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Tu B'Shevat!



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**STRONGER
THAN EVER**

Schedule of Services MJCBY Clergy and Staff

Friday, January 31
6:00pm TGIS
6:30pm Shabbat Dinner –
Singapore Theme - Open to the
Congregation
7:30pm Congregation Service
followed by Oneg Shabbat
5:00pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, February 1
9:30am Services
Sedra: Bo

Friday, February 7
6:15pm Tu B'Shevat Seder
7:30pm Services
5:09pm Candle lighting

Saturday, February 8
9:30am Services &
Jr. Congregation
Sedra: Beshallah

Friday, February 14
6:15pm Services
5:17pm Candle lighting

Saturday, February 15
9:30am Services &
Simcha Shabbat
Sedra: Yitro

Friday, February 21
6:15pm Services
5:25pm Candle lighting

Saturday, February 22
9:30am Services Minyonaires/
Jr. Congregation/Kidz Shabbat
Sedra: Mishpatim

Friday, February 28
6:15pm Services
5:33pm Candle Lighting

Saturday, February 29
9:30am Services
Sedra: Terumah

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FROM THE DESK OF THE RABBI



THIS IS NOT A DRILL! TU B'SHEVAT: JUDAISM AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The pictures and reports coming out of Australia are more than dramatic. They are disturbing and yet another wake up call about our connection to this world and climate.

As of this writing in mid- January, we have seen 12 million acres of forests, Eucalyptus and Ash trees and 'the bush' go up in smoke, billions (yes, that is correct, billions with a b) of animals killed, including Kangaroos, Wallabies, Koalas and some species of plants and flowers that only exist in that part of the world, burned. We have witnessed citizens and vacationers run to the beach to get away from the fires, and military ships and aircraft called in to deliver water and food.

It isn't only fires that catch our attention. At a time of year when we pray for rain in Israel, sometimes there is such a thing as too much rain. In early January the flooding in Israel has been without precedent. The city of Neharia was cut off as well as other parts of the country.

At the very beginning of the Torah, we human beings were given a job. Adam and Eve were instructed by G-d to work the land and also to guard it and take care of it. The midrash underscores the message. We have this one world, so take care it, because there isn't another one waiting for us. **In other words- This isn't a drill... our world and her environment is the one we have, so take of it.**

Explaining the intricate connection between Judaism and the environment, Arthur Waskow, founder and director of the Shalom Center, once wrote "perhaps the most profound Jewish statement about the relationship between human beings and the earth is bound up in two words of Hebrew—Adam and Adamah. The first means "human being"; the second, "earth." The two words are connected to teach us that human beings and the earth are intertwined."

In the middle of our winter, usually the beginning of spring in the land of Israel, along comes a yearly reminder of our responsibility. It is Tu B'Shevat, the 15th day of the Jewish month of Shevat. Some call it Jewish Arbor Day, the New Year's Day for Trees. Others call it Jewish environmental day.

What's so important about Trees? Ecologically speaking, trees are at the heart of the environment. They shade the streams, keeping temperatures constant, and provide food for fishes and other aquatic creatures. They bind and build the soil. Without trees, the land is subjected to the eroding forces of wind and water; the soil blows away leaving a dry and wasted land and it runs off into streams which limits plant productivity.

Trees hold a special place in our Jewish imagination. The Torah is described as a "tree of life". There were two trees in the center of the Garden of Eden. In the rabbinic imagination, paradise, the next world was associated with trees.

But is not about imagination right now. Right now it is about action. As Greta Thunburg, the young climate activist has launched a new world wide movement to remind us of our daily responsibility to our world. It is, therefore, our job as stewards of the earth and of God's Creation.

There are easy things for us to do every day to remind us of our job as guardians of the earth. Use reusable bags, recycle, use metal water bottles, drive less, save water and electricity, to name just a few.

Some claim that the tipping point has already been reached, that the world is beyond repair. Our job is to prove them wrong.

Tu BShevat, the New Years' Day of Trees is coming.

The Jewish environment day is coming.

The world is calling to us.

This is not a drill.

Rabbi Nesson

FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



"Today I am a fountain pen."

Many of us grew up with this jocular remark referencing the time of becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Fountain pens at one point in our relatively recent cultural history were a standard gift to a boy when he was proving his readiness to be counted as a man in our Jewish community as he proved himself leading services, chanting Torah, giving a sermon, etc. It did make some sense as the writing of a sermon was such an integral part of the process.

