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#### **Shabbat**

Shabbat morning (see newcityjc.org or Friday Email for Link)
Services will be at 9:00 am
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Saturday-Havdalah (will resume in the spring)
Daily Prayer Services

(See newcityjc.org or Friday email for Zoom)
Weekday services:
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Friday, March 1, 2024 Morning Services: 8:00 am Tiny Tots: 8:30 am

Candle Lighting: 5:30 pm

Saturday, March 2, 2024 Parashat Ki Tisa

Morning Services: 9:00 am

Evening Services/Havdalah: 6:39 pm

Sunday, March 3, 2024 Morning Services: 8:30 am

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

Purim Play Rehearsal: 10:30 am Evening Services: 7:30 pm Monday, March 4, 2024 Morning Services: 8:00 am Lunch & Learn: 12:00 pm Evening Services: 7:30 pm Tuesday, March 5, 2024 Morning Services: 8:00 am Hebrew School: 4:15 pm Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Ta Sh'ma Talmud: 8:00 pm Wednesday, March 6, 2024 Morning Services: 8:00 am Evening Services: 7:30 pm Men's Club Meeting: 8:00 pm

Thursday, March 7, 2024

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

Friday, March 8, 2024 Morning Services: 8:00 am Tiny Tots: 9:00 am

HaBayit Tots/Kids Shabbat program: 5:45 pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Community dinner: 5:45 pm

Candle Lighting: 5:38 pm Saturday, March 9, 2024 Parashat Vayakhel Shabbat Shekalim Morning Services: 9:00 am

Evening Services/Havdalah: 6:47 pm

Sunday, March 10, 2024 Rosh Chodesh Adar II Morning Services: 8:30 am

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

Purim Play Rehearsal: 10:30 am Hazak: Cabaret: 2:00 - 3:00 pm Evening Services: 7:30 pm

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Monday, March 11, 2024 Morning Services: 8:00 am Lunch & Learn: 12:00 pm Evening Service: 7:30 pm Tuesday, March 12, 2024 Morning Services: 8:00 am Hebrew School: 4:15 pm

Evening Service: 7:30 pm Ta Sh'ma Talmud: 8:00 pm Wednesday, March 13, 2024 Morning Services: 8:00 am

Evening Services: 7:30 pm Thursday, March 14, 2024 Morning Services: 8:00 am Evening Services: 7:30 pm Friday, March 15, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:00 pm Candle Lighting: 6:46 pm Saturday, March 16, 2024 Parashat Pekudei

Morning Services: 9:00 am Open Gym (Tiny Tots): 10:00 am Evening Services/Havdalah: 7:55 pm

Sunday, March 17, 2024 Morning Services: 8:30 am Sunday Funday: 9:00 am

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

Evening Services: 7:30 pm Monday, March 18, 2024 Morning Services: 8:00 am Lunch & Learn: 12:00 pm Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 Morning Services: 8:00 am Hebrew School: 4:15 pm

Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Purim Play Dress Rehearsal: 7:30 pm

TaShma Talmud: 8:00 pm Wednesday, March 20, 2024 Morning Services: 8:00 am Evening Services: 7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting: 8:00 pm

Thursday, March 21, 2024 Ta'anit Esther

Morning Services: 8:00 am Evening Services: 7:30 pm Friday, March 22, 2024

Morning Services: 8:00 am Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:00 pm Candle Lighting: 6:53 pm Saturday, March 23, 2024 Parashat Vayikra

**Shabbat Zachor Erev Purim** 

Morning Services: 9:00 am

Habayit Tiny Tots Purim Program: 4:30 pm Habayit Kids Purim Program: 6:30 pm Evening Services/Havdalah/Megillah reading:

8:00 pm

Purim Shpiel: 9:00 pm **Sunday, March 24, 2024** 

Purim

**MELINDA NYCZ** 

Morning Services: 8:30 am

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

Wine Sale: 10:00 am Purim Carnival: 10:30 am Evening Services: 7:30 pm Monday, March 25, 2024

