The last several weeks leading up to Chanukah brought its struggles and challenges. We were shaken by the evil murder of our brethren in Pittsburgh. On a simpler level we were ruffled by an early paralyzing snow storm. The common thread in both of these cases was the importance that community and camaraderie play in our lives.

The Avnei Nezer, Rabbi Avraham of Sochotchov, was once asked the following question. Why does the halacha stipulate that when it comes to Chanukah candle lighting, one can fulfill their obligation by giving some money to someone else who would then light on their behalf?

Yet, when it comes to the mitzvah of drinking the four cups of wine on the Seder night, each individual is required to drink the wine, and one cannot fulfill the mitzvah by any other means. The Avnei Nezer responded that when a candle is kindled, light appears for everyone in its vicinity to gain from. If the room is dark, when the candle is lit, each person present is impacted on some level by its light.

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I remember learning that there are 2 mitzvot for which a poor person must sell the shirt off his back in order to be able to perform them. One is to buy wine for the 4 cups at the Pesach Seder and the second is to buy Chanukah candles. This is an indication of how great the mitzvah of publicizing the miracle of Chanukah is. Why so?

As children we learn about the Miracle of the Oil and how it was only enough for 1 day but lasted for 8 days, and we learn about how the Maccabees led the Jewish People in victory over the Syrian Greeks. Yet, equally important, and perhaps less focused upon, was the victory of Jewish values over the Hellenistic influence.

We say in the Al Hanissim—“zadim beyad oskay toratecha…” In this tefilla, we are referring to other (continued on page 2)
Rabbi's Message cont’d

It is for this reason that for the light of Chanukah, we are permitted to rely upon others. As we light our Chanukah candles let us be reminded of the importance of greater community of Klal Yisrael, and the light of the eternity of Torah whose flame can never be extinguished.

Chanukah Sameach!

The entire community is invited to join Rabbi Zwickler for his weekly Parsha shiur every Wednesday Night at 8 PM in the Smilowitz Beit Midrash at AABJ&D. The shiur will be streamed live on Facebook.

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President’s Message cont’d

Jews who were unfortunately influenced negatively by the surrounding culture which had penetrated into Israel. So, when we say the words “bayamim hahem bazman hazeh” when we light our Chanukah candles, let’s be cognizant of what the miracle of the oil represents to us both at the time of the Chanukah story as well as in our day - Our present day victory of Torah Judaism over the influences from Our surrounding culture.

We live in a country which on the one hand, B”H, gives us the freedom to practice our religion freely; yet, on the other hand, we are all exposed to influences around us that are against Torah values. Assimilation is no greater anywhere than right here in Greater MetroWest, New Jersey, which is comprised of Essex, Morris, and Union Counties. Our area has the largest number of unaffiliated Jews in the state. To put it simply, Congregation AABJ&D is a shining light in a sea of darkness. As long as we do our part to support our vital institution, so may Hashem extend the fuel needed to run and grow our shul.

Congregation AABJ&D is the largest Orthodox Synagogue in our Greater MetroWest area, and is all about Torah values; and this is why supporting our shul and its programs is so vitally important to the purpose. Our shul provides a home for davening, teaching, learning, and socializing with others who appreciate and uphold the Torah values that we treasure. For us, Torah learning is a lifelong practice.

What makes AABJ&D special is that we can all attend and practice these Torah values in a warm and friendly atmosphere where all feel welcome no matter their background or level of religiosity. Chanukah in our shul is a time to reflect on and even take pride in the level of programming for all ages that our shul provides and for all who wish to take part.

I look forward to greeting you at our family Chanukah Party on December 4th.

Happy Chanukah!
The Faith That Stays Forever

Yosef Sharbat
Assistant Rabbi
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What is the halacha if I lit the Chanukah candles and someone accidently caused the flames to blow out? There is a unique halacha on Chanukah called כבתה אין 요구ור לה (kavta, ein zakuk lah), that when you light the Menorah in a place that under normal circumstances it would continue to be lit properly, and it goes out, then you have fulfilled the mitzvah and you are not obligated to re-light it. This is an unusual halacha because we don’t apply this to other mitzvot. For example, if you put up a mezuzah and it falls down you have to put it back. If you have tzitzit strings on your tzitzit garment and it falls off, you have to replace them. The menorah should be lit for a minimum of 30 minutes but if it goes out during the 30 minutes you are not obligated to re-light it because of כבתה אין 요구ור לה (kavta, ein zakuk lah). The Tolin Rebbe writes that Chanukah is a holiday of faith, one that defies logic. We have emunah, faith, even though we don’t see great results or success. Even if at the end we have difficulty understanding G-d’s ways, the eternal flames are blown out, we still have faith in following his ways. Once faith is lit in our souls, then it never goes away, even if we don’t feel G-d’s presence.

Chanukah is the time of the year that we increase our faith and trust in God and with our effort, we will emerge from our personal darkness to a life filled with light and happiness and continued faith in the Almighty.

Chanukah Sa’meach!
Rabbi Yosef Sharbat
Laws of Chanukah

Chanukah begins on the evening of the 25th of Kislev which this year falls out on Sunday night, December 2nd and continues for eight days.

