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**Sunday, March 8, 2020**

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Ellen Botwin, Executive Director 732-257-7070

## SHABBAT SERVICES

### Tetzaveh

March 6 | 5:35 pm  
March 7 | 9:30 am &  
5:35 pm  
Alex Berger Bar  
Mitzvah

### Ki Tisa

March 13 | 6:00 pm  
March 14 | 9:30 am  
& 6:45 pm

### Hachodesh

March 20 | 6:00 pm  
March 21 | 9:30 am  
& 6:50 pm

### Vayikra

March 27 | 6:00 pm  
March 28 | 9:30 am  
& 7:00 pm  
Sam Schmeidler Bar  
Mitzvah

### Tsav

April 3 | 6:00 pm  
April 4 | 9:30 am &  
7:05 pm

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MARCH 28

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MARCH 29

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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 Montvale. Sisterhood, Men's Club, Mitzvah Corps, all discretionary funds, 613 event, Pavilion donations all go to 511 Ryders Lane.

## FOR THE UPCOMING MONTH:

### TROUBLE PAYING DUES

If you are having trouble paying dues, please reach out to Marilyn Friedes at [marilynfriedes@mac.com](mailto:marilynfriedes@mac.com). We are committed to helping our families remain a part of the EBJC community when the need arises.

### IT'S FLU AND COLD SEASON!

In an effort to keep our community healthy, we are discouraging hand shaking during the "spread the germs" season. This is not to be taken as an insult or to discourage members from greeting each other. (A fist bump works.) Hand sanitizer will be placed on the credenza right before entering the Sanctuary.

### PURIM BAKSET AUCTION

Did you receive gifts for the holidays that are lovely but you have no use for and would prefer not to "regift"? How about donating your new, unused item to EBJC for our Purim Basket Auction? Do you have a closet full of clothing and items with the tags still on them that you'll never use or wear? How about donating them to EBJC for our Purim Basket Auction? All new and unused items would be greatly appreciated! Simply drop them off in the office, and we'll do the rest! If you need some clarification, feel free to call Ellen Botwin at 732-257-7070 x5.



## MARCH 2020

**Board of Directors** 3/16

**Congregational Meeting** 3/23

**Executive Board** 3/2

**Genesis Science** 3/2, 16, 23, 30

**Hands on Judaism** 3/3, 10, 17, 24

**Hebrew Class** 3/5, 12, 19, 26

**Israeli Dance** 3/2, 16, 23, 30

**Lunch and Learn** 2/5, 12, 19, 26

**Mah Jongg** 3/2, 16, 23, 30

**Talmud Class** 3/4, 11, 18, 25

**Youth Commission** 3/18

## THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS

### CONDOLENCES TO:

Ronald Levenberg on the loss of his mother, Dorothy

### MAZEL TOV TO:

Mazel Tov to Nicole Cavalli and family on the Bar Mitzvah of her son, Logan Spencer Cavalli

Elaine and Gerald Silver on the birth of their grandson, Meir Hillel, to Shlomit and Scott Silver

My family and I wish to thank all who worked to make the Luise Sleppin Memorial weekend so lovely and special!!

God Bless

Michael Sleppin



**EBJC proudly presents...**

# **Broadway Revue**

## **Saturday, March 21, 2020**

### **8:30 pm**

**Main Sanctuary  
East Brunswick Jewish Center  
511 Ryders Lane**

Come enjoy solos, duets and ensemble pieces from some of  
Broadway's top shows - old and new!  
Featuring Rabbi Pivo and Cantor Larry as well as performances  
from Temple board members, general members and employees!

**Musical Director: David Schlossberg  
Director: Bobbi Blumenthal  
Stage Manager: Jill Rubin**

**Invite your friends!**

**Adults \$15.00 Children 5-12 \$10.00  
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**Sponsors at \$36.00 per person will get  
preferential/reserved seating within the first three rows**

**To purchase tickets, visit [www.ebjc.org/events](http://www.ebjc.org/events) or call  
Ellen Botwin, Event Chairperson,  
in the EBJC Box Office at 732.257.7070 x5**



## Something for everyone at EBJC!

### "Freshly Brewed" Coffee & Conversation with Rabbi Pivo

at The Coffee Bar, Milltown

Visit [www.facebook.com/EastBrunswickJC](http://www.facebook.com/EastBrunswickJC) for dates & times



### Community Purim Carnival

Sunday March 8

### New Member Shabbat Dinner

March 20 at 6:00pm



Learning Hebrew  
with Ora Rutbloom

### Broadway Review

Saturday, March 21 at 8:30 pm

For times and details visit: [www.ebjc.org/broadway](http://www.ebjc.org/broadway)



Thursdays at 7:00pm

### Sisterhood Torah Fund Brunch

Sunday, March 22

### Men's Club Passover Breakfast

Sunday, March 29

#### Ongoing Programming:

#### Hands On Judaism with Rabbi Rachel Salston

3/3: Mahzor

3/10: The Jewish calendar: hours, days, weeks, months, and years

3/17: The holidays: biblical and rabbinic holy days, modern holidays

3/24: Shabbat in shul and at home.

*All classes start at 8:30pm*

#### Classes led by Judah Landa:

#### Science and the Bible

Mondays at 8:30pm

#### Talmud class

Wednesdays at 8:30pm

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#### Hebrew with Ora Rutbloom:

Thursdays at 7:00pm



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## SAVE THE DATE

(Subject to Change)

APRIL 9, 2020  
PASSOVER  
COMMUNITY SEDER

MAY 17, 2020  
MAH JONG  
TOURNAMENT

APRIL 18, 2020  
VOLUNTEER  
RECOGNITION SHABBAT

JUNE 6, 2020  
GRANDPARENT  
SHABBAT

APRIL 28, 2020  
YOM HA'ATZMAUT  
CELEBRATION

# RABBINIC REFLECTIONS

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Jews like to think of ourselves as the people of the Book. That book, of course, is the Tanakh, the Hebrew Bible, and we include reading and studying it on every Jewish holiday of note. On Shabbat, Mondays and Thursdays we read from Torah, adding words from the Prophets as haftarah readings on Shabbat. Major holidays have specially designated Torah and haftarah readings. And there are five holidays on which we also read megillot, in addition to reading Torah and haftarah: Pesakh, Shavuot, Tisha B'Av, Sukkot, and Purim. Usually the texts we read are specific to a holiday, and express God's involvement in the events related to that holiday.

