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Custodian News!

Please welcome to the MJCBY family, Isaiah Ward, our new full-time custodian! Isaiah will be in the building 9 am - 6 pm weekdays and Marco will resume his parttime hours on Friday evenings and Saturdays for Shabbat. Please be sure to say "hello" to Isaiah when you see him.



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



<u>Shabbat – A Palace in Time!</u> Rabbi Nesson

What a wonderful idea to be asked to dedicate our January Newsletter to Shabbat.

There is no more central idea to Judaism, to Jewish life, to Jewish living than Shabbat. Yet to try to describe the ins and outs, the intricacies of Shabbat are beyond what can be said in a few short paragraphs.

It was Abraham Joshua Heschel who described for us that Shabbat is a Palace in Time. It was who said- 'More that the Jews have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jews.' It is our mystical tradition that welcomes Shabbat as both Bride and Queen. It is the ten commandments which twice in the Torah tells us to both 'remember Shabbat' and to 'keep Shabbat.' In the opening words of the Torah, we are told to both rest on Shabbat and to not do any work. Shabbat is the only day of the week in the Torah that has a name. We refer to the other days of the week and the first day, the second day, and later, as "the first day towards Shabbat." Each day is known only by its relation to Shabbat. In this way, we remind ourselves daily of the centrality of Shabbat. We anticipate its arrival. We set aside special food and clothing for it. Shabbat is at the very center of Jewish consciousness.

Where to begin? At the beginning of course, in the very opening chapters of the Torah. Here our Torah shows us the world as it could be, a world of perfection. Yet, after the exit from the Garden of Eden, we no longer lived in a world of perfection. So, G-d gave us Shabbat as a 'taste of that world of perfection' to always point us back to the perfection of beginning of time in that garden, and to anticipate that perfection of time in the days of the Messiah at the end of time. Here our Torah shows us that there is only one thing in the Universe that we can control...Time.

Think of your work week. Every day we work, and we celebrate the fact that we can work, accomplish, and create. Friday afternoon approaches, but your to-do list is long. In fact, your to-do list will always be long. Too long. Even if you worked for 6 more hours or 6 more days, you still wouldn't finish this week's to-do list, never mind the list that starts again. For six days even G-d worked in the process of creation. And then G-d stops. Could G-d have kept on working, creating more and more? Of course. But now G-d becomes our teacher, showing us that there was one more thing to create - rest.

The Torah says on the seventh day 'vayinafash', G-d needs to restore G-d's soul.

That is our goal on Shabbat, too. Not only to 'not work,' but to restore our souls. To live in harmony in the world.

On Shabbat, we enter that palace of time. The world continues all around us, but for 25 hours we live in a different plane of existence.

The Shabbat plane of existence. It begins and ends with light. We light Shabbat candles, which is our stop sign. No more work; only being. It ends with lighting the Havdalah candle. Bringing light into the world.

In the end, the only way to fully understand Shabbat is to live it. That is why our Rabbis long ago wrote that 'Shabbat is a taste of Heaven on Earth.'

I invite you to live it, and taste how sweet it is.

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 – Junior Congregation





I started leading Junior Congregation via Zoom during our Covid lockdown, and I have to say, I have discovered it to be an interesting puzzle. What exactly, I had to ask myself, is the goal of Junior Congregation, anyway? Is it teaching these children how to pray? This is a daunting prospect because it begs the question: How does one teach prayer? For that matter, how does one learn prayer? While I love teaching lots of topics, I have to say that I am not sure if I've ever really landed on what I would call a good way to teach someone of any age how to pray. It took me many years to learn how to pray myself, and I certainly did not learn to do so as a

child, though I spent many hours in the synagogue as a child, in my synagogue's version of Junior Congregation as well as adult services. What I did gain from those years is a familiarity with what happens in a synagogue service, what messages can be found in the Siddur and the Chumash, and what is at the heart of Jewish ethos. This is what I hope to pass on to our students in our monthly Junior Congregation services, as well as a sense of familiarity with the texts and the structure of a Shabbat Shacharit service.

