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Friday Evenings

8/5 6:00 p.m.
8/12 6:00 p.m.
8/19 6:00 p.m.
8/26 6:00 p.m.

Saturday Mornings 9:30 a.m.

AUGUST 6
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AUGUST 13
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UPCOMING DATES

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 madelinef18@gmail.com

HAZAK

Thursday, September 8, 6:00 p.m.

Dinner & entertainment - Carla Virola - Music and dancing! Carla has been our "opening" act for three years running. We love her music, her energy, her voice and her talent! Join us for dinner and fun!

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: Thursday, September 8 we have the first Hazak program of the year. On Saturday, September 10 we will have Appreciation Shabbat and on Thursday, September 15 we will have Part 1 of an 8-part Zoom Series - *Jewish History from Biblical Times to the Present* - "In Search of Ancient Israel: Historical Roots of the Biblical Narrative".

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:

Ira & Karen Rosen on the Aufruf of their son, Brian

Anne Kroll on being named Volunteer of the Year at Golda Och Academy

Alan and Hayley Migdal on the birth of their grandson

Rabbi Rachel Salston on her installation as the Rabbi of Fairlawn Jewish Center

William Eckstein and Toby Lubin on the birth of their grandson, Zev Michael

Eve Perlman, Sisterhood's honoree at this year's Torah Fund Brunch

Asher Yama & Yvette Schluskel on the marriage of their daughter, Naomi

Theresa Seidler & Joe Rutch on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Amanda Rose

Phil & Marsha Schiffman on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Ira

Bernard & Sheila Solomon on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Teddy

Dori Saypol on being selected as part of a team of international balloon artists to create a balloon wonderland at the Give Kids the World Village in Orlando

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO:

Seth Webber on the loss of his mother, Eleanor Webber

Leslie Listwa on the loss of his father, Siegmund Listwa

Inge Gross on the loss of her daughter, Sue Freeman

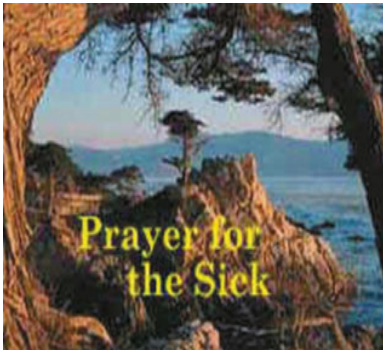
Alan Ferrer on the loss of his mother, Helen Greenbaum

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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WITH Gratitude

Thank you to our EBJC community for supporting and caring for us through this past week after our loss of Seth's Mom! We are eternally grateful!

~The Webber Family

To my EBJC Family:

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for all your tributes, phone calls, expressions of sympathy and consolation, your warmth and caring for the loss of my beloved daughter Sue. I truly feel that I have this wonderful family and appreciate your embrace.

Most sincerely,
Inge Gross

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Links and information on all programs can be found on the ebjc.org homepage

Saturday, September 10 @ 9:30 AM

Appreciation Shabbat. More details to follow.

Sunday, September 11 @ 8:30 AM

USY Car Wash

Come and have your car washed by our USY'ers! Save some money while you support our kids!

Sunday, September 11 @ 11:30 AM -

Welcome New Member Brunch -

It's been almost 3 years but we're finally going to "officially" welcome our newest members!

Thursday, September 15 @ 8:30 PM

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

Part 1 - "In Search of Ancient Israel: Historical Roots of the Biblical Narrative"

For more information and to register visit ebjc.org.

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"

HAZAK DATES FOR THE YEAR

Programs will be announced:

September 8, Thursday, 6:00 PM Dinner - Carla Virola - Music and dancing!

October 20, Thursday, Noon luncheon - Linda Kenyon returns as Eleanor Roosevelt!

November 17, Thursday, Noon Luncheon

December 15, Thursday, Noon Luncheon

January 12, Thursday, Noon Luncheon

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

RABBINIC REFLECTIONS



In this third summer of pandemic, with heat waves providing yet another reason to isolate ourselves, we would do well to reconsider our options. It is not good for us to be alone, to be inside, all the time. While taking proper precautions against infection is important, I am now also hearing a new take on living this era. It goes something like: "I understand the risks, and I am fully vaccinated, but at the age of (60, 70, 80...) I have a limited number of years left to be with family and friends. I am now willing to take some low-level risks in order to enjoy my life." This kind of cost/benefit analysis is exactly what we should all be doing for ourselves, our elderly relatives, and our children. Conditions vary from place to place and season to season, but the costs of shutting ourselves away are beginning to show, and it's not a happy story.

