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HAKOL

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Services

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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

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(See newcityjc.org or Friday email for Zoom)

Weekday services:

Weekday 8:00 am & 7:30 pm

Sunday 8:30 am & 7:30 pm

Daily Morning & Evening Minyans are in-person or Zoom

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Monday, January 1, 2024

Office Closed

Morning Services: 8:30 am

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Men's Club Meeting: 8:00 pm

Thursday, January 4, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Friday, January 5, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am

Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:00 pm

Candle Lighting: 4:24 pm

Saturday, January 6, 2024

Parashat Shemot

DANIEL KISSIK

Morning Services: 9:00 am

Evening Services/Havdalah: 5:32 pm

Sunday, January 7, 2024

Morning Services: 8:30 am

Hebrew School (Grades K-7) 9:00 am -
12:00 pm

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Monday, January 8, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am

Lunch & Learn: 12:00 pm

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am

Hebrew School: 4:15 pm

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

TaShma Talmud: 8:00 pm

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Meditative drawing: 6:00 pm

Thursday, January 11, 2024

Rosh Hodesh Shevat

Morning Services: 8:00 am

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Luach

Friday, January 12, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am

HaBayit Tots/Kids Shabbat program

5:45 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat and Community

Dinner: 5:45 pm

Candle Lighting: 4:31 pm

Community Dinner: 6:30 pm

Saturday, January 13, 2024

Parashat Vaera

Morning Services: 9:00 am

Evening Services/Havdalah: 5:40 pm

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Morning Services: 8:30 am

Hebrew School Volunteers at Kosher

Food Pantry: 9:00 am

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Monday, January 15, 2024

Office Closed (M. L. King Day)

Morning Services: 8:00 am

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

TaShma Talmud: 8:00 pm

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Board of Trustees meeting: 8:00 pm

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Friday, January 19, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am

Candle Lighting: 4:39 pm

Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:00 pm

Saturday, January 20, 2024

Parashat Bo

Morning Services: 9:00 am

Evening Services/Havdalah: 5:48 pm

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Morning Services: 8:30 am

Hebrew School: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Monday, January 22, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am

Lunch & Learn: 12:00 pm

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am

Hebrew School: 4:15 pm

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

TaShma Talmud: 8:00 pm

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Tu B'Shevat Seder

Morning Services: 8:00 am

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Friday, January 26, 2024

Tu B'Shevat

Morning Services: 8:00 am

Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:00 pm

Candle Lighting: 4:47 pm

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Parashat Beshalach

MATTHEW HURWITT

Morning Services: 9:00 am

Evening Services/Havdalah: 5:56 pm

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Morning Services: 8:30 am

Hebrew School: 9:00 am

Challah Bake: 10:00 am

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Monday, January 29, 2024

Morning Services: 8:30 am

Lunch & Learn: 12:00 pm

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am

Hebrew School: 4:15 pm

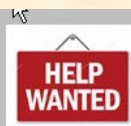
Evening Services: 7:30 pm

TaShma Talmud: 8:00 pm

Wednesday, January 31, 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!

Message from Rabbi Berkman



Courage

This past December 18th, a huge violent mob of anti-Israel protestors took over Penn Station in New York City. The protestors had already torn through Grand Central Terminal and the Port Authority. They outnumbered police who had tried to block them from entering the station until a side entrance was located and the crowd rushed in. Calls of “from the river to the sea”, “free Palestine” and other genocidal rally chants were shouted by protestors as they rampaged through the station. All this was recorded on social media.

Walking through the station at the time was a Jewish man whose picture and video appeared on X (formerly Twitter). The video is striking. It depicts the man, draped in an Israeli flag, surrounded by masked and menacing protestors. A verbal confrontation ensues wherein the man can be heard telling the protestors that they are cowards for hiding behind their masks. The encounter becomes heated, and NYPD intervene. Not caught on the video was the officer telling the man that he had to remove the Israeli flag – for his own safety. The image of a solitary Jew, wearing the blue and white flag of Israel, standing amidst a sea of hate-filled protestors is jarring. It also captures how many of us feel today in our own workspaces, at our colleges, even among groups of friends with whom we once shared so much in common.



The fact that the man with the flag was Elisha Wiesel, the son of Holocaust survivor and Nobel Peace Prize recipient, Elie Wiesel, makes the visual that much more impactful. As Wiesel explained to reporters following the confrontation, he carries an Israeli flag with him wherever he goes. Happening through Penn Station and seeing the pro-Hamas mob, he threw the flag over his shoulders and waded into the pack. On a personal level, it must have been a frightening moment but, in many ways, Wiesel’s courageous one-man counter-protest spoke more loudly and more forcefully than even a hundred flag bearing pro-Israel demonstrators.

