

# MJCBY NEWS

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## WE ARE MJCBY



Also known as the “musical family” of MJCBY, the Brody/Green family has engaged in shul life in a variety of capacities over the last decades. Did you know all of these familiar faces are related?

To learn about more about this wonderful family, their connection to temple, and why WE ARE MJCBY, turn to page 7.

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## Schedule of Services

Friday, December 5  
4:12pm Candlelighting  
8:15pm Services

Saturday, December 6  
9:30am Services  
10:00am Junior Congregation  
Sedra: Vayishlach  
Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Stein

Friday, December 12  
4:12pm Candlelighting  
5:30pm TGIS  
8:15pm Services

Saturday, December 13  
9:30am Services  
10:30am Tot Shabbat  
10:30am AWE – Soulful Shabbat  
Chanting  
Sedra: Vayeshev  
Bat Mitzvah of Madeline Siegel

Friday, December 19  
4:14pm Candlelighting  
8:15pm Services

Saturday, December 20  
Shabbat Hanukkah  
9:30am Services with Minyonaires  
10:00am Junior Congregation  
Sedra: Miketz

Friday, December 26  
4:18pm Candlelighting  
8:15pm Services

Saturday, December 27  
9:30am Services  
Sedra: Vayigash

Friday, December 28  
4:13pm Candlelighting  
8:15pm Services

Saturday, December 29  
9:30am Services  
Sedra: Vayetz

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## NEWSLETTER

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### ***Morristown Jewish Center Beit Yisrael is your community.***

Our clergy is here for you. Please let us know when you need us—if someone is ill or in the hospital—or when you want to share your good news: a new baby, a marriage, or other simcha. We want to know; but you have to tell us. Please call the office at (973) 538-9292 or email office@mjcby.org. When you have experienced the death of a loved one, please contact Rabbi Nesson at (973) 538-9292 or (973) 285-9772 before you make any plans. In this way he will be the most helpful in making these preparations in a proper Jewish manner.





## FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

### It is better to light a candle.....A Profile in Courage

**A**s we approach the Festival of Hanukkah, it is worthwhile to reflect on the power of light and the meaning that it brings into our lives.

"G-d said let there be light...G-d saw that the light was good. G-d separated the light from the darkness. G-d called the light Day, and the darkness, He called Night." As it was in the beginning, so it remains today. The light created by G-d exists in the world and remains the symbol of all that is good.

The story of Hanukkah and the Maccabees remind us that there were also times of darkness as with the desecration of the Temple by Antiochus -- only to be redeemed by the light of the oil found that lasted for eight nights.

The years of the Holocaust and the suppression of Soviet Jewry were also periods of endless night when darkness was present in the world.

Rabbi Dov Lipman, a member of the Israeli Knesset, and his family still use a hanukiah that reminds them of this dark time in Jewish history—a replica of one constructed of nails in a concentration camp. "It was a gift for my bar mitzvah," says Lipman, a Maryland native who now lives in Beit Shemesh. "As a people we have always used any means at our disposal to survive and to stay strong, and every year when we light this hanukiah, we and our children are reminded of that."

From the days of the Gulag, a Hanukkah story of courage which lights one of many candles to displace the darkness: Natan Sharansky who walked out of years of imprisonment with the light shining from his face, remembers a time at a Soviet internment camp when a menorah caused a small miracle. Back in 1980, Sharansky was one of a group of political prisoners and the only Jew. "But when I told them Hanukkah was coming, everyone was very enthusiastic," he says.

One friend who worked in the wood shop fashioned a crude menorah of pressed wood from a box for Sharansky. He lit it in the barracks on the first night of Hanukkah and on several subsequent nights, until a KGB collaborator turned him in and the menorah was confiscated. "The head of the camp called me in and told me, 'This is not a synagogue; you were brought here for punishment, not for praying,'" recalls Sharansky who promptly embarked on a hunger strike.

The hunger strike made the camp leaders nervous because a commission from Moscow was expected to arrive shortly. On the last night of Hanukkah, Sharansky told the head of the camp, "You want me to stop the hunger strike? You give me back my menorah and bring me nine candles. I'll say the prayers and you say, 'Amen.'"

That is exactly what happened. "I prayed the day would come when we will celebrate our freedom in Jerusalem and that all our enemies will hear our prayer and say, 'Amen,'" says Sharansky. Since the prayer was in Hebrew, the head of the camp didn't understand a word but just kept saying "Amen." The next day, after the commission had come and gone, Sharansky was sent back to the camp's prison but more light began to penetrate the darkness as a result of that menorah and the courage of Natan Sharansky.

The famous proverb states, "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness."

During this Festival of Light, let us follow the faith of Judah and his Macabees and the courage of Natan Sharansky. As we light our own Hanukkahs, let us rededicate ourselves to bringing light into the world each day through our actions and outreach to all of those who are still living in darkness.

