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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.

If you are interested in helping others or in need contact Elisa Udaskin at e.udaskin@gmail.com. We will discuss your needs and provide meals for you and your family



Elisa Udaskin

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK



Let There be Light! Rabbi Nesson

There is one night each year that I do not look forward to. More to the point, I do not like it! When Shabbat ended on Saturday night November 5th, we entered the darkest time of the year. We did that by giving a nod to the structure of our galaxy, the one created by G-d at the beginning of time. As the earth, which lies at about a 23 degree angle, orbits the sun, <u>the amount of daylight</u> each day changes. At its

longest, we can have as much as 14 hours of daylight. That happens in August. After that day, we begin to 'lose' about 2 minutes a day of sunlight. At its shortest we have no more than 9 hours of daylight.

That Saturday night on November 5th seems to make the world dark in an accelerated way. We turn our clocks back an hour. Yes, we gain an hour of sleep, but we also enter a time when some people see no sunlight at all. They get up early to go to work, and by the time they get home, it's already dark.

Then, just as the world enters this 'darkness', our Jewish calendar pulls us towards Hanukkah, so often called the Holiday of Lights.

Now, our Hebrew enthusiasts remind us that the word Hanukkah is not about light. (or is it?) Literally it means "dedication", pointing to the <u>holiday's origin</u> as a celebration of the rededication of the ancient temple in Jerusalem.

The Maccabees, having waged a three-year battle against the Syrian Greeks, managed to oust us from Jerusalem, and reclaimed the temple, which the Syrians had defiled. With the temple cleansed, the Maccabees rekindled and rededicated the temple menorah.

When we look inside the story and ourselves, we understand that this rededication could not have taken place without light. It was the physical light that was missing in the Temple and the holy city of Jerusalem. And it was the guiding light that lit the hearts of the Maccabees and all of their followers. The goal: to restore both the physical and metaphysical light of the Jewish people who had been going through a very tough time. This was a time, much like our own, when we were challenged physically by the Greeks, and challenged existentially, being asked to define what is the light that makes us Jews.

This year let's renew and rededicate light in all its shining ways.

Like the very beginning words of the Torah, this is the holiday which proclaims that we cannot, dare not, live in a world of darkness. So, Hanukkah pushes the darkness away and proclaims - Let there be Light!

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 <u>office@mjcby.org</u>.

When you have experienced the death of a loved one, please contact Rabbi Nesson at (973) 538-9292 or (973) 285-9772 before you make any plans. In this way, he will be the most helpful in making these preparations in a proper Jewish manner.

CANTOR'S NOTES





What's the Real Story?

I think I learned that the mythic tiny amount of oil didn't actually last for eight days sometime during the first few weeks of my year in Israel. It might have been from one of those very knowledgeable Israeli tour guides, somewhere right in the Old City of Jerusalem. It was well over twenty years ago, so while I don't remember the exact details of what the tour guide said, I do remember the shock, and then feeling kind of silly that I had never actually thought about it. The tour guide also pointed out that in

the face of the changeover of power from the Syrian Greeks back to the Judeans and all the excitement and upheaval that comes with such a victory after years of battle, even if there had been a miraculous sign like a day's worth of oil burning for eight days, it would not have garnered so much attention as to have been the reason for celebrating for eight days every year in perpetuity. "And there are olive fields nearby," he pointed out. "It's not like they couldn't easily get more oil."

Each year, as my students study the Tanakh in Religious School, the same phenomenon occurs: when we come across particular pieces of Genesis, Exodus, and Megillat Esther, as well as the stories of the Maccabees, students find that a good number of the events in these stories stretch their expectations of what could have realistically have happened. Bothered by the fact that the expectation to accept unbelievable stories as truth has driven many people away from religion in their youth, I always make an effort to pre-empt my students' discouragement with the unrealistic nature of these stories by reminding them that while the Tanakh has broad historical elements, it should not be read or understood as history, but as our stories. The rabbis of the Talmud tell the story of the oil lasting eight days to emphasize a sign of God's blessing and presence, and to downplay the heroism of the Hasmoneans, who, generations later, had become more like the despots they had deposed than the heroes the Book of Maccabees describes.

As our history becomes stories that we tell and retell, the question becomes what is it we are searching for in these stories, and why do we emphasize some pieces of the stories over others? We know the adage that those who don't know their history are doomed to repeat it, but lately there have been questions in American society about who is telling the story, and which pieces should be downplayed and which should be raised up: do we see ourselves in these histories, and if so, do we only tell stories about our ancestors of which we can be proud? Or do we face their worst behaviors, often based on lack of understanding and imbalance of power? The tradition in just about any culture has mostly been to focus on the most heroic and proudest pieces of history, to set up a model to which our generation can aspire. But it's important also to acknowledge the mistakes and the guilt, and to differentiate between the myth and the accurate history. We can -- and should -- learn lessons from both.

Cantor Shana Onigman





a'oz tzur yeshu'ati lecha na'eh leshabei'ach, kon belt tefilati vesham todah nezabei'ach, 'eit tachin matbel'ach mitzar hamenabei'ach, egmor beshir mizmor chanukat hamizbei'ach.