It is permitted to work. However it is customary for women not to work for at least the first half hour of the candles’ burning, and some have the custom not to work for the entire time of burning. The types of activities that are forbidden are things like sewing and laundry, etc. (Cooking is permitted)

While there is no obligation to have festive meals, it is customary to celebrate by eating special meals anyway, because of the fact that the dedication of the Temple and Altar took place during Chanukah.

It is customary to eat milk foods because Yehudit, daughter of Yochanan the High Priest, was taken to be defiled by the Greek ruler Holofernes. She fed him cheese (to make him thirsty) and wine (to quench his thirst); and after getting him drunk she killed him. This was one of the events that sparked the Maccabean uprising. Food fried in oil is also eaten to commemorate the miracle of the Menorah. Latkes and donuts are the most common foods.

The minimum obligation is that every household should have one candle burning every night. It is customary to be scrupulous regarding this mitzvah: to have one candle on the first night and an additional candle every night (1-8), and for everyone in the house as well.

Any type of oil is acceptable for use in the menorah, however, it is best to use olive oil.

The light should be clear, and the wicks should not flicker.

Wax candles are also acceptable, providing they have a single wick.

If a number of people are lighting in one household they should make a slight separation between their menorahs so that there is no confusion to the observer as to the number of candles.

Ideally, the Menorah should be placed outside the house to the left of the entrance. Since anti-Semitism was so common throughout Jewish history it became customary among many communities to place the Menorah inside the house, near the entrance or on the table. In many families it is the custom to place the menorah in a window facing the public, especially where many people share one entrance (e.g., apartment building). In Israel it is customary to light outside in a special box that prevents the flames from blowing out.

In most Yeshivot and Seminaries, it is customary for students to place their menorahs in the dining room at windows facing the street or public thoroughfare. (Lighting in the dormitories is usually a fire hazard and should therefore be avoided)

The menorah should be no lower than three tfachim from the floor (approx. 10.5 inches or 27cm) and should be no higher than 20 amot from ground level (35.5 ft or 10.8 m). Ideally, it should be about 10 tfachim high (35 inches or 90 cm).

The Menorah should have all the candles or wicks on the same level, none higher or lower than the others.

It is customary to have an additional candle (the shamash) with which to light the other candles and in order to use its light. The shamash should be placed in a way that shows that it is not one of the Chanukah candles.

It is forbidden to derive benefit from the light of the Menorah just as it was forbidden to derive benefit from the Menorah in the Temple, and also in order to show that the purpose of the Menorah is for a Mitzvah, not just for illumination.

It is preferable to have the candles in a straight line, and not in a semi-circle, however it is permitted to have them in a semi-circle providing each candle is clearly separated from the others.

It is prohibited to light the shamash from the Chanukah candles.

Left over wicks and oils should be destroyed after Chanukah (except for unused oil left in bottle) since they may not be used for anything else. One should not store the used wicks and oil for the next year, since there is a probability that it will be used for profane purposes by accident.

There are different customs as to the lighting of the Menorah. Some light at sunset. Some light about ten minutes after sunset and some light 1/2 hour after. Some specifically light after the evening service is recited (Maariv). Ideally a person should follow the custom of his father. If this is not known or is inapplicable for any reason, one should follow the custom of the local community. The time for candle lighting is on the monthly shul calendar.

It is obligatory to put in enough oil, or a long enough candle, to burn for at least 1/2 hour after nightfall (i.e. the appearance of three medium size stars).

If one forgot or was not able to light at the correct time, one may light as long as people are still awake in the house in which one is lighting.

It is best to light in the presence of many people in order to publicize the miracle.

On the first night, three brachot, blessings, are recited. "Lehadlik ner shel Chanukah", "She'asa nissim" and "Shehecheyanu".

On the other nights only the first two blessings are said.

All the blessings should be recited before actually lighting the candles. First light the Shamash before the blessings to avoid delay. It is forbidden to speak between the recitation of the blessings and the completion of candle lighting.

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Laws of Chanukah cont’d

We recite "Haneirot Halalu" either during or after the lighting of the additional candles.

We sing "Maoz tsur yeshuaty".

Place the first candle on the extreme right of the Menorah. On the second night, add a candle on the left. Light the newest candle first and proceed to the right.

There are different customs regarding the placement of the candles, some follow the right and left of the observer from outside, some follow the right and left of the person lighting inside.

Do not remove the Shamash from the wick until the flame catches on most of the wick.

One does not add candles if they forgot to light on any night.

The Menorah should not be moved after it has been lit.

If the Menorah was lit in accordance with the requirements of Jewish law and it was extinguished, one is not obligated to relight it, but one may relight it without reciting a blessing.

If the Menorah was not lit properly in the first place, or was lit in a windy place and blew out then one is obligated to relight if it went out within 1/2 hour after nightfall.

On Friday afternoon, the Chanukah candles should be lit before the Shabbat candle-lighting time (if one accepted Shabbat early, it is forbidden to light Chanukah candles). Mincha should be said before lighting, if possible.

Remember to put in more oil or bigger candles on Friday, so that they burn 1/2 hour after nightfall. Try to light just before the Shabbat candles, (without, of course, delaying the lighting of the Shabbat candles)

After Shabbat one should first recite Havdalah, then light the Chanukah candles. One may not use the Menorah as the candle for Havdalah.