Last November, ten busses from Rockland County drove down to Washington DC to join what became the largest pro-Israel gathering in American history. The power of standing shoulder to shoulder with thousands of other Jews and Israel loving non-Jewish allies, was exhilarating. It was just what we needed at the time. But what we need now is much more difficult. As the world calls on Israel to abort its mission to destroy Hamas, as Israel is condemned for doing what any other nation would have done after the horrendous acts of barbarism brought to its doorstep on October 7th, what is needed now is for each one of us to be ready for our own Elisha Wiesel moment. As his father famously stated: “the State of Israel is the only thing that will keep the Holocaust from happening again.” Each one of us has a role to play in combating the distortion of history, misinformation, and antisemitism. Sometimes we are called on to speak the truth even when we stand alone. But when we display courage in the face of darkness, our words and our actions are amplified a hundredfold.

Am Yisrael Chai!

David

Message from President Jonathan Goldberg



Happy New Year! And just when I got used to writing 5784 on my checks. (Sorry, couldn't resist.)

As we enter this new year, we are at a place I never thought I would experience-here in the United States and especially here in New York. I think many of us, perhaps for the first time, are not just hearing about anti-Semitism but actually FEELING it (and unfortunately, maybe even experiencing it first hand).

It's bad enough when we turn on the news to hear about Israel's fight for security and remain hopeful for the safe rescue of the over 100 hostages, but now to witness the almost daily public displays of hatred, miscast as "protests" or "calls for peace" in our own backyards. It is not just the college campuses around the country where we see such behavior, but more and more in the public square, like transportation hubs and the streets of cities everywhere.

It's amazing how all of these so-called peace rallies call for an end to Israeli "aggression" with no mention of the safe release of innocent Israeli children and grandparents. Just how it's amazing how the groups who are the loudest to (rightly) condemn violence against women and children are deafening with their silence when Jews are the victims.

I grew up with stories, common among us, of how my great grandparents came to America from Eastern Europe in order to make a new life in a country that was so welcoming and allowed people of all races, religions and background in the great "melting pot" across the ocean. Of course, that was a bit of fiction, as we know there has always been bigotry and ignorance.

But despite the difficulties, America became my family's home and allowed us to live as proud Jews. But October 7, 2023 became a wake-up call to many of us. For reasons beyond me, a brazen terrorist attack against civilians did not cause a universal outcry of condemnation the way we all (and I mean ALL) rallied together 22 years ago in the wake of 9/11. Yes, many of our leaders and much of the American public immediately came to Israel's defense, but we saw and continue to see, the reaction from many others.

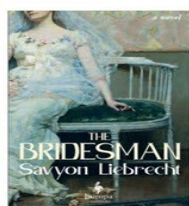
While many politicians spoke forcefully about Israel's right to self-defense, many now question it. Or wish to put "limits" on it. But worst of all is the rhetoric-all of it wrong, all of it out of hatred. Words like "colonizers" and "genocide" and "resistance". Chants of "From the river to the sea". They can couch it however they wish, but it most often comes from the place of "Get the Jews out of their homeland by whatever means are necessary".

It's a scary time for all of us-because the next logical step of getting Jews out of Israel would be getting Jews out of well, everywhere. Including here in the United States.

But-this is now a new year. A time to make it clear that we aren't going anywhere. Not in Israel, not in America. And what we can do here is show support for the Jewish community. Be involved, come to services, be part of leadership. We can still live our everyday lives of working, parenting and being part of the general community. But also make sure we remain a vibrant, visible Jewish community as well.

L'Shalom,

Jonathan Goldberg



After Kiddish Book Club
Saturday, January 20th, 12:30 pm
The Bridesman by Savyon Liebrecht,
Gilah Kahn-Hoffman (Translator)

From one of the most important voices in contemporary Hebrew literature, the gripping story of a reunion between two family members that brings back a long-forgotten past and reveals secrets that will change their lives forever. Micha, an Israeli expat in Los Angeles working as a ghostwriter, receives an unexpected invitation. Adella, married to his beloved uncle, has bought him a flight ticket to Israel and booked a boutique hotel, so that he can return home and meet with her.

