

# MJC BY NEWS

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*"We hereby proclaim  
the establishment of the Jewish state  
in Palestine, to be called Israel"*

*David Ben-Gurion*

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# Schedule of Services

Friday, March 30  
Erev Pesach  
6:45am Services and  
Siyum for the First Born  
6:15pm Services

Saturday, March 31  
First Day of Passover  
9:30am Services

Sunday, April 1  
Second Day of Passover  
9:30am Services

Friday, April 6  
Seventh Day of Passover  
9:30am Services  
6:15pm Services

Saturday, April 7  
Eighth Day of Passover  
9:30am Services with Yizkor  
(approx. 11am)

Friday, April 13  
7:17pm Candle lighting  
6:15pm Services

Saturday, April 14  
9:30am Services  
Minyonaires and Simcha Shabbat  
10:30am Junior Congregation  
Sedra: Shemini

Friday, April 20  
7:25pm Candle lighting  
8:15pm Services

Saturday, April 21  
9:30am Services  
Bat Mitzvah of Jacqueline Lima  
Sedra: Tazria-Metzora

Friday, April 27  
7:32pm Candle lighting  
7:30pm Services

Saturday, April 28  
9:30am Services  
10:30am Junior Congregation  
10:30am Tot Shabbat  
Bat Mitzvah of Talia Cohen  
Sedra: Acharei Mot-Kedoshim

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE RABBI

### Ayin L'tzion – Celebrating Israel

**B**y the time you receive your April newsletter, Passover will just be ending. You will have sat around your Seder table, with family and friends, and told once again the 5,000 year old ancient story of our slavery, the 10 plagues, our Exodus from Egypt and our wandering in the desert. 5,000 years ago, the goal of our people was an Exodus from the depths of enslavement and a vision pointed toward Israel. Think back now to the very last words of the Haggadah- Next Year in Jerusalem.

This month, our eyes turn to the fulfillment of that age old dream. Our history tells us it took a few tries. We crossed the Jordan and settled the land. Solomon built the Temple, considered to be one of the wonders of the world, but it fell to the Babylonians. So we tried again when we built the second Temple, only to see it fall to the Romans. Yet, for the next 2,000 years there was not a moment, even in our darkest times, when we did not have an eye on returning the Israel. And then, there it was, when on May 14th, 1948, David Ben Gurion stirringly proclaimed our return to Israel.

This month, we begin our celebrations of that moment, 70 years ago, what it meant to us then and what it means to us now. It is staggering to realize all that our Israel has given to the world and to us in this short time. In every decade Israel has had to fight in one way or another to continue to be the home for every one of us. Israel has gathered our people literally from the darkness to the light and from the four corners of the earth. In those

years, Israel has also earned Nobel prize winners in Medicine, Chemistry, Economics, Physics and Literature. Israel leads the world in Medical Research, in Pharmaceutical Research, in computer development and more. The cell phone, voice mail, and a long list of other technologies we take for granted are gifts to the world from there.

More than that, Israel is our home, the home to every Jewish person in the world, from the spiritual high of spending Shabbat in Jerusalem, to the White City of Tel Aviv, to the desert which now blooms. Whenever someone returns from their first journey to Israel, they will tell me, “from the minute my feet touched the ground, I felt like I was home.” That feeling should be in all of our hearts, along with the realization of just how blessed we are in our generation to have Israel as part of lives.

I hope that you will join us on April 15 when we will gather on the Green in Morristown, along with our friends from Temple B’nai Or and Mt. Freedom Jewish Center, to celebrate Israel at 70, with music, singing, dancing and ‘visits’ to the places that make Israel so special.

In Israel’s National Anthem, Hatikvah (The Hope) we sing these words: Od lo avdah tikvatienu, Ayin LeTzion Tzofia... As long we look to Zion, our hope as a people will always be strong.

Celebrate with us!

Rabbi Nesson

**TEAR OUT AND SAVE  
YOUR QUICK LOOK GUIDE  
ON PAGE 23**



## FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

### Israel and Me

The year was  
1948. Joe  
DiMaggio was

in center field in the Bronx and over in Brooklyn, the Dodgers had a new second baseman named Jackie Robinson. Harry Truman was in the White House. Key Largo, with Humphrey Bogart, was a box office hit and everyone was singing along with Easter Parade written by Irving Berlin. Dr. Edward Land sold the first Polaroid Land camera at the Jordan Marsh in Boston. The game of Scrabble was introduced and South Pacific opened on Broadway.

In the Middle East, a country was reborn after 2000 years in exile. David Ben Gurion stood in what is now Independence Hall in Tel Aviv and declared,

"The Land of Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here their spiritual, religious and political identity was shaped."

