

MJCBY NEWS

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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.mjcb.org/service-livestream>

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



WHAT IS GEMILUT HASADIM?

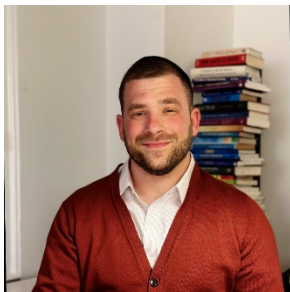
Gemilut Hasadim means “bestowing kindness”. In Judaism, an attribute of G-d is said to be imitated by those who show personal kindness towards others.

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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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK



Ushpizin* and *Ushpizot*: Welcoming Guests Across Time into our *Sukkah

Rabbi Adam Gillman

Like many other aspects of our tradition, celebrating cannot be done alone. This might be why we are commanded to welcome guests through the *mitzvah* of הַכְנִסֵּת אֹרְחִים - *Hachnasat Or'chim*, "welcoming guests" into our homes and communities, and during our pilgrimage and harvest festival. We must share in what we have, anywhere from simple to abundant.

Beyond welcoming folks into our *sukkot* for a good meal of connection and conversation, we also participate in the *Kabbalistic* tradition of welcoming mystical guests, the *Ushpizin* (the Aramaic word for guests), into our temporary dwelling. Traditionally, there is one guest for each night of *Sukkot*. Seven guests in total. They include the three *patriarchs*: *Abraham*, *Isaac* and *Jacob*, *Moses*, *Aaron*, *Joseph*, and *King David*, often referred to as the "*Seven Shepherds of Israel*" because they guided our ancestors physically and in their spiritual development, just as a shepherd guides their flock.

In recent years, these guests have expanded to include women - *ushpizot* (the feminized form). Often but always, our *Ushpizot* are the seven prophetesses listed in the *Talmud*: *Sarah*, *Miriam*, *Deborah*, *Hannah*, *Abigail*, *Huldah*, and *Esther*.

The *minhag* (custom) of inviting the presence of biblical ancestors welcomes us to expand the list of potential guests from contemporary or historical figures to relatives who are no longer in this world or other important figures from our lives.

Beyond our biblical ancestors, who would you like to symbolically invite into your *Sukkah*, be it physical or metaphorical, this year? Think of seven people - historical, biblical, ancestral, or fictional that you wish could celebrate *Sukkot* with you this year. Each night of *Sukkot*, spend a few moments thinking about each person. Imagine what it would be like to be in their company.

- What would you like to talk with them about?
- What questions would you ask?
- What would you want to tell them?
- How would their presence make you feel?
- What foods would you serve, and what songs would you sing?

May we all be blessed to join together as a community, to gather with family and friends in our *sukkah*. May we be joined by those who have come before us and continue to influence and guide our path.

Chag Sukkot Same'ah,

Rabbi Adam Gillman

CANTOR'S NOTES



If you want Shabbat dinner, come to Friday night services!

Cantor Shana

"Do you *like* to cook? I mean, for all these people?"

A relative newcomer to our synagogue asked me this question on Erev Rosh Hashanah, after an excellent and dedicated kitchen crew made up of Andrea Needel, Gigi Schwartz, Sue Salsberg, John Salsberg and I had prepared dinner for close to a

hundred people.

This should have been an easy question to answer, but at that moment, I found myself flustered and unable to answer. For the rest of the week, I felt myself wanting to explain how I ended up taking on the slightly bizarre but nevertheless fulfilling task of making Shabbat and holiday dinners happen at MJCBY.

Friday evenings are my favorite time of the week. I love Kabbalat Shabbat: the music, the texts, the rhythm of that particular service, with its inclusion of the experiences of lighting candles and saying kiddush over a cup of wine. I have very clear and happy childhood memories of Friday nights at my own cozy hometown shul, my family singing along with the congregation, the stories our rabbi would tell in his mild German accent and running up to the bimah for kiddush with my sister (she loved the Manischewitz, I hated it, the congregation found this contrast hilarious). I knew that historically, services on Friday nights used to begin at 8:15pm, but when I started my position as hazzan at MJCBY, my children were young enough that they would have turned into tiny insufferable monsters if we tried to keep them awake that late. Wanting not only my own kids but all the children of the synagogue to have the opportunity to experience Shabbat evening services on a regular basis, I begged for our services to start earlier, and for a while we switched back and forth -- some weeks early, some weeks late. This created more confusion than it was worth, and eventually we settled on the regular 6:15pm time slot.

