



Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

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A Message from Ed Cohen, EHNTJC President



“Our Future is in Our Hands”

Hard to believe it has been over two years since COVID-19 took over the world. COVID has surely put new and different twists on many of our daily activities. The safety of our community remains top of mind as we implement all protections. It is our goal to move safely towards the normal we once enjoyed.

We will be setting tables in the social hall and offering the opportunity for simple Kiddush snacks on Shabbat. We are looking at early June to get back to “serving” lunch after services. We would like to offer Onegs on Friday nights and will consider doing so on those Friday evenings where the in-person attendance is stronger. We are currently offering the opportunity for sponsorships of the Onegs and Kiddush snacks /lunches on Shabbat and encourage you to call the office if interested.

We are considering and exploring outdoor activities this summer. This is a top priority, a must!

We will relax our masking policy, requiring masking when walking about the building. Once seated or enjoying your snack, masks can be removed.

Our use of technology gives you choice. All our services and programs have a virtual component and we ask you to join us as you feel most comfortable. If you are feeling under the weather for any reason, we ask that you join us virtually.

We are an innovative, strong, vibrant congregation, and full of activities. A truly supported and generous community.

We have a wonderful partnership that affords us the opportunity to remain EHNTJC at 4500 Dempster Street. We will remain in our building, today and in the future. How long of a future do we have in this building will depend on all of us?

I am optimistic, as I have been since we entered our partnership, that we have a bright and vibrant future. I am not one to sit and worry - I like action and creative thinking. We have a wonderful opportunity as a community, a congregation, and a synagogue - only we can make this a success.

Our future depends on financial support, affiliation, and activities. I will acknowledge our future is tied to our clergy that have been and remain a tremendous part, the center, of our success today and tomorrow.

I purposely speak of affiliation - having people, companies, and others join us, support us with their time and resources, keeping us flush with resources, funds, participation, and programs. Look at the success of the Shpiel. The creativity is amazing, the work of the cast and crew tireless, the support of the broader community, their generosity, so strong, to the point that nothing I say can capture my true thanks and gratitude.

Getting on to our future and the building, no matter the decision or path we choose, any future depends on our ability to afford the path chosen. First, we have had discussions and feel confident we will have the opportunity for additional years through our agreement. This has been a core tenant of the agreement since inception. Discussions are continuous and ongoing.

Other options or opportunities for discussion focus on knowing of, or being able to find, an angel to take over the building with a new agreement, we could raise money and do so as a congregation. We could decide to find another Shul and share space in another building. I do not believe picking up and building out a new space would be in our best interest; the risk is much too great.

We have many choices, nothing here is crystal clear or as easy as 1-2-3. It is all doable, it will take energy and creativity - yes it will. Do we need to step up and get excited? You bet.

I challenge all of our community to think differently. Thinking membership is not enough, thinking affiliation should go broader and bigger as we have learned from the Shpiel. Capital Funds, is it time for a building campaign? Strategic Planning, let's explore the work that has been done around the different scenarios I present.

Ways & Means, Men's Club, and our Sisterhood, please continue all the wonderful work you have been doing and we anticipate you will continue to do. We thank you and look forward to your wonderful programs. Family Programming, Adult Education, and Social Action have so many wonderful ideas for future activities and programs that we all look forward to being a part of.

Our clergy, always here for us, keeping us solid at our core, through services seven days a week to all their wonderful and creative classes held weekly.

We are strong, vibrant and have a solid future. We demonstrate that every day. Let us look at the glass as half-full, get excited, and move forward as EHNTJC at 4500 Dempster Street.

From the Rabbi's Desk



Dear Friends,

We often express our values and our opinions about pressing issues of the day through emails and conversations. Some of those exchanges can be aggravating; some are fruitful. But it is certainly fruitful when we express our values through our deeds. We have been doing exactly that in recent weeks at EHNTJC.

