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Friday Evenings

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11/11 4:25 p.m.
11/18 4:15 p.m.
11/25 4:10 p.m.

Saturday Mornings
9:30 a.m.

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Toldot

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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 service times can be found on the cover of the Recorder as well as on the EBJC website calendar, and Saturday morning services are at 9:30 a.m. The link to join can be found on our website at ebjc.org/online-events

OFFICE HOURS

The office is currently staffed Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and on Fridays from 9 a.m.- 3:30 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, November 17 12:00 p.m.

Luncheon & entertainment. Milty Heumann - Supreme Court Decision Making and the Bill of Rights - Discussion of various explanatory and normative theories of Supreme Court decision making, and of the applicability of these theories to "real" Bill of Rights conflicts.

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 November 3rd we have our Sisterhood Membership Dinner; on November 5th we will have our Grandparent Shabbat service and Kiddush; on November 6th Men's Club has organized a family-fun event at Top Golf; on November 10th we have Part 3 of the Jewish History from Biblical Times to the Present - An Eight-Part Zoom Series "*Masada - Last Stronghold of the Jewish Resistance against Rome*" and on November 29th we will have part 1 of FilmShul's 3-part Series on Jewish Hollywood - "*Super Funny Jewish Men*". 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:

Lynne & Richard Drachtman on the Auf Ruf of their son Craig, and his fiancée, Blaine

Mindy & Les Listwa on the birth of their granddaughter, Ella Sophia

Dian Perkel on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Emery

Cindi & Howard Jacobs on the baby naming of their granddaughter, Isabella

Margot & David Julis on the birth of their granddaughter, Charlotte Rose

Toby & William Eckstein on their marriage

Maury and Steve Wohl of the engagement of their son, Josh

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO:

Joe Wofchuck on the loss of his sister, Selma Chavis

Jill Kamin on the loss of her mother, Gail Rosenzweig

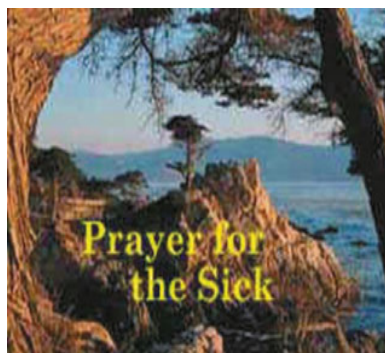
Jill Matthews on the loss of her grandmother, Mildred Tanzman

Thank You!

EBJC would like to thank the following people for building the Sukkah this year:

Steven Bellows
Michael Belzer
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Charlie Breverman
Martin Genee
Matt Kaufman
Ron Levenberg
Mark Mellinger
Jack Silverman
Jose Mendez
Leo Gutierrez Lopez





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

November 3, 6:00 p.m. - Sisterhood Membership Dinner - Connect with all your sisters at an in-person dinner. Let's catch up for the time that that we've missed over the past few years. If you are not a member of Sisterhood, please join us.

November 5, 9:30 a.m. - Grandparent Shabbat - Join us for a special service and kiddush at which we will celebrate both grandparents and their grandchildren.

November 6, 12 p.m. - Top Golf with Men's Club.

November 10, 8:30 p.m. - Jewish History from Biblical Times to the Present - An 8-Part Zoom Series. Part 3 - "Masada: Last Stronghold of the Jewish Resistance against Rome".

November 29, 8:30 p.m. - FilmShul 3-part Series on Jewish Hollywood - Part 1: "Super Funny Jewish Men".

December 8, 8:30 p.m. - Shirei Corona - with Rabbi Dina Shargel. Many popular songs of Israel composed and performed since March 2020 have been inspired by the Coronavirus pandemic. Along with material that was newly created, older songs suddenly took on new meaning at the beginning of this decade. They were replayed and some were remade, sometimes as pandemic-era parodies. Through the magic of Zoom, we will enjoy audio and video clips of the Hebrew songs and share insights about each one.

December 10, 8:00 p.m. - Dueling Pianos. *Shake Rattle and Roll Pianos* is a concert, comedy show and cabaret all rolled into one! Featuring 2 top-tier piano entertainers, lavish dairy charcuterie boards, desserts and specialty coffees....with a kick!

