

MJCBY NEWS

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Happy Hanukkah!



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Schedule of Services MJCBY Clergy and Staff

Friday, December 6
4:11pm Candle Lighting
5:45pm TGIS
6:30pm Mexico Themed Dinner
Open to the Congregation
7:30pm Congregation Service
followed by Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, December 7
9:30am Services
Sedra: Vayetzei

Friday, December 13
4:12pm Candle lighting
6:15pm Services

Saturday, December 14
9:30am Services
9:30am Minyonaires/ Jr.
Congregation/Kidz
Sedra: Vayishlach

Friday, December 20
4:14pm Candle lighting
6:15pm Services

Saturday, December 21
9:30am Services
Sedra: Vayeshev

Friday, December 27
4:24pm Candle lighting
6:15pm Hanukkah Services

Saturday, December 28
9:30am Hanukkah Services
Sedra: Miketz

CLERGY

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- Cantor Shana Onigman

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NEWSLETTER

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**TEAR OUT AND SAVE
YOUR QUICK
LOOK GUIDE
ON PAGE 19**

FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



As we are heading into December, we are heading into the Jewish month of Kislev and towards the 25th of Kislev when many Jewish children's favorite Jewish holiday, Hanukkah, will begin. Hanukkah is a rather minor Jewish holiday, yet it is at or near the top in recognition and popularity. But, is it really? Is what so many Jews and non-Jews think about Hanukkah actually Hanukkah? Just as many of my more value-oriented Christian friends are striving to bring Christ back into Christmas, instead of X'ing it out into Xmas as the world so seems to be literally and figuratively doing, I am encouraging us to dedicate ourselves to bringing Hanukkah back into Hanukkah.

Hanukkah is basically about two miracles – the miracle of the oil – and the miracle of us standing up for our religious freedom, fighting back, and winning against all odds. Traditionally at Hanukkah, we retell the story as a way, hopefully, to remind us of these miracles. Often, though, many seem to focus today not on the miracles of Hanukkah and not on the message of rededicating ourselves, of standing up for our Religious Freedom,... - but most today seem to focus on that which really isn't Hanukkah.

On the extreme, some today set-up and decorate what in more recent years they have created and called a Hanukkah Bush, but that is not a part of Hanukkah. Some of us have even heard tales on a popular Saturday night television show of our youth about a man dressed in blue who delivers presents – of course not to be confused with the other big guy dressed in red – this guy in blue was called Hanukkah Harry. Despite his name, though, he is not an actual part of Hanukkah.

What most call Hanukkah today is not what it once was. There are so many misunderstandings and misrepresentations especially about Hanukkah – and it seems that is only growing more so with time. As already noted, Hanukkah is a minor holiday, not a major one. Many Jews who celebrate Hanukkah in some fashion do not also celebrate the multitude of holidays that are more major ones.

Even how we traditionally do celebrate has some confusion. An important part of Hanukkah is the lighting of the special candelabra. Technically, though, what we are lighting at Hanukkah is not what most call a Menorah. A Menorah is a candelabra with seven candles, three on each side and one in the center. What most at Hanukkah call a Menorah, a candelabra

with nine candles, four on each side and one in the center, is more technically correctly a Hanukkah Menorah or Hanukkiah, not a regular Menorah.

One of the most famous *machlokot*, disagreements, in Judaism has to do with Hanukkah – which way should we light our candles? The shamash plus one on the first night, two on the second, ..., and eight on the eighth? – or the shamash plus eight on the first, seven on the second, ..., and one on the eighth? Rabbi Shammai found the latter to be more appropriate as the olive oil was becoming less and less with each progressing day. Rabbi Hillel found the former to be more appropriate, though, as the miracle was becoming greater and greater with each progressing day. Rabbi Shammai may have been technically quite accurate, but Rabbi Hillel looked with more depth and meaning – and his approach came to be the modern norm. Either way, Hanukkah is quite genuinely about the miracle of the oil and the miracle of the victory, and lighting a Hanukkiah is particularly appropriate on Hanukkah.