Shushan Purim

Morning Services: 8:00 am Lunch & Learn: 12:00 pm Evening Services: 7:30 pm Tuesday, March 26, 2024 Morning Services: 8:00 am Hebrew School: 4:15 pm Evening Services: 7:30 pm TaShma Talmud: 8:00 pm

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 Morning Services: 8:00 am Evening Services: 7:30 pm Thursday, March 28, 2024 Morning Services: 8:00 am Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Friday, March 29, 2024 Morning Services: 8:00 am Tiny Tots: 8:30 am Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:00 pm Candle Lighting: 7:01 pm Saturday, March 30, 2024 **Shabbat Parah** 

**Parashat Tzav** 

Morning Services: 9:00 am

Evening Services/Havdalah: 8:10 pm

Sunday, March 31, 2024 Morning Services: 8:30 am

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

Evening Services: 7:30 pm



#### Message from Rabbi Berkman

#### Purim, Hamen and Genocide

This year, after a double month of Adar, Purim begins on Saturday night, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. When Purim comes on the heels of Shabbat, certain preparations must be made ahead of time in order not to transgress the laws of Shabbat. For example, the making of mishloach manot to be handed out Saturday night or the bringing of a megillah to synagogue on Friday afternoon. Another interesting result of the Shabbat-Purim nexus is the reading on Shabbat morning of a special Torah section known as Parshat Zachor. In Zachor we learn of the commandment to always remember how the Amalekites viciously attacked Israel after they crossed through the Sea. In Deuteronomy 25, we read:

"Remember what Amalek did to you on your journey, after you left Egypt— how, undeterred by fear of God, he surprised you on the march, when you were famished and weary, and cut down all the stragglers in your rear.

Therefore, when your God grants you safety from all your enemies around you, in the land that your God is giving you as a hereditary portion, you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven. Do not forget!"

The portion is read on the Shabbat immediately preceding Purim which means that this year, Zachor and the Megillah are read almost back-to-back, separated by only a few hours. The connection between Zachor, Amalak and Purim becomes clear when we are introduced in the third chapter of megillah reading to Haman, son of Hammedatha the Agagite. Hamen was a descendant of Amalek! We are therefore commanded to erase his memory, hence the noise makers when his name is read on Purim.

Many in the non-bible literate world were recently awakened to this passage in Deuteronomy when Israeli Prime Minister, Bibi Netanyahu referenced it in an address to the nation last October 28<sup>th</sup>, only two weeks after the October 7<sup>th</sup> war began. Here's what he said about the Israeli soldiers preparing to enter Gaza:

"They are longing to recompense the murderers for the horrific acts they perpetrated on our children, our women, our parents, and our friends. They are committed to eradicating this evil from the world, for our existence, and I add, for the good of all humanity. The entire people, and the leadership of the people, embrace them and believe in them. "Remember what Amalek did to you." We remember and we fight."

Netanyahu was voicing something felt by Jews throughout Israel and around the world. The brutal surprise attack by Hamas on 10/7 tapped into the Jewish People's worst fears. It touched on long dormant feelings of vulnerability, defenselessness, and powerlessness. Throughout Jewish history, Jews have identified as Amalek their worst enemies and attackers, of which there were many. Amalek as an antient and extinct nation poses no threat however, our tradition teaches that in every generation Israel will face the forces of evil. The command to "blot out their memory from under the heavens" represents an ongoing struggle with an idea as much as an existential danger.

For Jews living in the diaspora during the last eighteen hundred years, the command to "blot out" was mostly academic. Between the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE and the re-birth of the state of Israel in 1948, never was there a Jewish army who could exact punishment on the Amalek of the day.