He closed the declaration as follows:

"This recognition by the United Nations of the right of the Jewish people to establish their State is irrevocable. This right is the natural right of the Jewish people to be masters of their own fate, like all other nations, in their own sovereign State."

The people in the street cheered and celebrated, but their cheers were soon overpowered by the sounds of tanks and gunfire from the united attack on the

fledgling state by five Arab armies.

Back in the Bronx, the sounds of car horns and the rumbling of the streetcars was soon broken by the cries of the newborn son of Ida and Manny Gross, Yehuda Baruch ben Mendel haLevi (that's me). Growing up in the Bronx of the 1950's was certainly close to idyllic. The wonderful parks, the Bronx Zoo, the Botanical Gardens, Yankee Stadium, the Grand Concourse and I cannot leave out the Loews Paradise Theater, which was the Radio City of the Bronx. It was here as an 8 year I watched for the first time the grandeur of the "Ten Commandments" on the big screen while the ceiling filled with stars twinkled above. I actually played on a sandlot field that is now the location of the new Yankee Stadium.

Seven decades has now passed and much has changed in both Israel and in the Bronx. Is the world of 2018 a better place than the birth pangs of a new nation or the fond memories of a young boy chick on the streets of the Bronx? This is not such an easy question to answer as you might think. In many ways it depends on your perspective and your experience. As a writer and lover of poetry I found this wonderful passage in a 1948 opus by W.E. Auden, a classic English-American poet of the last century, entitled "In Praise of Limestone". The words below spoke to me about this question of place (yesterday, today and tomorrow).

"They were right, my dear, all those voices were right  
And still are; this land is not the sweet home that it looks,  
Nor its peace the historical calm of a site  
Where something was settled once and for all: A back ward

And dilapidated province, connected  
To the big busy world by a tunnel,  
with a certain  
Seedy appeal, is that all it is now? Not quite:"

What we see with our eyes often does not square up with the images in our heads and feeling in our hearts.

One thing is for sure in both Israel and in the Bronx many years since 1948 friction, misunderstanding and downright hatred between different peoples living in the space has unfortunately clouded and muddled our sense of both peace and an "over the rainbow" future. Earlier, I mentioned that South Pacific opened on Broadway in 1948. Oscar Hammerstein's lyrics to one particular song talks to this very issue that both worlds have and continue to face in their daily existence.

"You've got to be taught  
To hate and fear,  
You've got to be taught  
From year to year,  
It's got to be drummed  
In your dear little ear  
You've got to be carefully taught."

In the Bronx, the moving out of Jewish and other white middle class families left much of the Bronx physically and socially devastated as the area of my birth became known as "Fort Apache." In Israel the influx of Jewish settlement from the ashes of the Holocaust and later from most of the Arab world create a schism that still hounds the resident of the State of Israel to this day. Hate has soured the hearts and minds of Palestinian children in schools with books that do not even reference Israel's existence. *continue of page 5*



# Women's Seder

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For decades the lower income residents of the Bronx resented those whose places they took as the former Bronxites now living in Long Island, Westchester or New Jersey feared those that looked different from themselves. Our jobs, those born in 1948 or before and especially after is to heal the words of Sound of Music. To fear into knowing and hate into respect.

"You need to learn that what exists within counts for more than money or language or skin." Yehuda Halevi 2018

To borrow from an old adage, you can take the boy out of the Bronx but never the Bronx out of the boy.

As for Israel: you can remove the Jews from the land for 2000 years but once they have returned they are not leaving again. From our Siddur in the Musaf Service (p.158):

"May it be Your will, Adonai our God and God of our ancestors, who returns Your children to their land, to lead us in joy...May we be privileged to worship You there, in splendor and in awe, as in ancient days."

Am Yisroel Chai and Yom Huledet Sameach

Gerry

**Guest speaker, Fraidy Reiss, spoke about stopping Child marriage at the women's Seder.**

**Go to [www.unchainedatlast.org](http://www.unchainedatlast.org) to see what you can do to help to stop this abusive practice.**



# Life Long Learning


 The Morristown Jewish Center Commemorates

## Yom Hashoah

Sunday, April 8, at 10:00 AM

With Holocaust Survivor

**Mark Schonwetter**

Mark Schonwetter feels blessed to have had a lifetime. As a young Jewish boy in Poland during World War II, he spent the war years in hiding with his mother and sister in the Polish countryside. When the war ended, the family stayed in Poland until 1957, when they emigrated to Israel. Due to a lack of job opportunities, Mark decided to move to the U.S. in 1961, with the backing of his mother's relatives here, and only five dollars to his name. He took the American Dream to heart and built a life in his adopted country.