The question then, however, was what to do about dinner. Perhaps, those with excellent planning and preparation skills and a crockpot or two would have the wherewithal to have a nice Shabbat dinner prepared far enough in advance on Fridays that it was possible to come from work to shul and then go home to a nice dinner ready and waiting for them. I was never that person. Friday night dinners were a very rare event for our family, because I found that close to the shul as I lived, I still somehow couldn't pull together everything I needed to do on a Friday to be able to have dinner ready when I came home from shul. Even if I had, all the back-and-forth was exhausting. How could I expect anyone else to do so, and how could I ever have anyone over for Shabbat dinner, if I was never sure exactly what time or whether dinner would be ready? (Besides, my kitchen table is pretty small, and my driveway is impossibly steep.)

What I did notice was how many more people came to shul when we held a Shabbat dinner right before or after services. Whether for a speaker or special event, at Freedom Park for one of our barbecues, or outside under the Sukkah, everyone wanted to be here when we were serving dinner. On those Shabbat evenings, the chapel or the sanctuary would be filled with voices happily singing along to Lekha Dodi and V'shamru, and the evening felt exactly like a Friday night should.

I can't remember exactly when I realized that the solution was simply to make dinners myself every week. It might have been after I cooked dinner for a couple of Tu Bishvat Seders, or more likely after my older child's Bat Mitzvah. I never was much of a cook myself, but I come from a long line of Italian women with big families who would cook for enormous crowds at least every week, if not more often, in tiny kitchens, because that was just how it was done. I realized that a simple dinner from not-so-expensive ingredients was quite easy to make, especially in MJCBY's big spacious kitchen full of cooking utensils. The dinners themselves seemed to come out just as good if not better than what the caterers would provide. And I found that I loved the communal activity that happens when we all work together to bring the food out, and even clean up afterwards. When everyone takes part in the project of making dinner happen, the synagogue kitchen becomes everyone's kitchen; and the tables themselves around which we gather acquire a status closer to our own dining room table at home. Best of all, the conversations we're able to have and the relationships we're able to build, relaxed around a Shabbat dinner table, are exactly what we're looking for after a long week.

So, to answer the original question: yes, I have found that I actually love cooking big Shabbat dinners at MJCBY, for everyone who comes to join us. Sue and John Salsberg are with me just about every Friday to help, bringing their much-appreciated skills and expertise. So please, join us for Shabbat dinner at MJCBY. Just let me know you're coming so I make sure there's a seat for you!

Cantor Shana

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@mjcbby.org. When you have experienced the death of a loved one, please contact Rabbi Gillman at (973) 538-9292 before you make any plans. He will be the most helpful in making these preparations in a proper Jewish manner.

GOOD & WELFARE

MAZEL TOV TO:

Harold & Karen Jenkins on the birth of Jared Blake Jenkins on May 12, 2023, parents Alan and Jillian Jenkins and big brother Jordan

CONDOLENCES TO:

The family of Florence Rosenberg, our long-time member, on the occasion of her passing

REFUAH SHLEMA TO:

Flo & Joe Sager, Meryl Balaban, Debbie Brody, Cookie & Morton Wertheimer, Lisa Pollak, Joan Cohen, Steve Neibart, Sharon Kellman, Joyce Litchman, Jeff Czeisler, Sue Jacobowitz, Ron Saltzman, Rabbi David Nesson, Joel & Ginger Beecher, Linda Rosenbaum, Richard Rubenstein, Tom Schofield, Meredith Charak, Paul Green

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Just Show Up Jason Navarino

In my remarks to the congregation on Rosh Hashanah, I spoke about standing on the threshold between memory and hope, between the known and the unknown. The days of being able to take a synagogue like ours for granted are a memory. The future of an institution like ours, with its significant building maintenance and personnel costs, and facing competition from a variety of sources, is unknown. And that is worrisome. While there are other places to daven and celebrate, and other ways to learn about our heritage, bringing these strands together in one magnificent place, surrounded by a caring community that supports one another and shares the same Conservative Jewish values, is a beautiful thing. A meaningful thing. Something worth fighting to preserve.

