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Rabbi Pivo & his family, Cantor Larry and his family, the EBJC staff, and committees hope you have a happy

Thanksgiving!

SHABBAT SERVICES

CHAYE SARA

Friday, November 2 – 5:30 pm Saturday, November 3 – 9:30 am & 5:30 pm

TOLDOT

Friday, November 9 – 4:25 pm Saturday, November 10 – 9:30 am & 4:25 pm Bar Mitzvah of Ben Komissaroff

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Friday, November 16 - 4:20 pm Saturday, November 17 - 9:30 am & 4:20 pm

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Friday, November 23 – 4:15 pm Saturday, November 24 – 9:30 am & 4:15 pm

VAYESHEV

Friday, November 30 - 4:10 pm Saturday, December 1 - 9:30 am & 4:10 pm

CANDLELIGHTING

11/2 5:33 pm **11/9** 4:26 pm **11/16** 4:19 pm **11/23** 4:15 pm **11/30** 4:23 pm

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SAVE THE DATE (Dates subject to change)

November 2018

10/31 - 11/4 - Mordechai Rosenstein - Artist In Residence

11/1 - Sisterhood "Originals by an Original" by Mordechai Rosenstein

11/8 - Sisterhood Education Series with Rabbi Pivo

11/9 - Sisterhood & Men's Club Sing-a-Long and Storytelling

11/15 - Sisterhood Education Series with Rabbi Pivo

11/17 - Veterans Shabbat

11/17 - Sock Hop

11/18 - Hazak Brunch

11/29 - Sisterhood Education Series with Rabbi Pivo

11/30 - Welcome New Member Shabbat Dinner

December 2018

12/1 - Hanukkah Family Sweetheart Dance

12/6 - Sisterhood Education Series with Rabbi Pivo

12/13 - Sisterhood Education Series with Rabbi Pivo

12/15 - Sisterhood & Men's Club Evening of Jewish Humor

12/17 - Hazak Lunch

12/20 - Sisterhood Education Series with Rabbi Pivo

January 2019

1/10 - Sisterhood Education Series with Rabbi Pivo

1/11 - Sisterhood & Men's Club Kabbalat Shabbat Dinner

1/12 - Mitzvah Corps 3rd Annual Wine, Liquor & Food Experience

1/14 - Hazak Lunch

1/17 - Sisterhood Education Series with Rabbi Pivo

1/24 - Sisterhood Education Series with Rabbi Pivo

1/26 - Sephardic Shabbat & Sisterhood-Men's Club Movie Night

1/31 - Sisterhood Education Series with Rabbi Pivo

February 2019

2/2 - New Era Family Karaoke Night

2/3 - World Wide Wrap

2/18 - Hazak Lunch

2/22-23 - USY Senior Shabbaton

2/24 - Israel Program

2/28 - Shabbat Across America Challah Bake

March 2019

3/1 - Shabbat Across America Dinner

3/2 - Shabbat Across America Volunteer Shabbat

3/3 - New Era Candy Bingo & Sisterhood Brunch w/ Women's Wellness

3/9 - New Era Pinot Palette

3/17 - Purim Carnival

3/23 - Purim Ball

3/24 - Hazak Brunch

3/28 - Sisterhood Education Series with Rabbi Pivo

April 2019

4/4 - Sisterhood Education Series with Rabbi Pivo

4/15 - Hazak Lunch

4/20 - Congregational Pesach Seder

May 2019

5/1 - Yom HaShoah Program

5/2 - Sisterhood Education Series with Rabbi Pivo

5/4 - Sisterhood & Men's Club Egalitarian Shabbat

5/5 - 60's Sock Hop Gala & Torah Fund Brunch

5/8 - Yom Ha'Zikron/Hom Ha'atzmaut Program

5/16 - Hazak Dinner

5/18 - Sisterhood Egalitarian Shabbat Service

5/19 - Mah Jong Tournament

June 2019

6/1 - Grandparents Shabbat

6/2 - Celebrate Israel Parade

6/18 - Congregational Meeting

6/23 - Hazak Brunch

Rabbinic Reflections



At the time of this writing, we are learning about the horrible events at Tree of Life in Pittsburgh. Like many other synagogues around the country, we mourn together with the families

of the victims and pray for the recovery of the injured. There are no words sufficient to assuage the grief of the families affected, and no way to truly understand the maniacal hatred that cut the victims' lives short. Ours is s a tradition rooted in faith - in God and one another - and now is the time to transform that faith into actions, actions that will speak more loudly than words.

