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## SHABBAT SERVICES

Services are currently being held in-person and on Zoom at the following times. To join the stream GO TO DROP DOWN MENU - LINKS TO SERVICES AND MINYANIM.

### Friday Evenings

11/3 5:30 p.m.  
11/10 4:25 p.m.  
11/17 4:20 p.m.  
11/24 4:15 p.m.

Saturday Mornings  
9:30 a.m.

NOVEMBER 4  
Vayera

NOVEMBER 11  
Chayei Sara

NOVEMBER 18  
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NOVEMBER 25  
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FOR LINKS TO SERVICES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS, PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBPAGE AT [WWW.EBJC.ORG](http://WWW.EBJC.ORG). THE DROPDOWN MENU FOR SERVICES, HAZAK, MEMBERSHIP, PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS WILL TAKE YOU TO ALL OF THE PAGES TO REGISTER.

If you have problems at EBJC that are not getting adequately resolved, please call Ellen Botwin at (732) 257-7070

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PLEASE NOTE:

ONLY checks made out to EBJC go to Kesef, PO Box 418, Montvale, NJ 07645.

When sending a check to Kesef, please remember to write the check to EBJC and not Kesef!

Sisterhood, Men's Club, Mitzvah Corps, all discretionary funds, 613 event, Pavilion donations all go to 511 Ryders Lane. When sending any form with a payment, those should be mailed to 511 Ryders Lane as well.

## FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH:

### TROUBLE PAYING DUES

If you are experiencing difficulty paying your dues or if you'd like to pay on a specific schedule, please call Ellen at 732-257-7070 x5. We are always here for you and are happy to help in any way we can.

### SHABBAT SERVICES

Shabbat services are in-person (also offered via Zoom). Friday evening service times can be found on the cover of the Recorder as well as on the EBJC website calendar, and Saturday morning services are at 9:30 a.m. The link to join can be found on our website at [ebjc.org/online-events](http://ebjc.org/online-events)

### OFFICE HOURS

The office is currently staffed Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. and on Fridays from 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

### BIKUR CHOLIM

Bikur Cholim would like to reach out to our congregation during this difficult time. If you would like a friendly call or know someone who might need a friendly call from a member of the Bikur Cholim committee, please contact Madeline Frances at (732) 254-2783 or email [madelinef18@gmail.com](mailto:madelinef18@gmail.com)

### HAZAK

**November 16** - Luncheon - Music of David R. Guitarist/singer/violinist

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Ever on the search for interesting programming, please note the following programs for this month: On November 2 we have session 1 of "What Jews Think?". On November 5 Men's Club is hosting a hike in Frost Woods. On November 8 Sisterhood is hosting a luau-themed dinner for all paid members. On November 12 have a fundraising event to benefit Israel, Mah Jong for the IDF. On November 14 we have Jewish Americans at West Point. On November 18 we have Game Show Night and on November 19 we have part one of a 6-part Travel Series.

Most of our Zoom programs are free to our community. If you can, a donation in any amount is always appreciated so that we may continue to bring you these programs and events. Details and descriptions for all programs will be in Tidbits and on the EBJC website homepage.





### THE CONGREGATION CONGRATULATES:

Anne Kroll on her appointment as JNF-USA's committee chair for New Jersey's Middlesex and Monmouth counties for 2023 to 2025 Term

Judy and Jack Steinweis on the birth of their granddaughter, Skylar Rose

William Eckstein and Toby Lubin on the birth of their granddaughter, Ramona Ruth

Hilarie & Steven Susskind on the engagement of their daughter, Danielle, to Adam

Ellen & Rob Botwin on the birth of their grandson, Silas Glenn

### THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO:

Fred Teicher on the loss of his mother, Tonia Teicher

Mirelynne Meiser on the loss of her husband, Kenneth Meiser



To the EBJC Community:

I want to express my deep appreciation for having been given the honor of Chatan Torah at Simchas Torah this year. Our EBJC family, and what it stands for, are very important to me. I am very humbled at being granted this Aliyah, and glad that I was able to share it with my grandson. I look forward to joining with the community in future celebrations as we move ahead together.