Luckily for me, modern technology has changed the process of sharing the texts of our prayers. For years, a big part of the challenge of teaching any piece of the Siddur was getting the students to find the right place on the page, even after I produced and printed new large-print beginner-friendly Siddurim, complete with pictures. Now, my students are with me 100% of the time, and there is no possibility of getting lost. We can stop our service to pay attention to a particularly important topic or interesting Hebrew word or phrase at any moment, and I can be sure that everyone sees what we're discussing. Some of our students even chant from the Torah in Junior Congregation, and it then falls to one of the other students present to follow along in the slides, which is an excellent Hebrew listening and reading challenge. Our favorite part, of course, is when the parsha for the week is a good story that we can turn into a play. "Is this the one when Jacob tricks his brother?" and "Leah is sad because Rachel gets all the attention, I remember that from last year!" and "Can I read the part of Moses when he hits the rock?" are some of the requests I get as I introduce each week's parsha, and the questions get even better as we read them. My goal is just to introduce these stories to our children so that they become familiar with the characters and the plot, but they already ask the deeper questions about what motivates them, how they solve their difficulties, and what the long-term implications of their actions may be. It is a beautiful thing to witness our students grappling with texts that have challenged and intrigued hundreds of generations before them. I invite you to drop in any time we're holding Junior Congregation and hear what the next generation has to say.

Cantor Shana Onigman



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Jason Navarino



As an Anglophile and history buff, it is no surprise that I'm a fan of *Downton Abbey* (no, I haven't seen the most recent movie yet). It is a fun show, but more than any other television show or movie I know, it is constantly reminding you of its theme. It sometimes feels like there is always someone on screen, yelling in a thick Yorkshire accent, "Times are changing! Times are changing!" to which some well-dressed lord or lady retorts, "Oh hush up!" As much as the show contrasts the lives of the noble residents of Downton Abbey with those of the staff who keep the great house running, it is about balancing old ways with new ones, and

embracing change without completely letting go of the past.

And so, it is with Conservative Judaism. Our movement does not reject halacha and the principles of rabbinic and community interpretation. Nor do we unquestionably adhere to rabbinic interpretations from centuries ago. Instead, the Rabbinical Assembly's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards regularly examines ancient texts through fresh eyes to solve modern problems. The Committee's approach to permitting participation in services via Zoom during the pandemic is an example of how Conservative rabbis grapple with and balance competing interests, old and new – traditional Shabbat observance on the one hand, and *pikuach nefesh* (preservation of life and health) in the face of a public health crisis on the other.

And so, it is as well when it comes to running a Conservative synagogue like ours. Each Shabbat, we come together to daven using the traditional liturgy in our siddurim, but with new melodies occasionally sprinkled into the service. Maimonides meets Matisyahu if you will. At the end of each Friday night and Saturday morning service, just before reciting Mourner's Kaddish, the rabbi reads the names of those whose yahrzeits are being observed in the week to come. The list includes members of our congregation from long ago, some of whom are named on plaques along the back wall of the sanctuary. But the list also includes deceased relatives of even our newest members. And all the names are displayed on a digital slide projected on the front wall of the chapel or sanctuary, and screen shared for those watching on the Internet.

This year epitomizes the balancing of old and new at MJCBY. Our Rabbi Celebration Committee is working hard to appropriately honor and celebrate Rabbi Nesson, who has taught and touched multiple generations that have come through MJCBY. The planned celebration weekend in May will be an extraordinary event for our community. Yet at the same time, the Rabbi Search Committee is working tirelessly to find us a new spiritual leader who can lead our congregation successfully for years to come. Many of us have expressed an openness, and perhaps an eagerness, for the new energy and new ideas that a new member of the clergy can and hopefully will bring to our old shul.

Of course, our next rabbi will have to walk the same tightrope that Rabbi Nesson walked when he came to us 35 years ago. In with the new, but not necessarily out with the old. Be bold while maintaining balance and respect for the past. Have no doubt that this will be a challenging job. And it will not be the new rabbi's job alone – all of us as congregation members will have a role to play in helping our next rabbi strike the right balance. But if we succeed, we will have more than a pretty English castle to hang onto. We will have a rich, vibrant community to call our own, where we can celebrate our simchas, come together to support one another in times of need, pass on to our children and grandchildren the values we hold dear, and be proud of our Jewish traditions, culture, and beliefs. That, to me, is a very worthy pursuit.

KOL NIDRE & EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND APPEALS 5783

Now that we have concluded the High Holiday season, our synagogue's Board of Directors wants 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 wants 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 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 (<u>dslphd@gmail.com</u>) to pledge your support for the Kol Nidre Fund and Ira Hammer (<u>Irajh@aol.com</u>) 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 (<u>bookkeeper@mjcby.org</u>), 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 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.