December 16, 6:00 p.m. - Chanukah family dinner. More information to follow.

HAZAK DATES FOR THE YEAR

Programs will be announced

November 17, Thursday, Noon Luncheon - Milty Heumann - Supreme Court Decision Making and the Bill of Rights - Discussion of various explanatory and normative theories of Supreme Court decision making, and of the applicability of these theories to "real" Bill of Rights conflicts.

December 15, Thursday, Noon Luncheon - Chanukah Gift Card Bingo

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

February 12, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. 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 p.m. Dinner - Larry Wolfert returns with his talk on Joan Rivers - Rude, Obnoxious and Funny!

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-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 Keshet, 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, Jazzercise, 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



I have colleagues who, at this time of year, wear T-shirts with the slogan “Rabbis Love Marcheshvan!” Having just experienced so many fall holidays, it can feel like a bit of relief to have a whole month with none. But even lacking special calendar days, there is a great deal going on in synagogue life. I am pleased to note a rise in our in-person attendance in recent weeks as well as a strong showing of online learners and worshippers. We seem to be approaching a new normal with some of our members interacting only online, some in the room, and some a mix of the two.

There is no bad time to (re-)start your Jewish education. I look forward to being able to pick up

long-dormant studies in the year to come, working on my Hebrew and Aramaic, and continuing a long-term translation project. But all of us have a chance to learn a text, discuss events, or improve our Jewish skills through the many classes offered through EBJC. I have online sessions three times a week, Dr. Judah Landa teaches twice a week, and Cantor tutors a number of our adults in Torah, haftarah, and megillah skills at times convenient for his students. Our Sisterhood and Men’s Club also provide a variety of educational and entertainment opportunities throughout the year, and our Executive Director, Ellen Botwin, is constantly scheduling sessions with authors, scholars, and well known performers, many of them in partnership with other Jewish institutions. We are also the host site for Hazak which provides social and educational programming for our senior members.

And so while there are no Jewish holidays in the month of November, every day is another

chance to deepen our relationship with our history and texts as well as with each other. As a bonus, by doing so we also develop our relationship with God. I very much look forward to seeing you in person or online this year to hear your voice as part of the conversation.

Rabbi Jeff Pivo



Last month, I wrote about Shabbat and the Friday night Eshet Hayyil prayer. The beginning of Shabbat brings many wonderful rituals like the aforementioned prayer. There is also the lighting of the candles, the blessing of the children, reciting Kiddush over a cup of wine, and the blessing over Hallah. These are all precious and beautiful rituals that help us enhance the beginning of Shabbat each and every week. However, there is so much more; such as the foods we eat, the songs we sing, and the conversations of Torah.

Throughout Shabbat, including time to take the well-needed and deserved Shluf (rest and sleep), we find ourselves immersed in special prayer, Torah readings, and melodies that raise our spirits.

After an entire day, this seventh day of the week of Shabbat bliss, we must eventually bring it to an end and find ourselves back in

the mundane weekday life of work. However, before we get there, we can hang on just a little bit longer. If we can hold on tight, perhaps it will not feel as long getting to the next Shabbat where we can start all over again with wonders and awe.

So, how do we hold on? Havdalah! Havdalah means separation. It is the separation from the holy and plain. Not like a bagel. It is much more, even better than an Everything Bagel. Havdalah is a bridge from one Shabbat to the next.

We begin Havdalah with the lighting of a braided candle. The fact that we are able to light the candle shows that Shabbat has ended, but it is more than that. It is about taking that internal and eternal flame and continuing to let it burn. On Shabbat we begin and end with candles. This shows our eagerness to keep the flame, both physical and spiritual, going.

Then, there is more wine and more sweetness. Again, we start Shabbat with Kiddush over a cup of wine, and here at the end of Shabbat we say the blessing over a cup of wine. There is B'samin, the sweet aroma of spices. That smell, more so than the leftover Cholent, remains in our senses and allows us to savor Shabbat a bit longer. We hope it will carry

us to the following Friday when we can begin to smell and taste the flavors of the next Shabbat; the soup, the sweet Kiggel (also referred to as Kuggel by others), and so much more.

