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10/15 6:00 p.m.
10/22 5:50 p.m.
10/29 5:40 p.m.

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9:30am

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OCTOBER 9
Noach

OCTOBER 16
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UPCOMING DATES

AS OF THIS WRITING, WE HAVE BEGUN SERVICES AND MINYANIM IN PERSON AT EBJC. WE WILL SLOWLY START HAVING OUR REGULAR PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT EBJC FOLLOWING THE CDC GUIDELINES. OUR PHYSICIAN'S COMMITTEE IS CONSTANTLY ON THE ALERT SHOULD THERE BE ANY CHANGES. WE WELCOME EVERYONE BACK TO EBJC.

FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION REGARDING SERVICES, EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND CLASSES, PLEASE GO TO WWW.EBJC.ORG/ONLINE-EVENTS. THIS IS WHERE YOU WILL FIND ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW. WHEN IN DOUBT, YOU MAY ALWAYS CALL THE OFFICE FOR SERVICE TIMES AND INFORMATION OR ELLEN BOTWIN FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL PROGRAMS.

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. 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 have been negatively impacted by COVID and are having trouble paying your dues, please let us know! It gives us no pleasure having to call a member to find out why they are in arrears only to find out that they've been out of work and are struggling. First, we are a source to come to. We have resources and methods to help you. Secondly, we will work with you to either work out a payment plan, reduce your dues to make sure that paying your EBJC membership dues does not become a burden when you are having trouble supporting your family!

SHABBAT SERVICES

Shabbat services are back to being in-person, and are also offered via Zoom. Please check the cover of the Recorder or the weekly Tidbits for Friday evening service times. Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. The link to join will be found 15 minutes before services begin on our website at ebjc.org/services.

ONLINE EVENTS AND UPDATES

Go to the Online Events page under the Events tab on our website, or go to ebjc.org/online-events, to stay up-to-date on events being held online during the quarantine. Our events can also be found on the Membership page. Also, look for updates from the Rabbi, Cantor, and Co-Presidents under the Clergy and Lay Leaders tab.

OFFICE HOURS

The office is staffed Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.; however, the office is currently closed to visitors.

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.

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 4th we will have Professor Sam Kassow of Trinity College, with the program "Who Will Write Our History?" with two week access to the film. On November 20th we will have the program "True Colors - Humorous, revealing and inspiring stories from Jews of Color" as well as a 3 part series with Mike Hollander with each session focusing on a different country—October 17th will look at Poland, November 14th, Russia and February 6th, Spain. On November 20th we have the program "True Colors" which will include humorous and inspiring stories from Jews of Color. Most of these 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 for all programs will be in Tidbits and on the EBJC website.



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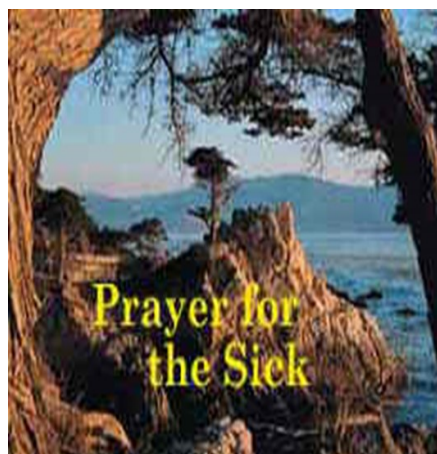
David & Shoshana Baskind on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Maya
Ira & Elise Merkel on the marriage of their son, Jeremy, to Michelle Edelman
Liat & Robbie Aufseeser on the birth of their son, Nathan Justin
Fred & Norma Teicher on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Jonah Alex Teicher
Alan & Gloria Nadler on the marriage of their son, Sam, to Sara Adler

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS CONDOLENCES TO:

Debra Loeb Kirschenbaum on the loss of her mother, Anita Loeb
Jeffrey Zonis on the loss of his aunt, Sally Zonis
The family and friends of Lillian Deutsch
Bob Levine on the loss of his wife, Lynne Levine
Phil Korman and Linda Korman-Spiegel on the loss of their son-in-law, Evan Freiberg

THE CONGREGATION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS:

Marc Mellinger & Ellen Stein
Tina Zippin



We have begun a "Psalm Fellowship," which gathers each week to chant psalms together to pray for the sick and ask for their healing.

Anne Kroll will be chairing and leading a healing prayer circle for EBJC members reciting from the Book of Psalms in English. Barbara Pollak and Deena Oren will co-lead in Hebrew. All are welcomed to join the Zoom meeting on Tuesday evenings from 8:30PM to 9PM. All are welcomed to send in the name of the person they will be praying for to my email address, selectivemedia@comcast.net, where a list will be kept.

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BAT MITZVAH



Hi! My name is Maya Sarit Baskind, and I am an 8th grade student at Hatikvah International Academy Charter School. For my Bat Mitzvah project, I chose to volunteer for an organization called Friendship Circle. At Friendship Circle, teens volunteer to hang out and engage in activities with kids with special needs who might otherwise have trouble making friends. The goals are to show kindness and respect towards the teens with special needs, and to be their friend. My first step to becoming a volunteer at Friendship Circle was completing a six week training program. In this training, we learned about different disabilities and how to help those who have them, and be an accepting and true friend. Once I graduated from the training, I moved on to being a volunteer with a buddy, or friend. I have also participated in two of Friendship Circle's yearly "Walk 4 Friends" walk-a-thon events, in which the buddies and volunteers go on a walk together, while participating in side activities throughout the walk. It is a fundraising event that I am proud to be a part of. I am happy to support the program and to

spend time with my buddies. In my time at Friendship Circle, I have learned about leadership and how to be an amazing friend. My buddies have helped me better myself and are so creative, fun and a pleasure to hang out with. I have especially enjoyed sharing my hobbies with my buddies, such as when we do music, dance, or arts and crafts together. I look forward to staying on as a volunteer and continuing to support this wonderful organization!

