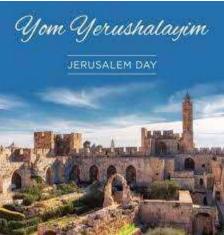
MJCBY NEWS

May 2023, Iyar 5783 - Sivan 5783







Lag B'Omer - May 9th

Yom Yerushalayim - May 19th

Shavout – May 25-27

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SERVICE SCHEDULE

Friday Night – 6:15pm Saturday Morning – 9:30am

ZOOM

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6576297611

Meeting ID: 657 629 7611 Passcode: MJCBY

LIVESTREAM

https://www.mjcby.org/servicelivestream

Join us online for Havdalah at the end of Shabbat every week! Havdalah times listed in weekly e-blast.



Gemilut Hasadim means "bestowing kindness". In Judaism, an attribute of G-d is said to be imitated by those who show personal kindness towards others.

The Gemilut Hasadim Committee at MJCBY is here to help support you and your family during times of need. Whether experiencing an illness, recovering from surgery, or having lost a loved one, we are here to help make difficult times a little easier.

We are able to cook and deliver meals, provide support during shiva, or help connect you with other resources. If you or a fellow congregant could benefit from our services, please contact Debbie Goldstein. If you would like to be added to the list of those available to help when needs arise, please contact Debbie as well.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Embracing and Welcoming Change

Jason Navarino

Kohelet (or was it the Byrds?) teaches us:
A season is set for everything, a time for every experience under heaven:
A time for being born and a time for dying,

A time for planting and a time for uprooting the planted,

A time for slaying and a time for healing,
A time for tearing down and a time for building up,
A time for weeping and a time for laughing,
A time for wailing and a time for dancing...
A time for seeking and a time for losing,
A time for keeping and a time for discarding.

We are always embracing (or being forced to embrace) a new season. When we sit down for the Pesach seder, we know that spring has sprung. And yet on the night of the second seder, we begin counting the Omer, our halakhic countdown to Shavuot and summer. Time marches on, whether we are ready or not.

There is a time for saying farewell. Rabbi Nesson's 35-year tenure at the helm of our beloved synagogue is quickly coming to an end. At the invitation of our Rabbi Celebration Committee, ably led by Amy Brunswick and Linda Prentiss, so many of you have expressed your appreciation for Rabbi Nesson's many years of teaching, inspiration, and service to our community. And so many of you have taken our ads in the online journal and RSVP'd for the events of the weekend of May 5 through 7, when we take a moment to honor Rabbi Nesson for his many years of dedication to our community. The events are shaping up to be fun and meaningful (and well attended!). And still, many of us want just a little more time, another chance to be moved by one of Rabbi Nesson's sermons, another opportunity to recall happy memories with Rabbi Nesson in our shul.

There is time for welcoming change. On the eve of Pesach, I had the honor and pleasure of announcing to our community that Adam Gillman, a young and energetic new member of the Conservative movement's rabbinic community, will be joining us in Morristown in July of this year. The Rabbi Search Committee, ably led by Joshua Charm, identified Rabbi Gillman out of a pool of applicants and enthusiastically recommended him as their choice for our next rabbi. Many of us got to meet him and his fiancée Leah when they visited us back in February, and found his engagement with us, his answers to our questions, and indeed the questions he asked us to be insightful and indicative of his ability to sustain and grow our congregation. Accordingly, the Board of Directors overwhelmingly approved the search committee's recommendation, and we look forward to Rabbi Gillman and Leah soon becoming part of our community and joining Cantor Shana to form a dynamic clergy team at our helm.

And there is a time for welcoming the next generation. Hopefully many of you have read the press coverage about the Jewish young professionals that we have hosted for a number of Friday night dinners or gotten to meet the members of this group at a number of our recent events for which they joined us. It was an easy choice for us to formally adopt the Jewish Young Community of the Morris County Area as an arm of MJCBY in late March. We welcome this group – part of a demographic that is often neglected by organized Judaism, in between college and marriage or children – and look forward to growing with them.

Thankfully, some things last across seasons, and across generations. As MJCBY approaches its 125th anniversary, we remain a warm and welcoming community, caring for the needs of our members, young and old. We embrace change while maintaining our traditions, and we pass on those traditions to the next generation, which will hopefully accept those traditions, but likely will do so in their own unique way. It is time – indeed, it is always time – for us to both celebrate and recommit ourselves to maintaining this wonderful community.