On Wednesday, April 20, many of us attended a "Vigil for Ukraine," sponsored by the Niles Township Clergy Forum. EHNT congregant Joel Levin and I worked hard to make this happen, and it was a significant success. Held at the Skokie Village Green, it featured Representative Jan Schakowsky, the Ukrainian Consul General, Mayor George Van Dusen, many leaders of the Ukrainian community and local clergy. I extend my gratitude to Joel for all the work he put into this event.

In addition, EHNT and Congregation Kehillat Shalom are part of a small synagogue consortium that soon will be assisting a refugee family. I thank Fran Givertz and Paula Harris for their efforts; they put the consortium together and have been working closely with HIAS to take the steps required to welcome and help get "our" family settled into their home and their new country. We do not know where this family will come from, but we can be sure they have been in the midst of a very difficult journey. Welcoming the stranger – the *ger* – is a paramount mitzvah. Mickey Gordon has created a registry for items this family will need. You may find it at www.target.com/registry. Search for "Mickey Gordon HIAS." If you have other questions about this project, contact Fran at 847-677-3616.

Finally, our Social Action Committee, under the leadership of Marsha Brody, encourages congregants to make contributions to organizations that support Ukrainians, both those who have fled their country and those who remain in that war-ravaged land. We recently publicized links to some of those organizations, including JUF – Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, JDC – Joint Distribution Committee, Jewish Agency for Israel, World

ORT, and International Rescue Committee. You are also welcome to send a contribution to my discretionary fund; I will forward the entire amount to one of these organizations.

The obligation to assist the needy is hard-baked into our Jewish consciousness and commanded by Torah. Let us continue to do acts of repair for our fractured world.

Kol tuv – all good wishes,
Rabbi Jeffrey Weill



Rabbi Weill is presented with a Ukrainian flag by Dan Diaczun, president of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of Illinois at the conclusion of the Niles Township Clergy Forum's "Vigil for Ukraine" on Wednesday, April 20, at the Skokie Village Green. The vigil featured Rep. Jan Schakowsky, Mayor George Van Dusen, Ukrainian Consul General Serhiy Koledov, and Ukrainian folk songs. Clergy representing many religious traditions attended, as did local civic leaders, including Skokie Trustee and EHNT member Edie Sue Sutker. Congregation member Joel Levin and Rabbi Weill organized the event, which drew more than one hundred people.

CANTOR'S NOTE



Wir zaynen do! We are still here!

Dear Friends,

As I write these words, we are approaching *Yom HaShoah*, Holocaust Memorial Day, and I'd like to share a remarkable Holocaust-related project I was recently privileged to participate in.

Two months ago, an old college theater buddy contacted me about a play he was working on. As Dean of the Fine Arts Department at the University of Nebraska/Omaha, Jack had become involved in a local theatrical adaptation of a BBC teleplay entitled "God on Trial" aired in 2008. (We believe this to be the first theatrical adaptation of the original BBC broadcast.)

Jack wanted my advice on certain aspects of Jewish ritual and theology related to his character, one of the Jewish prisoners participating in the remarkable *Bet Din*, or trial. Our initial discussions gradually became a more formal consultation to the director and cast, allowing me to become familiar with this challenging and troubling production.

The play takes place in a Jewish prisoner block in the Nazi death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau, where we find a group of Jewish prisoners awaiting their inevitable death. As they discuss their impending fate, the prisoners begin to explore the question of where God is in Auschwitz, and what God's responsibility may or may not be in the horrors that daily surround them. The prisoners decide to convene a *Bet Din*, a Jewish court of law to formally address God's "responsibility" for the Holocaust. (There is some question as to whether Elie Wiesel *z'tz'l* may have actually witnessed such a "trial" while at Auschwitz.) Through the words and arguments of the actors, "God on Trial" explores the difficult theological questions about how/why/if God would "allow" such evil to be perpetrated in the world, and in particular against God's "chosen people".