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SAVE THESE DATES!

Thursday, November 4 @ 8:30 PM

Professor Sam Kassow, Trinity College, “Who Will Write Our History?”

In 1940, in the Jewish ghetto of Nazi-occupied Warsaw, the Polish historian Emanuel Ringelblum established a clandestine scholarly organization called the Oyneg Shabes to record the experiences of the ghetto's inhabitants. For three years, members of the Oyneg Shabes worked in secret to chronicle the lives of hundreds of thousands as they suffered starvation, disease, and deportation by the Nazis. Shortly before the Warsaw ghetto was emptied and razed in 1943, the Oyneg Shabes buried thousands of documents from this massive archive in milk cans and tin boxes, ensuring that the voice and culture of a doomed people would outlast the efforts of their enemies to silence them. In 2018, Professor Kassow's book was made into a film directed by Roberta Grossman. Program registrants will receive a link to view the film at their convenience in the two week period prior to the program, so be sure to register early!

Saturday, November 20 @ 8:00 PM

TRUE COLORS

Humorous, revealing and inspiring stories from Jews of Color exploring identity, community and being a Jew in modern times.

THREE-PART SERIES WITH MIKE HOLLANDER

Sunday, October 17 @ 1:00 PM

“Poland – The Epicenter of the Ashkenazi World in 1939” – A Virtual Historical Tour with Mike Hollander

In 1939, this country was the epicenter of Ashkenazi Jewry. So many of our Jewish ideas and so much of culture comes from this here, in which 10% of the pre-WWII population was Jewish. This virtual journey will go to Warsaw, Krakow, and Auschwitz-Birkenau, and will touch upon 3 central themes - 1,000 years of Jewish life in Poland, the period of the Shoah from 1939-45, and the complicated post-WWII to the present period of resuscitation of Jewish life in Poland, as well as the strengthening of ties between Israel and Poland.

Sunday, November 14 @ 1:00 PM

“Russia: St. Petersburg and Moscow – The Pale and Beyond” – A Virtual Historical Tour with Mike Hollander

Many Ashkenazi Jews say that their parents/grandparents/great grandparents came from ‘Russia,’ however most likely they didn't! Jews - by and large - were not allowed to live in what is today the Russian Federation (including St. Petersburg and Moscow) until 1860. From that period until the Russian Revolution in 1881, the Russian Revolution, the Great Patriotic War (WWII), the Cold War, and Glasnost - had tremendous impact on the Jewish population in this part of the world. They also had a profound impact on North American Jewry. This journey will visit these cities and examine how these events have and continue to impact Jewish identity in these places, as well as in North America and Israel.

Sunday, February 6 @ 1:00 PM

“The Golden Age of Jewish Life in Sepharad/Spain – Guide for the Perplexed” – A Virtual Historical Tour with Mike Hollander

For centuries, the Jewish community of Spain was one the world's most significant. It's creative achievements in the arts, sciences, literature, medicine, diplomacy, etc. were unprecedented for a Diaspora community, largely because of the interaction and integration of the Jewish community in Muslim Spain. All this ended during the same year that Columbus set sail to discover America. What is the legacy of this important community? We will visit some of the more important Jewish centers, including Córdoba, birthplace of Maimonides, Granada, home of the beautiful AlHambra Palace, where Ferdinand and Isabel issued their expulsion order, as well as the beautiful synagogues of Toledo. The presentation will also touch upon the complexity of minority/majority relations, the tension between integration and assimilation, and celebrating the rich legacy of Sephardic Jewry.

Sunday, January 9 @ 1:00 PM

“A Virtual Tour of Jewish Rome” with Sara Pavoncello

Participants will learn about the history of the Jewish Community of Rome, the oldest in Europe, from its beginning in 161 BCE to modern times. Using pictures, maps and videos, Sara will speak about the bond between Jerusalem and the Colosseum, about the Ghetto that started in 1555 and ended just in 1870. She will explain how this terrible experience affected life and traditions of the Jews of Rome in both good and bad ways. A special focus will be about the Shoah, the Nazi occupation, and how her family and other community members survived. We will learn about typical Jewish Roman traditions such as delicious Kosher recipes, the Giudaico Romanesco (their unique language) and the origin of some of the typical Jewish Roman last names.

Sunday, April 3 @ 12:00 PM (Rain Date April 10)

“A Virtual Walking Tour of Venice's Jewish Ghetto” with Luisella Romeo

The ancient Jewish ghetto in Venice is in the Cannaregio district, one of the most authentic Venetian areas in the city, and yet quite unknown to tourists. In a multicultural and multiethnic city, as Venice was, in an area far away from the centre of power, the Jewish ghetto was born in 1516. We will try to understand what distinguished this area from all other Jewish quarters in Europe at that time as well as learn the history of the Venetian Jewish community till nowadays.

RABBINIC REFLECTIONS



Now that we have enjoyed the many fall holidays, it is time to begin our shul year in earnest. This year we are continuing the full slate of online adult education courses, as well as our Keshet school, USY, and many more activities. But we need you! You are the oil in the latkes, the fruit in the hamantaschen, the horseradish on the brisket (too far?) The point is that the EBJC community cannot thrive without - yes - communal participation.

With the pandemic now in its second year, and the return to normalcy possibly a ways off, we need to begin to adjust to the "new normal." When it comes to shul, that means accepting that some things will be done differently, but we have figured out most of those issues. What we need to do now is to find a level of involvement that will benefit others and, in doing so, also benefit ourselves. The thing that we yearn for most is human connection; what better way to make a connection than through the shul?

And so, acknowledging that everyone has a different comfort level around others, especially inside the building, please re-assess where you are and make a commitment to the public good. That can be as simple as showing up for daily minyan in the morning, evening, or both, even one day a week. As members of a traditional synagogue, each of us has a religious obligation for daily prayer, and providing a minyan is a basic function of the Jewish community. Let's make that happen every day, adding our voices to those that appeal to God, support mourners, and celebrate Jewish holidays.

