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Services

Shabbat

Shabbat morning (see newcityjc.org or Friday Email for Link)

Services will be at 9:00 am

Friday evening 6:00 pm in-person only

Saturday-Havdalah (will resume in the spring)

Daily Prayer Services

(See newcityjc.org or Friday email for Zoom)

Weekday services:

Weekday 8:00 am & 7:30 pm

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Daily Morning & Evening Minyans are in-person or Zoom

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Thursday, February 1, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am
Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Friday, February 2, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am
Tiny Tots: 9:00 am

Candle Lighting: 4:56 pm

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Parashat Shabbat Yitro

Morning Services: 9:00 am
Evening Services/Havdalah: 6:05 pm

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Morning Services: 8:30 am
Hebrew School (Grades K-7) 9:00 am -
12:00 pm

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Monday, February 5, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am
Lunch & Learn: 12:00 pm
Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am
Hebrew School: 4:15 pm
Evening Services: 7:30 pm
Ta Sh'ma Talmud: 8:00 pm

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am
Evening Services: 7:30 pm
Men's Club Meeting & Vote: 8:00 pm

Thursday, February 8, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am
Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Friday, February 9, 2024

Rosh Chodesh Adar 1

Morning Services: 8:00 am
Tiny Tots: 9:00 am
HaBayit Tots/Kids Shabbat program:
5:45 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:45 pm
Candle Lighting: 5:05 pm
Community Dinner: 6:30 pm

Luach

Saturday, February 10, 2024

Rosh Chodesh Adar 1

Parashat Mishpatim

Morning Services: 9:00 am
Evening Services/Havdalah: 6:14 pm

Sunday, February 11, 2024

World Wide Wrap
Morning Services: 8:30 am
Hebrew School (Grades K-7)
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sunday Funday: 9:00 am
Purim Play Rehearsal: 10:30 am
Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Monday, February 12, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am
Lunch & Learn: 12:00 pm
Evening Service: 7:30 pm

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am
Hebrew School: 4:15 pm
Evening Service: 7:30 pm
Ta Sh'ma Talmud: 8:00 pm

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am
Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am
Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Friday, February 16, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am
Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:00 pm
Candle Lighting: 5:13 pm

Saturday, February 17, 2024

Parashat Terumah

Morning Services: 9:00 am
Evening Services/Havdalah: 6:22 pm

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Morning Services: 8:30 am
Purim Play Rehearsal: 10:30 am
Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Monday, February 19, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am
Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am
Evening Services: 7:30 pm
TaShma Talmud: 8:00 pm

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am
Evening Services: 7:30 pm
Board of Trustees Meeting: 8:00 pm

Thursday, February 22, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am
Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Friday, February 23, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am
Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:00 pm
Candle Lighting: 5:22 pm

Saturday, February 24, 2024

Parashat Tetzaveh

Morning Services: 9:00 am
Evening Services/Havdalah: 6:31 pm

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Morning Services: 8:30 am
Purim Play Rehearsal: 10:30 pm
Hebrew School Closed

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Monday, February 26, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am
Lunch & Learn: 12:00 pm

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am
Hebrew School: 4:15 pm

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

TaShma Talmud: 8:00 pm

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am
Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Thursday, February 29, 2024

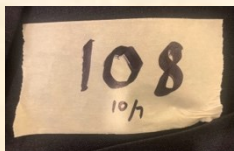
Morning Services: 8:00 am
Evening Services: 7:30 pm



The morning minyan needs your help! It meets Monday - Friday at 8:00am and Sunday at 8:30am. Thank you!



Why I Wear Masking Tape Every Day



I'm not sure what prompted Rachel Goldberg to get up on November 2nd, the 26th day of her son, Hirsch Poland Goldberg's captivity, rip off a square of masking tape, write the number 26 with a black marker, place it on her shirt over her heart and confront the world one more day.

In interviews, she recalled growing up and the impact of the nightly count-up as ABC Nightline covered the 444-day long 1979 US hostage crisis at the American embassy in Teheran.

In a recent interview, she spoke about wearing that tape to the Associated Press. She was speaking on day 96. "It defines me," she said, "it was like a name tag, as in, – Hello my name is..." "This is who I am," she said. "My identity is the number of days he's been stolen."