But I am hopeful. I am inspired by the generosity of so many of our members, who so graciously give of their time and money. And I am inspired by the leadership of our creative and dedicated clergy, staff, officers, board members, and committee chairs, who maintain the traditions of MJCBY while working tirelessly to make it relevant, accessible, and appealing to both existing and potential members, and especially to our children.

I also spoke about the importance of all of us showing up – to learn together, serve together, and take part in the events and activities that help define who we are as a community. Thankfully, the month of Tishrei gives us plenty of opportunities to show up. Because while Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur 5784 may already be memories, we have three (or is it two? Or one? Ask the Rabbi!) more holidays to come:

- **Sukkot** begins on Friday evening, September 29th. We will usher in the holiday with “pizza in the hut” for our children and their families, Shabbat and festival services that evening and the next morning, and a community dinner. On Sunday morning, October 1st, we will have festival services overlapping with a special session of our Religious School, followed by a kiddush luncheon inside our community sukkah – underneath a brand new, kosher *schach* (roof). If you’ve never shaken a lulav and etrog, or witnessed a *hoshanot* procession with lulav and etrog, come! If you want to have a nice *al fresco* lunch with friends, come! And afterwards, make sure to come see us at our other Sukkot booth – at the Morristown Festival on the Green.
- **Shemini Atzeret** takes place on Friday night, October 6th, and Saturday, October 7th. That Saturday morning, we will recite *yizkor* prayers for the second time in 5784. But unlike on Yom Kippur, we’ll have a kiddush luncheon to enjoy following the service.
- **Simchat Torah** starts on Saturday night, October 7th, and lasts until nightfall on Sunday, October 8th. We will read from the Torah both on Saturday night and on Sunday morning. But because the start of the holiday will be delayed by Shabbat, and because Sunday morning would ordinarily be a Religious School Day, we will move the usual festivities that accompany the evening service to the morning service, to enhance participation. If you’ve never seen what an unrolled Torah scroll looks like, come! If you want to hear the final verses of the Torah chanted, only to moments later hear the first verses of the Torah joyfully recited, come! There will be a couple special aliyot given out (more on this to come), but everyone who comes gets an aliyah, including the kids. It’s a lot of fun, and I hope you’ll join us for this special day.

Simchat Torah is a fitting way to end the holiday season. Just as we turn the page on one year and go right into a new one on Rosh Hashanah, so we happily conclude our annual reading of the Torah and immediately start the next year’s reading on Simchat Torah. We keep it going, year after year. Just like MJCBY.

OCTOBER EVENTS

SUKKOT, SH'MINI ATZERET, & SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE INFO

FRIDAY SEPT 29 AT 6:15 PM

Erev Sukkot - Shabbat Service and Dinner

SATURDAY SEPT 30 AT 9:30 AM

Sukkot Day 1 - Shabbat Service

SUNDAY, OCT 1 AT 9:30 AM

Sukkot Day 2

FRIDAY, OCT 6 AT 6:15 PM

Erev Sh'mini Atzeret - Shabbat Service and Dinner

SATURDAY, OCT 7 AT 9:30 AM

Sh'mini Atzeret - Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, OCT 7 AT 6:15 PM

Erev Simchat Torah - Shabbat Service and Dinner

SUNDAY, OCT 8 AT 9:30 AM

Simchat Torah and Religious School Activity

Please join us on Sunday, October 8th as we honor
Miriam Loew as Kallah Torah
(our Religious School Director and her first ever aliyah to the Torah)
and
Joshua Charm as Chatan B'reisheet

MORRISTOWN FESTIVAL ON THE GREEN

SUNDAY OCT 1, 12-5 PM

We're looking for volunteers to
represent the MJCBY community
at our tent during the festival!



To volunteer, email Rabbi Gillman
rabbi@mjcby.org



**Sunday
MOVIE
Night**

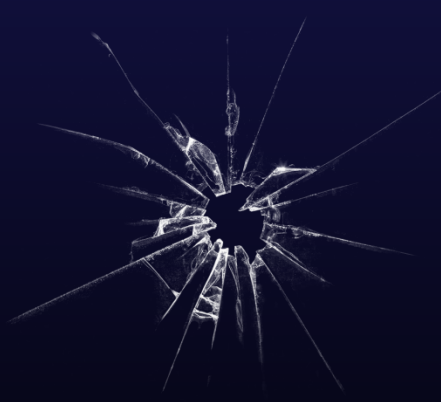
After a pause of almost 3 years due to
the pandemic, we are reinstituting our
Sunday night movie series!