GOOD & WELFARE

MAZEL TOV TO:

Zach Diringer on his acceptance to Northeastern University Class of 2027!

Bill and Susan Neigher on the birth of their granddaughter, Charlotte.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Marcy Needle on the passing of her beloved father, Philip Lubitz

Eric Forman on the passing of his beloved Father, Ronald Forman

Susan Press on the passing of her beloved brother, Richard Schulman

Our former member Pat Stein on the passing of his beloved wife, our former member Barbara Stein

REFUAH SHLEMA TO:

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

CELEBRATING A LEGACY

Stay tuned for information about our upcoming weekend honoring Rabbi Nesson. Shabbaton on May 5th and May 6th and our celebratory luncheon on Sunday, May 7th.

SHALOM YELADIM – THE JUDIE GERSTEIN EARLY LEARNING CENTER

It is hard to believe the second part of the school year is upon us. The Shalom Yeladim families celebrated Hanukkah with a big celebration last month. Parents, grandparents, and siblings gathered to watch our wonderful singers perform. Our students told the audience the story of Hanukkah along with the teachers and they sang Hanukkah songs. It was amazing to have everyone in the building and to be able to share the light of Hanukkah with our families! Our Shalom Yeladim family is growing. Thank you for spreading the word and sharing with your friends how loving and warm our preschool is.

Michelle Nulman and the SY Teachers



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JANUARY

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1/16	MLK Jr. DAY	NO SCHOOL

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



When it comes to transmitting Jewish values and the beauty of Jewish tradition to the next generation, is there anything greater than experiencing **Shabbat together**?

Our Religious School students have been spending a significant amount of classroom time studying Shabbat prayers, from Friday night through Havdalah on Saturday night. However, we did not just leave our studies in the classroom. We then gathered as a school community to experience what we learned:

- Grades 3 5 came together for a Friday night service which they led for the entire congregation. We are
 immensely proud of our students who worked so hard at mastering the prayers and songs. The service was
 followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner for our students and families.
- **Grades K 2** enjoyed a fun and educational **Havdalah Pyjama** night! We wore our PJ's, read Havdalah stories, created beautiful Havdalah kits, sang Havdalah together and enjoyed hot chocolate and other treats.

Minyanaires (for grades 8 and up) and Junior Congregation (for grades 3 - 7) is yet another monthly opportunity for our students to experience **Shabbat together** in a synagogue setting.

Grades 8 and up also continue to meet for our monthly ALP's, where we enjoy dinner and lively discussions on timely topics.

In December, Grades 5 - 7 joined the Soferet workshop. We heard from ritual scribe Linda Coppleson about the spiritual art of writing Torah scrolls, Tefillin and Mezuzot. We then got to practice using quill and ink to write our own Hebrew names in beautiful Torah calligraphy.

For Hanukkah, our grade 6 & 7 students put on a fantastic play, directed by the one and only Cantor Shana. Our students also created incredible Menorahs for our Menorah contest. Please enjoy the pictures of some of our student's amazing creativity.

Finally, we enjoyed our frigid walk together as a school to the Morristown Green where we sang Hanukkah songs and enjoyed Hanukkah doughnuts and gelt.

Miriam Loew & the RS Morahs

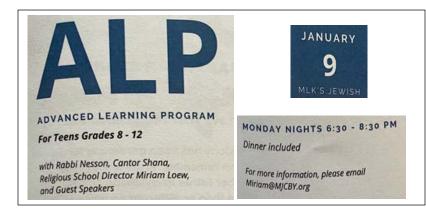
YOUTH SHABBAT

MINYANAIRES

Saturday, January 7th – Ages 12/13+ at 9:30AM

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Saturday, January 21st – Grades 3 through 7 at 10:30AM



HAVDALAH PAJAMA PARTY



LINDA COPPLESON - SOFERET (SCRIBE)



HANUKKAH PLAY & MENORAH CONTEST



LIFELONG LEARNING



One of the primary goals of Lifelong Learning is to build community. What better way to do that than with community Shabbat dinners? There is no creative program in the world that compares to the wonderful simplicity of a traditional Friday night with friends and family. The warm glow of the Shabbat candles, the beautiful songs and prayers, the delicious aroma of freshly baked Challah and other Shabbat foods, paired with a little wine (or grape juice), and most importantly with great company...how fortunate we are for the gift of Shabbat!

To that end, our growing Young Professionals Group enjoyed another successful Shabbat Dinner with delicious cuisine cooked by Cantor Shana. We are excited to be hosting these once a month going forward!