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High Holiday Appeal - 5784 (2023)

12/21/23

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Lovers of Zion

חבת ציון

"כִּי מִצִּיּוֹן תֵּצֵא תּוֹרָה, וּדְבַר ה' מִירוּשָׁלַיִם"

"Torah shall come from Zion, the word of Adonai from Jerusalem" (Isaiah 2:3)

הנביא ישעיהו כתב המילים האלה לפני אלפים ושבה מאות שנים.
המילים כאלה אנחנו שרים בתחילת תפילת התורה בכל יום שני,
חמישי, שבת בבקר, ושבת אחר צהריים. המלה ציון מופיעה 152
פעמים בתנ"ך, החל מספר 2 (5:7) שמואל. בתנ"ך השם ציון חשוב
כי זה מקום שבו ה' חי.

"התקווה" לכל יהודים בגלות לשוב לארץ ישראל הפכה לתנועה
פוליטית במאה-19. מסרת הציונית ליצור בית לאומי ליהודים בארץ
ישראל מבוססת על קשרים היסטוריים ומסורת דתית שקישרו בין
העם היודי לפלסטיין. לבסוף, ביום ה' באייר תרס"ח (5/14/1948)
הפך חלום זה של הציונים ושל כל היהודים למצוינות!

רפאל פעדערמאן

Translation:

Lovers of Zion

"Torah shall come from Zion, the word of Gd from Jerusalem" (Isaiah 2:3)

The prophet Isaiah wrote these words more than 2700 years ago. We sing these words in the beginning of the Torah service every Monday, Thursday, Shabbat morning and Shabbat afternoon. The word "Zion" appears 152 times in the Bible (Tanach), beginning with 2 Samuel 5:7. In the Tanach (Bible) the name Zion is important because it is the place where Gd lives.

The "Hope" (Hatikvah) of all Jews who live in the diaspora to live in the Land of Israel became a political movement in the 19th century. The goal of Zionism to create a national homeland for Jews in the Land of Israel is based on historical ties and religious tradition that connected the Jewish people to Palestine. Finally, on May 14, 1948 (5 Iyar 5708) the dream of Zionism and of all Jews was realized!

PJ Shabbat & Community Dinner

 **HABAYIT TOTS**

PJ Shabbat

**LET'S CELEBRATE SHABBAT
WITH AMY AND JACKIE!
FRIDAY, JANUARY 12
5:30-6:30PM**

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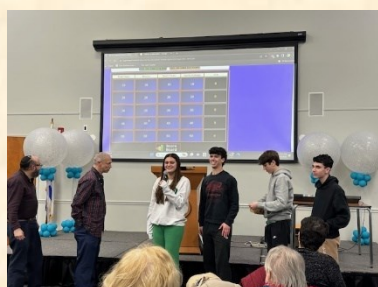
Message from our Youth Group

Explore & Create Final Presentation

by Lara Epstein

We are so proud of the thirteen teens that completed the Explore and Create program on December 13, 2023. Teens met for five sessions; one session for training and an additional four sessions together with high functioning Rockland Jewish adults, to create beautiful works of art. This is a special program built out of a partnership between New City Jewish Center and Rockland Jewish Family Service. Both the adults and teens thoroughly enjoyed working together and got a lot out of the program. Some of the projects highlighted this year were friendship bracelets, a Chanukah scrapbook, a sports Jeopardy game and a live instrumental Chanukah performance featuring Ma'oz Tzur as well as an original piece of music written and sung by the group. We had over seventy-five people in attendance at our presentation and Chanukah party at the JCC; including parents, grandparents and volunteers from both NCJC and RJFS.

Mazal Tov to Eden Rothstein, Eli Berman, Emily Savedoff, Evan Gallo, Hannah Meyers, Jamie Sheer, Kaela Bluzer, Lyle Haber, Matt Brill, Noa Epstein, Shane Ripps, Shaye Heilbronn and Taylor Jacobs on a job well done!





HaBayit Hebrew School News

Rabbi Allison Berlinger, Director of Education

HaBayit students have been busy during December. In Sunday morning tefillah we have added Mah Tovv to the list of tefillot we have learned; the older students have also learned all of the V'ahavta and Vayomer and we have made amazing progress in learning Hatikvah. We have all made huge progress in our Hebrew reading skills.

The 6th and 7th grade students have also completed their unit learning Haftarah trope with Rabbi Berkman. Students are learning the Torah service, ashrei, and parts of Kabbalat Shabbat. The students can see their progress and are very proud of themselves.

Chanukah was thoroughly enjoyed in HaBayit. In our community celebration we had fun making candles, decorating chanukah cookies, eating latkes and more latkes, and of course playing dreidel. We lit the chanukiyah together. We celebrated the creative chanukiyot that were made and we remembered how in the darkest of time it up to us to bring in the light.