But minyan is far from the only place where we need you. There are so many aspects of Jewish living to take advantage of! You can learn with me, Cantor, or Judah Landa, all online; you can learn how to read Torah and haftarah this year, you can finally master fluent Hebrew reading; you can meet the people whose intelligence, curiosity, and kindness make time together worthwhile.

And, of course, there are committees. They do the vital work of keeping our programming and physical plant operating. Our Board of Directors sets the policies that reflect our shared values; by taking part in these groups, you add to the conversation about how to do that.

On the wall behind my desk is an artwork by Mordecai Rosenstein; its words are taken from the Jerusalem Talmud: "Who is occupied with the needs of the community is as though they occupied themselves with Torah." While study of sacred texts remains of primary concern, seeing to the needs of the whole community has the same status. This year, let's both study Torah and live out the Torah value of supporting each other with our time.

Rabbi Jeff Pivo



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

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

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

The first week of creation had come to an end. Gd had finished creating the heavens and the earth, animals and vegetables, fish and fowl, man and woman. Gd seemed happy,

and Adam and Eve were also quite pleased. Plants that were supposed to grow, grew nicely, and the animals went merrily about their way. All the days of the week were happy, except for Shabbat. "It's not fair", Shabbat complained, explaining her problem to Gd. "You created everything in pairs. Everyone has a partner except for me. You made each creature male and female, including man and woman. The heavens and the earth go together, and even the other days of creation have partners. I am the odd one left out - all alone." "It's true Shabbat that you don't have a partner", explained the Holy One Blessed Be Gd," but you are very special. I thought you would want to be unique." "I do like being different, especially since I am your favorite day. But sometimes it gets rather lonely."

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

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

On behalf of my wife, Laura, my children, Samantha, Avi, Heather, and Jeremy, I wish you and your family a wonderful month ahead.

Larry I. Brandspiegel
Cantor/Education Director

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Well the saga is over. I've finally moved. Two years of emptying out the house, selling stuff, giving stuff away, throwing things away, packing and schlepping has come to an end. Almost. Now comes the unpacking, the breaking down of boxes, the tons and tons of packing paper and bubble wrap that has to be recycled and/or thrown away (luckily I had a friend that was moving and needed a lot of that stuff). On the first recycle day in my development, the boxes (which contained other broken down boxes) took up one side of my driveway. I had to move my car to the street so that there was room for the boxes. It felt good to get rid of them since they had been residing in my garage making it impossible for me to find the unopened boxes!!

So let's see...it took me at least one week to find my utensils. It took me a week and a half to find my stepstools which are very necessary when you're 5'3" and your cabinets are 8' high. Just yesterday I found the hammer and maybe soon I'll find the nails so that I can hang some pictures. It's like a treasure hunt with stuff that belongs to you!!

The day before we moved, the movers came to pack up the remainder of the items in the basement, the remainder of the stuff in my office and all of the items in the upstairs office – everything that was my husbands. It was great because I had run out of time and energy and it was his “stuff” anyway. Little did I know that they would label everything...”Electronics/Computer Items”. Do you want to know what it's like to have to open 30 boxes all with the same label? It may have looked like electronics/computer items to the packers, but to my husband... well, let's just say he was beside himself trying to find specific items.

Now, full disclosure...I could have been the sweet, loving wife that said... “Oh, honey, let me help you find whatever you are looking for”. Yup, absolutely could have said that. What came out of me was...”Where were you when they were packing? Why didn't you direct them or tell them how to label the boxes?” and then of course...”Well, if you packed the stuff yourself, you'd know where everything was”. So much for sweetness and understanding. Let's be honest, I packed over 200 boxes and labeled them all. He packed nothing. So I felt I had a pass on that one. I also unpacked all of those boxes so don't judge.

It is really nice to start fresh. It's like the promise of a new beginning. How apropos that my move coincided with the Jewish New Year and Yom Kippur. A

new house, a new year, a new start. I certainly hope this is true for EBJC as well. We are working so hard to bring programming and groups and events back into the building. We can't stay away forever! I am so happy to say that we have Jazzercise in the building from Monday through Thursday starting October. Vera is returning with Israeli dance the second Monday of October. Hazak will return with lunch and the vocals of Carla Virola on October 7th. This is the start. This is how we begin to come together. Of course we want to be safe and of course we want to be together. Figuring out how to do both has been the challenge and hopefully, we can do it successfully and safely.

No one knows how many variants of this disease there will be. No one can predict the future and no one wants anyone to get sick or be compromised. We will continue to endeavor to keep you safe. We will do everything we can to keep you engaged, entertained, enlightened and enriched.

One way or another we will move forward together. We are EBJC strong!!

May you all be well,

Ellen

FROM OUR PRESIDENTS



This month, both Jack and I will be printing our Yom Kippur addresses to the congregation.

Nobody wants to hear a long speech, especially before Ne'ilah, so I will try to make this brief.

This is the third consecutive year that I have been speaking to you as a co-president of this congregation, and, Baruch Ha Shem, this will be the last year that I do that in this capacity. I also hope that this is the last year we have High Holiday Services with masks required, and I hope that this is the last year that we have limited attendance.

It has been an honor to serve this community. I often hear when meeting with other synagogue presidents on United Synagogue Zoom meetings that being a synagogue president is a thankless job. Nothing could be further from the truth at EBJC. I have been overwhelmed by the support and thanks I have received from many of you, and I am sincerely thankful.

I could never have anticipated the challenges we would have to face over the past two years. Negotiating this once in a century pandemic as well as the potential sale of part of our complex first to the Yeshivah and then to Netivot, not to mention many minor flare-ups has consumed a huge amount of my time and energy. Fortunately, I have been blessed to work with two extraordinary co-presidents, a committee of physicians who have given our synagogue expert advice on the medical issues, a fantastic Board of Directors and Executive Board, and our clergy, Rabbi Pivo and Cantor Larry, who have ena-

religious services to continue during periods of opening and closing of our synagogue.