Our young families have been enjoying our TGIS Shabbat dinners. Our most recent TGIS featured delicious Mexican cuisine and Mexican themed crafts for the kids. For our next TGIS we will be "travelling" to France!

Hanukkah 2022 at MJCBY was enjoyed by all ages with a variety of events. We gathered on the Morristown Green to light the Menorah and enjoyed Hanukkah songs and treats. Cantor Shana's famous Hanukkah play was once again a highlight of our Hanukkah party, where we also enjoyed Hanukkah crafts, games, and delicacies. Our Friday night Hanukkah dairy latke dinner was another wonderful opportunity to join as a community for Shabbat. The beauty of Shabbat paired with the fun of Hanukkah - what can be better than that?

As our final Hoorah for the year, we gathered for Shabbat dinner once again - this time with a kosher Chinese buffet.

In other news, our Better Together Program has exceeded our expectations for teen involvement and engagement. Thirteen wonderful MJCBY pre-teens and teens have committed their time over eight months to build relationships with a select group of residents at Lester Senior Housing. It has been incredible to watch the kids interact with the residents with so much kindness and maturity. At our December visit we spread some Hanukkah cheer to our new friends. Cantor Shana brought her guitar and sang some songs, and we played a traditional game of dreidel as well as a fun variation of the game. One of the residents showed us her extensive doll collection featuring Hanukkah dolls.

Our USY Teens also met for a latke lunch and a fantastic game of Hanukkah Gelt Bets in December! All USY events are open to all MJCBY teens, and friends are always welcome.

Miriam Loew



Our USY Better Together Program enjoyed a delicious latke lunch, played a fun game of gelt bets and then went to visit Lester Senior Housing with beautiful cards and Hanukkah gifts they created. At Lester, Cantor Shana led us in Hanukkah songs, and we played Hanukkah games. We are getting to know each other better and forming beautiful inter-generational friendships!





TGIS MEXICO



HANUKKAH TREATS, GAMES & CRAFTS...CONTINUED!













HANUKKAH TREATS, GAMES & CRAFTS

ADULT ED – January Programs



MJCBY Adult Education invites you to a virtual program with

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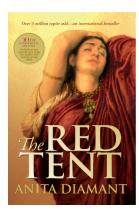
Dr. Schroeder, who moved to Israel in 1971, is an MIT-educated physicist with a doctorate in Earth Sciences and Physics. He also received formal theological training in Biblical, Talmudic, and Kabbalistic interpretation. Dr. Schroeder is the author of God According to God, The Science of God: The Convergence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



SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 AT 11:00AM ON ZOOM & LIVESTREAM. MJCBY ADULT EDUCATION AND SISTERHOOD INVITE YOU TO A VIRTUAL EVENT WITH ACCLAIMED AUTHOR

Anita Diamant

WED, JAN 18 @ 7:30PM ON ZOOM



Anita Diamant is a novelist, journalist, essayist, and the author of six non-fiction guidebooks to contemporary Jewish life. Her best known novel, *The Red Tent*, was inspired by a few lines from Genesis and tells 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, Germany, Holland, Israel, Japan, Korea, Lithuania, Portugal, and Swedon.

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ADULT ED – February Save the Dates

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ZOOM PRESENTATION WED, FEB 1 AT 7:30PM MJCBY ADULT EDUCATION AND MORRISTOWN & MORRIS TOWNSHIP LIBRARY INVITE YOU TO AN IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL EVENT WITH ACCLAIMED JOURNALIST

Andrew Lawler

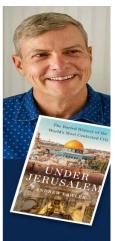
DISCUSSING HIS BOOK Under Jerusalem: The Buried History of the World's Most Contested City

Under Jerusolem provides the reader with a sweeping history of the hidden world below the Holy City- a saga of biblical treasures, intrepid explorers, and political upheaval.

and political upheaval. Androw Lawler is the author of two other books and has written more than a thousand newspaper and magazine articles from more than 24 countries. His work has appeared in The New York Times. The Washington Post. National Geographic. Smithsonion, and many others. He is a contributing editor for Archaeology.

Following the in-person event, Under Jerusolem will be available for sale and signing. Zoom and livestream links will be released close to the event.