Thanks very much,  
Howard Jacobs

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As I am sitting at my laptop, I find myself sitting and staring at a blank screen trying to figure out the correct words that I want to share this month. However, my mind is preoccupied with the situation in Israel and the situation around the world.

As Jewish people we are facing great challenges. Not just because of the need for Israel to take charge to protect itself and the lives of our people, but we as a Jewish people are facing the fear of being who we are wherever we are.

It is painful hearing statements that threaten our rights to work, study, pray, love, and live each and every day. We are dealing with "fear" when we wake up and worry about our children, or where we go, or about family and friends who are living afar. We feel threatened by the news that terror may be waiting for us around the corner. It is sad-denying and unsettling.

During the end days of Sukkot, we awoke to a new reality and a

changed world. When we were that have taken place. The ones conflicted with the idea to celebrate, attended and the ones viewed. At my response was "If we do not each one, I hear a familiar sound, a celebrate, they win." That response familiar song, and a familiar melody. News stations fixate on this. was followed by Deena Oren's statement, "My family in Israel said The internet is flooded with it. that since they can not celebrate, "Hatikvah" echoes from one please celebrate for them!" And we captured video to another. The title did. Albeit a little toned down, we and its message speak and spark indeed embraced the Torah and of a "Hope." A hope for a better rejoiced. That is what we are today and a hope for a better supposed to do. We embrace Gd's tomorrow. A hope for a better life words and fulfill Gd's wishes. and a hope for peace.

Every day that followed brought us tears and emptiness upon hearing more about the loss of innocent lives and the horrific and inhumane actions of our enemies. Was this Gd's wishes? People around the world have been glued to television broadcasts, podcasts, Instagram, and Facebook posts, awaiting up-to-date information on the next atrocity and what is to be done.

As we continue to wait, we gather and continue to gather to support our brothers and sisters, there and here at home. We are asked and willingly give charity and send items to help across the sea.

We ask the questions, "Why" and "How" did this happen? Each day another analysis from another opinion.

Where does it leave us? How do we continue to go through the motions of almost pretending that something good will come of this?

As I write and continue to ponder, I think about all the vigils and rallies

I hope and pray that Gd too is listening, and I ask that Gd grant us this gift of hope, speedily in our day.

~Rabbi Larry I. Brandspiegel

# FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



This past Sunday I went to the wedding of my friend's son, David, to Jourdan. It was held in Somerset at a catering hall I had never been to before. It was really quite lovely and very large.

About 200 people were in attendance and, a huge thank you to my friend, because she put us at a table that was a bit further away from the DJ's speakers. Not that I think it mattered because, quite honestly, the music was so loud and the base was so strong, we had to scream just so that the person next to us could hear what we were saying. A few months ago, I went to an audiologist to get a baseline hearing test. I didn't think I had hearing loss, but Rob was going so I went with him. He had moderate hearing loss, and I had no hearing loss and was told to return in three years. I'll put it on my calendar. However, this wedding may have sped up my hearing loss and absolutely gave me laryngitis (much to Rob's delight)!

But I digress because that's not the real reason I am writing this. This was a wedding between David, who is Jewish, and Jourdan, who is Filipino and Christian. The people in the wedding party and the people in attendance could have very well been a part of the U.N. delegation. There were Jewish people, African American people, Filipino people, Hispanic people and it was a wonderful thing to see. My message is not to discuss intermarriage, rather about a gathering of multi cultures and religions that was refreshing given the issues we have been surrounded by recently. This

one wedding in New Jersey, people of all religions and nationalities, races and backgrounds came together and enjoyed music and food and companionship.

These past few weeks have been very difficult. Israel is forced to defend herself over and over. Where other countries are not asked to justify retaliation when aggressively attacked, Israel always is. I don't understand broad hatred of an entire group of people. I have certainly disliked a person. I may have even disliked a couple of people. I don't like using the word hate... so I'll say strongly disliked. I just don't understand hating a people as a whole. I don't understand the mindset of hating someone you've never met. I mean, truly, you can't like everyone, but the level of hate that Jews experience is beyond reason.