In today's world, however, sermons, if "written," are quite likely to be typed and not actually written with a pen. While to me there is no substitute for a quality pen in hand, I seem to be in the minority with such interest. Similarly, I still prefer the feel of a good book and the flipping of actual pages in my hand over the now more commonly used electronic tablet.

While I do prefer a book, I do also prefer and care about ecological solutions. Thus, some will claim that the electronic tablet is better as the plethora of pages need not be from paper from trees. I do then wonder, though, about the environmental impact of the materials and the ramifications of the process of the creating of the tablet, the electricity consumed in using it, the disposability of the components at the end of its life cycle, etc.

Disregarding that, even as I write my draft of this article, though, I do so on scrap paper writing on the blank back side of pages that had been salvaged for recycling as opposed to having been deposited in the trash. Similarly, the pen I am using is one in which ink is refilled and is not some limited use plastic disposable. This special pen, by the way, while not actually a Bar Mitzvah gift, was a graduation gift so many years ago. It was a gift from my father of a pen that had been his father's. Remind me to show it to you some time. It is quite a treasure.

This spectacular silver pen is its own little museum of Judaic engravings. My grandfather purchased it as his own special personal souvenir the one time he and my grandmother were able to actually visit our homeland Israel - a dream they long had and finally were able to make come true before they passed away at ages far too young. Thus, this pen is such a treasure for me on many levels. That, though, is not the direction I planned for this article to go for this particular

month. It does poignantly connect and relate, and, with this pen, we can continue to connect the dots.

Again, I can consider declaring, "Today I am a fountain pen." Perhaps I should also consider declaring, "Today I am a tree." With our calendars now at Shevat, or more specifically soon at the Jewish holiday, one of the four Jewish New Year's, Tu b'Shevat, the birthday of the trees, I am thinking of trees. I love trees. I have always loved trees. Even as a little boy, I felt such a strong connection to the trees. Not just biologically, deep down in my lungs, do I breathe better when I am around trees, but, personally, deep down in my soul, I breathe better when I am around trees. I love the trees on my serene home property. I love the trees on the trails I am blessed to have a block from home. I love trees wherever they be.

I am remembering an essay question from back in Mrs. Brown's 6th grade English class: "Would you rather live in a city, at the beach, in a suburb, in a forest, ..., and why?" I do well remember my strongly written answer of so long ago. Without rewriting that entire essay here, the answer began with: "If I could live anywhere, in a forest would be my dream" I gave that answer two years before I became a Bar Mitzvah. I always loved trees, and I always loved Tu b'Shevat. While not quite a fountain pen, I did receive an extremely nice pen and pencil set as a gift when I became a Bar Mitzvah. I received many nice gifts. Most of these gifts, however, do not still exist today. My most loved gift at that time though is still deeply special to me today. Trees!

I thought it incredibly special that trees were planted in my name in Israel. I loved the lava lamp that I received as a gift then, but it broke long ago. I loved the telescope I received then, but it stopped working long ago. I loved the soccer ball I received then, but it stopped holding air long ago. I received monetary gifts as well, but they were spent long ago. Even the pen and pencil set was another genuinely nice gift. There were books I received which I loved and still treasure, but the most special gift of all to me then and still most treasured to me today are the trees that were planted in Israel in my name.

Thus, as Tu b'Shevat approaches this month, I choose to share with you all my profound love of trees. I love so much that trees were planted in my name that I have actually gone to visit my trees and as you can see even watered them.

Menahel Avi

MJCBY PRESENTS COMEDY NIGHT

FEBRUARY 22, 2020

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 pm
SHOW STARTS AT 8:30 pm

HOSTED BY
JACKIE BYRNE



Comic, actor, and host, former member of Upright Citizens Brigade, featured on BuzzFeed, Funny or Die, and performs all

HEADLINER
STEVE MARSHALL



Jewish comic and frequent synagogue comedy night headliner who also has been on NBC, CBS, CNBC, the Food Network.

FEATURING
CHIP AMBROGIO



Contributing writer for The Friars Club Roasts and frequent performer at major comedy clubs across the region.

\$36.00 in advance

\$40.00 at the door

reserved tables for groups of 10

REGISTER ONLINE!