The characters represent Jews of many backgrounds, from German secular, non-religious "modern" Jews, to devout Polish Jews and even a Rabbi who is something of a mystic. Even the Kapo discloses that he didn't know he was Jewish until he was taken to Auschwitz by the Nazis. Throughout the play, we hear arguments from the book of Job, and other traditional Jewish sources as the characters try to make sense of the horror of their surroundings and attempt to understand whether in fact the God of Creation can be held to account for seeming to abandon God's people. The play ends with a harrowing scene of a "selection" of those prisoners who will be murdered that day, with the Kapo calling the prisoner numbers of those who will die. I have never been in a theater that was so tense and so silent as during that last painful scene.

Of course, "God on Trial" presents only questions and challenges. But no answers - just as the innumerable books and essays exploring "theodicy" in the Holocaust, or the question of evil in God's world are similarly unresolved or largely unsatisfactory in their conclusions.

And yet, if there was a glimmer of hope in "God on Trial", it was for me the final line of the play spoken by my friend's character, Kuhn. After the terrifying scene of the selection and exit of the condemned Jews, Kuhn utters the play's final words, which for me are far more significant than any theological debate about the Holocaust: *We are still here! Wir zaynen do!*

Cantor Daniel Gale

Welcome to New Member:

Barbara Delano

Welcome

Mazel Tov to...

...Carla & Allan Price on the birth of their grandson Marcel Elio, born on April 18th.

...Rabbi Neil Brief on the birth of his great-grandson Xander Nolan, born on April 21st.

...Joan Cook on the marriage of her grandson Andrew Kaplan to Raleigh Cohen on April 23rd.

...Deanna Shoss on the launch of her new book "Where Two World's Meet: A Guide to Connecting with Your Teenage Grandchildren".

...Esther Siver & Janet Terry on the graduation of their granddaughter Sophia Kreinik from Valparaiso University.

FAMILY PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

The Committee will provide social activities for members in order to build friendly relationships with current families and /or new members. Our goal is to plan the events in accordance with the Jewish holidays that is happening that month.

Members:

Niña Summers - Chair

Barry Summers

Bina Rubinson

Plan of Upcoming Events:

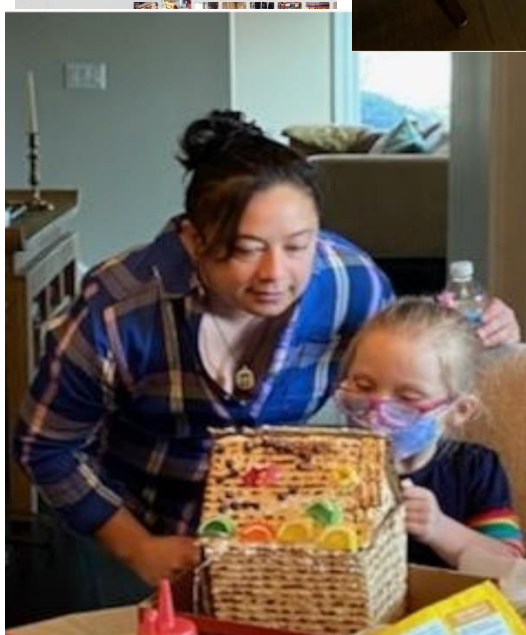
Lag B'Omer -To be determined. Depending on if Chabad is doing it this year at Westfield Mall. I will follow up again with the coordinator this week. Target date would be around second week of May. (If Chabad is not having anything, we will just go ahead and jump on to the next event.

Shavout- Since this is an event where we celebrate by eating dairy, I am planning on doing an ice cream social at the Dairy Star in Lincolnwood around May 30. I will probably have a meeting with my members and see if this will work for everyone since it will fall around the last week of the school year.

Thank you!

Niña S.

Pictures from our Family Programming's Pesach Event Afikomen Scavenger Hunt and Building Matzah Houses



Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation
SISTERHOOD CORNER—May, 2022

Diane Rosenfeld, President (raynesd@aol.com) Judy Arkin, Editor (kjarkin99@comcast.net)

From the President's Desk...