Mr. Schonwetter is the co-author along with his daughter, Ann S. Arnold, of the book *"Together: A Journey For Survival."*

Copies of the book will be available for purchase. Join us as he shares his life story and blessings that have come his way.

"When you listen to a witness, you become a witness" Elie Wiesel

RSVP to Gerry Gross at [execdir@mjcby.org](mailto:execdir@mjcby.org)  
The Community is invited to this extraordinary event.

## MORRISTOWN JEWISH CENTER BEIT YISRAEL IS YOUR COMMUNITY.

**O**ur 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](mailto:office@mjcby.org).

Special note: Let us know if you or a family member would like a visit from the Rabbi due to illness. HIPPA privacy laws prevent us from receiving this information.

Our Gemilut Hasadim committee is able to provide support for those that need it. Please contact Meryl Balaban at [meryleo@aol.com](mailto:meryleo@aol.com)

When you have experienced the death of a loved one, please

## CELEBRATE ISRAEL AT 70!

AT AN ISRAEL EXTRAVAGANZA

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018

9:30—11:30 AM

ON THE MORRISTOWN GREEN\*

JOIN WITH YOUR FRIENDS FROM

MORRISTOWN JEWISH CENTER

MOUNT FREEDOM JEWISH CENTER

TEMPLE B'NAI OR

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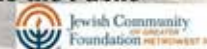
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\*In case of inclement weather, the program will take place at

The Morristown Jewish Center

177 Speedwell Avenue, Morristown

The program is free and open to the Public.



## MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday - April 29 - 7 pm

### FOR MY FATHER

This is the story of a young Palestinian man blackmailed into a suicide mission in Tel Aviv, and is given a second chance at life.

You may come to like this terrorist (yeah, really!).

As always, admission and refreshments are free.





# The Judie Gerstein Early Learning Center

## OUR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR IS IN FULL SWING!

Take advantage of the discount and sign up by March 30, 2018.

Shalom Yeladim is a unique experience for preschoolers. Come for a tour and meet our loving and nurturing teachers. Our days are filled with engaging and meaningful activities that create a wonderful learning environment for your children.

## REGISTRATION FOR OUR SUMMER PROGRAM IS ALSO OPEN!

Our Summer Camp is perfect for children ages 18 months - 4 years

Come and enjoy hands-on learning, fun activities, play outdoors, weekly themes and much more!  
Every day brings a world of excitement.

Please call (973)538-8284 or email [shalomyeladim@mjcby.org](mailto:shalomyeladim@mjcby.org) for more information or to schedule a tour.



**tot Shabbat with Morah Shari**

The best way to begin Saturday morning with your preschooler!

**Free and open to the community!**

**Story Sing Snack Crafts**

April 28  
May 19  
June 9

10:30am - 11:30am  
Shalom Yeladim, classroom 9

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**You are invited to Shalom Yeladim - The Judie Gerstein Early Learning Center of Morristown Jewish Center Beit Yisrael "Growing Together Shabbat"**

Fridays at 9:30am (for ages 0 to 5 years)

Child-friendly services, stories, singing and snack

Open to the Community!

Led by Rabbi Nesson and Cantor Shana

For more information call 973-538-8284

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177 Speedwell Avenue Morristown, NJ 07960

**JOIN US FOR Mommy and Me PROGRAM**

**BEAUTIFUL FACES**

Play group for children and their parent/caregivers from birth to 24 months.  
Thursday mornings 9:30 am - 10:30 am

**April 12, 19, 26**

Make new and everlasting friendships  
Open to the community  
No charge

Shalom Yeladim - The Judie Gerstein Early Learning Center  
Morristown Jewish Center  
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## APRIL

3/30 - 4/6	PASSOVER BREAK
4/9	SCHOOL REOPENS
4/20	YOM HA'ATZMAUT 9:45 am
4/28	TOT SHABBAT 10:30 am

# Honoring our Executive Director

Morristown Jewish Center Beit Yisrael

Tribute Form

## Honoring Gerry Gross "ALL IN THE FAMILY"

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We wish to participate in the Tribute Journal by reserving the following journal space:

Size	Price
Back Cover	\$1000 <b>SOLD</b>
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Melissa Weiner  
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Randolph, NJ 07869

Please print or type your copy in the space provided, you may use the back of this sheet, or create a duplicate sheet, if needed. Deadline, APRIL 10, 2018



# Gerry Gross

## *"All in the Family"*

*Please join our synagogue family as we honor  
Executive Director, member and friend,*

*Gerry Gross*

*upon his retirement.*

*Help to recall his most cherished moments as an essential part of our  
Morristown Jewish Center Beit Yisrael family.*

*Sunday, May 6, 2018*

*21 Iyyar 5778*

*Five o'clock in the afternoon*

*Buffet Dinner, Dessert and Entertainment*

*\$65 per person*

*Kindly Respond by April 10, 2018*

*Celebratory Journal Opportunities Available*

# Synagogue News



## LOOKING TO GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY THROUGH GOOD DEEDS?

**W**e serve less fortunate members of the Morristown community at the Morristown Soup Kitchen, the 4th Sunday of every month.