However, the world heard Netanyahu's words differently. What the world heard was a call to destroy a people. The book of Samuel describes God's directive to Saul to utterly destroy Amalek – every male, female, infant, ox and camel. Netanyahu's speech, a call to arms against a murderous and vicious enemy, Hamas, was viewed as a call for genocide against the entire Palestinian people. The response to his statement was swift condemnation in the court of world opinion. Together with inflammatory language offered by some members of the Knesset as well as the military, the Amalek analogy became a centerpiece of the genocide case brought to the International Court of Justice by South Africa.

It is difficult, from the full context of Netanyahu's statement, to make a good case that Netanyahu was advocating the destruction of Gaza and its people. That his intentions were sighted on Hamas is implicit in his statement but also explicit in the multiple public statements, conversations, and news conferences, in which Netanyahu has stated the need to protect innocent civilians in Gaza. Netanyahu makes it clear that avoiding civilian deaths is a priority for the Israeli military. Indeed, were Israel intent on genocide, it would have finished the job in a few days of carpet bombing rather than sending its soldiers into Gaza to die in street battles and underground. Nevertheless, domestic and international media seized on Netanyahu's biblical reference insisting that it be read for its literal meaning rather than its intended emotional resonance. Here is a small fraction of the searchable responses in the press: Sarajevo Times: "Israeli PM Tried to Justify the Killing of Palestinians - Remember what our bible says"; Mother Jones: "The Dangerous History Behind Netanyahu's Amalek Rhetoric.... Long been used by the Israeli far right to justify killing Palestinians"; Times of India: "Netanyahu Cites 'Amalek' Theory to Justify Gaza killings"; Financial World: "Netanyahu Openly Calls for Genocide Citing the Bible". Claims accusing Israel of genocidal intent are outrageous, particularly since Hamas openly and proudly declares in its charter the mission to eradicate Israel and the Jewish people (in 2017 Hamas exchanged the word "Jews" for Zionist occupation" to soften its image in among western countries).

However, the comparison of Hamas to Amalek is not unfounded. First, the attack on 10/7 was beyond brutal, one might even be tempted to say that it was of biblical proportions were it not for the fact that nowhere in the Bible is there a description of such acts of barbarity, even in its most graphic accounts of battle. Secondly, like the biblical Amalek, the attack was perpetrated mostly on innocent people – the elderly, women and children, unarmed concert goers, entire families. Comparisons to Amalek among our people are reserved for this level of depravity. It is a painful irony that the majority of those murdered or taken hostage on that day have been the most vocal in their support for peace efforts, some of them actively involved in covertly bringing Gazans needing medical attention to Israeli hospitals.

The world's accusations of genocide are a perverse inversion of a term meant to describe the deliberate and calculated erasure of a people. It trivializes the experience of the Holocaust and the many other actual genocides that are happening even now.

Netanyahu was not wrong in invoking the memory of Amalek. He understood that for the Jewish people, biblical Amalek remains a powerful idea defining a category of evil that defies all norms of humanity. Hamas has proven again and again that it is the embodiment of that corrupt spirit. It must be blotted out from under the heavens, worldwide condemnation notwithstanding. David

#### **Message from President Jonathan Goldberg**

Wait, it is the beginning of March-where's Purim? Usually by now, my kitchen is covered with remnants of flour left over from my wife's award-winning hamantaschen. (Note: this is NOT just a proud husband's hyperbole. She literally did win a contest a few years ago!)



Aah, yes. It's because of Jewish leap year. The wacky occurrence that causes an additional month to be added after Adar, creatively called, naturally Adar II. Although something like "The Revenge of Adar" or "Adar Strikes Back" would have been much more marketable. But this addition moves everything back, so Purim will now be March 23-24.

This is the perfect opportunity to remind everyone to join us for Megillah reading on Saturday evening and/or Sunday morning. If you like dressing up for Halloween, the craziness of Mardi Gras and the loud screaming of thousands of Swifties during the Eras Tour rolled into one, I have just the event for you!

