

# MJCBY NEWS

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*Happy Hanukkah!*



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# Presidents' Message



**KATHY NEIBART & REBECCA WANATICK**

**H**anukkah is an annual reminder of times when light overcomes darkness. While 2020 has certainly been a challenging year for us, given our current healthcare crisis, we hope that your family has been able to find light in each of your days. Gratitude for the roles of our essential workers, for curb side pick up, for technology that keeps us connected in new ways and the necessary things to keep our family and community safe are just a few of the things that help to carry us forward each day.

We and the Board of Directors of the Morristown Jewish Center Beit Yisrael would like to extend our sincere gratitude for the generous donation from the Jeri and Matt Frankel Charitable

Foundation. Enriching our educational programs, increasing membership outreach and enhancing our technological support will put the donation to good use during these unprecedented times. We are so happy to have the Frankels as part of our MJCBY family.

We also wish to thank The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey for accepting our application for their grant that may be used for PPE, air purification, outdoor equipment, and other related expenses that will help ensure the health and safety of congregants, clergy, and staff.

With each day of increasing light of the hanukkah, we hope that this year brings your family new light, new beginnings and good health.

Happy Hanukkah and may 2021 bring you joy, health and happiness.

Kathy Neibart and Rebecca Wanatick

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE RABBI



### Hanukkah – The Holiday of Resilience

**O**n November 15th, 2020, from Kennedy Space Center, a crew of four astronauts, three men and one woman, thundered into the night sky aboard SpaceX's Falcon Rocket, on the way to rendezvous with the International Space Station.

By itself, this launch is a remarkable part of history. To the astronauts, this is more than a spacecraft, it's "a symbol of what mankind can accomplish in the face of adversity." That is why the crew gave their spaceship a name - Resilience.

There is no doubt that our world needs Resilience today.

In the year 167 BCE, our Jewish world also entered into a period of adversity. It was not a pandemic, but it did threaten the very future of the Jewish people. The Greek ruler, Antiochus the 4th, became the new ruler over Syria and Judea. His father, Antiochus the 3rd, was a ruler with vision. He gave his subjects room to be who they were, practice their religion and live under their own leadership. If anything, the threat under Antiochus the 3rd was that of acculturation, of becoming too attached to the Greek way of life. Antiochus the 4th was not so visionary. As soon as he had a chance, he reversed the ideas of his father. He not only outlawed the Jewish religion, but he actively ordered the Jews to worship the Greek gods. He brought havoc in the Temple, all but destroying it, and installing statues of Greek gods.

What the Jewish world needed at that moment was a message of Resilience. That message came in the person of Matthias, and his family: the family that would come to be called the Maccabees. They led the Jewish people in a three year uprising. By the time the year 164 arrived, the Temple was taken back by the Jewish people. You know the rest of the story. Only one small amount of pure oil was found to light the Menorah.

Can you image the resilience? The resilience it took for a band of brothers to lead a rebellion against the most powerful army in the world?

Can you imagine the resilience it took to fight against some of their own brothers and sisters who saw nothing wrong in going along with the Greek culture, willing to leave their Judaism behind.

Can you imagine the resilience it took to light the Menorah, not knowing if the oil could last until more could be made? The courage it took to light up the sky in the darkest days of the year.

Hanukkah, light, rededication, resilience in the face in adversity.

This year, our holiday could not come at a better time. Whether we are an astronaut in space, a citizen of the world fighting an unrelenting virus, or a Jew who understands that there are still those in the world who work against the very existence of a Jewish state and the Jewish people, what we all need is light, what we all need is rededication, what we all need is resilience.

I hope you will join us every night of Hanukkah this year, via zoom, as our congregation and community celebrates that resilience.

Against the adversity and the darkness of the sky, may Hanukkah's light shine.

Rabbi Nesson

### Welcome Back Simcha Shabbat

We are please to announce the return of Simcha Shabbat, where once every two months we celebrate our Simcha's, a special birthday, anniversary, or other event to celebrate.



**Simcha Shabbat returns**  
**December 12th**  
**See you there!**

# MJCBY News

## Good & Welfare

### **Condolences to:**

Hana Kornblum on the loss of her sister, Zvia Afek.  
The Kolsky family on the loss of Marvin Kolsky, our long time member.  
Beth Schrieber on the loss of her father, Emanuel Roman.  
Abby and Judith Averbach on the loss of their mother, Bella Averbach, our long time member.  
Our community as we also mourn the loss of Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks and his great contributions to Judaism and the world.