The most important Jewish holiday of the summer season is Tisha b'Av, the 9th day of the month of Av, whose services commemorate the destruction of both the first and second Temples in Jerusalem, as well as other times of Jewish suffering. Our services at EBJC will take place on the evening of August

6th and the morning of August 7th. Tisha b'Av is a sad occasion; it is a full fast day like Yom Kippur, we sit on low stools or the floor, sing dirges recalling the loss of the past, and chant the megillah of Eikha/ Lamentations in its own sad, lilting trop.

One of the themes of Tisha b'Av is of Jewish responsibility for the terrible things that have befallen us. This is not an act of self-hatred or victim-blaming, but rather a kind of soul searching, similar to that of the fall holidays, that forces us to seek understanding for suffering. For instance, the early sages claimed that the reason God allowed Rome to destroy Jerusalem in the first century C.E. was that Jews themselves had begun to engage in hateful behavior toward one another, with religious schisms and claims of heresy flying in every direction. We didn't literally destroy the Temple ourselves, the rabbis say, but we contributed to an atmosphere of distrust within the community which invited intervention and, ultimately destruction.

We are living in a parallel time of religious fracture and social upheaval. The questions we must confront this Tisha b'Av are: "How should I respond to an ever more divided, violent, and angry world? When gun violence kills so many each year, when violent mobs threaten the seat of government in Washington, when we are afraid to walk out our own front doors or attend any public function, how should we live?"

The answer is to return to first principles. Judaism emphasizes community, not independence, kindness, not accusation, and responsibility, not rights. What will

we do this year to return to lives of joy, righteousness, and kindness? Will we take the proper health precautions, and then attend the synagogue services, programs, and classes that uplift us and deepen our connections with God and one another? Will we improve our online connections with those unwilling or unable to join in person? Will we ask questions that earnestly seek answers, rather than accusations followed by a question mark?

We must find a way back to each other's presence in order to be in the presence of God. And we each must find ways to fight against violence, incivility, and extremism in all its forms. These are the moral bequests of our ancestors and of our tradition, and we must take them up with enthusiasm and joy, even in the face of danger. It is time to come out of our shells, and to recognize our responsibility to build a better future. Our three-thousand-year-old culture has much to offer us and the next generation of Jews to whom we will bequeath it. Let us take up its challenges by recognizing our own role in improving this world. It is time to come back

Rabbi Jeff Pivo



It is always nice to have some down time during the summer months. A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to take a vacation on an Alaskan cruise. My wife and I enjoyed the trip. We were able to see humpback whales, take a helicopter ride and walk on a glacier, hike through a rainforest, and see some beautiful waterfalls coming down the mountains covered in snow.

There were a few moments where I stepped back, said a prayer, and appreciated the magnificence of the nature that I was viewing. At one point I turned to someone standing next to me as I admired some scenery, and I said, "If only the world could stop and appreciate all the beauty it has to offer, then maybe we can have peace."

We have entered the special three weeks of mourning, including the 9th day of Av; a time when we are supposed to remember and commemorate the tragedies that the Jewish people have faced throughout the ages. At the conclusion of these weeks, we begin a seven-week period that leads us

into the High Holy Days. During these seven weeks, we reflect on the past year as we approach the new year. We prepare ourselves and find ways of doing better while trying to help the world find its way to do better.

Like the beautiful mountains, water ways, wildlife, and more that I experienced and watched in wonder, we must step back and see our lives as having the same beauty and wonder, and find ways to preserve and expand that inspiration as we move forward.

What have you seen this summer? What do you hope to see in the weeks, months, and year ahead? Let us find ways to appreciate what is right in front of us, right next to us, and right inside of us and make others see the loveliness that we can share together.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. Along with my family, I hope to see you soon and celebrate a new year with joy, health, and splendor.