MAKING TROUBLE
Three Generations of Funny Jewish Women

SUNDAY OCTOBER 22 AT 7PM

NOVEMBER SAVE-THE-DATE

IN COMMEMORATION OF
KRISTALLNACHT



INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMA
SPECIAL WORKSHOP WITH LEAH KUMAYAMA

Intergenerational Trauma has been a recent topic of interest
for Holocaust and social science researchers. Come join us to
learn about the various ways the Holocaust affected not only
direct survivors but their children and grandchildren as well.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5
10:30 am Frigand Hall

SECURITY CORNER



Swatting

Alexis McGrath, Security

The Security Committee usually employs this space in the newsletter to update you on improvements to our security systems and ask for volunteers. This month, however, we need to change direction and talk about one particular threat to the Jewish community – swatting—and what we can do in response.

Unfortunately, our adversaries have realized that they can disrupt Jewish life at synagogues, JCCs, and day schools without ever being present on the property. Law enforcement and emergency services are obligated to respond to every call they receive, so if an adversary calls 911 falsely claiming that a bomb has been planted on the property, that gun shots have been heard in the building, or that someone is being held hostage, police and emergency services from all over the county will arrive in force. These agencies have no way to determine whether a threat is a hoax unless they physically inspect the building. This phenomenon is known as “swatting.” It is technically defined as “the deliberate and malicious act of reporting a false crime or emergency to evoke an aggressive response (often a SWAT team [Special Weapons and Tactics team]) from a law enforcement agency to a target’s residence or place of work or religious establishment,” often frightening unsuspecting civilians in the building.

Adversaries commit swatting attacks for many possible reasons:

- To terrorize a targeted group or community
- To misuse already overstretched police and emergency services’ resources
- To gain attention for political, religious, or ideological causes
- In retribution for perceived grievances
- To watch as the targets are evacuated and traumatized (often via livestream)

The threat of swatting attacks is not farfetched. During this year’s High Holy Days alone, multiple Jewish facilities in northern New Jersey were victims of swatting. These included:

- Congregation Ahavat Achim in Fairlawn: 911 caller claimed they had planted two bombs in a black backpack.
- Temple B’nai Jeshurun in Short Hills: A call was made to a suicide hotline that an individual was threatening self-harm in a bathroom.

In each case, law enforcement responded, and services were disrupted or shut down. In some cases, attendees had to be evacuated and questioned. All threats were found to be hoaxes.

We cannot prevent swatting attacks from occurring. We can, however, educate ourselves on what to do in response. The simple answer is to carefully follow police guidance at the time. If police receive a threat against MJCBY, they will arrive and inform our staff. We will shelter in place and will *not* evacuate until the police have cleared our evacuation routes and assembly locations. Only then will our staff initiate evacuation procedures for congregants and students, in partnership with the police. Our clergy and staff have been trained in what to do and are kept up to date on potential threats to our community.

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.

DEVELOPMENT

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of MJCBY! Without your financial support, beyond your payment of dues, we cannot achieve as much as we desire. Today, we call on you to help strengthen our community by making a commitment to support our Kol Nidre and Education Endowment Fund. As of today, we do not know if matching funds will be available to us for any of our fundraising efforts going forward. Therefore, it is critical for us to reach 100% participation from our congregation for this appeal. No donation is too small or too big. We ask each of you to assess what you can afford and then just stretch a little bit more. We need to be able to fund the necessary expenses to run the daily needs of our shul and the programs that you want and need, beyond the religious aspects of our lives.

On many fronts, the last few years have been challenging and unfortunately the news has not improved. Our dues cover only a portion of the synagogue's operating budget. Maintaining the beauty of our historic building is costly, and our 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 several years. We have begun to develop a comprehensive strategic plan, but we need your help to achieve a living plan that meets our members' needs and desires. This does not only mean monetary support but also your thoughts, suggestions, needs, and desires. Your input is vital and necessary for MJCBY to grow and thrive into our next century.

