseph learns of his ancestor Ali, a Muslim orphan who nearly a thousand years earlier was entrusted as the first watchman of the synagogue and became enchanted by its legendary--perhaps magical--Ezra Scroll.

The story of Joseph's family is entwined with that of the British twin sisters Agnes and Margaret, who in 1897 depart their hallowed Cambridge halls on a mission to rescue sacred texts that have begun to disappear from the synagogue.

Please join us for a lively discussion!  
Book Club Co-Chairs

Elaine Lampert (847)537-1240  
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## Good and Welfare...

- **Mazel Tov** to Diane Rosenfeld on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson Zev Winick.
- **Mazel Tov** to Dorothy Lipstadt on her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!
- **Mazel Tov** to Ken & Shelley Sutker Dermer as Chatan & Kallat Ha'Torah.
- **Mazel Tov** to Steve & Francine Schulman as Chatan & Kallat B'reishit.
- Wishing a **Refuah Shlayma** to Carol Straus, Ricki Herling and Shaynee Lichtenstein.
- Our condolences to Rabbi Brief on the passing of his sister-in-law, Joann "Honey" Greenbaum.
- Our condolences to the Family of Norma Gordon.
- Our condolences to Judy Peyovich on the passing of her husband, George.
- Our condolences to the Family of Sharon Stein.

### TODAH RABAH • תודה רבה • THANK YOU

- Thank you to Ronia Gross for her generous donations to Sisterhood in honor of her 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and their new granddaughter—Mazarine Susan Gross.
- Thank you to Phyllis Marcus for her kind donation to our Sisterhood!

### ◆ SOCIAL ACTION NEWS ◆

by Ricki Herling, Social Action VP

We will again be collecting Target gift cards for JCFS. For your convenience, I will be happy to purchase them for you. Just send your check (payable to EHNTJC Sisterhood) to the synagogue with 'JCFS Target' in the memo line and I will purchase and deliver them.

Checks must be received by  
**November 25<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you in advance!



Many thanks to the following "blanket people" who helped with the Sisterhood Tikkun Olam Project. It was truly a congregational project and I want to thank each of them for their time and support!

**Amy Claver, Julie Weill, Jeanette Sigler,  
Ada Rabinowitz, Francine Schulman,  
Menucha Levy, Ed Cohen and friends**



Drive by and drop off non-perishable food items for  
the **Niles Township Food Pantry** on  
Sunday—November 15<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
in the synagogue parking lot.

## EDUCATION CORNER

by Esther Javetz, Education VP

### Our Jewish Calendar

Our Jewish calendar has gone through various changes throughout our long history. If you listened to Torah reading, it is placing Yom Kippur and Sukkot in the 7<sup>th</sup> month; however, when you open a current Jewish calendar, it is showing the word "Tishrei", and it is the first month, so what is going on?

There was an original Jewish calendar during Biblical times for 1,000 years. It was a solar calendar of 364 days. It is not clear who created this calendar, but Moses specifically indicated that the month of Passover will be the first month. This month symbolized the birth of a free nation. The calculation of the calendar was a priestly obligation, especially for the high priest family that were direct decedents of Aaron (Moses' brother, the first High Priest).

*Our calendar has gone through changes in several steps:*

**Step 1:** The first modification of the calendar happened because of the Babylonian exile (starting at 586 BCE). The elite of the Jewish people were there; they started calling the months by the names that were common throughout the Babylonian empire. The Jewish calendar finally adopted all 12 Babylonian names (Tishrei, Heshvan, Kislev etc.).

**Step 2:** Was brutal! Judeah came under Greek control, but only the emperor Antiochus Epiphanes dared intervening in Jewish internal affairs, and his decrees shook the nation. He wanted his entire empire to be under the Greek calendar which was a lunar calendar that started in the fall. The last legitimate Cohen Gadol (=High Priest) was Chonyo Ben Shimeon. The priest explained to the emperor that the Hebrew calendar was sacred and could not be changed. But the emperor would not listen; the High Priest was assassinated and his son fled to Egypt. So, the lunar calendar was imposed on Judeah around the year 175 BCE.