**SPONSORSHIPS
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Mail your reservation request
by February 14 to
MJCBY COMEDY NIGHT
177 SPEEDWELL AVENUE
MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960



NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

SPONSORSHIP 2 TICKETS @ \$180.00 = _____
1 TICKET @ \$90.00 = _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS _____ @ \$36.00 = _____

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JOEL at OFFICE@MJCBY.ORG 973-538-9292

**DESSERT
RECEPTION
OPEN BAR**

MJCBY News

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.

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



GOOD & WELFARE

Condolences to:

Dr. Ezra Kazam on the passing of his beloved mother, Daisy Kazam.

Lee Greenberg on the passing of his beloved father, Melvin Greenberg.

Sharon Kellman on the passing of her sister, Madelyn Iris.

Joel Goldman on the passing of his brother, Louis Goldman.

Refuah Schlema to:

Steven Abend, Karen Benton, Ray Chimoff, Jeff Czeisler, Eli Diringier, 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, Lois Chasin and Eli Weissman.



AN EVENING OF JAZZ WAS HELD ON JANUARY 11, FEATURING THE ISRAELI YOUTH JAZZ GROUP, FOUR FLUTE FLIGHT, FROM THE RENOWNED THELMA YELLIN MUSIC ACADEMY IN ISRAEL ACCOMPANIED BY MATAN KLEIN AND JOSEPH REGEV, DIRECTOR OF JAZZ.

Take a Chance



RAFFLE 50/50

CHANCE TO WIN \$15,000

ONLY 300 TICKETS NEED TO BE SOLD

**A LUCKY WINNER WILL GET up to
\$15,000 AND MJCBY GETS THE MATCH.**

IT'S A WIN WIN FOR EVERYONE!!!!

TICKET PRICE is \$100 EACH

DRAWING TO BE HELD: JUNE 7TH

(Buy a ticket/Help sell tickets)



Morristown Jewish Center Beit Yisrael

CONTACT BECCA WANATICK TO BUY OR SELL TICKETS

WANATICK@OPTONLINE.NET

OR CALL MJCBY AT 973.538.9292

If gambling is a problem for you or someone in your family . Call 1-800-GAMBLER

NJLGCCC#: 324-3-5287

MORRISTOWN RL: 20-0003

MJCBY'S LEGACY SOCIETY



It may be cold outside but February is filled with Love!
Love of the Jewish Community
Love for Israel Love for MJCBY

*Roses are Red
Daisies are Yellow
Giving to Legacy
Makes me one Happy Fellow*

Whether you are 22 or 92 you can all join
the MJCBY Legacy Society and
make a commitment to preserve the greatness
of our past into our future.

Contact any member of the Legacy Committee for
a conversation and we can show you the various
ways you can give now or leave a Legacy .
This act of both love and generosity can be acted
upon by all of our generations at MJCBY.
Leave a Jewish Legacy! The Future is Now!

The Legacy Committee

Gerry Gross – Chair

Rabbi Nesson * Irving Cohen

Karen Goen * Marcy Needle * Fern Spitzer



SHALOM CLUB HAPPENINGS

FEBRUARY - 2020

Feb. 4 - Rothman Luncheon and Current Events

Feb.11 - Hirschhorn Presenter, Marty Schneit on, "Jews in New York."

Feb. 18 - Medicare Senior Patrol rep, Charles Clarks on, "Medicare Fraud."

Feb. 25 - Healthwatch Caregiver rep, Randi Brockman on, "Israel and Employment in the 21st Century."

JCC Group Leader, Lori Chimoff

MJCBY Events



SAVE THE DATES!

PURIM with MJCBY

Details to follow

March 8, 11:00 am: Purim Shpiel!

March 8, 12:15 pm: Purim Carnival!

March 9, 6:00 pm: Sweet & Sour Purim Dinner!

March 8 & 9, 2020

RSVP to miriam@mjcb.org

177 Speedwell Ave, Morristown



**Celebrate Tu B'Shevat
with a Shabbat Dinner and Seder
At Morristown Jewish Center**

Friday, February 7, 2020

Services 6:15 PM

Seder and Dinner to follow

A Delicious Dinner will be prepared by "Chef Shana" and Friends
\$15 per Adult, \$10 per child 5-12 years of age, under 5 Free

Open to the Community

RSVP by Monday, February 3rd, joel@mjcb.org
Vegetarian & Dairy Free Special Fruits for Tu B'Shevat and more...
Gluten Free Options, Nut Free BYOKBW
(bring your own kosher bottle of wine)



Tu B'Shevat the 15th day of the month of Shevat- the New Year for the trees.
We celebrate our land and its capacity for growing things. It is also a day to
commemorate our connection to Eretz Yisrael and the foods which we grow there.