So, we say the blessing over wine, the blessing over the spices, and then the blessing over the burning flame, as we hold out our hands, palms up, cupping our fingers as we look at their tips and fingernails, watching the light bounce off of them and seeing the shadows. It reminds us about the distinctions between darkness and light, the holy day and the weekday, and Israel's people and the other nations of the world.

Finally, we recite the words, Hamavdil (same root as Havdalah) Ben Kodesh L'hol or Separating the Holy from the Regular.

Why do we do all of this? May it serve as a reminder to how special Shabbat is or can be, if we all took the time to experience its magic. Imagine for a moment that Shabbat was everyday. Then the magic would be revealed and would disappear. Having Shabbat once a week, keeps us wanting to ask for more each and every week. Try it, you may really like it!

~Cantor Larry I. Brandspiegel

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The holidays are behind us and personally, I am breathing a sigh of relief. As I had mentioned in an earlier article, it takes over 100 people to coordinate all that goes into making the holidays run smoothly. Who's getting the applies and where are the Israeli flags for Simchat Torah? How many volunteers can we get to help put up the Sukkah and take it down? How many tickets do we need to order for the high holidays? Do we have enough of the plush Torahs for the kids for the erev Simchat Torah service? Do we have enough chairs or do we need to rent? Does Sisterhood need help putting all of the food together for the various services? Who's getting the Hershey kisses and small waters? I can go on and on, but these are a few of the "smaller" things that people don't think of. It's truly exhausting. So... that's why there is a sigh of relief.

On another totally different note, I had noticed a scraped knee on my 5-year-old granddaughter and asked her what happened. She said she fell at camp. I asked her if she cried and she said yes. So, I did what all of us do... I kissed the booboo. I then asked her if her counselor kissed the booboo to make it better and she said "no kissing is allowed". I don't know why that shocked me, but it did. She's 5. Is it a Covid thing? Is it a fear of being

accused of molestation? I'm not really sure, but I found it sad. I think hugging is still allowed...for now.

I don't know; perhaps I am wrong. I thought kissing the booboo was pretty standard. But the world is changing and people fear litigation. The left hates the right, the right hates the left and political discussions have led into out and out brawls. People are afraid to express an opinion for fear of being yelled at, berated and insulted. What happened to tolerance? What happened to respecting the opinions of others while agreeing to disagree? What the heck is going on here?

It's a good thing EBJC is a "no friction" zone. We're a "daven" zone. We're a "social" zone. We're a "volunteer" zone. We're certainly an "eating" zone! It's our safe place. Our members are diverse and we may have different opinions, but we come together at our "safe place" for a myriad of reasons... and now, after two and a half years of having to change our lives due to Covid, we're getting together again! Although we are not back to our pre-pandemic numbers, we had over 400 people attend Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Our opening Hazak dinner had a bit over 100 people attend to dance and hear Carla Virola sing! Sisterhood has begun to platter actual food for Kiddush instead of sealed cookies and individual waters to "grab and go".

Take a look at our webpage! There is so much going on. Our Zoom programs are still highly popular with an 8-part Jewish History series, 3-part FilmShul series and more! Men's Club and Sisterhood have brunches and book clubs and programs! We just booked December 10th for Dueling Pianos! A fun Saturday evening of

specialty coffees (with a kick), upscale charcuterie boards and delicious fancy desserts accompanied by live music and a sing-along! Friday night, December 16th we are having a family Chanukah dinner and family service. We're planning for a family karaoke night and family gift card bingo! We recently discussed bringing a murder mystery event to EBJC. Our calendar is filling up with wonderful events for everyone.

The small caveat is that we truly need people to help. No one is asking for a year long commitment. One small event, like a Friday night dinner, or gift card bingo, requires MAYBE two months from start to finish and even with that it's only a few hours each week. It is not a lot of work and can be so much fun! It is true that a major fundraising event, like the gala, requires a bit more of a commitment and formation of "subcommittees", but smaller events are not difficult to run and the staff in the office and I will always be there to help. Additionally, you can ask a friend or two to work on the event with you. One and done! Will you consider helping out? Give me a call and we can discuss. I promise I won't twist your arm!!