Larry I. Brandspiegel

Cantor/Director of Education

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



In a few short weeks, I will have been in my “new” home for one year! I have no idea how that happened! When I look back and realize all of the work that went into the move, I am stunned at how I survived! Rob, having had open heart surgery was in no condition to really help me and the process of moving (even before we purchased a home) started a year before the actual move. Cleaning out the basement was the most logical place to start. My husband had been hoarding all things electrical for 27 years. Our basement was filled with Epson and Atari computers and peripherals. In addition, all of our friends who wanted to “get rid” of their big tower computers, gave them to Rob for “parts”. They remained in our basement... all 19 of them (not even joking). I lugged them all upstairs, put them in my van and brought them to the community recycle area. Didn’t even make a dent. Then I sold almost all of the Atari computers, peripherals, games, joysticks we had. That more than paid for our move! I went through everything and bagged up the true junk (I do have some family members to thank because I couldn’t lug those big black garbage bags up the basement steps). When everything was categorized and

organized, I had Hollie’s son Andrew, come in with his truck and get rid of most of it. I kept more than I wanted because my husband was going to have a stroke with what I was doing, but we couldn’t take it with us and he wouldn’t address it for years and years. To this day, if he can’t find something he thinks he needs or wants, he says I “threw it away”. I just smile and walk away.

I sold furniture, I sold knick-knacks, I sold kitchen items...you name it, if I didn’t need or want it, I sold it (or gave it away). You’d be amazed at what people buy or want. I took my dining room set table, but not the chairs and I took the breakfront, but not the top of it. I had this genius idea to put a granite top on the bottom of the breakfront and turn it into a “buffet server”. When we moved, this was one of the first things I did and I must say...I LOVE IT. I’m patting myself on the back as I write this.

There are still a few things I want to do... nothing major because the house was pretty much “move in condition”, but we always want to make it our own. I can wait. But when it comes to doing things around EBJC...well, some things just can’t wait. We have an aging building that needs to be rejuvenated! A new fresh coat of paint won’t do the trick.

So I find myself sprucing up my two homes...The one that I live in and the one that I work in...both I care deeply about. If you’ve been in the building and in the ballroom or sanctuary, you will notice our new moveable wall. It is a sight to behold! Replacing the broken accordion door with a beautiful “catering hall” quality wall made a huge difference. I am very proud of

that accomplishment. It took 6 months from start (getting bids) to finish (the actual installation).

What are we doing now? Here are some items that are being addressed that through various grants will cost EBJC nothing:

- We will be receiving a new boiler for the building. Our current boiler is 32 years old... 12 years past life expectancy. We are very lucky that through PSE&G Direct Install and a government efficiency grant, we will be receiving a new boiler, a much more efficient model for only 20 cents on the dollar! Payable over 5 years on our PSE&G bill with no interest.
- Through another grant, we will be adding a shared bathroom between two classrooms for our preschoolers in the “lost” wing (we really need to rename that wing). The grant will more than cover this cost and any monies remaining will be used for further improvements.
- We poured a cement walkway for the preschool located at the rear drop off. The path was a muddy mess and now it’s beautifully cemented (this came from that grant as well).
- Through a National Security Grant, we are replacing all of the windows in the preschool wing and youth lounge. We are hoping the windows come in before school begins.
- Through the same Grant, we will be taking bids for a P.A. system throughout the building which will enable communication from all wings of the building,

including a speaker system that will go to all of the rooms/wings in case of emergency.

However, there are some items that are not covered by grants that absolutely need to be addressed:

- In order to create a revenue stream, the walls in the ballroom need to be fixed. To this point, the heating elements need to be removed (we no longer use them), the walls need to have new 1/4" sheetrock placed over them (cheaper than repairing those walls) and then painted, electrical outlets need to be added and/or moved and the sconces need to be replaced. We are currently taking bids. This is just the second step in bringing our ballroom up to a "catering" level. The next part to be addressed will be the floor.
- Our air conditioners in the Kroll Ballroom and Sanctuary are not

running efficiently. We need to have them repaired or replaced.

- The roof over the ballroom and sanctuary is old and needs to be replaced.
- The playground needs to be brought up to date. We need new playground equipment for our children. We hope that there will be money left over from the grant we received, but playground equipment is expensive. Perhaps when the building is sold, Netivot will share in this expense.

The above is just the short list. For those of you that complain that dues are too high, please remember that the total dues received cover only two-thirds of our expenses (possibly less). The true cost of sustaining EBJC would be approximately \$4,000 per member, no matter the category! The rest is made up through your generous donations and unfortunately, there have been years where the donations did not

cover our expenses. This is an issue many synagogues face and why they are merging.

