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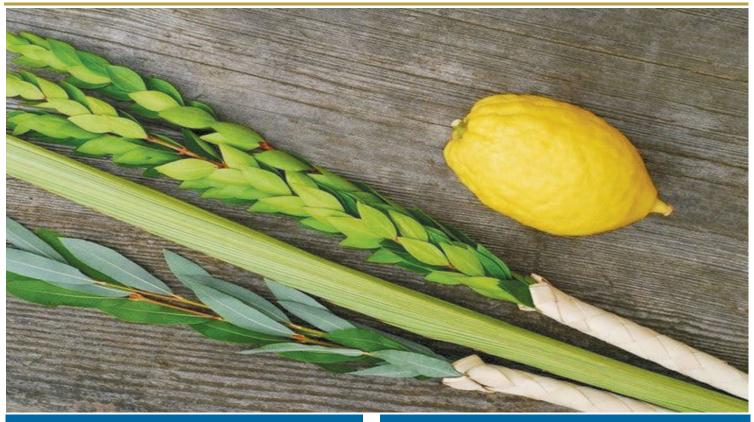
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SHABBAT SERVICES

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

6:00 p.m. 10/7 10/14 6:00 p.m. 10/21 5:50 p.m. 10/28 5:40 p.m.

Saturday Mornings 9:30 a.m.

OCTOBER 8 Ha'Azinu

OCTOBER 15 Sukkot

OCTOBER 22 Bereshit

OCTOBER 29 Noach

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FOR LINKS TO SERVICES, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS, PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBPAGE AT 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.

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 services are at 6:00 p.m. 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



OFFICE HOURS

The office is currently staffed Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and on Fridays from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.

ZOOM HELP

For those of you who are having difficulty using Zoom or the Zoom update, please let us know. We will be happy to give you a call and walk you through it. Just call: 732-257-7070 x1 and leave a message. Someone will get back to you.

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 <a href="mailto:mai

HAZAK

Thursday, October 20 12:00 p.m.

Luncheon & entertainment - While primarily dominated by men throughout history, American Jewish women became prominent comic performers in the immigrant generation when comedic talents like Sophie Tucker, Fanny Brice, and Molly Picon took to the stage. In every successive generation, Jewish women comedians helped shape the contours of American comedy. From Sophie Tucker to Amy Schumer and many in between, you will learn that the significance of American Jewish women in comedy cannot be overstated – but it certainly can be enjoyed. It's a fun filled trip that will keep you laughing.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

We are diligently working to continue engaging and entertaining our community! Ever on the search for interesting programming, please note the following events: On October 6 we have Part 2 of The series Jewish History from Biblical Times to the Present - "Women as Ritual Experts in Ancient Israel". On October 13, Men's Club is sponsoring "Burgers and Brews in the Booth", and on October 16, Kesher and Men's Club will again co-sponsor our annual Sukkah Hop starting at EBJC's Sukkah. Most of our 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:

Ronni & Alan Baron on the B'nai Mitzvah of their children, Ryan and Sydney Jeremy & Marna Erlich on the Bar Mtzvah of their daughter, Rachel Jamie & Jason Wasserman on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Isabella Janet & Arthur Fliegelman on the marriage of their daughter, Mindy Dr. Laura & Cantor Larry Brandspiegel on their 30th wedding anniversary Cindy & Rick Rollman on the birth of their granddaughter, Nora Jade Elaine & Gerald Silver on the engagement of their daughter, Alyssa Hayley & Alan Migdal on the engagement of their son, Scott Sara & Scott Alter on the birth of their grandson, Seraph Hillel Mindy & David Himelman on the birth of their grandson, Ethan Jesse Mond

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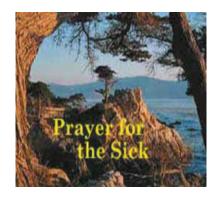
Beth Hoffman on the loss of her mother, Rita Aronowitz

The family and friends of Allen Bachenheimer

Maureen Richardson on the loss of her mother-in-law, Ruth Richardson







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, where a list will be kept.