973-538-9292 www.mjcb.org

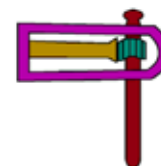


**Morristown Jewish Center Beit Yisrael
177 Speedwell Avenue Morristown**

Shloach Manot



MJCBY Mishloach Manot Purim Fundraiser



ORDER DEADLINE: February 10, 2020

The Purim basket program (Mishloach Manot) is one of MJCBY's largest fundraisers which supports all of our great programs, so in the spirit of a united (and stronger than ever) MJCBY congregation, please consider participating in one or more of the following ways. Please see your mailing for more detailed information or contact Mayrav Smith at 973-975-6119, Debbie Goldstein at 973-713-3869, Nancy Berns at 973-886-8852 or Judy Diring at 973-998-0167.

Your Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Email:	Phone:	

<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Please send to the <u>entire</u> congregation.	\$154
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Please send to <u>individual</u> congregants and/or teachers, who I have selected below (please add additional pages as necessary): _____ _____ _____	# of individual congregants and/or teachers ____X \$12 each = \$_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Please send to college students and non-congregant family & friends. (Do not forget to fill out gift tags/mailling labels on separate page).	____X \$36 each = \$_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	I would like to buy hamantaschen. Please enter desired <u>number</u> of pounds of each flavor below: Mixed # _____ Prune # _____ Apricot # _____ Mango # _____ Raspberry # _____ Chocolate # _____ Poppy # _____	____X \$12 each = \$_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 5	I would like to buy Green's Babka. Chocolate # _____ Cinnamon # _____	____X \$9 each = \$_____
Thank YOU!	Enclosed is my check made payable to MJCBY in the amount of: Credit card for entire congregation or more only. Visa or MC # _____ exp _____ code _____	TOTAL AMOUNT \$_____

- ☐ We would like to donate our Purim Mishloach Manot to a local nursing home.
- ☐ I can help assemble Purim Mishloach Manot on March 1st.
- ☐ I can help deliver between March 1st and 9th.

MJCBY Youth Events

MJCBY
GRADES 6 - 8
ICE SKATING

Join us for
a fun afternoon!

Bring your friends!
Open to 6th - 8th graders
in the community!

Snacks & Drinks
provided!

2 - 4 PM
Meet @ 2pm @:
Mennen Sports Arena
161 East Hanover Ave,
Morris Township,
NJ 07950

Admission \$8
Skate rental \$5
RSVP:
miriam@mjcbby.org

FEBRUARY 9 2020

SAVE THE DATE:
3/14/20 Israel Night @
MORRISTOWN JEWISH CENTER

11 am:
Purim Shpiel

12:15 pm:
Carnival

PURIM CARNIVAL
3/8/2020

Inflatables!
Face Paint!
Balloon Art!
Crafts!
Games!
Hamentash baking!
& more!

ENTRY \$5 PER CHILD

FOOD FOR SALE

COME IN COSTUME!
Morristown Jewish Center
177 Speedwell Avenue
OPEN to the community!

ADMIT ONE

RSVP TO MIRIAM@MJCBY.ORG

TEENS @ MJCBY
ISRAEL NIGHT

MORRISTOWN JEWISH CENTER
177 SPEEDWELL AVE MORRISTOWN

FEATURING
ISRAELI MUSIC
& DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY!
INTERACTIVE HAVDALLAH!

FREE! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

FEBRUARY 8TH
8 PM - 9:30 PM
AMAZING ISRAELI FOOD!

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RSVP TO
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MJCBY YOUTH ENJOYING HOME MADE PIZZA AND
MINUTE-TO-WIN-IT GAMES IN OUR YOUTH LOUNGE!

Synagogue Events



LOOKING TO GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY THROUGH GOOD DEEDS?

The Community Soup Kitchen has a new name - Nourish.NJ. For 35 years, it's enriched our community with food, support, and friendship. We've served countless meals; They've re-distributed hundreds of thousands of pounds of fresh, healthy produce. They've helped guests find jobs, secure housing, reconnect with loved ones. Despite many changes over the years, one thing that's remained constant is its passion for what it does. And as the scope and the scale of services have changed, so have its ambitions.