**Step 3.** The lunar calendar did not match the Jewish holidays; especially Passover had to be in the spring, and a lunar year is shorter, so the next Passover would be in the winter. The leadership accepted the lunar calendar, but through calculations, created a 19-year cycle with some leap years, so Jewish holidays can be celebrated in their right season. And that is why our calendar now is lunisolar for about 2,000 years.

There are a few voices in Israel who claim that we should go back to our original Biblical calendar, but "there are bigger fish to fry" both in Israel and in world Jewry. We will continue to use the calendar that starts in Tishrei; aren't we like an old soldier, bruised a little, but carries a lot of medals?



## FUNDRAISING CORNER

by Fran Givertz, Ways & Means VP

In an upcoming bulletin, we will be featuring ads from some of our past Holiday Boutique vendors. Since we can't have a live boutique this year, we would like to give our members an opportunity to contact our vendors. Also, if any of our synagogue or Sisterhood members are making and selling items for the holidays and would like to advertise, please send us a business card size ad along with a check for \$25.00. Make the check payable to the EHNTJC Sisterhood and highlight "Holiday Ad".

Questions?—call Fran Givertz at (847)677-3616

## Torah Fund



In June 2020, Dr. Shuly Rubin Schwartz became the eighth chancellor, and first woman chancellor, of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New

York. In an e-mail sent to the leaders of Women's League, Dr. Rubin Schwartz spoke of seeing the impact that University Jewish Studies programs have had in synagogues, federations, camps, schools and Jewish organizations. She shared her vision that "JTS must expand upon its strengths and seize new opportunities to strengthen the foundation for the future of the Jewish people." She quoted JTS's first female student—Henrietta Szold, who said "The Jewish heart has always starved unless it was fed by the Jewish intellect."

Torah Fund is proud to help support the students and faculty of JTS and the other Conservative seminaries around the world. Money donated to Torah Fund provides for scholarships, books and other library materials, dorms and dedicated spaces for study.

All of us together can help the important work of Torah Fund. A letter has been sent to all of you with an envelope in which to return your Torah Fund donation. Individuals who donate \$180 or higher will receive the pin shown above as a thank you. However, all donations of whatever amount are appreciated. We have a goal of at least \$4,000 for this year. Together let's make that happen and together let's celebrate our success at our Torah Fund program being planned for this spring.

Stay safe!

Rose-Lynn Jaffe and Evie Lowenthal  
Torah Fund Co-chairs

## MEMBERSHIP

by Ada Rabinowitz, Membership VP

**Your membership counts!** If you have renewed your membership—thank you, **but if you have not paid your dues yet, please take a moment to do so.** There is strength in numbers. We are grateful for your support and count on your participation.

Our programs are interesting and meaningful. Don't forget to invite your friends and family to join in the fun. Our guests enjoy our programs and many of them join! In fact, we already have 14 new members.

I look forward to seeing you on Zoom soon!

## A BIG WELCOME to our new Sisterhood Members:

**Nancy Bromberg and Joyce Light**

## KOFFEE KLATCH

Please join us for our next Sisterhood **Koffee Klatch** where members can visit, share news, and just hang out. We'll 'meet' on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Zoom information to follow!



## PROGRAMMING UPDATES

by Diane Rosenfeld, Programming VP

Save the dates for these upcoming programs:

**November 4th - Book & Author Event**  
featuring Talia Carner - author of  
"The Third Daughter"

which chronicles the sex trafficking of a young Jewish girl from Russia in the late 1800's.

**December 2nd - Chanukah Party** with  
entertainment by our own Cantor Daniel Gale  
(see enclosed flyer).

.....and a special **Thank You** to those  
who recently made donations to support our  
Sisterhood programming!

Janet Lunsik ■ Fran Givertz

Roz Cherry ■ Dolly Zavell





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Please join us for a special  
Chanukah Celebration...