CANTOR'S NOTES



Lag Ba'Omer - The Holiday with 3 Origin Stories Cantor Shana

Rabbi Nesson is known for occasionally bringing clever props to the bimah for use in his sermons. I think the most memorable one that I witnessed was the day that he brought a bow and arrow to shoot from the bimah across the sanctuary. It was a child's bow and arrow, not the kind that could hurt anyone, but it certainly got everyone's attention. I'm fairly sure it made it all the way to the back row.

I believe Rabbi Nesson shot off that arrow to mark the somewhat obscure and mysterious holiday of Lag Ba'Omer, that is, the 33rd day of the 49-day period from Pesach to Shavuot, during which it is a mitzvah to "count the Omer" every night by reciting a blessing and then announcing which night of the Omer we are on. Most people associate Lag Ba'Omer with picnics, archery, and bonfires -- a perfect near-the-end-of-the-school-year time for a field day out in the sunshine. Great fun - but some of us always want origin stories when it comes to Jewish tradition, and I must confess that every year I find Lag Ba'Omer to be an awfully confusing one. It seems that the more I read about it, the more different stories I find, and there doesn't seem to be one consensus about exactly what we are celebrating on this day.

I want to first explain where its name comes from: the word "Lag" is representing the number 33: '
represents 30, and λ represents 3. Put them together with a vowel under the ' and you get the sound "Lag",
which is certainly faster and easier to say than 'sheloshim v'shalosh' for the number 33.

The most well-known origin story for Lag Ba'Omer seems to be that there was a terrible plague that raged among the students of Rabbi Akiba during the counting of the Omer, and that the plague finally stopped on the 33rd day of the Omer -- that is, on that day, no students died. There are some explanations that claim that rather than 'plague' it was that Akiba's students were not actually dying of plague but rather dying fighting against the Romans in the ill-fated Bar Kochba revolt, but that later writers used 'plague' as a euphemism for that attempted revolt because they did not yet feel safe even referring to it, so strict and oppressive were the Roman rulers. If this is the case, then the tradition of holding a field day with archery might be referring to either re-enacting the Jewish revolt against the Romans, or reflecting on the clever tactics of the rabbis of the time to trick the Roman soldiers: much like the Hanukkah story of Jews playing dreidel to hide

that they were studying Torah, there are stories of Jews pretending to hold archery tournaments to cover the fact that they were really studying Torah in secret.

Whether it was relief from death by plague or relief from death by failed revolt, I have to say that the date hardly seems to be one worth celebrating for those reasons alone -- even at their best, neither of these versions of the story end in victory, resolution, or safety for the Jewish people. Another explanation for this holiday is that Lag Ba'Omer is the yahrzeit of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yokhai, one of the students of Rabbi Akiba and considered to be the writer of the Zohar, a book of mystical interpretations of the Tanakh, the original source for

Kabbalah. There are several stories told about Shimon Bar Yokhai that connect to the traditions observed on Lag Ba'Omer: that after living 12 years as an ascetic in a cave, he developed superpowers that caused everything he looked at to catch on fire -- hence the bonfires on Lag Ba'Omer. There is also the explanation that while he was alive, there was never a rainbow visible in the sky, because the Jews did not need to see the reminder of the promise that God would not destroy the earth; Rabbi Shimon Bar Yokhai's living presence on earth was enough to make up for that. The word for "rainbow" in Hebrew is קשת, the same word for the "bow" in bow and arrow, so that is the connection to the tradition of engaging in archery on Lag Ba'Omer. Lastly, there is the tradition of eating carob on Lag Ba'Omer, and the story that Shimon Bar Yokhai lived in a cave for 12 years includes the detail that he was sustained by a carob tree that grew nearby.

There is a third unrelated explanation about the significance of Lag Ba'Omer, which is that according to the Torah, it was the day on which manna began to appear. This isn't a terribly popular explanation, as it certainly doesn't seem to have anything to do with archery, and the Torah seems to set the date of this event a couple of days earlier than the 18th of lyar.

But one of the things Lag Ba'Omer is most notable for, is its surprising emphasis on encouraging even the most dedicated students and *yeshiva-bokhers* to <u>stop</u> studying - what a shocking idea! - long enough to go outside and enjoy the sunshine. So, (*closing books, turning off computer, getting up to stretch*) let's do it! Enjoy your Lag Ba'Omer -- I hope to see you out in the fields, or around a bonfire!