Our **SOUP**-er volunteers for February:

Toni Guss, Kim Synalovski, Carol Leiwant, Pete Ferrara, Mark Feldman, Fran Loewensteiner, David & Kim Ganz, Rita Fand, David Ticker, Paula Barber and Howard Buxbaum.

The Social Action Committee is looking for new members. If you are interested in extending what MJCBY does beyond the Soup Kitchen and Family Promise activities, we would like to hear from you. MJCBY prides itself on doing Tikkun Olam to benefit our community, and your suggestions will help us to expand our mission.

If interested, please e-mail either Lou Bodian (Loub48@gmail.com) or Howard Buxbaum (howardbuxbaum@gmail.com).



Rosh Hashanah begins on September 9.

Purchase your own High Holy Day prayer book today.

Machzor Lev Shalem is now available at \$36 per book

Contact the MJCBY Office,

973-538-9292, to purchase your copy.



## GOOD & WELFARE

### Condolences to:

Karen Sagor on the passing of her beloved father, Bobby Schmeidler.

Carlos Nulman on the passing of his beloved father, Jose Nulman.

The family of Herman Rosenberg on the passing of our longtime member.

Richard Fels on the passing of his beloved mother, Irene Felsenfeld.

Joan Rosenbaum on the passing of her beloved mother, Mary Klein.

Roy Solondz on the passing of his beloved mother and our long time member, Irene Solondz.

Stanley Levitt on the passing of his beloved sister and our long time member, Irene Solondz.

### Mazal Tov to:

Deborah and Mark Bender on the birth of a granddaughter, Rayna Sadie, born to daughter Tracy and Vivek Damodaran.

### Refuah Schlema to:

Steven Abend, Jeff Czeisler, Vicki Hart, Ellis Hoch, Sue Jacobowitz, Marsha Lewin, Avi Lyon, Nancy Medford, Sonya Oppenheimer, Scott Reilly, Marcia Samuels and Diane Smith.

## SIMCHA SHABBAT:



Simcha Shabbat is a monthly celebration of the wedding anniversaries and milestone birthdays of our members.

During the Shabbat service, members will be recognized on the bimah for their simcha and receive a special gift.

Our eighth Simcha Shabbat was held on February 17 when we honored on the bimah three couples who celebrated a wedding anniversary and three congregants who had milestone birthdays.

**Our next Simcha Shabbat will be on April 14 when we will celebrate with our congregants having a wedding anniversary or milestone birthday in March or April.**

To ensure that we have everyone's correct wedding anniversary date, we ask that all of our members to take a moment to log into their online ChaverWare accounts to check that they have properly inputted this information and that their email address listed is correct. If you need help with ChaverWare please contact Gerry Gross in the office.

If you have any questions about Simcha Shabbat please contact Jeff Grayzel, the MJCBY Simcha Shabbat coordinator, at grayzel@verizon.net.

# Sisterhood News

## *From our Sisterhood Presidents Rachel Richman and Beth Schreiber*

**T**his year marks the 100th anniversary of Women's League and in commemoration of that, we are honoring all of our Past Sisterhood Presidents of MJCBY during our Torah Fund Brunch on April 22.

Mathilde Schechter was a woman ahead of her time. She firmly believed in education for all Jewish women. So much so, that she founded the Columbia Religious School for Jewish Girls and taught there. She knew how important it was to prepare these young women to go out into the world, support themselves and break the cycle of poverty that was prevalent at that time on the Lower East Side of Manhattan where the school was located.

We at the MJCBY Sisterhood continue to follow Mathilde's example and provide outreach to our community and educational programs within the synagogue to increase our knowledge in a variety of subjects both religious and secular.

We look forward to seeing you at the brunch.

## **SISTERHOOD DUES \$36.00 IT'S NOT TOO LATE**

Make this year extra special by joining Sisterhood. Foster new friendships, participate in social activities and financial support of our synagogue by strengthening our community, and foster global identity through affiliation with Women's League of Conservative Judaism. These are a few of the benefits of your membership. Active or not, for only \$36.00, you are welcome to join us for our Paid-Up Membership Dinner in the fall where the opportunity to win prizes from our awesome gift baskets is possible.