Our board of directors understands that there is a limit to how many fundraising requests our members are prepared to consider, and that is why our 5784 campaign will be asking you to pledge for both Kol Nidre and the Education Fund together. Be on the lookout for a pledge card with this year's High Holiday information. We will be reaching out to each of you in the coming weeks and look forward to talking about how your generosity will help ensure a continuation of our spiritual home. If you would be interested in hosting a small gathering, we would be delighted to talk about MJCBY funding with you at any time.

We are always available to speak or to answer questions if you would like more information. Please do not hesitate to call us or text us; our mobile numbers are listed below.

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

B'shalom,

Iru Cohen & Sara Forman

Development Co-Chairs

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MEMBERSHIP

The MJCBY Membership committee had their first meeting of the year and began making plans. We are excited to welcome all our new members, our Shalom Yeladim families, JYC members and our Hebrew School families. We look forward to a New Members Shabbat dinner and other such events. Please reach out if you know anyone who is interested in learning more about MJCBY.

- Rebecca Wanatick and Amy Brunswick

LIFELONG LEARNING



Welcoming 5784!

Miriam Loew, Director

The holiday of Sukkot is often referred to as “z’man simchatenu - the time of our joy”. It is no coincidence then that Sukkot is celebrated outdoors as we gather in the Sukkah, a simple hut, to share delicious meals and great times with friends and family. Would you agree that it is these simple things in life that often bring us the most contentment and joy?

Come try it for yourself this year! Join us at one of our events in the Sukkah. Happy times are guaranteed!

Chag Sameach!

Miriam Loew

TGIS

THANK G-D IT'S SHABBAT

*Special Shabbat service and dinner
for families with children up to grade 2*

JOIN US FOR COLOR SHABBAT

5:30 PM FRIGAND HALL

Oct 13 - Orange Shabbat Dec 15 - Blue Shabbat
Nov 17 - Green Shabbat Jan 19 - Yellow Shabbat

Shabbat Sing-Along Service with Cantor Shana
Shabbat Story with Rabbi Gillman
Shabbat Activity with Miriam
Delicious Shabbat Dinner

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY - NO CHARGE

SAVE THE DATES!



September 10 - Hagalil Kickoff @ the Park
October 22 - Jewparty!
November 19 - Silent Disco!
December 10 - Chopped Latke Competition



BetterTogether

October 22 - Get to know you games at Lester
November 19 - Rugelach Baking at Lester
December 10 - Hanukkah Latke Lunch at MJCBY

JEWISH YOUNG COMMUNITY OF NEW JERSEY (JYC)

Upcoming Events!

Nathan Vaisbort jycnewjersey@gmail.com or (862) 217-4942 or Asher Weinstein aweinstein68@gmail.com Co-Chairs; Jacob Levy, Writer/Editor

Sips and Subs in the Sukkah

Join us at the Morristown Jewish Center on Sunday, October 1st, starting at 7:00 p.m. for a Sukkot-themed Networking Mixer. Explore the profound significance and traditions of both Havdalah as well as the Lulav and Etrog, followed by an engaging Sukkot Networking Mixer.

All proceeds from this event directly support MJCBY, making it an ideal opportunity to contribute to our community. You won't want to miss this unforgettable Sukkot celebration, featuring a selection of beer, wine, and cocktails, a unique Lulav + Etrog Shake, and much more. It's the perfect way to celebrate this special holiday!

Standard - \$25 | Day of - \$30 | All reservations include 2 drink tickets. Reserve your spot today!

Shabbat under the Sukkah

Join us for Shabbat under the Sukkah on October 6th at 6:15pm. Connect with young professionals and continue the evening at our Free Shabbat Dinner. Let's celebrate tradition and community together!" Secure your place on OneTable.com by October 3, 2023, and bring kosher wine or beer to share.

Join Jewish Young Professionals for Apple Picking & Cider Sipping

Join JYC on October 15, 2023, at Oldwick Cider Mill. Explore a 50-acre orchard with over 25,000 apple trees and pick from a variety of apples including macintosh, granny smith, and honey crisp. Enjoy apple picking, wagon rides, and hard cider tasting at Melick's Farm. Admission: \$5.99 (includes free tractor wagon ride. Apple pricing: \$1.59/lb (over 10 lbs), \$1.99/lb (under 10 lbs).