While food will always be at the heart of what Nourish.NJ does, it wants its name to better reflect everything it's done.

Our **SOUP**-er volunteers for December were:

Paula Barber, David Ticker, Howard Buxbaum, Adam and Linda Griffler, Rhonda and Hal Simoff, Fred and Laurie Iskowitz and Lynn and Walter Rosenfeld.

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). We look forward to your great ideas.

**MJCBY observes
Jewish Disability Awareness Month
During Shabbat Services on
Saturday February 22nd
"Overcoming Obstacles" by
Eliana and Daniel Milich**

Praying with Lior

Sunday, February 9 - 7pm



Help us to Celebrate Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month by viewing the film "Praying with Lior"

An engrossing, wrenching and tender documentary film, introduces Lior Liebling, also called "the little rebbe." Lior has Down Syndrome, and has spent his entire life praying with utter abandon. Is he a "spiritual genius" as many around him say? Or simply the vessel that contains everyone's unfulfilled wishes and expectations. While everyone agrees Lior is closer to God, he's also a burden, a best friend, an inspiration, and an embarrassment, depending on which family member is speaking. As Lior approaches Bar Mitzvah, different characters provide a window into life spent "praying with Lior." The movie poses difficult questions such as what is "disability" and who really talks to God? Told with intimacy and humor, PRAYING WITH LIOR is a family story, a triumph story, a grief story, a divinely-inspired story.

We are honored to have Rebecca Wanatnick, a long-time member of our congregation, present this film. Becca is the Community Inclusion Manager at the Jewish Federation of Greater Metrowest NJ, coordinating the program Greater MetroWest ABLE, an organization dedicated to raising awareness and eliminating the stigma surrounding disability.



As always, the film and refreshments are free.

If you have, or know about, any films that would be of interest to our Sunday Night Movie audience, please contact Lou Bodian at Loub48@Gmail.com

The Judie Gerstein Early Learning Center

February is Jewish Disability awareness month. During this month we talk about differences among people and about what makes us special and unique. We reinforce the idea that we all have strengths and weaknesses and we teach the children to accept others. In addition to that, we constantly teach them to be kind to one another.

This month we also celebrated Tu B'Shevat. We learned that it is the Birthday of the trees and we take about all the good things trees provide for us. We celebrated with a yummy birthday cake!

Warm regards,
Michelle Nulman

FEBRUARY

2/10 TU B'SHEVAT 9:45 am
2/17-18 PRESIDENT'S DAY SCHOOL / COME AND PLAY

JOIN US FOR



SHALOM
BABIES

With Marci Charm

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

February 6, 13, 20, 27

March 5, 12, 19, 26

Make new and everlasting friendships
Open to the community
No charge

Save the Date
Retirement Luncheon
HONORING
Morah SUSAN GOLD

Beloved Shalom Yeladim Teacher
SUNDAY, JUNE 7 2020
If you would like to help out with this event contact Amy Weinstock
amybw@optonline.net or Fern Spitzer
fernspitzer@gmail.com

Free Shabbat opportunity for parents with preschoolers to 2nd graders:

KIDZ SHABBAT

A meaningful way to spend Shabbat morning
for
Preschoolers - 2nd Graders



Prayers, Singing, Stories, and Much Shabbat Ruach (Spirit)
and
Kiddush with Challah and Grape Juice
Saturdays, February 22nd
10:45 - 11:45 am

(Email Avi@MJCBY.org to make sure you know about other such upcoming opportunities.)

177 Speedwell Avenue Morristown, NJ 973/538-4848
Email Avi@MJCBY.org with any questions.

Sisterhood News

Sisterhood would like to thank everyone who joined us for Sisterhood Shabbat. It's always great to have women of all ages come together and take part in this special service. Thank you to the Kiddush Committee for the beautiful kiddush following the service.

We would love to see you at one of our events.