While lighting the Hanukkiah, reciting the brachot, and retelling the story are authentically Hanukkah, another modern "part" of Hanukkah that really isn't Hanukkah is gifts. Presents do not equal love. If we are going to give presents at Hanukkah, the best presents we can give is our presence. We should consider spending time more than spending money. Perhaps we can come home early and spend more quality time with our loved ones? Perhaps if we are going to give, then we can give to those in need. Giving *Tzedakah* can be especially meaningful at Hanukkah. Perhaps give toys, blankets, and other items to those in need. Hanukkah, though, is not actually about gifts. Hanukkah is supposed to be a spiritual holiday and not a commercial one. I'm not saying that I have not been known to share special gifts with loved ones, but it is, I think, important to note that Hanukkah really is not about such tangible gifts.

Please note that the Tikun Olam branch of our Religious School will be having a Toy and Blanket Drive on Sunday, December 15. New unwrapped toys and blankets for kids in need are to be brought to Classroom 1 on the morning of the 15 or to the Religious School Office in the preceding days. On the 15, we will also have some wonderfully caring and helpful students sorting and organizing for the donations to make it to the kids in need.

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Similarly, I may enjoy my versions of *levivot/latkes* and *soufganiyot*, and they certainly can help us think of olive oil and remember the miracle of the oil, but for accuracy's sake it is worth noting that Judah and the rest of the Maccabees did not eat potato pancakes or jelly donuts. They didn't even play dreidel! In fact, Hanukkah is also not actually about playing dreidel. Our ancestors had been prohibited from studying Torah; dreidels were used to fool the Greeks to think we were playing and not studying! Standing up for our right to study Torah, though, is therefore a far more authentically meaningful way to celebrate Hanukkah than by playing gambling games with spinning tops.

Thus, this Hanukkah, I encourage us all to spend some of our holiday actually studying Torah. I am encouraging us to bring Hanukkah back to true Jewish values. I am encouraging us to bringing Hanukkah back into Hanukkah. The essence of the Hanukkah story is that a small group of Jews stood up to those trying to keep them from holding on to their age-old authentic Jewish beliefs. Thus, perhaps we can better honor the heroes of the Hanukkah story, perhaps we can be more like the Maccabees, by bringing Hanukkah, "dedication," back into Hanukkah. Hanukkah means "dedication." That is what Hanukkah is about – "dedication" or "rededication." Hanukkah is about the rededication of the *Ner Tamid* and the Holy Temple. Hanukkah is about rededicating ourselves to G-d and to Torah. Perhaps we can rededicate ourselves to the ancient origins of this special holiday. We are to bring more light into this world. While the light at Hanukkah is the Hanukkah, the light all year round is the Torah. We are to be a light unto the nations – *Ohr Lagoyim*.

While Hanukkah is definitely not Christmas and not even "Jewish Christmas," perhaps it could also serve us well to remember that Christmas is about a nice Jewish boy trying to teach others to connect more back to G-d and to Torah?

L'Chag Sameach,
Menahel Avi



Light One Candle...

Indeed as the song of Peter, Paul and Mary says, ***"It has lasted for so many years."***

MJCBY founded in 1899 will soon be 101 years young. You all have the ability to keep that light going and ensure a MJCBY and all that it has meant for generations to come.

How??

By joining the MJCBY Legacy Society means making a commitment to the future generations of our synagogue home.

Don't let the lights go out; they have lasted for so many years...

This act of both love and generosity can be acted upon by all of our generations at MJCBY.

Whether you are seniors, empty nesters, families with children in our Religious School or beyond and couples just beginning their families.

Whether you include MJCBY in your future financial plans or begin now with live contributions to a Legacy commitment, please reach out to me (Gerry Gross) or any member of our team for a personal conversation.

MJCBY is As Strong as Ever and the reason for that is You!

Leave a Jewish Legacy! The Future is Now!
Hanukkah Sameach to All

The Legacy Committee

Gerry Gross – Chair

Rabbi Nesson * Irving Cohen

Karen Gooen * Marcy Needle * Fern Spitzer

MJCBY News & Events

WHAT IS GEMILUT HASADIM?

The Gemilut Hasadim Committee is here to help support you and your family. We provide assistance to our MJCBY families who are experiencing illness, recovering from surgery or need help at a difficult time. We provide meals to help comfort them and lessen one burden of needing to cook during these times.

Join Us!

The Gemilut Hasadim Committee is looking for volunteers to make an occasional meal for a member of our congregation who is ill, returning from the hospital or a rehab facility.