TO RSVP FOR IN PERSON ATTENDANCE, PLEASE EMAIL: QUESTIONS4EVENT@GMAIL.COM



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The next <u>Marjorie Elkind Sisterhood Book Club</u> discussion, which was supposed to take place in December, had to be rescheduled for January 4th, where we will be discussing Gateway to the Moon by Mary Morris. If you'd like to participate, please contact Amy Brunswick, abrunswick4321@gmail.com, or Marcy Needle, marcy.needle@gmail.com, for more information.

Upcoming Events

On Wednesday, January 18th, you are invited to attend a Zoom presentation by Anita Diamant, author of <u>The Red Tent</u>. This evening event is co-sponsored with Lifelong Learning.

On Sunday morning, January 22nd, MJCBY member Michelle Kriegman will be speaking about her novel, <u>Finding Faith</u>. This event is co-sponsored with the Religious School which is offering a pancake breakfast fundraiser before Michelle's presentation.

Please save the date for a presentation by our local chapter of The Seeing Eye, scheduled for February 12th.

Please also save the date for this year's Sisterhood Shabbat, scheduled for April 29th. 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.

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This pin symbolizes the story of the Israelites preparing to enter the Promised Land, when the leadership transitions from Moses to Joshua. The Israelites and Joshua are instructed to "be strong and courageous" (Deuteronomy 31:6, 7, 23; Joshua 1:6, 7, 9, 18). The 5783 Torah Fund pin represents 80 years of ever-increasing strength of Torah Fund.



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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

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

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



MEN'S CLUB

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

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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:

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We welcome new members. Contact Mark to get involved.

Email:

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

Men's Club Book Club

The Men's Book Club will be meeting on January 11th at 7:30 PM in person and on Zoom. The book we are reading is The Latecomer by Jean Korelitz. If you are interested in joining the book club, please contact Howard Buxbaum at howardbuxbaum@gmail.com





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

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

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SECURITY CORNER

The secular New Year is another opportunity for us to review our actions in the past and plan how to improve in the future. This applies to all aspects of life, including security here at MJCBY!

In 2022, the security committee focused on conducting a risk assessment to identify the best ways to improve security at MJCBY and has been following through with changes to our systems. These include instituting new and updated security policies, providing congregants and staff with security training, and improving relationships with local and county law enforcement and emergency management agencies. In fact, for two nights in November, MJCBY hosted members of the Morris County Sheriff's Emergency Response Team (SERT), which consists of highly trained officers from municipal police departments throughout the county, our local fire department, and agency members of the Morris County Office of Emergency Management, for homeland security-related trainings and exercises in our building. These trainings were a great success!

We have many security improvements to look forward to in the coming year. Some of these improvements will be visible, such as updating and replacing all our exterior lighting so we can be better aware of our surroundings, and a congregation-wide security training and discussion session. Other upgrades will happen behind the scenes, including replacement of security systems, the addition of security drills for Shalom Yeladim and Religious School, and the use of an emergency text alert system for congregants and students' families. The security committee has a lot of work this year and would love additional volunteers to serve in a variety of capacities.

In fact, we have a new MJCBY Volunteer Opportunity as a Door Greeter. Have you been looking for a new, simple way to contribute to the MJCBY community? Do you enjoy meeting other members and greeting friends as they come to services? If so, please consider signing up for one of our new volunteer positions as a Door Greeter during the beginning of Friday and Saturday Shabbat services!

We are looking for volunteers to open the Eastern Entrance door for members and give them a warm welcome as they enter our building. This is a wonderful way to meet members, make new friends, make a great impression on potential new members, and ensure that everyone who enters feels welcome. Door Greeter shifts are 45 minutes each at the beginning of services, and a link for sign-ups will be sent each month.

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 amprecisioninsights@gmail.com.

SOCIAL ACTION

SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH 2023

On Sunday, March 19th, we will once again be participating in Federation's Community Mitzvah Day.

Our shul, Morristown Jewish Center Beit Yisrael, will host one of Morris County's largest efforts to help those less fortunate than ourselves. We will be:

- Assembling 500 Breakfast Bags for NourishNJ (formerly the Morristown Soup Kitchen)
- Putting together backpacks stuffed with school supplies for HeadStart students
- Collecting and distributing needed personal care and household items to those who cannot afford to purchase them

Here's what YOU can do:

- 1. Volunteer to help on the morning of March 19th for about 2 hours at MJCBY
- 2. Sign up to put together one or two backpacks (a list of appropriate supplies will be provided
- 3. When you do your weekly shopping, consider buying an additional package of paper towels, toilet paper, soap, shampoo, Q-tips, or household cleaning supplies and drop off at MJCBY on or before March 19th.