Rachel noted that people like countdowns, like for new years in Times Square and the number of days until vacation. But count-ups are harder. "A count-up of humanity's failure of getting these human beings out of captivity", she said, "is something that makes people very uncomfortable."

Many family members of those taken hostage wear pictures of their captive loved ones. For Rachel Goldberg, there is a deeper significance in wearing numbers. A photograph of a person stays static. It's a memory of what was. However, the numbers change – every day. A potent reminder of the ever-present danger – every moment of every day.

Hersh Goldberg Polin is 23. He was abducted on October 7th at the Nova music festival along with some 240 other people taken that on that day of terror. Over 300 mostly young people were killed at the festival along with another 1000 in bordering southern communities. The atrocities that occurred at Nova and throughout the southern communities have been well documented. Hirsch had been hiding with a group of others in a shelter. A grenade was tossed in the shelter by one of the terrorists. Many were killed but a video from one of the terrorists' cameras showed Hersh being lifted onto the back of a pick-up truck, his arm partially blown off.

Goldberg's daily tape ritual, the pictures and videos uploaded to X, Instagram, TikTok and other social media platforms, have become emblematic of the pain felt by hundreds – thousands of people who wake up every day to find that this nightmare is no dream. They fear for their children, their parents, grandparents, sisters, brothers, cousins, loved ones, friends and friends of friends. Indeed, collectively, the Jewish world shares in this pain, in knowing they are being held captive in inhumane conditions, frightened, hungry and abused. And then there is the knowing that we don't, we cannot, really know.

Rachel Goldberg has traveled around the globe, speaking at international forums, meeting with heads of state, diplomats, representatives, and negotiators. She met with President Biden, the Pope and Elon Musk. She spoke at the United Nations in Geneva. She attended protests, gatherings - wherever she could use her voice to raise awareness and make more personal the plight of these hostages, to restore their humanity in the face of the incomprehensible, to make them real, to force others to witness her pain.

Last week, Rachel Goldberg requested that on the 100th day of captivity, people join her in wearing that piece of tape with the number 100 written on it as a gesture of solidarity with her and her husband, as well as all of the families of the 132 remaining hostages, among whom 25 are presumed dead.

In her words; "Every single person who is a mother or who has a mother – every single person ranging in age from 11 months to 87 years old – every single person who is Jewish, Buddhist, Christian, Moslem or Hindu – every single person who feels that it is not ok for hundreds of people to have been stolen, taken captive and held captive for a hundred days. Get some tape and get a marker (holding them up) and join me in marking the days since these people have been stolen and are being held captive in Gaza – and I know that for some people, this actually, sadly, given the current climate that we're living in, this might be a scary ask for some people. Its asking people to wear on your chest something that you feel strongly about – so, if you're too scared to do that, I would say to you to wear it here – (under her collar) or put it in your pocket or put it on your undershirt and then wear a shirt over it – because it will take a molecule of the weight that I am carrying off of me knowing that you're carrying it as well – and all the hostage families will feel that effort. So, I really encourage you to join us and make the statement that you do not accept what is happening with these hostages".

And so now I too have a new ritual in the morning....

Every morning, I come to our daily minyan, I put on my tefillin, daven the first part of the service on my own from the back of the room. Then, as we begin shacharit proper, I come to the front row, tear a square of masking tape from the roll, write the new day of captivity and stick it to my shirt – right over my heart.

Several people in the minyan have taken to wearing the number every day, fixing a new piece of tape each morning at minyan. There's something about this act of writing out the new number each morning. It is an excruciating act, painful, and unbearable. The torn edges are NOT like the die cut corners on a pressure sensitive name tag. They are raw, jagged, torn – like kriah – not the antiseptic black ribbons that funeral homes push on mourners – but the real tear in one's shirt marking the death of a parent. The handwritten number in black marker reads as something very personal – not pre-printed or mass produced. From the heart, of the heart, over the heart.