Mariano Rivera, the greatest relief pitcher to ever play baseball, famously blew a save and lost game 7 of the 2001 World Series. Several years later he was asked by a reporter if that game still bothered him. He replied, "No. I knew that I had tried my best and that was all that I could do." I too have tried my best, but I'll admit that I have made mistakes. Before the gates close, I want to ask forgiveness on behalf of EBJC as well as on behalf of myself for any way the synagogue or I have wronged you, as our Vidui says, either knowingly or unknowingly. I specifically want to apologize for the problems we have had with our streaming system over the past few weeks. We are working diligently to try to resolve them.

True teshuva only comes when one vows to try not to repeat one's errors. Two years ago, I promised on this bimah, that when I or EBJC made a mistake, we will try to correct the situation and endeavor not to allow those mistakes to recur. I still hold by that promise. But in return, I must ask a favor. Any person who becomes the president of a synagogue expects to hear criticism. After all, we're dealing with Jews whom our Tanach calls stiff-necked people. Even Moshe Rabeinu faced criticism. If any of my three children were here right now, they would be mortified by my lack of humility in comparing myself to both Moses and Mariano Rivera, and not necessarily in that order! But I digress. I welcome criticism because it indicates to me that people passionately care about our Kahal. Most of the criticism I receive is

constructive. Keep those comments coming! We cannot improve unless we are aware of our shortcomings. But those who criticize with an edge, or with anger, or with unrealistic expectations of me, our staff, or our clergy, or especially those who make these criticisms to hurt, please remember that the administration of this congregation as well as the staff and even the clergy are human beings. We were made in Ha Shem's image, but none of us is perfect. I'm asking that when you make a criticism, please have some *רחמנות* in Yiddish, *rachmanes*, in English, some compassion. Maybe we're having a busy day. Maybe we're worried about a loved one. Maybe we're ill. And remember what the great Talmudic sage Hilel replied when asked to explain the Torah while standing on one foot, "What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. That is the whole of Torah; the rest is commentary."

And let's also remember after one and one-half years of pandemic what truly matters. That we all belong to an extraordinary community, and I have been privileged with being its shepherd for the past two years.

G'mar hatimah tovah. May you and all whom you love be sealed in the book of life for a year of happiness, health and peace.

Bob Salston
Co-President, EBJC

Kol Nidre - one of the most poignant, deeply moving prayers in the entire liturgy of all payers. A desire to enter the new year to envision a new beginning with a clean slate. The beauty of this holy day is the unparalleled hope it offers for a brighter future. A feature that is attainable as long as we all come together and embark on this arduous task of achieving it. We stand together as a community and express thanks we are here together for another year.

At EBJC we recognize the necessity of opening all our gates to make these High Holiday celebrations accessible to all both online and in person. Your leadership team continuously reviews

FROM OUR PRESIDENTS

and when necessary, implements improvements to our educational programs, our health and safety protocols, prayer and rituals. Examples of this can be seen in how we blow shofar within the sanctuary as well as a separate shofar blowing in the parking lot. You will see a newly implemented strategy in the sanctuary during Ne'ilah when the Ark is opened for individual private prayer. It will be staggered and socially distanced to allow for safe personal prayer before the ark. For those who have not participated in this EBJC ritual and wish to do so, you will find it most moving. We continue to update our online services as well as the system we use to stream.

A universally recognized ritual of these High Holidays is the sounding of the shofar as a way to stir us to action. The distinct sound fills all of us with a sense of awe - and should help one think of this sound as a call to all of us to take action within our shul. Let's all try to have a spiritual commitment to our community. There are so many exciting things going on. We have new members to welcome, many classes to join and try out, Ellen Botwin's Jewish Travel and Cultural programs. Our shul continues to move forward with Lunch and Learn, Weekly Parsha classes, Judah Landa's two classes (Judah has participants with 5 to 8 years attendance). Yes, we are reaching more members.

I want to thank all of the parents, teachers and clergy who have worked to implement these online curricula. We have all been on a learning journey together.

What has our leadership been doing? We continue to learn that we have two ears and one mouth - we try to do more listening and less talking. A recent example of a 'listening lesson' is the implementation of our new screening platform. We did our due diligence and spoke with other synagogues, we got price quotes, reviewed warranties, and installation dates. Cantor Larry took the lead and dotted every I and crossed every T. The company and the

equipment we purchased is top of the line...Thank you Cantor.....and the plot thickens. Originally as designed, this new system did not allow for, and now I need to use technical jargon, schmoozing (socializing) after services. Individual members approached Bob, the Rabbi, Cantor Larry and myself about the importance of the socialization after services. We listened and quickly agreed this aspect is an important part of services. Easy to say, but alas, challenging to implement. Our Cantor along with all of his responsibilities has this added to his list. And it will be done and done correctly. To those members who voiced concern- great! We now have a stronger congregation. And for everyone- if there is something you would like to see included or an idea for a class, please email Bob or myself.

As we are all made aware of daily, we live in 'the electronic age'. I recently attended (virtually) the Long-Range Planning Committee, chaired by Joel Greengarten. The topic was attracting new members. Jack Levitt, Eric Rabinowitz, Ken Gerson, Arthur Fliegelman, Rabbi Pivo, Cantor Larry, Ellen Botwin and Howard Jacobs were most vocal on methodologies to be used. A 40-minute Zoom limit was used. In that 40-minute period, a Facebook marketing plan was put together, revised, revised again, and worked through a few hurdles and the LRP committee was ready to release. Of course, the group turned to Debbie Friedman to create a flyer. The objective was easy - invite unaffiliated members of our community to join us for services, especially Yizkor. Currently we have 50+ new participants who did not exist 10 days ago. If you are one of those, we at EBJC welcome you to our family. This year on Zoom, next year at your new religious home. We are happy you chose us. To the LRPC, Yasher Koach, a job well done.