Well, this is one of the longest articles I've ever written, but I wanted to give you a picture of what's going on in the building. I wish you all a happy summer and here's to hoping that come September, we see you all in the building again!

May you be well,

Ellen

FROM OUR PRESIDENTS



Hello! My name is Steve Wohl, and I am the new Co-President of the East Brunswick Jewish Center. Maury and I have been members here for the past 35 years, and I am looking forward to working with Co-President Jack Goldberg and the EBJC Board to make our synagogue better and more responsive to our diverse membership.

Like many of you, I look forward to the summer and have made some vacation plans. However, this does not mean that EBJC goes on vacation. Our daily minyans and Shabbat services continue throughout the summer. We hope you will join us when you can. You might even help us to make a minyan during the week. Hopefully, we are also getting closer to the end of this pandemic and will be able to resume more face-to-face activities in our building.

Jack and I are continuing to work through the summer in order to make progress on three important items, the sale of our school wing to Netivot, bringing in a part-time assistant to help Rabbi Pivo during the upcoming year, and setting up the

Rabbinical Search Committee to find our next spiritual leader. We don't have specifics yet (as of 7/10/22), but we are confident that we will be updating the congregation on these items in the very near future.

If anyone has questions or concerns about anything related to the synagogue, please feel free to contact me via email at Weaverwohl@AOL.com or Jack Goldberg at jgoldberg1948@gmail.com.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and safe summer, and I look forward to seeing you at EBJC in the near future.

STEVE WOHL

Co-President, EBJC

SISTERHOOD



Hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer, using their “lazy days” to reserve extra time for family and friends.

Sisterhood is in the midst of a transition. We are evolving from a centralized leadership model to a more fluid structure where Sisterhood members have greater ownership over the projects, programs, and events they oversee. But our commitment and dedication to Sisterhood’s mission remains steadfast.

You can reaffirm your own commitment to Sisterhood by renewing your membership for 2022-2023. Dues remain at \$36, and what a value it is to be a part of this caring organization. Please send your checks, made out to EBJC Sisterhood, to the synagogue, attention Cindy Rabinowitz.

We are delighted to welcome new Sisterhood Board members: Gwen Botwinick as the Board of Education Liaison, and Leslie Foladare/Carol Landa as IT Administrators. Plus Sisterhood Religious VP Gloria Jaslow has graciously agreed to help Membership VP Cindy Rabinowitz with retention. So...if you forget to renew your Sisterhood Membership, expect a call from Gloria!

Our utmost gratitude goes to Rabbi Pivo, who has been such a loyal friend to Sisterhood, extending his knowledge, superior teaching skills, and spiritual guidance to us individually and as a group. We are proud to announce Carol Landa as Sisterhood’s representative to the new Rabbi Search Committee. Carol is interested in the viewpoints of all our Sisterhood members, so please share your thoughts as to what qualities you value in a spiritual leader--carolslanda@comcast.net.

This Past Month—

We ended the 2021-2022 fiscal year with a spectacular Torah Fund Champagne Brunch on Sunday, June 12. The event was both festive and deeply meaningful, as we paid tribute to beloved long-time Sisterhood Board member EVE PERLMAN as our annual Eshet Chayil/ Woman of Valor. Eve has been Sisterhood Recording Secretary since 2016 and is also our Sunshine Coordinator, and she is very deserving of this honor.

Eve’s son, Matthew spoke lovingly of his mother’s devotion to EBJC, as Eve and husband, Mark, have been congregants for 37 years. And Margot Julis revealed that her friendship with Eve goes back to their days together as young mothers in Queens.

We were totally WOWED by the extraordinary talent of Cantor Mira Davis, a Jewish Theological Seminary graduate who is currently serving as Cantorial Fellow at Park Avenue Synagogue in NYC. Besides sharing the story of her journey at JTS, Mira sang two numbers that brought tears to virtually everyone in attendance—Avinu Malkeinu and Over the Rainbow (in English and Hebrew). Mira’s heart-warming presence was such an asset to our program; we cannot thank Mira enough!

Our Torah Fund campaign was a resounding success this year. We are delighted to announce that we exceeded our goal by more than \$800, contributing a total of close to \$5,000 to this worthy cause. Torah Fund safeguards the future of Conservative Judaism by supporting the education of both the clergy and lay leaders of our community.