On Thursday November 1st, we will gather with our sister congregations - Young Israel of East Brunswick, Beth Ohr of Old Bridge and Temple B'nai Shalom of East Brunswick - to stand together as one grieving and caring community. There must be no doubt about our commitment to one another, both here in East Brunswick, and to Jews the world over.

As I reported in my October Recorder article and at our Congregational meeting on October 25, plans are now underway to redesign and refurbish the Kroll Ballroom, the sanctuary and the beit

midrash. That combined space, from bimah to bimah, will be known as the Grand Pavilion. The project will cost approximately \$250,000, all of which will be donated by members and segregated into a special fund for this use only. We must meet that goal by this spring in order to complete the project prior to High Holidays next year. The campaign committee is in formation. We will have a number of parlor meetings to discuss details of the project and answer questions, as well as private meetings with donors to solicit their support. This is a once in a generation effort to remake our physical space, achieve something tremendous together as one community, and restore pride in our shared home.

I look forward to sharing our Jewish grief together, and to building up our synagogue this year. By continuing to live, and to thrive, we show those whose only faith is hatred the emptiness of their false gods, and the truth of the living God of Israel. *Rabbi Jeff Pivo*

Presidents' Report



As Eric and I discussed what to write in this month's Recorder article, we contemplated what our objectives have been or should have been and what values and guiding principles will bring us there. Eric and I try to lead the community, not just manage it. This means that we look at the big picture

and see if events and issues align with our ultimate goals set forth for the good of EBJC. This is a paradigm shift in the way EBJC runs and has encountered some resistance as many changes do.

What are those goals and objectives?

Much of it has been discussed when assessing our future through the Long-Range Plan which was adopted almost unanimously by the Board of Directors two years ago. The goal, the big goal, is to sustain EBJC far into the future, despite the declining Jewish demographics, while maintaining the pluralistic and traditional uniqueness of our Conservative synagogue. To sustain EBJC we had to start looking at EBJC in the context of the Jewish and non-Jewish East Brunswick community and beyond.

Internally we had to work on the following:

- 1. Fiscally: responsibility and viability
- 2. Culturally: Improve on the atmosphere of warmth and reduce the appearance of judgmental attitude.
- 3. Youth Engagement: Enhance the youth's experience with EBJC
- 4. Adult Engagement: create inspirational options for adults; spiritually, educationally and socially

Externally we see our role as:

- Improving relations with other communities, non-forprofits, EB municipality arms.
- 2. Increasing exposure

Interestingly, we had set these objectives on our first day in office, at the Congregational meeting where you, the congregation put your faith in us as a team:

- Encouraging commitment to Jewish religious observance and life-long learning as each individual travels his/her journey in their own way.
- Two equal weekly services, Egalitarian and non-Egalitarian Traditional
- Daily services, morning and night, traditional and where needed egalitarian
- Social programs
- Promote equal opportunity participation as much as possible, within the boundaries of the Conservative movement,

while maintaining the traditional nature of our services; this includes women, handicapped, children, and non-lews

- More classes and lectures for multigenerational membership
- Commmunal celebrations and collaborations with other Jewish and non-Jewish entities

Our financial business processes needed to be outsourced. Our first iteration of this did not live up to our standards as we tried to outsource only part of the work and therefore services were not as promised. This month we are moving to an almost fully outsourced company called Kessef that works together with another called ShulCloud for all membership information. This company has been around for a long time and services 70 congregations. Check them out at: http://

kesefaccountingservice.com/clients/

Schulcloud at https://www.shulcloud.com/about

We have gone to an equal model for Shabbat and High Holy Day services; we have preserved the traditional daily services; we have hired Cantor Larry Brandspiegel to help us with these and begin multigenerational learning; we have incorporated youth in the B'nai Mitzvah ceremony as they now address their peers from the Bimah; we have supported families that desire Egalitarian shiva minyanim; and this week we hosted an interfaith event brought to us by Sisterhood of Salam Shalom and Cathy Mermelstein, introducing Muslim women to our community to learn about us and to dance with us led by Morah Vera.

It is very satisfying to hear that visitors see us as warm; yes, they've said so. As a result, we have had a total of a "bar mitz-vah" number of new member families, of which nine are young with school age children. Now that is an accomplishment!