For event details and registration, email jycnewjersey@gmail.com or visit jycnewjersey.com. Don't miss this mouthwatering experience! See you at the Apple Picking!

JYC FREE Israel Trip

Don't miss out on this amazing experience! Calling young professionals aged 22 to 26! Join Birthright Israel and JYC New Jersey for an unforgettable Summer 2024 adventure. Join 25 or more Jewish young professionals from New Jersey for an extraordinary FREE adventure in Israel, abundant with Jewish wisdom, strong connections, meaningful memories, and unforgettable experiences. Discover your Jewish identity through immersive experiences in the vibrant culture of the Holy Land. From life-changing Shabbats to enchanting Dead Sea swims, this Summer 2024 journey will shape your future. Strengthen your Jewish connection and be part of something extraordinary. RSVP before January 1, 2024 by contacting Nathan Vaisbort at (862)217-4942 or jycnewjersey@gmail.com. Your life-changing adventure begins now!

SHALOM YELADIM –

THE JUDIE GERSTEIN EARLY LEARNING CENTER



High Holiday Activities!

Becky Narli, Director

We have had an amazing first month of school learning about the High Holy Days. The children are very happy in school and have adjusted to their daily routines. The days, as of late, have been beautiful and children are

enjoying running and playing on the playground. Thankfully, our garden space has been restored, thanks to Jonah Gardberg and his crew, who completed this project for the Eagle Scouts. Our gardeners, Kim and Sean, are back planting with the children and teaching them how to tend their plants.

The main focus in the classrooms has been the High Holy Days and the importance of doing Mitzvot (good deeds,) giving tzedakah, (charity,) and learning how and why it's important to say, "I'm sorry."

As October approaches, we will continue our preparations for Sukkot, making decorations for our sukkah, reading books about the holiday, and spending time enjoying ourselves in our sukkah.

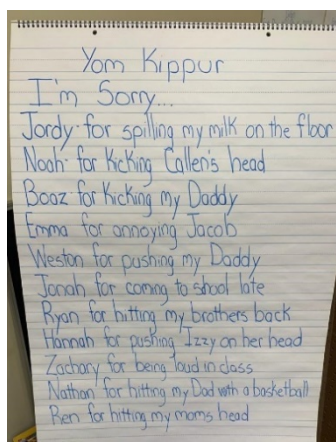
SHANA TOVA U'METUKA

Becky Narli and the SY Teachers

OCTOBER CALENDAR

10/5 – Back to school night (7:00-8:30pm)

10/6 – Sh'mini Atzeret / Simchat Torah: NO SCHOOL / COME & PLAY



Mommy & Me

*For Babies up to 24 months
and their caregivers*

October 4, 11, 18, 25

November 1, 15, 29

Wednesday Mornings
9:30 – 10:30am

For more information, please email

ShalomYeladim@mjcby.org

973-538-8284

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY – NO CHARGE



**The diaper drive was
a huge success thanks
to the generosity of
the community!**

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Exciting things planned for October!

Miriam Loew, Director

An exciting month is ahead for Religious School!

We will be celebrating Sukkot with a special program on October 1st, followed by lunch in the Sukkah. Our Wednesday students will also enjoy classes and dinner in the Sukkah on October 4. On Simchat Torah on October 8, our students will lead some of the Hakafot (traditional dancing with the Torah). To end October on a fun note and in honor of Parshat Noah, we will have a petting zoo visit us. Rabbi Gillman will also be blessing our pets!

In other exciting Religious School news:

This year, thanks to the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ, we will have the honor of having a "Rishona" - a special teacher from Israel who will be teaching our students all about Israel! Our students will have the opportunity to dive a bit deeper into learning about different cities and towns around Israel and will connect to Israel in an authentic way through activities about holidays and places around the country. We cannot wait to meet Noa from Israel whose first visit will be on October 15th.