### **Mazel Tov to:**

Kathy and Steve Neibart on the engagement of their son Shane to Marlee Sabatino.  
Ilene Wolff on the birth of her grandchildren, Sarit Ilana, to Abby and Noah Levensohn and Joshua Micah to Rachel and Evan Brustein.  
Mark Levine on the honor of Hatan Torah at Simchat Torah Services.  
Lila and Ilan Onigman on the honor of B'nai Beraysheet at Simchat Torah Services.  
Irv and Dorothy Cohen on the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter Sigal.  
Donna and Gerry Gross on the birth of a grandson, Robert.  
Phyllis and Paul Kopp on the marriage of their daughter Stephanie Lynn to Barry Dov Silbiger.

### **Refuah Schlema to:**

Steven Abend, Ray Chimoff, Jeff Czeisler, Jacob Green, Ellis Hoch, Fred Iskowitz, Sue Jacobowitz, Nancy Medford, Sonya Oppenheimer, Barbara Saltzman, Andrew Schwartz, Barbara Stein, Shirley Storgion, Eli Diring, Tamara Goldberg, Steve Resnick, Rabbi David Nesson and Dennis Frigand.



A special thank you from MJCBY goes out to Sue Berger who so graciously volunteers her time to acknowledge tributes and donations. We appreciate your dedication to making sure all are thanked and informed that we have received your generous gifts. Thank you again for the tremendous amount of time you've put in. Volunteers like you deserve immense praise.

## 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).

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.



## 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.

We are looking for volunteers to make an occasional meal for a MJCBY member who is in need.



**ELISA UDASKIN**

If you are interested in helping others or in need, contact the MJCBY office or the Elisa Udaskin at [eudaskin@gmail.com](mailto:eudaskin@gmail.com). We will discuss your needs and provide meals for you and your family.



# HANUKKAH WITH MJC BY



The entire congregation is invited to  
join our hosts each night of  
**HANUKKAH with MJC BY**

**Thursday**

**12/10, 6:30 PM**

Host:

**RABBI NESSON**

**Great Latke**

**Show & Share!**

**(ZOOM)**



**Sunday**

**12/13, 6:30 PM**

Host:

**SHALOM**

**YELADIM**

**PRESCHOOL**

**(ZOOM)**



**Saturday**

**12/12**

**5:30 PM**

In Person

Event

**Weather  
Permitting**

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**MJC BY**

**Parking**

**Lot:**

**HAVDALAH**

**MENORAH  
LIGHTING**

**FIRE SHOW**

**HOT DRINKS**

**HOT LATKES**



**Monday**

**12/14, 6:30 PM**

Host:

**MJC BY**

**SISTERHOOD**

**(ZOOM)**



**Tuesday**

**12/15, 6:30 PM**

Host:

**JENNIFER ZAIRI**

**Sufganiyot**

**Making!**

**(ZOOM)**



**Wednesday**

**12/16, 6:00 PM**

Host:

**RELIGIOUS**

**SCHOOL**

**(ZOOM & in person)**



**Thursday**

**12/17, 6:30 PM**

Host:

**MJC BY**

**MEN'S CLUB**

**(ZOOM)**



Join us  
for MJCBY's  
Hanukkah  
Celebrations!



## Hanukkah Night 1

with our host

**Rabbi Nesson**

December 10, 6:30 pm

### GRAND LATKE RECIPE EXCHANGE

**SEND** your family's favorite latke recipe to [office@mjcbby.org](mailto:office@mjcbby.org) by 12/8. All unique recipes welcome (potatoes, cheese, zucchini, jalapenos etc). Prepare your recipe and **SHOW** it off to the entire MJCBY community on 12/10 via zoom! RSVP for zoom link to [miriam@mjcbby.org](mailto:miriam@mjcbby.org).

Light your  
Hanukkiah  
from home  
as  
Rabbi Nesson  
leads us  
via zoom!



Let's sing  
Hanukkah  
songs  
together with  
Cantor Shana  
via zoom!