ELISA UDASKIN

If you are in need of such support or interested in helping others contact the MJCBY office or the Committee Chair Elisa Udaskin at eudaskin@gmail.com. We will discuss your needs and provide meals for you and your family.

JEWISH SOLDIERS IN BLUE & GRAY



Sunday, December 8 - 7 pm



Brother against brother, Jew against Jew, 10,000 Jewish soldiers fought in the nation's deadliest war, in numbers proportionally higher than other American groups. Jewish Soldiers in Blue & Gray explores the little known history of the Civil War Jews who fought on both sides of the battlefield—7,000 for the Union and 3,000 for the Confederacy.

This film may change your notion of how Jews reacted to this perilous period in our history.

We will welcome Richard Rosenthal, President of the North Jersey Civil War Roundtable, who will introduce our movie.

As always, the film is free, as are the refreshments.

RSVP to Lou Bodian Loub48@gmail.com

GOOD & WELFARE

Condolences to:

Charles Leiwant on the passing of his mother, Irene Leiwant.
Steve Gardberg on the passing of his mother, Ilene Randi Kipnis.

Steve Lipsky on the passing of his brother, Jerry Lipsky.

Mazel Tov:

Leah Weinstock on the celebration of her Bat Mitzvah.

Juda Marcus on the celebration of his Bar Mitzvah.

Jaden Solotoff on the celebration of his Bar Mitzvah.

Paula Gottesman on the celebration of her 85th birthday.

Phyllis and Paul Kopp on the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Lynn, to Barry Silbiger.

Refuah Schlema to:

Steven Abend, Ray Chimoff, Jeff Czeisler, Eli Diring, Dennis Frigand, Jacob Green, Ellis Hoch, Sue Jacobowitz, Nancy Medford, Sonya Oppenheimer, Barbara Salzman, Andrew Schwartz, Hilde Spain, Barbara Stein, Tamara Goldberg, Jay Gold, Florence Rudich, Mimi Zukoff, Peter Blank, Richard Gebel, Rabbi Jonathan Brown (father of Debbie Marcus), Adina Lori, Joseph Dobkins and Lois Chasin.

SPONSOR A KIDDUSH

It is customary to dedicate a Kiddush on Shabbat in honor of a special occasion.

Whether it be in memory of a loved one, in honor of a birthday or to mark a special occasion or Simcha, sponsoring a community Kiddush is the perfect way to make the day truly memorable. Plus, you will be bringing joy to many people.

To learn more and to sponsor a Kiddush, contact the Kiddush Committee: Michelle Usiskin (973) 543-5795 or Kathy Neibart (973) 292-1933



MJCBY News & Events

Sunday December 1, 2019 • 2 PM
Washington Headquarters, Morristown, NJ

Jewish Historical Society of New Jersey & National Park Service
Washington Headquarters

present
An Afternoon with John & Dorothy Hancock

In November 1944, the Jewish Community of Morristown raised funds through donations to purchase a **High Boy** (tall dresser) which had belonged to Mr. & Mrs. Hancock. As a Patriotic gesture during World War II, the community donated the dresser to Washington's Headquarters where it has remained and is currently on display.

Jewish people in the US always aimed to be both proud Americans and proud of their Jewish Heritage.

To commemorate the 75th Anniversary of this gift, we have invited Christopher Whelen as John Hancock and Kim Hanley as Dorothy Quincy Hancock to talk about their lives. These fine actors are appearing under the auspices of the American Historical Theatre.

JOIN US!
Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 2:00 PM
Morristown National Historical Park Museum Auditorium
30 Washington Place, Morristown, NJ

Refreshments reflecting the history of the time will be served.
ADMISSION IS FREE
Support for both organizations is encouraged
For further information, contact Linda Forgoosh, JHSNJ Executive Director, at (973) 929-2994
or email: lforgoosh@jhsnj.org
R.S.V.P. requested: <https://forms.gle/nttMYT92yW6TdD4A>

Please Consider Helping with
The Religious School's
TOY & BLANKET DRIVE
For Kids in Need in Shelters

 *"Spread a little warmth"* 

Between December 1st and December 15th, Please Bring
NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS & BLANKETS
to the boxes by the Religious School.

On the 15th, some of our wonderfully caring and helpful kids will be helping sort and organize the delightful donations.