If one is a guest at someone’s house (and staying there), one should give the owner a small amount of money to buy a portion in their candles and one may fulfill the obligation through the owner. Alternatively the guest may light his own Menorah.

If one is eating out then one should light the Menorah at their place of residence.

During morning prayers, Shacharit, one should recite the full Hallel every day.

"Al hanissim", the special paragraph of prayers for Chanukah, is added in the silent prayers, Shmoneh Esre, and also in Grace after meals. If one forgot to say this addition, one should not repeat either Shmoneh Esre or Grace. It is customary to light a Menorah in the Synagogue every evening. It is placed at the southern wall of the Synagogue, in imitation of the Menorah in the Temple in Jerusalem.

Chanukah Candle Lighting Times

Sunday, December 2
1 candle after 5:15pm

Monday, December 3
2 candles after 5:15pm

Tuesday, December 4
3 candles after 5:15pm

Wednesday, December 5
4 candles after 5:15pm

Thursday, December 6
5 candles after 5:15pm

Friday, December 7
6 candles before Shabbat candles
Candles by 4:11pm

Saturday, December 8
Rosh Chodesh 1
7 candles after Havdalah
Havdalah 5:15pm

Sunday, December 9
Rosh Chodesh 2
8 candles after 5:15pm
Andrea and I recently attended our Jewish community’s mission to Israel in celebration of Israel’s 70 years. It was attended by 472 members of our Federation. We travelled on 12 buses throughout Israel. The mission started early Monday morning, October 15th and concluded on Sunday evening, October 21st. We were up and out early every day with a 6:30 am shacharit and we came back to our hotels after 10 pm with no down time. We had one free evening in Jerusalem with nothing scheduled. For 90 people on our mission, it was their first trip to Israel. In addition to Andrea and I attending, Larry Rein and Bob Lichtman also joined in. Our group chose to be on Rabbi Mendel Solomon’s bus, which had a nice size contingent from his community in Short Hills.

As part of our mission we visited communities in Israel that our Federation partners with. We visited a high school in Ranana called MetroWest (see below) and met with a group of students to get a firsthand understanding of what our community has done for them. The Beit Midrash in this high school was dedicated in memory of Alisa Flatow by her parents in the late 1990s.

On Thursday morning, October 19th we took the first ever direct train from Jerusalem to Ofakim. Ofakim is a city in the Negev, West of Be’er Sheva, and 12 miles from Aza. In Ofakim we met with the deputy mayor and we toured the Isha Center (see below) there which was established with MetroWest’s funding. This center helps young girls who come from broken homes and is meeting a vital need. Other communities that our Federation assists are Merchavim, Gush Etzion, and Kibbutz Erez which is close to the Aza border.

The new ISHA Center (Ofakim Initiates the Integration of Women) in Ofakim, MetroWest’s Partner 2000 city in Israel, is both a women’s center and a “warm home” providing afterschool programming and support to girls at risk. A project of Women’s Philanthropy of UJC in partnership with the Rashi Foundation in Israel — and with grant funds totaling nearly $49,000 from the Jewish Community Foundation of MetroWest — the center officially celebrated its opening on February 16, 2011. Six years in the making, over 200 women from MetroWest generously supported the project, which has created another living bridge between the people of MetroWest and the people of Ofakim, one that unites and strengthens Jewish community.

A highlight of our trip was on Friday morning, October 19th, where after touring Yad Vashem, we were addressed by former Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rabbi Yisrael Mayer Lau, in a private ceremony. Rabbi Lau is the youngest living survivor of Birkenau and, after liberation, went to Israel. At the ceremony, Rabbi Lau explained to us that although there is a debate as to whether or not there would have eventually been a modern State of Israel if not for the holocaust, there is no question, that without the financial support of the UJA, the State of Israel would not have been able to grow and absorb Jews from throughout the world as it did in the early years and continues to do today. As Rabbi Lau explained, in 1949, Prime Minister Ben Gurion came to America to visit with Henry Morgenthau, Jr, who was Secretary of the Treasury of the United States during the FDR administration, to make the connection between the American UJA and the Jewish Agency in Israel for the purpose of being able to settle and absorb Jews from throughout the world.
My father, Horace Bier, OBM, was President of our Federation during the merger of Metropolitan, NJ with Morris County in the late 1970s, used to tell me that there are certain things for which it is critical to have the support of the entire Jewish Community in order to accomplish what is needed. This is exactly what the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest does in Israel. UJA works with the Jewish Agency in Israel to settle new Olim to this day. Our partner community Ofakim, is a city with a large percentage of new Olim and it is to Greater MetroWest’s credit that Ofakim is flourishing today.

I encourage all of you to visit with these communities in Israel and see for your selves what our greater community is doing. I think you will find it well worthwhile and real Kiddush Hashem.

In past years I heard members of our shul criticize our Federation for not supporting Jews who live in Yehuda and Shomron. Well, that is no longer the case, and you can and should go and see for yourselves. The work that our Federation is accomplishing in Israel is quite extraordinary and something for all of us to take pride in.