Yevanim nikbetzu alai azai beyimei chashmanim, Ufartzu chomot migdalai vetim'u kol hashemanim, Uminotar kankanim na'asah neis lashoshanim, Benei vinah yemei shemonah kav'u shir urenanim. מעוז צור יָשׁוּעַתִי לְהְ נָאָה לְשְׁבֵּם תְּכוּו בְּית תְּכַלְתִי וְשָׁם תוּדָה נְזַבָּם לְעֵת תַּכִיו מְטְבָם מְצָר סְמְנֵבָם אֶז אֶגְמָר בְּשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר חֵנָכָת חַמִזְבַם

וְזֶנִים נְקָבְצוּ עֲלֵי אֲזֵי בִימִי חָשְׁמָנִים וּפְרָצוּ חוֹמוֹת מְגָדָלִי וְטִמְּאוּ כְּל הָשְׁמָנִים מְגוֹמֵר מֵנְקַנִים נְצֵשֶׁה נֵם לְשוֹשָׁנִים בְּנֵי בִינָה יְמֵי שְׁמוֹנֶה מֵבְעָי שִׁיר וּרְנָנָים

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jason Navarino



About 2,200 years ago, geography rendered the Jews pawns in the battles for empire among the competing heirs of Alexander the Great's legacy. Judea found itself right in between the Seleucid Empire of modern-day Syria and the Ptolemaic Kingdom of Egypt. Perhaps looking to gain more loyal allies in their wars against the Egyptians, Seleucid King Antiochus decided that Judaism should be outlawed, and those clinging to that non-Hellenistic faith should be killed. The same people that had been slaves in Egypt, been attacked by the Amalekites, been

harassed by the Philistines, lost their brethren in the Northern Kingdom to exile and disappearance in Assyria, and themselves been exiled to Babylonia before being allowed to return to the Holy Land now faced another existential threat.

Fast forward 2,100 years. Centuries after their defeat by the Romans, most Jews lived not in Judea, but in the United States and Europe. Many lived comfortably in Germany, despite increasing political rhetoric tying the country's post-World War I misfortunes to its Jewish population. And then in November 1938 came *Kristallnacht*, when any semblance of normality and security was shattered like the broken glass littering the streets outside of synagogues and Jewish homes and businesses. Once again, the Jews were under threat.

Fast forward 84 more years. An ordinary Thursday afternoon was interrupted by text messages, worried emails, phone calls, and news alerts. Just days after ugly comments by Kanye West and deafening silence from Kyrie Irving, the FBI announced a credible threat against synagogues in New Jersey. Rather than finishing up the work I had expected to get done at the office that day, I found myself on the phone with our synagogue's Vice Presidents and the Chair of our Security Committee, discussing what we knew and didn't know, what the police could do for us, and what new security measures we would need to implement, even beyond those we put in place following the tragic incidents in Pittsburgh, and Poway, and Colleyville. Right here in Morristown, we were now under threat.

Thankfully, this time was different from the horrible events of Nazi Germany and Hellenistic Judea. Rather than our own government attacking us, it was the FBI that alerted us to the threat in the first place. That Thursday evening, I was copied on an email from the Morristown Police Department's watch commander to our Security Chair, informing us that the police would enhance patrols of our building and look for additional resources to deploy to keep us safe. And, indeed, the Morristown Police did provide significant additional support for us over that weekend. We are very grateful for their partnership and protection.

Yet if we are to learn something from the Holocaust, and from the growing tide of anti-Semitism in the United States and even more so in Europe, it is that we cannot take our safety for granted. To remain safe in the future, we must start by remembering and learning from the past. That is why it was so important that, just over 48 hours after our sense of security was shaken, we were privileged to hear Alison Bolshoi's moving rendition of The Ballad of Mauthausen right in our own Frigand Hall. The melody and lyrics reminded us of our history's most ugly chapter, but the fact that the rendition took place in our building, as a commemoration of *Kristallnacht*, reminded us that this chapter was thankfully not the final one in our story.

Ms. Bolshoi concluded her performance with Maurice Ravel's arrangement of the Kaddish. Before singing it, Ms. Bolshoi eloquently noted that it is so surprising, so unique, and so powerful that this prayer recited by mourners at their darkest hour is actually one of overflowing praise and gratitude, not gloom or despair. To put it another way, it is optimism and confidence when pessimism and complacency would seem to come more naturally.

And so, with optimism and confidence, we march on. In a few weeks, we will commemorate our people's response to the anti-Semitism of 2,200 years ago. The Maccabees defeated King Antiochus's forces and rededicated the Temple in Jerusalem. We will remember that victory by lighting our menorahs at home, and also by coming together as a community. In addition to our Religious School's Hanukkah Celebration on December 18th and a Hanukkah Shabbat Latke Dinner on December 23rd, we will publicly declare our past victory and continued presence as a strong and proud Jewish community with a public menorah lighting on the Morristown Green on December 21st. I invite you all to come out for that event. By standing together at such events, we demonstrate that our historic enemies did not achieve the victory they sought. We are victorious, because we are still here.

KOL NIDRE & EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND APPEALS 5783

Now that we have concluded the High Holiday season, our synagogue's Board of Directors wishes to thank everyone who previously participated in the Herman J. Frigand Kol Nidre Appeal. Our Kol Nidre Appeal has provided vital support for MJCBY's religious, educational and social programming, from religious services to pastoral counseling, from our Shalom Yeladim preschool to adult education, and from boiler maintenance to roof repairs (as you know from the events at Yom Kippur, both are in need of serious restoration). Your generous support will also help to pay for upgrades to the safety and comfort of our building.

We hope that you will re-engage and take advantage of this year's many terrific events and opportunities. MJCBY is blessed with an extended family that works together in good times and trying times, to provide all of us with a place to worship, to gather, to celebrate, and to educate ourselves and our children.

If you have already pledged, we want to thank you for doing so; if you haven't, we would greatly appreciate having your support this year. Your contribution will help us to meet our goal of raising \$180,000. Our synagogue's financial health depends on the money raised in this annual drive.