THANK YOU!
תודה רבה

Any questions, please email Avi@MJCBY.org



MIRIAM KRINSKY

The last few months have been busy and exciting at MJCBY with Apple picking, a Sukkah building contest, supporting the hunger walk, a variety of Holiday events, a Rugelach bake, and more!

Our popular T.G.I.S. Friday night family services and dinners have 'travelled' to Austria (Miriam's roots), and Italy (Avi's roots); and we'll be 'going' to Mexico next on December 6! Besides enjoying delicious local cuisine, we also explore Jewish life in these foreign places. At TGIS Mexico, our very own Shalom Yeladim director, Michelle Nulman, will share with us what it was like to grow up Jewish in Mexico. Due to all the positive feedback and requests from the wider community to join in on the fun, we will be opening T.G.I.S. Mexico to the entire MJCBY community and friends. The Family Service (at 6 pm) and program at the Dinner will still be geared to children up to 2nd grade, but all others are welcome to join. Mexican Shabbat dinner will be followed by regular Shabbat Services (7:30 pm) and a light Oneg. Many thanks to the fabulous Kiddush committee for the spectacular food!

Our Teen Lounge has been cleaned out, and our Teens are currently busy designing and redecorating the space to make it the place to be for our gatherings! Many thanks to Lew Stone for helping us to repurpose and redonate the items that were once lovingly given to us and used here. Both Market Street Mission and Habitat for Humanity can now enjoy what we no longer need here at MJCBY.

With Hanukkah coming up, don't miss the Jewish Heritage Night with the NJ Devils on December 18; the Hanukkah Wonderland carnival on December 15; and the Hanukkah Lighting on the Green followed by Chinese dinner and DJ on December 25!

Let's keep celebrating our Judaism with joy and meaning here at MJCBY!

Miriam Krinsky
Program Director & Youth Advisor

Synagogue Events



JOIN US ON THE MORRISTOWN
GREEN at 5:00PM
to light the

HANUKKIAH

Wednesday, December 25

RETURN TO THE JEWISH
CENTER at 6:15PM FOR A
KOSHER CHINESE DINNER
DJ



Chanukah Wonderland



Sunday, December 15
11:45 am
at MJCBy
177 Speedwell Ave.

Carnival Style Games | Balloons
Face Painting |
Chanukah Crafts | Toddler Play Area |
Latkes | Sufganiyot & more

RSVP miriam@mjcby.org




JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT



NIGHT WITH THE
NEW JERSEY DEVILS



Join us for Jewish
Heritage Night at the
Prudential Center!

Anaheim Ducks versus the New
Jersey Devils
December 18th, 2019 @ 7 PM

**Special Ticket prices \$38, includes admission and:
MACCABEATS performing live!
MJCBy on Scoreboard!
Gifts for everyone!
Chanukah Activities on Concourse!**

**BUSSING to and from the game will be provided with
enough reservations, for an additional \$12 per person.
RSVP to miriam@mjcby.org by 11/20**



T.G.I.S.

WELCOME TO MEXICO!

Friday, Dec 6
NEW Schedule!

Family Service*: 6 pm
Dinner open to the entire community*: 6:30 pm
RSVP required for Dinner
Regular Service**: 7:30 pm



 <p>MORRISTOWN JEWISH CENTER 177 Speedwell Ave, Morristown RSVP: miriam@mjcby.org</p>	<p>Shalom Yeladim Director Michelle Nulman will tell us about Jewish life in Mexico!</p>	<p>\$10 per person (2 yrs and up) Fam Max \$25 BYOB RSVP by Dec 2</p>
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*Family Service and children's program at the dinner are
appropriate for children up to 2nd grade

**Regular Shabbat Service will be followed by light Oneg

Sisterhood News

MJCBY SISTERHOOD THANKS THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR NOVEMBER 2019 PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP DINNER