Cantor Shana Onigman

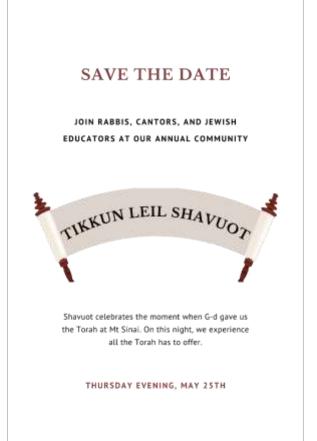


Our clergy is here for you. Please let us know when you need us or when you want to share your good news: a new baby, a marriage, or other simcha. We want to know, but you have to tell us. Please call the office at (973) 538-9292 or email office@mjcby.org. When you have experienced the death of a loved one, please contact Rabbi Nesson at (973) 285-9772 before you make any plans. He will be the most helpful in making these preparations in a proper Jewish manner.

THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

SPECIAL TIME: MAY 5TH FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES WILL BEGIN AT 7:30PM







STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS



Farewell Amy Stover!

Amy Stover will depart her role as our Synagogue Administrator in June. The Board of Directors personally thanks Amy for her dedicated service to MJCBY. Over the past year, Amy put out numerous fires and accomplished many great projects. We are sad to see her go! Please be sure to thank Amy for all she's done for us, and to wish her and her family well with the exciting things they have planned.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Beth Israel Cemetery looking for volunteers!

On Sunday, May 21st, Beth Israel Cemetery is looking for volunteers to help place flags on all of their veteran's graves for Memorial Day. We'll have everything ready for you to join us at 12pm at 19 Ridgedale Ave, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927. It should take less than an hour; many hands make light work!

GOOD & WELFARE

MAZEL TOV TO:

Mike & Roz Blick on the birth of their grandson Rhett Andrew Illiano.

Ricky Nulman on receiving a scholarship from The 200 Club of Morris County for having shown incredible dedication to his studies while balancing his time to serve others in his community.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Steve Lipsky & Rachel Richman and family on the passing of Rachel's beloved mother, Doris Tozar.

Ed Pikus on the passing of his beloved brother, Irwin Pikus.

Marcy Needle on the passing of her beloved sister, Deborah S. Lubitz.

Scott Reilly & Hilary Spain Reilly and family on the passing of Scott's beloved father, Patrick Reilly.

Our congregation mourns the loss of our past member Arnold Chait.

REFUAH SHLEMA TO:

Jeff Newmark, Diane Rothstein, Meryl Balaban, Erica Navarino, Debbie Brody, Joe Sager, Lisa Pollak, Joan Cohen, Steve Neibart, Sharon Kellman, Cookie and Morton Wertheimer, Joyce Litchman, Jeff Czeisler, Sue Jacobowitz, Ron Saltzman, Pat Stein, Rabbi David Nesson, Joel and Ginger Beecher, Linda Rosenbaum, Richard Rubenstein

HISTORY CORNER



The Back Story on *The Forward* Article

Lew Stone, History Chair (with help from his wife, Julie)

The Forward [formerly the Yiddish newspaper started 125 years ago; now in English and exclusively online] ran an article about MJCBY and its inspiring teachers. Here is a link to the article. If you cannot access the link, go to the home page for The Forward and type in the search box "How a pair of" and it will come up. If you wish, you can call me, and I can email a hard copy.

Over our shul's 124-year history, we take pride in having noteworthy people as members. There is a prominent journalist named Miller [subject of a future article]. The satirist and essayist Fran Lebowitz, her



parents and her grandparents were members. Gene Shalit, the film critic and his family were members. The current head of Goldman Sachs may have been a member as he grew up in Morristown, but I am still researching his family. Notable author Michele Kriegman and her family are members.

The Newmark family have been active members of the MJCBY congregation for more than 100 years. This is the often-displayed reprint of the 1929 Board of Directors. Note Emil Newmark in the lower center. Both Dora and Lillian Newmark served as Presidents of Sisterhood. You can see their photos in the hall. Our library was initially endowed by the Newmark family and is dedicated to Laura Newmark. See the bronze

plaque on the wall.

Julie and I have attended several events sponsored by *The Forward*. When Jodi Rudoren, Editor in Chief of *The Forward*,

decided to write an article about MJCBY's former religious school principal and his wife, Rafael and Rachel Levin, she reached out to Julie. Julie's reflection on 50 years after her Bat Mitzvah at MJCBY was published in our newsletter and an excerpt in *The Forward*.