But not so on Purim! Megillat Esther doesn't mention God even once. Perhaps its story is too lighthearted for invoking God and sully the Divine Name. But we should also consider Purim's place on the calendar. Purim comes at the end of a long

sequence of holidays that are heavily focused on God's providence. It also falls during the last month of the Jewish calendar year. These facts might provide us a small insight into the theological importance of Purim itself.

Unlike other holiday texts, the events of the book of Esther are driven by people, specifically by Mordecai and Esther. Nowhere in the book of Esther is it suggested that God saved the Jews of Persia. On the other holidays, we remember how God freed us from slavery, gave us a code to live by and continues to maintain the physical world. By the time we come out of winter's cold, ready to begin again, we have gone through an entire cycle of praising and thanking God for all God has done. But on Purim, we celebrate the power of human beings to take charge of our own safety and our own destiny. It is as if, having gone through all of the other emotions that are attendant upon a holiday cycle devoted to God, Purim provides us a year-end party to celebrate ourselves and our own hand in our survival as a people. Like the secular New Year's Eve, we look forward to the beginning of another year with singing, merriment and drinking. Saying goodbye to a year filled with thanks to God, we end it by congratulating ourselves on our accomplishments.

We will read Megillat Esther at EBJC on the evening of March 9th

and the morning of March 10th. In addition to celebrating the themes of Jewish survival and victory over our foes, our celebration this year can also include an awareness of our own efforts in our redemption from danger, then and now. In our revelry, we can proudly affirm the value of acting for ourselves. Then, having concluded another year as winter turns to spring, we look forward to beginning the cycle over, with the Pesakh haggadah which, fittingly, mentions Moses only once! But more on that next month.

Chag Purim samea'kh!

Rabbi Jeff Pivo



During this month of March and the Hebrew month of Adar, we celebrate the holiday of Purim. Although Purim is considered a minor holiday, our Rabbis of the past teach us that during a future messianic time all the holidays will be remembered as they were at the time of the Holy Temple, except for Purim, which we will continue to commemorate and celebrate the same way as has always been done. Purim reminds us of the hatred and anti-Semitism towards the Jewish people. This hatred dates back to the history written in our Torah, and seems to be so relevant today.

On the Shabbat before Purim, we are told to remember this dangerous time period. When the Children of Israel journeyed through the Sinai Desert after they had left Egypt, they were attacked by a people and evil ruler called Amalek. According to the verses in Deuteronomy, Amalek attacked the weak and old people who

marched at the back of the Israelite camp. However, Joshua led his best soldiers against Amalek and won. The people were then told to "blot out the remembrance of Amalek."

Years later when King Saul led Israel in battle, Samuel told Saul that God wanted him to destroy Amalek because of their attack in the desert. However, Saul disobeyed. He let the soldiers take sheep and oxen and he let Agag, the Amalekite king, live. According to tradition, Haman was a descendant of Amalek. In Megillat Esther, he is called Haman the Agagite, and the rabbis of old felt that Agagite refers to Agag, the King whom Saul failed to kill. Regardless, the actions of Amalek and Haman represent wickedness and evil to us.

Therefore, on the Shabbat before Purim, we read the story of Amalek's attack. The Haftarah is the story in the Book of Samuel I of Saul's failure to obey God.

The important part of both portions is God's commandment to us: "Remember what Amalek did to you ... Erase the memory of Amalek from under heaven. Do not forget!"

The Shabbat takes its name from that verse, Shabbat Zakhor or Shabbat of Remembrance.

Perhaps it is painful for some to

remember Amalek and Haman and others, like Hitler, who wanted to destroy us, even our children, our old people, and the sick among us. Evil is not a pleasant thing, but it is something we must remember even at the joyous time of Purim.

On behalf of my family, all the best for a blessed, peaceful, and happy Purim.

Larry I. Brandspiegel  
Cantor/ Director of Education



# FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



It's Sunday February 9th and it is a weird and crazy day. A couple of days ago, my friend Jackie passed away and her funeral was today. I'm sitting in my office, getting some work done, and thinking about this morning, the funeral, this afternoon and tonight.

I will speak about Jackie in this Article, but let's start off with this morning.

**Busy.** I came to EBJC this morning, because I had my Hazak brunch and we had a new entertainer for the group. He was recommended to me by Judy of Jewish Family Services and I'm always looking for new programs and entertainment, so he was hired. Needless to say, the group loved him, he was energetic, had a good voice and got everyone up and dancing. I don't know how or why, but he kept calling me up to sing with him and play the tambourine. But the truth is, I enjoy performing, so I got up and sang and played the tambourine and danced around and had a very enjoyable time. From there, I went to Jackie's funeral.

**Sadness.** Jackie was 80 when she passed and was truly a force to be reckoned with. She was a very active and involved member of Beth El in East Windsor and was loved by many. She was involved in many organizations outside of Beth El and the funeral was standing room only (and they had all three rooms open at Mt. Sinai). She was the only 80-year-old that I knew who loved Metallica, Guns n' Roses and any hard rock band! A big hint was that her email started with GranmaRocks. She was one of the first people I met when I joined Beth El, and we have been friends ever since...that was 30 years ago. She will be remembered and she will be missed.

**Calm.** Then I came back to EBJC, because it's quiet on a Sunday (the only other person here is the Rabbi who is also here because it's quiet and we can work uninterrupted). It's amazing how much work you can get done when the phone isn't ringing and no one is walking into your office.

**Excited.** At 6:00 tonight, we gather in the sanctuary to rehearse for the Broadway Revue which is taking place on March 21st (hint, hint). Bobbi Blumenthal is directing, Dave Schlossberg is our musical director and Jill Rubin is our stage manager. The Rabbi, Cantor, Steve Zeidwerg, Ron Sucher, Meredith Ascher, Steve Wohl, Sara Ullman, Barbara Pollak, and I are all performing. 19 songs all together, some solos, some duets, and some ensemble pieces. I'm sort of the chair of the program so I do all of the scheduling, printing and

whatever else is needed to pull this together. Although this is work, it's also fun. I'm excited about rehearsing and learning new harmonies. To hear the Cantor sing "Bring Him Home" from Les Mis is truly an amazing thing. You'll be surprised at the talent we have at EBJC.