23 South	Hanover Marriott Hotel	New York Giants
40 North Restaurant Group	J&S Designer Flooring	New York Jets
Agway	Jewish Museum of NYC	New York Red Bulls Soccer
Alstede Farms	Kidville	Next Generation Training Center
Art in Motion Dance Studio	KimSwims	Niyama Yoga & Wellness
Artistic Academy at DePasquale	Laboratory Hair Salon	Orangetheory Fitness Denville
BARRE 3	Lauren B Clothing	Pelican Ski, Pool & Patio Shops
Bergen Performing Arts Center	Lester Housing-Café Ruth	Pinks Pharmacy
Bright Heart Yoga	The Little Gym of Roxbury	PowerFlow Yoga
Camp Deeny Riback	Lucia C. Salon	Randolph Diner
Cluck U Chicken-Morristown	Mangiano's Pizza	Randolph Martial Arts
Conroy's Florist	Massage Heights	Salon Botanique Eco-Chic
Cosy Cupboard Tea Room	Mayo Center for the Performing Arts	The Shakespeare Theatre of NJ
The Dain Shoppe	Mia Mutascio Photography	Sky Zone Trampoline Park
David Alan Marketplace	MJCBY Sisterhood Gift Shop	Somerset Patriots
Denville Dairy	Morris Animal Inn	South Street Dance
DePasquale Hair Salon	Morris Museum	South & Pine
Fred Astaire Dance Studio	Morristown Diner	Swan Nails Salon
The Game Vault	Morristown Tae-Kwon-Do	The Grand Café
Glassworks Studio	Martial Arts	Uptown Art
Goldfish Swim School	Museum of Jewish Heritage	Willow Boutique



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.

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 Elisa Udaskin at eudaskin@gmail.com

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 most helpful in making these preparations in a proper Jewish manner.



Sisterhood News

Our annual Paid-Up Membership Dinner on November 3 was a huge success. Thank you to all who helped set up and clean up, donated merchandise, solicited vendors for the raffle baskets and attended the event. Special thanks to Harriet, Dorothy and team for preparing a wonderful and delicious dinner, Cantor Shana for making the "Pink" challah for motzi and filling in for Rabbi Nesson with a special D'var Torah. Todah Rabah to Lew Stone for putting together scrapbooks of Sisterhood historical documents for us to reminisce and Karen Gooen for creating the "Pink Trivia" game and for speaking about "pursuing your passion."

If you haven't joined Sisterhood, there is still time to do so. Send your \$36 check payable to MJCBY Sisterhood. Your dues and support enable Sisterhood to continue bringing wonderful programs to the women of MJCBY and support various beautification projects at the synagogue. Our numbers are very important for the continuity of Conservative Judaism.

Beth Schreiber, Rachel Richman and Sharon Barkauskas, Presidium
Contact us at Sisterhood@MJCBY.org

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

Wednesday - December 11

The Power, Naomi Alderman

Monday - January 27

Mrs. Everything, Jennifer Weiner

More information, Contact -
Marcy Needle 973-586-1302
or Amy Brunswick 973-829-0132



TORAH FUND

Congratulations to our Sisterhood members for once again accomplishing our Torah Fund goal and receiving the Torah Fund Achievement Award for 2018-2019. This award will be presented to Sisterhood at the Garden State Region Torah Fund Brunch on December 8. The \$25 fee will be reimbursed to all Sisterhood members. Contact us if you would like to attend.

HANUKKAH IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER



The Judaica Gift Shop is loaded with all sorts of Hanukkah items – menorahs, candles, gifts for all -- especially children. Stop by! We are sure you will find something special for family and friends, plus your purchases help support Sisterhood!

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

January 18, 2020


Contact Ellen Baum (973) 580-6663 or ezbaum@optonline.net to participate in this special Shabbat



Religious School News

MJCBY
INVITES
MJCBY Parents and Any Interested Parents from the Broader Community
To Our
Monthly Parenting Education Series

*You may already be a great parent, but please do remember that,
"Even professional athletes still get coached!"*



"Our children learn from us, and thus we should learn for them!"

DATE	TOPIC
Thursday 12 December – 6pm	Understanding Learning Differences
Thursday 16 January – 6pm	Empowering Kids to Make a Difference
Thursday 13 February – 6pm	Putting Your Child's Care in the Hands of Others
Thursday 19 March – 6pm	Raising Healthy Kids
Thursday 2 April – 6pm	Cultivating Positive Sibling Relationships
Thursday 21 May – 6pm	Internet Safety

Please RSVP to Avi@MJCBY.org



MJCBY
Invites Kids
to
Heal the World
and do
Tikkun Olam


Especially for 3rd-7th Graders.