There is a song from the Broadway show South Pacific, written by Rogers and Hammerstein. Jewish men whose words, written almost 75 years ago, still ring true:

## **You've Got to Be Carefully Taught**

You've got to be taught to hate and fear, you've got to be taught from year to year

It's got to be drummed in your dear little ear, you've got to be carefully taught.

You've got to be taught to be afraid, of people whose eyes are oddly made

And people whose skin is a different shade, you've got to be carefully taught.

You've got to be taught before it's too late, before you are six, or seven or eight

To hate all the people your relatives hate, you've got to be carefully taught!

I grew up in the projects of East New York. It was a true melting pot from land owned and managed by the Catholic church. All nationalities lived there. Jews, Irish, Italian, Hispanic and African American. We all lived together. Was there always harmony? Maybe not, but for the most part everyone got along. We were all poor together. The only discrimination I experienced as a kid was being told that I killed Jesus. I had to ask my mother about that. I didn't know who Jesus was and I certainly didn't remember killing him! Maybe because I looked Hispanic, since I had dark hair, darker skin (my mother was Yemenite), it was assumed I was Spanish. In East New York, in my teens and early twenties, they were more the majority, so I guess I fit in. As an adult, working in Princeton at a personality testing firm, I was asked by a female client if I missed having Christmas because I was Jewish. I thought that to be an odd question. How do you miss something you never had? So, I asked her, if she missed not having Chanukah and eight days of celebration.

EBJC is a safe haven. Safe from hatred, safe from judgment, safe from intimidation. Certainly, the leadership, staff and clergy feel this way. We have signs outside of our entrance welcoming everyone! As it should be. A shul should be a place of comfort where one never feels intimidated or on the "outside". EBJC is a safe place for all that walk through our doors. All it takes is that first step.

May you all be well,  
Ellen

# FROM OUR PRESIDENTS



Like many of you, I have been glued to the television and computer for the past several weeks as events have been unfolding in Israel. So many of us have family and friends there. Someone sent me a meme about Israel that said "When somebody asks if I have any family in Israel, I reply...Yes I have several million" We all have family in Israel. As the Rabbis taught us, "All of Israel is responsible for one another"

But how do we live that ideal? We are fortunate that we live in the United States where we have freedom and a voice to speak out. And speak we must. We must continue to let our voices be heard by communicating with local and state officials, to speaking out and pressuring our alma maters, where many of our own Jewish students no longer feel safe on campus.

In our own community, we are doing everything possible to "harden" our building and make it safer for everyone, from our pre-school students to our seniors. New procedures are going in place, more guards are being assigned, and we now have volunteers who are watching the network of cameras that we have set up inside and outside the building. Thank you to the many families of Keshet, who have stepped up to be another pair of eyes when Keshet is in session. We are also continuing to look for volunteers to watch the cameras on Saturday morning. If you have 90 minutes, please contact us.

How else can you help? Israel needs supplies. Israel will need to rebuild and fortify. There are so many organizations that are pitching in to help in every way possible. The Jewish Federation has an Israel Fund. Israel Bonds is a way to Invest in Israel's future. There are also many other groups that need your help. Yasher L'Chayal, and the Friends of the IDF support our soldiers. The Magen David Adom, (Israel's affiliate of the International Red Cross) supplies ambulances and medical supplies to Israel. Please contact any of these groups to help.

Last, there is an old saying that charity begins at home. There is a cost to having armed guards and all the other security measures. We hope that those of you who are able, will help us defray these costs. We are all in this together. Help us to be able to help your fellow Jews, after all "All of Israel IS responsible for one another.

Am Yisrael Chai!

Steve Wohl  
Co-President



# SISTERHOOD



In this month of America's favorite holiday—Thanksgiving—we have so much to be grateful for at EBJC. Our new Rabbi/Cantor Larry Brandspiegel is a first-class mensch—a man of wisdom, spirituality, and a heart of gold. We have talented lay leadership, including co-presidents Jack Goldberg and Steve Wohl. And our Sisterhood membership campaign is off to a great start!