By the time this goes to publication, we will have spent a wonderful weekend with artist Mordechai Rosenstein and have a beautiful piece of artwork to show for it. We are having so many events coming up. Please look at the website www.ebjc.org at the Events dropdown. We are having a 60's Sock Hop on Nov 17th, new member Shabbat dinner Nov 30th and Men's Club and Sisterhood are having a DJ for an evening of dancing on Dec 1st to kick off Chanukkah. Come join us and have fun!

Deena Oren Eric Pelofsky Co-Presidents

Executive Director



They hear, but they don't lis- good with a computer) ten. Completely different. I've taken it upon myself to really

pay attention and to observe. Not only in conversations in which I am a part, but in observing conversations around me. It's really quite interesting. What I see and what I experience and what I observe is that people really only want to hear themselves talk. Have you ever watched a talk show? Any talk show whether it is a "Dr. Phil" type show or "The View" type show. People talk over each other in an attempt to "outspeak" the other person. They're not listening to a thing the other person is saying. They apparently don't care because whatever it is that they are saying must be far more important.

I have one friend who loves to talk. I know that when FAR MORE INTELLIGENT AND HUMEROUS THAN I call her, I can put the phone down (ALWAYS on THEY 🙂 speaker), and go about my chores or have a cup of coffee or do a crossword puzzle because she doesn't take a breath. Here's the start to a typical conversation and I am almost always the one to call her...

Me..."Hi, It's me. How are you doing?"

Her..."El, I'm glad you called"

AND THEN FOR THE NEXT HALF HOUR OR SO, OTH-ER THAN THE OCCASIONAL "REALLY?" OR "UH HUH" OR "NO, KIDDING" FROM ME, I DON'T HAVE TO MAKE ANOTHER SOUND! On occasion, she'll say after this half hour... "but you called me, so what's going on?" Then I have an opportunity to talk... constantly interrupted...but at least I can say some- Ellen thing.

What's with that? Listening, paying attention is apparently a dying art! Is this due to computers, social media, I-pads? Have we become a society of 140

Listening is not only an art, word bytes (yes I know it's more now)? Do I have to but it is a skill. Over the years, "tweet", "Instagram" or "snapchat" to be heard? I'm I have discovered that many in deep trouble. I don't have any of those accounts people really don't listen. (yes, I guess I'm a dinosaur, but I'm really pretty

> I call it "conversation Interruptus". I am acutely aware of not only when I am being interrupted, but when I am doing the interrupting. I have learned that if I am being interrupted, I say..." let me finish my thought". Most times, people will stop and let me finish. The reason for this is because, you can't argue for or against my point, if you don't even know what it is. If you don't let me finish the sentence or thought, how can you know what I'm going to say? On the other side, when I find myself interrupting, I will stop myself and apologize OR ask if it is okay if I interrupt. I must sound like an idiot. Who asks permission to interrupt, right? EVEN THOUGH I ABSO-LUTELY KNOW THAT WHAT I AM GOING TO SAY IS

> Anyway, this is just an observance. The next time you are in a conversation... pay attention to "conversation interruptus". See how often it happens. See how often people just talk over each other....and more often than not, they're saying the same thing! Can you imagine what would happen if people stop speaking and yelling over each other? Blood Pressure will decrease, stress levels would evaporate, the sun will shine and birds will start chirping to the tune of "forget your troubles, come on get happy". Try it!

Be well,







EBJC hosts our fourth bi annual maj jong tournament. Winners split \$500 in cash prizes. Maybe next time you'll come! You gotta be in it to win it!

Wine for Sale!

WINE FOR SALE ALL YEAR ROUND

Do you need wine before and after Passover for Shabbos, a holiday, a simcha, for dinner? Contact the Mitzvah Corps at ebjcmitzvah-corps@comcast.net. Wine list and prices available at the EBJC website; click on the Mitzvah Corps Wine List tab. Relax and enjoy your wine while supporting Yashar LaChayal.

EBJC Welcomes Our New Members

Jessica Smilowitz Young & Jordan Young

Jill Rubin and her children, Arielle and Justin

Letters to the Editor

My father's yahrzeit was today. I was visiting family in Monroe Township and needed to say Kaddish. Thank you for being there and in particular, for gathering a minyan to help me fulfill this Mitzvah.

-Diana Sevit

The Congregation Extends

CONDOLENCES TO:

Herman Price on the loss of his sister, Norma Price Mahler Esther Schwartz on the loss of her husband, Steve Schwartz

MAZEL TOV TO:

Meredith, David, and Zachary Brown on the addition to their family of daughter and sister Zoe Brianna Brown

Neil Kosher, Men's Club Man of the Year honoree Amanda Gold, Men's Club Youth of the Year honoree Taryn and Seth Webber on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sydney Webber

Social Action

Food is always needed for Trenton Mission. In December we will be collecting Winter coats.