I know many of us aren't feeling joyous too often-certainly not when we see the news from Israel and remind ourselves of our brothers and sisters who continue to be held hostage. But these are the times when we need to feel a little of that levity the most. We are Jews-it's our humor that has helped us survive through the worst things the world has thrown at us-persecution, war, hatred, bad digestive systems and even overbearing mothers. (See how that works?)

Please check our website and weekly newsletter for all the Purim programming for members and families. There's always a lot going on and we'd love to see you there!

L'Shalom,

Jonathan Goldberg

#### SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THESE FLYERS AND MANY MORE FOR SOME PURIM FUN!











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#### **Early March for all Ages**



SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024 11:15AM - 12:00PM

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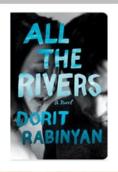
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On Wednesday, March 13th, at the Jewish Theological Seminary, virtuoso violinist, Eric Silberger, will premiere two compositions composed for him by Craig Morris, based on two cantorial masterpieces. He will also perform excerpts from the spectacular Paganini Caprices.



9:30-10:00AM



#### NCJC AFTER KIDDUSH BOOK CLUB March 9, 2024

A controversial, award-winning story about the passionate but untenable affair between an Israeli woman and a Palestinian man, from one of Israel's most acclaimed novelists.

Banned from classrooms by Israel's Ministry of Education, Dorit Rabinyan's remarkable novel contains multitudes. A bold portrayal of the strains—and delights—of a forbidden relationship, All the Rivers (published in Israel as Borderline) is a love story and a war story, a New York story and a Middle East story, an unflinching foray into the forces that bind us and divide us. "The land is the same land," Hilmi reminds Liat. "In the end all the rivers flow into the same sea."

#### **PJ Shabbat & Community Dinner**





Dinner RSVP by March 6

https://www.newcityjc.org/event/shabbat-dinner1.html

#### **Hazak Presents!**

#### OY VEY... IT'S BROADWAY!

### Sunday March 10, 2024, at 2pm in the Main Ballroom

Join us for an afternoon celebrating Musical Theater with a tribute to Jewish composers you are sure to know and love!

Perennial favorite **Nancy Feldman** returns with her dear friend and theater colleague **Nina Lionetti**. Nancy and Nina have performed in the tri-state area for over 20 years. **Nancy's** memorable theatrical roles include Anna in *The King and I*, Nellie in *South Pacific*, Diana in *Next to Normal*, and Hodel in *Fiddler on the Roof*. She commonly performs for charitable organizations. **Nina's** credits include Aldonza in *Man of La Mancha*, Mabel in *The Pirates of Penzance* and Rosabella in *The Most Happy Fella*. They love performing together and look forward to entertaining you on March 10th!



Nancy

Please email Steve Shear at steves7676@optonline.net or call or text 845 300 5117 if you plan on attending.



Nina

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PLACE YOUR ORDERS BY MARCH 15TH

#### **Streams Of Shattered Consciousness**



#### STREAMS OF SHATTERED CONSCIOUSNESS

Sunday, March 17th Breakfast: 9:30 am Program: 10:00 - 11:00 am

Q/A: 11:00 am



RABBI DAVID-SETH KIRSHNER

On October 7th, 2023, David-Seth Kirshner woke up excited to celebrate his 50th birthday. Instead of eating cake, Rabbi Kirshner was glued to the news as the horrible attack by Hamas upon innocent Israelis began to unfold.

Written during those first 50 days, Streams of Shattered Consciousness is a chronicle of Rabbi Kirshner's emotions and opinions with a healthy dose of history lessons. This newly released book is a record of a watershed moment in the history of the Jewish people.

Anger, rage, surprise, fear, hope, frustration, anxiety, conviction, and grief inhabited his mind and body.

The New City Jewish Center will present a conversation with Temple Emanu-El in Closter's Rabbi Kirshner author of Streams of Shattered Consciousness. Please join us for this very important discussion.