"Ha Lachma Anya! LET ALL who are hungry, come and eat. LET ALL who are in need, come and share the Pesach meal. THIS YEAR, we are still slaves— next year, free people." I was sweeping away the last of the matzah crumbs when I reflected on some issues that we had discussed at our seders. We had talked about the plight of refugees moving here from a variety of countries and how the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) is helping so many now just as it had brought in our own ancestors fleeing pogroms in Eastern Europe in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Our congregation is now working with HIAS, partnering with three others in the area, to help a refugee family get settled and acclimated in a new country, new community and new culture. Please look in the synagogue e-byte or contact me to see ways you can help; from setting up an apartment, to buying needed items, to tutoring children. Please take the opportunity to participate in this mitzvah!

Please join us for our many programs. On Wednesday, May 4th at 7:30 p.m., we will celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut with the singing duo, Jeff and Janis. This program will be both on Zoom and in-person.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Sisterhood Shabbat on Saturday morning, May 7th when 28 of our women will be participating in-person or on Zoom.

Please join the *Central Great Lakes Region of Women's League* on Zoom for our Spring Conference which will take place on Sunday, May 15th. You should have all received an e-mail from the region telling about the various sessions offered.

Our next Book Club will take place on Wednesday, May 18th (Zoom only) when we will review *Last Summer at the Golden Hotel*.

Our Sisterhood Installation and Culminating Program will be held on Wednesday, June 1st. Watch your mail for more details!

I look forward to seeing you all at our many spring programs!

B' Shalom, Diane Rosenfeld

News and Notes...

Be a media mogul! A \$5 contribution makes you a sponsor of our Sisterhood Bulletin.

Please mail your contributions to:
Judy Arkin c/o EHNTJC Sisterhood
4500 Dempster Street • Skokie, IL 60076

Our Media Moguls this month are:

Esther Berman

(in honor of my grandchildren),

Joan Cook

*(in honor of my son-in-law, Bob Dressler's birthday
and my cousin, Susie Kacsh's birthday)*

Fran Givertz

(in honor of all my family and friends),

Miriam Goldberger,

Mickey Gordon

(in honor of my grandchildren),

Bobbie Levin,

Esther Manewith

(in honor of our grandchildren),

**Dori Marks, Ada Rabinowitz,
and Judi Stein**

**A BIG WELCOME to our new
Sisterhood Member:
Gail Goldfarb**

Good and Welfare...

- **Mazel Tov** to Esther Siver and Janet Terry in honor of their granddaughter Sophia Kreinik's graduation from Valparaiso University.
- **Mazel Tov** to Saralee Price on the marriage of her son.
- **Mazel Tov** to Joan Cook on the marriage of her grandson.
- **Mazel Tov** to Carla Price on the birth of her new grandson—Marcel Elio.
- **Mazel Tov** to Rabbi Neil Brief on the birth of his 5th great-grandchild—Xander Nolan.
- **Refuah Shlema** to Nancy Bromberg, Liane Kriesberg and Francine Schulman.

TODAH RABAH • תודה רבה • THANK YOU

- Thanks to all who have made donations in support of our Sisterhood programming!



*Existing is easy.
Living demands courage -
daily.*

Our next **BOOK CLUB** will be on
Wednesday, May 18th at 10:30 a.m.
on **ZOOM** to discuss
“*Last Summer at the Golden Hotel*”
by Elyssa Friedland

A family reunion for the ages when two clans convene for the summer at their beloved getaway in the Catskills—perfect for fans of *Dirty Dancing* and *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*—from the acclaimed author of *The Floating Feldmans*.

In its heyday, The Golden Hotel was the crown jewel of the hotter-than-hot Catskills vacation scene. For more than 60 years, the Goldman and Weingold families – best friends and business partners – have presided over this glamorous resort which served as a second home for well-heeled guests and celebrities. But the Catskills are not what they used to be – and neither is the relationship between the Goldmans and the Weingolds. As the facilities and management begin to fall apart, a tempting offer to sell forces the two families together again to make a heart-wrenching decision. Can they save their beloved Golden or is it too late?