So there you go...busy, sadness, calm and excited all in one day, and when I think about Jackie, I know she'd love it. She'd love that I was performing and singing, and she'd hate that I was sad at her passing. If she had her way, we would have been dancing at her funeral and there'd be a 21 motorcycle salute! That was Jackie.

The Rabbi at Beth El spoke of Jackie from the heart. She had become part of his family and his family a part of hers. Very different from a rent-a-rabbi who gathers information from the family before a funeral, because he or she doesn't know the deceased at all. What a difference. So, when people question why should they belong to a Synagogue, what's in it for them? I'll tell them about Jackie and about Rabbi Kornsgold and how he spoke from the heart because he knew her, and his sadness touched us all.

May you all be well,  
Ellen



# FROM OUR PRESIDENTS



Occurring in the dead of winter, February can be a dreary time of year. But not so at EBJC. February has been an exciting month. On Friday and Saturday, February 12th and 13th, we celebrated Shabbat Shira with the Louise Sleppin Memorial Shabbaton featuring Kol Ha Layla, the premier Jewish a capella group of Rutgers University. Following Shabbat services on Friday night, Rabbi Pivo and Cantor Larry led a Tu B'Shvat seder where we sampled fruit and wine in celebration of the New Year for Trees. This was followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner catered by Bistro 70. After dinner, we sang zemirot and got a taste of what Kol Ha Layla had to offer us as they sang a beautiful rendition of L'cha Dodi. Following services on Shabbat morning, we were again treated to a song by Kol Ha Layla at Kiddush. Following Shabbat, our guests gave a concert which included a number with our Keshet students joining in. This weekend could not have occurred without the help of many people. Kol Ha Kavod to Arthur Fliegelman for arranging the visit and coordinating all the details. Yasher Koach to our sponsors: Michael Sleppin, Arthur and Janet Fliegelman, Carol and Judah Landa, Dave and Lois Mandell, Barbara and Dov Pollak, and Men's Club. Thank you to those who worked on the

details for the weekend: Jack Goldberg, Scott Alter, Debbie Friedman, Howard Jacobs, Steve Zeidweg, Men's Club and Sisterhood, our office staff and Jose and Leo for set up. Finally we wish to acknowledge our host families who housed our guests: Rabbi and Lisa Pivo, Cantor and Laura Brandspiegel, Barbara and Dov Pollak, Maureen Richardson, and Bob and Liz Salston.

Although this article is going to press on February 12th, by the time you are reading this, we would have held our annual Gala honoring East Brunswick Mayor Brad Cohen. By the time of this writing, we already know that our fundraising for this event exceeded the budgeted amount. Thank you to all who attended and/or bought ads. A special thank you to our Gala committee: Chairs David and Margot Julis, Executive Vice President, Joannie Weinfeld, Eilene Beck, Marna Erlich, Debbie Friedman, Marla Genée, Risa Krasnove, Cindy Rollman, Liz Salston, and Dori Sappol. And once again, congratulations to Mayor Cohen.

One final note to give us a smile this winter. Bob was recently contacted by the chair of a search committee from a synagogue in Maryland looking for a Cantor/Educational

Director. He called Bob and after introducing himself, he mentioned that he had called the offices of United Synagogue Of Conservative Judaism to ask who he might be able to get advice from for their search. Their response was, "Call the East Brunswick Jewish Center. They recently hired a Cantor/Educational Director. They did this right!" This is as much an acknowledgement of Cantor Larry's efforts as it is recognition that EBJC's reputation is on the rise.

As February leads into March and the weather gets warmer, we look forward to the Purim Carnival with the knowledge that Pesach and Spring are not too far away. Let's celebrate some of the great things this synagogue does. May we go from strength to strength.

Bob Salston and Steve Zeidweg  
Co-Presidents,  
East Brunswick Jewish Center  
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# CENTER FOR EARLY LEARNING



LYNDA PEREL  
EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR



## The Center for Early Learning @ EBJC

We had a “Fabulous February” at CEL!



We hatched eggs and took care of baby chicks!



We predicted Mr. Groundhog would not see his shadow... and we were right!



We planted parsley and a tree in Israel for Tu B'Shevat!



We had a visit from Dr. Wasserman. She taught us how to take care of our teeth! Thank You Dr. Jamie!



We celebrated President's Day





# KESHER AND YOUTH GROUPS



## Youth Group Dates

USY 9th-12th grades/ Kadima 6th-8th grades/  
Chaverim 4th-5th grades

Mar	8	Purim Carnival
	9	Megillah Reading
	TBD	USY Regional Purim Bash
	18	Chaverim/Kadima/USY
Apr	1	Chaverim/Kadima/USY
	19	USY 3-5 pm
May	1-3	Kadima Regional Spring Convention
	6	Chaverim/Kadima Year End BBQ
	6	USY
	15-17	USY Regional Spring Convention
	31	USY Chapter Elections and Installation 2-6 pm

**Cantor Larry** is our Youth Director. For information about any of these Youth Groups, please call him at 732-257-7070, x.3 or send an email to [CantorLarry@ebjc.org](mailto:CantorLarry@ebjc.org)

**Kadima & USY:** For more information, please contact Erin Kaplan, Kadima and USY Advisor: [ErinKaplan3190@gmail.com](mailto:ErinKaplan3190@gmail.com)

**Wednesday Youth Nights:** Chaverim meets from 6:15-7:15; Kadima meets from 6:15-7:30; USY meets from 7:30-9:00, unless otherwise noted

Dear Keshet Families,

During this month of March and Adar, we will have some great learning and fun celebrations.

Just to run through the calendar of regular Keshet dates: Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18 and 25. Sundays, March 22 and 29. The Tri-Synagogue Purim Carnival Extravaganza will be on Sunday, March 8th from 11am – 2pm. Monday night, March 9th, is Purim with Megillah reading, costumes, noise and excitement. Please feel free to bring in a box of macaroni to use as a personal “Gragger” or noisemaker, and then at the end of the service, donate to the food pantry.

Shabbat morning, March 14th, is Shabbat School and Shabbat B’yachad. There will be no Keshet classes on March 15th.

Youth Night for USY, Kadima and Chaverim will be on Wednesday, March 18th.