Pre-K Sunday Fun

Pre-k Sunday Funday



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For more information
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Children's Shabbat, & MLK Day, Tu B'shvat

January 12 - Habayit Tots program (with special guest Jackie Binstock)

Hebrew School age children program - Some of our students will be leading parts of the service
NCJC Community Dinner

January 14 - MLK Jr. Day Of Service (for the entire community) 10:30am - 12pm

January 14 (or before) - Coin collection for MLK Day

January 20 - Havdalah program Habayit Tots and Hebrew School age children

January 28 - Challah bake for ages 13+ (anyone can come)! Raising money for Sharsheret to help those with cancer, their families and further research on breast and ovarian cancers

ALSO Tiny Tots second session will begin on January 2nd. It will be Tuesdays from 9-10:30 through June 4th. Drop ins are welcome too!



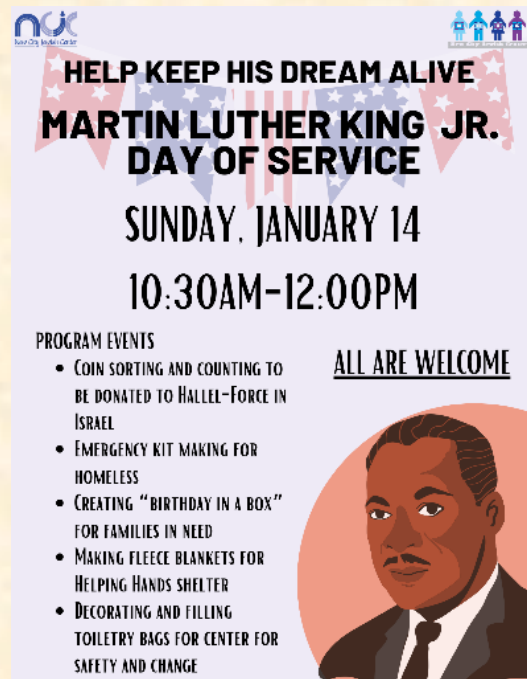
IT'S A COIN HARVEST!

USE THIS BAG TO COLLECT ALL YOUR LOOSE CHANGE AND BRING IT TO NCJC ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH (10:30-12:00PM) TO ADD TO OUR COIN HARVEST. WE WILL ROLL THE COINS TOGETHER AND DONATE THE MONEY TO KOACH HALLEL

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
DAY OF SERVICE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14
10:30AM-12:00PM

PROGRAM EVENTS

- COIN SORTING AND COUNTING TO BE DONATED TO HALLEL-FORCE IN ISRAEL
- EMERGENCY KIT MAKING FOR HOMELESS
- CREATING "BIRTHDAY IN A BOX" FOR FAMILIES IN NEED
- MAKING FLEECE BLANKETS FOR HELPING HANDS SHELTER
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Message from Men's Club

The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC) has just rolled out an updated website at <https://fjmc.org>. This month we would like to bring to your attention one portion of the website that may be of interest to you.

FJMC developed Zoom webinars and affinity groups during the period of COVID that have expanded since then. If you go to the website and [click on the link for Affinity Groups](#), you will find ongoing topics on:

- Cooking Classes
- Financial Insights
- Genealogy
- Israel
- Israeli & Jewish Music
- Photography
- Pride & Prejudice (Inclusion)
- Shomrei Ha'aretz (Guardians of the Land)
- Sports
- Torah Talks
- Yiddish Alive (Advanced)
- Yiddish Lite (for beginners)
- Other Webinars

These are open to men and women. The Yiddish and Torah Talks webinars are weekly. The others are a bit less frequent. There is a considerable library of past webinars that are recorded and are available for viewing. I have immensely enjoyed the sports webinars. I have gained insights on how to pursue genealogy as a hobby and have enjoyed many of the other webinars.

You can subscribe so you are notified of future webinars in your topic(s) of interest.

I recommend that you register with a login and password so you will have access to some other portions of the website that may otherwise be hidden from you.

In the coming months, we will plan on highlighting other aspects of the fjmc.org website that may be of interest to you.


There are two future events for which we ask you to save the dates. The World Wide Wrap is on Sunday morning, February 11 (also known as Super Bowl Sunday). At the WWW, men and women can learn or re-learn how to put on tefillin. You will also get acquainted with our morning minyan. There will also be a program for our sixth and seventh graders. The World Wide Wrap is promoted by FJMC and Women's League.

Though it is now run as a region event, we have locked in a date of Friday, April 12 to sponsor services and dinner at the West Point Jewish Chapel. Look for additional information on this beginning next month.