Save the Date!

Monroe Lunch and Learn - Thursday November 12th at noon.

Please contact Howard Jacobs

(howard_jacobs20@yahoo.com) to RSVP. Lunch is always

delicious and only \$9.00 per person.

Hazak Brunch - Sunday, November 18, 10:30 am. Featuring jewelry designer Tess Sholom.

Hanukkah Family Sweetheart Dance - Saturday, December 1, 6:30 pm. Featuring dancing, games, and dinner. See page 23 for more details.

Sisterhood/Men's Club Sing-a-Long and Story Telling - Friday, November 16, 6 pm - Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner including a sing-a-long and story telling featuring Cantor Larry and Rabbi Pivo

Welcome New Member Shabbat Dinner - Friday November 30, 6:00 pm.

A Night of Jewish Humor - Saturday, December 15, 8:00 pm

Community Events!

19th Annual Rutgers Jewish Film Festival to Run October 30 through November 11 - Features a diverse array of dramatic and documentary films from Israel and around the world, and most screenings feature guest speakers, including filmmakers and scholars. For detailed information about the festival and how to purchase tickets, check the website:http://BildnerCenter.Rutgers.edu/film.

3rd Annual Global Day of Jewish Learning - THE CHALLENGES WE FACE - JUDAISM IN THE 21ST CENTURY - November 11 2:00 pm - Join Rabbi Joel Mishkin as he moderates a discussion with three East Brunswick Rabbis: Rabbi Eric Eisenkramer of B'nai Shalom, Rabbi Jeff Pivo of East Brunswick Jewish Center and Rabbi Efraim Unterman of Young Israel.



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The Center for Early Learning

We started learning our ABC and aleph bet!





The Center for Early Learning @ EBJC

Lynda Perel

Letter N

Letter L







Bet is for barvaz (duck)





We enjoyed exploring the neighborhood! We went on a nature walk and discovered all different types of leaves in the neighborhood. We went back to class and we graphed the leaves.









We can't wait for our Thanksgiving Feast next month! Gobble Gobble Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

We welcome Stefani Kovler to the EBJC office!

Hi everyone. Just a note to say it is a pleasure to be back in this building. So many wonderful new changes but still the same warm feeling from my years teaching at Schechter. I love visitors, so come on in and say hello, give a call, or email me at Stefani@ebjc.org. Hope to meet everyone soon!

Stefani

IN AN EFFORT TO CONSERVE ENERGY AND NOT HAVE OUR MAINTENANCE STAFF SPEND COUNTLESS HOURS SETTING UP AND BREAKING DOWN TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR MEETINGS, WE ASK THAT YOU HAVE YOUR GATHERINGS IN ROOM 8 OR 9 IN THE RUG WING, OR TO MAKE IT MORE HAIMISH....IN YOUR HOME (YOU CAN ROTATE). Eliminating meetings in the KBR will help the maintenance staff and reduce the cost of lighting and heating that large room.



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Cantor Larry



Hello everyone,

Things are really moving along nicely with our Kesher program, Hebrew High School, and Youth Groups. You may have seen the following via emails or Facebook, but for those who may not utilize our electronic ways, I want to include you in what is happening.

- The Board of Education and I are working hard on new ways to inspire, innovate, and invigorate our students and families.
- Please remember to check your calendars and emails for upcoming events. Also, if you have not already done so, sign up

for our new TEXT MESSAGING system (especially with colder weather on the way, it could snow any day).

- The next Shabbat School and Shabbat B'Yachad Family Service will be on Shabbat Hanukkah, December 8th. We want every child and parent to attend to give everyone the best Shabbat morning experience possible. Come help us light the way.
- There will be No Kesher on Wednesday, November 7 and Sunday, November 11 (NJ Teacher Weekend)
- Wednesday, November 14 ~ Hebrew High School 6:30pm-8:15pm
- There will be No Kesher on Wednesday, November 21 and Sunday, November 25 (Thanksgiving Holiday)
- Wednesday, November 28 is Youth Night for Chaverim, Kadima, and USY.