I will close with an incident that I was part of. On Sunday, August 29 we held a prospective New Member and New parents Open House. Parents and their children, and potential new members did attend.

Someone pointed out a woman who did come to check us out. I went over and introduced myself and engaged her in conversation. I tried to be brief, and realized I am talking to a different generation, requested she look at our website and see all we have to offer. Her response was gratifying. She told me she already had and was very impressed. She then asked me if she could ask me two direct questions.

Without hesitation, I agreed. First question: Are all the events listed online for real? It appeared to her we had too much going on - not only within the shul but with Sisterhood, Men's Club and all the committees. Her second question? Are we friendly and welcoming?

My responses to both made me proud to be a member.

Thank you to all for your membership. On behalf of Bob and Liz Salston and their family, myself and Carol and our family, may we all be blessed with a year of good health and a time when we can all be together...without masks.

We should all be inscribed in the Book of Life.

Thank you.

Jack Goldberg
EBJC Co-President

SISTERHOOD



Fall is now in full swing, ushering in radiant colors all around us, the rustling of leaves, and the invigorating chill in the air. With Holidays behind us, we're ready for some adventure!

And Sisterhood is hard at work, welcoming old friends and new members whom we are delighted to embrace within our community. Sisterhood dues remain \$36—a small price to pay for the valuable connections you will make and the fun that's ahead. If you have not already renewed your membership for 2021-2022, why wait? Start the New Year 5782 off right with an investment in EBJC and yourself. Send your check to Membership VP Cindy Rabinowitz, 17 Starr Road, EB. We warmly welcome new Sisterhood members Abby Marcus, Tina Zippin, and Ellen Stein, who have all recently joined EBJC. Please support our goal of achieving 100 percent membership this year!

This Past Month--

The highlight of the past month was our second Road Rally, back by popular demand. On the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, 13 teams scouted out sites all over East Brunswick, following a series of mind-bending clues devised by Sharlene Harris Libowsky and her mother, Ann Harris. The event culminated in a scrumptious boxed lunch from Giddy's, consumed together tail-gate style in

our shul parking lot. And the three winning teams were: Deena & Yigal Oren; Margot & David Julis/Mimi Rosenbaum/Fred Rosenberg; and Sara & Steven Ullman/Gloria Jaslow. We heartily thank all who participated, and special gratitude to Sharlene and Ann for their genius and creativity. We hope this will be an annual event!

On the Horizon—

This year's Paid-Up Membership event on Thursday, October 21, promises to be truly special. We are offering a dynamic Zoom program from the New York Historical Society entitled "Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg." It was only last Rosh Hashanah when we lost this icon of American justice—a proud, admirable Eshet Chayil for our generation. Pick-up dinner will be available from The Orchid for those who opt in. Please see the flyer in this Recorder edition.

Our next Sisterhood Book Club selection, scheduled for Thursday, November 11, is Kaddish.com by Nathan Englander. This is described as a comic novel about a secular son's refusal to recite Kaddish for his father, and his Orthodox family's reaction to his rejection of this religious obligation. Instead, the son arranges for a stand-in to recite Kaddish, through an actual website called Kaddish.com. Englander's style is often compared to that of renowned Jewish author Philip Roth. So we anticipate a terrific read!

If you have a book you'd like to share as a group for a future meeting, please send your suggestion to Sara Ullman at sarajull366@gmail.com.

On Saturday, November 13, we are hosting another movie night,

featuring the acclaimed 2004 documentary "Paper Clips" about a middle school in Tennessee that collected paper clips as a symbol of the six million Jews who were lost to the Holocaust. This special project that grew out the children's Holocaust education became a national phenomenon supported by politicians and celebrities. It was a life-changing event for the community and beyond.

Torah Fund is continuing its successful B'YACHAD campaign by extending it for another year, since pins became available later than usual due to the pandemic. We proudly proclaim, "It's not about the jewelry; it's about the Jewery," to remind everyone that there is a profound purpose behind the Torah Fund campaign that exceeds the annual pin. This year, why not make your usual donation and purchase a current or past pin as a gift to a special woman in your life. Torah Fund supports the education of the leaders in our community—Rabbis, Cantors, Teachers, Administrators, Social Workers—the very fabric of Jewish life and our investment in the future.

Please renew your commitment to this worthy cause by making a 2021-22 donation. There is a flyer available in this issue with all the details.

The new edition of the popular Women's League calendar diary has arrived! The price is still \$12 each. We have a limited number. Call Cheryl Decker in the synagogue office to reserve your copy, and you can pick up at EBJC.

PURCHASING SCRIP IS AN EASY WAY TO SUPPORT SISTERHOOD! We have replenished our supply of gift cards, so they are ready for pickup. Cards are available to Shoprite, Acme, and Lox, Stock and Deli. Most of us are still patronizing these stores, so why not help out Sisterhood in the process. Contact Cheryl Decker at 732-257-7070.

We eagerly anticipate “seeing” everyone at the Paid-Up Membership event on Thursday, October 21. Don’t miss this unique program and the opportunity to reconnect with your fellow congregants and friends, catch up on their lives, and introduce the beauty of sisterly friendship to our future leaders.

Happy Autumn,

Cindi Jacobs/Sara Ullman

Sisterhood Co-Presidents



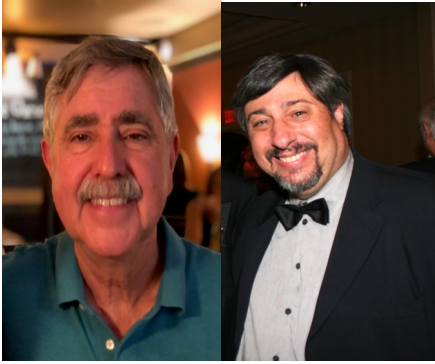
Our Road Rally winners!