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

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Traditional services will take place in the Main Sanctuary and Egalitarian services will be in the Teicher Gym/Chernow Activity Center

High Holiday Dates 2022/5783

Holiday Erev Sukkot I	<u>Date</u>	Service Time
Mincha/Ma'ariv	Sunday, October 9	6:00 pm
Sukkot I	Monday, October 10	9:30 am
Erev Sukkot II		
Mincha/Study session/Ma'ariv	Monday, October 10	6:00 pm
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	Tuesday, October 11	9:30 am
Mincha/Study session/Ma'ariv	Tuesday, October 11	6:00 pm
Havdalah	Tuesday, October 11	7:06 pm
Sukkot Shabbat Hol Hamoed		
Mincha/Ma'ariv	Friday, October 14	5:55 pm
Shabbat morning	Saturday, October 15	9:30 am
Megillat Kohelet (complete)	Saturday, October 15	after services
Mincha/S'udat Shlishit/Ma'ariv	Saturday, October 15	5:55 pm
Sukkot VII/Hoshanah Rabbah	Sunday, October 16	7:45 am
Erev Shemini Atzeret		
Mincha/Ma'ariv	Sunday, October 16	5:50 pm
Shemini Atzeret includes Yizkor	Monday, October 17	9:30 am
Erev Simchat Torah		
Mincha	Monday, October 17	5:50 pm
Quiz 'N' Candy	Monday, October 17	6:15 pm
Scrolla Rolla/Ma'ariv/Hakafot	Monday, October 17	7:00 pm
Simchat Torah	Tuesday, October 18	9:30 am
Mincha/Study Session/Ma'ariv	Tuesday, October 18	5:50 pm
Havdalah	Tuesday, October 18	6:55 pm
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Links and information on all programs can be found on the ebjc.org homepage

Thursday, October 6 @ 8:30 PM

Jewish History from Biblical Times to the Present - An Eight-Part Zoom Series

Part 2 - "Women as Ritual Experts in Ancient Israel"

October 13, @ **6:30 PM** - Men's Club is sponsoring "Burgers and Brews in the Booth". This will be a family-friendly meal in the Sukkah, with root beer for the kids and beer for the adults. For more information, see ebjc.org/brews-in-the-booth. To sign up, please email David Julis at doovey920@gmail.com.

Sunday, October 16, @ 10:00 AM- Kesher and Men's Club will again co-sponsor our annual Sukkah Hop starting at EBJC's Sukkah. All are welcome to attend for free. It will include a pizza lunch at its conclusion. For additional information and to sign up, please go to ebjc.org/sukkah-hop

Thursday, November 10 @ 8:30 PM

Jewish History from Biblical Times to the Present - An Eight-Part Zoom Series

Part 3- "Masada - Last Stronghold of the Jewish Resistance against Rome"

HAZAK DATES FOR THE YEAR

Programs will be announced

October 20, Thursday, Noon luncheon - Larry Wolfert - Jewish Women in Comedy (warning, it may be a bit naughty!).

November 17, Thursday, Noon Luncheon

December 15, Thursday, Noon Luncheon

January 12, Thursday, Noon Luncheon - Linda Kenyon returns as Eleanor Roosevelt!

February 12, Sunday, 10:00 Brunch - John Kenrick - Mel Brooks

March 16, Thursday, Noon Luncheon

April 20, Thursday - Noon Luncheon

May 18, Thursday - Noon Luncheon

June 15, Thursday, 6:00 PM Dinner

Hazak is sponsored by Jewish Family Services of Middlesex, and Federation in the Heart of New Jersey. Speakers and entertainment is provided at no charge by East Brunswick Jewish Center

Ch-Ch-Changes

It has been two and a half years since the onset of the pandemic and many of you have not been in the building to see all of the work we've been doing and how much we are improving our spiritual home. It is a very exciting time at EBJC and while we take the time and carefully select a new Rabbi to become a part of our family, we are leaving no stone unturned when it comes to improving our building, our programs, and our services. This article will provide you with accurate information as to what we are accomplishing and have accomplished.