If you have any questions, please contact me at cantorlarry@ebjc.org

ful, not only for the day off or for the freedom of being able to live in the United States, but thankful to God for the family, friends, and sustenance that we have. So, with that stated, I offer to you this Thanksgiving prayer to be recited just before your Thanksgiving meal:

Creative Source of all being, from You come our blessings from day to day and from year to year. The towering mountains and the shaded forests, the abundant streams and the fruitful earth are Your gift to us. May we preserve this gift for our children, that they, too, may give thanks for the blessings that will be theirs.

For this land so richly blessed, we raise our voice in thanks. Your children have come to these shores from many lands in quest of liberty in new life. Many have been pilgrims to this western world. Here they found a safe haven, soil on which to prosper, and the opportunity to outgrow old fears and superstitions. For our country, for its freedom promised, attained, and yet to be enlarged, for the richness of its natural blessings, and for a growing harmony that we pray will ever increase among its citizens, we give thanks.

God of justice, inspire all who dwell in our land with loyalty to the ideals of its founders. Give us wisdom and strength to labor for its well-being, on the firm foundation of justice and truth. Fill us with the spirit of kindness, generosity, and peace, that this land may be a beacon-light to many peoples.

Baruch Atah, Adonai Elohenu, Meh-lech Ha-o-lam, Ha-motzi Lechem Min Ha-a-aretz.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, for You cause bread to come forth from the earth.

In addition, I want to share a little something special with you for the upcoming month. Here is a little prayer to be recited at the Thanksgiving Day dinner table. What a wonderful opportunity to be thank-

Cantor Larry I. Brandspiegel



Shalom,



My name is Ben Komissaroff and I'm becoming a Bar Mitzvah on November 10th 2018! For my Mitzvah project I've decided to work with St. Jude Children's Hospital. They have an amazing fundraiser for kids called "Mathathon"! People sponsor you to do challenging math problems by donating for each problem that I complete. I've raised over 700 dollars! This amazing hospital is a nonprofit organization which means they only work on donations. St. Jude is a hospital that cares for very sick kids that have long term or terminal cancers and other diseases. They also fully pay for families to travel to their facility. My mom is the organizer for this great cause at her school and I wanted to be apart of her efforts. Please consider making a donation to St. Jude's children's Hospital today! Thank you!

Youth Programming

DATES_{FOR} EBJC TEEN + CHAVERIM PROGRAMS 2018/2019

- Hebrew High for teens in 8-12th grades, meets most WEDNESDAYS, from 6:30-8:15 pm
- Chaverim 4th & 5th grades / Kadima 6-8th grades / USY 9-12th grades
- EBJC Teen Programs are open to EBJC members and Jewish non-members who register, and Most programs include dinner, dessert, and time to socialize with friends

DATE		TEEN PROGRAM	
Oct	3	Hebrew High	
	10	USY	_
	17	Hebrew High	_
	24	Kadima / USY	_
Nov	4	Kadima: Artist-in-residence	
		USY	_
	14	Hebrew High	_
	28	Kadima / USY	_
Dec	5	Kadima / USY	_
	12	Hebrew High	_
	16	Kadima / USY	_
	19	Hebrew High	_
Jan	2	Hebrew High	_
	6	USY	_
	9	Hebrew High	
	16	Kadima / USY	
	29	USY	
Feb	6	Hebrew High	ANTOR
	13	Kadima / USY	For inf
	20	Hebrew High	Chaver
	27	Kadima / USY	or sen
Mar	6	Hebrew High	
	8-9		KAD
	17	Purim Carnival	KAU
	20	Megillah Reading	
	27	Kadima / USY	
Apr	3	Hebrew High	
	10		
	28	USY	
May	1		
	8	Kadima / USY / Yom HaZika	aron -
		Ha'Atzmaut	
	15		
	22	USY Elections	

31 USY Board Installation & Dinner

DATE TEEN DROCDAM

DATE		DATE	CHAVERIM PROGRAM
	Oct	24	Chaverim
	Nov	4	Artist-in-residence
		28	Chaverim
	Dec	5	Chaverim
	Jan	16	Chaverim
	Feb	13	Chaverim
	Mar	8-9	Youth Shabbat
		17	Purim Carnival
		20	Megillah Reading
		27	Chaverim
	Apr	10	Chaverim
	May	8	Yom HaZikaron - Ha'Atzmaut
		15	Chaverim - end of year BBQ

CANTOR LARRY is our Director of Education.

For information about the Hebrew High program and/or Chaverim Youth Group, please call him at 732.257.7070 x3 or send an email to CantorLarry@ebjc.org.