Dorothy Cohen, Financial Secretary

Please send your \$36.00 to,  
MJCBY Sisterhood-177 Speedwell Ave,  
Morristown, NJ 07960

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*The Sisterhood  
of Morristown Jewish Center Beit Yisrael  
cordially invites you to the  
Annual Torah Fund Brunch  
Honoring  
Current  
and  
Past Sisterhood Presidents  
as honorees of the Eishet Chayil Award*

*Sunday, April 22, 2018  
At ten o'clock in the morning*

*Brunch is complimentary  
with a minimum gift of \$18 to Torah Fund  
(\$25 at the door)*

*All Attendees must RSVP by April 11  
Make checks payable to Torah Fund  
RSVP to [sisterhood@mjcby.org](mailto:sisterhood@mjcby.org)  
If there are questions, please contact  
Judy Diringer (973) 998-0167*



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Paula and Burt Brenman in memory of all Brenman Family members.

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Naomi and Mark Stein in memory of Ann Lee Stein and Albert Stein.

Eileen Glasser in honor of David Chasin's birthday.

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Susanne and Allan Berger in memory of Benjamin Reinheimer.

Irene Solondz in memory of Nacie Salny and in honor of Gerry Gross.

Helen Levine in honor of Shirley Storgion. Raquel and Robert Schaffer in memory of Louis Auerbach.

Janet Appelbaum in honor of the birth of Samantha Alexa Brustein, granddaughter of Ilene Wolff; birth of Esther June Sanabria, granddaughter of Donna and Gerry Gross; and birth of Eliana Robyn Schachter, granddaughter of Harriet and David Sakofs. Babette and Norman Kornbleuth in honor of the bar mitzvah of Corinne and Michael London's grandson, Charlie.

Sandra Weingarten in memory of Garry Weingarten.

## **GEMILUT HASADIM FUND**

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Alison and Steven Abend in memory of Dorothy Abend.

Peppi Glass in memory of Daniel Glass.

Barbara Grandis in memory of Sally Weinstein.

Susan and William Neigher in memory of Harry Robinson.

Joan and Martin Cohen in memory of Ruth Stern and Dorothy Cohen.

Eleanor and Fredric Knapp in memory of Raymond Geller.

Beatrice Mintz in memory of Max Mintz.

Joyce Levy and Kenneth Sidman in memory of Evelyn and Marshall Sidman, and Edward Schnaper.

Marjorie and Leo Josephs in memory of Bernhard Josephs.

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Mimi Freed in memory of Max Wildhorn.

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Carol Higgins in memory of Sigmar and Frieda Guggenheimer and Ruth Cohnstein.

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Beverly and Neil Kolsky in memory of Max Cohen.

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Adrienne and Alan Chanin in honor of Elliot Stone, grandson of Nancy Gordon Michaels and Robert Michaels.

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Beth and Robert Ehrlich in memory of Elsa Fertig.

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Edith Keller in memory of Rose Keller and Abe Morgenstern.

# Shalom Club

## SHALOM CLUB HAPPENINGS

APRIL, 2018

**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:

April 3 - No meeting -Happy Passover to all of our Shalom Club members and families.

April 10 - Rothman luncheon.

April 17 - Visit and lunch at Lester Senior Housing in Whippany. Details to follow.

April 24 - Annual Hunterdon Hills Playhouse trip. The show is "Steel Magnolias." Bus leaves MJC at 10am promptly. Flyer with details will be distributed.

**JCC Group Leader, Lori Chimoff**

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

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

### GEMILUT HASADIM!



The Gemilut Hasadim 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) or Helena Kloder (hgkloder@gmail.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)

# Men's Club

## MEN'S CLUB DUES - 2017-18 - \$36.00



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1. Feeding the sukkah builders!
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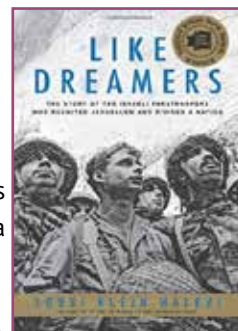
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## BOOK CLUB

### Like Dreamers

Tuesday, April 24 - 7:30 pm

The Story of the Israeli Paratroopers Who Reunited Jerusalem and Divided a Nation, by Yossi Klein Halevi.



For more information, please contact Howard at [howardbuxbaum@gmail.com](mailto:howardbuxbaum@gmail.com).

## TEFILLIN & SHACHARIT

Sunday, April 29 - 9:30 am

Learn the practice of laying tefillin and help to make a minyan. (Yes, we need you!) Stick around for a bagel and coffee and schmooze.

RSVP to Doug so we know how many bagels to have on hand.