Friday, November 29 th	Thanksgiving Giving
Sunday, December 15 th	Toy & Blanket Drive
Sunday, January 5 th	Police Officer Appreciation
Monday, January 20 th	Power of the Pen
Monday, February 17 th	Being Presidential
Sunday, March 22 nd	Vernal Equinox Program
Sunday, April 5 th	Animal Sanctuary Project
Sunday, May 3 rd	Firefighter Appreciation
Sunday, June 14 th	Flag Day



Please RSVP or inquire to Avi@MJCBY.org

ROUND OFF YOUR HANUKKAH SHOPPING AT THE JUDAICA GIFT SHOP



BOOK FAIR
sponsored by the
MJCBY Religious School
Give the Gift of Reading,
Just in Time for Hanukkah...

Sunday, December 8 - Sunday, December 15
All proceeds benefit the Religious School

Questions? Contact the office at 973-538-9292
Morristown Jewish Center - 177 Speedwell Avenue
Morristown, NJ 07960 - www.mjcb.org

In the Library:

Sunday, December 8 and 15
9:00am - 12:00pm
Gift wrapping available!

Monday and Tuesday
December 9 and 10
TBD

Wednesday, December 11
4:15pm - 6:15pm
Gift wrapping available!

Thursday and Friday
December 12 and 13
TBD

TIKKUN OLAM PROJECTS FOR KIDS

MJCBY is offering a series of meaningful and engaging Tikkun Olam opportunities geared towards 3rd through 7th graders to help make a difference in the world.

On Sunday, December 15, there will be the culmination of the Toy and Blanket Drive. On Sunday, January 5, there will be Police Officer Appreciation project. On Monday, January 20, when kids are off from school, there will be an opportunity to spend an especially meaningful day with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Power of the Pen project. Similarly, on Monday, February 17, when kids are off from school, there will be a Being Presidential project to appropriately honor Presidents' Day.

Advance RSVP is needed for these programs. Please email Avi@MJCBY.org to RSVP as well as to find out more.

The Judie Gerstein Early Learning Center

Hanukkah is our favorite holiday and we love our Hanukkah show. It is so much fun! This month we learn the story of Hanukkah and we sing songs and do lots of great projects. We learn how to play dreidel and enjoy eating latkes and jelly donuts. It is a very special month!

It is hard to believe the first semester of the school year is almost over and that 2019 is coming to an end.

The Shalom Yeladim staff wishes everyone a wonderful Hanukkah and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Love,
Michelle and the SY teachers

DECEMBER

12/12	HANUKKAH CELEBRATION	5:45 pm
12/20	WINTER BREAK	EARLY DISMISSAL AT NOON
12/23-1/1	WINTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL

JOIN US FOR



SHALOM BABIES

*Play group for babies and toddlers
up to 24 months and their parent/caregivers.
Thursday mornings 9:30 am - 10:30 am*

Dec. 5, 12, 19

*Make new and everlasting friendships
Open to the community
No charge*

The Juadaica Giftshop (in the rotunda)
has all your Hanukkah needs for your little ones.



Use the %15 off coupon
that was sent with your new directory.

HOURS ON THE BACK PAGE!



JOIN
SHALOM YELADIM
and
MS. LORI
from Juice Box Rock

FOR OUR NEW MUSIC CLASS

for babies, toddlers
and their caregivers

TUESDAY mornings
from 9:15-10:15
Enjoy 45 min of music,
schmooze and have a snack

November 5, 12, 19
December 3, 10, 17

**This program is free and open to the community*



SHALOM YELADIM
The Judie Gerstein Early Learning Center



**WE LOVE OUR
BUILDING AND
MATH
ENRICHMENT!!**



Contributions

ALEX CSILLAG FUND

Patricia Csillag Tuschman and Family in memory of Alex Csillag.

BUILDING RENOVATION FUND

Marji and Leo Josephs in memory of Alvin Mintz.

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William and Julie Lupatkin in memory of Irving Lupatkin and in memory of Rita Gotfried's mother, Silvia Seligman.