SISTERHOOD AT YOUR FINGERTIPS EVEN VIRTUALLY!!

- **Sisterhood Kiddush**—join a fun loving group to prepare for weekly kiddush – contact Margot Julis – 732-672-8089 magooj1211@comcast.net for more information
- **The Sisterhood Judaica Shop** is your source for beautiful giftware, books, candles, head coverings, children's items and more. **Since shopping in person is not an option right now, if you see an item online, contact our Judaica Shop managers and they will assist you in your purchase.**
Browse the beautiful collection of gifts, home furnishings and Judaica for all occasions online.
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** is an easy way to help the Sisterhood raise funds by purchasing gifts for ShopRite, ACME or Lox, Stock & Deli. **We all have to grocery shop during the Pandemic, and you are going to spend the money there ANYWAY!!! What could be easier?**
Contact the EBJC Office 732-257-7070
- **Bimah Baskets** – for any Simcha...A “virtual” 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 Cindy Rollman 908-812-6713
- **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 Anne Kroll – 732-735-1616 selectivemedia@comcast.net

MEN'S CLUB



Shalom!

It's now October, and the high holidays are a memory. As compared to September, which this year held the full set of holidays (Rosh Hashanah through Simchas Torah), October doesn't have any special Jewish days this year. So we're more in a "normal" routine, which this year still doesn't feel anything like normal!

As part of the Sukkot celebration this year, Men's Club worked with Cantor Larry to sponsor a "Sukkah Hop," a child-friendly organized visit to multiple sukkahs in the EBJC neighborhood. A good number of our youth participated and had a great time! We thank Carol and Judah Landa, and Jules and Roxene Plafker who volunteered their sukkot to make this event possible. And we thank Cantor Larry and Arthur Fliegelman for their leadership in pulling this off.

During a previous generation, people sought out a congregation to join. That isn't happening as much as it used to. In my case, my path to a shul was triggered by a print ad in the New Jersey Jewish News, which, as we know, no longer exists. But all is not lost! Eric Rabinowitz in September was able to get more than 50 families to sign up for Yom Kippur services in a 10-day period by advertising on Facebook for an extremely minimal investment. Our thanks to Eric for taking the initiative to make this happen! So we in EBJC need to adapt to the times and the environment in which we find ourselves.

Another aspect of our new situation is that we think that the ability to stream services will be an important part of services going forward. (It is not a coincidence that the people who reached out to us on Facebook attended services via streaming.) As you know, Men's Club provided a \$5000 matching donation to support our new streaming system. As of the writing of this article, we have received many generous donations, and are well on our way to reaching our \$5000 goal. We thank all who have donated! For those who haven't participated, there is still the opportunity to make a contribution to help enable this part of our path forward. Call Cheryl in the office if you are interested.

Another part of the future that many of us are concerned about is climate change. The recent flooding that affected some of us at the end of August and early September remind us again that we are not immune to the forces of nature. Men's Club co-sponsored a discussion on October 5 of what we can do to reduce our carbon footprint to slow these changes. Our thanks to Linda Lidor for organizing this event!

Global warming aside, we are in the "Goldilocks" time of the year. We are not in the heat of summer or the freezing cold of winter. The weather is crisp, and there is no time like the present to enjoy the outdoors and the beautiful foliage. So we took a hike in October to Davidson's Mill Pond County Park on Riva Avenue! It was a good excuse to be outside, meet old friends, make new friends, and learn a bit about the history of our corner of the world. Our thanks to Dave Libowsky for organizing this expedition.

Please note that we had scheduling problems with our event at Top Golf in Edison. While a number of people were interested, we couldn't make the date work. We will try again in the Spring!

One thing we can't reschedule is Election Day. This year, Steve Harkavy is organizing a candidate's debate between two East Brunswick residents who are running for the town council. Please look in Tidbits for more information on how and when to participate in our democracy in action!

One annual ritual that we have in the Men's Club is each year to honor a Man of the Year and a Youth of the Year who have gone above and beyond to make EBJC a special community. This year we are proud to name Marty Hoffman as our Man of the Year, and Jacob Zeidweg as our Youth of the Year. Yashar Koach to them both for all that they have done! They will be celebrated at a dinner to be held in December. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

We are always open to new ideas for activities, events or programs that would be compelling to people at EBJC. Please feel free to let us know your suggestions, and please plan to join us at our events. All these programs are open to the general EBJC community. While we encourage membership in Men's Club, being a member will not be a prerequisite to your participation in any of our events.

Thank you for your interest in Men's Club and thanks for being part of the EBJC community!

Steve Harkavy

Howard Jacobs

Co-Presidents, EBJC Men's Club

YOM KIPPUR APPEAL

So, Ellen Botwin, our Executive Administrator, is sitting in her office and her phone rings. "Hello", the caller says, "is this the East Brunswick Jewish Center?" To which Ellen replies, "Yes, it is. How may I help you?" "Well, this is Agent Gotcha from the IRS, and I have a few questions for you" Ellen replies, "Sure, ask away." So, IRS Agent Gotcha asks if Shlomo Schwartz is a member of East Brunswick Jewish Center, and Ellen says, "Why yes, he is." Agent Gotcha then asks if Shlomo donates regularly to the Yom Kippur Appeal, to which Ellen replies, "Why, yes, he does." Well, Agent Gotcha then asks if Shlomo donated \$18,000 this year. Ellen pauses for a few seconds, and she says, "He will now....."

It is both an honor and a burden to be addressing you, my EBJC family; those of you that are here in person and those of you in our virtual community – our extended kehillah. It's an honor because of all that we do together as a kehillah kedosah – a holy community - and yet, a burden, as so much of what we do relies on raising funds to keep the doors of this synagogue open. And I want to choose the right words that will motivate us all to both generosity and serious commitment to our kehillah. We are all in this together. And without having to go into detail, I think that we are all in agreement that this past year has been both very difficult and challenging.