Andy Alper,

NCJC Men's Club Treasurer

fjmc Affinity Groups



Cooking Financial Insights Jewish Genealogy Photography

Shomrei Ha'Aretz Sports Torah Talks Yiddish Alive

FJMC has regular webinars centered around the above and other affinity groups. Register for new webinars and view old ones. For current information, refer to the webpage at <https://fjmc.org/initiatives/affinity-groups-webinars/>

FJMC-WLCJ Inclusion Initiative

The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs and Women's League of Conservative Judaism have joined forces in a new initiative to make our synagogues and congregations more welcoming and receptive to the needs of underserved segments of our Jewish community. It includes a comprehensive Inclusion Guidebook, marketing materials and availability of a Speaker's Bureau.

Additional information may be found at: <https://fjmc.org/inclusion-initiative-overview>. We are looking for volunteers. If you would like to work on this initiative, please contact Andy Alper at 845-379-9332 or andyalper@outlook.com.

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You are receiving this email because you are a member or friend of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.



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WORLD WIDE WRAP
Super Sunday - February 11, 2024

Even if you have rarely joined our minyan or wrapped tefillin, join us on this date. Our regular morning minyan is at 8:30 AM. Additional programs for 6th and 7th graders are being planned.

Optional reference material:
<https://www.wlcj.org/programs/jewish-learning/tefillin> and <https://wrap.fjmc.org/>

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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

December was a busy month for Sisterhood. Some of our Sistershood members had the opportunity to meet with Simon Jurichim, the author of “Hidden in France” to learn more about him and discuss his book and his experiences during the Holocaust. We hope to bring him to NCJC in the near future for another program.



The highlight of the month was the Sisterhood Paid-Up-Membership dinner. The theme of the dinner was Israel. We had a fabulous dinner featuring many Israeli favorites prepared by Irit Aran, did Israeli dancing that was led by our own Deb Telem and sang Israeli songs led by Ronna Weiner. The highlight of the evening was the raffles with prizes donated by our local New City merchants.



Thank you to our local merchants for donating prizes for our tricky tray raffle:

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The Things I Love – a beautiful Mezuzah
Zambetti's \$15 - gift card +large bag of taco chips

Please thank these merchants when you visit their shops.

In January, we will begin our bottle cap/trivet project. We will meet weekly to cover bottle caps with “matzah” fabric to prepare the trivets for the Passover Seder table.. We were delighted to be able to have about 2,000 Snapple caps donated for our project. The family of a “collector” chose our Sisterhood to donate the caps when she heard about our project. (There were many others who wanted the caps.) We also have several hundred soda/beer bottle caps. We will donate some of the trivets before Passover to Family Services.

Sisterhood is happy to host the NCJC Purim Spiel. NCJC members will begin rehearsals in early January. If you are interested in participating, contact ncjcsisterhood@gmail.com.

Thursday game day continues to bring our Sisterhood women together to enjoy Mahjongg and create “sisterhood”. We are looking to having more programs in the New Year that will bring Congregants together.

The NCJC Sisterhood along with Women's League for Conservative Judaism invited Akiva Gersh to present about "Israel During Wartime". The video of the program can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/UkkBljzHCUg>.

Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy New Year 2024!!

Rachelle and Sheila



Make a (secular) New Year Resolution!

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New City Jewish Center Sisterhood is looking for **"Stars"** to add sparkle to our fundraising efforts.

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!**

We honor the following current Sisterhood Stars:

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If you, yourself, would benefit from the helping hands of our team, or know someone else who would, please be in touch with us! We thank you, in advance, for the opportunity to do such an important mitzvah!!

You can reach us at NCJC - Chesed Callers - 845-638-9600



New City Jewish Center

Newsletter

If you don't see this in your in-box weekly, please log on to NCJC's website (newcityjc.org), scroll down about half-way, and on the left side of the page click on "Join our Email List", and complete the required information. Ensure you join the "General Interest" email list. Please note that we are not able to subscribe you; you must do this yourself. There are known issues with aol.com addresses. If you have both an AOL and another email address, we strongly suggest you subscribe with other than an AOL address. If you have a problem, please call the office at 638-9600.

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Have you put off arranging your final resting place because you just don't want to deal with the details? Allow us to assist you in making this an easy process with minimal hassle. New City Jewish Center currently has numerous plots available for purchase at Gates of Zion Cemetery located at 670 Saddle River Road in Monsey. Additionally, in comparison to other area cemeteries the cost is more reasonable, and the check is made payable to NCJC.

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