We will have Jr. Congregation and Shabbat Y’ladim on Shabbat morning, March 21st.

On Friday night, March 27th, our Gan, Aleph, Bet, Gimel and Dalet classes will participate at a late service and there will also be a dinner. More information will be coming soon.

Passover will be upon us soon enough. There will be Keshet classes on Wednesday, April 1st (No foolin’), and Youth Night that evening as well. There will be Shabbat School and Shabbat B’yachad on Shabbat morning, April 4th. We will not have classes during Spring Break and Passover from Sunday, April 5th through Thursday, April 16th.

Please look out for emails and more information. Keep the learning going. If you have any questions, please reach out to me at [cantorlarry@ebjc.org](mailto:cantorlarry@ebjc.org).

## BAR MITZVAH



My name is Alex Berger. I am in seventh grade and I attend Hammariskjold Middle School. My Bar Mitzvah is on March 7, 2020. For my Bar Mitzvah project, I decided to volunteer at The Chelsea Senior Living in East Brunswick. The reason that I took on this project, is that I grew up with my parents, sister and extended family volunteering for our town and surrounding communities.

I volunteered my time at least once a week, for the past couple of months, as I assisted the Activities Coordinator at The Chelsea. I helped out by moving around furniture after the afternoon entertainment finishes, helping the residents play BINGO, handing out their snacks, and socializing with them. I feel that I am making a difference, by spending time and getting to know them, as they compliment me on how happy they are that I am spending time with them.

Volunteering made an impact on me and I plan to continue as a volunteer as I get older.

# SISTERHOOD



Purim, beginning on the evening of March 9, is one of the most festive and joyous holidays on the Jewish calendar. Its triumphant tale of Good reigning over Evil is a distinct source of pride for our People. Each year, Sisterhood has the unique honor and pleasure of spreading the Holiday spirit through our Shalach Manot campaign. This wonderful project affords our congregants the opportunity to fulfill the mitzvah of “gifting” family, friends, and neighbors. This year, over 100 orders were placed. We thank all those who supported this effort, which is Sisterhood’s most significant fundraiser. We extend heartfelt gratitude to Cindy Rabinowitz, who chairs this project, for her tireless devotion to Sisterhood. Thank you, too, to Marla Genee for ordering the delicious hamantaschen, to Gail Kosher for organizing the routes, and to all those who helped to pack and deliver the Purim bags throughout our community.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PAST MONTH

\* Sisterhood provided the bountiful Kiddush on Saturday, February 7, as our contribution to the delightful Shabbat Shirah Shabbaton. We were thrilled to be included in this heartwarming weekend, which highlighted Hope and Community.

## ON THE HORIZON

\* Spring will usher in these highly-anticipated programs—

- **Torah Fund Brunch on Sunday, March 22**, featuring Dr. Laura Brandspiegel recounting her undergraduate days as a student at Barnard and the Jewish Theological Seminary. We will also be honoring a special Sisterhood member who has gone “above and beyond.”
- **Sisterhood Book Club—reviewing *How to Stop Anti-Semitism* by New York Times writer/editor Bari Weiss. Next meeting Saturday, April 25, following Kiddush.**
- **Book and author event headlined by our own Ilana Levitt discussing her book—*What’s Mom Still Got to Do with It?* –Thursday, May 7**
- **Annual Sisterhood Shabbat on Saturday, May 9—This Egalitarian Shabbat morning service is a beautiful opportunity to expand your ritual participation in a meaningful way. There are English and Hebrew parts available—Prayers, Torah reading, Aliyot. Instructional assistance will be provided. Contact Gloria Jaslow—glorichi@aol.com—to get involved. You will surely be enriched through the experience.**
- **Shavuot educational forum profiling Great Jewish Women of the Arts on Saturday, May 30. Following the success of last year’s program, we now turn to a special segment of celebrated Jewish women—those who have made memorable contributions in art, music, writing, poetry, drama, and comedy. Is there a renowned female Jewish artist who has a special place in your heart? Share her story so we can all learn and kvell together!**

DON’T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE WEEKLY TIDBITS EMAIL BLAST FOR NOTICE OF ALL UPCOMING EVENTS!

Please check out our Sisterhood Judaica Shop for the ultimate selection of all your needs—everything from religious articles to books to children’s toys and holiday giftware. And if it’s not there, we will special order it for you! This is the ideal way of supporting Sisterhood with exquisite results.

Sisterhood is urgently in need of members to step up to leadership roles! Become the type of strong, positive role model you’ve always admired. Make an impact in our beloved congregation and throughout the East Brunswick Jewish community. The rewards are everlasting.

Spring is almost upon us! It’s time to shed the winter doldrums and plan your next adventures! Sisterhood offers social, educational, ritual, and cultural opportunities. With so much to choose from, there is surely a program or event you can enjoy. We warmly encourage you to give Sisterhood a try.

Best regards,

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The annual Torah Fund campaign is underway with the theme of this year's pin, CHESED (Kindness), one of the three pillars of Jewish life, according to rabbinic tradition. Show your Chesed by purchasing the pin for \$180 or donate ANY AMOUNT. All contributions support the future Conservative Jewish education of our cherished community leaders—rabbis, cantors, educators, administrators, and lay leaders—who are all so vital to the knowledge and practice of our faith. Our highly anticipated annual Torah Fund event is a BRUNCH this year—on Sunday, March 22nd. We proudly welcome Dr. Laura Brandspiegel, wife of our esteemed Cantor, to share her experiences as a student of Conservative Judaism.

## SISTERHOOD AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

The Sisterhood Judaica Shop, is your source for beautiful giftware, books, candles, head coverings, children's items and more.

Browse the beautiful collection of gifts, home furnishings and Judaica for all occasions.

If you don't see what you are looking for, our Managers will get it for you.

Contact Cindy Rollman 908-812-6713 or Caroline Steinberg 732-735-6641

Gift cards (aka SCRIP) is an easy way to help the Sisterhood raise funds by purchasing gift cards for ShopRite, ACME, Lox, Stock & Deli or Giddy's. What could be easier? You are going to spend the money there ANYWAY!!!

Contact Judy Klotzkin 732-390-6140 or scrip@ebjc.net

Bimah Baskets – for any Simcha...A beautiful basket with food items will be placed on the Bimah prior to Shabbat. A card will let your guests know that a donation has been made in honor of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah child. You can also order a Bimah Basket for ANY occasion you'd like!