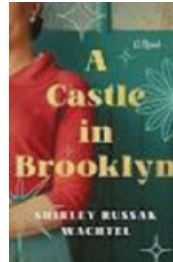
On Wednesday, November 8, 6 PM, we hope to see MANY of you at our fun and unique Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership event, featuring a luau theme, complete with Hawaiian-inspired food and hula dancers! But that's not all; by participating, you will be doing a mitzvah, as a portion of the proceeds from the event will go toward rebuilding the damage caused by the devastating fires in Maui.

If you're not able to join us on November 8, we still encourage you to renew your Sisterhood membership for 2023-2024. The rewards are abundant, and the cost is still only \$36. Being a part of Sisterhood allows you to explore your own individual path toward Jewish connection. We offer programs to interest those seeking to enrich their ritual life, become better educated, or who simply wish to enjoy the camaraderie of their fellow congregants.

## **This Past Month—**

On Sunday, October 22, Sisterhood sponsored a terrific program

highlighting the latest novel by our own Shirley Russak Wachtel.



A Castle in Brooklyn is a heartwarming story of two friends who met during the darkest days of their lives. A series of circumstances dramatically shapes the future for these characters and their loved ones. We shared a delicious continental breakfast while Shirley described her highly acclaimed work and signed books, which were available for sale. Many thanks to Shirley for headlining this event. If you loved the novel, please give it a positive review on Amazon.

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## **On the Horizon—**

Our next Sisterhood Book Club selection is The Lost Family by Jenna Blum. This novel explores the impact of the Holocaust on a family struggling to rise above the horrors of the past. Our discussion will be on Thursday, November 30.



We're grateful to those who have emailed me (Sara Ullman at [sarajull366@gmail.com](mailto:sarajull366@gmail.com)) with suggestions for future books. If you loved a book with a Jewish theme, fiction or non-fiction, why not consider leading one of our sessions. Guidance will be provided.

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Our annual Torah Fund campaign is currently underway. As always, we hope you will support the education of Conservative Judaism's future leaders by donating. Contributing to Torah Fund, at any level, is a sacred investment in the continuity of

Judaism. This year's theme is Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Ba'Zeh, "All the people of Israel are responsible for one another."

BRAND NEW PINS ARE NOW AVAILABLE! Contact Torah Fund Chair Anne Kroll at [selectivemedia@comcast.net](mailto:selectivemedia@comcast.net) to become a contributor toward our 2023-2024 campaign.



PURCHASING SCRIP IS AN EASY WAY TO SUPPORT SISTERHOOD! We currently have gift cards on hand to Shoprite and Acme. We extend our sincere thanks to those congregants who regularly purchase these gift cards. Contact Cheryl Decker at 732-257-7070.

The new Women's League calendar diaries for 5784 ARE NOW AVAILABLE at \$12 each in the office. Filled with many bonus features, such as special prayers, the calendar diary makes a terrific novel hostess gift to bring to New Year celebrations.

Check out our Sisterhood Judaica Shop for all your needs—tallisim, kiddush cups, mezuzot, religious jewelry, head coverings....the list goes on and on. If you have something special in mind, we can probably order it for you. Contact Cindy Rollman at [cinpepper1@aol.com](mailto:cinpepper1@aol.com).

We express our heartfelt thanks to all the veterans in our congregation and wish the warmest, most joyous Thanksgiving to our beloved fellow congregants. May all the blessings of the holiday extend to you and your loved ones.

Best regards,  
Sara Ullman,  
Immediate Sisterhood Past President



# MEN'S CLUB



Shalom:

Men's Club thanks all the people who have worked hard to make our holiday season meaningful and successful: EBJC staff, service organizers and participants, MC and Sisterhood members and especially our EBJC membership. We now look forward to our exciting events for the remainder of the year.

MC also expresses our profound grief for the tragic attack that took place in Israel. These horrors are far worse than we could have imagined. EBJC and MC will continue to support Israel and its residents in every way we can.