Miriam Loew & the RS Morahs

ALP

October 2nd
Celebrate in the Sukkah

Monday Nights
6:30-8:30pm
Dinner Included

For more information, please
email miriam@MJCBY.org

YOUTH SHABBAT

MINYONAIRES
Saturday, October 14th
Ages 12+ at 9:30am

JUNIOR CONGREGATION
Saturday, October 28th
3rd – 7th Grade
10:30am



Sukkot
SERVICE + PARTY
FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS
*Youth service and educational activities,
followed by lunch in the Sukkah*
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 10:30 - 12 PM

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**SIMCHAT TORAH
SERVICE + LUNCH**

*Students will be leading congregational
Hakafot and dancing in the sanctuary*



**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 8TH**
10:30 AM - 12:00PM

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and petting zoo**

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MJCBY PARKING LOT

PETTING ZOO
11 AM - 12 PM

BLESS YOUR PET
WITH RABBI GILLMAN
11:30 AM - 12 PM

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the community!**



FIRST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



THIS MONTH'S BNAI MITZVAH



Sharon Schwartz invites the congregation to join her family and friends as her daughter, Rosabella Hope, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on October 21st, 2023.

Rosie is in 8th grade at Frelinghuysen Middle School in Morristown. She enjoys participating in chorus and is also a cheerleader for the Morristown Wildcats football team. Rosie is very dedicated to her schoolwork and is proud to have achieved "straight A's" in 7th grade last year.

Rosie has been working very hard to prepare for her Bat Mitzvah later this month. She has had a wonderful experience since starting Hebrew school at MJCBY during Covid and this has helped prepare her for this special day. For her Bat Mitzvah project, Rosie has chosen to volunteer at Urban Farm, as she is very interested in Botany.

When Rosie is not in school or at temple, she enjoys spending time with her family, friends, and our dog, Luna. She also loves to read and draw.

Rosie and I would like to thank Cantor Shana, Rabbi Gillman, Rabbi Nesson, Miriam Loew and the staff at MJCBY for all the support they've shown Rosie over the past few years. We are honored to be a part of this wonderful community.

SISTERHOOD NEWS & EVENTS

JUDAICA GIFT SHOP

The Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop is open Sunday mornings during religious school hours and by appointment during the week. To make a shopping appointment, contact us at giftshop@mjcbby.org. You may also review our various merchandise catalogs that are posted on the MJCBY website under Sisterhood or by selecting the Sisterhood Judaica Shop link on the Support tab on the home page. Support Your Sisterhood-Support Your Shul! Note: Gift Certificates are available for purchase through the Gift Shop.

MARJORIE ELKIND SISTERHOOD BOOK GROUP

Monday, October 30th

KUNSTLERS IN PARADISE by Cathleen Schine

Place to be announced at a later date.

For more information, please contact Amy Brunswick at abrunswick4321@gmail.com

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.

BECOME A KIDDUSH SPONSOR

Share a special occasion with us by becoming a KIDDUSH SPONSOR. You and your honoree will be announced and thanked by the Rabbi from the Bimah. To be a kiddush sponsor contact Dorothy Cohen for an updated menu. To donate, send your check made out to: MJCBY Kiddush, Attn: Kiddush Fund, 177 Speedwell Ave, Morristown, NJ 07960. **Please include the occasion and your honoree!** Questions? Email Dorothy_irvingcohen@msn.com

JOIN SISTERHOOD FOR 2023-2024 YEAR

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.

HIGH HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Sisterhood High Holiday fundraiser a success!

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following members who sent wishes to the entire congregation but were not included on the original list sent out with the gift:

Elli & Ray Chimoff and Laura & Alec Truitt.

Special thanks and appreciation to all who delivered the gifts and to those who assisted with the organization, packing, and logistics of this project.

Ivy Rubin, Hilary Spain Reilly, & Mimi Czeisler



TORAH FUND

WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

Announcing

Our 2023-2024 Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Ba'Zeh Campaign

All the people of Israel are responsible for one another

We strive to make a significant impact through scholarships and programs that benefit students at The Jewish Theological Seminary, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, Schechter Institutes, Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano and Zacharias Frankel College.

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This pin highlights the word 'arevut,' responsibility. It corresponds to the theme from the Babylonian Talmud, Shevuot 39a, that all the people of Israel are responsible for one another, and we assume that responsibility through our support of the five Conservative/Masorti institutions of higher education.