Be well,

Ellen

FROM OUR PRESIDENTS



There is now a distinctive chill in the air as the calendar moves into the month of November. We have moved past the Jewish harvest holiday of Sukkot, and soon we will be celebrating the American harvest holiday of Thanksgiving. It's hard to say which one I like more. Both holidays have the theme of giving thanks for the many blessings we have. And while we don't celebrate Thanksgiving in a "hut", Sukkot doesn't have a full day of football.

The theme of giving thanks and appreciation is one that resonates with me. Now that I have become president, I have been deeply moved by the number of people who volunteer at EBJC and its various arms. The recent High Holidays was a perfect example. We had many people who volunteered to participate and lead the services, but just as many who were working behind the scenes and helping us to coordinate and assist with all these moving parts. I am even

more grateful to the people who volunteer for all of these behind the scenes roles for the other eleven months. We simply could not function effectively without all of the unsung heroes who slip in and out of our building daily or weekly, quietly doing their jobs without notice or fanfare. To all of you, I thank you, and the congregation thanks you.

This does not mean that we've reached our limit. There is ALWAYS room for people who want to volunteer some time. We have committees as well as our Sisterhood and Men's Club, who can always use another pair of hands. If you have an area of expertise, or you just want to help around the building, we have a place for you. Reach out to me or Jack Goldberg to claim your spot. Don't sit back and just be a member when you can be a participant.

Giving thanks is good, but paying it forward is a hundred times better.

I look forward to seeing you in our building.

STEVE WOHL
Co-President

SISTERHOOD



Thanksgiving is upon us again, and as we consider all the blessings of the past year, we extend special gratitude to our esteemed clergy, our tireless office staff, and all the beloved members of our congregation who put in so much time and effort to create not just a synagogue, but a true community.

This Past Month—

On Thursday, November 3 we all came together for a glorious Paid-Up Sisterhood gala. What made it so special is that it was the first time we've had an in-person event since 2019! As we listened to beautiful piano tunes, we reacquainted with old friends, greeted new ones, and reaffirmed our commitment to Sisterhood.

Thank you to the two lovely women who coordinated the event: Cindy Rabinowitz, our Membership VP, who ordered the delicious food, and Cindi Jacobs, our Programming VP, who scheduled the entertainment. You made it a most memorable evening.

If you haven't yet joined Sisterhood for 2022-2023, it's not too late. Simply send your check for \$36, made out to EBJC Sisterhood, to the synagogue, attention Cindy Rabinowitz. Dues have remained the same price, and it's a unique value for all that Sisterhood has to offer.

We are so grateful to Carol Landa, our Sisterhood representative on the Rabbinic Search Committee. She and her fellow committee members have done a splendid job of interviewing congregants in their focus groups to learn what qualities we all seek in our next Rabbi.

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.

Sunday, January 15, 2023—In-person bagels and shmears Book and Author Breakfast in partnership with Congregation Beth Ohr Sisterhood in Old Bridge. Hear from author Debra Green about her exciting

new novel The Convention of Wives, which scored the #1 position on Amazon's list of upcoming Jewish historical fiction. RSVP to Lisa Mason at Folfy4@gmail.com. Option \$5 couvert, or sponsor the event for \$10.

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 offers the unique opportunity to 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.

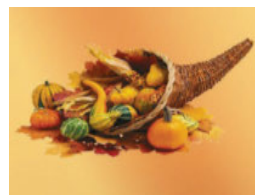
PURCHASING SCRIP IS AN EASY WAY TO SUPPORT SISTERHOOD! We currently have gift cards on hand to Shoprite, Acme and Lox, Stock and Deli. We extend our sincere thanks to those congregants who regularly purchase these gift cards. Contact Cheryl Decker at 732-257-7070.

"I buy scrip to support Sisterhood's efforts to provide programming for the women of EBJC and contribute to the financial well-being of our shul." - Cindi Jacobs

Check out our Sisterhood Judaica Shop for all your needs—tallisim, kiddush cups, mezuzot, religious jewelry, head coverings....the list goes on and on. The shop is the perfect source for housewarming, bar/bat mitzvah, and baby gifts. If you have something special in mind, we can probably order it for you. Contact Cindy Rollman at cinpepper1@aol.com

BRAND-NEW WOMEN'S LEAGUE CALENDAR DIARIES FOR 2022-2023 ARE NOW AVAILABLE! We thank those who have already purchased their diaries. Call Cheryl Decker in the EBJC office to pick up your copy and one for a friend—a great value at \$12 each.