Contact Lory Pelofsky 732-254-6851 or Sheila Behrman 732-238-1476

JNF Trees – to purchase trees-Contact: Diana Horowitz 732-390-9058

Cards, Tributes & Tree of Life - Contact: Bernice Bellows-732-254-4103; Beth Belzer 732-238-7925

Torah Fund – Contact Jody Bramson – 732-390-5166  
jlbrams@aol.com

## SISTERHOOD NEEDS YOU!!

EGALITARIAN SHIVA MINYAN—Stand up and be counted—literally! Bereaved families now have the choice to welcome either a Traditional or Egalitarian Shiva minyan into their home to join in the reciting of Kaddish. Being a member of the Egalitarian Shiva minyan is a deeply rewarding opportunity for women to demonstrate their compassion toward fellow congregants. You will leave feeling that you have truly performed a worthy mitzvah and made a difference.

BIMAH SITTING FOR SHABBAT AND HOLIDAYS—Enjoy the services from a different vantage point! A Sisterhood member who started sitting regularly says **“I've gained an entirely different perspective of the service and I find it even more spiritual”**. Volunteer to sit on the Bimah, to represent Sisterhood, during Shabbat or Holiday Services. Contact Gloria Jaslow for more information at 732-247-4869 or glorichi@aol.com

KIDDUSH COMMITTEE IS CALLING YOU!!!—We have an amazing group of volunteers who make the Shabbat Kiddush happen each week, but we still need YOUR HELP to keep the Shabbat Kiddush experience going. We need plattering assistance Friday mornings at 10:00AM in the dairy kitchen. We need shoppers to Costco and ShopRite AND we need your financial support of Kiddush. Without your participation, the old-time Kiddush of cake and wine will be making a return appearance! Thank you!

KIDDUSH COORDINATOR POSITION AVAILABLE! We are looking for one or two dedicated people to take over the Kiddush Coordinator position that Sylvia Halpern has held for many years. Please contact Margot Julis 732-672-8089 or magooj1211@comcast.net for more information.

# MEN'S CLUB



Can't believe that it's March already. Where does the time go? We probably don't notice because we have so much going on.

To revisit January, I wanted to share some of the pictures from our Unsung Heroes Breakfast. It was great to have such a tremendous turnout to honor two of EBJC's finest, Jerry Saferstein and Rick Rollman, who do so much behind the scenes. We had former members, current members and outside guests attending. It was so great, that Jerry just can't stop talking about it. We just can't wait till next year, to honor more Unsung Heroes. Who will they be?



Rick Rollman & Jerry Saferstein with their awards



The proud wives, Cindy and Janice with their Heroes.



Steve Harkavy (who originated the Unsung Hero Award), David Julis, Jerry Saferstein, and Al Davis of Highland Park Conservative Temple who introduced Jerry.

Also in January, we had our annual Blood Drive, where we had over 40 people donate. What a Mitzvah! Here are some of our happy participants.



As usual, our World Wide Wrap held on Super Bowl Sunday, was a tremendous success. By taking a different approach and involving the Kesher students, we were able to teach the reasons as to why we lay Tefillin. Rabbi, Cantor and Men's Club pitched in to help teach how to lay Tefillin. The kids really enjoyed the breakfast afterwards, where we served extra "goodies" just for them. We'll call it a "wrap", until next year.

If you haven't noticed, there are now video display monitors in the Lobby and the Rug Wing. Instead of paper signs telling us what's happening and where to go for meetings and/or events, you can look at the monitors. Welcome to the 21st Century. Again, thank your Men's Club for funding this improvement to our communication. Our ongoing programs include the Yad

Shel Chai program. Please see me or reach out to Cantor Larry if you would like to learn to leyn Torah. If you read 18 times, Men's Club will present you with a personalized Yad to recognize your achievement. So far, we have presented Yads to 6 people with another 2 waiting in the wings, with more to come. Join this group. They will welcome you warmly.

We always continue our multiple "behind the scenes" activities. Your support of Men's Club is needed, so that we can do what we do for the Shul.

## Save the date –

March 29<sup>th</sup> – Pre-Passover Breakfast

April 20<sup>th</sup> – Yom HaShoah Program

We have many more programs and events planned, including a Scholar in Residence Shabbat, a bus trip to visit historic Synagogues, and many more community-oriented activities.

We are also working with the Membership Committee and New Era to organize a trip to Yankee Stadium, which will include not only a game, but also a pre-game tour and possibly even their Hands on History Museum. Stay tuned.

If you have any ideas for an event or activity or just about anything, please let me know. We are always open to new ideas and "thinking outside of the box". And, you are always welcome at a Men's Club Board Meeting.

If you haven't joined Men's Club -Why not? Dues are only \$36.

Remember, this is OUR community. And this is YOUR Men's Club.

Together we can "Do the Right Thing".

David Julis  
doovey920@gmail.com  
or (732) 672-7759

Dear Fellow-EBJC Member,

If this email offends you in any way, I apologize; but, I still want you to read through it.

For those of you who do not recognize my name, Anne and I have been EBJC members since the early 1980's and you may recognize me if you attend services.

Some of you have heard one or more of my Divrei Torah, and may remember that I started saying the Mourners' Kaddish for my father when I was seventeen. I am now seventy-two.

You may have noticed that the Hebrew words used as the heading for the "Mourners'" Kaddish are קַדְשֵׁי יָמוֹת (Kaddish Yatom). If you've checked your Google Translate, יָמוֹת directly translates as, "Orphan."

My Great Uncle Charlie, whose 33rd Yahrzeit will be in a few months, was the person who taught my brothers and me how to say the Kaddish. After attending three services a day we found ourselves at the end of Shloshim (thirty days from burial) when he told us that he had taught us how to do what was right and the "rest" was on us. We asked what that meant. He told us that the next one-day-less than ten months were our responsibility. When I questioned if we had to continue, he told us that we only had to continue for as long as we thought our father was worthy of respect. (The commandment [mitzvah] to honor our father and mother is referenced eight times in the Torah. The Torah doesn't repeat unless the repetition emphasizes importance.) We were at just about every service (morning, afternoon and evening) until the end of that time and we all have tried to not miss a Yahrzeit or Yizkor since.