...with Musical Entertainment by Cantor Daniel Gale

Wednesday—December 2nd, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom

\$10.00 with **PAID** reservation by November 25<sup>th</sup> (includes 1 Raffle Ticket)  
additional Raffle Tickets are 3 for \$8 or 5 for \$10

Do you have a favorite latke recipe that you would like to share? Send it to  
Diane Rosenfeld at [raynesd@aol.com](mailto:raynesd@aol.com) by November 15<sup>th</sup> and we may feature it in  
our December bulletin. Enjoy your own latkes during our Chanukah party!

And kick off the celebration with a Chanukah drive-by.....pick up your "goody bag" on  
Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the synagogue parking lot!

PLEASE CLIP FORM BELOW AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT BY NOVEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>

EHNTJC Sisterhood "Chanukah Celebration"

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Zoom Link\* \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10      Additional Raffle Tickets (3 for \$8 or 5 for \$10) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Zoom Link will be sent out on November 30th

Enclosed is my check payable to EHNTJC SISTERHOOD for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(cash or check only – no credit card charges)

Please send in your reservation by November 25<sup>th</sup> to:  
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Programming Vice-President



## Kristallnacht Commemoration

**Monday, November 9 at 7:00 PM** (*beginning with minyan*)

Our annual Kristallnacht Commemoration will begin with minyan followed by music selections by Cantor Daniel Gale, accompanied by Richard Boldrey, and a presentation by Professor Cathy Lesser Mansfield, Senior Instructor at Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

Professor Mansfield is a Distinguished Fellow at The Consortium for the Research and Study of Holocaust and the Law at Chicago-Kent College of Law's Center for National Security and Human Rights Law. She is the composer and librettist of an opera, entitled *The Sparks Fly Upward*, that follow three German families in Berlin, two Jewish and one Christian, through the Holocaust. Professor Mansfield is founder and Executive Director of The Sparks Fly Upward Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to educating people about the Holocaust, genocide and tolerance through presentations of Sparks, and ancillary activities. She will speak on the events leading up to Kristallnacht and its significance as the starting point of the Holocaust. A Zoom link will be sent prior to Kristallnacht.

### Niles Township Clergy Forum 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Observance

All are welcome!

Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 7:30 PM

**HOPE**

Speaker: Mayor Van Dusen

Keynote Sermon: Rabbi Michael Weinberg

Zoom information forthcoming...



### Pick Up Something Sweet – Drop Off Something to Eat

**Sunday, November 15 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM**

Thanksgiving this year is November 25th. Despite all the difficulties around us this past year, there is at least one thing for which we can be grateful. We have enough food to eat. Sadly, many of our friends and neighbors do not.

The Social Action Committees of EHNTJC and Sisterhood of EHNTJC want to help everyone celebrate Thanksgiving while giving back to our community. We invite you to drive by the synagogue and pick up a small something sweet and drop off non-perishable food items to be donated to the **Niles Township Food Pantry**. We look forward to greeting you!

### WAYS & MEANS – Ada Rabinowitz, Chair

#### You Help Us Make a Difference!

As you probably know the Ways & Means Committee helps to raise funds for our synagogue. We are thankful for your participation. This year we have presented many exciting events and projects. In spite of the pandemic you supported the Purim Shpiel, Cantor Daniel Gale's Concert, the Rosh Hashanah Honey Sale and An Evening of Musical Theatre starring Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael.

We would also like to remind you that we are still selling \$100 Jewel cards and we encourage you to use the Amazon *Smile* opportunity when purchasing on line. Just go to our website and click on Amazon *Smile* which is under Marketplace on the bottom right of the screen. That will bring you to the Amazon site.

We are grateful to you, our members and friends, for your past support and ask you for your continued commitment to our synagogue community. Everyone working together does make a difference. Let's all be a part of our success.

We look forward to next year. We have some wonderful events planned! You will receive more information very soon! Meanwhile, stay safe, wear your mask and wash your hands often.

Best wishes, Ada Rabinowitz

## **EHNTJC offers heartfelt condolences to...**

Marcia Cooper on the loss of her husband,  
Dr. Marvin Cooper.