KADIMA & USY

For more information, please contact Erin Kaplan, Kadima and USY Advisor: ErinKaplan3190@gmail.com

Kadima: 6th, 7th & 8th graders. Programs are 6:15-7:45PM

USY: 9th-12th graders. Wednesday programs are 7:45-9:00PM; Sunday programs vary CHAVERIM is for 4th and 5th graders. This group meets monthly on WEDNESDAYS, from 6:15-7:30 pm, following Kesher

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Sisterhood



The change of season has ushered in new and exciting adventures for Sisterhood.

members, eleven of whom are new for the current year. Thank you to both

our returning and inaugural members, who have demonstrated their support for our promise of being a relaxing, enjoyable, and meaningful haven for all the women of our shul. We are delighted to include you as our friends and colleagues, but our ultimate goal is 100 percent membership. If you've ever considered joining Sisterhood, this is the year to take that leap. There are so many incredible options for getting involved.

Rabbi Pivo's adult education series "Torah, Time and Tefillah" is successfully underway. But don't be concerned if you haven't attended yet, because you can drop in at any point! This fascinating two-year course is designed to provide a solid foundation of Jewish knowledge, and for those who wish, it can culminate in bar/bat mitzvah. The Thursday evening classes (following minyan) are both informative and interactive, and provide much food for thought.

In October, EBJC Sisterhood sponsored an enlightening interfaith program. Sisterhood of Salam Shalom, an organization whose mission is to "grow relationships between Muslim and Jewish women" visited our synagogue. In the true spirit of fellowship, the combined group were given a tour of our sanctuary by Rabbi Pivo and enjoyed an evening of dancing and socializing. Many thanks to Carol Goldberg, who chaired this event.

If you missed this program, you can still sign up for the second part, scheduled on Monday, November 12th at 6 P.M. Members of the New Brunswick Islamic Center will host a tour of the mosque, followed by a henna party. RSVP to Linda Harrington, 732-233-3799 or SIGNLADYNJ@gmail.com to join the fun. Sisterhood participated in the five-day, synagogue-wide Mordechai Rosenstein Artist-in-Residence program by presenting "Originals by an Original," a stimulating lecture by the artist himself. We all gained valuable insights into the inspirations that Look forward to seeing you at our next event. drive Rosenstein's unique style.

Our joint Men's Club/Sisterhood Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner, scheduled for Friday, November 9th at 6 P.M., promises to be a memorable occasion! As a special treat, Cantor Larry will lead us in an animated sing-a-long, featuring a wide array of tunes, while Rabbi Pivo will regale us with Shabbat stories. It's not too late to sign up. Contact Margot-

magoo1211@comcast.net.

Upcoming events in the coming months are Our Night of Jewish Comedy on December 15, featuring a popular entertainer, in conjunction with Men's Club, as well as a Wine and Chocolate event in partnership with the Sisterhood of Congregation B'nai We now have 115 Tikvah in North Brunswick. Stay tuned to the Tidbits e-mail blast each Friday for upcoming details.

> We are making impressive progress in our current Torah Fund campaign, as we have already reached over 90 percent of our annual goal. As in the past, EBJC Sisterhood will be honored with a Garden State Region award for exceeding our Torah Fund goal for <u>last year</u>, and there's every indication we will achieve this honor once again, especially with everyone's help. Kudos to our wonderful Torah Fund Chair, Jody Bramson.

> If you'd like to be a part of this annual fundraising project in support of Conservative education programs, there is still time. Contact Jody at Jlbrams@aol.com. All donations are welcome; for \$180 you will receive a beautifully designed Torah fund pin with the insignia "Atid," meaning "Future."

> Here are two of our brightest Sisterhood stars-Lisa Pivo and



Laura Brandspiegel-the wives of our distinguished clergy, bonding at our summer BBQ. We thank them for sharing their charming and learned husbands with us and for being such inspiring role models to the women of our congregation.

Sisterhood extends a hearty Yasher Koach to-

*Cantor Larry for being honored with a Doctor of Pedagogy Degree by the Jewish Educators Assembly and Jewish Theological Seminary

*Elise Merkel for being honored at Hadassah's annual Myrtle Wreath event

Give Sisterhood a try! With so many activities to choose from, you'll surely find something that's right for you. And for those who are already sold, please help us spread the word!

Warm regards,

Margot Julis magoo1211@comcast.net

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SUCCESS & Opportunity Our regional Man and Youth



Men's Club is continuing another busy year with a focus on expanding our reach to include younger families.