So, what does this have to do with any-

thing? For those of you who have never said וְקַדְשֵׁי יָמוֹת, pray that that responsibility will only be yours after many, many more years of happy and healthy familial relationships. However, for those of us who say וְקַדְשֵׁי יָמוֹת, we know that it can only be said in the presence of a Minyan, a quorum of Jews (ten men during regular, traditional daily services).

Lately (the last few months), we have had problems maintaining our morning AND sometimes evening minyanim. Because of illness, business, personal travels and personal responsibilities at home and/or at work, we have had to make phone calls about three or four times a week to make a minyan so that people needing/wanting/required to say the Kaddish can—and we have turned off the lights in the Beit Midrash more than a dozen times in the last few months without the benefit of having a minyan and people needing/wanting/required to say the Kaddish not having the opportunity to do so.

We all have personal commitments that take time out of our day—and time is the only commodity that cannot be replenished. I get it. But one day, as sure as the sun rises, every one of us will need others in the community to take time out of their day to help us, to make a minyan for us, making it possible for us to say the Kaddish—every one of us.

Please, on your way home from work at 8:00 PM or on your way to spending a few minutes before bedtime with your kids, make a short fifteen-minute detour or bring the kids to add another direction in their moral compass, and come to shul.

Please, in the morning, if you pace your living room, unable to get back to sleep or can spare a few minutes on your way

to work to guarantee a minyan, come to shul.

You don't need to read Hebrew. You don't have to participate in formal prayer (offer your own). If you don't have a Talit, we have them. If you don't have a set of Tfillin or you don't know how to put them on—we have them and we teach.

Empathy often requires greater effort than sympathy. Please make the extra effort to place yourself in the shoes of others who are trying to do what they need to do and attend services only as often as you are able: mornings and/or evenings—bring family and friends; car-pool, stop off at Shul before going for ice cream, bagels or coffee; ask your employer to accept a lateness or an early departure one morning or evening each week. Any help you can offer those who need your help will be appreciated and remembered and maybe returned in kind. Do you have children or grandchildren that you drive to Keshet on Sunday mornings? Don't drive and drop! Drive, drop, park, enter and pray—your-own-way.

Thank you for your time,

Matt Kaufman

matthew.jkaufman@verizon.net

P.S.: Hey, it's crazy to think so, but you might find you like those minutes in Shul and the people you find there.

P.P.S.: Click <https://www.ebjc.org/> services or check the weekly Tidbits for service times.





## PESACH COMMUNITY SEDER



EAST BRUNSWICK JEWISH CENTER INVITES YOU  
TO JOIN US FOR THURSDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY  
SEDER!

WITH RABBI PIVO AND CANTOR LARRY

THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH

DINNER BEGINS 7:30 PM

Seder begins 8:45 PM

Adults \$60.00 pp

Children 5–12 \$18.00 pp

Children 4 and under—No Charge

WE WELCOME THE COMMUNITY

PLEASE CALL ELLEN BOTWIN IF YOU NEED FINANCIAL HELP.

Menu—Matzoh ball soup, gefilte fish, chopped liver, chicken, brisket, Broccoli  
souffle, Sweet kugel, salads, desserts, seder plate at each table, wine, etc.

Please RSVP to 732-257-7070 by April 6, Noon





EAST BRUNSWICK JEWISH CENTER



# Hazak

## CALENDAR FOR 2019-2020

(Dates Subject to Change. Advance Notice Will Be Given)



Our next Hazak program will feature Flavian, a magician, mind-reader and mentalist. Why settle for the ordinary when you can have an "Out of This World" entertainment experience that is new, different, fun and exciting?!

Flavian will read your mind and make you laugh as he reveals answers to some very funny questions!

have worked very hard to bring thoughtful, insightful and entertaining programs to Hazak and this one should be a hoot! Please sign up below so that we have ample seating and food for all!

As always, the program is free and there is a suggested donation of \$7.00 per person for the lunch which goes directly to Jewish Family Services.

### Future Dates:

Thursday, April 23 12:00 pm Lunch

Thursday, May 21 6:00 pm Dinner

Sunday, June 7 10:00 am Brunch

# ADULT EDUCATION

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

### SHABBAT MORNING CLASS

Saturdays | 9 a.m.

Join us for Rabbi Pivo's Saturday morning class at 9 am, where we study the weekly parashah prior to Shabbat services. 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. 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

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.

### LUNCH AND LEARN

Wednesdays | 12 p.m. | Room 8

### MONROE LUNCH AND LEARN

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](mailto:howard_jacobs@ebjc.net) for details on upcoming dates, to get on our Monroe mailing list, with questions and to reserve your spot.

### HEBREW READING CLASS

Thursdays | 7 p.m.

Focus is on parsha and biblical understanding. A small donation of \$10.00 for four sessions is requested. For additional information about the class, please contact Ora Rotblum at [orarotblum@yahoo.com](mailto:orarotblum@yahoo.com) or 732-390-0314.

### ISRAELI DANCE

Beginners:

Mondays | 7:00 p.m.

Intermediate/Advanced:

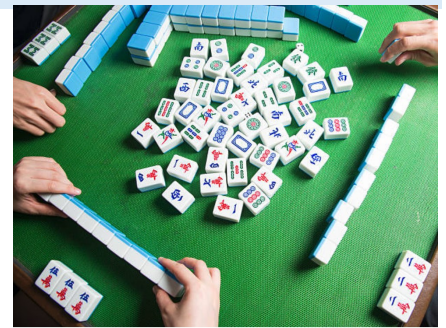
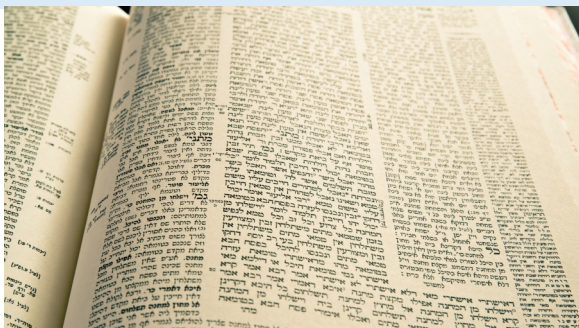
Mondays | 8:00 p.m.

Come and stay for as long as you can! \$10.00 per session fee.