Every day of the week, twice a day, we remember those remaining in captivity. Some of us keep hold on to their pictures while we daven in the minyan. Many of you have placed signs reading "bring home the hostages" in your front yards. But you can make this very personal. By wearing the number, written on a piece of tape, you too carry that awareness with you all the time – lifting, as Rachel Goldberg said, maybe just one molecule of her pain – while encouraging others to ask – perhaps in the grocery store, or the bank, or at work... Why do you have that piece of tape and number on your shirt? And you can say: "like thousands of Jews and non-Jews around the world, I'm carrying this reminder with me that there are still 132 souls, some of them children, some of them grandparents, fathers and mothers – still remaining in a dark hell, somewhere in Gaza. I'm wearing this number to keep them close to my heart, to share in their pain of their families and to stir you to ask me, why are you wearing that number over your heart."

May the hostages in Gaza be released to the warm embrace of their families, today!

David

Message from President Jonathan Goldberg



After a couple of years of mild winters, I guess this is payback. So far January has been freezing cold, with the threat of snow showers always on the horizon. Now I understand why so many in our congregation make their way to warmer pastures this time of year. But for us brave souls who tough it out in New York, I say “Are we crazy?”

On a more serious note, we do need more of our (local) congregation during these winter months. NCJC prides itself on being able to provide a daily minyan in the morning and evening. In order to keep that up, we need people to attend. Even committing to 1 service a week would go a long way. No matter what service you come to, it will be a welcoming group.

The good news is we all know warm weather is not too far away. The next few weeks and months will see the usually signs of spring, at least from a Jewish perspective. Tu B'Shevat has just been completed and soon will come Purim and (gulp) Passover.

And by then, most of our friends who have enjoyed life outside of New York will be back to join us once again. Looking forward to it!

L'Shalom,

Jonathan Goldberg

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dream & reality
Since October 7th
February 4th | 3pm on ZOOM

lecturer: Inon Hedvati
Tour guide in Israel
Born and raised in a Kibbutz


Celebrate Shabbat
with your NCJC family!
Friday, February 9
6:30P.M.
Children's programs
begin at 5:45
Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45P.M.
Dinner by RSVP ONLY
by February 7th
47 Old Schoolhouse Road New City, NY 10956 845.638.9600


HABAYIT TOTS
PJ Shabbat
LET'S BRING IN
SHABBAT
WITH FRIENDS!
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9
5:30-6:30PM
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DINNER AT 6:30PM
BY RSVP ONLY
47 OLD SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD NEW CITY, NY 10956 845.638.9600

WRAP THE WORLD

World Wide Wrap
Super Sunday, February 11, 2024
8:15 AM Early start for help w/ tefillin
8:30 AM Morning Minyan - General Congregation
9:15 AM Breakfast by Men's Club Kitchen Crew
10:00 AM Presentation by Sofer Rabbi Shmuel Schneid
Sixth and seventh grade students and parents will follow the schedule from the Hebrew School.

**We would like to thank all of our members who have made a
generous
pledge in support of New City Jewish Center**

High Holiday Appeal - 5784 (2023)

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A Prayer for Israel at War

****Please note the words in red and their particular significance to the current war with Hamas!**

Psalm 140

למנצח מזמור לדוד:

A Psalm of David.

חלצני יהוה מאדם רע מאיש **חמסים** תנצרני:

Rescue me, O LORD, from evil men;
save me from the **lawless**,

אשר חשבו רעות בלב כל־יום יגורו מלחמות:

whose minds are full of evil schemes,
who plot war every day.

שננו לשונם כמו־נחש חמת עכשוב תחת שפתימו סלה:

They sharpen their tongues like serpents;
spiders' poison is on their lips. *Selah*.

שמרני יהוה | מידי רשע מאיש **חמסים** תנצרני אשר חשבו לדחות פעמי:

O LORD, keep me out of the clutches of the wicked;
save me from **lawless men**
who scheme to make me fall.^{-a}

טמנו־גאים | פח לי וחבלים פרשו רשת ליד־מעגל מקשים שתו־לי סלה:

Arrogant men laid traps with ropes for me;
they spread out a net along the way;
they set snares for me. *Selah*.

אמרתי ליהוה אלי אתה האזינה יהוה קול תחנוני:

I said to the LORD: You are my God;
give ear, O LORD, to my pleas for mercy.

יהוה אדני עז ישועתי ספתה לראשי ביום נשק:

O GOD, my Lord, the strength of my deliverance,
You protected my head on the day of battle.

אל־תתן יהוה מאויי רשע זממו אל־תפק ירומו סלה:

O LORD, do not grant the desires of the wicked;
do not let their plan succeed,
else they be exalted. *Selah*.