Light our candles and let them shine forth through the darkness.

Hanukkah Sameach

Gerry

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# Synagogue Beatlemania Gallery



# MJCBY Legacy Program

You can help ensure Jewish tomorrows at MJCBY and other Jewish organizations in our area. All of us, regardless of age, wealth or affiliation, have the ability to leave a meaningful Jewish legacy. Your legacy gift of any size can be customized fit your dreams, lifestyle, family and financial needs. Let us celebrate you today as you plan for a Jewish tomorrow.

## WHY CREATE A JEWISH LEGACY?

- ✦ To pass on your values to your family and your community.
- ✦ To express your desire for a vibrant Jewish future at MJCBY.
- ✦ To continue the traditions and programs you love here.
- ✦ To be part of something larger than yourself.
- ✦ To do something for the future that you might not be in a position to do today.

## HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE?

- ✦ Reflect on your Jewish passions and your vision for a Jewish future.
- ✦ Have a conversation with a MJCBY Legacy Team member.
- ✦ Think about the ways to leave a future gift that make the most sense for you and your family.
- ✦ Formalize your commitment by making the relevant change to your will, retirement account beneficiaries, life insurance policy or other estate plan.
- ✦ Your legacy commitment can be a percentage of your estate or retirement account or a specific dollar amount.
- ✦ Complete a *Confirmation of Commitment* form, available from a Legacy Team member.

## AND THEN...

Enjoy the appreciation of your synagogue and Greater MetroWest community and the nachas that comes from knowing you have taken a wonderful and important step to ensure Jewish tomorrows at MJCBY and beyond.

## YOU CAN PAY IT FORWARD!

MAKE THIS ROSH HASHANAH  
COUNT FOR YEARS TO COME...



Inscribe your Jewish legacy.  
Include Morristown Jewish Center Beit Yisrael  
in your estate plan.



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or [execdir@mjcbj.org](mailto:execdir@mjcbj.org).



*Create a Jewish Legacy* is part of a national program to dramatically increase philanthropy to local Jewish organizations for the future.

Did you know that most Jewish dollars are left to non-Jewish causes? Let's also provide for the vibrant future of the local Jewish organizations that enhance our lives today.

## The MJCBY Legacy Team members are:

Rabbi David J. Nesson  
Robert Berns  
Karen Gooen  
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They'll be happy to talk to you about CJL!



# Contributions

to explore options for contributions see  
<http://www.mjcbj.org/about-us/donate/>

## **ALEX CSILLAG FUND**

Ilene Wolff in memory of Monte Wallenstein,  
Harry Hammer, and Jerald Reingold.

Ilene Wolff in honor of Janet & Mel Appelbaum on the  
marriage of their daughter Carrie to Jeffrey Buchman.

Ilene Wolff in honor of Harriet & David Sakofs  
new granddaughter, Mira Geffen.

Ilene Wolff to Arlyn Rayfield for a speedy recovery.

Ilene Wolff to Melissa & Rich Weiner - welcome home.

Csillag Family in memory of Alex Csillag.

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Janet & Mel Appelbaum to Meryl & Michael Balaban  
in honor of the marriage of their daughter  
Lauren to Adam Costello.

Janet & Mel Appelbaum to Sharon & Rick Barkauskas on  
the marriage of their daughter Abby to Chad Peters.

Mimi Freed in memory of Charlene Wildhorn.

Debbie & Philip Brody to Meryl & Michael Balaban on  
the marriage of Lauren Balaban to Adam Costello  
& to Mimi & Jeff Czeisler on the marriage  
of Barry Czeisler to Lemore Kayvan.

Debbie & Philip Brody in memory of Sol Green.

Debbie & Philip Brody in memory of David  
Reingold's brother, Jerald Reingold.

Debbie & Philip Brody to Sharon & Rick Barkauskas on  
the marriage of their daughter Abby to Chad Peters.

## **GEMILUT HASADIM FUND**

Karen & Michael Gooen in memory of Robert Levy.

Lynne & Joel Goldman in memory of Ben Goldman.

Marlene & Howard Weiss in honor of  
Judith Richards Special Birthday.

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Janet & Mel Appelbaum to Gloria & Paul Smith on  
the birth of their granddaughter, Rose Fanya.

## **GEMILUT HASADIM FUND**

Janet & Mel Appelbaum to Ilene Wolff on the  
birth of her grandson, Avner Jessie Levenson.

Janet & Mel Appelbaum to Meryl Balaban for her work  
as VP of Women's League of Conservative Judaism.

## **HISTORY FUND**

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## **ISRAEL EXPERIENCE FUND**

Beatrice Mintz in honor of Judith Richards Special Birthday.

Marji & Leo Josephs and family in memroy of Alvin R. Mintz.