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון  
ירושלים

Information on all Men's Club upcoming activities can be found at <https://ebjc.org/mens-club>. Please go there for current information about upcoming events. For information on our open board meetings, please go to the EBJC calendar; all interested are welcome.

MC has just paid for the installation of additional security cameras on the Ryders Lane side of our building. While we hope they are never needed, clearly today security is always top of mind for all of us, and MC is proud to assist in this effort.

Our Sukkah Hop was again a big success with over 40 people in attendance, including many families with children. The weather was perfect for our Hop. Thank you to the Brandspiegels, Salstons and Maureen Richardson for being gracious hosts to this event. Maybe next year you can be a host too!

Our Burgers and Brews in the Booth dinner was also a big success with over 50 in attendance. Again, the weather was perfect and all attendees had a great time. We want to thank the primary organizers, Steve Harkavy and Mark Foladare, for coordinating the event and everyone who attended our event.



The next MC hike will be held on November 5 at 2 pm in Frost Woods starting at Frost Elementary school. If you have never done this hike, you will be astonished by what you will see in the middle of East Brunswick. Please sign up for the hike at [ebjc.org/hike](https://ebjc.org/hike).



Topgolf is returning on Sunday, November 12 at 12:30 pm. You can find all the details at <https://www.ebjc.org/topgolf>. The cost is \$50 per person and includes a catered lunch and drinks.

MC jointly sponsors a regular weekly open pickleball session at 350 Dunham's Corner Rd., twice a week at 11 am on Tuesday and Thursday. EBJC will now host a weekly Shabbat morning pickleball session at 7:00 am in the EBJC gym prior to Shabbat

services. We are planning a pickleball tournament at the year end. Please look out for forthcoming tournament details if you are interested in pickleball or want to find out more.

Our regional NNJR MC group will again be coordinating a hockey trip to the NJ Devils at the Rock in Newark on December 17 at 7 pm when they play the Anaheim Ducks. It will be Jewish Heritage night with special Jewish themed activities. Please go to <https://ebjc.org/hockey> for additional information. Everyone who attended last year's game had a great time.

On January 7 we have our Man of the Year and Youth of the Year dinner at B'nai Tikvah in North Brunswick. We can't wait to see who will get these well-deserved honors this year. Soon we will distribute details about how to sign up for this event.

Our annual Blood Drive will be on Sunday, January 14 in conjunction with our Unsung Heroes event in the Kroll Ballroom. Please mark your calendar to participate in this life-saving mitzvah.

We are always interested in new and innovative ideas for activities for our membership. We are especially interested in sponsoring events of interest to members with children. Please let us know if you have any ideas for events such as wine or beer making, sporting events, bowling, movies, outings of all types, Jewish oriented activities and the like. We would very much like to hear your ideas and make them a reality.

Men's Club looks forward to seeing you at our upcoming activities. Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to get involved.

Marty Hoffman, Arthur Fliegelman, Howard Jacobs and Neil Kosher  
[mensclub@ebjc.org](mailto:mensclub@ebjc.org)

# KESHER AND YOUTH GROUPS



*Hello Keshet and Youth Families,*

*Wow! October has been flying by!! After some incredible Sukkot experiences, we were excited to transition into our full curriculum. Every day, we open school with some tefillah and discussion of the parashah. We not only learn the order of the service, but we discuss how these prayers and stories relate to our own lives in 21st-century NJ. In classes, teachers are following the prayer curriculum, studying Torah, teaching Hebrew reading skills, and looking into our past via history and Israel to better understand our present.*

*The Hebrew month Cheshvan, which comes after the first month of Tishrei, often goes by the bitter name "Marcheshvan" ("mar" is the root of "maror") because we are sad that we went from a month filled with holidays and celebration to one without any holidays at all. Fortunately, we may have birthdays and anniversaries in Cheshvan, so our focus as a people can be on making Cheshvan less "mar" through our personal celebrations, even when times are tough. Here in Keshet, we are doing just that by fulfilling learning and mitzvot goals during each class!*

*While we are keeping our brains and spirits active in school, please remember to keep practicing Hebrew and tefillah at home! On Sundays, our Madrichot and I are going to pull out students for extra Hebrew remediation and enrichment.*

*If you'd like your child to be on the list, please email [justinh@ebjc.org](mailto:justinh@ebjc.org).*

*Chodesh Tov!*

*Moreh Justin*

# CENTER FOR EARLY LEARNING



Behind the scenes of CEL...