ראש מסבי עמל שפתימו (יכסומו) [יכסימו]:

May the heads of those who beset me
be covered with the mischief of their lips.^{-c}

(ימיטו) [ימוטו] עליהם גחלים באש יפלם במהמרות בל־יקומו:

may coals of fire drop down upon them,
and they be cast into pits, never to rise again.

איש לשון בל־יכון בארץ איש־חמס רע יצודנו למדחפת:

Let slanderers have no place in the land;
let the evil of the **lawless man** drive him into corrals.

(ידעת) [ידעתי] כִּי־יעשה יהוה דין עני משפט אבינים:

I know that the LORD will champion
the cause of the poor, the right of the needy.

אך צדיקים יודו לשמך ישבו ישרים את־פניך: {פ}

Righteous men shall surely praise Your name;
the upright shall dwell in Your presence.

PJ Shabbat & Community Dinner



PJ Shabbat

<https://www.newcityjc.org/event/habayit-tots2.html>

Community Dinner

<https://www.newcityjc.org/event/shabbat-dinner.html>

Message from our Youth Group

NCJC Teen Board Fundraising for Israel

By Lara Epstein

Some exciting news! The New City Jewish Center Teen Board has collected \$1740 for Israel through bracelet sales. The Board has raised \$1500 for Caloola (<https://www.caloola.co.il/workshop/>), a mobile art studio whose goal was to provide a moment of relief in the form of a creative art workshop for the children whose families were displaced due to the war in Southern and Northern Israel. \$750 went to Kibbutz Nahal Oz in the south that was deeply impacted by October 7th. And the other \$750 went to help those displaced due to fighting on the northern border in Kiryat Shmona, Metula, Kfar Yuval and more. Caloola was so thankful for the money raised that they created personalized keychains (see picture below) for each of our NCJC Teen Board members. And also as thank you, they are providing a Zoom lecture on the kibbutz movement and what happened on October 7th by Israeli tour guide, Inon who also helps his wife, Calanit, run Caloola. The program will run on Sunday, February 4th at 3pm.

In addition, the NCJC Teen Board raised \$240 for Bergen County Lev Echad where we purchased cold weather and necessary gear (including warm gloves, headlamps, portable chargers and cords) for the IDF via Amazon's wishlist. Anyone that would like to further our mission of making the Israeli soldiers more comfortable while fighting in these harsh, cold weather conditions, can donate money via the website: <https://www.bclevachad.org/> or goods through the following Amazon wishlist: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/636ES0DP9690> In addition, Bergen County Lev Echad transports 70-100 duffel bags of supplies daily to Newark airport which is then flown to Israel via El Al Airlines.

Kol Ha'kavod to our amazing teens!



Kibbutz ⬡

dream & reality

Since October 7th

February 4th | 3pm on ZOOM


New City Jewish Center

lecturer: Inon Hedvati
Tour guide in Israel
Born and raised in a Kibbutz

The Kibbutz Movement: Our Past and Current Struggle as a Community

Please join NCJC for a lecture on the Kibbutz movement where Israeli tour guide, Inon Hedvati, will delve into the concept of the kibbutz and also explain the impact of October 7th on both Israel as a whole and the kibbutzim. Zoom link will be sent upon registration.

Please email lara@newcityjc.org to secure your spot.



HaBayit Hebrew School News

Rabbi Allison Berlinger, Director of Education

Martin Luther King Jr. is the only Federal holiday that is also a National Day of Service and a day which celebrates the civil rights leader's life and legacy. In Pirkei Avot, Ethics of our Fathers, the Rabbis teach: "The world rests on three things: Torah, Service to God, and Acts of Loving Kindness" (Pirkei Avot 1:2) Each year on MLK Jr. Sunday, here at HaBayit Hebrew School, we step out of our classrooms and work on projects to help better our community and our world.

This year we created toiletry packages wrapped in child-decorated pillowcases for the Center for Safety and Change. They were so thankful to receive the donation. Thank you to everyone who donated toiletries for this project!

We made fleece blankets for helping hands, which will be distributed to the homeless during the 24-hour walk. Volunteers walk around Rockland looking for homeless people and hand out different items to help them.