## **LIBRARY FUND**

Ruth Kantrowitz in memory of Miriam Morchower.

## **MORCHOWER FLOWER FUND**

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Linda & Lee Rosenbaum in memory of Harry Hammer,

Linda & Lee Rosenbaum in memory of Steven  
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Linda & Lee Rosenbaum in memory of Esther  
Goldberg, mother of Marlene Ginsberg.

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Florence Shafran in memory of Saide & Harry Seiden.

Eileen Glasser in memory of Lawrence Glasser.

Tina & Barry Levine thank you to Rabbi Nesson.

Helena Kloder & Lou Bodian in memory of Leonora Kloder.

Meryle & Gordon Heit in honor of MJCBY  
and their son's wedding.

Paula & David Ast in memory of Steven  
Kaplan, husband of Gloria.

Beatrice Mintz in memory of Solomon  
Weinstein & Alvin R. Mintz

Barbara & Marvin Kolsky in memory of Jennie Cohen.

Max Weiss in memory of Izso Weiss.

## **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TZEDUKAH FUND**

Israela & Cy Halpern in honor of the marriage  
of Barry Czeisler & Lemore Kayvan.

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# We are MJCBY

*Sometimes we are silly... Bottom Row Left to Right: Philip Brody, Debbie Brody, Jacob Green, Dena Green  
Top Row left to right: Jonathan Gold, Jamie Gold, Mitchell Gold, Rebecca Brody Gold, Paul Green, Michael Green,  
Kathy Green, Ben Green, and Jessica Green  
WE ARE MJCBY 4 GENERATIONS!*



“Sitting next to my brother at High Holiday services or on Shabbat, we just feel like children again, “ shares Deborah Green Brody reflecting on her entire family’s membership and participation at MJCBY. “Also, to have the next generations here is amazing...I really can’t describe it.”

Debbie Brody and Jacob Green are brother and sister, and their spouses, children and grandchildren surround them here as members of the synagogue sharing holidays, celebrations, and events.

Jacob Green and his wife, Dena, were first to join MJCBY nearly 30 years ago. Their son, Paul, would often frequent our synagogue and come to services to be with his parents. In 1984, Paul and his wife, Kathy, were married at the shul and joined our congregation.

Nearly 20 years later, in 2002, Rebecca Gold (Debbie and Philip Brody’s daughter) and husband, Mitchell, were looking for the best religious school for their sons, Jamie and Jonathan, and came to MJCBY. One year later her parents joined here as well. Debbie shares that she left her previous shul to come here to be with her family and especially, to be with her grandsons.

“Do you know what nachas is?” asked Jacob Green during the photo session. That is the word Jacob and Dena use to describe the pride and joy they feel in having their entire family together as members of our synagogue. Did you know that all five grandchildren of the Brody/Green family have become b’nai

mitzvah here at MJCBY? Dena adds that the special feeling of continuity and legacy is very important to her.

As our regular Gabbai at synagogue on Shabbat and holidays, many of us recognize Paul as a leader here. Debbie jokes that all she had to do when she joined was mention that Paul is her nephew, and she was welcomed with open arms.

Although you may recognize them for their wonderful voices here at synagogue, the Brody/Green family have also participated in a variety of ways in synagogue life...

from an intergenerational trip to Israel...to Sisterhood...to Committees...to Choir...to Board Leadership...they are at the heart of MJCBY. When asked about a favorite memory, Debbie shares that she enjoys working in the synagogue kitchen as part of the Kiddush Committee, especially when her grandsons would pop up from religious school to get a cookie!

As the photo session was wrapping up, Dena added, “We not only love each other, we like each other!” And, we know this to be the truth as they were walking out of the room planning Debbie’s and Mitchell’s upcoming birthday dinner celebration.... An opportunity to be together outside of synagogue.

## **WE ARE MJCBY!**

cover photo: Mia Mutascio

# Synagogue Fun-raiser



The Lights of Hanukkah will soon be here,  
Eight wonderful nights, but once a Year!

Send the Warmth of those lights  
to those who are Dear  
by including your name with a wish  
of Hanukkah Cheer!

For double Chai (\$36), send Hanukkah wishes to the entire congregation,  
or send Hanukkah wishes to individual friends at \$3.00 per name.

(Please write their names below)

Your name, along with all participants, will be inscribed  
on a beautiful Hanukkah card designed by Israeli Artist, Mickie Caspi.

We value your support and wish you a Happy Hanukkah!



Please send your Hanukkah wish request to your friends by December 10th

\_\_\_\_ I wish to send my Hanukkah Greetings to the entire congregation for \$36.00

\_\_\_\_ I wish to send my Hanukkah Greetings to the congregants listed below for \$3.00 per name

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Synagogue Life Long Learning Events

## EXPLORE JUDAISM THREE PART LEARNING SERIES



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, at 7:30 pm

Join us for this very Introductory course to Explore Judaism.