Long-buried secrets emerge, new dramas and financial scandal erupt, and everyone from the traditional grandparents to the millennial grandchildren wants a say in the hotel's future. Business and pleasure clash in this fast-paced, hilarious, nostalgia-filled story, where the hotel owners rediscover the magic of a by-gone era of nonstop fun even as they grapple with what may be their last resort.

We hope you will join us for a lively discussion!

Book Club Co-Chairs

Elaine Lampert (847)537-1240

Carol Gottlieb (847)501-1896

SAVE THE DATE

by Judy Arkin - Programming VP

Wednesday, May 4th at 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate *Yom Ha'Atzmaut* with Jeff & Janis

Saturday, May 7th

Sisterhood Shabbat

Wednesday, June 1st

Board Installation and Culminating Program

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EDUCATION CORNER

Yom Ha'Atzmaut

by Bobbie Levin

Yom Ha'Atzmaut, commemorating May 14, 1948 (the 5th of Iyar), is the national day of Israel's Independence after 2,000 years of exile and wars.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut starts a few minutes after sundown of *Yom Hazikaron*, Israel's Memorial Day for the fallen soldiers—those who sacrificed their lives for the State of Israel. Sometimes a more convenient date is chosen to avoid *Yom Ha'Atzmaut* occurring on Shabbat or to attract more people to the celebration.

In Israel, it is a formal holiday and the celebration takes place on Mt. Herzl with a Knesset speaker, artistic performances, flags of Israel, ceremonial lighting of 12 torches, one for each tribe, and honoring Israeli citizens who have made significant social contributions. Many Israeli cities have outdoor performances, speakers, singing and dancing. Many Israelis celebrate with picnics and barbecues.

The juxtaposition of *Yom Hazikaron* and *Yom Ha'Atzmaut* is key. For American Jews celebrating *Yom Ha'Atzmaut* has been a way to express solidarity with the State of Israel and strengthen their alliance with it.

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Join EHNTJC's Adult Education Committee and Sisterhood
as we celebrate

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Israel's 74th Independence Day

with

Jeff & Janis

Wednesday, May 4th at 7:30 PM



In-person and Zoom! – All are welcome!



The *Sisterhood* of

EZRA-HABONIM, THE NILES TOWNSHIP JEWISH CONGREGATION

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“SISTERHOOD SHABBAT”

Saturday—May 7th, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

*Please join us when our Sisterhood members
lead the Shabbat service,
followed by Kiddush sponsored by the Sisterhood.*

Diane Rosenfeld • (708)751-5651
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Education Vice-President

The EHNTJC Men's Club
(and other sponsoring synagogues)
Presents

**A Virtual Tour of
Jewish India**
Thursday, June 2, 2022
7:30 PM CST



Through the vivid prism of her family's story, Rahel Musleah introduces audiences to the distinctive heritage of the Jews of India and Iraq. The seventh generation of a Calcutta family, she traces her roots to 17th-century Baghdad. Her multi-faceted visual, song and story presentations offer a rare and intimate view of a rich culture little-known to most. Explore each of India's Jewish communities as we visit sites and synagogues in Bombay, Calcutta and Cochin.



Rahel Musleah was born in Calcutta, the seventh-generation of a Calcutta Jewish family that traces its root to 17th-century Baghdad. Today, Rahel is a New York-based award-winning journalist, author, singer, speaker and educator. Her articles have appeared in The New York Times, Hadassah magazine, and numerous other publications. Her publications include Apples and Pomegranates: A Family Seder for Rosh Hashanah; and a CD of Shabbat and holiday melodies, Hodu: Jewish Rhythms from Baghdad to India.

RSVP to bill@ehnt.org or 847-675-4141
Reservation is required to receive a Zoom link.

The program is free of charge and open to all!
Donations to offset program costs are always appreciated!

This program is co-sponsored by participating members of a consortium of Jewish organizations, nationwide.