We created rescue boxes for local EMS/Ambulance Corps to have on their rigs for when they get a call that people are living in their car. In the kits we included hats, gloves, socks, hand body and feet warmers, flashlights, and other helpful items. Thank you to everyone who donated items for this project. EMS has said they could use more of these boxes. We are happy to continue making them, but we are out of items. Each box costs \$30.00 to fill completely. If you would like to sponsor 1 or more Rescue Boxes, please contact Rabbi Allison or Amy Kodsi.

Our final project was our Coin Harvest for Koach Hallel/Hallel Force. Each year we ask people to donate their loose change to a designated tzedakah project. Last year, we collected \$250.00 for Leket-Israel, an organization in Israel which works to combat food insecurity. Our project this year is Koach Hallel/Hallel Force. As many know when Israelis graduate High School they serve in the Army. After they serve, they then return to their studies, however, they must return to reserve service at some point each year. After October 7th, Israeli Navy reserve members chose to be retrained as ground troops, to help in the war effort. This has caused a shortage of essential gear. Koach Hallel is an organization working to raise money to purchase this important gear. We chose this organization because we wanted to help our brothers and sisters in Israel fight this war and defend our Jewish homeland and because Rabbi Berkman's son in law is instrumental in Koach Hallel. At the writing of this article, we have collected \$107.00 in loose change. We are extending the coin harvest so we can reach our goal of \$250. Please drop any change off with Rabbi Allison.

We hope to continue to learn from Dr. King and his dedication to helping others. We thank our families who participated in our MLK Jr. Day of Service, and we look forward to giving you an update when we have reached all our goals. Yasher koach to all!

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Message from Men's Club

New City Jewish Center will be participating in the annual World Wide Wrap on Super Bowl Sunday, February 11, 2024. The WWW is promoted by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs ("FJMC"). We will be joining other participating clubs throughout the world. We ask that you attend morning services at New City Jewish Center that morning at 8:30 AM. The purposes of the event are to a) re-acclimate you to our daily morning religious service (even though you might not attend often) and b) to help guide you in the mitzvah of putting on tefillin. Although tefillin are most often worn by males, they can be worn by all genders, and so the entire congregation is invited.

There will be two side-by-side programs that day. Members of the general congregation can attend the regular morning minyan at 8:30 AM. We ask you to show up about 15 minutes early if you would like assistance with putting on / wrapping tefillin. The service will be the standard relatively fast-paced morning minyan. The service lasts 30 to 45 minutes and will be followed by a breakfast prepared by the Men's Club kitchen crew.

Men's Club is coordinating the WWW with the Hebrew School. The teachers will be giving instructions for sixth and seventh graders to attend with their parents. They will have a separate service and will then join the breakfast prepared by Men's Club. This will be followed by a program led by sofer/scribe Rabbi Shmuel Schneid at approximately 10:00 AM. He will be discussing his craft including the writing and repair of Torah scrolls and the construction of tefillin. The general congregation will also be invited to join this presentation.

Why attend services? Different people will provide different reasons. I, personally, have a need to endeavor to praise God at all times, places, and circumstances. This concept sunk in when I decided to read the book of Psalms cover to cover. I read about David being in many various situations but always finding a way to praise God. I took this as an example to follow. If I am trying to praise God at all times, why not attend services at the prescribed times of prayer? If you are able to, consider attending our morning or evening services every day, on Shabbat and holidays, or at least at the WWW on February 11.

There are a few other events that Men's Club is working on for the coming months. On Sunday March 17, we are planning an adult education breakfast with Ron Federman (a past Men's Club president). On Sunday April 7, I am honored to announce that I (Andy Alper) have been chosen as Mensch of the Year by the Men's Club. Please join us for breakfast that morning. Our Youths of the Year will also be honored.

We will again be visiting West Point Jewish Chapel for services on Friday, April 12 at 7:00 pm. We will meet the Jewish chaplain who will lead services and we will have an opportunity to shmooze with the cadets. Services will be followed by dinner at the chapel. Look for information on this in next month's Hakol and in the Friday weekly emails. This event is organized by the Hudson Valley Region of FJMC. I note that our regular Friday night services at NCJC will also take place.