December 3 - The Jewish Year

December 10 - A Walk through Jewish history-  
from the Bible til Today

December 17 - Jewish Beliefs and Ethics

No Charge for MJCBY members. All are welcome.  
RSVP to [ellen.nesson@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.nesson@gmail.com) by November 26.

Non members \$18 per person. Reserve by remitting  
check with note payable to MJCBY and mail to  
177 Speedwell Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960

## AWE - SOULFUL SHABBAT CHANTING

with Rabbi Leanna Moritt



SATURDAY-DECEMBER 13, 10:30 am

Singing to Soothe the Soul: Hebrew Chant

A different kind of Experiential Tefilla ( Prayer)

Not prayer per se but prayerful; our group will chant short mantra-like phrases from our Siddur's Shabbat morning prayers to plumb their depths in a sweet, supportive environment. In addition to the chant and the silence following it, each phrase will be offered with an explanation of its potential to infuse meaning, contemplative and connection into our prayer life. Our intent is to clear the mind, refresh the soul and offer connection. No prior experience or Hebrew knowledge is necessary.

Rabbi Leana Moritt has a diverse background in business, the Rabbinate, alternate prayer modalities, and interfaith family dynamics and issues. She is a passionate speaker and educator.

## ROLL IT UP.....



SATURDAY-DECEMBER 13, 7:30 pm

Sushi Demonstration and Workshop. Join as skilled sushi maker and Cantor Menachem Toren will share his expertise on Sushi making. We will each make a roll to eat or take home. Chinese Dinner served. BYOKB- Bring your own Kosher Wine.

Let Ellen know if you are vegetarian or gluten intolerant. Cost is \$ 25 per person. Space is limited. Reserve early.

If you reserve you are obligated for payment unless you cancel your reservation 48 hours prior to the event.

## JEWES AND JAZZ....



SUNDAY - DECEMBER 21, at 10:00 am

presented by Mark Levy - Song Maker

Al Jolson, Fanny Brice, Irving Berlin, Sophie Tucker, George Gershwin, Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw, Dinah Shore-- only a few of the 20th century's jazz giants who were of Jewish background. Mark will trace the development of America's Jewish jazz singers, composers, and instrumentalists through the Dixieland, ragtime, swing, bebop, modern and post-modern periods. Hear rare recordings of these innovators and see footage from early talking pictures of their later Hollywood appearances. The class will highlight the careers of several notable Jewish jazz artists and composers beginning with their immigration to the US or Canada and their early exposure to Black jazz music.

## INTERFAITH DATING.....

IS L'DOR V'DOR OUT THE DOOR?



SUNDAY - DECEMBER 7, 10 am

Join Rabbis David Nesson and Leana Moritt for a frank and sensitive discussion about navigating interfaith questions and dilemmas our teenage, nearly adult and adult children will face. Is it ever too early to bring it up? Is it always black and white? How do we discuss interfaith dating and marriage with honesty? How can we be supportive loving parents without abandoning our deepest hopes?

RSVP to Ellen [ellen.nesson@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.nesson@gmail.com)

# Synagogue News

## Simcha

**D**o you have an upcoming Simcha? Let the office know so we can share your Simcha with the rest of the congregation in the next edition of the newsletter.

Births, Weddings, Engagements...

Email Gerry at [execdir@mjcby.org](mailto:execdir@mjcby.org) with your information, Put "Simcha" in the subject line.

Share your joy!

## Shalom Club

### DECEMBER EVENTS

**T**he Shalom Club is a joint project of the Morristown Jewish Center and the JCC of MetroWest. The Shalom Club meets on Tuesdays at the Center at 11 am. Bring a dairy lunch and coffee and cake will be served. Guests are always welcome. For information, call MJCBY at (973) 538-9292.

#### Shalom Club Happenings:

**12/2 Rothman Luncheon and Current Events**

**12/9 Jewish Community Housing Corporation Community Outreach, Michele Horn on the "Art of Chocolate"**

**12/15 Annual JCC (West Orange) Hanukkah Concert & Refreshments**

**1:00pm**

**\$6.00 members**

**\$12.00 guests**

**transportation provided to and from MJCBY  
Must RSVP to Lori**

**12/16 Mystery Meeting**

## DO A MITZVAH... GET INVOLVED...



### SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

**A**re you longing to give back to the Community? Does your child need a mitzvah project for their B'nai Mitzvah?

Contact the office so they can put you in touch with a Soup Kitchen Captain!

#### *Last Months SOUP-ER Volunteers*

Rita Fand, Carol Leiwant, Herb and Rose Levine, Peter and Gabe Marcus, Laurie and Fred Iskowitz, Ethan Weiss and Joel Schreiber, Michelle and Keith Usiskin



### GEMILUT HASIDIM!

The Gemilut Hasidim committee is looking for volunteers to make an occasional meal for a member of our congregation who is returning from the hospital or rehab facility. If you can help out, please send email to Meryl Balaban ([Meryleo@aol.com](mailto:Meryleo@aol.com)) and indicate if you are kosher.