**Men's Club needs you to get involved, plan an event, offer new ideas! Please contact Doug Goldstein -- [dgldstn@yahoo.com](mailto:dgldstn@yahoo.com).**

# Make a Legacy



## Why Legacy?

From Judy and Jeremy Diring



Judy grew up in Beth El Synagogue in Phoenix, Arizona, and Jeremy in Emanuel Jewish Center in Mt. Vernon, New York. Both conservative synagogues were instrumental in shaping who we have become. We moved to an unfamiliar Morristown because of a job, but found a home in MJCBY that reminded us of the synagogues in which we grew up. This familiarity is helping us raise our sons with the values and education we hold dear. For us, Legacy is about *l'dor v'dor* – from generation to generation. We want to make sure that those who stumble upon Morristown in the future find the same active Jewish Center that we did, and feel comfortable raising their family here. We're not necessarily doing this for our children since we do not know where they will be in the future, but we're committing to Legacy to commit to everyone's children that MJCBY will remain. Our hope is that Legacy will have been embraced wherever our children settle, ensuring continuity of all Jewish communities for the next generations.

So join us all in Living a meaningful Jewish life.

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# Religious School News



## Religious School Bouquet Sale For Mother's Day!



**Treat the special moms in your life to a beautiful bouquet of flowers and support the Religious School!**

Please send your completed order form to the main office with your check made payable to MJCBY. Order forms are due by April 26, 2018

Orders will be available for pick-up at the Synagogue Office on Wednesday, May 9 from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Thursday, May 10 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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# Religious School News

From Karen Lilienfeld, Director of Education and Life Long Learning for Youth & Their Families

The highest activity a human being can attain is learning for understanding, because to understand is to be free. (Baruch Spinoza, Ethics) Our MJCBY students are taught to question. Questions may build or diminish. As people of "The Book," we value the layers of understandings which grow from studying & challenging one another while engaging with Torah. In fact, this is precisely why Torah has always been & continues to be central to our lives. Just as rain water comes down in drops & forms rivers, so with Torah. One studies a bit today & some more tomorrow, until in time it becomes like a flowing stream." (Song of Songs Rabbah)

"The idea that it's possible to move from slavery to freedom & from darkness to light & from despair to hope- that is the greatest Jewish story ever told." said Rabbi Sharon Brous. Each generation must learn anew how to overcome the wrongs of the world. Children will never be born into a perfect world created for them by their parents. They can only continue to hold the torch & their parents' role is to teach them how to carry on the fight for justice. That is why the Passover ritual is central to Judaism. The Torah teaches, whoever does not keep it, will be cast out & no longer be considered a part of Israel. The premise of Judaism is: If you are to be part of the people, you must struggle to maintain or realize freedom your entire life.

Two modern holidays commemorate the tragedy of the Holocaust & the triumph of the State of Israel; *Yom Hashoah* - Holocaust Remembrance Day & *Yom Ha'Atzmaut* - Israel Independence Day. Both are observed in the Jewish community & have great significance for secular Jews. Yom Hashoah is the shorter form of Yom Hashoah Ve-Heguvurah, which translates into the Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust & Heroism. This solemn day arrives one week after Pesach & coincides with the Warsaw Ghetto uprising of 1943. On Holocaust Remembrance Day, Jews of all ages come together to remember this painful history & to understand the watchfulness necessary to ensure it never happens again. At the same time, we could use this event as a time to explore the question: Who are we as Jews & as human beings if we look away from the suffering of others?

Israel, whatever flaws, is the antidote to the Holocaust; the dream made real from out of the ashes. Judaism thrives on questions. I encourage MJCBY families to use Yom Ha'Atzmaut, as an opportunity to celebrate Israel's many accomplishments. On Sunday, April 15, all students from MJCBY Religious School, Mount Freedom Jewish Center Religious School, & the Religious School students from Temple B'nai Or will come together, to celebrate Israel at 70. This event celebrates Israel's Music, Art, History & diversity from antiquity to the present. Children will visit 7 stations to experience some of the wonders of our homeland. Please support your children, & Morristown Jewish Center Beit Yisrael.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018 9:30am – 11:45am, ISRAEL @ 70 IN MORRISTOWN ON THE GREEN

(in the case of inclement weather, the event location will be moved to MJCBY)

<b><u>APRIL</u></b>	4/9	ALP	4/18	School in Session
	4/11	School in Session	4/22	School in Session
4/1 -4/7 NO SCHOOL	4/14	Jr. Cong	4/25	School in Session
- PASSOVER	4/15	School in Session	4/28	Jr. Cong
4/8 School in Session	Israel Celebration		4/29	School in Session

## Youth Stuff

**USY:** Morristown USY continues to welcome 8th Graders to events to all of our events and to give them a taste of what the next four years will be like. IDF night was both fun, energetic and insightful. Thanks to our wonderful board members who led us in training and talks. Elections for our USY board will be occurring this Spring and we are always looking for new teens to get involved. The Morristown USY board is a great leadership opportunity and helps teens gain skills that will help them in college and beyond.