The Synagogue's Board of Directors also wishes to thank everyone who has previously participated in the Education Endowment Fund, which supports educational programming including the Religious School and post Religious School education programs. As you may be aware, one of our members graciously matches the first \$25,000 we raise in the Education Endowment Fund, provided we raise at least \$25,000. We have done so successfully for every year the match has been in existence.

Giving to the Herman J. Frigand Kol Nidre Appeal, as well as the Education Endowment Fund, has been a remarkably consistent reminder, from generation to generation, of the generosity of our community. If you have participated in previous Kol Nidre fund or Education Fund drives, we ask you to strongly consider doing so again this year and, if at all possible, consider increasing your donation by some multiple of chai. If you have never participated in these critical fundraising efforts, now is the time to start!

Please email Doug Landsman (dslphd@gmail.com) to pledge your support for the Kol Nidre Fund and Ira Hammer (Irajh@aol.com) for the Education Endowment Fund. There are many ways you can fulfill your pledge(s) over the course of the year and you are welcome to contact our bookkeeper, Michael Roberts (bookkeeper@mjcby.org), to discuss donating opportunities.

May the year 5783 be one of health and happiness for you and your family.

B'shalom, **Doug Landsman, Sara Forman, Peppi Glass and Irv Cohen**, Herman J. Frigand Kol Nidre Committee 5783

Ira Hammer and Heidi Schleifer Education Fund Co-Chairs

To satisfy a pledge or otherwise make a donation, please click here: <u>Donation Page</u>. Next to "Type," scroll down to choose the fund you would like to donate to. Of course, you also can send a check made payable to MJCBY.

SHULCLOUD REMINDER!!!

MJCBY MEMBERS, WE NEED YOUR UPDATED INFORMATION!!!

As you know, we have changed all our membership data to a new online system called ShulCloud. Many of you still need to logon and update your information as soon as possible.

The prior link you received is no longer valid, please contact Rockey in the office <u>office@mjcby.org</u> or Michael our bookkeeper <u>bookkeeper@mjcby.org</u> and ask to be sent a new link.

With ShulCloud you can connect more easily with other members through the online directory, manage your own information, and register for events.

ShulCloud is designed to provide a secure and private way to view your transaction history, enter payment methods, set up recurring payments, and make donations. There is so much you can do when you use your account!

We just need a little help from you to get started. Please take a few minutes to follow the steps below:

 Call the office to have a link sent to you with your new personal MJCBY member password (your email address is your username). Each adult member will be able to set up their own access. This link will expire after 7 days, so we'd appreciate your prompt attention.
 Click the My Profile tile to verify and edit your profile information.
 Click the My Family tile to verify and edit your family information.
 Click the My Directory Listing tile to change your directory information and set display and sharing preferences. The directory is accessible to all members. Upload a photo of the adult members of your family (recommended).

Amy Weinstock, Past President, ShulCloud Launch Coordinator

GOOD & WELFARE

MAZEL TOV TO:

Jeff Grayzel on being elected to the Morris Township committee

CONDOLENCES TO:

Paul Kopp on the passing of his beloved wife Phyllis

The family of Beth Ehrlich, our longtime member

Ellen Chirnomas and family on the passing of her beloved father Warren Stein

REFUAH SHLEMA TO:

Ronald Forman, Joel Goldman, Erica Navarino, Beverly Berns, Debbie Brody, Cookie Wertheimer, Morton Wertheimer, Steven Guss, Joe Sager, Lisa Pollak, Phyllis Levin, Joan Cohen, Jeff Newmark, Steve Neibart, Sharon Kellman, Joyce Litchman, Jeff Czeisler, Sue Jacobowitz, Ron Saltzman, Barbara Stein, Pat Stein, Rabbi David Nesson, Joel Beecher, Ginger Beecher, Linda Rosenbaum, Richard Rubenstein

SHALOM YELADIM – THE JUDIE GERSTEIN EARLY LEARNING CENTER

We cannot believe it is December already. The first half of the year is almost gone! December is always full of Hanukkah activities. It is definitely our favorite holiday. We enjoy learning the story of the Maccabees and making all the wonderful Hanukkah projects. Singing songs, playing dreidel, and preparing for our Hanukkah show are the highlights of this very special month.

In addition to our classroom projects, we all made Hanukkah cards for the Jewish soldiers serving around the world and across the U.S.

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

Michelle Nulman and the SY Teachers



JOIN US FOR OUR "MOMMY AND ME" CLASS. AY GROUP FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS UP TO 24 MONTHS AND THEIR PARENT/CAREGIVERS. WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

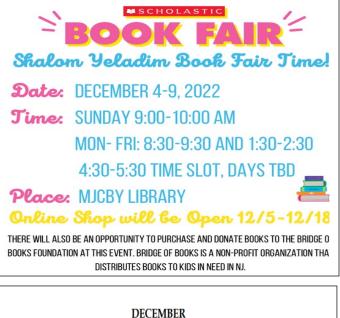
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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



In November, we had a beautiful grade 3 - 5 Shabbat, with Shabbat services led by our grade 3 - 5 students, followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner! Next up are our "zayin vav'niks" - our 6th & 7th graders with their own special class Shabbat on December 2nd. Our kindergarten and Grade 1 & 2 students will enjoy Havdalah and hot chocolate in their PJ's on December 10.

Our breakfast-to-go fundraiser in November was a great success. All proceeds went to our Education Endowment Fund. With many thanks to Debbie Goldstein and our Board of Education for organizing the breakfast and to all who participated in support!

A.L.P. (Advanced Learning Program for Teens) will be discussing "Jewish Heroism Through the Ages" on December 12 while enjoying a delicious dinner.

A highlight of December will be our special Soferet program with Linda Coppelson attended by grades 5 - 7.