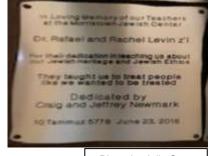


Photo by Julie Stone

The Levins moved to town in 1952 and were very influential as teachers. So, Julie worked her sources in the community, gathered stories, and provided background that helped her find information in the digital files of Jewish Historical Society of Greater MetroWest that filled in critical gaps. Brothers Jeff and Craig Newmark thought highly enough of the Levins to donate money in their memory to MJCBY. There are more stories about the Levins in *The Forward* article.



Graduation photo featuring Mr. Levin, the short man without a tallit. The photo was displayed at the 120th Anniversary Celebration with a full caption of all the students [which took a while to track down]. If you want to know all the people in the photo, I can email you the caption. Shout out to Adele Goldfinger Black [and others] who helped with the caption.

Through Julie's work, Eta, the daughter of the Levins, was located. Some of the grandchildren of the Levins were also located. They have been invited to MJCBY for a tour and to meet some folks who remember the Levins.

When the article was published, I wrote to Jodi, the Editor:

"In my rosy view of the world, folks all over the world are going to read the Levin article and reminisce about a Religious School teacher that THEY had as a child, and they will reach out to their former shul, and make a similar donation in honor or memory of a teacher or teacher that influenced them. Unfortunately, such a wave of donations is not quantifiable but know in your article will have an impact."

She answered:

"Lewis, thanks so much for writing, and for your help in tracking down Eta. The first part is already definitely happening, I have gotten emails from people remembering the Religious School teachers that inspired them." [and donations are being made]

In Conclusion: MJCBY is now raising funds for our Religious School. We need to raise \$25,000 to qualify for a matching grant from the Gottesman Foundation for our Educational Endowment Fund. If you were influenced by some Religious School teacher in your past, wherever you may have attended Religious School, please consider honoring them and their lasting impression they made on you and your values and donate in their honor or memory to the Education Endowment Fund. If you know the address of the shul or the address of the teacher you are honoring, wherever they are in the USA, the office can mail an acknowledgement of your donation to them as well as to you.

EDUCATION ENDOWMENT & KOL NIDRE FUNDS

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of MJCBY! Without your financial support, we could not have achieved as much as we have. Today, we call on you to help strengthen our community by making a commitment to support our Education Endowment Fund. Thanks to an incredibly generous fellow congregant, every dollar you contribute will be matched, up to \$25,000. Even more important to this effort, we are aiming to reach 100% participation from our congregation. No contribution is too small, and all donations are greatly appreciated.

On many fronts, the last few years have been challenging. Our dues cover only a portion of the synagogue's operating budget. The Education Fund directly benefits the religious school's comprehensive programming that sets MJCBY apart from all other synagogues in our area.

As your lay leadership, we are working hard to chart the best path forward for our community, which has changed significantly over the last three years. We have begun to develop a comprehensive strategic plan. We need to help our new rabbi be successful. We have entered a new era that requires a significantly greater focus and costs to address the critical issues facing our physical structure and our community's needs. This is in addition to the regular cost of our programming and staff.

Our board of directors understands that there is a limit to how many fundraising requests our members are prepared to consider. Given the future promises as MJCBY welcomes a new rabbi, works to repair our physical structure, and continues the legacy of excellent programming, we hope you will consider matching your previous contribution to the Kol Nidre fund, and supporting that effort with at least an \$18 contribution today. Like the Education Fund, we aim to start the next fiscal year with 100% participation from our congregation for both efforts.

We are always available to speak or to answer questions if you would like more information. Please do not hesitate to call upon us anytime. Our contact information appears below.

Thank you again for your consideration, your past support, and your future commitment and involvement.

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.

SECURITY CORNER



Emergency Response & Mass Notification System

Alexis McGrath, Security

Many of you are at the MJCBY building on a monthly, weekly, or even daily basis. You attend religious services and community events and bring your children and grandchildren to Shalom Yeladim and Religious School. MJCBY leadership does everything within its power to keep you and your families safe while on MJCBY

property. MJCBY leadership also recognizes, however, that bad things sometimes happen in life regardless of how much we try to prevent them. These incidents, whether stemming from natural or man-made causes, whether accidental or intentional, can pose a threat to safety and our synagogue's ability to operate.

One of the Security Committee's primary responsibilities is to ensure that if one of these "bad things" happen, our staff, teachers, clergy, and volunteers have already been trained on high-quality emergency response procedures to save lives and limit damage. The ability to communicate information and guidance quickly with you--our staff, families, and members--in the event of an emergency is a vital part of this process.