### MAH JONG GAMES

Mondays | 7 p.m. | Room 9

Come and join us for friendly Mah Jong games! All levels, including experienced as well as beginners, who will be eagerly taught, are welcome.



Mickey and Sherryl Kaufman's son, Alex, was one of the visitors to Auschwitz on the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the camp. Below is a very personal observation by Alex.

### Alex Kaufman

11 hrs ·

#### Sunday at Auschwitz

The main events commemorating the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau began last Thursday at Yad Vashem, the world's most compelling and most impressive Holocaust memorial, in Jerusalem. World leaders from 49 countries, including Vice President Pence and Speaker Pelosi, joined in the largest diplomatic event in Israeli history. I visited Yad Vashem in September - my third time. The United States Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC is impressive, but there really isn't any comparison.

So many of my friends and business partners in Israel are also descendants of survivors or those killed, so my post-Israel rendezvous with history was a natural topic of conversation and curiosity. All Israeli high school students spend one week in Krakow, visiting the Jewish quarter of Kazimierz (more on that later) and Auschwitz, which is about an hour away by car, so a large percentage of Israelis have been. Still, I shared an awkward silence (or sometimes an even more awkward chuckle) with friends last week in Tel Aviv. There's only so many times you can hear "Have a good time in Auschwitz...I mean...you know what I mean" - but we understood the strange camaraderie. The bond made possible by shared memory. And by the power of humor to maintain sanity, as Victor Frankel so eloquently described in his landmark book, *Man's Search for Meaning*.

The hour drive from Krakow to Auschwitz is bleak after you leave the outskirts of Krakow, Poland's second largest city. I stared out the window at the fields and forests wondering only one thing - whether my relatives marched naked in the winter through this forest or through some other identical forest nearby. Whether my grandpa's little brother died on that march or on some identical march nearby. Too much to process, so I turned back to my iPhone and pretended to be interested by the news.

I arrived at Auschwitz I - the original camp - just in time for my 10:30am tour. Around 1.3 million people were brought here and over 1.1 million were murdered - most within hours of arrival. Around 90% of its prisoners were Jews. Countless other undesirables (priests, Poles, homosexuals, Roma) died here too.

The SS selection process occurred immediately upon arrival. You were either sent to work or to the gas chamber immediately. Cattle cars filled with hundreds of people arrived around the clock for years. One plaque that I read mentioned that between May and July 1944, half a million Hungarian Jews were deported here. Nearly all died. But we knew that.

I was pleasantly surprised to see how "popular" the tours are. Auschwitz hosts 2 million visitors a year from all over the world, and they do a phenomenal job. The guides are absolutely terrific. The official tour of Auschwitz I takes two hours, after which you can take a shuttle bus to Auschwitz II-Birkenau, which is 3km away. Auschwitz II-Birkenau is about 10 times as big as Auschwitz I, and while Auschwitz I is extraordinarily well preserved and main-

tained (you can enter the barracks and other awful places), Auschwitz II-Birkenau can only be described as an enormously vast field of death.

The two camps hit you differently.

At Auschwitz I, we walked through one barrack that has been preserved to house shoes which prisoners removed before being led to the "showers" where they were poisoned and suffocated with Zyklon B pesticide. Imagine mountains upon mountains of shoes, tens of thousands of shoes. In the next barracks, mounds of eyeglasses. And in the next, human hair piled like stacks of hay. The Nazis turned the hair of the dead into blankets, sheets and other textiles. German efficiency.

At Auschwitz I, I was amazed to see so many professional videographers walking in small groups in front of survivors. Nearly 200 survivors are here this week and they're mostly approaching 100 years of age. I spoke to many of them - "Did you know my family?" To visit Auschwitz is impactful. To see so many survivors visiting Auschwitz - most for the first time - is surreal.

Auschwitz II-Birkenau leaves you without words. Before I left for Tel Aviv, I called my grandpa's first cousin, Eva, who is somewhat of a great-aunt to me and one of our family historians. I asked her for the names of our Kaufman relatives murdered there so that I could recite their names in Kaddish. She said she would put together a list. I called her from Poland for the names. She said, "Too many.....But in the dirt you can still see pieces of bone."

That's enough.

### ATTENTION All EBJC Torah Readers!!!



**EBJC and Men's Club are proud to partner on the  
Yad Shel Chai Program**

**Leyn 18 times and receive a beautiful personalized Yad**  
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**Join your fellow congregants who have received their Yad –**

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**Sign up NOW with Cantor Larry to learn to leyn Torah for your  
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Calling all Grandparents and Parents  
whose Children/Grandchildren will celebrate their  
Bar or Bat Mitzvah in 2020 and 2021.....

### Become a Dream Weaver

EBJC Sisterhood has partnered with Neve Shalom Sisterhood "Loom Room"

If you would like to attend a mini workshop on "Making Your Child or Grandchild's Simcha more meaningful through Weaving Together"  
contact Margot Julis

Our own Madeline Frances wove a tallit for her grandson, Brandon,  
for his Bar Mitzvah on November 9<sup>th</sup>



After tying the tzitzit, Madeline and her grandson, Brandon proudly showed the completed tallit.



Madeline's beautiful family - Brandon, wearing his tallit, daughter Erin, son-in-law Matthew and granddaughter Morgan.

Have your own "priceless" experience by weaving a tallit,  
tallit gadol, tallit bag, challah cover, matzoh cover,  
afikomen bag or even a chuppah!

Make an heirloom for yourself, with or for someone special.

**Give it a try!! You can do it!!**

For more information and to schedule **your** time on the loom, contact:

Margot Julis (EBJC contact) 732-390-1245; [magooj1211@comcast.net](mailto:magooj1211@comcast.net)

Cory Schneider phone: 717-574-1807; [corstan65@gmail.com](mailto:corstan65@gmail.com) or

Jennifer Bullock phone: 732-906-8565; [rnjbullock@aol.com](mailto:rnjbullock@aol.com)





## WANTED: Kiddush Coordinator

Have you been enjoying our sumptuous Kiddushes each week? Then we have the perfect position for you.

Sisterhood is seeking a new Kiddush Coordinator to take the place of our beloved Sylvia Halpern, who has been in this role so expertly for many years.