Men's Club had an exceptional October. We began by sponsoring EBJC's first Sukkah Hop in years. It had approximately 30 attendees, about half chil-

dren, all touring sukkot in the immediate vicinity. We have a special thank you to our host families: Landa, Plafker, Pivo, Pollak and Richardson. We look forward to an even better Hop next year.



We then almost immediately hosted Rabbi Steven Wernick for a Shabbaton. Rabbi Wernick did an excellent job conveying the state of the Conservative movement today and how and why we need to continue adapting to modern times while remaining true to our Jewish heritage. His comment we found most memorable is that we need to create the synagogue of our grandchildrens' dreams, not the synagogue of our grandparents' dreams and the importance of being attuned to our changing environment.

Rabbi Wernick stressed the four pillars of Conservative Judaism: Torah, Avodah, Gemilut Hasadim and Chevre. Men's Club is focused on all of these, but a major Men's Club objective is to increase EBJC's friendship and sense of community. We do this through a wide variety of activities, with program targeted for all age groups and stages of life.



Our regional Man and Youth of the Year event is Nov. 14 at 6 pm in Springfield when we honor Neil Kosher and Amanda Gold. Please go to ebjc.org/MOY dinner details. Both honorees richly deserve their recognition.



EBJC's first Hannukah Family Sweetheart Dance is on Dec.



1 in cooperation with New Era and Sisterhood. This is a family oriented event. All are welcome regardless of age. Signups are at ebic.org/sweetheart.

With Sisterhood we are cosponsoring Sing-A-Long Kabbalat Shabbat (Nov. 9, register at ebjc.org/kabbalat) and Comedy Night (Dec. 15).

If you notice the wiring all over our building, Men's Club hopes to install four video monitors in

our lobbies in the coming months.

We can find out more about Men's Club and our coming events at ebjc.org/under-our-roof-2/mens-club Programs include Mayor Cohen (Jan. 11), a Blood Drive (Jan. 13), and the Jordan Barth Giants brunch (Jan. 27) featuring the running back, Billy Taylor.

While we already have a busy calendar, we are always seeking ideas for new and interesting events. You are welcome to join the fun in arranging our programming. Do you have an idea for an event or activity? Attend any Board meeting and share your idea. Our next two are on Nov. 12 and Dec. 10 at EBJC at 8:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

We invite interested members to join Men's Club. Only a modest amount of time and effort is required. If you can help us run just one event, we would be delighted to have you join us. We can use all kinds of help. No matter your skills, interests and availability, Men's Club has something to fit your schedule and background. Contact us anytime at mensclub@ebjc.net.

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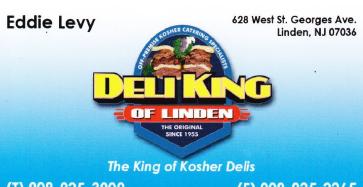
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November 18 Sunday Brunch 10:30 - Jewelry designer Tess Sholom, whose jewelry is in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, discusses her art and anecdotes about designing for the rich and famous!

December 17 Monday Lunch 12:00 - Martin Schneit - Learn all about the Zigfeld Girls

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February 18, 2019 Monday Lunch 12:00

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NO ONE IS IRREPLACEABLE

I know no one is irreplaceable, but I worry who will open the gefilte fish cans, who will answer the phone, Shalom, EBJC, this is Gale? Who will panic when I have to do something new on the computer? Who will tell people who have trouble walking that they should do a drive-thru and I'll meet them in the parking lot to get their dues, donations, etc.? Who will send out thank you letters (and even get some correct)? Who will count the money and take it to the bank for the Rabbi? There are so many who wills that every time I think about leaving EBJC after 38 years, I get nauseous. It's been my home, a place of comfort, a place of frustration, a place for my daughter to go to school and be able to visit me at any time. (She's 30 now). It's been so many things. I have connected with many congregants, I even have a shul-work "husband," with whom I banter about observances and women participating in services, but whom I admire and respect.

I've seen five rabbis come and go, maybe even six. They all had their strengths and weakness, as all humans do. I've been through so many "new sheriffs" in town when every two years there's been a new president (or co-president). These volunteers have shown their devotion to EBJC, some more than others.

I will miss the camaraderie of my office mates. I've had many, but they have all been wonderful to work with, sharing our responsibilities, our strengths, who can add money to the stamp machine and who can't, who can make labels and who can't. We've been through all of life's up and down, losing parents, raising children, having grandchildren (oh, that's just me so far).