Jeffrey (Leslie) Cunix on the loss of his  
mother, Gerna Cunix.

Joyce Gostomelsky on the loss of her son,  
Bruce Gusto.

Beverly Baron on the loss of her husband,  
Dr. Joseph Baron.

Rabbi Neil Brief, Dena (Jerry) Wald, David  
(Hazel) Brief and Debra (Bruce) Hoffen on  
the loss of their sister-in-law and aunt,  
Joann "Honey" Greenbaum.

Fred Frankston on the loss of his wife,  
Barbara Frankston.

Mark (Paula) DeBofsky on the loss of his  
mother, Greta DeBofsky.

Lester Gordon on the loss of his wife,  
Norma Gordon.

Margot Marx on the loss of her husband,  
Gunther Marx.

Lloyd Stein on the loss of his wife,  
Sharon Stein.

Bruce (Debra) Hoffen on the loss of his  
mother, Rosalie Hoffen.

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

## ***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, laying 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!!

## November Birthdays

Ada Rabinowitz	Joel Farber	Richard Newman
Alan Gorr	Joel Marks	Ronia Gross
Amy Rubinberg	Leslie Cunix	Ruthie Weill
Ana Fraiman	Marcia Templer	Samuel Fenig
Andrew Reich	Mark Shukhman	Stephen Hutnick
Anita Mittelman	Matthew Chupack	Steve Schulman
Benji Hoffenberg	Menucha Levy	Sylvia Margolies
Eric Berkowitz	Meredith Kramer	Valerie Reich
Gerald Fenig	Paul Kredow	Ziva Green
Harper Reich	Rachel Spiro	
Harvey Dalin	Rena Rozen	
Henely Friedman		
Jackie Lauwasser		
Jacqueline Carroll		
Joel Chupack		

## December Birthdays

Amy Claver	Joanne Stein	Roz Cherry
Benjamin Kramer	Judith Harris	Ruth Alterman
Benjamin Rubinberg	Judith Klowden	Ruth Schack
Carol Straus	Karen Lobl	Sandi Cowen
Claire Shulman	Lev Bearman	Sarah Chupack
Darcee Rabinowitz	Leah Rubinberg	Sophie Baron
Douglas Bellows	Marty Lubowich	Steve Davidson
Esther Siver	Mia Bearman	Steven Abrams
Gerald Gross	Michael Rosenberg	Van Schwab
Glenda Elam	Paula Harris	Zahava Davidson
	Phyllis Post	
	Randy Jaffe	



## November Anniversaries

David Eisenberg & Karen Lobl  
Dennis & Bonnie Feinberg  
Norm & Davida Grossman  
Michael & Shelley Korey  
Benjamin & Meredith Kramer  
Allen & Sherry Petlin  
Sheldon & Phyllis Post

## December Anniversaries

Brent & Barbara Brotine  
Dan & Ava Newbart  
Michael & Marcy Feinberg  
Alan & Vera Gorr  
Scott Beller & Trudy Turner  
Larry & Laurie Wasserman  
Jeff Winter & Sally Brown -Winter

## Have a Simcha?

Call the office to make a donation to the  
**Gerald Melton Simcha Fund.**  
Donations can commemorate a special event or simcha.

# Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

## BIMA FUND

The Gerber Family Julie Weill's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday  
 Veronika & George Urban Sally Brown-Winter and Jeff Winter's  
 new grandson, Owen Levi Cooper  
 Rabbi Jeffrey Weill our Executive Committee and  
 Board of Trustees

## CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND

Bobbie & Stuart Levin Cantor Daniel Gale and our  
 wonderful High Holiday services