Many of our events are inspired by our involvement with the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. I want to remind you to check out the FJMC.org website. Last month, I spoke about their [affinity groups and webinars](#) in areas such as sports, Yiddish (for beginners and advanced), genealogy, cooking, Israel, and other topics. At the website, you can also get guidance on [wrapping tefillin](#) in preparation for the World Wide Wrap.

Andy Alper, Men's Club Treasurer

As president my favorite task is to notify our mensch he has been selected. In this case we have selected Andy Alper. Andy was an easy choice he has done so much for our Men's Club and the Hudson Valley Region. I called him when he was in Arizona for a treatment. I told him of his unanimous selection, and that he must accept as we had no other candidate. As you know by now, he agreed. His wife Alyse, also a very hard worker, was very excited. Please join us for our Mensch of the Year Breakfast on Sunday April 7.

Bruce Sicherman

World Wide Wrap



World Wide Wrap Super Sunday, February 11, 2024

8:15 AM Early start for help w/ tefillin

8:30 AM Morning Minyan - General Congregation

9:15 AM Breakfast by Men's Club Kitchen Crew

10:00 AM Presentation by Sofer Rabbi Shmuel Schneid

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Men's Club All Stars

For \$36 a year for 3 years, you can become an All Star!

The purpose of the All Stars is to help in covering a portion of the cost of programs that the Men's Club consistently runs every year and the numerous contributions to the Shul, educational, youth community and charitable causes that Men's Club funds.

As a result of the dedicated work of Men's Club members our NCJC Men's Club is widely regarded as a stand out Club year after year and has the distinction of being the most recognized Club in the Hudson Valley Region with the largest membership. We are proud of these accomplishments and thank all Men's Club members and congregants for their support.

The All Stars would like to add a little fuel to the Men's Club budget. We know contributions like this go a long way.

The following have joined in. We hope you will join too and become a Men's Club All Star.

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Message from Sisterhood

January was another busy month for Sisterhood as we planned several activities in 2024.

Sisterhood will sponsor the Shabbat Community Dinner on February 9. We look forward to a large group celebrating Shabbat together.



The performers for the Purim Spiel have been selected and rehearsals take place with Hannah Price on Sunday mornings.

On May 6, Holocaust Remembrance Day, Simon Jurichim, the author of "Hidden in France" will be our guest speaker when he discusses his book, focusing on his life during the Holocaust. Signed copies of his book are available for purchase (\$15) at NCJC. Contact ncjcsisterhood@gmail.com to reserve a copy.

The Torah Fund Dinner will take place at NCJC May 8 when Sisterhoods from all Conservative Synagogues in Rockland and Westchester come together for an evening of friendship, fund-raising, good food, and recognition of the honorees from each Synagogue.

For those interested in the bottle cap/trivet project, please contact ncjcsisterhood@gmail.com to obtain materials to begin the project. You can work on the project alone or meet at NCJC Thursday mornings or Tuesday evenings.

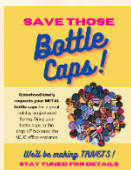
Sisterhood members have been attending the Pro-Israeli rallies in front of Marshalls each Sunday. It's been a nice initiative bringing together many people from all areas of Rockland.

Sisterhood had a beautiful and successful Tu B'shevat seder led by Carol King Berkman. The good food and desserts were enjoyed by all. Everyone left with the first planting of the season.

Rachelle and Sheila



1The zoom picture was taken at a Zoom program Sisterhood held when Akiva Gersh spoke about "Present Day Israel". It was recorded if anyone wants to view it. Contact Sisterhood for link.



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Our Sisterhood is the “Heart of the Synagogue”. Sisterhood donations help provide the New City Jewish Center community with funds supporting many physical and spiritual needs. Sisterhood funds have helped to build and maintain the Caplan/Diamond Playground and provide programs for NCJC’s Hebrew School children. Most recently, Sisterhood sponsored a wonderful congregational dinner and program commemorating the first yahrzeit of our beloved Lynne Diwinsky.

In order to continue funding exciting programs and provide financial support for NCJC, Sisterhood needs your help. We have created a fund for additional contributions to Sisterhood. Women who become Sisterhood Stars pledge \$36 per year for 3 years. Those who choose to contribute will have their names listed in Hakol and will receive a certificate. Please help Sisterhood continue to be a bright light for New City Jewish Center. **Become a Sisterhood Star!**

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New City Jewish Center

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