Sharon Barkauskas, Rachel Richman, Beth Schreiber, Presidium

Contact us at Sisterhood@MJCBY.org

TORAH FUND BRUNCH

Sunday, March 15 - 10:00 AM

MJCBY Sisterhood's
Annual Torah Fund Brunch

Honoring

Rita Gotfried, Past Sisterhood President
and

Flo Sager, Religious School Administrator
as our Eishet Chayil Award Recipients

Please RSVP to Sisterhood@mjcby.org



SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

Tuesday - February 25

Movie TBA

Wed, March 18 - The Last Watchman of Cairo
by Michael David Lucas

More information, Contact:
Marcy Needle 973-538-1473 or Amy Brunswick 973-829-0132

SAVE THE DATE

Sisterhood Program - Thursday, May 7 - 7:30 PM

Book Review by Michelle Cameron who will discuss her new book "Beyond the Ghetto Gates"

Set in 1796, a turbulent period when Napoleon marched into Italy and opened up the ghetto gates freeing Jews who have been trapped inside.

Start spreading the

I want to be a part of it.....

10th ANNUAL MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020
9:45am - 3:30ish

COME CELEBRATE OUR ANNIVERSARY!
IT'S GOING TO BE GREAT!

\$45.00 Entrance fee, pp.

TELL US YOUR SKILL LEVEL!
(PLEASE CHECK ONE)

☐ **MAVEN** - I know how to play!
(Be able to complete 4 games in 50 minutes)

☐ **MAMA** - Slow, inexperience, trouble completing 4 games in allotted time. Beginner!
Great introduction to tournament play - NO stress!
(Modified rounds for MAMA's, separate prizes)

☐ I am willing to be **EAST** and bring my set to play
(If not enough 'EASTS' volunteer, then they will be assigned)

5 ROUNDS

You must register to participate! E-mail confirmation upon registration receipt!
Waiting list for late comers or if we reach the max!

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

Is your child off from school for Presidents' Day?

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Monday, February 17th – 9am-3pm

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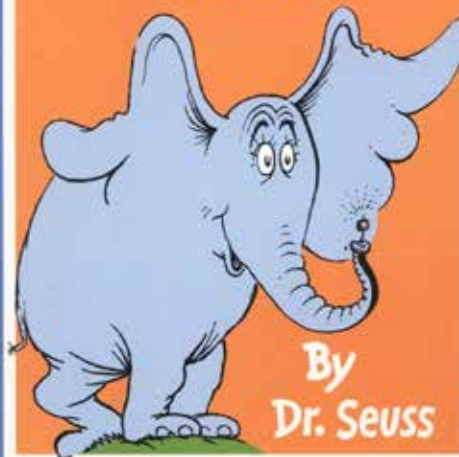
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Thursday February 13 at 6pm :
Putting Your Child's Care in the Hands of Others

Thursday March 12 at 6pm :
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Thursday April 2 at 6pm :
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Thursday May 21 at 6pm :
Internet Safety

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Saturdays, February 22nd
10:45 - 11:45 am

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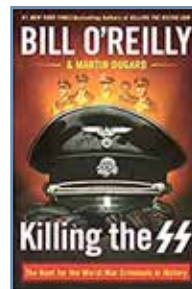
May 29

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June 17

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Yahrzeits

SHABBAT JANUARY 31 & FEBRUARY 1

Shevat	February	
6	1	Herbert Hirsch * Leah Bayever Rookie Friedman* Ruth Weinstein
7	2	Norman Galembo * Rachel Karesh Lewis Rita Hertz Theodore R.Kates *
8	3	Arlene Reff Frank Stifelman Harry Hoch Irvin Dansicker * Jerry Rovak Karl Steinberger Louis Cohen * Martha Spivak Sheila Cohen
9	4	Norman Scheer Ruth Slotsky Theodore Barkauskas
10	5	Don Juros Golda Brandt Harry Ginsberg * Theodore Held
11	6	Abraham Koenig L.D. Kornreich Marvis Rosenbaum * Pauline Glass Seifer *
12	7	Max Schapiro Gabriela Ginsberg Goldie Sklaver Morris Potash * Pauline Zudick * Shirley Levy

SHABBAT FEBRUARY 7 & 8

Shevat	February	
13	8	Celia Shustin * Eleanor Loeb Yellin * Herman Weissman Irving Grossman Paul Weiner William Kolsky *
14	9	George Golding * Harry Pikus Marjorie Elkind *
15	10	Ralph Segal * Bertha Mansfield * Irwin Bialer * Joseph Katz *
16	11	Rose Hirsch Diane Levitt Philip Rosenberg Seymour Forman * Stuart Rosenblum *
17	12	Margie Sidman * Sigmund Beck
18	13	Benjamin Schatman Frieda Reinheimer * Harry Welinsky * Irving Chojnowski Richard Schleifstein *
19	14	Roberta Gerwin Sigmar Guggenheimer * Sol Stolzenberg Betty Dickinson Jack Ulman Kurt Lewin Rachel Berger * Trudie Baum