The information you need in an emergency might be as simple as a warning that we are closed until further notice due to a safety problem with the building or impending severe weather. On the other hand, we may need to notify you of an active threat against our community, a lockdown, or an evacuation. In cases such as these, it is critical that we can quickly send you accurate information about the incident, what you can safely do (or not do), and guidance on family reunification.

MJCBY leadership, with the help of the Secure Community Network, has arranged to use the Everbridge emergency mass notification system for this purpose. This communication system will only ever be accessed and used by select trained members of MJCBY's leadership to notify you of an emergency at MJCBY and provide associated guidance. Everbridge allows us to notify you via a landline phone call, text message, and email. The success of this system, however, is dependent on the accuracy of the information you've provided to MJCBY. The Security Committee will be implementing Everbridge in waves as member contact information is updated by our staff. We may contact you to confirm your emergency contact information, and encourage you to update your information in ShulCloud. If you need help doing so, the front office is happy to assist (office@mjcby.org or 973-538-9292).

If you have any questions about security at MJCBY, want to suggest a Security Corner topic, or would like to volunteer, please email the security committee at security@mjcby.org.

LIFELONG LEARNING



Spotlight of the Month – USY Better Together Miriam Loew, Director

In the words of Gabe Diringer, Grade 5:

I joined the Better Together program because my mom asked if I wanted to do a project by going to an elderly home. At first, I wasn't sure, but when she said I was going to do fun activities and games, I rethought my decision and decided to give it a

try. Over the past few sessions, I got to meet a lot of new people. One of these people is a woman named Sylvia. Sylvia was born on March 28, 1940, and is 82, almost 83. Sylvia was born in Russia. When Sylvia has free time, she likes to read books. Sylvia's favorite book is called Exodus. Israel has made a big impact on her life. Throughout Sylvia's life, she has been to Israel 7 times for family, friends and just for vacation. Out of all the places she has been, Sylvia's favorite place is Costa Rica because of the butterflies and the environment. The best thing Sylvia has seen is an Israeli wedding. One thing still on Sylvia's bucket list is to see her grandkids get

married. One of the goals Sylvia has accomplished is that she has learned many languages. Sylvia's hardest decision in life was leaving everything in Poland to move to America. If Sylvia ever won the lottery she would donate to charity and travel. Sylvia's dream job would be a child doctor. Some more goals that Sylvia has is to stay healthy and travel more. Sylvia wants to have a legacy of being a good person. Better Together was a great decision to join because I got to learn about people's life stories and do some fun activities and games with the elderly.



Gabe Diringer, 5th grade, working on his Better Together article at our Starbucks writing party.

USY Better Together visited Lester Senior Living with flowers for Pesach, last licks of Chametz cookies, and a relaxing Passover Mandala activity. Before our visit, our USY and Kadima groups enjoyed lunch and a fun Chametz scavenger hunt!







JEWISH YOUNG COMMUNITY OF MORRIS COUNTY (JYC)

MJCBY Adopts a New Group of Young Jewish Professionals!

Asher Weinstein & Nathan Vaisbort, Co-Chairs

Jewish Young Community (JYC) is a Jewish young adult organization where people 20 - 40 of all denominations and observance levels can make friends, engage in meaningful prayer, celebrate Jewish traditions and culture,

and connect with the larger Jewish community. We get together regularly for Shabbat dinners, culinary classes, wine tastings, social action events, hiking, trivia nights, and so much more!

JYC is affiliated with Morristown Jewish Center Beit Yisrael (MJCBY). While MJCBY is a Conservative congregation, JYC is open to everyone, and membership is not required. Come to our next event, we're excited to meet you!



Upcoming Event: JYC Free Friday Night Shabbat Dinner at MJCBY

May 12, 2023 - Services at 6:15pm, Dinner at 7:15pm

How to register: Please only register for yourself! We need accurate food allergy and contact information for each guest in case of emergency. Registration closes May 9th at 11:30pm. Please bring KOSHER Wine to share with your table!

Registration through OneTable is required to attend: https://dinners.onetable.org/events/13a24ffe-ab92-4c97-894a-4ba630c79d95

Want to contribute? You can help pay for dinner by selecting "Cantor's Shabbat Dinners" under "Payment Details" here: https://morristownjewishcenter.shulcloud.com/payment.php

For more information, please contact Nathan Vaisbort or Asher Weinstein: (862) 217-4942, jycnewjersey@gmail.com

<u>SHALOM YELADIM –</u> THE JUDIE GERSTEIN EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Good Deeds!