### THE OFFICE

Do you have some free time during the week?

The office is always in need of helpers to help with the day to day functions of running MJCBY!

If you can spare an hour or two, Contact Gerry at 973-538-9292 or [execdir@mjcby.org](mailto:execdir@mjcby.org)



### CHEVRA KADISHA

Would you like to participate in the ultimate Mitzvah? the ultimate kindness? Our Chevra Kadisha (Holy Society) is looking for both men and women to join our team of Tahara volunteers. Help to provide comfort to mourners and respect to their departed.

To learn more , contact Barbara Kavadias at [bkavadias@gmail.com](mailto:bkavadias@gmail.com) or Gerry Gross at [execdir@mjcby.org](mailto:execdir@mjcby.org)

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### **RENOVATION FUND**

Lois & David Chasin in memory of Bess & Meyer Layne and Charles Chasin.  
Dorothy & Irv Cohen in memory of Fay Cohn.  
Eileen & Ralph Goldberg in memory of Mollie Smith.  
Lili Rosenstreich & Mitchel Weiss in honor of Rebecca Gold's birthday.  
Janet & Mel Appelbaum to Phyllis Levin in memory of her brother, Richard Klapman & David Reingold in memory of his brother, Jerald Reingold.  
Janet & Mel Appelbaum to Eileen Heiser in memory of Robert Heiser & to Peter Blank in memory of his father, Leo Blank.  
Renee & Barry Goldman in memory of David Reingold's brother, Jerald Reingold.  
Rita & Larry Gotfried in memory of Edward Seligman.

### **SHALOM YELADIM**

Sheryl & Gary Weine in memory of Miriam Weine.  
Helena Kloder & Lou Bodian in memory of Sylvia Rose Gold.  
Janice & Gary Kaplan in memory of Oscar Kaplan.

### **SOUP KITCHEN**

Rose & Herb Levine to Sharon & Rick Barkauskas in honor of the marriage of their son Brian to Lauren.  
Rose & Herb Levine to Eileen Heiser in memory of Robert Heiser.  
Rose & Herb Levine in memory of Hon. Judge Herbert Alterman.  
Elaine Zudick in memory of Morris & Pauline Zudick.  
Harriet Weitzman in memory of Donald Weitzman.  
Phyllis & Michael Westreich in honor of Joan & Marty Cohen.  
Joyce & Ellis Hoch in memory of Betty Press, mother of Michael Press.  
Irene Solondz in honor of Judy Richard's Special Birthday.  
Meri & Sol Barer in memory of Evelyn Herman.  
Flo & Joe Sager in memory of Ruth Yakupzack.  
Janet & Mel Appelbaum to Harriet & David Sakofs in honor of the birth of their granddaughter Mira Gefen.  
Janet & Mel Appelbaum to Fran & Howard Loewensteiner on the birth of their granddaughter Melanie.  
Sonya Oppenheimer in memory of George Wein

### **Yahrzeit Fund**

Debbie & Mark Bender in memory of Al Bender.  
Joan Alterman in memory of Judge Herbert Alterman, Fay & Samuel Alterman & Helen & Benjamin Stratmore.