May you all enjoy the warmest of Thanksgiving holidays, filled with the blessings of food and family. And don't forget to make your voice heard by casting your ballot on Election Day.



Best regards,

Sara Ullman

Immediate Past Sisterhood Co-President



EAST BRUNSWICK JEWISH CENTER
**SISTERHOOD
PAID-UP DINNER**

Join us!
Thursday, November 3, 2022
6:00 PM
Kroll Ballroom
Couvert: \$15.00

Didn't pay dues as yet? Please send \$36.00 plus the 15.00.
Totaling \$51.00. to Cindy Rabinowitz. 17 Starr Road, EB.

Please send payment with the following information:

1. Name
2. Telephone
3. I need a single table: yes OR no

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MEN'S CLUB

Shalom:

Finally, we have gotten through the holidays and are slowly getting back to some more normal activity. Thank you for the many volunteers who assisted EBJC and Men's Club in ushering and the other vital tasks that made organizing the services possible.

We hope you had a chance to participate in Men's Club's Sukkah Hop or Burgers and Brews in the Booth. Both events were well-attended, and we all had a great time. If you missed it, please participate next year; you will be glad you did.

On Sunday, November 6 from noon to 2 pm we are hosting an outing at Top Golf in Edison. All are invited to attend. Some golf experience is helpful but not required. We will have food to eat from Giddy's, refreshments to drink and, of course, balls to hit. The subsidized cost is \$50 per person. For more information, please go to ebjc.org/topgolf.

On Sunday, December 11 we host our Man and Youth of the Year dinner at B'nai Tikvah. We will be honoring David Libowsky as the Man of the Year for his outstanding contributions to Men's Club. And this year we have not one but two Youths of Year: Jessica Miner and Macaria Pelofsky. The dinner will be held at B'nai Tikvah in North Brunswick. All are invited to attend. For more information about the dinner and an Ad Journal honoring them please go to ebjc.org/MOY.

On Dec. 15 at 7 pm in conjunction with the Northern NJ Region of Federation of Men's Clubs, we will be hosting an evening of hockey and entertainment at Prudential Center on Hannukah. There will be extra kosher food available for purchase at the Rock and a Maccabeats concert after the game. How can you possibly top hearing a Maccabeats concert on Hannukah! The cost is \$52.84 per person and is a bargain. Please go to ebjc.org/hockey for additional information about this activity and ticket information. The number of available tickets is strictly limited, so please don't wait too long to purchase them.

Men's Club continues sponsoring twice-a-week open pickleball sessions at 350 Dunham's Corner Road., Tuesday and Thursday at 11 am. Come out and see what all the excitement is about. There are also several other Common Interest Activities (C.I.A.) co-sponsored by Men's Club: hiking, cooking, gardening and biking. Please contact Ken Gerson (kgerson7@gmail.com) for information on any of these CIA programs.

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 at mensclub@ebjc.org.

Marty Hoffman, Arthur Fliegelman, Howard Jacobs and Neil Kosher
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David
Libowsky



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CENTER FOR EARLY LEARNING



This month has been full of wonderful projects and stories about all the Jewish holidays we have been celebrating. Sukkot and Simchat Torah, just to name a few!



We're never too busy for our weekly Shabbat party! Morah Lynda and the Gozalim class love gobbling up challah and grape juice! We also get to share all the mitzvahs we've done each week and give money to tzedakah!



CEL would also like to extend Mazel Tov to Morah Jodi and her family on the wedding of her daughter, Courtney! Mazel Tov!!!



The Tziporim class had a wonderful time eating lunch in the Sukkah. They made beautiful decorations to hang up inside!



KESHER AND YOUTH GROUPS



Hi everyone,

Well the holidays are behind us and I told our students that there is a lot to learn about moving forward. I promise we will still be having some fun. Just a quick note, I have been teaching the Heh/5th grade class, and I am having fun getting back into the class teaching mode. I have found new things that the students like to do, like MindCraft, and using it in the teaching methods. You know what they say, "It's never too late to learn something new."

This month, Grandparent Shabbat will be on Shabbat morning, November 5th. Grandparents: Please come with your grandchildren and we will say a special prayer and invite the kids to come up on the Bima.