The ideal candidate should be very organized in overseeing the entire Kiddush process...from emailing our Kiddush team each week, to assigning a shopping list, to ordering the weekly challahs via email, to supervising the weekly Kiddush preparations (1 hour a week on Friday mornings). **Bond with a friend by sharing this rewarding position while enjoying time together.**

This is your opportunity to enhance the quality of our cherished time together as a community and to give back to the Synagogue in such an important and easy way. Please consider making a difference.

Contact Margot Julis – [magooj1211@comcast.net](mailto:magooj1211@comcast.net) or 732-390-1245. (Sisterhood is an EEOE).

Save the Date!

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## Heartfelt High-5 Celebration a.k.a Volunteer Recognition Brunch

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Sunday April 19, 2020

10am - 1pm

More details to follow





## **"Freshly Brewed" Coffee and Conversation with Rabbi Pivo**

Do you have a question you'd like to discuss with the rabbi? Are you curious about Shabbat rituals, Torah study, ethics or Judaism in general?

Pull up a chair, order some coffee, and join Rabbi Pivo for a lively discussion. Temple membership is not required. Unaffiliated are encouraged to attend. Bring a friend. All are welcome.

Rabbi Pivo will be available for coffee and conversation at:

### **The Coffee Bar**

located in Ryders Crossing Shopping Center  
in Milltown (near Target)

**Wednesday 3/5 at 12:00pm**

**Thursday 3/12 at 10:00am**

**Monday 3/23 at 7:00pm**

**Monday 3/30 at 12:00pm**

Visit [www.facebook.com/EastBrunswickJC](https://www.facebook.com/EastBrunswickJC) for additional dates & times



EAST BRUNSWICK JEWISH CENTER

# **ANNUAL TORAH FUND BRUNCH**

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2019 10:00AM**



Torah Fund Pin for 5780 (2019-2020)



**Featuring our Guest Speaker, Dr. Laura Brandspiegel,  
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### **CHESED Means “Kindness”**

**The word can also be translated as “lovingkindness,” to convey the deep love that animates  
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**ANNOUNCING....Our surprise honoree will be celebrated.  
She is a member of our Sisterhood, who shows “CHESED”  
in everything she does, and will be saluted for her  
devotion to the Sisterhood and EBJC.**

**Watch your emails for the details and RSVP information.**

Contact Jody Bramson at [lbrams@aol.com](mailto:lbrams@aol.com) or 732-390-5166 for more information



**EAST BRUNSWICK JEWISH CENTER**



Come Join in the FUN!

**EAST BRUNSWICK JEWISH CENTER (EBJC) — ONE DAY  
MAH JONG TOURNAMENT!  
SUNDAY, MAY 17TH 2020**

**\$50.00—TWO 4 ROUND TOURNAMENTS (16 games each)**

We will play by Nat'l MJ League Rules. 212-246-3052 for more info.

Join us for some Spring time fun! EBJC in East Brunswick, NJ will host a One Day Tournament on Sunday the 17th of May 2020.

Tournament will be run by Joanne from Four Seasons MJT!

8:30 AM—Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM—Start of play—4 rounds

12:15 PM—Lunch—Return to Chinese Food!

1:00 PM—Play resumes—4 rounds

4:15 PM—Award Ceremony & Cash Prizes

**DOOR  
PRIZES!**

Registration: Checks payable to EBJC. Send tear-off below with \$50.00 tournament fee to: EBJC, 511 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick, NJ 08816. Deadline is Thursday, May 14th. (No Refunds after the 14th)

For Further information call Ellen at 732-257-7070 x5 or ebotwin@ebjc.org  
[www.ebjc.org](http://www.ebjc.org)

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## DO YOU HAVE A COLLEGE STUDENT IN YOUR FAMILY?

Attention College Students (and Parents/Grandparents):



Even while you or your kids/grandkids are away at school, your EBJC family is thinking about you and them. The Youth Commission would love to send special packages around Hanukkah and Purim to the college students. This is **FREE** for undergraduate students of EBJC members and just \$36 for graduate students and \$36 for grandchildren who are in college or graduate school. Just fill out the form found in the lobby and give/mail it to the Synagogue office or email your student's college mailing information and year of school to [cantorlarry@ebjc.org](mailto:cantorlarry@ebjc.org).

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memory of Frieda  
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Herman Cohen

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Friedes in memory of  
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Shor

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Gerson in memory of  
David Schneider

Donna Guskind in  
memory of Eugene  
Guskind

Donna Guskind in  
memory of Louis  
Slatnick

Donna Guskind in  
memory of Marion  
Slatnick

Martin Hecht in  
memory of Blanche  
Herberg

Robert & Pearl Horn  
in memory of Bessie  
Horenstein

Howard & Cindi  
Jacobs in memory of  
Marilyn Jackson &  
Max Jacobs

David & Margot Julis  
in memory of Stuart  
Julis

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Margot & David Julis  
in memory of  
Norman Leive

Fran Katz in memory  
of Bella Kleinman

Judah & Carol Landa  
in memory of  
Avraham Zvi Landa &  
Chaya Landa

Ronald & Valerie  
Levenberg in  
memory of Solomon  
Scharf

David & Lois Mandell

Sally Needle in  
memory of Dexter

Needle

Marc & Meredith  
Pearl in memory of  
Samuel Pearl

Larry & Diane Perkel  
in memory of Eugene  
Rose

Lory Pelofsky in  
memory of Bertha  
Pelofsky

Arnold & Diane  
Riback in memory of  
Mary Weissman

Paul & Myra Rose in  
memory of Barbara  
Dombeck

Jeremy & Janice  
Saferstein in memory  
of Celia Dansky

Michael & Hannah  
Schneiderman in  
memory of Philip  
Horowitz

Barry & Janet  
Seidman in memory  
of Norman Seidman

Irwin Steinlight in  
memory of Irene  
Steinlight

Phyllis Stern in  
memory of Sidney  
Shapiro

Steven & Sara

Ullman in memory of  
Mayer Hirsh Ettner

Annette Verona in  
memory of Tillie  
Freiedman & Minnie  
Verona

Sorin & Rochelle  
Weissman in  
memory of Sylvia  
Friedman

Paul & Renee  
Weissman in  
memory of Netty  
Eder

Paul & Renee  
Weissman in  
memory of Sam  
Weissman

Alvin & Renee Wittlin  
in memory of Sylvia  
Wittlin

Neal & Leba Yolin in  
memory of Samuel  
Yolin















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