## Upcoming Events

### MOVIE NIGHT...



**STAY TUNED**  
FOR MORE GREAT MOVIES  
COMING IN 2015

Next Movie - January 31, 2015

### COMING IN THE MONTHS AHEAD

*Mark  
your  
calendar*

**LIFE LONG LEARNING: Thursday, January 22**  
Growing World of Anti-Semitism  
with Mark Weitzman and Barbara Wind

**AWE: Saturday, January 24** - "Illuminating Morning Blessings" with Barbara Kavadias and Shelly Lanzkowsky.

**AWE: Saturday, February 7**  
Rabbi Nesson learning experience

**LIFE LONG LEARNING: Thursdays, February 19 & 26**  
Introduction to Genealogy

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# Sisterhood News



## SISTERHOOD DUES \$36.00

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# MJCBY NEWS *Quick Look*

*Please tear out and save! For more information look inside your newsletter.*

EVENT	DAY	DATE	TIME
Explore Judaism Class	Wednesday	December 3rd	7:30 PM
Sisterhood Winter Mah Jongg Tournament	Thursday	December 4th	10:00 AM
LLL - Interfaith Dating in Our Community	Sunday	December 7th	10:00 AM
Sababah - Cup Cake Wars	Sunday	December 7th	12:00 PM
Explore Judaism Class	Wednesday	December 10th	7:30 PM
TGIS (Thank G-D It's Shabbat)	Friday	December 12th	5:30 PM
Awe - Soulful Shabbat Chanting	Saturday	December 13th	10:30 AM
Tot Shabbat	Saturday	December 13th	10:30 AM
LLL - Roll it Up - Sushi	Saturday	December 13th	7:30 PM
Kadima Hanukkah Celebration	Sunday	December 14th	12:00 PM
Tikkun Olam Together	Sunday	December 14th	2:00 PM
USY Hanukkah Casino Night	Sunday	December 14th	7:00 PM
Explore Judaism Class	Wednesday	December 17th	7:30 PM
LLL - Jews and Jazz	Sunday	December 21st	10:00 AM
Congregation Hanukkah Celebration	Sunday	December 21st	10:45 AM

Go to [MJCBY.ORG](http://MJCBY.ORG) for more information about events.

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# Family News

**BENJAMIN JACOB STEIN**



**N**aomi and Mark Stein warmly invite the congregation to share their joy on December 6, when our son, Benjamin Jacob, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah.

Ben is a seventh-grade honors student at Frelinghuysen Middle School, where he plays trumpet in the band and jazz band. Sports are Ben's passion, especially hockey, soccer and baseball. He plays soccer with the Morristown Demolition travel team and Little League baseball. Ben has been studying French since he was 5, and has spent part of the past four summers at Camp Trois Saumons in Quebec. Ben has also spent part of the past three summers at Camp Ramah in New England. He is thrilled that some of his Camp Ramah friends are coming to his Bar Mitzvah.

For his Mitzvah project, Ben has been volunteering at the Neighborhood House in Morristown, where he enjoys helping younger children with their schoolwork. Ben is very grateful to all of his MJCBY religious school teachers, Rabbi Nesson and Cantor Onigman for helping him reach this milestone.

Ben's parents, older brother, David, and grandparents are very proud of the hard work and dedication Ben has demonstrated during his Bar Mitzvah preparation and look forward to celebrating with family, friends and the congregation.

**MADELINE SIEGEL**



**S**heera and Jeffrey Siegel invite the congregation to join them on December 13, as their daughter, Madeline, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. Madeline, a seventh-grade student at Gottesman RTW Academy (formerly Hebrew Academy of Morris County), enjoys the challenge of a dual curriculum covering both Jewish education and traditional English studies. When not in school, Maddie loves competing in tennis and frequently plays in USTA tournaments. Maddie is excited to travel to Israel later this winter to further explore her roots in Judaism.

For her Mitzvah project, Maddie has become involved in Friendship Circle. Friendship Circle is a Jewish organization in New Jersey that provides a wide array of innovative programming to promote a greater awareness and understanding of both the unique needs and the unique gifts of those with special needs, while encouraging respect and empathy for those facing difficult challenges. Maddie has found it rewarding to volunteer at Friendship Circle's main facility and also in tutoring math to children with special needs. She looks forward to being an active volunteer in the years to come.

Maddie's parents and grandparents have enjoyed watching Maddie develop into a beautiful, responsible Jewish adult. Along with Maddie's siblings, Ilana, Samantha and Daniel, they look forward to celebrating this wonderful milestone with friends and family.

## **GOOD AND WELFARE:**

### **Mazel Tov and Congratulations**

Ellis and Joyce Hoch on the marriage of their grandson Dr. Ari Brettman to Irene Gofman.

Jeffrey and Miriam Czeisler on the marriage of their son Barry to Lemore Kayvan.

Lisa Pollak on her reelection to the Morris School District Board of Education.

### **Refuah Schlema**

Daniella Abend, Steven Abend, Daniel Glass, Tamara Goldberg, Jacob Green, Marcia Hansen, Irving Isko, Marcia Samuels, Florence Suval and Lili Weiss.



# Youth News

## KADIMA KIDS

Hope everyone is enjoying the holiday season. With all this time to enjoy with close ones, spend some time with your friends at Kadima as we finish off 2014 and welcome in the New Year. Join Kadima Sunday, December 14, for an exciting Hanukkah Chocolate Celebration! Once the holidays are all done, start the New Year with a Kadima Game Night on Wednesday, January 28. Hope to see you as we wrap up an amazing 2014!