We used to have a UJA Shabbat in our shul when someone representing UJA federation would speak to us about the importance of supporting UJA. I would like to bring that back this year, so, please be on the lookout for more information on this topic.
CELEBRATE
CHANUKAH
WITH AABJ&D
Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6 PM

- Dairy Dinner, Fresh Sushi, Latkes & Doughnuts
- The Extreme Magic of Eric Wilzig
- Music & Dancing by Jeff Wilks
- Community Menorah Lighting

$18 per adult (12 and over)
$15 per child
$60 maximum per family

Sponsorship: $72 Candle, $136 Dreidel, $180 Menorah, $250 Macabee

RSVP to the Shul office at office@aabjd.org by 11/27!
Greetings for a delightful Chanukah, one that brings you joy and renewed strength and spirit.

First, I’d like to thank everyone who has helped us this fall; from all of you who attend the programs and each of you who have sent in membership dues, to the presenters, many of whom are volunteers, to the office staff, Esther, Esterina and Beth, to Joe, custodian, to Sharon Kessel who coordinates transportation through West Orange Connectionz, to Lewis Smiler who regularly sets up and greets seniors and to Lee Saal and Lea Nora Kordova for their expertise. To summarize the fall programs: Judy Silberner presented, “The Channel Islands, the other Jersey.” She explained that she and her friends traveled to the Jersey and Guernsey Islands on account of reading the book, “The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society.” Mark Grebenau presented a challenging new topic, “Origin and Evolution of Money to present day Cryptocurrency” which was both informative and funny. He highlighted how many words in our vocabulary evolved from money. A poignant example of the modern Israeli coin, shekel, is taken from the verb when Avraham weighs out 400 silver shekels (vayeshkel) to purchase an everlasting burial ground. Priscilla Stein, SHIP Medicare counselor presented “Navigating Medicare.” She can meet for individual consultation. Call for an appointment; (973)637-1717 or sflynn-higgins@jfsmetrowest.org. Ron Farber presented his newest music mix, “The Evolution of Rock n Roll” which was well enjoyed. Arnie Klausner presented, “Entering the US through Ellis Island: Finding clues about my parents immigration through the Ship Manifest.” Arnie’s presentation generated much group discussion including Hela Novick describing her entry from Berlin in 1938 and Lori Raskind describing her entry in 1948. Arnie’s information source is LibertyEllisIsland.org.

We shared a special occasion in October when Phyllis and Barry Rodin sponsored a luncheon in honor of Phyllis’s mother, Clara Beckerman on her 102nd birthday. Friends talked of Clara’s devotion to her family, they reminisced of Clara’s role as school nurse in a Newark elementary school, her love of music be it singing, listening or playing the piano and mandolin. On blowing out the candles, Clara expressed her wish, “to celebrate her 103rd birthday with everyone next year.” We went on two outings this fall; to the New Jersey Performing Arts Center for a matinee concert and to Lester Housing to visit friends residing at Lester and to tour the facility. We thank Barbara Moran, liaison for Jewish Community Housing and David Rozen, admissions manager who arranged the visit which included bus transportation, dining at the Bistro and tour. For more information about Lester housing, contact David Rozen 973-929-2725.

Look forward to meeting soon. Deborah Druce, program coordinator

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

December 4- Chanukah celebration-Meet in the multipurpose room at 11am.
11:00am-12:00pm- Intergenerational Activity with the nursery school children, “Making olive oil for the Chanukiah,” with Rabbi Yisroel Rosenblum, Chabad, Living Legacy.
12noon- 2:00pm-Chanukah lighting and luncheon. Cost for luncheon- $6.00. Please rsvp by Sun. Dec. 2 @ 973-736-1407x240.
December 11- “Jewish Humor; A Rabbi walks into a bar…. All you need to know about Judaism, and about yourself; insights taken from more than a few jokes and stories” by Chaim Lauer. Have you ever thought about why we laugh? Or what we laugh at? Or even what our laughter says about us? In this first part of a series of lectures on the whole variety of Jewish humor, we will try to answer these questions by retelling and analyzing some of your favorite as well as new Jewish jokes. Are you willing to share some of your favorites?
December 18-10th of Tevet, fast day. Program to be announced. Check 973-736-1407x240.
December 25 and January 1- No meetings

Most meetings take place in the Sephardic Wing from 12:30-2:30PM, but please note schedule changes in the announcements. In case of cancelling a program due to inclement weather, please call 973-736-1407x240 the day of the program. For assistance with transportation, call West Orange Connectionz at 863-253-2030 at least 3-5 days in advance. Sharon Kessel, transportation coordinator, will call you back to arrange a ride.
We have had a busy fall semester here at the Lauren Elise Bier Nursery School. After we finished learning about and celebrating the Chagim we delved right into our Fall units. We have enjoyed exploring the season and all that it brings with the cooler weather and leaves changing color. Each class explored these changes in different ways.

Our Tiny Tots began their color exploration through hands on sensory experiences. During Sukkot they took buggy walks outside and noticed the leaves beginning to fall and change color. The first color they learned about was orange and they made orange playdough. When learning about green they made a green collage. To practice mixing colors they used paint to create a finger-paint mural. These children have also been busy learning to walk, clean-up their toys and use gentle hands with one another.