MJCBY



HANUKKAH  
on FIRE!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 5:30 PM  
WEATHER PERMITTING  
@ MJCBY PARKING LOT  
RSVP TO [MIRIAM@MJCBY.ORG](mailto:MIRIAM@MJCBY.ORG)

HAVDALAH  
MENORAH LIGHTING  
FIRE SHOW  
HOT DRINKS  
HOT LATKES

In case of  
inclement weather  
Cantor Shana  
will host  
a ZOOM lighting  
at 6:30 pm



Dear Families,  
Please get your Hanukkiah  
and your candles ready to join  
Shalom Yeladim and the congregation  
for a candle lighting/sing along  
with Rabbi Nesson and Cantor Shana  
Sunday, December 13th 6:30 pm  
The zoom link will be sent via email  
prior to the event





Morristown Jewish Center



# SISTERHOOD HANUKKAH CANDLE LIGHTING

December 14th, 6:30 PM

The Sisterhood will meet in front of the synagogue for a socially distanced menorah-lighting on Zoom.

Participants are needed to help light the menorah.



RSVP by 12/13/20 to Dorothy at [dorothy\\_irvingcohen@msn.com](mailto:dorothy_irvingcohen@msn.com).



JOIN OUR HOST JENNIFER ZAIRI

AS WE MAKE

## SUFGANIYOT DOUGHNUTS

FOR ALL AGES & COOKING ABILITIES

CANDLE LIGHTING WITH CANTOR SHANA  
FOLLOWED BY COOKING WITH JEN

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**HANUKKAH NIGHT 6**  
**DECEMBER 15 | 6:30 PM**

RSVP TO [MIRIAM@MJCby.ORG](mailto:MIRIAM@MJCby.ORG)  
FOR INGREDIENTS




## Join MJCby Religious School

as we host Hanukkah Night 7  
Wednesday 12/16 @ 6pm

for the entire MJCby congregation!

Candle lighting and songs led by Cantor Shana and our students  
via ZOOM.

Bring your phone, tablet or other device for an exciting  
Hanukkah Trivia Kahoot Game!

RSVP to [miriam@mjcby.org](mailto:miriam@mjcby.org) for Zoom info




Morristown Jewish Center

# MEN'S CLUB HANUKKAH CANDLE LIGHTING

December 17th, 6:30 PM

Men's Club will meet in front of the synagogue for a socially distanced menorah-lighting on Zoom.

Participants are needed to help light the menorah.



RSVP by 12/13/20 to Doug at [dqldstn@yahoo.com](mailto:dqldstn@yahoo.com).

# Life Long Learning



There are so many opportunities for Life Long Learning at MJCBy - and we hope you will join us for some or all of our events! Not only will the Hanukkah season be full of exciting and meaningful events, but we have already planned the rest of the year with many fascinating speakers, programs, movie nights, and more! Look out for a program booklet coming your way. Whether on zoom or in person, MCBY continues to celebrate and learn as a community!

See you there!

Miriam



MJCBy is excited to partner with Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ to offer the opportunity to join a special Hanukkah Cooking Demo with award-winning chef Michael Solomonov of Zahav restaurant in Philadelphia

**December 2nd at 7:45 p.m.**

We will briefly gather on Zoom with other participating Greater MetroWest synagogues before joining the main event with Chef Solomonov. This event is free to our congregants and there will be no solicitation of funds from Federation. To register, visit [www.jfedgmw.org/cooking-demo](http://www.jfedgmw.org/cooking-demo).



MORRISTOWN JEWISH CENTER BEIT YISRAEL PRESENTS

A discussion with author and MJCBy member

**Elisa Udaskin**



**LIVE A MORE SATISFYING LIFE AND IMPROVE RELATIONSHIPS BY GIVING MORE OF YOURSELF TO OTHERS.**



**Sunday December 6th at 7pm  
via Zoom**

To receive the zoom link contact the [office@mjcbv.org](mailto:office@mjcbv.org)

You can order the book directly from Amazon or Barnes and Noble



A TOAST TO 2021

*Cheers!*

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Your **MJCBy** invites you to join us at Shabbat zoom Services

**Friday Night January 1st 2021**

As we say farewell to 2020, raise your glass with your favorite beverage and share your wishes and hopes for the New (secular) Year of 2021

Don't forget, it will only be 249 days from New Year's until Rosh Hashanah!

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# The Judie Gerstein Early Learning Center

**I**s it December already? Hanukkah is our favorite holiday, and we love learning about the Maccabees and making all the beautiful Hanukkah projects. It is so much fun! Singing songs and playing dreidel is a favorite among the Shalom Yeladim children. We can't wait to eat some latkes and jelly donuts. It is a very special month!