I guess the big question of the day to ask ourselves is why are we here? Why are you here? I suspect everyone has a different response to that question. Some of us come here out of a deep sense of obligation or tradition. Some of us because we appreciate and value that the power of community during this time of reflection is vital to convey our hopes and prayers to G-d. Some of us yearn for the friendship and family that EBJC has provided over the years. Some of us have yet to figure out why we are here. These are all good reasons for why we are here. Now, prayer is between you and G-d, but G-d has given us a means to do better, be better, and that is through

charity, through the mitzvah of tzedakah.

The High Holy Days are about more than just saying the prayers, singing the songs, hearing the shofar, reading the Torah – as significant as it is to keep all those traditions and as important as it is to instill them in the next generation. Rather, the success of our Yom Kippur appeal means that coming together on these days in our vast numbers has inspired us to make a difference in the world beyond ourselves and have a greater impact as a community in a way that none of us could have as individuals.

We are all in this together.

We are a kehillah of committed, talented and engaged people who care deeply about our Jewish identity and about each other. Our dedication to this synagogue will not let us fail. East Brunswick Jewish Center is a place where chesed, tzedakah, mitzvot and tikkun olam flow so naturally. When you are surrounded by supportive people who are working alongside you to achieve the same goals and have the same values, anything is possible.

We are all in this together.

We have many challenges in front of us and many decisions to make about our future. By approaching these tasks together, as a close-knit and engaged community, that will allow us to chart our course. Together we can determine our future.

We are all in this together.

The author of *The Little Prince* said that "if you want to build a ship, don't drum up the men to gather the wood, divide the work and give orders. Instead teach them to yearn for the vast and endless sea."

Gathering the wood and dividing the work is of course vitally important and you can't make this synagogue – our kehillah kedosha - a better place without organizations and committees and people doing the crucial work on the ground. But those folks can't do their holy work without other people who are inspired. That's my task this morning....to inspire you. I am asking

you to support those folks, to support us, as generously as you can and to be inspired as you consider that support by the vast and endless sea of change that is possible when people come together as a community in common purpose.

We are all in this together.

I would like to tell you a personal story. My mother grew up on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, in shall, we say, not the best of economic positions. She would go with her mother to Shul for Yom Kippur, and back then, for the Yom Kippur appeal. They would call each person by name to stand up and declare what their pledge was. When they called my grandmother's name, she stood up and pledged an amount which was far greater than what she could afford. When she sat down, my mother said to her, "Mama, we don't have money for food and we struggle to keep a roof over our heads. How can you give so much?". To which my grandmother replied, "There is always someone who has less than us". This was truly a selfless act of chesed and tzedakah. It was a true mitzvah – a good deed that endures forever – and one that I pay forward every day.

Now, I'm not going to ask each of you to stand up and declare what you are going to pledge.....unless you really want me to, but I am going to ask you to dig a little deeper than usual. As a community when we stand together, when we rise up and say, this is important to us, we prioritize our faith to our kehillah kedosha – our holy community - and to the world. We become proud of who we are. This is what binds us together and makes us strong as a community.

I understand and appreciate that economic times are difficult. I fully appreciate that these challenges affect what we would like to do. However, the Torah does not give us a pass on doing tzedakah. The Torah does not allow us to wait to give tzedakah until the stock market improves. Instead, we should figure out how we can give tzedakah within our means. Let me give you an example. Right now, the most popular drink at Starbucks - no

advertising plug here - is a Vente Pumpkin Latte. Now this one drink costs \$4.95..... plus tax. That \$4.95 provides maybe, let's say 15-20 minutes of pure deliciousness and enjoyment, not to mention lots of calories. And once you're finished drinking that latte, it is gone. By donating that \$4.95, and should I mention, tax free, to East Brunswick Jewish Center, you get a lot more than 15-20 minutes of deliciousness and enjoyment. You are providing for the today and tomorrows of our kehilah. The return on your investment by choosing the latter far exceeds the latte. So, do without a few lattes - and who really needs all that extra sugar and artificial flavoring - and give tzedakah within your means. Look at the person inside of you and stand up for what is right.

We ask to be sealed in the Book of Life, imploring G-d to seal us in the book. But is it G-d's action that writes our name there, or is it our own? In my opinion, there is only one surefire way to be sealed in that book. And that is for each of us to live each day as if it was our only day, to throw ourselves into whatever we have chosen to do with vigor, commitment, and passion. To be sealed in the Book of Life, we must seize the opportunities that G-d has provided us to give of our time, our talents, and our resources to our families, to our kehilah, to Israel, to the world. And most importantly, to just do the right thing.

Now, of course, at this time of the year, I hope that you will do the right thing and designate some of your resources to this appeal.

I ask that you please give generously. Without your gift, we cannot function, and that is plain fact. Your participation in this act of tzedakah will help us reach our goal of 100% participation from our community. Working together, each of us has the power to make a difference in our kehilah, no matter the size of the contribution. Think about what you gave last year and consider increasing your pledge this year. Remember, the people you love the most are watching and learning from what they see you do.

I thank you in advance for your generosity.

For those of you have already donated, I thank you for your early support, and gently remind you that additional donations are gratefully accepted.

Remember, we each seal ourselves in the book of life by the act of living fully and completely and generously every day - using the gifts that G-d has bestowed upon us. Only by so doing, will the days of our lives be meaningful and rich.

There is a saying in the Talmud, "As my parents planted for me before I was born, so do I plant for those who will come after me".

We who gather here this Yom Kippur day have been the beneficiaries of those who came before us. We have the opportunity to sow seeds that will bear fruit for generations to come. I am hopeful that you will choose to make a commitment that expresses your gratitude and generosity and will allow East Brunswick Jewish Center to perpetuate Jewish values, educate our children and grandchildren and secure our future.

As our tradition states, "Kol Yisrael arevim zeh lazeh" - "Every Jew is responsible for one another".