Miriam Loew & the RS Morahs



CELEBRATING PARSHAT NOAH WITH PETTING ZOO & ANIMAL BLESSING BY NOAH (AKA RABBI NESSON)





LIFELONG LEARNING

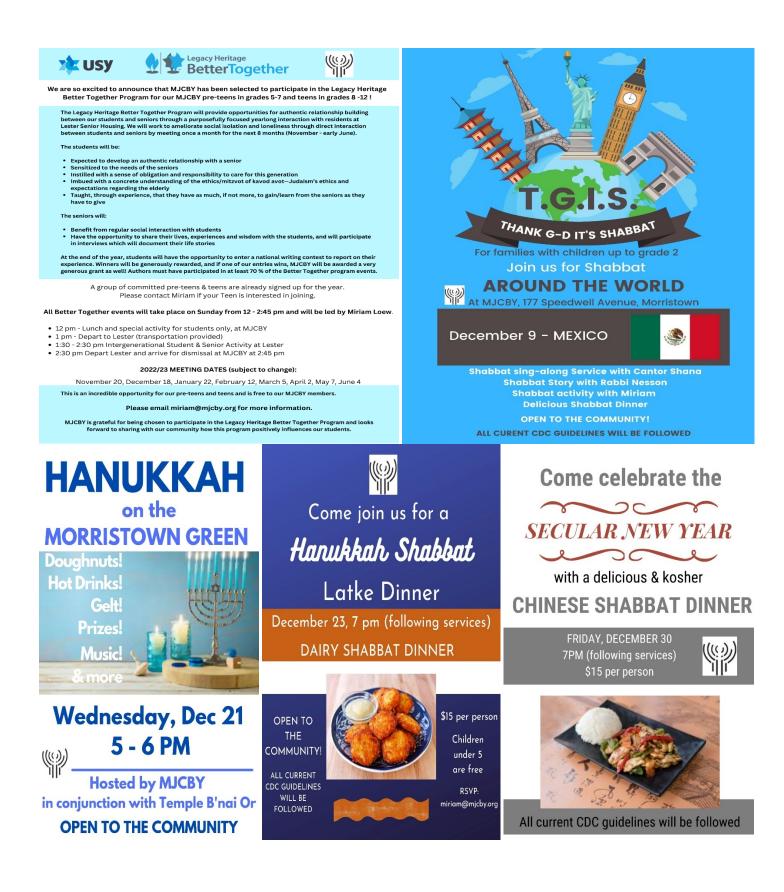
TGIS in Italy in November was a great success and now our travels continue to Mexico! Families with children up to second grade: come enjoy delicious Mexican cuisine, Shabbat songs, stories, activities, and great company.

On November 20, to commemorate Kristallnacht, Holocaust Survivor Tova Friedman and her grandson Aron Goodman spoke about their efforts to combat antisemitism and teach about the Holocaust, using TikTok to reach people worldwide. Please check out TovaTok - its videos have been seen by over 50 million people, and Aron has almost 500k followers. He has been featured in CNN, PBS, USA News and internationally in articles and news reports in UK, Albania, Brazil. Israel and more. Aron is a senior at Morristown High School. He works collaboratively with the Israeli Embassy in USA, Israeli Embassy in UK, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs, World Jewish Restitution Organization (WJRO), and The Hebrew University in Jerusalem to further Holocaust education through social media. Tova Friedman, who was just 1 year old when the war broke out, and 5 years old when she and her mother were taken to the Auschwitz concentration camp, is one of the few people to have entered a gas chamber and lived to tell her story. Tova signed copies of her recent book, The Daughter of Auschwitz, which was featured on the New York Times Best Seller list.

Hanukkah is upon us, and we have so many exciting events planned, so come join in celebration! We will once again be lighting the Menorah on the Green, and Cantor Shana's famous Hanukkah play will once again be a highlight of our Hanukkah party on December 18th. We also have a Friday night dairy Latke dinner planned that you will not want to miss. Lastly, come ring in the secular New Year with a delicious kosher Chinese Shabbat dinner on December 30th.

Our Better Together Program is off to a great start. A wonderful group of MJCBY pre-teens and teens have committed their time over the next eight months to build relationships with a select group of residents at Lester Senior Housing. In November we visited and played a variety of get-to-know-you games. This month we will be going to spread some Hanukkah cheer to our new friends and we cannot wait. To be a part of the Better Together Program, please contact Miriam for more information.

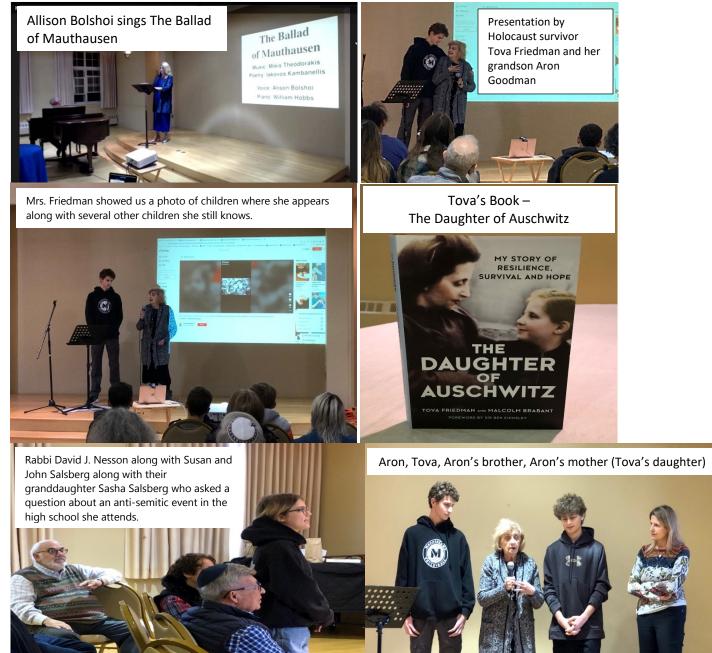
Our USY Teens will also be meeting for a fantastic game of Hanukkah Gelt Bets! Our USY events are open to all MJCBY teens and friends are welcome. - *Miriam Loew*



TGIS ITALY FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBAT



KRISTALLNACHT OBSERVANCES



Tova Friedman Photo Credits: Heidi Fleischman and Peppi Glass

ADULT ED



Join us on-line for a screening of SPACE TORAH followed by a Q&A with

Executive Producer, Rachel Raz

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH 7:30-8:30pm

Zoom link will be sent out before the program.