- We replaced the unsightly and broken accordion wall with a new, catering quality movable wall with a pass-through door. The money came from our operating account and was not taken from any restricted account.
- We replaced the roof over the rug wing. It was in dire need of replacement. The constant repairs was just wasting money. The money for the roof came from the restricted account funds from the sale that are not subject to reimbursement.
- We poured a new cement walkway and fixed the entrance at the Ryders Lane side to the preschool wing, and we are adding a shared bathroom between two classrooms. This money is through a special grant provided through the State. If there is money remaining, we will make continued improvements to the preschool wing and playground.
- We replaced all of the windows in the preschool wing and the youth lounge. The money came from a Department of Homeland Security Grant.
- We will be adding a new state of the art Public Address system throughout the building for added communication and security. The money is coming from a Department of Homeland Security Grant.
- We have begun getting quotes to fix the Kroll Ballroom replace and paint the walls, replace the old sconces with newer more modern ones, replace the floor with either a new rug/dance floor or new flooring entirely, replace all of the ceiling tiles so that they match. The money for this is coming from dedicated donations, money in the restricted account that was dedicated to the ballroom, and operations. This project will hopefully be completed by late spring. We are at the mercy of contractors and supply chain issues.
- The addition of a new Audio Visual system in the sanctuary sponsored by Men's Club which has significantly improved the quality of remote participation in our services.
- The Lobby walls will be painted a bright new color.
- We will be replacing the antiquated boiler off the meat kitchen with a new, much more efficient one. This boiler heats the entire
 building (not the Netivot wing). 80% of the funding is coming from a PSE&G grant. The balance will be paid over 5 years with
 no interest.
- The Rabbi's house has been repaired. Steps and a cement walkway were made so that the Rabbi can walk to the Synagogue without stepping in mud. The back porch was repaired, water-proofed and stained. Window blinds were added to all of the windows for privacy. Bookcases on either side of the fireplace and a mantle have been installed. All of this will go a long way as we show prospective rabbinic candidates their new home. The money for this has come from donations and operations.
- In terms of financial responsibility, any monies donated to the restricted account or any designated accounts go into those
 accounts and are spent ONLY for the purpose for which it was intended. We have safeguards in place to make sure this
 happens.

We haven't even broached on the programs and events we have offered to keep our families involved and engaged. Over 100 programs via Zoom have been presented, 95% for which there was no charge. Through the generous donations of our families and the extended community, these programs have been self-sustaining and extremely popular. As long as there is interest, we will continue to offer them! Our Hazak program for seniors 55+ is extremely popular. We meet in person from September through June! We have the Rabbi's classes, Family Services, Judah's classes, active youth groups, a strong Kesher, and so much more!

Our Preschool has grown to 30 children! Whereas 5 years ago, we were close to closing this important EBJC footprint due to a lack of registration. In a vote of confidence, we gave it one more year and we grew from 8 students to 15 that first year and we are now at 30! Thank you, Lynda, for your dedication. The families love you!

We have Israeli dancing, Jazzercize, and Freedom Gate Church that rent our premises regularly. The gym is fully rented thanks to the efforts and dedication of Lloyd Shepetin.

Our Long Range Planning Committee is actively working to find ways to sustain our shul and ensure a future of many years to come.

We have an amazing staff of clergy, office workers and maintenance people who are very dedicated to EBJC and work very hard to provide the best service possible.

So there you have it. Now you know. Spread the word. We are here to stay. We are here to create a strong spiritual and social community and we want you to be a part of it.

RABBINIC REFLECTIONS



Return: it is the main theme of these Yamim Nora'im. We turn back to the year just past in order to improve the year just beginning. We remember in order to improve. In the midst of these High Holidays, we reflect on all that has occurred on the grand scale - the pandemic, the war in Ukraine - as well as on the personal level. Have our fears been justified? Has our reticence to see each other waned?