Michelle Nulman, Director of Shalom Yeladim

Performing "Good deeds" is an important part of our experience at Shalom Yeladim. We teach and talk about being good people throughout the whole year. On Fridays, we collect tzedakah money, and 1-2 times per year, we give it to an organization in need. This is a wonderful way to instill in our students values such as gratitude, empathy, and generosity. We teach these concepts in our classrooms every day. We bring it up in conversations, through stories, and we also organize donations to help our community. Last month, we teamed up with our families and our teachers to get donations to make PAK kits for NourishNJ. The children brought donations, sorted them, counted them, and then helped fill bags to donate to people in need. They were so excited to fill the bags with hand sanitizer, water bottles, protein bars, laundry pods, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, and a hand towel. Thank you to all who donated!

Registration for our Summer Fun program and for the Fall for ages 2.5 - 4.5-year-olds is still open. Please spread the word!

Feel free to contact me with any questions. Michelle Nulman michelle@mjcby.org (973)538-8284

Michelle Nulman and the SY Teachers



Mommy & Me

For Babies up to 24 months and their caregivers

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Wednesday Mornings
9:30 – 10:30am
For more information, please email michelle@MJCBY.org

Shalom Yeladim - The Judie Gerstein Early Learning Center

is offering

8 Weeks of Fun and Friends for ages 18 months - 4 years!

Beginning June 19, 2023

Hours: 9:00am to 12:30pm or 9:00am to 2:30pm before and after care may be available minimum of 3 children required

Nut free/Allergy friendly

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For more information call (973)538-8284 or email michelie@mjcby.org

MAY CALENDAR

5/26 SHAVUOT - NO SCHOOL/COME & PLAY

5/29 MEMORIAL DAY - NO SCHOOL

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Spotlight of the Month: Cantor Shana's Model Seder! Miriam Loew, Director of Religious School

Although Pesach is behind us, please enjoy this spotlight on our annual Model Seder. Organized and conducted by our very own Cantor Shana, it is a true example of excellence in teaching and learning.

Our students are greeted with a beautifully set room, complete with fancy dishes, Seder plates, foods and drink, and cards in various stacks strategically placed for interactive learning throughout the Seder. Additionally, each Seder step is prominently displayed on individual tables, ready for select students (who will find a Seder step card on their plate) to demonstrate to the rest of the school throughout the Seder. Next, our students are divided into teams. Each team comes up with a name and a scorekeeper records points for the groups as the Seder progresses.

There are songs of course, interactive games and activities, matching games, Hebrew word cards, drums, Afikomen searches, and so much more. The teams are kept on their toes as they learn about each Seder step, the blessings and songs, the traditions, the meaning behind it all, and the significance to their own lives. The highlight of course is the delicious Matzah ball soup (with a gluten free option!).

Our teams this year were: Cherut - Freedom, Pesach Ruach - Passover Power, Egg-selent Jews! and Pesach Partiers! They all did a fantastic job. Most importantly, they had a blast while gaining a tremendous amount of knowledge in a short period of time. We hope that these exciting experiences during their formative years, will inspire our students to stay connected to Jewish life and learning for years to come!

As our year ends, our Religious School staff and students are finishing strong with an interactive and exciting Israel unit this month! We will miss our students in the summer and can't wait to see them all again in the fall!

Miriam Loew & the RS Morahs

YOUTH SHABBAT

MINYONAIRES

Saturday, May 13th Ages 12+ at 9:30am

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Saturday, May 6th 3rd – 7th Grade 10:30am

ALP

For Teens Grades 8-12

May 8th

End of Year Celebration

6:30-8:30pm Dinner Included

For more information, please email miriam@MJCBY.org

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PASSOVER FUN



Our Grade 5 Religious School students enjoyed making tie-dye Seder pillows!





RELIGIOUS SCHOOL MODEL SEDER

Cantor Shana's annual Religious School Model Seder is a model for excellence in Jewish education. It is interactive, hands-on, thought provoking, meaningful, exciting... and our students walk away with a wealth of Passover knowledge, all while having fun.



LIFELONG LEARNING YOM HA'ATZMAUT

We celebrated Israel's Independence Day with Israeli themed crafts and activities, Israeli dancing, and listening to a live broadcast of Israel's Declaration of Independence from the Egalitarian Kotel.