The 2’s class loves to go outside and explore nature. They also enjoy bringing their findings from outside into their classroom. Together the children in the class collected branches and leaves that have fallen from trees and used them to create collages, sculptures and other forms of art. The 2’s class has also enjoyed baking different cookies and taking turns in the baking process. Recently the morot have introduced the children to painting on an easel and they have loved this process. Each child is loving the opportunity to explore their creativity and create their own work of art.

The 3’s class did a few different fall units. They began learning about apples and did an in depth study of the fruit. Some of the highlights of this unit were the taste test between green, yellow and red apples and painting with the apples. After learning about apples the class learned about trees and leaves. They collected leaves outside and did many projects with leaves. They even made leaf prints with their own fingers. The last part of their fall unit which led into their Thanksgiving study was learning about pumpkins. The children painted with orange paint and enjoyed opening up the pumpkin to see all the seeds inside.

The 4’s class used their fall unit as a means to learning measurement. First they focused on comparing the weights of different fall objects such as, pumpkins, apples, Indian corn, leaves and twigs using a balance scale. They loved predicting which item would be heavier and then testing their prediction. The highlight of the measuring unit was when the children used apples to measure themselves. They took turns laying down on the carpet and measuring each other from head to toe. During the fall unit the 4’s class also took many nature walks and created art with the materials they collected. One of the class’s favorite books was Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert and after reading the book the children enjoyed creating their own leaf men with the leaves they collected.

All of our fall units led into our school-wide Thanksgiving unit and celebrations. Each class did their own preparations and learning for the
holiday and then came together for a special Thanksgiving feast to celebrate.

The 3’s and 4’s classes join together each morning to daven and learn the weekly Parsha. Each week the children gather and listen very intently to the story being told and then actively engage in different activities and projects to bring the story to life in our classroom. When learning about Noach we made a teyvah out of an old box and allowed our children to reenact the story. For the story of Avraham we transformed our dramatic play center into a tent and the children took turns welcoming in guests.

Throughout the fall all the classes have enjoyed our Tuesday music classes with Ms. Jennifer. These classes were so exciting that we have now opened them up to be a mommy and me class for caregivers and children up to 2 years old. This has been a spectacular addition to our program.

Our Chanukah festivities are very exciting this year. Each class has made their own menorahs to take home and share with their families and has decorated their own dreidels to play with. We had the Olive Press come to school and teach us how to make oil and we used this as an intergenerational event with the seniors in the community. We also had the opportunity to sing with the seniors. Together with parent volunteers we put together a magnificent Chanukah fair where the children enjoyed participating in various Chanukah themed activities. We enjoyed eating latkes and sufganiyot and having a special visit from Rabbi Zwickler.

It has been a fantastic fall semester and we are looking forward to continuing our learning and growing this year!

Have a Happy Chanukah!
Youth

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The youth department has been as busy as ever! Just because the beginning of the year holidays have died down does not mean we have!

Our Escape the Sukkah hop was a huge success! All groups were able to escape their sukkah! Leaders asked a series of questions and riddles related to the chagim and kids had to answer them before hopping to the next Sukkah! The following week we welcomed Ari Safari to AABJ&D for a Parshat Noach extravaganza! He came and brought all different kinds of animals to the shul where children and their families got to touch, play, and learn all about them! That same day we had the biggest JRA turnout at AABJ&D! Kol Hakavod to all the children who came to help pack packages for needy families. Recently we had our first family Seuda Shlishit. Families enjoyed food, a story from Rabbi Sharbat, slow shira lead by leaders and the Rabbis’, and a musical havdallah in the main shul once Shabbat was over. It was a beautiful and inspiring end to Shabbat!

As always we have continued our group lunches at the youth house, Torah and Toast with Rabbi Zwickler, Jr. teen programming including Friday night onegs, and Saturday night programming, and Shabbat afternoon onegs.

New this year: We are excited to welcome UNCLE MOISHY to AABJ&D December 16th at 11 am for a Chanukah fundraiser concert! Please email youth@aabjd for more info!
AABJ&D Youth Department invites the entire community to an exciting fundraiser

Uncle Moishy Concert

AABJ&D
West Orange, NJ

Food sold by
Super Duper Bagel

Dec 16, 11 AM

Tickets:
$20 at the door
$15 in advance (paid by 12/14)
Lap children 1 and under: FREE

Sponsorship Opportunities:
(Includes 5 tickets and priority seating)
Give a Little Tzedakah: $100
Big Gedaliah Goomer: $180
Mitzvah Men: $360

Online Registration Form:
https://www.aabjd.org/form/uncle-moishy-concert.html
For more information, contact youth@aabjd.org

Made possible by Roz & Marvin Lipsky in honor of their grandchildren.
Inclusion

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The AABJD Inclusion Committee continues to be committed to making our Shul as Inclusive as possible, not just for children with disabilities, but to all members who have some kind of challenge. Welcome to new members Juliet Rutner and Cheryl Munk.