Please contact Lou Bodian at LouB48@gmail.com or Howard Buxbaum at <u>HowardBuxbaum@gmail.com</u> to sign up. YOUR HELP IS VITALLY NEEDED!

Experience the feeling of helping others in our community who are living on the margins. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Lou Bodian, Social Action Chair



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with Rabbi Nesson

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1/9/2023	16 Tevet	Reuben Berger**
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1/10/2023	17 Tevet	Minnie Chimoff**
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		Rose Notowicz
1/11/2023	18 Tevet	Abram Friedman**
		Sandy Geller
		Joseph Prentky**
1/12/2023	19 Tevet	Gussie Kornreich
		Mathilda Rosenberg*'
		Blossom Weinstein
1/13/2023	20 Tevet	William Cohen
		Rhoda Frielich
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1/14/2023	21 Tevet	Samuel Chimoff
		Abe Frost
		Abraham Levin
		Morton Stein**
1/15/2023	22 Tevet	Alex Gordon**
		Henrietta Klausner**
		Max Rosenberg
		Chester Sankin**
1/16/2023	23 Tevet	Judie Gerstein
		Sarah Rubinson
		Ira Michael Sontupe**
		Jacob Weiss**
1/17/2023	24 Tevet	Ruth Bodian**
		Miriam Karlin**
		Helen Pundyk**
1/18/2023	25 Tevet	Isaac Gindes**
		Erwin Loeb
		Henry D Rubenstein**
1/19/2023	26 Tevet	Helen Green
		Dorothea Samuels
		Anna Shafrin**
1/20/2023	27 Tevet	Raymond Glick
		William Greenberg**
		Norman Posner
		Sara Scheinman
		Nathan Socol
To Be Reme Shabbat Jan		
1/21/2023	28 Tevet	Isaac Sokol
		Sydelle Wallenstein
		Beatrice Spector**
		Dora Diamond**
1/22/2023	29 Tevet	Edward Eig
		Irving Lakind
		Charlotte Schimel
		Ida Silverstein**
1/22/2023	1 Shevat	Ann Lee Stein
		Sophie Stolzenberg
		Leslie Warshaw
		Isadore Liss**
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1/23/2023	2 Shevat	Mildred Gold**
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1/23/2023	2 Shevat	Marilyn Schwartz
		Garry Weingarten**
		Rose Rosner**
1/24/2023	3 Shevat	Donald Ganz
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		Samuel Stern**
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		Harry Kornbleuth**
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		Roger Levy Bertha Loeb**
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4/26/2022		Kraine Poner**
1/26/2023	5 Shevat	Lynne Cowan
		Natalie Richter**
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Shabbat Jan		
1/28/2023	6 Shevat	Leah Bayever
		Rookie Friedman**
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		Ruth Slotsky
2/1/2023	10 Shevat	Golda Brandt
		Harry Ginsberg**
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		Don Juros
		Sumner Nudel
2/2/2023	11 Shevat	Abraham Koenig
, ,		L.D. Kornreich
2/2/2023	11 Shevat	Marvis Rosenbaum**

2/2/2023	11 Shevat	Max Schapiro
		Pauline Glass Seifer**
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Focused on Our Future



The Rabbi Search Committee is pleased to report that the search process is moving along in incredibly positive ways. We already have received a number of submissions from candidates interested in our synagogue community in response to our application posting on the Rabbinical Assembly job board. A subset of our committee has conducted an initial interview with each candidate who has expressed interest to date, and our full committee has engaged in more in-depth interviews with candidates as well. We also made a presentation last month at the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and Rabbinical Assembly open house to publicize our congregation and to field questions from Rabbis. Based on our activity to-date, we will be inviting certain candidates who we feel may be a good fit with our MJCBY community to visit with our congregation. We currently are planning those weekend visits and will be publicizing the specific dates and activities that will take place to all MJCBY congregants. We want to invite all of you to join us for one or more of the engagement opportunities that we are planning as part of those weekend visits so that you can share your impressions of candidates with our committee. We want to benefit from your input so that we can work together to create the strongest possible future for our congregation.

Please feel free at any time to reach out to Joshua Charm, Eric Weinstock, or any of the Rabbi Search committee members with any questions or thoughts you would like to share about the process, the candidates who visit with us, or our synagogue community more broadly.