SISTERHOOD NEWS & EVENTS

GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop continues to be open for business on Sunday mornings during religious school hours, and by appointment. You can reach out to Sharon Barkauskas (sharon47@optonline.net), Vivian Laska (vivian.laska@gmail.com), or Dorothy Cohen (dorothy_irvingcohen@msn.com) to schedule an appointment, if you'd like to shop outside of religious school hours. Keep your eyes out for email distributions of the Gift Shop catalogue for an option to shop from home.

TORAH FUND

Support the Sisterhood and the Women's League for Conservative Judaism with the purchase of a **Torah Fund Pin**. Please contact Linda Rosenbaum for more information.

BOOK GROUP

The Men's Club Book Club has invited the Marjorie Elkind Book Group to join them in reviewing Shulem Deen's **ALL WHO GO DO NOT RETURN**. The book is a memoir of the author's growing up and eventual journey leaving a Hasidic family. Our own Miriam Loew will join us and share her similar experiences. The group will meet on **Wednesday, May 17th @7:30pm**. Irv and Dorothy Cohen have offered to host the event. There will also be a Zoom option. PLEASE RSVP to Amy Brunswick <u>abrunswick4321@gmail.com</u> if you can join us.

*** Yes, our Sisterhood book group did review this book a few years ago!! We might need a refresher though!

KIDDUSH COMMITTEE

The **Kiddush Committee** needs your help to prepare the kiddush luncheon each week. Please contact Dorothy Cohen (dorothy_irvingcohen@msn.com) for more information.

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JOIN SISTERHOOD

If you have not joined the Sisterhood yet, we'd like to encourage you to do so. 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. Please reach out to Dorothy Cohen Dorothy_irvingcohen@msn.com to find out how to submit your dues.



THE TORAH FUND PIN 5783 (2022-2023)

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Send all checks to: Linda Rosenbaum, 4 Ascot Lane, Morristown, NJ 07960.

Please add \$80 to your contribution in honor of the Torah Fund 80th
Anniversary.

GIFT SHOP NEWS

<u>HOURS CHANGING SOON</u>: The Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop is open on Sundays from 9:30 – 11:30am until May 7th, 2023 (last day of Religious School). During the summer, the shop is open by appointment only. **Please contact giftshop@mjcby.org for appointments.**

BROWSE OUR INVENTORY ONLINE: Our various catalogues are available on the MJCBY website under Sisterhood or by selecting the Sisterhood Judaica Shop link on the Support tab on the home page.

Don't Miss Out!

25% off all jewelry through the end of May! Stock up on gifts for all occasions, especially for that special someone!

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Questions - Mark Levine - mensclub_pres@mjcby.org

Name:		
Tel #:	Email:	

We welcome new members. Contact Mark to get involved.

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

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!

Men's Club Book Club

All start at 7:30pm. Questions?

Howard Buxbaum at

howardbuxbaum@gmail.com

May 17 – All Who Go Do Not Return by Shulem Deen

June 21 – The Women with the Blue Star by Pam Jenoff

MIMOUNA END OF PASSOVER CELEBRATION

Mimouna was a huge success with over 100 people in attendance for a delicious Moroccan dinner, dancing, imported Moroccan desserts and freshly made Muflettas!



SOCIAL ACTION

Come and volunteer with us!

Lou Bodian & Howard Buxbaum, Social Action Chairs

Loub48@Gmail.com - HowardBuxbaum@Gmail.com

As reported in last month's Bulletin, we had a very successful Mitzvah Day program. With over 100 participants - from young children to senior citizens - we were able to assemble 500 Breakfast Bags and over 40 Purposeful Acts of Kindness (PAK) packages- all of which went to the NourishNJ soup kitchen located up the block from the shul on Sussex Avenue. It took 4 trips to deliver all these supplies. We also put together over 25 backpacks with school supplies for upcoming Heat Start students.

We continue to be active, volunteering at NourishNJ at their kitchen putting together lunch boxes, at the Sussex Avenue food distribution center handing out lunches (and Breakfast Bags), and at local farmers markets located around Morristown. We invite MJCBY congregants to join us in these opportunities to help our less fortunate neighbors.