NASA astronaut Dr. Jeff Hoffman participated in five space missions. In 1996, on his last mission, he brought with him a small Torah scroll on board Space Shuttle Columbia. On Shabbat, while orbiting Earth, he read from the book of Genesis, "In the beginning God created heaven and the earth?"

There will be a special Q & A zoom event with astronaut Dr. Jeff Hoffman on Tuesday, December 13, 7:00-8:00pm.

All December 7 zoom participants will have access to the registration for the zoom with Dr. Hoffman.

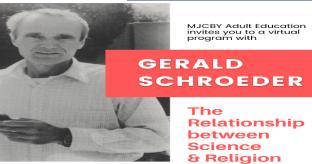
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"Having brought the Torah here, for me, makes space something special; it brings the holiness of human life into space"



January Programs Save the Dates



Dr. Schroeder, who moved to Israel in 1971, is an MIT-educated physicist with a doctorate in Earth Sciences and Physics. He also has received formal theological training in Biblical, Talmudic, and Kabalistic interpretation. Dr. Schroeder is the author of *Ocd According to Ocd, The Science of God. The Convergence of Scientific and Biblical Wisdom, The* Hidden Face of *Ocd: Science Reveals the Ultimate Truth, and Genesis and the Big Bang: The Discovery of Harmony between Modern Science and the Biblica*.

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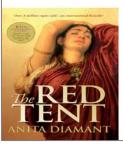




Anita **D**iamant

WED, JAN 18 @ 7:30PM ON ZOOM

Dr. Jeff Hoffman NASA astronaut



Anita Diamant is a novelist, journalist, essayist, and the author of six non-fiction guidebooks to contemporary lewish file. Her best known novel, *The Red Tent*, was Ganesis and healt the story of Dinah, the only daughter of Jacob and Leah. The *Red Tent* has been published in more than 25 countries, including Australia, England, Finland, France, Spain, Kerea, Lithuania, Partugal, and Swedan,

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Hanukkah starts in a just a few short weeks, and the Sisterhood Gift Shop is your resource for gifts, Hanukiyot, candles, and more! The <u>Sisterhood Gift Shop</u> is open for business on Sunday mornings during religious school hours, and by appointment only during the week. You can reach out to Sharon Barkauskas (email: <u>sharon47@optonline.net</u>), Vivian Laska (email: <u>vivian.laska@gmail.com</u>), or Dorothy Cohen (email: <u>dorothy_irvingcohen@msn.com</u>) to schedule an appointment if you'd like to shop in person.

The next <u>Marjorie Elkind Sisterhood Book Club</u> discussion is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7th, where we'll be discussing Gateway to the Moon by Mary Morris. If you'd like to participate, please contact Amy Brunswick, <u>abrunswick4321@gmail.com</u>, or Marcy Needle, <u>marcy.needle@gmail.com</u>, for more information.

Please keep an eye out for announcements about our January and other upcoming events.

- Please see page 12 in this bulletin for the flyer for an evening presentation by Anita Diamant, author of <u>The Red Tent</u>. This event, which will take place via zoom, is cosponsored with Lifelong Learning & Adult Ed.
- Please see page 16 in this bulletin for the flyer regarding a Sunday morning pancake brunch and presentation by MJCBY member and author Michelle Kriegman. This event is co-sponsored with the Religious School.
- Please save the date for a presentation by our local chapter of The Seeing Eye, scheduled for February 12th (snow date will be March 12th).

Please also save the date for this year's Sisterhood Shabbat, scheduled for April 29th. No, that's not a typo: no more Sisterhood Shabbat in January! If you are interested in helping us lead the service on that day, please reach out to Paula Czeisler (<u>paula.czeisler@gmail.com</u>) or Debbie Marcus (<u>dmarcus@mac.com</u>).

<u>If you have not joined the Sisterhood yet, we'd like to encourage you to do so</u>. Your membership donation supports our Synagogue and the Women's League for Conservative Judaism and provides us with the opportunity to offer educational and fun community building events.

Chag Hanukkah Sameach!		
IS YOUR PRIDE AND JOY OFF TO COLLEGE?	MJCBY Sisterhood 177 Speedwell Avenue President Morristown, NJ 07960 Dorothy Cohen 973-538-9292 Sisterhood@mjcby.org	
College Bound	\$36.00 DUES STATEMENT - 2022-2023 Sisterhood is comprised of vibrant 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! We write today to invite all perspective and returning members to commit to Sisterhood and to the idea of having a dynamic and supportive fun year together. If ever there was a time that taught us that we are stronger together than apart, then this is that time. Note: New members to MJCBY receive complimentary first year Sisterhood membership.	
ALLOW SISTERHOOD TO SEND GOODIE PACKAGES TO YOUR CHILD* WHEN THEY ARE AWAY OR AT HOME DURING THE YEAR! (undergraduate only) Another good reason to support Sisterhood!	This year we will continue to have interesting and innovative programs. Our annual Paid-Up Membership event is set for Sunday, October 23, 2022, and we look forward to seeing you there.	
* must be your child - no nieces, nephews or grandchildren. Send your information to Heidi Schleifer edheidi2@verizon.net Childs Name:	Name: Email: Phone: Please make checks payable to MJCBY Sisterhood and mail to:	4
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Please add \$80 to your contribution in honor of the Torah Fund 80th Anniversary.