Over the summer I have noticed a trend: EBJC members who have not been in the building in two years have begun to return. They recognize that we are still under the COVID cloud; they are aware of the risks. But they have asked themselves the simple question: Is a life of isolation

worth it? They have recalibrated their risk assessment. Health should be a priority, certainly from a Jewish perspective. But if we have taken the proper precautions, we must now ask ourselves what kind of lives we want to live. For a number of our members, the cost of being alone has been too high, and they are now deciding that the cost - personal, social, religious - is too high.

The good news is that our caution has prevented EBJC from becoming a source of outbreaks, that we are now streaming religious services, which has been a great blessing to those who truly cannot come to the building, and that we have adapted to discussions, meetings and so forth online, even finding that some things work better that way. Now, we need to re-enter the experience of personal attendance. For those who are healthy enough, there is no substitute for being together in person. The joys of communal prayer, singing, and socializing are central to our

experience of Judaism. It defines us as Jews. Now is the time to return to EBJC, and to resume a life of doing. As we move through the holidays, and into the new year, let's recommit ourselves to the value of personal presence, of showing up, and not only for important holidays, but on a daily basis. Let's make this year one of active Jewish living, of being together whenever possible. We ask God for the strength and courage to return, so that we may return to God and to life.

Rabbi Jeff Pivo

CANTOR'S CORNER



With the High Holidays and Sukkot almost behind us, we can look towards the next holiday. I know what you may be thinking, "Hanukkah." However, that is not what I am thinking about. I am thinking about the holiday that occurs each week, Shabbat." Every week, we have the opportunity to celebrate this wonderful day. Shabbat is a day full of rest, music, prayer, food, and friendship.

When the Children of Israel received the first set of Ten Commandments, the 4th commandment began, "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy." So, why did Gd not use the same term in the second set, but instead used, "Observe the Sabbath day...".

There is a legend in the Talmud told by Rabbi Simeon ben Yohai that gives us one answer.

The first week of creation had come to an end. Gd had finished creating the heavens and the earth, animals and vegetables, fish and fowl, man and woman. Gd seemed happy, and Adam and Eve were also quite pleased. Plants that were supposed to grow, grew nicely, and the animals went merrily about their way. All the days of the week were happy, except for Shabbat.

"It's not fair", Shabbat complained, explaining her problem to Gd. "You created everything in pairs. Everyone has a partner except for me. You made each creature male and female, including man and woman. The heavens and the earth go together, and even the other days of creation have partners. I am the odd one left out - all alone." "It's true"

Shabbat that you don't have a partner", explained the Holy One Blessed Be Gd," but you are very special. I thought you would want to be unique." "I do like being different, especially since I am your favorite day. But sometimes it gets rather lonely."

Gd thought for a moment and said,
"Shabbat, you will not be alone. You will be
known as a bride and I will give you the
people Israel as your mate." And so, when it
came time for Gd to give the Jewish people
the Torah at Mount Sinai, Gd reminded Israel
of Gd's promise to the Sabbath, that the
people would be her partner, saying:
"Observe the Sabbath day..."

May all future Shabbatot be filled with joy, like a wedding day. May the Shabbat and the Jewish people come together each week to form a bond of true harmony, warmth, intimacy, and inspiration.

And while I am on the subject of Shabbat, in the How To Handbook for Jewish Living, there is a chapter about reciting the famous proverb, "A Woman of Valor".

Every Friday night, when we sit down at the dinner table, there are some very beautiful rituals; such as the lighting of the candles, the blessing of the children, the recitation of the Kiddush, and the blessing over bread. There is also a very special paragraph that is traditionally recited or chanted by a husband to his wife. It is called Eshet Hayyil, A Woman of Valor. It comes from the Book of Proverbs, chapter 31: 10-31. There are a number of melodies written, but a very traditional one used by many.

The passage of Eshet Hayyil describes the ideal wife. The following is a translation by Rabbi Susan Grossman:

A good wife, who can find her?
She is worth far more than rubies.
She brings good and not harm
all the days of her life.
She girds herself with strength
and find her trades profitable.

Wise counsel is on her tongue and her home never suffers for warmth.