EBJC will always be a home to me, even when I'm most frustrated and upset. It has served me all these years as a place to go and work and learn and meet the congregants. So many congregants over the years, some have become my friends, some just acquaintances, all are fellow Jews. We share a common bond.

Do I regret not going out into the "secular world" and getting a "regular" job, no, not in the least. EBJC has allowed me to learn office skills and still be the parent who could drive their kids and participate in their activities. I learned so much about Judaism from my years of employment. It's been a great journey.

I know I will miss the environment, the people, the work, but it's time for me to move on. My newest grandchild will arrive in November and this one lives in New Jersey, not Colorado or California. I will be helping out with child care a couple of days a week. This will be my new job, without a computer.

To all those who have befriended me over the years, I say thank you. As I said it's been a journey and thank you for taking me with you.

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Neve Shalom's loom allows users to create personalized items

Weaving metaphor for 'delicate way world works'

By SARA KARLOVITCH

New Shalom is helping graphs con-nect to Indaisa: by wearing their own religious lie is, auch as proyer chaotic stad challah cosens, on an in-house Isom. The large is that the heads-on acceptance and

experience well bring the weav-ers closer to their faith.

At Neve Sha-lom, a Conservet ve lowish syna-gogue on Gross Avenue, the loom has been used by more than 50



by neces than 50 psupla in the pass POSIN 220 years if form; by the synagogue's Sisterhend. The weavers also been commissions and weavers also been commissions and are working on an order from Oblea-

The loom sits to a second floor of file of the symmetries and takes up the entire room. It's a wooder machine operated with pedals and a shuttle for the chread

It was acquired in 2015 by Cery If was sequired in 2015 by Cery schneiden, now the auth is the freem program, after she moved from Penn syrvania. Her heighbor had a loom in the garage and erder up donating it to Neve Station.

"New she can park her car in the garage," Schreider seid. Schnesier her kultted more than Statistical role states from the statistical or proper slausts. Sincitarical weaving for her son and has aims weren to line to their grandchildren. She teaches new weavers how to mente their own Jewish herdoons.

"It's a very simple process." Schnel der said. And we've had a lot of kids do it. We had the nursery achool do it."

The nursery school class made a challah cover for the braiced bread during Shabbat blessings. Two chil-dram seeded on the local while an

adult selped them use the pudals.
The words fallificture customizable. Users can choose the colors and what to embraider on the collars and

That is why Margot Julis, of East

Brunswick, was able to use purple and pink thread, her granddatalistics' fa-vorite colors, for her tallit. The wom-en at her Conservative Javish synagogue, the Date Branswick Towish Center, have just started to wear the to life so luits, 50, decided to make her

think, so Julis, 50, decided to make her own.

"It's Just really special to have contesting to close to you that you make yoursel," Julis see:

After 20 Founs of works, she was close to finishing it on a recent night at New Shakern, And she was pleased with her creation. "I think it besto grapous, I love h. I love the cakers," Just said.

Schneider said were into him a mode.

Schneider said weaving has a mod-trative effect and is not as hard as prople think.

"You get into kind of agen state and "Hanget from the not were stone and and to use of the most nelecting ratings you can do it. Everybody who's woven has loved it," Schneider said.

She said the notation give people a levish experience that's meaningful, and the said control of the said the work to give people a levish experience that's meaningful.

cosmocable and "significant to where they are in their lives that will never be forgutten."

Weaving has a metaphoric place in Incates, according to Neve shalours rabbi, Eric Rovin, it has been used 'as a metaphor for the delicate way the world works.'

What the born allows, assurding to Rovin, is for people to comment fur-ther to the model of the comment fur-

the foods, is for people to connect fur-ther to the tradition of using the tallif.

The footh has been very impact-ful on the New Shalom community, blore and more people are working their own tallif. "It really, I think, Info-theenance reogregation." Roain and. It just allows people to add them-saluse time a fitted that, otherwise and the constitute of the otherwise

could be something they do by rote."

"There's a tradition in luclatum railed Hidden Mitsvan, which means taking something the 's a command. ment and making it beautiful. In-sist. 'So this is a great example of Hiddur Mitterah.'

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Cary Schneider, left, and Margot Julia work on Julia talls on the loom at Nove Shalom.

For more information and to schedule your time on the loom, contact: Margot Julis 732-672-8089;email: magoo1211@comcast.net or Cory Schneider (Neve Shalom)

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