Again, I challenge those who have given in the past to increase your pledge and those that have never given before to make a pledge today. I ask you to recall the words of Rabbi Abraham Herschel, who said, "Do as much as you can and then just a little more than you can. This is vital". If my grandmother, of blessed memory, could, so can you. Any amount is meaningful. This is our community - our kehila. And we need everyone's help to maintain it. Our future tomorrow needs your help today.

I am also asking those of you that have joined us as guests - both in person and virtually - to contribute as well because East Brunswick Jewish Center is also part of your Jewish connection. We welcome and encourage you to join us for events and observances throughout the year.

In conclusion and when I thankfully take my seat, please don't give me a fist or elbow bump, or give me a Yasher Koach. Instead, this year give a generous amount to East Brunswick

Jewish Center and give yourself a Yasher Koach.

To those that I may have wronged, I ask for your forgiveness. For those I may have helped, I wish I could have done more. For the many I neglected to help, I am truly sorry. To those who helped me, I am deeply grateful.

On behalf of the Executive Board and the Board of Directors, myself, and my family, I wish you a Shanah Tovah v'Metukah - a good and sweet new year, and G'mar Chatima Tovah. I pray that all our members and their families are inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life for a year of health, happiness, peace, prosperity, and friendship. May your fast be easy and meaningful. May we all enjoy a healthy future together.

David Julis

CENTER FOR EARLY LEARNING



The Center for Early Learning @ EBJC

It's great to be back! Three full classes of smiling, happy children. Although we haven't had a full week of school with all the holidays in September, we are all adjusting well. Looking forward to a fun year!

We decorated, sang, danced, and ate in the Sukkah!



We made our own Lulav & Etrog!



We celebrated Shabbat!



KESHER AND YOUTH GROUPS



Dear Keshet and Youth Families:

What a great start we are having in this new school year. I am so excited to be in our new space in the Rug Wing. I am glad to see our Teaching Team jump into the learning with our students. Most of all, I am so happy to see so many faces, including the new faces that have joined our Keshet program. I am also excited to see our Youth programs off to a great start. The “car wash” a few weeks ago was a great charitable success, raising over \$800 for Tikkun Olam. GO EBUSY!!!

We have a full learning schedule during this month of October. Our Sundays and Wednesdays are in full swing. I really want to thank all of the parents for making the drop-off and pick-up run so smoothly with your patience and care for the safety of our students. I hope your children are coming home with great stories of what they are learning, as well as, great art projects. Speaking of art projects, I want to thank all the kids for making the wonderful Sukkah decorations that beautified the EBJC Sukkah.

As you may have seen in the calendar, and found in my emails, we have a new Shabbat services schedule for families. The next Friday night service will be on Friday night, October 15th. We will have a Tot-2nd grade service from 6:30pm-7pm and then a Family service for grades 3rd and up from 7:15pm-8pm. This is a great way to come together to learn and sing the Friday night prayers, while ushering in a meaningful and participatory Shabbat.

Our Youth Night in October for Chaverim, Kadima, and USY will be after Keshet on Wednesday, October 20th.

There are so many wonderful things happening at EBJC. Remember be a part of it all and not apart from it all.

As always, if there are any questions regarding any school or youth matter, please email me anytime.

On behalf of my entire family, let's have a great month ahead.

*Larry I. Brandspiegel
Cantor/Director of Education*

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2021-2022

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*Community Outreach Opportunities

*Fundraising

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*Membership in Women's League

Our Membership Drive for 2021-2022 is underway.
Dues did not go up! It's just \$36 to join!

Need more info?

Contact Cindy Rabinowitz, VP of Membership.

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

Please make your \$36.00 check payable to **EBJC Sisterhood**
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**EBJC Sisterhood Presents: Paid Up
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Catered by the Orchid**

- **Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg -**
The New-York Historical Society honors the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg (RBG)—the trailblazing Supreme Court justice and cultural icon—with a special virtual presentation highlighting her stellar life and career.
- **Optional dinner to be picked up in the EBJC parking lot from 4:00 – 5:00PM. Dinner for Sisterhood members is \$14. Spouses and other members of household \$18 each.**
- **Orders must be received by no later than October 14.**



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AVAILABLE CLASSES

PARSHAT HASHAVUAH CLASS (ZOOM)

Fridays | 11 a.m. Join us for Rabbi Pivo's Friday morning class at 11 a.m. where we study the weekly parsha prior to Shabbat. Reflecting on the Chumash and ancient and modern commentaries, we discuss the roots of our ancient culture and the timeless values of the Jewish people.

GENESIS SCIENCE CLASS (STREAMING)

Mondays | 8:30 p.m. in the library This class combines a rigorous textual analysis of the biblical verses with knowledge from external sources including history, science, linguistics and archeology. We meet every Monday evening at 8:30 pm for about one hour in the library at EBJC. After more than 12 years, having started from the beginning of Genesis, we are currently in the middle of Deuteronomy. The plan is to proceed in order through the other books of the Hebrew Bible.

TALMUD CLASS (STREAMING)

Wednesdays | 8:30 p.m. in the library
This class brings to life the voices, discussions and debates of our sages as they formulated Jewish Law based on the traditions and foundational texts received from ancient times. We meet every Wednesday evening at 8:30 pm for about one hour in the EBJC library. Currently we are studying tractate Kiddushin which concerns the laws of marriage.

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 Wednesdays | 12 p.m.

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

HEBREW READING CLASS (CANCELLED)

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 orartblum@yahoo.com or 732-390-0314.

ISRAELI DANCE (RETURNING IN OCTOBER)

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 (CANCELLED)

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.

HAZAK-RETURNING TO EBJC OCTOBER 7TH AT NOON!

Join entertainer Carla Virola while enjoying a delicious lunch. There will be every precaution taken to ensure everyone's safety. There is no charge for the entertainment/program. A suggested donation is requested by Jewish Family Services for the luncheon. Next Hazak luncheon is November 4th.



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