Hanukkah marks the ending of the first semester of the school year and it is unbelievable that is already here. 2020 is coming to an end and it is time to welcome a New Year.

We want to wish everyone a wonderful Hanukkah and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Love,  
Michelle and the SY teachers

## DECEMBER

12/23-1/3 WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL

**See page 6 for  
Shalom Yeladim's  
Hanukkah Celebration!**



THE SHALOM YELADIMERS SORTING THE DONATIONS  
FOR THE INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY.

**JOIN US FOR OUR VIRTUAL  
MOMMY  
& ME**

With Marci Charm  
Play group for babies and toddlers  
up to 24 months and their parent/caregivers.  
Thursday mornings 9:00 am  
**December 3, 10 and 17**

For more information please email  
[shalomyeladim@mjcby.org](mailto:shalomyeladim@mjcby.org) or call (973)538-8284  
Make new and everlasting friendships  
Open to the community  
No charge

Please help the students of  
**Shalom Yeladim - The Judie Gerstein  
Early Learning Center**  
bring smiles to Children in the community  
this Hanukkah and Winter Holiday Season.

We will be collecting and donating new and  
unopened toys to children  
(3-15 years old) now until December 15th.  
Please drop off your donation in the main  
office. No stuffed animals please.

This is a wonderful way for our children and  
families to learn about helping others.



# Sisterhood News

## **SISTERHOOD ZOOM SHABBAT!**

Saturday, January 16, 2021  
Please join us in the annual  
Sisterhood Shabbat.

This year, we will be virtual!

To receive your part  
Contact Debbie Marcus [dmarcus@mac.com](mailto:dmarcus@mac.com)  
or Judy Diringer [judysilver@yahoo.com](mailto:judysilver@yahoo.com)

## **TORAH FUND**

Dear Friends,

The Torah Fund Campaign of Women's League for Conservative Judaism is the dedicated philanthropy of Women's League, its members, and its affiliated sisterhoods in Conservative congregations across North America. Torah Fund strengthens Jewish education by supporting scholarships and programming at these Conservative/Masorti institutes of higher Jewish learning:

Women's League and Torah Fund are proud to support the education of the future rabbis, cantors, educators, and scholars who will serve as the gifted leaders and innovators of the Conservative Movement. Torah Fund has raised more than \$95 million since its inception as a grassroots fundraising campaign.

Individual donors to Torah Fund at the Benefactor level or higher receive the distinctive Torah Fund pin in recognition of their gift, once the pins become available.

The offices of Women's League are closed due to COVID. Checks are not accepted at this time but you can make your donation online. Go to [www.jtsa.edu/torah-fund](http://www.jtsa.edu/torah-fund) to make your donation. Please remember to include the name of our Sisterhood with your donation.

We also have Torah Fund cards available with your donation. Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Looking forward to your support,

Linda Rosenbaum  
[blr1836@me.com](mailto:blr1836@me.com) 973-895-2390

## **SISTERHOOD'S PAID-UP EVENT!**

**The information for  
Sisterhood's Paid-Up has been sent!**

**December 11 is the deadline to return your  
project choice and your ticket purchase to  
try your luck at winning a fabulous Prize.**

**Monday, December 21 will be the Paid-Up  
Zoom event where we will announce  
the winners of the prizes!**

**Your ticket purchase helps support  
Sisterhood!**

**For more information contact  
Dorothy Cohen  
[dorothy\\_irvingcohen@msn.com](mailto:dorothy_irvingcohen@msn.com)  
(973) 361-4338**

## **\$36.00 DUES - 2020-2021**

Sisterhood is comprised women of all ages who support each other and the synagogue, women who work together for the benefit of our MJCBY community and so much more.....

Note: New members to MJCBY receive complimentary first year Sisterhood membership.

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This year we plan to offer a "How to" series, which will give you an introduction to varies activities. This will be contingent on the responses received.

I am interested in "How to..."