We take this opportunity, as Chanukah approaches to remind everyone that our Shul is committed to making itself as accessible as possible - be it to physical challenges, hearing or visual challenges, sensory challenges, or cognitive challenges. If you know of someone who is not participating in our Shul activities, be it services or programming, please reach out to us and let us know - so that we can rectify whatever is impeding them. And if you yourselves have ideas of how to make our shul more inclusive, please reach out to one of us.

A number of years ago, with the help of Greater MetroWest ABLE, we were able to purchase a sound system, which allows individuals to hear better, through the use of personalized hearing devices. This sound system is for anyone with hearing challenges. While as an Orthodox Shul, we are not able to make use of it on Shabbat and Chagim, we are able to use it during other times, such as Purim Megillah reading, and Shul programs. If you are responsible for one of those programs, please remember to offer it on your flyers and other communications to the public, so that everyone can fully participate.

Similarly, if there are people with physical challenges impeding them from attending services or other programs, please let us know. For programs not on Shabbat or Chagim, through our collaboration with WestOrangeJewishConnectionZ, we are able to access their transportation services to pick up and bring those individuals to and from the synagogue to attend those programs.

There are also people not coming to Shul because they are afraid to walk - especially now with our winter weather. Let's identify those people, and find them buddies to walk with them to and from shul for davening, so that they too can be part of the Mitzvah of Tefillah B'Tzibur - and be part of our shul community.

Again - if you are running programs in our synagogue, for youth, adults or families - make sure your flyers and other communications say: "AABJD is an inclusive synagogue and aims to ensure that all members can attend programming. Please let us know how we can make this program accessible for you."

The West Orange Shabbat Shalem committee, which is comprised of members of the Inclusion Committees from the various shuls in our neighborhood, has begun planning for February 2019's Shabbat Shalem, as part of the 2019 Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM). Watch for future announcements about Shabbat Shalem.
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For service, call our hotline # 862.253.2030

Shabbat/Holiday
Home-cooked meals for individuals and/or families with temporary medical or other hardships.

“Be our Guest”
Be hosted for a Shabbat or holiday meal in a warm and friendly family environment, near your house.

Friendly Visitors
Visits to homebound individuals in the local West Orange area.

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Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to Eli & Aliza Scher on the birth of a baby girl, Avigayil Leeba, Audrey Samantha. Mazel Tov to big sister Emma, grandparents Susan & Dave Scher, Zahava & Marv Sher. Mazel Tov to great grandparents Betty Rosman and Bernice & Leon Scher and all the uncles, aunts and cousins.

Mazel Tov to Debbi & Marvin Weintraub on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Noam Tzvi Weintraub. Mazel Tov to parents Yael & Mark Weintraub. Mazel Tov to siblings Brielle and Shai and the entire Weintraub and Levy families.

Mazel Tov to Phyllis & Chaim Lauer on the birth of their granddaughter Avigail Sarah to their children Rena and Yiftach. Mazel Tov to the entire family.


Mazel Tov to Gail & Bruce Bukiet on the birth of a granddaughter. Mazel Tov to parents Etan & Penina and to big sister Nava and the entire family.

Mazel Tov to Debra & Chaim Silverman on the engagement of Yisroel (Zachary) Silverman to Elisheva Henigson of Passaic. Mazel Tov to grandparents David & Rita Silverman and Boomy & Helen Hagler. Mazel Tov to Erica Silverman and Sara Meira & Aharon Henigson and all of the Henigson grandparents and great grandparents.

Mazel Tov to Rachel Rutner on her Bat Mitzvah. Mazel Tov to parents Juliet & Torin and to siblings Jared, Elana, Chana and Jacob. Mazel Tov to grandparents Jack Rutner and Judy & Bernie Schanzer and great grandmother Helen Geffner.


Mazel Tov to Stan & Fran Urman on the birth of a grandson, Oz Tzvi on Moshav Gimzo in Israel. Mazel Tov to parents Marni & Tzachi Goldenberg and siblings Dani, Tal and Noa.


Mazel Tov to Kyle Blank on his engagement to Samara Sone of (Toronto) Tel Aviv. Mazel Tov to parents Jonathan & Paula Blank and Ophira & Michael Sone of Toronto. Mazel Tov to siblings Tamar and Daniel Rutta, Zachary and Adam Blank, Galit and Adam Samuel, Alon and Eliana Sone and Liam Sone. Mazel Tov to grandparents Ruby Langer, Judith Blank and Sheila & Gersh Sone. Mazel Tov to aunt and uncle Ellie & Freddy Langer and to nephew and nieces Isaac and Hanna Rutta and Mila Samuel.

Mazel Tov to Debbie and Rich Finkelstein on the birth of a granddaughter, Mazel Tov to parents Miriam & Alex Finkelstein & big brother, Tzvi Hersch. Mazel Tov to grandparents Beth & Josh Kalter and great grandmothers Francine Grauer & Diane Kalter.

Mazel Tov to Mindy & Kenny Saibel on the recent birth of their granddaughter, Maya Danielle. Mazel Tov to parents Atara and Ari Gartenberg. Mazel tov to grandparents Miriam
Mazel Tov, cont'd

and Michael Gartenberg. Mazel tov to great grandparents Stan Cohen & Bunny & Joel Saibel. Mazel tov to all of the aunts, uncles, cousins and the entire extended family.