Shai

### A KADIMA HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

Sunday - December 14  
12:00pm



For more information, email me at [kadima@mjcby.org](mailto:kadima@mjcby.org)

## USY NEWS

USY is more than just a place for our teens to go one Sunday a month at MJCBY. USY is an international organization that gives our teens many opportunities to grow and explore with their peers. Many of our members have started to attend regional events, enriching their high school experience. MJCBY is part of the Hagalil region, which consists of approximately 40 chapters from Northern and Central New Jersey. In addition to monthly events, Hagalil has three shabbatons during the year, where you make your lifelong friends. Spending a Shabbat unplugged with USY-ers of similar backgrounds allows one to connect quickly and once Shabbat is over, texting, Snapchatting and Facetiming allows those connections to grow. I encourage all of MJCBY teens (and parents) to consider attending (or sending your child to) one of these great regional events. You will not only have an amazing time, but also broaden your social circle.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please email [aly@mjcby.org](mailto:aly@mjcby.org)

Aly Greenstein  
USY Advisor

### USY HANUKKAH CASINO NIGHT

Sunday - December 14  
7:00pm



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## SABABAH STUFF

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Sunday  
December 7 - 12:00 PM



Please advise us of any allergy or food restrictions. Look for our flyers and Evites for all events. For more information or questions please contact:

Gigi Schwartz (973)495-4320 or [gigig99@aol.com](mailto:gigig99@aol.com)  
Karen London (973) 463-1945 or [londonsk@verizon.net](mailto:londonsk@verizon.net)

### SAVE THE DATE - January 25, 2015



MJCBY will be holding our first Youth Talent show. Any child under the age of 18 can participate. Groups or individuals.

Singing, dancing, gymnastics, magic act, balloon blower; any type of talent is acceptable

Or would they rather help back stage?  
We will need help with lighting, sound, organizers, program makers etc...

We only have room for 30 acts. Look for our flyers and send in your registration.

Questions or comments, please email Gigi Schwartz at [gigig99@aol.com](mailto:gigig99@aol.com)

# Shalom Yeladim News

Every month it is a challenge to come up with words of wisdom that I can share with all of you. However, this month is different. On October 31, about 300 colleagues from the Greater MetroWest area came together for our annual Early Childhood Conference. Over the years I have been to conferences that I have felt were not enlightening, but this year, I did not feel that way. What I learned from this conference is that early childhood education is changing all the time. As educators our job is to guide, to help children problem solve, to teach children to be kind to one another, to make sure children have self-confidence and feel good about themselves. It's teaching with intent, it's teaching with a real purpose, it's giving the children in our care the tools they will need later on in life. It's teaching a child to be a good person, a critical thinker, a member of a community. Children will learn how to read and write, but we must help them understand what their role is in life. In order to do this, we as educators need to change our focus a bit. Class projects are great if we understand WHY we are doing it. Sometimes just watching a child play with friends helps us have a better understanding of the child and how he/she sees the world.

As a preschool director I struggle with knowing what the right balance is between home and school. I ask myself what are the parents looking for, what are the teachers looking to accomplish and what is the message I want to give as the director.

As parents, we all want our children to be the best at everything they do. As teachers, we try to think of creative ways to teach the children in our care so that the parents can understand what goes on during the course of their children's day when they are with us. For me, as the director, the most important aspect of teaching is to give each and every child the confidence needed as he/she travels through life.

I think we can all agree that children learn best through hands-on experiences. There is an old saying that children learn through play. This is exactly what the Early Childhood Conference reinforced this year. We will continue to encourage our little ones to play, have fun and learn at the same time.

Marla Katz, Director

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**Saturday, December 13**  
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**For families with children ages birth to 7 years.**

**We will sing songs, read stories, have  
playtime and enjoy spending time together.**  
**Following our program, we will join the  
congregation for a Kiddush Lunch at noon.**

**Feel free to bring friends! Open to the Community!**

# Religious School News

## **DREIDEL, DREIDEL, DREIDEL** December 21

Don't miss the day!  
Dreidel contest is on the way!  
MJCBY students large and small  
Are decorating dreidels for our ballroom hall!

An Open House will begin our day,  
Start your Sunday the Religious School way!  
Tefillah Together, Circle Time and more  
Coming to Religious School is never a chore!

Following that, bring your voices strong  
And join Moreh Chris in singing Hanukkah songs.  
Come and vote – which dreidel do you love best?  
Students can't wait to put their dreidels to the test!

There will be crafts and games you can play!  
There is so much to do on this fantastic day!  
And when you get hungry, what will you do?  
Buy latkes, applesauce and donuts too!

Don't miss the day! We know it will be great!  
Especially if you join us. **December 21 is the date!**

### **SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 21**

9:45 – Religious School drop off and open house begins; Snacks upstairs for parents and guests

10:10 – Tefillah Together in the sanctuary

10:45 – Sing along in the sanctuary with Moreh Chris

11-12 – Hanukah activities and dreidel display and contest voting in the Ballroom and Frigand Hall

Gail and Michelle

### **DECEMBER SCHEDULE**

12/3	School in Session
12/6	Junior Congregation
12/7	School in Session, K-1 parent day
12/10	School in Session
12/13	No Junior Congregation
12/14	School in Session, 7th grade parent day
12/17	School in Session
12/20	Junior Congregation
12/21	School in Session, Tefillah Together Hanukkah celebration
12/24 - 1/4	No School, Winter Recess