The Tziporim class learned all about fire safety this month! They practiced their evacuation plans and who to call if they need help!



The Parparim class has been having a blast zooming around our newly renovated indoor gym.





# ADULT EDUCATION & ACTIVITIES

EBJC offers a full range of adult courses designed for all interests and at various days and times. If you want to learn something that is not currently offered, let us know!

## AVAILABLE CLASSES

### **PARSHAT HASHAVUAH CLASS (ZOOM)**

Fridays | 11 a.m. (on Summer hiatus)

Join us for this Friday morning class at 11 a.m. where we study the weekly parshah prior to Shabbat. Reflecting on the Chumash and ancient and modern commentaries, we discuss the roots of our ancient culture and the timeless values of the Jewish people.

### **GENESIS SCIENCE CLASS WITH DR. JUDAH LANDA**

Mondays | 8:30 p.m. via Zoom.

This class combines a rigorous textual analysis of the biblical verses with knowledge from external sources, including history, science, linguistics and archeology. We meet every Monday evening at 8:30 pm for about one hour (virtually on TEAMS these days, perhaps will go hybrid again). After more than 15 years of continuous study, having started at the beginning of the Book of Genesis and completed the entire Pentateuch, the Books of Joshua, Judges and I Samuel, we are currently (November 2022) making our way thru **II Samuel** (King David).

### **TALMUD CLASS WITH DR. JUDAH LANDA**

Wednesdays | 8:30 p.m. Via Zoom

This class brings to life the voices, discussions and debates of our sages as they formulated Jewish Law based on the traditions and foundational texts received from ancient times. We meet every Wednesday evening at 8:30 pm for about one hour (virtually on TEAMS these days, perhaps will go hybrid again). Currently we are studying tractate **Megillah** via the Artscroll English translation and commentary.

### **LUNCH AND LEARN (ZOOM)**

Wednesdays | 12 p.m.

Classes are temporarily on-hold.

### **MONROE LUNCH AND LEARN**

Thursdays | 12 p.m.

Once a month we meet with Rabbi Larry in the homes of various congregants. These sessions have been very interesting and well attended. Please call Howard Jacobs at 732-402-2273 for details on upcoming dates, to get on our Monroe mailing list, with questions and to reserve your spot.

### **ISRAELI DANCE**

Beginners:

Mondays | 7 p.m.

Intermediate/Advanced:

Mondays | 8 p.m.

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\$12.00 per session fee.

### **JAZZERCIZE**

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays | 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.

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\$160 for 10 classes

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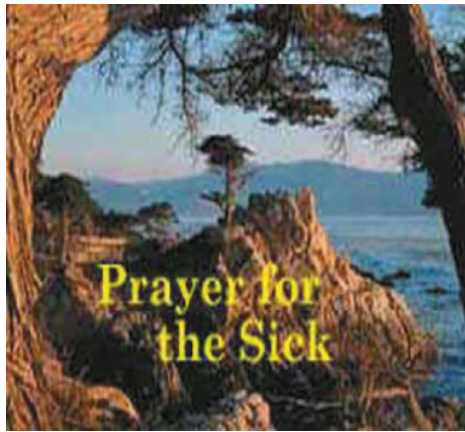
### **CHAIR YOGA**

Due to several conflicts, chair yoga registration will take place in December with starting days and times in January, February and March. The price will remain the same at \$45 for 8 sessions, with a minimum registration for each class. We will offer a morning class and an evening class.