Youth Night for Chaverim, Kadima, and USY will be on Wednesday, November 16th.

We will have a Friday Night Family Service on Friday, November 18th at 7pm. Come for the service and Oneg to follow. If you know of any families looking to join in, please bring them along.

Finally, we do have some dates where there will be NO Keshet classes. First, Wednesday, November 9th for Teacher's Week, and then Thanksgiving Weekend, Wednesday, November 23rd and Sunday, November 27th.

Although there are no holidays this month, December brings Hanukkah. We will talk more about that next month

Keep the Ruach and spirit going at EBJC!

~Cantor Larry

ADULT EDUCATION & ACTIVITIES

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

AVAILABLE CLASSES

PARSHAT HASHAVUAH CLASS (ZOOM)

Fridays | 11 a.m.

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 howardjacobs@ebjc.org for details on upcoming dates, to get on our Monroe mailing list, with questions and to reserve your spot.

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HAZAK

Thursday, November 17, 12:00 p.m.

Luncheon and entertainment

Milty Heumann - Supreme Court Decision Making and the Bill of Rights - Discussion of various explanatory and normative theories of Supreme Court decision making, and of the applicability of these theories to "real" Bill of Rights conflicts.

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Jan 12 @ 8:30pm From the Catskills with Love

The now mostly shuttered summer resorts of Southeastern New York's Catskill Mountains — Grossinger's, Kutsher's, the Raleigh, the Concord, the Pines and others — provided the formative years for many prominent Jewish comedy stars for a number of decades up through the 1970s. Discover the origins of the region that came to be known as the Borscht Belt and how such youngsters as Woody Allen, Shelley Berman, Totie Fields, Milton Berle, Jack E. Leonard, Joan Rivers, Jerry Lewis, Betty Garrett, Danny Kaye and Myron Cohen left their audiences in stitches. Plus, we take a look at the movies inspired by the "Jewish Alps."

Feb 2 @ 8:30pm WWII & Hollywood's Jewish Question

The Production Code in 1934, the Great Depression, the rise of the Nazi Party in Germany and a general growth in anti-Semitism didn't bode well for the Hollywood studio moguls, Jewish men like Louis B. Mayer, Harry Cohn, Jack Warner and others who virtually created Hollywood. The moguls tried to ignore the rise of Nazism, even as they continued distributing films in Germany up until the war broke out and not making an anti-Nazi film until 1940. With World War II & Hollywood's Jewish Question, we look at how the Jewish moguls reacted--and failed to react--to what was happening in Europe in the 1930s, and how they proceeded through the war and its subsequent years.

Meet your program hosts Irv & Lawrence...

Irv Slifkin has had a lifelong love for movies and popular culture. A native Philadelphian, Irv teaches film and journalism classes at Temple University and Rowan College. He is the author of the books *Filmadelphia: A Celebration of a City's Movies* and *Groovy Movies: Far-Out Films of the Psychedelic Era*. In addition to writing for such publications as the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *The Hollywood Reporter*, *Chicago Tribune* and *Los Angeles Times*, Irv has lectured on film and popular culture, in person and on Zoom, for libraries, organizations and Jewish institutions throughout NJ and PA.



Laurence Lerman saw Alfred Hitchcock's *North by Northwest* when he was 13 yrs old and that's all it took. He has worked with MGM, Sony, Music Box Films, Cohen Media, Sterling Productions and Kino International, where he helped launch the home entertainment division. He has been writing about film and video for 30+ years for such outlets as *Variety*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *The Morning Call* and *Video Business Magazine*, where he served as a Senior Editor for 15 yrs. He is the co-founder and editor-in-chief of *DiscDish.com*, a popular Blu-ray and DVD website offering reviews, news and interviews.