\_\_\_ Play Mah Jongg \_\_\_ Play Canasta \_\_\_ Quilt \_\_\_ Needle Point  
\_\_\_ Make Hamantaschen \_\_\_ Learn to Knit \_\_\_ Bead \_\_\_ Calligraphy

**Please accept my \$36.00 Sisterhood  
dues for the year 2020/2021.**

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

Checks payable to MJCBY Sisterhood and mail to:

MJCBY Sisterhood \* 177 Speedwell Ave.  
\* Morristown \* NJ\* 07960



# Sisterhood News



I hope everyone reading this is finding themselves in good spirits. I am continually upbeat, but I do have some issues after months of COVID.

I miss seeing my family and friends in person. I miss meeting for a cup of coffee or lunch. I miss my weekly Mah Jongg Games. I miss hugging my father since he is in an assisted living and contact is prohibitive. I miss the intimate contact.

However, with that being said, I have not given up on hope for the future.

Fast approaching is Hanukkah, which is one of my favorite holidays. I find it full of hope. I look forward to watching the lights dancing atop the candles. Each light gives me hope for the future: to grab a cup of coffee, play Mah Jongg and to give my father a hug.

But.... That will not happen for the immediate future.

Sisterhood has its own issues with missing things. This year we will miss our traditional paid-up dinner with our fabulous raffle prizes.

We have become creative this year to accommodate COVID. We are offering a paid up project featuring Glassworks of Morristown. My wish is this project will represent the hope for the future for each of you. If possible, have your children, grandchildren or husband help complete your Glasswork's project. Even if they contribute one piece to this project, they also will be contributing to the hope. Once the project is completed, you will have a memento of the struggles of COVID. You will have a reminder of the strength, that we, as Sisterhood members have and how we have and will persevere during this difficult time.

And, we will be offering our fabulous raffle, albeit, in a modified form. Winners will be announced on Monday, December 21 at our Zoom event. Please buy tickets and support Sisterhood. You might be a lucky winner!

In time we will heal, our synagogue will heal and our country will heal.

Join me in a prayer for healing as we gaze upon the dancing lights on the menorah this Hanukkah!

Happy Hanukkah!

Donna Gross – Co-president  
along with Dorothy Cohen



**We wish to thank the these additional remarkable ladies for becoming a Sisterhood member & supporting us for the 2020/21 year. Their dedication to Sisterhood & MJCBY will ensure the vitality of this institution for the years to come. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

Sharon Barkauskas  
Nicole Baron  
Liz Broos  
Judy Diringer  
Melanie Eidenberg  
Grace Eisenberg  
Eileen Heiser  
Judy Josephson

Carol Leiwant  
Marilyn Loeb  
Karen London  
Erica Navarino  
AudreyPancis  
Jackie Pancis  
Debbie Rudich  
Amy Soled

Tammy Solotoff  
Tamar Stern  
Samantha Tratenberg  
Elisa Udaskin  
Sheryl Weine  
Bonnie Welsh  
Reggie Yoskowitz  
as of 11/15

**See page 7 for  
Sisterhood's  
Hanukkah  
Celebration!**



**There is still  
time to shop  
for Hanukkah  
with the Gift  
Shop catalogue.**

**Shop without leaving  
your home while you  
support Sisterhood  
and MJCBY.**

**See back cover for  
sample pages.**

**Go to  
[www.mjcb.org](http://www.mjcb.org)  
to see the catalogue  
online.**

# Men's Club

**MEN'S CLUB DUES**  
**\$36.00**  
**2020-2021**

**Be a Mensch!**

**Get involved, plan an event, offer new ideas!**

1. Feeding the sukkah builders!
2. Food for our blood drive!
3. Bagels at our many events!
4. B'Nai Mitzvah Gifts! Kiddush cup/boys-Candle sticks/girls!
5. Tallit & tefillin brunch for 6th grade students & families!
6. Special talks and lectures and Book Club!

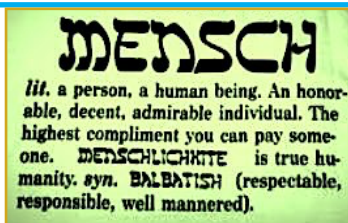
Make checks payable to "MJCBY Men's Club" - mail to:  
 Doug Goldstein, 24 Forrest Road, Randolph, NJ 07869  
 Questions - dgldstn@yahoo.com or (973) 895-3082.

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

Tel #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

We welcome new members. Contact Doug to get involved.