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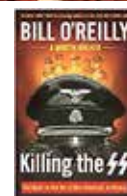
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Kislev	December	
9	7	Hyman Evans *
		Sandra Halpern *
10	8	Gertrude Youngerman
		Judith Baron
		Louis Averbach
		Louis Spivak
		William Rothstein
11	9	Earl Price
		Herbert Samuels
		Mordecai Kantrowitz
12	10	Golda Zisel Drucker *
		Harry Morchower *
		Irving Press
		Joseph Csillag
		Sally Rhines *
		Sylvia Dornfeld
13	11	Arnold Spain *
		Dov Wenarsky
14	12	Annie N. Cohen *
		Elias Notowicz
		Howard Cohen
		Max Shapiro
		Rosalie Kosterlitz *
		Samuel Lenhoff *
15	13	Gloria Francus
		Betty Goldblatt *
		Daniel Lyon
		Dorothy Goldband
		Philip Sperber *

SHABBAT DECEMBER 13 & 14

Kislev	December	
16	14	Hyman Stone
17	15	Alfred Rich
		Alfred Schwartz *
		Bobby Wenarsky
		Edward T. Rosenfeld *
		Helen Haimann *
		Judith Fromm *
		Lillian Frigand *
		Sarah Chasin
18	16	Bernard Elgart *
		Bruce Tillinger
		Harry Schwartz *
		May Salsberg
		Shlomo Attias *
19	17	Aharon Attias *
		Bernard Gold
		Harry Kling *
		Keith Miller
		Max Weinstein *
20	18	Harry Cohn *
		Laura Levine *
		Lena Cohen *
		Minka Haimann *
		Pearl Herman *
		Sherry Bialer *
		William Schiff *
21	19	Jacob Segal
		Minna Levine *
22	20	Cyril Francus
		Irwin Messinger *
		Jack Buxbaum
		Martin Samuels
		Seymour Van Wiemokly *

SHABBAT DECEMBER 20 & 21

Kislev	December	
23	21	Deborah Weinstein *
		Minnie Glass *
24	22	Ethel Glass *
		Ida Levey *
		Louis Salny *
		Morris Keller
25	23	Benjamin Brender*
		Bernhard Meyer
		Estelle Weiss *
		Harold Gurevitz *
		Leon Pancis
		Louis Goldstein
		Maurice Adler *
		Philip Brody
26	24	Alex Zukofsky *
		Bella Bashe
		Bessie Liss *
		Dave Dubin
		Eleanor Chazan
		Gussie Krinsky *
		Helen Lahn *
		Leonard Levy
		Lina Klausner *
		Matilde Rosenblum
		Morris Kaufman
		Regina Steyn
27	25	Abraham Weingast
		David Goldblatt *
		Mary Gelfand *
		Samuel Charm
		William Lahn *

*denotes a plaque on the Yahrzeit wall.

Yahrzeits

SHABBAT DECEMBER 20 & 21

28	26	Arthur Payn
		Bernard Schwartz
		Betty Sherman
		Fred Schulman
		Louis Salsberg
		Walter Kane
29	27	Harry Drell *
		Janet Stone
		Louis Glick
		Massuda Danielpour
		Minerva Sidi
		Morton Cowan
		Ruth Lavein
		Sally London

SHABBAT DECEMBER 27 & 28

Kislev	December	
30	28	Hattie Kaplan *
		Sol Frankel *
Tevet	December	
1	29	Alida Westerman
		Estell Leichtman *
2	30	Maurice Epstein *
3	31	Alexander Goldblatt *
		Belle Greenbaum
		Bernice Krupnick
		Bess Goldman
		David Gladstone
		Lillian Hammer
		Louis Zupnick *
		Michael Rubenstein
		Sally Fletcher *
Tevet	January	
4	1	Allan Davis *
5	2	Belle Weinberg Lieb *
		Harry Simon *
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6	3	George H. Feldman *
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BOOK FAIR	SUNDAY	DECEMBER 8	9:30AM
ADULT MOVIE-"JEWISH SOLDIERS IN BLUE & GRAY"	SUNDAY	DECEMBER 8	7:00PM
ALP	MONDAY	DECEMBER 9	6:00PM
BOOK FAIR	WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 11	4:15PM
SHALOM YELADIM HANUKKAH CELEBRATION	THURSDAY	DECEMBER 12	5:45PM
MINYONAIRES SHABBAT, JR. CONGREGATION& KIDZ	SATURDAY	DECEMBER 14	10:30AM
HANUKKAH WONDERLAND	SUNDAY	DECEMBER 15	11:45AM
BOOK FAIR	SUNDAY	DECEMBER 15	9:30AM
HANUKKIAH LIGHTING ON THE MORRISTOWN GREEN	WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 25	5:00PM
HANUKKAH CHINESE DINNER AT MJCBY	WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 25	6:00PM





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