## **TIKKUN OLAM TOGETHER**



DECEMBER 14 - 2pm

**P**lease help join our family mitzvah corps, Tikkun Olam Together, to celebrate Hanukah with all the residents of Brighton Gardens, a senior living community. Sing Hanukah Songs, retell the story, light candles and share a snack of latkes with applesauce. This is the main non-Christmas event for the residents in December. The Jewish residents, in particular, really appreciate our support! Not only do we celebrate with the Jewish residents, but we teach the non-Jewish residents about our traditions and celebrate together. Brighton Gardens is a lovely assisted living facility located at 21 Ridgedale Avenue, Florham Park. RSVP by December 1 and provide the names and ages of your children who are joining us. Also, let me know if you can bring some already cooked latkes that can be heated up there. We also need applesauce, and Hanukah cookies.

RSVP to Mimi Zukoff at [morahzukoff@gmail.com](mailto:morahzukoff@gmail.com)

Tentative dates in 2015: Feb. 1, March 22 and possibly one more in May.

Please contact me with any questions and please encourage other families to join!

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with stories and crafts.

**DECEMBER 12, 2014  
5:30-7:00PM**

\$5/person

2 years and under free

\$18 max/family

please RSVP by December 5, 2014 to [michelle@mjcbj.org](mailto:michelle@mjcbj.org)





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### DECEMBER 5 & DECEMBER 6

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14	6	Samuel Lenhoff* Howard Cohen Elias Notowicz Rosalie Kosterlitz* Annie N. Cohen* Max Shapiro
15	7	Dorothy Goldband Daniel Lyon Betty Goldblatt* Philip Sperber*
16	8	Hyman Stone
17	9	Judith Fromm* Alfred Schwartz* Helen Haimann* Sarah Chasin Lillian Frigand* Alfred Rich Bobby Wenarsky Edward T. Rosenfeld*
18	10	Shlomo Attias* Bernard Elgart* Bruce Tillinger May Salsberg Harry Schwartz*
19	11	Harry Kling* Aharon Attias* Bernard Gold Keith Miller Max Weinstein*
20	12	Laura Levine* Harry Cohn* Sherry Bialer Lena Cohen* William Schiff* Minka Haimann* Pearl Herman*

## SHABBAT

### DECEMBER 12 & DECEMBER 13

Kislev	December	
21	13	Minna Levine* Jacob Segal
22	14	Irwin Messinger* Jack Buxbaum Martin Samuels Seymour Van Wiemokly*
23	15	Minnie Glass* Deborah Weinstein*
24	16	Ethel Glass* Morris Keller Louis Salny* Ida Levey*

## SHABBAT

### DECEMBER 12 & DECEMBER 13

25	17	
		Maurice Adler* Louis Goldstein Benjamin Brender* Bernhard Meyer Leon Pancis Harold Gurevitz* Estelle Weiss*
26	18	Bessie Liss* Bella Bashe Alex Zukofsky* Dave Dubin Helen Lahn* William Lahn* Leonard Levy Gussie Krinsky* Eleanor Chazan Morris Kaufman Regina Steyn Lina Klausner*
27	19	Samuel Charm Abraham Weingast David Goldblatt* Mary Gelfand*

## SHABBAT

### DECEMBER 19 & DECEMBER 20

Kislev	December	
28	20	Walter Kane Arthur Payn Fred Schulman Louis Salsberg Bernard Schwartz Betty Sherman
29	21	Massuda Danielpour Louis Glick Janet Stone Morton Cowan Minerva Sidi Harry Drell*
30	22	Hattie Kaplan* Sol Frankel*
		Tevet December
1	23	Estell Leichtman* Alida Westerman
2	24	Maurice Epstein*
3	25	Louis Zupnick* Sally Fletcher* David Gladstone Bess Goldman Belle Greenbaum Lillian Hammer Michael Rubenstein Alexander Goldblatt*
4	26	Allan Davis*

## SHABBAT

### DECEMBER 26 & DECEMBER 27

Tevet	December	
5	27	Helen Fox* Nathan Epstein Belle Weinberg Lieb* Harry Simon*
6	28	George H. Feldman* Ida Rayfield Mildred Rehert
7	29	Morris Feurstein Eleanor Dornfeld Sidney Blaufeld Sophia Warshaw*
8	30	Dorothy Jarvis
9	31	Lois Goadkind Leroy Gordon Pauline Kornbleuth* Alfred Oppenheimer Sadie Weiss*
		Tevet January
10	1	Clara Brenner* Susan Blumenfield Max Winter* Ruth Loewensteiner* Kate Csillag
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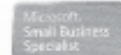


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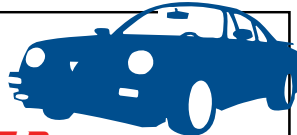
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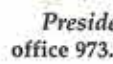


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