The EHNTJC Men's Club

(and other sponsoring synagogues)

Presents

Spielberg!

Hosted by Irv Slifkin

& Laurence Lerman

Thursday, June 23rd

7:30 PM CST



Steven Spielberg is an artist whose work is so ubiquitous and instantly identifiable that his name has inspired its very own adjective - "Spielbergian". One of the most commercially successful directors of all time, Spielberg's modern classics include *Jaws*, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, *E.T.*, and the *Indiana Jones* and *Jurassic Park* series. We examine the life and career of the grand storyteller, with a particular focus on his upbringing as an Orthodox Jew and his later Jewish re-awakening, which yielded such vital works as *Schindler's List* and *Munich*. His interests have also inspired the creation of the Shoah Foundation and Righteous Person Foundation, which make Jewish history and tradition more accessible to all.

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

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

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Koleinu – “Our Voice”

Join us for a lively and spirited musical Shabbat led by Rabbi Jeffrey Weill and the Koleinu Band.

In-person & Virtual!

May 6th

June 3rd

7:00 p.m. Service

All are welcome!



Check the weekly e-Byte for the zoom link!

2022

We want to celebrate our 2022 Graduates.

**Pre-School
Kindergarten
Elementary
Jr. High
High School
College**

Email jeanette@ehnt.org with the name & school information and we will recognize them in our July/August Bulletin. Please submit by June 15th.

You Did It!

So excited to tell you that the Purim Shpiel was a huge success. Thank you to all that worked so hard to entertain our community. Ken Dermer wrote and directed an outstanding creative musical show. The cast and crew were wonderful and our pianist/musical director, Howard Pfeifer was superb! We appreciate all those who attended in person and on Zoom. And we are grateful to our sponsors and supporters. I especially want to thank Shoshana Dorman and Bruce Braverman for their generosity and commitment to EHNTJC and to our community. It is important to them to bring joy to others. The Shpiel, “Shushan, Incorporated, the Business Musical”, made a profit of over \$50,000. Todah Rabah!

We are working on several programs for the spring and summer. Details will be out soon for the spring event and Cantor Gale’s concert is scheduled for August. It promises to be a spectacular musical treat. Also we are planning to do the Honey Sale for the holidays. More to follow.

Again, I thank you, our members, for staying the course and helping us be successful! **YOU ARE THE BEST!**

Fondly, Ada Rabinowitz, Ways & Means, Chair

We want to wish a big MAZEL TOV to our graduate:

Matan Dalin

We’re all very proud of your achievements in our Religious School.

Graduation will take place during our Friday, June 3rd, Koleinu service.

Religious Education Committee Report

Last Shabbat, our students returned to the bimah in full force with our teachers Miriam Davidson and Michelle Mantel. It was a joy to see them after two years of saying kiddush and motzi virtually or in the classroom. The congregation also took great pleasure in their return.

On May 14th, the teachers are planning a mini service -- kids are each leading part of a prayer and/or telling/showing something they made. Hope you’ll join them, either in-person or virtually.

Judy Arkin, Chair

EHNTJC offers heartfelt condolences to...

Rabbi Victor Weissberg on the loss of his wife, Tamar Weissberg.

Michael (Linda) Hoffenberg on the loss of his brother, Leslie Irwin Hoffenberg.

Judy Arkin on the loss of her husband, Kenneth Arkin.

The family of Lester Gordon.

The family of Alex Pruzan.

May G-d comfort them among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

In Loving Memory

If you wish to honor the memory of a dear one, a memorial plaque would be a most fitting, traditional and dignified remembrance.

Each memorial plaque, bearing the name and *yahrzeit* date, is mounted in the Memorial Alcove in our chapel. On the day of the *yahrzeit*, your loved one's name is listed on a tablet in the chapel alcove.

For more information or to order a plaque, contact Bill Gerber in the synagogue office.

Tree of Life



Share Your Joy or Honor a Loved One
Dedicate a leaf on the
Tree of Life sculpture
in the synagogue lobby.