She stretches her hands to the poor, reaches her arms to the needy.

All her friends praise her.

Her family blesses her.

She is known at the gates as she sits with the elders.

Dignity, honor are her garb.

She smiles at the future.

Some spouses choose to read a selection to honor their husbands. This translation takes the same text from Proverbs and modifies it for use by a woman for her husband. It is also by Rabbi Susan Grossman:

A good man, who can find him? He is worth far more than rubies.

All who trust in him never lack for gain.

He shares the household duties and sets a goodly example.

He seeks a satisfying job and braces his arms for work.

He opens his mouth with wisdom.

He speaks with love and kindness. His justice brings him praises.

He raises the poor, lowers the haughty.

Sometimes, their children are invited to add:

These two indeed do worthily.

True leaders in Zion.

Give them their due credit.

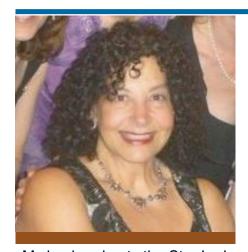
Let their works praise them at the gates.

Please enhance your Friday nights with these prayers. I know they will be appreciated by those for whom they are written.

On behalf of my wife, Laura, my children, and grandchild, I wish you and your family a wonderful month ahead.

~Cantor Larry I. Brandspiegel

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



My husband gets the Star Ledger delivered Thursday - Sunday. I'm guessing he did this because he got some really good deal. He always leaves certain sections for me to read and this morning, I opened up the section that proclaimed..."Pork is climate control friendly". Well, I had to read on. The article basically said that for all of us truly concerned about climate control, pork was the meat to eat instead of beef. Why? Because pigs have only one stomach and produce less methane gas. Pigs consume less feed to "fatten up" and pigs birth up to 20 piglets a year while a cow, for the most part, only one calf. OMG! Does that mean that Jews are responsible for climate change??? One more thing for the anti-Semites to blame us for? I'm not naïve. I know many Jews eat pork, but there is a decent amount of us that do not. I don't eat pork. I've never had bacon, a ham sandwich, pork chops, etc. I keep a kosher home. I've never had shellfish (I figure I don't need to introduce more foods into my life that I would potentially like and thus...eat more). Wait... am I causing climate change because I haven't had a ham sandwich???? Maybe I don't count because I really don't consume much beef

anyway. I'm more of a chicken/ fish kind of a girl. Oh my, oh my, what are we Jews to do??? I leave that up to you fine folks to ponder.

On a totally unrelated note, the past several days at EBJC have been a true wonder. We started with Hazak. On Thursday night 100 seniors (that's right folks, 100) came together for our opening Hazak dinner with vocals of Carla V. Carla has been our opening act for four years in a row. Her voice is wonderful and she gets us on the floor dancing! I will admit I am pretty much the first person on that dance floor, but within minutes I'm joined by 15-20 people! What fun and how wonderful it was that our building was filled again with food and song and people!

On Saturday, we had the appreciation Shabbat and over 100 people (that's right folks, 100) came to services and enjoyed a delicious Kiddush catered by Capri. We thanked the outgoing board and welcomed the incoming board. Bob Salston received a very special thank you for going the extra mile (or 12) and serving three years as co-president instead of the usual 2 (there is an option to serve a third year but very few people take it out of pure exhaustion). It was magnificent seeing so many people schmoozing and eating. Just like it was in 2019 BC (Before Covid).

On Sunday, we had our "Welcome New Members" brunch. It was two years in the making. The membership committee scheduled it twice and had to cancel it twice due to Covid. About 12 new members and their families (from July 2019 to September 2022)

were able to join in on the festivities. We had about 55 people there to schmooze, enjoy good food and learn about all that EBJC had to offer. The Rabbi spoke, the Cantor spoke, Men's Club and Sisterhood were represented as well as the Youth Commission. The warmth in the room and the feeling of family permeated throughout all three events. This is what a Shul is. This is what a Shul does and this is what we do...create community.