A note from Linda Rosenbaum, our Torah Fund Chair:

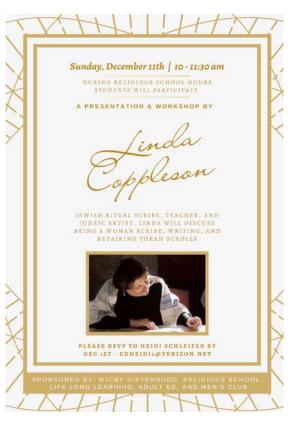
To the men (sons, brothers, husbands, fathers, parents, etc) of the congregation: consider giving your female loved ones a gift for Hanukkah that's not only pretty but charitable as well. Make your loved ones a Torah Fund donor by donating 180 dollars and up. You will not only get a beautiful pin, especially made for this year, but also 10 assorted Torah fund cards.

All you have to do is send me a check for the amount, and I will gift wrap the pin and card in holiday packaging. All the work is done for you. I will even do last minute if necessary. No time limit for lastminute shoppers! I will drop it off or you can pick it up or I will mail it for you. If mailing, there will be a charge for postage.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 973-895-2390 or 973-214-0704. The check should be made out to Torah Fund and addressed to Linda Rosenbaum, 4 Ascot Lane, Morristown NJ 07960.

Happy Hanukkah to all! Linda





MEN'S CLUB

MEN'S CLUB PRESIDENT: MARK LEVINE mensclub_pres@mjcby.org

MEN'S CLUB DUES \$36.00 for 2022/23 We need your Support!

If your wife is a Sisterhood Member, then you should be a Men's Club Member! All men welcome! We need ALL of your support!

Mensch

Someone to admire and emulate, someone of noble character. The key to being "a real mensch" is nothing less than character, rectitude, dignity, a sense of what is right, responsible, decorous.

Make checks payable to "MJCBY Men's Club" - mail to: MJCBY Men's Club, 177 Speedwell Ave, Morristown, NJ 07960

Questions - Mark Levine - mensclub_pres@mjcby.org

Name:

Tel #:

We welcome new members. Contact Mark to get involved.

*New MJCBY members receive complimentary first year Men's Club membership.

Email:

We Need Volunteers! BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023 8:30AM TO 1:00PM AT MJCBY

To volunteer to staff the event, contact Doug Goldstein at dggldstn@yahoo.com

BLOOD DONATION SIGNUP COMING SOON

- 16 YEAR OLDS MUST HAVE SIGNED NEW JERSEY BLOOD SERVICES PARENTAL CONSENT FORM
- EAT A GOOD MEAL, DRINK PLENTY OF WATER & BRING PHOTO ID
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- ALL STATIONS WILL BE WIPED DOWN AFTER THE DONOR LEAVES THE AREA (REGISTRATION, MEDICAL HISTORY, DONATION BED, CANTEN AREA) - THE BLOOD CENTER WILL PROVIDE SANITIZING WIPES AND GLOVES
- SOME CRITERIA CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE INCLUDING MALARIAL COUNTRY DEFERRAL TIME REDUCED FROM 1 YEAR TO 3 MONTHS, DONORS LIVING IN UK IN THE PAST ARE ABLE TO DONATE NOW, TATTOO/PIERCING CHANGES, ETC

Men's Club Book Club

If you are interested in joining or learning more about the Book Club, please contact Howard Buxbaum at howardbuxbaum@gmail.com.

Tuesday, December $20^{\mbox{th}}$ - The Latecomer by Jean Korelitz

Discussion will take place in person at 7:30pm



https://morristownjewishcenter.shulcloud.com/ event/njdevilsgame2022

MJCBY Sisterhood & Religious School invite you to breakfast and presentation

Journeys of

By our MJCBY Member and <u>noted author, writer a</u>nd producer

Michele Kriegman

Michele will be speaking about her novel, Finding Faith, a book based on a true story about adoption and a friendship that grows between 2 women searching for their missing birth fathers, history erased and discovering that they have more in common then they thought-one of Native American heritage and the other of Jewish heritage.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22ND

Breakfast 9:30 - 10am | Presentation 10 - 11:30am FRIGAND HALL

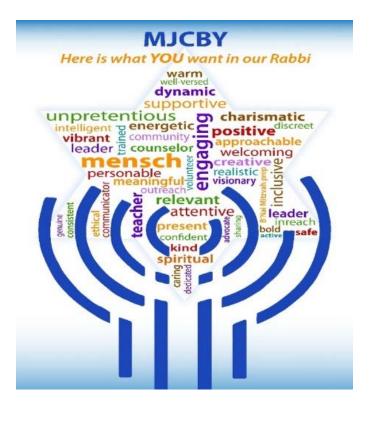
RSVP to Heidi Schleifer by 1/15/23 at edheidi2@verizon.net

Focused on Our Future

RABBI SEARCH COMMITTEE Joshua Charm, Chair, joshcharm@gmail.com

Hello and greetings from the Rabbi Search Committee. Our committee posted our application for a new Rabbi to the Rabbinical Assembly job board at the end of October. A special thank you to Lauren Najarian for her stellar leadership and dedicated efforts to put together a fantastic application that really represents MJCBY...including our rich history, who we currently are, and what we want to become! Additionally, we will be presenting MJCBY at the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Rabbinical Assembly open house on Dec 8th to present who we are as a congregation and to answer any questions from Rabbis. Once we receive Rabbi candidates that our committee feels will be a good fit for our congregation, we will invite them to join us for a weekend visit so you can meet them, engage with them, and provide us your feedback on your thoughts and feelings for how well they will fit the needs of the MJCBY community moving forward. We will publicize these weekends as well as the different engagement opportunities once they are set.