Call Bill Gerber in the office.

Our great funds to donate to:

BELLA BRIEF FUND – This fund is used by our Rabbi to schedule programs and guest speakers for the congregation.

BIMA FUND – This fund provides financial support for our clergy, daveners, layning and accompanists.

CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND – This fund is designated for the Cantor's use to benefit the congregation's musical programs.

VIVIAN CHANNON SOCIAL ACTION/TZEDAKAH FUND – This fund is used for social action and/or tzedakah projects for people in need and disasters in the world.

CONGREGATION FUND – This fund is used by the congregation for general operating expenses.

GEMILITH CHESED – LOTTE GRUEN FUND – This fund **confidentially** assists needy members of the congregation. Funds are awarded by a committee.

HERMAN GREENBAUM CAMP RAMAH FUND – This fund assists needy members of the congregation to attend Camp Ramah. The scholarships are awarded by a committee.

HILLMAN LIBRARY FUND – This fund is used to purchase books and materials for the congregation's library.

GERALD MELTON SIMCHA FUND – This fund provides support of our *Onegs* and receptions – donations can commemorate a special event or *simcha*.

PRAYER BOOK FUND – This fund is used to purchase prayer books and Chumashim. Bookplates are inscribed and placed in the front of purchased books. (\$25 minimum donation)

RABBI EMERITUS FUND – This fund is designated for the Rabbi Emeritus' use at his discretion to promote the synagogue, for education or charitable organizations.

RABBI'S SPECIAL FUND – This fund is designated for the Rabbi's use at his discretion to promote the synagogue, for education or charitable organizations.

STEVE & MARGRIT REICH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND - This fund provides confidential support to families who need scholarships for their children to attend our Religious School. It also helps the school to underwrite needed projects.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EDUCATION FUND – This fund is used for the Religious School as needed with the approval of the Religious Education Committee.

RUBIN/LEVETON CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND – This fund assists children of the congregation to attend Jewish-oriented summer camps (other than Camp Ramah). The scholarships are awarded by a committee.

AVRAHM STAMPFER FUND – This fund assists member children who will be going on sponsored trips to Israel. Scholarships are awarded by a committee.

TALCOTT/LEVIN YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND – This fund is used for youth activities and programs with the approval of the Youth Activities Committee.



Let's Celebrate!!

May Birthdays

Marc Applebaum	Ted Goldman	Deanna Shoss
Howard Bartman	Emmet Hirsch	Stan Shulman
Marv Bero	Burt Hochberg	Alex Stein
Matthew Boston	Michael Hoffenberg	Cynthia Stein
Marsha Brody	Janet Keiser	Veronika Urban
Ed Cohen	Michael Korey	Sam Weill
Lillian Cohen	Alyssa Levin	Yigael Weltman
Rachel Cowen	Jackie Levin	Lise Weisberger
Adi Dalin	Irina Pechenik	Camden White
Felice Eckhouse	Jeff Meyerowitz	Casey White
Jannis Eisbart	Lori Prosnitz	Talia Yovits
Margot Eisenhammer	Michael Reinstein	Jay Zite
		Sharon Zite

June Birthdays

Barbara Barnett	Susan Kaplan-Toch	Barbara Schwartz
Sarah Claver	Mark Levin	Carolyn Shere
Vivian Coretz	Stuart Levin	Gerald Silberman
Mark DeBofsky	Dori Marks	Michael Slutsky
Phillip Dickler	Idelle Peaceman	Eva Spiro
Robert Fine	Rosalie Persky	Howard Spiro
Linda Fox	Otto Placik	Naomi Spiro
Luisita Graff	David Prosnitz	Stuart Starr
Neil Gurevitz	David Reich	Barry Summers
Marlene Hecktman	Debbie Reich	Brian Weiner
Casey Jensen	Diane Rosenfeld	Robyn Weinstein
		Rabbi Victor Weissberg
Ken Kaiz	Myra Schultz	

May Anniversaries

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