## CONGREGATION FUND

Benjamin Abella Dr. Joseph Baron  
 Helen Angel Dr. Joseph Baron  
 Lois & Paul Ankin Sharon Stein  
 Barbara Barnett Dr. Marvin Cooper  
 Shirley & Victor Becker Marian Becker  
 Harriet Berland Sheldon Baum  
 Goldie Brandhandler Daniel Dolnick  
 Marsha Brody Brandon Sigler  
 Dr. Marvin Cooper  
 Duane Rubens  
 Brandon Sigler  
 Morton Zelikman  
 Dr. Marvin Cooper  
 Joann Greenbaum  
 Howard Kaplan  
 Sam Schraeger  
 Betty Strickler  
 Sidney Strickler  
 Phillip Dorfman  
 Robert Graff  
 Joseph A. Graff  
 Shlomo Dragon  
 Susan Hutnick  
 Sidney Hutnick  
 Melvin Zoberman  
 Roger Shiffman  
 Dr. Joseph Baron  
 Sharon Stein  
 beloved mother, Sonia Stern  
 Brandon Sigler  
 Bruce Gusto  
 Dr. Marvin Cooper  
 Dr. Joseph Baron  
 Greta Debofsky  
 Anne Goldstein  
 Joann Greenbaum  
 Norma Gordon  
 Barbara Frankston  
 Gunther Marx  
 George Peyovich  
 Sharon Stein  
 Rosalie Hoffman  
 Dr. Gary Meyers  
 Ruth Goone  
 Dr. William Gottschalk  
 Samuel Fisher  
 George Gordon  
 Fanny Gordon  
 Edward Gordon  
 Edith Lindner  
 Bernard Lindner  
 Muriel G. Rosemarin  
 Gunther Marx  
 Jack M. Gale  
 Natalie Abrams

Dr. Barbara & Brent Brotine  
 Lillian & Ed Cohen

Joan Cook  
 Sandi Cowen  
 Nina Cunningham

Barbara & Herbert Dorfman

Debbie & Daniel Dragon  
 Felice Eckhouse & Stephen Hutnick

Lorraine Edelstein  
 Bonnie & Dennis Feinberg

Adrienne & Irwin Friedman  
 Bill Gerber

Frank, Joel and Bill Gerber  
 Andrew Goldstein  
 Patricia Gottschalk  
 Norma z"l & Lester Gordon

Margo & Ron Gray  
 Judith Gale Greifer  
 Marilyn Gross

## IN HONOR OF

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## IN MEMORY OF

## CONGREGATION FUND

Ronia & Jerry Gross beloved brother, Reading Dallal  
 beloved mother, Evelyn Gross  
 Miriam Kroichick  
 Harriet and Victor Hartman  
 Lily and Erwin Blayer

Marlene & Jordan Hecktman Beatrice Moschel  
 Alice Hecktman  
 Jerry Fischbein  
 Sylvia Gilbert  
 Linda Ratsky  
 Sidney Jablo

Ricki Herling  
 Sally & Cy Jablo

Deborah & Irwin Kahn beloved mother, Bernice Kahn  
 Elena Kalmykova & Alexander Vainchtein our beloved parents  
 and grandparents  
 Dr. Joseph Baron  
 David Chichelnitzky  
 Clara Levin  
 Joann Greenbaum  
 Gunther Marx  
 beloved father, Bernard Levy  
 beloved mother, Ruby Levy  
 Mike Sender

Dr. Leon Kass  
 Dr. Roberto & Beatriz Levi  
 Bobbie & Stuart Levin

Rabbi Shlomo & Annabel Levine  
 Menucha & Alan Levy

Evelyn Lowenthal  
 Shirley & Marty Lubowich

beloved mother, Sophie Abrams  
 beloved brother, Dave Lubowich  
 Barry Arons  
 David Van Dusen  
 Sharon Stein

Esther & Bob Manewith

beloved mother, Anne Manewith  
 dear cousin, Arlene Zurick  
 Arlene Lieberman

Jeffrey Meyerowitz  
 Kenneth Meyers  
 Anita & Daryl Mittelman

Audrey Belitsky  
 Sarah Levitan  
 Sarah Ratnofsky  
 Helen Mittelman  
 Berenice Mittelman