If you attended all or some of the events, I hope you felt as I felt. It was very special. If you could not attend, remember that we're here. We've opened up our doors. Look for information about our October 1st outdoor Havdalah, bonfire and movie night, a great family event! We're planning to have Dueling Piano's back in our building on December 9th... look for that information! We're raring to go and hope you are too.

I'm sort of hoping that we'll be like the "Field of Dreams"... If you have it, they will come. If you feed them, they will come. It's exciting times at EBJC. So much is happening. Come on in and see for yourself!

May you all be well,

Ellen

FROM OUR PRESIDENTS



Why was this past weekend dif-

This past Shabbat - September 10 was dubbed 'Appreciation Shabbat' recognizing all those on the Board of Directors and Executive Board from both the past year and the current members - with a well deserved recognition of Bob Salston. The service was, as always, well done. However, rather than the Rabbi's Sermon the three co-chairs spoke about volunteerism, how much even a little time has a positive impact on our shul and a tribute to Bob Salston. Services were followed by a super kiddish luncheon. We give thanks and appreciate Maury Wohl, Sharlene Harris and Carol Goldberg for putting this event together from coordinating, ordering yummy food and room decorations.

On Sunday we hosted a Welcome New Member Brunch. I was not sure what to expect.

Those members who organized the event as well as Steve and I were overwhelmed at the turnout of new members and the high level of interest in EBJC. A lovely us. In both events, those who brunch was served. Hollie Cerame welcomed everyone. Rabbi Pivo and Cantor Larry gave upbeat remarks. Steve and I kept it brief as well as other people joining in the remarks. I ferent than all other weekends..... want to recognize Hollie, Ken Gerson, Taryn Weber and Karen Rosen for making this happen as well a Arthur Fliegelman representing Men's Club and Carol Landa updating all of us on what is currently going on. 'A good time was had by all'

> What do these two events have in common? The attendance!

On Shabbat we had close to 100 members in the room. This represents the largest Shabbat turnout since Covid joined us. It showed all of us, that yes we want to come back and enjoy seeing each other, praying together and overall camaraderie that the EBJC family gives. At the New Member brunch we had close to 40 new members who joined us. NOW, what do these two events have in common??? No one wanted to go home....at both events members were involved in conversation, saving hello to friends who had not been

seen and general schmoozing. At the New Member, friendships were formed, questions were asked and suggestions made to organized were blown away at how much people wanted to hang out - and yes, hang out at EBJC. This left a visual message to those who organized. A need to belong and to socialize became apparent.

We all hope that Covid is on the way out and we can put our toes in the water and come back to EBJC. This past weekend events spoke volumes.

Jack Goldberg Co-President, EBJC

SISTERHOOD



This month we celebrate the agricultural festival of Sukkot, as well as our beloved Torah—the source of all Jewish wisdom.

"Empires came and went while we, the Jewish people, persecuted relentlessly, facing expulsions and pogroms and the Holocaust, survived. We survived thanks to the Torah and faith in the Lord."—Eli Yishai, Israeli politician

In the spirit of the holidays, we invite you to become a part of our Sisterhood family. If you have not done so already, now is the time to renew your membership for 2022-2023. Or, if you have not previously joined Sisterhood, let this be the year you become a member for the first time. We warmly welcome both old and new friends. Dues remain at \$36, a unique value for all that Sisterhood has to offer. Please send your checks, made out to EBJC Sisterhood, to the synagogue, attention Cindy Rabinowitz.

NEW DATE: Our annual Paid-Up Membership event is now scheduled for Thursday, November 3, after the fall holidays. Please mark it on your calendar. Stay tuned for more details about this festive evening, which will (hopefully) be our first in-person Paid-Up dinner since 2019.

Our Rabbinic Search Committee is off to a great start. It has scheduled a series of focus groups to elicit the opinions of our congregants as to which qualities they value most in a

rabbi. This is your opportunity to make offers the unique opportunity to your voice heard! Don't miss out on expressing your views. We encourage all our Sisterhood members to sign up so that the women of EBJC are well represented.