SHABBAT FEBRUARY 14 & 15

Shevat	February	
20	15	Alexander Glasser * Anna Charm Edith Fleischman Frances Ellenberg George Wolff Joseph Freid Nathan Kolsky * Sylvia Leff William Samuels
21	16	Alexander Fox * Anna Friedman * George Michaels Henry Katz Rachel Shraer
22	17	Rose Ossre * Sidney Sawyer
24	19	Albert Abraham * Ethel Cohen Ginsberg Ethel Rosenberg Cohen Ginsberg Evelyn Strelzoff Berger Harry Sklaver Rose Packer * Esther Pinker Lillian Evans * Louis Cohen Milton Buchbinder * Samuel Goldblatt *
25	20	Donald Squire
26	21	

*denotes a plaque on the Yahrzeit wall.

Yahrzeits

SHABBAT FEBRUARY 21 & 22

Shevat	February	
27	22	Evelyn Reiter *
		Ann Steinberger
		Cecelia Friedman
		Faye Abriola *
		George Karp
		Sam Hirsh
28	23	Lola Friedman
		Victoria Rochlin Badik
29	24	Cele Stern Fishman
		Henry Kosterlitz *
		Joan Samuels
		Louis Rockowitz *
		Milford Salny
30	25	Bruce Kletzkin *
		David Salny *
		Esther Zudick
		Lola Friedman
		Max Warshaw
		Pauline Green
		Samuel Potter *
Adar I		Sosha Goldin *
1	26	Arthur Magidson
		Celia Brender *
		Charles Feldman *
		Ethel Goldblatt
		Fannie Heller
		Seymour Miller
		William Roth *
2	27	Hyman Klausner *
		Meyer Pinker
		Meyer Wexler *
		Susan Radin
3	28	Celia Reich
		Elyse Ames
		Helen Jacobs
		Louise Sadle Macintosh
		Minnie Goldstein
		Morris Schachtel
		Sidney Shafran *

SHABBAT FEBRUARY 28 & 29

Adar	February	
4	29	Abraham Fand *
		Abraham Rosenberg *
		Hans Loewensteiner *
		Ida Revitz
		Sol Chasin
Adar	March	Sylvia Green *
5	1	Daniel Glass
		Fruma Segal
		Herman Lippman *
		Isaac Israel *
		Isaac Weinstein *
		Julius Reisman
		Lena Rosenberg
		Stanley Magidson
6	2	Benjamin A. Zudick *
		Ernest Goldberg *
		Rose Grandis
		Rose Keller
7	3	Jeannette Fogel
		Lena Zam *
		Libbie Welinsky *
		Rose Dann *
8	4	Anna Frigand *
		Edith Potash *
		Isidore Rosenberg *

SHABBAT FEBRUARY 28 & 29

Adar	March	
8	4	Nachman Berin *
		Sally E. Sutta *
		Samuel Golding *
		William Toffel
9	5	Dora Cutler *
		Eleanor Karp
		Fay Hart *
		George Bodian *
		Hanna B. Lubliner *
		Lorraine Cohen *
		Luba Strelzoff
		Morris Jacob Preiser
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10	6	Barbara Lupatkin
		Barnett Zam *
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SERVICES & JUNIOR CONGREGATION	SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 8	9:30AM
TEEN ISRAEL NIGHT	SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 8	8:00PM
6TH-8TH GRADE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ICE SKATING	SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 9	2:00PM
ADULT ED. MOVIE NIGHT - "PRAYING FOR LIOR"	SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 9	7:00PM
ALP	MONDAY	FEBRUARY 10	6:00PM
PARENTING ED-"PUTTING YOUR CHILD'S CARE IN THE HANDS OF OTHERS"	THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 13	6:00PM
SERVICES & SIMCHA SHABBAT	SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 15	9:30AM
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TIKKUN CLASS "BEING PRESIDENTIAL"	MONDAY	FEBRUARY 17	9:00AM
MINYONAIRES SHABBAT, JR. CONGREGATION& KIDZ	SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 22	10:30AM
COMEDY NIGHT	SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 22	7:30PM
MEN'S CLUB WINE TASTING	SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 29	7:30PM

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