Jennifer Mitty and colleagues at UpToDate  
 Marsha & Richard Newman

Dr. Joseph Baron  
 Jeremy Newman  
 Gunther Marx

Debbie & Henry Novoselsky

Dr. Joseph Baron  
 Geraldine Herman  
 Benjamin Novoselsky

Joan Olson  
 Rose Pergricht  
 Ada & Beryl Rabinowitz

Leonard Olson  
 Moritz Pergricht  
 Frances Toll  
 Brandon Sigler

The Stewart Reich Family  
 Renée Repkin

Dr. Marvin Cooper  
 Bruce Gusto  
 Dr. Joseph Baron  
 Greta Debofsky  
 Anne Goldstein  
 Norma Gordon  
 Joann Greenbaum  
 Barbara Frankston  
 George Peyovich  
 Gunther Marx  
 Sharon Stein  
 Rosalie Hoffman  
 Dr. Joseph Baron  
 Ilse Ries  
 Dina Ries  
 George Peyovich  
 Doris Baer  
 beloved father, Harold B. Pozner  
 Richard Rheinstrom  
 Ilse Ries  
 Dina Ries  
 Henrietta "Mutzie" Elias

Deborah Rheinstrom  
 Elaine & Michael Ries

Judith-Rae Ross

# Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

## CONGREGATION FUND

Pauline Kuznitsky Roth  
Evie & Ralph Ruebner

Ruth Ruffer

Arona & George Sarfatty  
Dr. Stan & Claire Shulman

Gerald Silberman  
Joanna Skolnick  
Rachel & Howard Spiro

Marcia Templer  
Andrea Toback  
Veronika & George Urban  
Laurie & Larry Wasserman

Shelley Wax  
Fay & Roy Weiss  
Sally Brown-Winter & Jeff Winter

Dolly & Bob Zavell

## IN MEMORY OF cont'd.

Shirley Berkley  
Mark Figelman  
dear aunt, Hilde Prauer  
dear aunt, Fanny Spiro  
dear aunt, Lieslotte David Koster  
dear friend, Martin Revesz  
dear grandparents, Sali and Alice Katz

Lowell Ruffer  
Rose Ruffer  
Esther Hankin  
beloved father, Isadore Zaner  
beloved brother, Alan Zaner  
beloved mother, Beatrice Marenberg

Samuel Simon  
Dr. Joseph Baron  
Jacob Podgursky  
Henry Spiro

Bertha Templer  
Ida Susman  
Steve Urban  
Ruth Wasserman  
Ellen Wasserman

Irving Hamer  
Dr. Joseph Baron  
Diane Brown  
Charles Winter  
Bruce Gusto

## CONGREGATION FUND

Mary & Leonard Arman  
Bette Blumenthal

Dr. Barbara & Brent Brotine

Debbie & David Chizewer  
Lillian & Ed Cohen

Shoshana Dorman & Bruce Braverman

Joan Cook's new great-granddaughter,  
Harper Olivia Hobson  
Randy and Rose-Lynn Jaffe's  
new granddaughter, Isabel Teresa Jaffe  
Julie Weill's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Rabbi Brief's birthday  
Ronias and Jerry Gross'  
new granddaughter, Mazarine Susan Gross  
Mickey Gordon's granddaughter Peyton's Bat Mitzvah  
Joan Cook's new great-granddaughter, Harper Olivia Hobson  
Rosh Hashanah greetings to Marty and Shirley Lubowich  
Rosh Hashanah greetings to Ada and Beryl Rabinowitz  
Rosh Hashanah greetings to Rabbi Ralph and Evie Ruebner  
Lee Levin's Zoom technology during the holidays  
a speedy recovery to Arlene Kagan  
Ronias and Jerry Gross'  
new granddaughter, Mazarine Susan Gross  
Joan Cook's new great-granddaughter, Harper Olivia Hobson  
Mickey Gordon's granddaughter Peyton's Bat Mitzvah  
Sally Brown-Winter and Jeff Winter's  
new grandson, Owen Levi Cooper  
Ken Dermer and Shelley Sutker-Dermer,  
our *Hatan Torah* and *Kallat Torah*  
Leah Lazere's 94<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Diane Rosenfeld's grandson Zev's Bar Mitzvah  
The Weill Family  
Dorothy Lipstadt's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday  
with thanks for the holiday services on Zoom  
Rabbi Weissberg's brilliant  
teachings in the *Kabbalah* program  
Randy and Rose-Lynn Jaffe's  
new granddaughter, Isabel Teresa Jaffe  
Joan Cook's new great-granddaughter, Harper Olivia Hobson  
Ronias and Jerry Gross' new granddaughter, Mazarine Susan Gross  
Rabbi Shlomo & Annabel Levine  
Randy and Rose-Lynn Jaffe's  
new granddaughter, Isabel Teresa Jaffe