We are so grateful to our exceptional Torah Fund Chair, Anne Kroll, who spun her usual magic to create a stellar event. Thank you Anne! And we are so proud that you were honored for your volunteer service at Golda Och Academy. We can’t wait to see what you accomplish next year!

On the Horizon--

Our next book discussion on August 11 will feature a novel by popular author Naomi Reagan: An Unorthodox Match.

Modern California girl Lola abandons her hipster lifestyle to join the Hasidim of Boro Park, Brooklyn. Her presence has profound effects on the family of newly-widowed Jacob and his children. 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.

SAVE THE DATE—our annual Paid-Up Membership event is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, after the fall holidays. We look forward to reacquainting with all our members at this festive event.

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

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

“We started using Scrip for Lox Stock and Deli not that long ago. I don’t know what took us so long to get on board; we were spending the money there anyway, so it was no big deal. The plus is that we are doing our share to help support Sisterhood and the synagogue.” - Madeline Frances

BRAND-NEW WOMEN’S LEAGUE CALENDAR DIARIES FOR 2022-2023 ARE NOW AVAILABLE! Call Cheryl Decker in the EBJC office to pick up your copy and one for a friend—a great value at \$12 each.

On behalf of Sisterhood, wishing all a safe and fun-filled remainder of summer

Warm regards,

Sara Ullman

Immediate Past Sisterhood Co-President

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2022- 2023

RE*TURN TO SISTERHOOD



**A STRONG SYNAGOGUE DEPENDS ON A STRONG SISTERHOOD
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*Community Outreach Opportunities

*Fundraising

*Personal Development Opportunities

*Membership in Women's League

**Our Membership Drive for 2022-2023 is underway.
Dues did not go up! It's just \$36 to join!**

Need more info?

Contact Cindy Rabinowitz, VP of Membership.

Cindy.Rabinowitz@comcast.net or 908-307-5768

**Please make your \$36.00 check payable to EBJC Sisterhood
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MEN'S CLUB

Shalom:

EBJC's Men Club is looking forward to an active 5783 as we start our new year with erev Rosh Hashanah occurring September 25.

First, we would like to introduce our new Club Presidium: Arthur Fliegelman, Marty Hoffman, Howard Jacobs and Neil Kosher. Each of us will take a rotating three-month stint as acting President. In addition, we have a long list of other active Club volunteers who will assist us in our many activities. However, we always welcome new members and your ideas, so please let us know if you would like to get more information or get involved.

During the holiday season there is a long list of Men's Club activities including helping Sisterhood polish the Torah silver adornments and ushering at services. Please help support our activities any way you can during this period.

One of the most important activities is our annual L'Shana Tova basket program. The program will operate this year as it has in the past. Please look out for emails and a mailing on how to participate, or go to <https://www.ebjc.org/lshanatova> if you want to get an early start. Please contact Howard Jacobs with any questions. Your support for this program is much appreciated and is vitally important.

Men's Club plans a Sukkah dinner on Thursday, October 13 and a family Sukkah Hop on Sunday, October 16. All are welcome to

attend, EBJC members or not, to both events. You will hear more about them in coming weeks.

Other activities included a successful hike in Rutgers Gardens, led by David Libowsky.

We now have a regular weekly open pickleball session at 350 Dunham's Corner Rd. on Tuesdays from 11 am to 1 pm. All skill levels are invited. There are also several other Common Interest Activities (C.I.A.) co-sponsored by Men's Club and Membership: hiking, cooking, gardening and biking. Please contact Ken Gerson (kgerson7@gmail.com) for information on any of these CIA programs.