Breakfast sponsored by NCJC Men's Club



**Purim Schedule for Saturday March 23** 



#### **March Family and Youth Programming**

**Sat March 2 11:15AM at NCJC**- Shabbat morning for Tots (ages 2-8). Celebrate spring with movement, songs and activities. Gym will be open for play from 10:15-11:15AM. Resgister at <a href="https://www.newcityjc.org/event/habayit-tots-spring-celebration.html">https://www.newcityjc.org/event/habayit-tots-spring-celebration.html</a>

**Thurs March 7 8:45-9:15AM** - Yoga for kids with Amy at the Palisades Mall (by Macy's 1st floor entrance) Register at <a href="https://www.newcityjc.org/event/yoga-at-the-mall.html">https://www.newcityjc.org/event/yoga-at-the-mall.html</a>

**Thurs March 7 9:30-10:00AM** - Yoga for adults (and teens) with Amy at the Palisades Mall (by Macy's 1st floor entrance)

Register at <a href="https://www.newcityjc.org/event/yoga-at-the-mall.html">https://www.newcityjc.org/event/yoga-at-the-mall.html</a>

Fri March 8 5:30PM at NCJC - PJ Library and NCJC Dress up Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat. Come in your favorite costume and bring in Shabbat! Gym will be open for play from 4:30-5:30PM Register at <a href="https://www.newcityjc.org/event/dress-up-shabbat.html">https://www.newcityjc.org/event/dress-up-shabbat.html</a>

Fri March 8 6:30PM at NCJC Community Shabbat Dinner BY RSVP ONLY. Register at <a href="https://www.newcityjc.org/event/community-dinner1.html">https://www.newcityjc.org/event/community-dinner1.html</a>

**Sat March 23 4:30PM at NCJC**- Purim celebration for Tots (ages 2-8) - Purim is here, let's party! Costumes welcome. Activities, puppets and more! Light dinner at 5:30pm. Gym will be open for play from 3:30-4:30PM. Register at <a href="https://www.newcityjc.org/event/habayit-tots-purim.html">https://www.newcityjc.org/event/habayit-tots-purim.html</a>

**Sat March 23 6:30PM at NCJC** - Purim celebration for Kids (grades 3rd-6th) - Purim is here, let's party! Costumes welcome. Activities, stories and more! Light dinner at 5:30 (be RSVP ONLY) Program at 6:30PM, followed by ice cream party and megillah reading. Register at <a href="https://www.newcityjc.org/event/habayit-tots-purim.html">https://www.newcityjc.org/event/habayit-tots-purim.html</a>

**TINY TOTS** for ages 16-27 months EVERY FRIDAY from 8:30-10:30AM register at https://www.newcityjc.org/event/tiny-tots1.html (\*fee)





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#### **Purim Carnival**



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**NCJC Programing Crew Presents: De-Clutter** 

# DE-CLUTTER WORKSHOP



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**ALL ARE WELCOME** 



#### **Message from Men's Club**

Happy spring! Though the vernal equinox begins on March 20, I was pleased to learn recently that meteorologists consider spring to start on March 1. We have several events to look forward to this month and beyond.

Do you miss our Sunday Men's Club breakfasts? In conjunction with our Adult Education committee chaired by Ron Federman, we have an **Adult Ed breakfast** on Sunday, March 17 at 9:30 AM. Rabbi David-Seth Kirshner will be speaking on the topic, "Streams of Shattered Consciousness". His recently released book with this title is about the first 50 days following October 7. He chronicles his emotions and opinions during this time with a healthy dose of history lessons. I note that Rabbi Kirshner works with our former assistant Rabbi Ruberg at Temple Emanu-El in Closter, NJ. Though a paper copy of the book is more expensive, you can purchase an eBook copy for \$2.99 at either bn.com or amazon.com.

Our **Passover wine sale** begins the middle of this month. Look for Larry Geisinger at our Purim Carnival where he will again be selling and providing samples of kosher wine. The order form is expected to be published in the March 15 and subsequent weekly emails.