If you have any questions or want to talk further about the Rabbi Search Committee process, please contact Joshua Charm, Eric Weinstock, or any of the Rabbi Search committee members.



SECURITY CORNER

For this December's newsletter, I was originally planning to write about the importance of situational awareness – knowing your surroundings, the people around you, and your closest exits—but the threat made against synagogues in New Jersey on November 3rd encouraged me to reframe that discussion. While situational awareness remains of utmost importance, it is actually part of a much larger discussion about security culture within MJCBY.

Amidst recent incidents of antisemitic bias and violence across the country, the Federal Bureau of Investigation announced on November 3rd that a credible threat had been made against synagogues in New Jersey. With almost no detail on the threat itself, the FBI encouraged all Jewish facilities to heighten security and remain vigilant against attacks.

MJCBY leadership took immediate action, coordinating with local law enforcement and the Jewish Federation to gather information and secure our facility. We arranged with the Morristown Police Department to increase police activity on our property in a variety of ways, added a security guard for Shalom Yeladim, and moved all events indoors until further notice. We also ensured that an MJCBY volunteer served as a greeter at the door for all weekend events, allowing the security guard to remain in full view of the parking lot. These activities occurred so swiftly because they are part of the communication and security protocols that the MJCBY leadership developed over the past year. They worked seamlessly. We were able to secure our building and staff while successfully continuing our educational and religious functions.

Thankfully, adept federal, state, and local law enforcement successfully resolved the threat within 24 hours. Police remained at our property through the weekend to serve as a deterrent for any attack, and to comfort a community on edge.

Now let's circle back to the discussion about security culture at MJCBY. We know that our communication and security protocols work. Going forward, however, it's important to also understand that good security is far more than just these simple activities. Instead, what's most likely to prevent or deter an attack, and what's hardest to create, is what's known as a "security culture." This is when our community has a set of shared values about security— where our staff and congregation all believe that security is critical and benefits everyone, and they take joint responsibility for our collective safety. In real life, we see this when staff and congregants automatically comply with security measures like these:

- Signing in and out
- Locking doors
- Not letting others "piggyback" behind you when entering the building
- Complying with the security guard's requests
- Staff and volunteers wearing their walkie talkies
- Reporting suspicious behaviors through the proper channels
- Volunteering for security duties

It's just like wearing your seat belt in a car; if you believe that the safety belt is critical, and you use it regularly, you'll eventually do so without even thinking about it; it will become the norm. The more we all believe that our shul's security measures benefit everyone, the more likely we are to work together and behave in a security-minded manner. This will keep MJCBY a safe place for our children and families to worship and learn together. This is a continual process, and we look forward to building our security culture with you.

If you have any questions about security at MJCBY, want to suggest a Security Corner topic, or would like to volunteer, please email Alexis at <u>amprecisioninsights@gmail.com</u>.

SOCIAL ACTION

HELP A NEEDY HEADSTART CHILD!

We will be supplying 25 local kids who are starting their HeadStart program in the Spring. We need congregants to either sign up to provide a backpack (or 2) or contribute to a special fund from which we will purchase these supplies in bulk. This is a wonderful activity to do with school-aged children or grandchildren.

For a copy of the supply list or to contribute to the fund, please contact me (<u>loub48@gmail.com</u>). For any other questions regarding Social Action, please let me or Howard Buxbaum know.

Lou Bodian, Social Action Chair

DECEMBER YAHRZEIT LIST

To Be Rememb	orod	
Shabbat Decen		
12/3/2022	9 Kislev	Hyman Evans
		Sandra Halpern
12/4/2022	10 Kislev	Louis Averbach
		Judith Baron
		William Rothstein
		Louis Spivak
		Gertrude Youngerman
12/5/2022	11 Kislev	Mordecai Kantrowitz
		Bonnie Kazam
		Earl Price
		Herbert Samuels
12/6/2022	12 Kislev	Joseph Csillag
		Sylvia Dornfeld
		Golda Zisel Drucker
		Harry Morchower
		Irving Press
		Sally Rhines
12/7/2022	13 Kislev	Gloria Francus
		Arnold Spain
		Dov Wenarsky
12/8/2022	14 Kislev	Annie N. Cohen
		Howard Cohen
		Rosalie Kosterlitz
		Samuel Lenhoff
		Elias Notowicz
		Max Shapiro
12/9/2022	15 Kislev	Dorothy Goldband
		Betty Goldblatt
		Daniel Lyon
		Philip Sperber
To Be Rememb Shabbat Decen		
12/10/2022	16 Kislev	Jerome Lawrence Medford
		Hyman Stone
12/11/2022	17 Kislev	Sarah Chasin
		Lillian Frigand
		Judith Fromm
		Helen Haimann
		Alfred Rich
		Edward T. Rosenfeld