We have restarted a book club with Leon Uris' "*Exodus*". You can register for the discussion on Sept. 7 at <https://www.ebjc.org/MCBookGroup1>

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

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Mazel Tov to the Class of 2021-22
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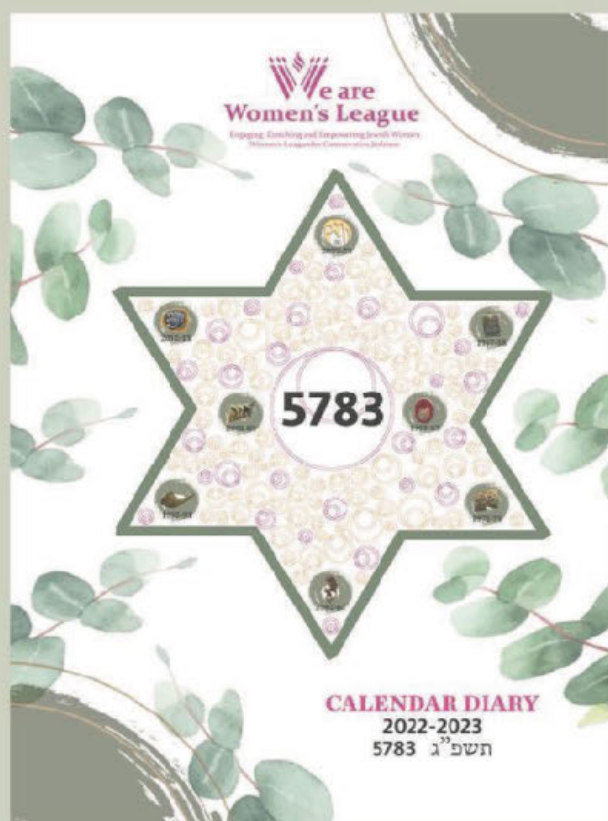
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Dear Keshet and Youth Families,

We will soon begin a new school year. The official calendar will be sent out via email very soon. Please note that our first day of Keshet classes for all of our students will be on Sunday, September 11th at 9am.

A link will also be sent out, if not already sent, for registering your child(ren) for classes and our youth groups. Please remember that you need to register each of your children separately. Please take your time through all of the questions, so that we have accurate information.

I also look forward to having you join us for family services on the High Holidays. Please look for information about those services and programs. I have also set up the schedule for Shabbat Family (Shabbat B'yachad) services for the entire year. We will have a service once a month, either on a Friday night or a Shabbat morning. It is important that you and your family attend these services, as it will help in becoming familiar, not only with the layout of the synagogue, but also in helping to learn the service, the Hebrew and the melodies, particularly for an upcoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

I look forward to receiving any questions or to discuss any issues. Please contact me via email, cantorlarry@ebjc.org.

Please enjoy the rest of the summer.

~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 (STREAMING)

Mondays | 8:30 p.m. in the library 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 in the library at EBJC. 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 (STREAMING)

Wednesdays | 8:30 p.m. in the library

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 in the EBJC library. 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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"In Search of Ancient Israel: Historical Roots of the Biblical Narrative"



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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
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"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
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"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
Jewish Studies, Fordham University
"Blood Libel: On the Trail of an Anti-Semitic Myth"



Thursday, March 16 @ 8:30 PM

Sarah Abrevaya Stein, Professor of History, Viterbi Family Chair in
Mediterranean Jewish Studies, Sady and Ludwig Kahn Director,
Alan D. Leve Center for Jewish Studies, UCLA
"Sephardic Experiences of the Holocaust"



Thursday, April 27 @ 8:30 PM

Avinoam Patt, Doris and Simon Konover Chair of Judaic Studies and Director of the
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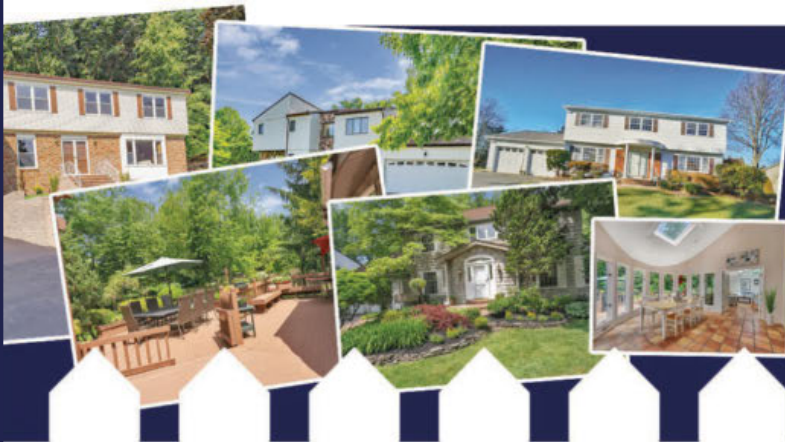
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