Sponsorship of **Friday night services at West Point Jewish Chapel** is an event we have been organizing most years since 2005! Our next event will be on April 12 at 7:00 pm, though you will need to arrive early to pick up visitor passes. Please see the flyer elsewhere in this issue of Hakol. Reservations must be submitted by March 31.

As for events next month, our **Mensch & Youth of the Year Breakfast** will take place at NCJC on Sunday, April 7. I am honored to be the mensch this year. The youths being honored are Noa Epstein & Zachary Degen. We are grateful for the designations. Please join us to enjoy the camaraderie. Later, on Sunday, June 2, we will have region event honors at a brunch at OJC.

This past month, we had the **World Wide Wrap** where an emphasis is placed on learning to put on tefillin at morning services. Accompanying this article are several photos:

- 1) Though we did not take a photo at services this year, we have included a photo from our archives from a few years ago.
- 2) From the presentation by Rabbi Schneid this year, the next photo shows what tefillin looks like when the leather is in process of being stretched.
- 3) Very large tefillin, and very small tefillin about the size of dice.





We continue to recommend the **FJMC webinars**. A couple of the webinars this past month were "Food in American Jewish Comedy" and "Live from Israel: David Kufeld, First Orthodox Jew selected in the NBA Draft." Refer to fimc.org/initiatives/affinity-groups-webinars for additional information. Another event coming up is the **Yom Hashoah Yellow Candle** distribution organized by Mike Backelman. We are working on a Yankee game for the Sunday after Mother's Day. Look for additional information in next month's Hakol.

There was a recent article in Atlantic Magazine, "Why Americans Suddenly Stopped Hanging Out". We ask that you consider hanging out with us – whether it is at the Men's Club first Wednesday of the month meeting at 8 pm or at other NCJC activities. We need one another.

B'Shalom, Andy Alper



The NCJC Men's Club
Takes Pleasure in Announcing
Our 2024 Mensch of the Year
Andy Alper

Congratulations to Andy and to Our Youths of the Year Noa Epstein & Zachary Degen

We look forward to honoring them

At Our Michael R. Nanus

Mensch of the Year Breakfast

Program

Sunday April 7th at 9:30AM

Mark Your Calendar!



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#### Friday Night Shabbat Service at West Point

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The Men's Clubs and Brotherhoods of the Hudson Valley Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (HVR FJMC) invite you to join with us as we sponsor a Shabbat service at West Point Jewish Chapel on **Friday night**, **April 12**, **2024**, **at 7:00pm**. We will meet the cadets, greet the chaplain, Rabbi Heather Borshof, and join in the service. The service will be followed by a light dinner. A reservation is required no later than Sunday, March 31, 2024. The Visitor Control Center has asked for this two-week lead time so security passes can be arranged for everyone 18 years and older.

Everyone is invited. To help defray the costs we are asking for \$20 per adult ages 18 and over. There is no charge for those age 17 or younger. Please also consider making a donation to sponsor a cadet for the dinner.

Please register to attend at <a href="https://hudsonvalleyfjmc.org">hudsonvalleyfjmc.org</a> no later than Sunday, March 31, 2024. Under security procedures, those age 18 and over must have a pass to enter West Point. If you do not already have a valid pass, please have the dates of birth and drivers' licenses (or state ID) available for all attendees when you register. Payment will be made online.

Prior to entering through the gate, we will distribute the passes from the center grass median of the parking lot of the Visitor Control Center, 2107 New South Post Rd, Highland Falls, NY (look for the elevated cannon at the entrance) from 6:00pm to 6:45pm before the service. Please bring your ID when you pick up your pass. After you go through the gate and present the pass, the Jewish Chapel is at 750 Merritt Rd, West Point, NY.

If you would like to make an additional donation directly to the West Point Jewish Chapel Fund, we invite you to do so at www.westpointjewishchapel.com.

For questions, please contact Andy Alper at andyalper@outlook.com or 845-729-9332 (mobile – leave message if needed).

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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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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!** 

Judy Meshberg

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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



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