Mazel Tov to Suzanne & Travis Weiss on the birth of a daughter Rivkah Leah—Rafaela Grace. Mazel Tov to David Weiss on becoming a grandfather. Special Mazel Tov to Mr. Mickey Weiss on becoming a great grandfather.

Mazel Tov to Ellie & Freddy Langer on the birth of a granddaughter, born in the middle of the snowstorm. Mazel Tov to parents Danny & Lily, to big sister Abigail, to grandmother Marsha Poulson, and to great grandparents Happy & Jerry Botwinick and Ruby Langer. Also mazel tov to aunt and uncle Paula and Jonathan Blank.

Mazel Tov to Dr. Stan Urman on being honored in Israel by the Coalition of Jews from Arab Countries for his work in promoting rights and redress for Jewish refugees from Arab Countries.

Con condolences

We extend our condolences on the passing of...

Baruch Sebaghatfar, beloved father of Victoria Pedoeem

Henry J. Rosenberg, Henoch ben Yakov beloved brother of Lee Saal

Susan Summer, beloved sister of Rich Finkelstein

Sylvia Scheinberg, beloved mother of former shul member Sherry Zimmerman, now of Bet Shemesh

Former shul member Maurice Soussa, beloved husband of Esther Soussa and father of Ron Soussa and Donna Soussa Stein

Albert Rabin, beloved father of Shoshana Shulman, Shane, Sarah and Isaac and husband of Florence Rabin

Bernice Schraga, beloved sister of Rabbi Alvin Marcus

Gertrude Bloom, beloved mother of Ira Bloom
Sisterhood has had an amazing summer and fall season so far. We kicked off in August with Jazz Night, masterfully planned and executed by Betty Lando and Susan Teich. The evening was beautiful, the food was plentiful, and the music by Bnai Jazz was amazing. We then held our annual Pre-Holiday Boutique, organized by Shira Reisz on August 30th, featuring the Shuka Truck – which has now become a bi-weekly staple at AABJ&D on Tuesday nights – come out for it to ease your weekly “what shall we make for dinner??” moments and to support Sisterhood.

Sukkot seemed to follow immediately, and we raised a significant amount of money for the shul’s mitzvah fund with our Sukkah Poster sale. Thanks to our members Aaron Twersky and Neal Alexander for the design and the printing, and for our shul membership for supporting the mitzvah fund.

Our Family Photo Day with Zush was a big success in late October, with a sold-out day. Then our Singles Event took place the weekend of November 2-3, and we already know of at least 8 dates that took place afterwards! We look forward to hearing more good news as time goes by from the event. But even with no further news, we are all pleased that the event was well attended, and participants enjoyed a good time and great food. We thank Sorahleah Mandelbaum and her entire committee for working very hard on organizing the entire event, and we thank the community for hosting meals, and being so welcoming.

Also in November, we held a Challah Bake, organized by Michal Strauss, which was jointly sponsored by Ohr Torah, Suburban Torah and Chabad, to benefit Mercaz Panim. We enjoyed an impactful speech from the Mercaz Panim representative about the importance of supporting families struggling with infertility.

Our ongoing scrip sales now include scrip for Aron’s Market, in addition to Shoprite. Buying scrip benefits the shul, and costs you nothing – it’s an easy way to fundraise without going out of your way.

Our upcoming events include the popular Cafe Night!! Mark your calendars for January 5th for an amazing night of comedy and fun with your friends, along with delicious sushi, salads, and elegant desserts. What could be better? Tickets will go on sale in early December – and don’t delay – we have been sold out for the past two years.

Men’s Club  
Tully Rubin  
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The AABJ&D Men’s Club holds special outings and events throughout the year and provides members with the unique opportunity to serve the Synagogue and Community by working on various special fundraising projects and social events. The Men’s Club commits to $10,000 of the Shul budget every year, making each and every fundraiser and event an important and beneficial one for the entire community.

We would like to thank everyone in the West Orange community for their ongoing support of the AABJ&D Men's Club and look forward to providing many more activities and programs for you throughout the year.

Men’s club meetings are held monthly and we are always looking for individuals to take an interest in what we do and join us as we proceed with our programming of future events. If you have any questions about the Men's Club or would like to help plan any activities, please contact our president, Tully Rubin at tullyrubin@gmail.com.
There are so many things happening and ways to get involved. Below you will find a list of some of our Shul committees and chairpersons. Please feel free to contact them to either volunteer or inquire about their activities. If you have a special skill or talent that you would like to share or an idea that you would like to discuss, contact us at office@aabjd.org.

- **Adult Education**—Gregory Zuckerman (Gregory.zuckerman@wsj.com)
  Plans and coordinates all classes, lectures, and scholar-in-residence programs.

- **Cemetery Committee**—Judy Israeli: idiesq@aol.com, Chaim Silverman: Chaim@silverlaining.com, Anna Chosak: chosakhouse@comcast.net

- **Chesed/ Bikur Cholim**—Andrea Sultan, Debra Lando, and Lorraine Gold. A branch of Sisterhood that coordinates visits to the sick & meals.