If you are interested in learning more please reach out to Aly Greenstein our USY advisor at [aly@mjcby.org](mailto:aly@mjcby.org).

We hope to see everyone at our April event on the 22nd. Please contact Aly at [aly@mjcby.org](mailto:aly@mjcby.org) for more information

Aly Greenstein  
MJC USY Advisor

### Sababab:

Please join us for our final event of the year:

Sunday, April 22- 8:30am - 9:30am in the library

Join us for bagels, donuts, and juice.

We will review this year and plan for next year!  
We hope you can join us!

Debbie Goldstein

### Kadima: Chag Pesach Sameach!

We had a great time playing Gaga, talking about Israeli technology, eating pizza and more in Kadima this March! We're very excited for our upcoming event this month April 22nd 6:30-7:45 which is sure to be full of laughs, snacks, and fun. As always, we love seeing old faces return and are excited to meet new ones! We begin every event with ice-breakers so newcomers are always welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you in the Youth Lounge April 22, from 6:30-7:45.

A Zissen Pesach!

## Family News



JACQUELINE LIMA

**W**e would love to welcome the congregation to Jackie's Bat Mitzvah service and kiddish on Saturday, April 21, 2018 when she will be called to the Torah. Jackie has been volunteering at Arbor

Terrace, an elderly facility and has done other volunteer work over the years in Morristown. She enjoys singing, art and gardening and then bringing the things we grow into her cooking.

We are thankful to the Cantor, Rabbi and the MJC BY staff for teaching, guiding and advising Jackie and our family through the Bat Mitzvah process. Jackie joined her class late and had a lot of catch up. We couldn't be prouder. We are excited to share this milestone with all of you and hope to see each of you at services and the kiddish!

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# Family News



**TALIA ILYSSA COHEN**

**W**ith great pride, Miriam and Jeffrey Cohen invite family, friends and the congregation of Morristown Jewish Center Beit Yisrael, to join them in celebration as their daughter, Talia Ilyssa Cohen, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on April 28, 2018. We are so grateful for the enthusiasm,

dedication and guidance from all of Talia's religious school teachers, Cantor Onigman and Rabbi Nesson – thanks to each of you!

Talia is a middle school student at The Pingry School. She loves all things horses, dogs, and most any animal she encounters. She runs cross country, plays basketball and lacrosse for her school. A vital piece of who Talia is, would not be complete without her camp experience. Simplicity, self-reliance and respect for all others are important qualities developed deeply within Talia at Farm and Wilderness Camp. Talia has developed a life-long love of nature and the outdoors from camp. When not busy with school, camp, sports, or riding, Talia can be found singing to T-Swift, smiling, and enjoying life to its fullest.

For her Mitzvah project, Talia chose to help support Take-The-Cake. Take-the-Cake is an organization, based in Maplewood-South Orange, committed to the idea that every child deserves a special birthday party. Take-The-Cake plans and provides birthday parties for children whose parents would otherwise not be able to afford a party. She has helped with everything from creating unique party favors, helping in the office, planning and playing games with children, and making sure that all the children involved have a memorable time! Talia feels it is important that all children are able to celebrate special occasions with their family and friends.

Talia, we are so proud of all of your hard work in preparation for this incredible milestone. Your fun-loving attitude, confidence and spirit will take you far in life. Mom, Dad, Harper, your grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends are very excited to be celebrating this simcha. We love you so much!!



**ARIELA SAGOR**

**W**e welcome the congregation to join us on May 5, 2018 for services when our daughter, Ariela, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah.

Ariela is a 7th grader at Memorial Junior School in Hanover Township, where she is a diligent student who enjoys math and social studies. Actively involved in her school's spring musical "Bye Bye Birdie," Ariela has taken on the responsibility of being in charge of props and organizing the preparation of the sets for the play. She displays her musical talent through her participation as a violinist in the school orchestra and singing in the chorus.

Ariela enjoys ice skating with her friends and has a passion for dance which she expresses by attending ballet and jazz classes at a local dance studio. She is looking forward to her performance at the end-of-year recital. She also loves to draw and has created many beautiful pieces, which she has given to friends and family. Ariela has recently discovered photography and we are excited to see how she develops this talent.

Caring and sensitive, Ariela will go to any length to help a person in need. She makes her parents especially proud when she looks out for her younger brother, Yoni, and helps her Nana.