Frank, Joel and Bill Gerber  
Ilona Hartman  
Sally & Cy Jablo  
Robert Karton  
Leah Lazere and Janet Keiser  
Bobbie & Stuart Levin

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## CONGREGATION FUND

Shirley & Marty Lubowich

Esther & Bob Manewith

Margot & Gunther z"l Marx

Marsha & Richard Newman

Barbara & Joseph Rabin

Ada & Beryl Rabinowitz

Debbie & Stewart Reich

Judith Rich

Arona & George Sarfatty

Robin Shartiag

Marlene Singer

Skokie Egalitarian Minyan

Jill & Alan Todres

Rabbi Jeffrey Weill

Dolly & Bob Zavell

Howard Zavell

## IN HONOR OF cont'd.

Ronia and Jerry Gross'

new granddaughter, Mazarine Susan Gross

Ronia and Jerry Gross' 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

Shoshana Dorman and Bruce Braverman's generosity and caring

Stan Shulman's well deserved retirement

our 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary

all the work the Levin Family did

to make our holiday services outstanding

general donation

Rosh Hashanah greetings to Rabbi Ralph and Evie Ruebner

Rosh Hashanah greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gray

Rosh Hashanah greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Silverman

Randy and Rose-Lynn Jaffe's

new granddaughter, Isabel Teresa Jaffe

Sally Brown-Winter and Jeff Winter's

new grandson, Owen Levi Cooper

all the work the Levin Family did

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*Kapparo*th donations

Randy and Rose-Lynn Jaffe's

new granddaughter, Isabel Teresa Jaffe

Joan Cook's new great-granddaughter, Harper Olivia Hobson

Ronia and Jerry Gross' new granddaughter, Mazarine Susan Gross

Mickey Gordon's granddaughter Peyton's Bat Mitzvah

Sally Brown-Winter and Jeff Winter's

new grandson, Owen Levi Cooper

Leah Lazere's 94<sup>th</sup> birthday

Ken Dermer and Shelley Sutker-Dermer,

our *Hatan Torah* and *Kallat Torah*

Steve and Francine Schulman,

our *Hatan Bereshit* and *Kallat Bereshit*

Dorothy Lipstadt's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday

Ronia and Jerry Gross'