On the Horizon--

Thursday, November 17--Stay tuned for a fascinating look into World War II history when we learn about the Ritchie Boys, an elite group of Jewish intelligence operatives who used their native German language to infiltrate the Nazis.

Our next Book Club selection is a spiritual journey by renowned author Rabbi Naomi Levy—Einstein and the Rabbi/Searching for the Soul. This highly acclaimed poignant book challenges us to consider our place in the universe while exploring the story of a touching letter written by Albert Einstein. The next meeting date is Thursday, December 1.

Our Book Club is eager to include your selections. Don't forget to email Sara Ullman at sarajull366@gmail.com if you have future books in mind, or if you'd like to lead one of our sessions.

Rabbi Pivo's popular Winter Education Miniseries returns with a new theme-Women of the Megilot. Hear the intriguing stories of Esther, Ruth, and others, and learn their distinct legacies. Join us Thursdays January 19, February 9, and March 23 at 7 pm.

We proudly announce the launch of the 2022-2023 Torah Fund campaign—Chazak V'Ematz—Be Strong and Courageous. These were the instructions the Israelites and their new leader Joshua were given as they prepared to enter the Promised Land.

Torah Fund celebrates its triumphant 80th anniversary this year. Please support the education of our future Conservative Jewish leaders by donating generously. In recognition of its 80th anniversary, Torah Fund

upgrade your usual contribution with a "Plus \$80" option to mark this milestone and maximize the benefit of your donation.

Please contact Torah Fund Chair Anne Kroll at selectivemedia@comcast.net to make a Torah Fund pledge and demonstrate your support. Please see the new Torah Fund flyer in this issue.





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Wishing all the members of EBJC a joyous Sukkot and Simchat Torah, shared with the warmth of cherished family and friends. Proudly wear your Torah Fund pin!

Best regards,

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MEN'S CLUB

Shalom:

EBJC's Men Club continues looking forward to a busy 5783. We have started with Rosh Hashanah and are now rapidly coming into the remaining holiday season.



We want to thank everyone who supported our annual L'shana Tova greeting program, whether you supported it financially or delivered and assembled baskets. We again met our financial goal, which permits us to continue supporting important activities for the remainder of the year.

We had a successful book club meeting on Leon Uris's "Exodus." Please let us know if you have a suggestion for our next book.

On Sun., Oct. 16 at 10 am MC will be sponsoring a family Sukkah Hop jointly with Kesher. All are welcome to attend. We will begin and end at EBJC with a pizza lunch. Our hosts enjoy sharing their sukkah with our young visitors. Please sign up in advance at ebjc.org/sukkah-hop. There is no charge to participate.

MC is planning a family friendly Sukkah dinner on Thursday, October 13 at 6:30 pm. Please check our website at ebjc.org/ brews-in-the-booth for all the details. This will be a family oriented event with children most welcome to attend.



MC jointly sponsors a regular weekly open pickleball session at 350 Dunham's Corner Road Tuesdays at 11 am. It has been so successful that we may soon do it twice a week, again on Thursdays at 11 am. There are also several other Common Interest Activities (C.I.A.) cosponsored by Men's Club: hiking, cooking, gardening and biking. Please contact Ken Gerson (kgerson7@gmail.com) for information on any of these CIA programs.



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On Sun., November 6 we are having a Top Golf outing and soon another hike. Please look for additional information as we get closer to these dates.

On Sun., December 11 we will host our Man of the Year and Youth of the Year dinner at B'nai Tikvah. We can't wait to see who will get these well-deserved honors this year. Details will be available in coming weeks.

We are always interested in new 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.

CENTER FOR EARLY LEARNING







Our friends in Morah Stefani's class have been busy bees, making cards and place mats in preparation for their Rosh Hashanah festivities!





Morah Lynda's class mailed out their Rosh Hashanah cards to their families! They brought them to the mailbox themselves. They also made their very own Shofars.



Morah Jodi's class made beautiful trivets!



The Center for Early Learning wishes you a happy, healthy, and sweet new year!

KESHER AND YOUTH GROUPS







Dear Kesher and Youth Families,

We are off to a wonderful start of the school year. Our youth events have also been successful and fun.