For her Bat Mitzvah project, Ariela is collecting used crayons. The crayons will be melted down and used to create new crayons, which will be distributed to hospitals and school programs for needy children.

Our family would like to express our thanks to the MJCBY community which welcomed us so warmly when we moved to Cedar Knolls from Brooklyn just a few years ago, and to Rabbi Nesson, Cantor Shana for guiding Ariela in preparation of this important milestone. We are all extremely proud of her and looking forward to celebrating with the community, family, and friends who are coming from near and far for the occasion.

After services we invite you to join us for Kiddush and dancing.



# Yahrzeits

\*denotes a plaque on the Yahrzeit wall.

## SHABBAT APRIL 6 & 7

Nisan	April	
22	7	Dorothy Rockowitz *
		Dorothy Frigand Edelman *
		Henry Morchowder *
		Pearl Schlossman
		William Hebel
23	8	Louis Berger *
		Lydia Wein
		Raphael Rogers *
24	9	Arthur Seifer *
		Marvin Van Wiemokly *
25	10	George Beecher *
		Sandra Greenberg
		Sylvia Blatt *
26	11	Hyman Yohanan *
		Morris Rosenberg
27	12	Daniel Gebel
		David Frigand *
		Frieda Guggenheimer *
		Joseph Wallenstein
		Rubin Gurevitz *
28	13	Joseph Gelber
		Michael Goldstein
		Paul Levine *
		Sadie Dubin

## SHABBAT APRIL 13 & 14

Nisan	April	
29	14	Abraham Gordon *
		Morris Barber
		Ruth Goldman
30	15	Caryn Foster
		Gertrude Segal
Iyar	April	
1	16	Celia Beer *
		Frances Strelzoff
		Max Cappel *
		Simon Spivak
2	17	Albert Finver *
		Frances Canier
		Lillian Steinberg
		Rebecca Weinstein *
		Sarah Small *

## SHABBAT APRIL 13 & 14

Nisan	April	
3	18	Frank Cohen *
4	19	Bessie Antin
		Goldie Feldman *
		Jennie Rosenthal *
		Lenore Widmann
		Morris Chimoff *
5	20	Esther Levit
		Kermit Bricker
		Rachel Winer *

## SHABBAT APRIL 20 & 21

Iyar	April	
6	21	David Gold *
		Gertie Hayworth *
		Jordan Goldstein
		Lilly Pancis
7	22	Emanuel Spitzer *
		Isadore Rosenfarb
		Loretta Levine
		Rachel Leon *
8	23	Eva Roth *
		Gussie Wildhorn
		Kurt Kosterlitz *
		Pearl Epstein
9	24	Pauline Price *
		Robert Gordon *
		Ruth Goldman *
10	25	Eliahu Danielpour
		Janos Gabriel
		Jennie Halpern *
11	26	Carrie Sager
		Daisy Glassman
12	27	Henry Hirsch
		Laura Fensterheim
		Mannie Kornreich *
		Phyllis Evans *
		Sylvia Cohen

## SHABBAT APRIL 27 & 28

Iyar	April	
13	28	Benjamin Epstein *
		Betty Kling *
		Esther Milich
		Laura Newmark *
		Louis Weiss
		Rose Grossman *
14	29	Benjamin Feldman
		Celia Linka
		Rose Rogers *
15	30	Abraham Grosman
		Eva Sains
		Joseph Attias *
		Sima & Joseph Notowicz
Iyar	May	
16	1	Joseph Shatken
		Maurice Fleischman
		Nathan Cohn
		Rae Cohn
		Rosalind Berman *
		Sophie Engel
17	2	Ida Salny *
18	3	Minnie Schwartz *
		Pauline Mintz *
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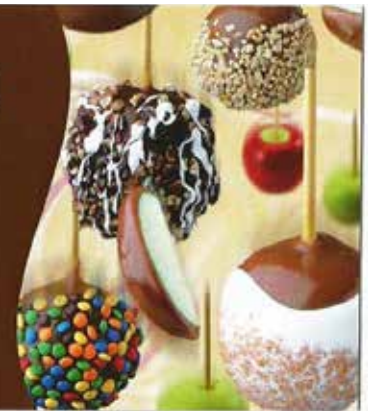
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APRIL 8

10:00 AM

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SATURDAY

APRIL 14

9:30 AM

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6:30 PM

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SATURDAY

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10:30 AM

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SUNDAY

APRIL 29

7:00 PM

HONORING GERRY GROSS

SUNDAY

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5:00 PM

LLL - ELAN EZRACHI - YOM YERUSHALAYIM PROGRAM

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