12/11/2022	17 Kislev	Alfred Schwartz
		Bobby Wenarsky
12/12/2022	18 Kislev	Shlomo Attias
		Bernard Elgart
		May Salsberg
		Harry Schwartz
		Bruce Tillinger
12/13/2022	19 Kislev	Aharon Attias
		Bernard Gold
		Harry Kling
		Keith Miller
		Max Weinstein
12/14/2022	20 Kislev	Sherry Bialer
		Lena Cohen
		Harry Cohn
		, Minka Haimann
		Pearl Herman
		Laura Levine
		William Schiff
		Heda Schwartz
12/15/2022	21 Kislev	Cyril Francus
		, Minna Levine
		Jacob Segal
12/16/2022	22 Kislev	Jack Buxbaum
		Irwin Messinger
		Martin Samuels
		Seymour Van Wiemokly
To Be Rememl Shabbat Decer		<u> </u>
12/17/2022	23 Kislev	Minnie Glass
		Deborah Weinstein
12/18/2022	24 Kislev	Deborah Weinstein Ethel Glass
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	24 Kislev	Ethel Glass
	24 Kislev	Ethel Glass Louis Goldman
	24 Kislev	Ethel Glass Louis Goldman Morris Keller
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12/18/2022		Ethel Glass Louis Goldman Morris Keller Ida Levey Louis Salny Joseph Terp
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12/19/2022	25 Kislev	Estelle Weiss
12/20/2022	26 Kislev	Bella Bashe
12/20/2022	20103101	Eleanor Chazan
		Dave Dubin
		Morris Kaufman
		Lina Klausner
		Gussie Krinsky
		Helen Lahn
		Leonard Levy
		Bessie Liss
		Matilde Rosenblum
		Regina Steyn
		Alex Zukofsky
12/21/2022	27 Kislev	Samuel Charm
12/21/2022	21 NISIEV	Mary Gelfand
		David Goldblatt
		William Lahn
12/22/2022	28 Kislev	Abraham Weingast Walter Kane
12/22/2022	ZONISIEV	
		Arthur Payn
		Louis Salsberg Fred Schulman
		Bernard Schwartz
12/22/2022	29 Kislev	Betty Sherman Morton Cowan
12/23/2022	29 KISIEV	
		Massuda Danielpour
		Harry Drell Louis Glick
		Ruth Lavein
		Sally London
		Minerva Sidi
		Janet Stone
To Be Rememb	ered	
Shabbat Decen		l i
12/24/2022	30 Kislev	Sol Frankel
		Hattie Kaplan
12/25/2022	1 Tevet	Estell Leichtman
		Alida Westerman
12/26/2022	2 Tevet	Maurice Epstein
12/27/2022	3 Tevet	Sally Fletcher
		David Gladstone
		Alexander Goldblatt
		Bess Goldman
		Belle Greenbaum

3 Tevet	Lillian Hammer
	Bernice Krupnick
	Michael Rubenstein
	Louis Zupnick
4 Tevet	Allan Davis
5 Tevet	Nathan Epstein
	Helen Fox
	Belle Weinberg Lieb
	Harry Simon
6 Tevet	George H. Feldman
	Ida Rayfield
	Mildred Rehert
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ber 30 & 31	
7 Tevet	Sidney Blaufeld
	Eleanor Dornfeld
	Morris Feurstein
	Sophia Warshaw
8 Tevet	Dorothy Jarvis
9 Tevet	Lois Goadkind
	Leroy Gordon
	Madelyn Iris
	Daisy Kazam
	Pauline Kornbleuth
	Alfred Oppenheimer
	Sadie Weiss
10 Tevet	Susan Blumenfield
	Clara Brenner
	Kate Csillag
	Melvin Greenberg
	Ruth Loewensteiner
	Max Winter
11 Tevet	Zelig Brenman
	Sadie Feldman
	Herman Greenberg
	Philip Greenberg
	David Grobman
	Curtis B. Hayworth
	Rose Kantrowitz
	Jack Nebrat
	Fannie Rothman
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	Ann Rothstein
12 Tevet	Ann Rothstein Joseph Fleischman
	4 Tevet 5 Tevet 6 Tevet ered ber 30 & 31 7 Tevet 8 Tevet

1/5/2023	12 Tevet	Ida Kaplan
		Harold Miroff
		Frank Papish
1/6/2023	13 Tevet	Rebecca Freeman
		Rose Gebel
		Saul Rosen
		Rene Selver
		Marian Smolowitz
		Michael Weinstein

For anyone who missed the Kristallnacht concert, it can be viewed at the following link:

https://venue.streamspot.com/video/69ccc82e7e

Past events are also available for viewing in the same manner.

Please note:

Due to unavailability, all contributions for Nov & Dec will appear in your January Newsletter.



Hanukkah is not a High Holiday and is not mentioned in Torah -Torah was written before the Maccabean Revolt. Instead the festival was ordered by the Jewish sages of the time. Nonetheless, Hanukkah is considered one of the most important festivals by modern Jews, likely because it corresponds with Christmas. KTV



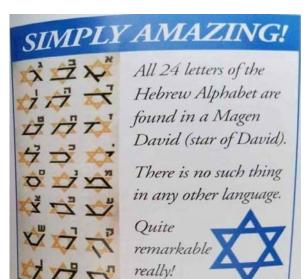
Fun Hanukkah Facts!

 The 9-branched candelabra that holds the Hanukkah candles is called a Hanukkiah.

Many people call it a Menorah, but a menorah actually has 7 branches and is associated with the Temple.

FUN HANUKKAH FACTS

When Maccables liberated the Temple and relit the menorah, they thought that they only had enough oil to burn for one night. Instead, the oil lasted for 8 nights, long enough for a supply of kosher oil to be prepared. This miracle is the reason why Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days and nights.



FUN HANUKKAH FACTS

Hanukkiah has nine candles eight for eight days of the festival, and the ninth to be used to light other candles. Every Hanukkiah is considered a menorah, but not vice-versa.

*Please note our new office hours: Monday - Friday - 9AM - 4PM

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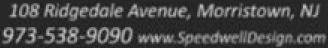
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