### **HAZAK**

**November 16** - Luncheon - Music of David R. Guitarist/singer/violinist

**HEBREW READING CLASS AND MAH JONG  
ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**



**HevraTehillim - a "Psalm Fellowship"**

Join us for a healing prayer circle for EBJC members, as we recite from the Book of Psalms in English and Hebrew. We gather each week to chant psalms together to pray for the sick and ask for their healing. All are welcome to join the Zoom meeting on Tuesday evenings from 8:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please send in the name of the person you will be praying for to: [selectivemedia@comcast.net](mailto:selectivemedia@comcast.net), where a list will be kept.

Emails are sent out each Monday with the Zoom meeting information.

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Thursday, November 2 @8:30 PM - Dr. Yaniv Feller, University of Florida - "Philosophy and Leadership in Dark Times"

Thursday, December 14 @ 8:30 PM - Dr. Brian Gordon Hillman, Towson University - "The Beginnings of Kabbalah"

Thursday, January 4 @8:30 PM - Dr. Eitan Fishbane, Jewish Theological Seminary - "Ideas of God in Jewish Mysticism"

Thursday, February 8 @8:30 PM - Dr. Eugene Sheppard, Brandeis University - "Ideas of God in Jewish Mysticism"

Thursday, February 29 @8:30 PM - Rabbi Dr. Haim Rechnittzer, Hebrew Union College - "What is Judaism? – The Dispute between Martin Buber and Franz Rosenzweig"

Thursday, March 14 @8:30 PM - Dr. Michah Gottlieb, New York University - "A Rabbinic Debate about Slavery on the Eve of the Civil War"

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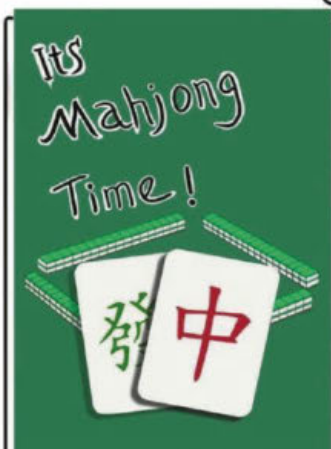
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**Sunday, December 17 @ 1:00 PM - "Jewish Greece" with Evan Kapros**

Greece is full of history, and this is reflected in the history of Greek Jewry, a unique combination of Sephardic, Ashkenazi, and Romaniote communities with roots in Spain, the Balkans, and going back all the way to the Roman Empire. We will discover this rich history, and will talk about the social perceptions prevalent in contemporary Greek society concerning Jewish identities. Finally, no good discussion about Greek Jewry can be conducted without talking about the language, food, and music of the community!

**Sunday, January 7 @ 1:00 PM - "Jewish Egypt" with Louise Arwas**

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**Sunday, January 28 @ 1:00 PM - "Stories from Curaçao's Jewish History" with Ron Gomes Casseres**

This presentation will include both historical and current stories about the Curaçao Jewish community and practices. Curaçao will also be introduced for those who may not be familiar with my home country. There will be several photographs to show aspects of Curaçao, the synagogue and Jewish heritage sites.

**Sunday, February 25 @ 1:00 PM - "Jewish Portugal" with Gloria Ribeiro**

The Jewish heritage of Lisbon started in Roman times (if not before). This visit will allow you to understand the living Jewish community in Lisbon and learn about their history, their traditions and their everyday life. We will see the Sharee Tikva synagogue and refer to the massacre of Passover of 1506, for which a memorial was built by Jews and Catholics to express the reconciliation between religions. We will also walk virtually through Lisbon's historic downtown, where two of the Jewish quarters used to be located. The Alfama, the oldest neighborhood in Lisbon, still preserves the 8<sup>th</sup> century layout, and here, Jews, Christians and Muslims used to live and work side by side. For centuries after the expulsion, many "conversos" kept practicing their faith in secrecy, and the most famous example are the Belmonte Jews, who until recently lived as an isolated community. We will also learn about the growing community of Porto, representing about 500 Jews from more than 30 countries.

**Sunday, March 10 @ 1:00 PM - "Jewish Iran" with Alan Niku**

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