This month, we will have a family service (3rd grade and up) and a young children's program (2nd grade and below) on Yom Kippur at 9:30am. Our students will have the opportunity to celebrate in the Sukkah on Wednesday, October 12th. That evening is also a Youth Night for our Chaverim, Kadima, and USY groups after Kesher. On Sunday, October 16th, Kesher will begin at 9am. From 10am - 12pm we will have a family Sukkah hop for our students and families together. There are a number of families in our community who will open their Sukkot for guests to enjoy a snack and more. I look forward to seeing all of our students, parents, and others walking to each of these Sukkot and celebrating this fun holiday. And speaking of fun, the next evening on Monday, October 17th, we will celebrate Simhat Torah beginning with Quiz 'N' Candy for the kids followed by services, which will include, dancing and Scrolla Rolla. Scrolla Rolla is a cool way to see the Torah up close as we unroll almost the entire Torah on long tables to explore what is inside. There will be flags, apples and more.

Just when you think the fun will end, there is even more. On Sunday, October 23rd, we will have Pet Mitzvah towards the end of the Kesher day. Families are invited to bring their pets for a special blessing, and give our students the opportunity to meet our special companions and friends.

There is more to come. Keep looking for emails and information.

If you have any questions or to discuss any issues, please contact me via email, cantorlarry@ebjc.org.

May you all be inscribed in the Book of Life for a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year, as well as the beauty of celebrating Sukkot with lots of joy.

~Cantor Larry

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AVAILABLE CLASSES

PARSHAT HASHAVUAH CLASS (ZOOM)

Fridays | 11 a.m.

Join us for Rabbi Pivo's 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

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. After more than 12 years, having started from the beginning of Genesis, we are currently in the middle of Deuteronomy. The plan is to proceed in order through the other books of the Hebrew Bible.

TALMUD CLASS

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. Currently we are studying tractate Kiddushin which concerns the laws of marriage.

COFFEE WITH RABBI PIVO (ZOOM)

Mondays | 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Join Rabbi for a freewheeling discussion of whatever is on your mind. What's doing with you, how are you holding up, etc. plus any Jewish questions that might come up

LUNCH AND LEARN (ZOOM)

Wednesdays | 12 p.m.

Join Rabbi Pivo weekly for these sessions that are always engaging and well attended.

MONROE LUNCH AND LEARN

Thursdays | 12 p.m.

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

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Thursday, October 6 @ 8:30 PM
Carol Meyers, Mary Grace Wilson Professor Emerita of Religious Studies,
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"Women as Ritual Experts in Ancient Israel"

Thursday, November 10 @ 8:30 PM
Jodi Magness, Kenan Distinguished Professor for Teaching Excellence in
Early Judaism, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
"Masada: Last Stronghold of the Jewish Resistance against Rome"

Thursday, December 15 @ 8:30 PM
Steven Fraade, Director of Graduate Studies, Mark Taper Professor of the History of Judaism, Yale University
"An Introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls"

Thursday, January 26 @ 8:30 PM
Nina Caputo, Associate Professor and Associate Chair,
Department of History, University of Florida
"The Barcelona Disputation of 1263"

Thursday, February 16 @ 8:30 PM

Magda Teter, Professor of Jewish History and the Shvidler Chair of
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Thursday, March 16 @ 8:30 PM

Sarah Abrevaya Stein, Professor of History, Viterbi Family Chair in

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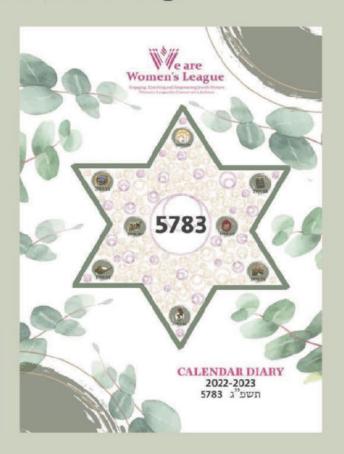
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