- **Chronicle**—Office, office@aabjd.org

- **Chevra Kadisha**—Avi Laub, avilaub@yahoo.com

- **Constitution Committee**—Harvey Okin—hokin@kpmg.com

- **Dinner Committee**—Plans & coordinates the shul’s annual dinner—many volunteer opportunities for all skills and talents.

- **Early Childhood**—Judy Birnboim- Oversees our Nursery School and Summer Camp programs.

- **Endowment Committee**—Harvey Bell—harveybell@earthlink.net

- **Finance Committee**—Andra Goldman, Larry Liebman, Larry Rein, Avi Laub, Jay Hartman, Chaim Silverman

- **Fundraising**—Harvey Bell—harveybell@earthlink.net, Bryan Bier—bryanbier@comcast.net

- **Hi-Tech**—Robert Wagner, rob@bwaycapital.com, Maintains website and all hi-tech apparatus.

- **Hospitality**—Cindi Dresdner 973-243-2664. Provides Shabbat hospitality to newcomers and visitors to our community.

- **House Committee**—Rob Wagner- Keeps all our buildings in tip-top shape.

- **Inclusion Committee**—Eta Levenson jeserichad@aol.com

- **Israel Action & Advocacy Committee (IAAC)**—Barbara Beiss Muskin

- **Kiddush Society**—Helps provide the weekly kiddush and seudah shlishit.

- **Legal Committee**—David Cherna

- **Marketing Committee**—Judy Birnboim, Barbara Flumen, Evan Galatz, Barry Hammerman, Rivka Hindin, Zvi Kurlander, Alana Schwartz, Jon Waldstreicher, Andrew Yolin

- **Membership**—Welcomes and facilitates integration of new members into our community.

- **Men’s Club**—Tully Rubin, President- Provides & coordinates a variety of programs in support of the shul.

- **Outreach**—Moshe Glick and Ira Bloom- Email: mglickus@gmail.com, Coordinates programs of interest to the non-affiliated.

- **Ritual Committee**—Larry Schiffman. Email: lschiffman@sudlerco.com, Oversees the conduct of religious services.

- **Scrip**—Yaffa Holander and Rachel Isler

- **Security Committee**—Robert Ivker

- **Seniors Group**—Together on Tuesday- Email: deborahdruce@gmail.com

- **Seniors Services Committee**—Hilda Mann. Coordinates services offered to our aging members and their care-givers. Email: hvsm@verizon.net

- **Seudah Shlishit**—Mayer Popack (popack1@verizon.net)

- **Sisterhood**—Bess Adler & Alisha Blugrind, sisterhoodaabjd@gmail.com. Provides & coordinates a variety of programs in support of the shul.

- **Tehillim**—Ora Blum and Debbie Druce

- **Youth**—Shira Hammerman and Shira Waldstreicher shirahammerman@hotmail.com
  Shifra Caruso, Director, youth@aabjd.org

Please note that all of our Board meetings are open to the membership.

Visit our website at www.aabjd.org and join our online membership list and receive timely email broadcasts. Drop us a line at office@aabjd.org

Rabbi Zwickler can be contacted via email at ezwickler@gmail.com
Jewish War Veterans

Help us continue to keep our 180 year tradition of Jewish War Veterans plane in United States history. Sanford L. Kahn Post 538 located in West Orange was started in 1946. It has continuously supported our Veterans-In-Need as well as social causes.

Some of these activities include:
1-Monthly visits to the Paramus Veterans Home sponsoring a Bingo Game for more than 100 Veteran residents; men and women who served. Gifts and snacks are also furnished
2 - Sponsoring annually a $500 Olympiad Award to an outstanding high-school graduating student in memory of Israeli Olympians murdered in Munich.
3 – Providing funds for youth in scouting.
4 – Donating to the Nation Museum of American Jewish History in Washington, D.C.; where worldwide visitors are informed about the Jewish Veterans’ role in our Country’s Military History.

OUR MEMBERSHIP HAS SEVERELY DECREASED due to age, poor health, relocation and death. To continue our long tradition of helping our Veterans, we NEED YOUR HELP.

The SANFORD L. KAHN POST 538 meets monthly in West Orange.
We offer free membership for one year to all new members.

If interested, please contact IRWIN W. NOVICK @ 973-736-2988 for additional information and meeting dates.

Thank you
Irwin Novick

Recipe Corner

APPLE CINNAMON LATKES

DURATION: 23 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 8 MINUTES
PREP TIME: 15 MINUTES

MAKES 2 DOZEN LATKES

INGREDIENTS
2 Red Delicious apples, peeled
3 eggs, separated
½ cup matzah meal
½ teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons brown sugar
½ cup water
Extra-virgin olive oil

PREPARATION
1. Grate apples with a hand grater into a large mixing bowl.

2. Beat egg yolks until lemon colored. Add to apples and mix well.

3. Combine matzah meal, cinnamon, salt, brown sugar, and water in a small mixing bowl and mix thoroughly. Add to apple mixture.

4. Beat egg whites in a medium mixing bowl until stiff peaks form. Fold gently into apple mixture.

5. Heat EVOO in a large, non-stick sauté pan.

6. Drop heaping tablespoons of apple mixture into pan, smoothing tops slightly.

7. Sauté latkes until lightly browned on both sides.

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