new granddaughter, Mazarine Susan Gross

a speedy recovery to Carol Straus

Ken Dermer and Shelley Sutker-Dermer,

our *Hatan Torah* and *Kallat Torah*

Steve and Francine Schulman,

our *Hatan Bereshit* and *Kallat Bereshit*

our 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary

Dorothy Lipstadt's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday

Diane Rosenfeld's grandson Zev's Bar Mitzvah

Ada Rabinowitz's special birthday

with thanks for the holiday services on Zoom

our wedding anniversary

general donation

Goldie Brandhandler's birthday

general donation

Jill's *haftorah* reading in beloved memory

of our son Russell

Julie Weill's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday

a speedy recovery to Michael Feinberg

Jeff Sacks being named National Commander

of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA

Mickey Gordon's granddaughter Peyton's Bat Mitzvah

Bob Manewith blowing the shofar during the holidays

Julie Weill's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday

my parents, Bob and Dolly Zavell

## GEMILUTH CHESED—LOTTE GRUEN FUND IN MEMORY OF

Loren Joseph

Evie & Ralph Ruebner

Dr. Joseph Baron

Erna Salisch Cohn

Bertram Hamilton

Joann Greenbaum

dear aunt, Renate Cowan



# Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

## GEMILUTH CHESED—LOTTE GRUEN FUND IN HONOR OF

Evie & Ralph Ruebner Rosh Hashanah greetings to Jan Footlik  
 Randy and Rose-Lynn Jaffe's  
 new granddaughter, Isabel Teresa Jaffe  
 Ronia and Jerry Gross'  
 new granddaughter, Mazarine Susan Gross  
 Rosh Hashanah greetings to Rabbi Victor and Tamar Weissberg

## GERALD MELTON SIMCHA FUND IN HONOR OF

Bill Gerber Randy and Rose-Lynn Jaffe's  
 new granddaughter, Isabel Teresa Jaffe  
 Steve and Francine Schulman,  
 our *Hatan Bereshit* and *Kallat Bereshit*  
 Dorothy Lipstadt's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday

## PRAYER BOOK FUND IN MEMORY OF

Marsha & Richard Newman Dr. Marvin Cooper  
 Sharon Stein  
 Dr. Stan & Claire Shulman Dr. Marvin Cooper

## RABBI EMERITUS FUND IN MEMORY OF

Shirley & Marty Lubowich Joann Greenbaum

## RABBI EMERITUS FUND IN HONOR OF

Carol & Howard Bartman Rabbi Brief's birthday

## RABBI'S SPECIAL FUND IN MEMORY OF

Fred Frankston Barbara Frankston  
 Mickey Gordon Brandon Sigler  
 Barbara Frankston  
 George Peyovich  
 The Family of Norma Gordon Norma Gordon  
 Jackie & Jack Lauwasser Brandon Sigler  
 Margot Marx Gunther Marx  
 Phyllis & Sheldon Post Bruce Gusto  
 Jill & Alan Todres Russell Todres

## RABBI'S SPECIAL FUND IN HONOR OF

Joan Cook my first great-grandchild, Harper Olivia Hobson  
 Kay Dicker my birthday  
 Jannis Eisbart Rabbi Jeffrey Weill and our  
 wonderful High Holiday services  
 Mickey Gordon my granddaughter Peyton Rose's Bat Mitzvah  
 Ronia and Jerry Gross'  
 new granddaughter, Mazarine Susan Gross  
 Jack and Jackie Lauwasser's new home  
 Joyce Gostomelsky and Family Rabbi Weill for his support  
 during our difficult time  
 Carol Gottlieb with heartfelt gratitude to Rabbi Weill for the  
 wonderful classes and services led during this difficult time  
 Judy & Alan Harris Julie Weill's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday  
 The Weill Family  
 Linda & Elliott Lenoff Rabbi Weill's teachings  
 Bobbie & Stuart Levin Rabbi Jeffrey Weill and our  
 wonderful High Holiday services  
 Claire Shulman and Family Dr. Stan Shulman's retirement  
 and Emeritus status  
 Jill & Alan Todres our granddaughter Leah's birthday and  
 her darling mother Valeria  
 Howard Zavell my parents, Bob and Dolly Zavell

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EDUCATION FUND IN HONOR OF

Judy & Ken Arkin Ronia and Jerry Gross'  
 new granddaughter, Mazarine Susan Gross  
 Bob Manewith's excellent shofar blowing  
 Elena and Alyssa Levin's lovely voices and  
 Lee Levin's technical excellence

## 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:

**Max Givertz**

*by Fran Givertz*

**Abraham Golden**

*by Kim Z. Golden*

**Morris Topol**

**Stella Topol**

*by Bruce Topol*

## 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.

## 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 Mourner's 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

Sat 6:30 PM followed by Havdalah

Sunday 9:30 AM

\*Check the weekly News Byte for zoom links.

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President  
Executive Director

## 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.

Pick up your Jewel gift cards from Jeanette Sigler in the synagogue office.



**Happy Chanukah**  
*First Night Candlelighting – December 10<sup>th</sup>*