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Carol Meyers, Mary Grace Wilson Professor Emerita of Religious Studies,
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Jodi Magness, Kenan Distinguished Professor for Teaching Excellence in
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Thursday, December 15 @ 8:30 PM

Steven Fraade, Director of Graduate Studies, Mark Taper Professor of
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Thursday, January 26 @ 8:30 PM

Nina Caputo, Associate Professor and Associate Chair,
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Thursday, February 16 @ 8:30 PM

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Thursday, March 16 @ 8:30 PM

Sarah Abrevaya Stein, Professor of History, Viterbi Family Chair in
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Thursday, April 27 @ 8:30 PM

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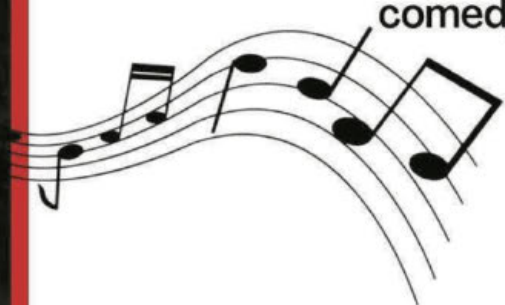


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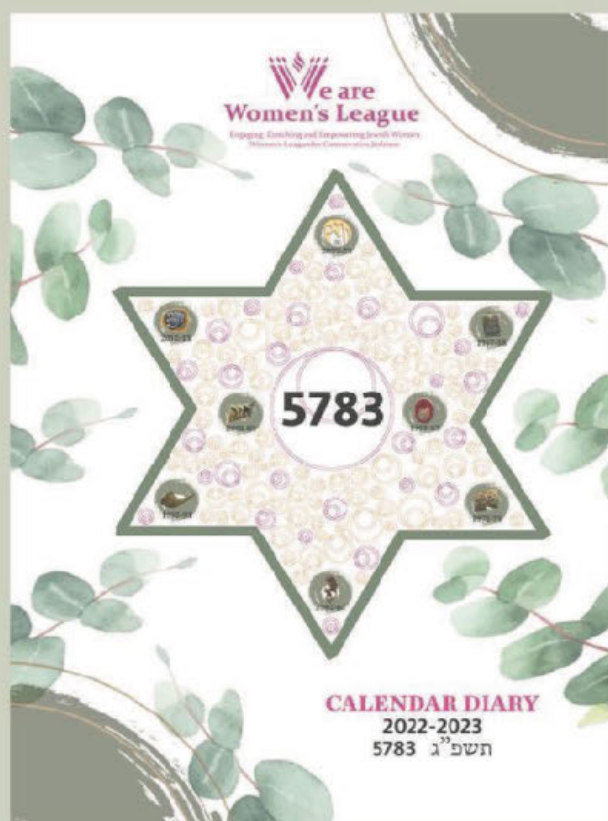
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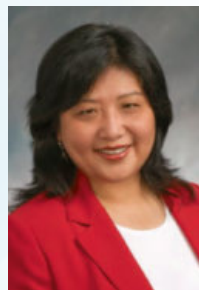
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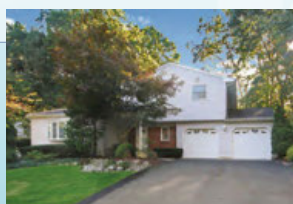


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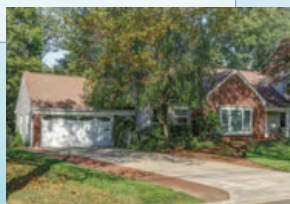
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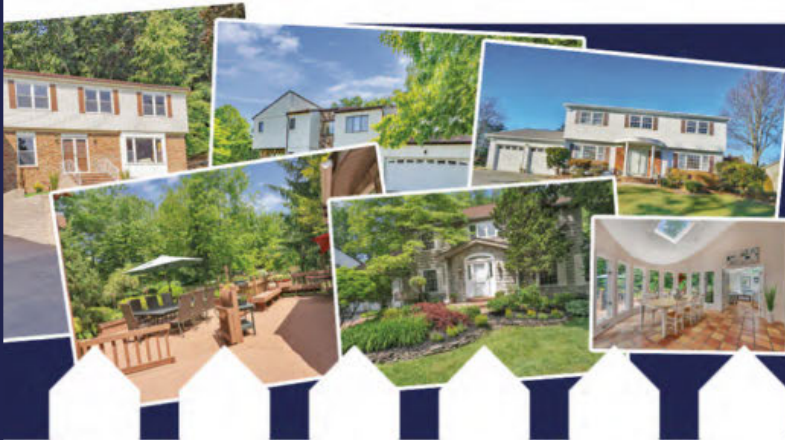
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