JUNE SAVE-THE-DATES



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MAY YAHRZEITS

To Be Rem	embered :	Shabbat May 5 & 6
	15 Iyar	Abraham Grosman
7 0, 2020		Joseph Attias*
		Joseph Notowicz
		Sima Notowicz
		Eva Sains
5/7/2023	16 Iyar	Florence Koplin Koshak
3/1/2023	101741	Joseph Shatken
		Rosalind Berman*
		Nathan Cohn
		Rae Cohn
		Sophie Engel
5/8/2023	17 Iyar	Ida Salny*
3/8/2023	17 Iyai	Pearl Greif
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5/9/2023	18 Iyar	R. Alan Dickinson*
E/10/2022	10 5.5	Pauline Mintz*
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		Edith Halpern*
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5/11/2023	20 Iyar	Lawrence Sobol*
- / - /		Max Barkan*
5/12/2023	21 lyar	Elsie Terp
		Margaret Lebowitz*
		Shabbat May 12 & 13
5/13/2023	22 Iyar	Bessie Linder*
		Irene Gevurtz*
		Frank Bereznik
		Mervin Green
		Alvin Turner*
		Bernice Glucoft
5/14/2023	23 Iyar	Marlene Feldman
		Lillian Gold*
		Jessie Levine
5/15/2023	24 Iyar	Marcia Nimensky
		Alan Brickman
		Shirley Barber
		Albert Usher Schleifer
		Birdie Stave
		Alice Kopp Donohue*
5/16/2023	25 Iyar	Morton Moosen
		Monte Wallenstein*
		Hattie K. Kaplan*
		Ruvim Shegelman
		Ralph Tilkin
		Paul Weisser*
		Meyer Slotsky
5/17/2023	26 Iyar	Robert Judkowitz
2, 2, 2023	,	Sidney Lipsky
		Elsie Sokol
		Molly Isbit
		Sarah Drell*
		Eugene Timins
		Morris Freed
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5/17/2023	26 Ivar	Harris Schwartz*
5/18/2023		Joseph Feuerstein
3/10/2023	27 Iyul	Eva Krauss*
		Simma Reingold*
5/19/2023	28 Ivar	Adele Greenberg
3/13/2023	20 Iyai	Valerie Altschuler
		Mrs. Rosa Sokolov
		Abraham Nesson
		Hildegard Joseph*
		Adele Greenberg
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5/20/2023		Abe Revitz
3/20/2023	23 Iyai	Edith Chinoy
		Abe Pinker
		David Ochs
5/21/2023	1 Siyan	Charles Brunswick
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		Eric Sachs*
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		Samuel Friedman*
		Emil Neibart
		Abraham Shustin*
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5/23/2023	3 Sivan	Anna Nadler*
		Ida Michaels
		Efim Sokolov
		Harry Mintz*
5/24/2023	4 Sivan	Oscar Baron
		Morris Dashosh*
		Jack Gold*
		Philip Gerber*
		Anna Weiss
		Betty Landis
		Mary Klein
		Jacob Cytto
5/25/2023	5 Sivan	Marvin Rudich*
		Ann Potash*
		Bernice Sokolov
5/26/2023	6 Sivan	Weinstock
		Bernard Grossman*
		Jane Siegel
		Shabbat May 26 & 27
5/27/2023	7 Sivan	Beatrice Bernstein*
		Rose Oppenheimer
		David Kane
		Simche Epstein*
		Beatrice Berns
5/28/2023	8 Sivan	Louis Saltzman
		Fred Weiss*
		Lionel Leitner
		Bennett Miller
		Charolotte Elwin
		Celia Lewis*
5/29/2023	9 Siyan	Allen Yarinsky
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5/29/2023	9 Sivan	Minnie Potash*
		Lorraine Glick
		Ruth Strassberg*
5/30/2023	10 Sivan	William Baumgarten*
		Angelos Kavadias
		Rose Barsutzkia-Payn
		Bert Straus
5/31/2023	11 Sivan	Bernard Friedlich
		Jessica Kiva Fischer*
6/1/2023	12 Sivan	Max Davis*
		Claire Kosterlitz*
		Alice Sondheimer*
		Bernard Kaplan*
		Theodore Schiff
		Claire Kates*
		Alice Schwartz*
6/2/2023	13 Sivan	Joseph Van Wiemokly*
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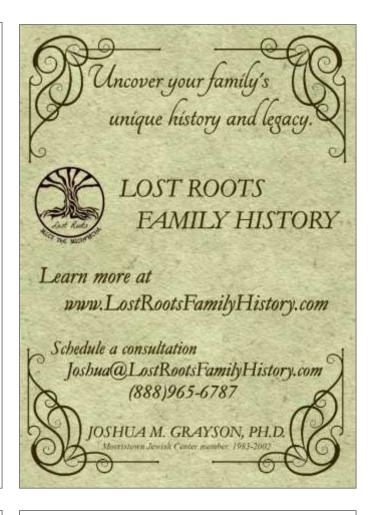
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