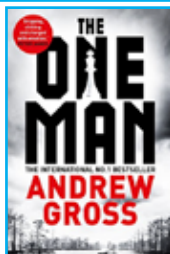


## Men's Book Club

Interested in becoming a book club member?  
 Contact Howard Buxbaum at  
 HowardBuxbaum@gmail.com.

December 16 **The One Man**  
 Andrew Gross,  
 who will be attending.

January 13- **The Color of Water**  
 James McBride



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17**  
**8:30 am TO 1 pm**  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**See page 7 for**  
**Men's Club**  
**Hanukkah Celebration!**

# Legacy



## MJCBY's Legacy Society

*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 122 years young.

You all have the ability to keep that light going and ensure an MJCBY and all that it has meant for generations to come.

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 our Legacy endowment, please reach out to me Gerry Gross) or any member of our team for a personal conversation.

Not two World Wars, not the Great Depression not Covid  
We are Resilient Together

*Leave a Jewish Legacy! The Future is Now!*

Hanukkah Sameach to All  
The Legacy Committee

Gerry Gross – Chair  
 Rabbi David Nesson \* Irving Cohen  
 Karen Goen \* Marcy Needle



# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



**A**s we were planning this school year just a few months ago, there was so much uncertainty...Would we be able to meet in person? Could we make virtual learning really exciting and meaningful without compromising the quality of our student's Jewish education? Could we offer in person learning and keep us all healthy and safe?

As we head into December we are so grateful that we have made it this far - safely and happily. Our students and teachers are thrilled to be together (albeit safely, masked, and from a 6 foot distance); and thanks to our commitment from parents, students, staff and volunteers to adhere to our many guidelines, we have succeeded in staying open for three months without incident. As the days get colder we continue to carefully monitor the situation. As always, we will make our students, staff, and community's safety the top priority. We are committed to remaining open as long as it is safe to do so!

Our classrooms are bustling with activity, and we are proud to have a fantastic, enthusiastic and dedicated staff bringing Judaism to life for our students. Our virtual students are logging in and making incredible progress as they learn in new and exciting ways. Cantor Shana's music classes are a highlight for our in-person and virtual students alike, and serve as a space for all of us to come together and stay in touch. It is wonderful to see how far our students have come in such a short time - just ask any of them to read Hebrew for you and you are sure to be amazed!

ALP classes have begun meeting again - with both virtual and in-person options. It has been wonderful to spend time with our Teens again, learning and discussing.

Junior Congregation, led by Cantor Shana via zoom has also been a smashing success. Please continue to join us whenever you can as we celebrate Shabbat together with prayer and song.

All of us at Religious School look forward to hosting the entire congregation on Hanukkah night 7, Wednesday, December 16, from 6-6:30pm. While our Wednesday students will (hopefully!) gather in person at MJCBY, we invite the entire community to join us via zoom as we light the Hanukkiah and sing Hanukkah songs. We also have a really fun Hanukkah theme Kahoot Trivia game prepared for you - so make sure to brush up on your Hanukkah knowledge for a chance to win!

Miriam Krinsky

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20	6	Sherry Bialer * Lena Cohen * Harry Cohn * Heda Schwartz
21	7	Mr. Cyril Francus Jacob Segal
22	8	Jack Buxbaum Irwin Messinger *
23	9	Minnie Glass *
24	10	Louis Goldman
25	11	Benjamin Brender * Philip Brody * Louis Goldstein Bernhard Meyer Leon Pancis Estelle Weiss

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Kislev	December	
26	12	Bella Bashe Eleanor Chazan Gussie Krinsky * Helen Lahn * Leonard Levy Matilde Rosenblum Regina Steyn Alex Zukofsky *
27	13	Samuel Charm William Lahn * Abraham Weingast
28	14	Walter Kane Louis Salsberg Fred Schulman Bernard Schwartz
29	15	Morton Cowan Louis Glick Sally London
Tevet	December	
1	16	Estell Leichtman *
3	18	Bess Goldman Belle Greenbaum Lillian Hammer Michael Rubenstein

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Tevet	December	
5	20	Helen Fox *
6	21	Ida Rayfield Mildred Rehert
7	22	Sidney Blaufeld Morris Feurstein Sophia Warshaw *
9	24	Leroy Gordon Madelyn Iris Daisy Kazam Pauline Kornbleuth *
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Tevet	December	
11	26	Zelig Brenman David Grobman Rose Kantrowitz * Jack Nebrat Ann Rothstein
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