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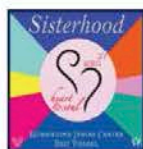
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(aka PAID-UP DINNER)**

EMBRACING A NEW "CHAPTER"

**WELCOMING LEAH SILVER & RABBI GILLMAN
TO THE MJCBY COMMUNITY**

Sunday, October 15th, 2023, 5-8pm at MJCBY

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SISTERHOOD JUDAICA GIFT SHOP



Chag Sameach...Happy Sukkot!

Sukkot is a weeklong Jewish holiday that comes five days after Yom Kippur. Sukkot celebrates the gathering of the harvest and commemorates the miraculous protection G-d provided for the children of Israel when they left Egypt. We celebrate Sukkot by dwelling in a foliage-covered booth known as a sukkah to show our willingness to leave the security of our homes and spend eight days in a flimsy outdoor hut to show our faith in G-d. As is customary, we wave the lulav and etrog together in a special way to send a blessing out to all of creation.

**Your Sisterhood Judaica Shop
has just what you need to celebrate Sukkot!**



*Fancy boxes for your Etrog
Lulav Carrying Case
Plush Lulav and Etrog for the Children
Sukkot themed Puzzles for Children
Children's Sefer Torah – plush - various sizes*



**Thank you for supporting your Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop
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MEN'S CLUB

Mark Levine, President

Men's Club Dues (\$36 annually) are payable by the end of October. New Men's Club members are free for the 1st year. Bring a check to Scotch & Cigars, or mail to the temple office, C/O Men's Club.

SCOTCH & CIGARS IN THE SUKKAH – SEE FLYER BELOW!!!

All men of the temple community are welcome – Religious School & Shalom Yeladim parents, most specifically, are welcome to partake, meet new friends and join Men's Club. Cost is the same as last year. RSVP by 10/10 to mensclub_pres@mjcby.org. Havdalah starts at 7:30, followed by hot dogs, knishes, snacks, sodas, cigars, and of course- Scotch (plus other potent potables).



MEN'S CLUB SUKKAH BUILD!

WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN!

Please join us on Sunday morning, October 15th at 9:30am to help dismantle our synagogue sukkah.

Late start, but some of us may have a headache from Scotch & Cigars the night before!



**SCOTCH + CIGARS
IN THE SUKKAH**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT 7PM

*\$15 Men's Club Members
\$25 Non-Members*

Men's Club Book Club

All start at 7:30pm.

Interested in joining? Questions?

Please reach out to Howard Buxbaum at howardbuxbaum@gmail.com

October 18th – Path Lit by Lightning – The Life of Jim Thorpe

Selections for the balance of the year will be announced in September.

ADULT ED

How do I live a more meaningful life?
How might I feel more connected to others, to the world around me, to the past and to the future?
Why might we choose to identify as Jews?
Is there a framework for “doing Jewish” in the 21st century?

ADULT ED invites you to get the answers to these and other questions from ZACK BODNER, President and CEO of the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center in Palo Alto, CA, current Board member of the JCC Association of North America and American Friends of Tel Aviv University, and former Pacific Northwest Regional Director of AIPAC, when he discusses his book

WHY DO JEWISH? A MANIFESTO FOR 21ST CENTURY JEWISH PEOPLEHOOD



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 7PM via ZOOM

REGISTER ON SHULCLOUD (LINK TO BE CIRCULATED VIA EBLAST)

SOCIAL ACTION

WIIFM

Lou Bodian & Howard Buxbaum, Social Action Chairs

Loub48@Gmail.com - HowardBuxbaum@Gmail.com

No, that's not a typo. It stands for *What's In It For Me*.

At this point in the Jewish calendar when the Holidays are over, we look to see what we can do better in 5784. MJCBY offers a number of opportunities to do mitzvot that help our less-well off neighbors. To make the world a better place. To practice Tikkun Olam.

At Rosh Hashanah services, we put out reusable shopping bags that contained a list of items that poor people need: laundry pods, paper towels, toothpaste, etc. If you didn't get a chance to take one of these reusable bags with the full list, here is an opportunity to do some good. Please see the list on this page, and pick up one, two or three items of your choice the next time you go shopping.

Then bring that bag to MJCBY or call one of us and we will gladly pick up your contribution.

So WIIFM – *What's In It For Me*? You will feel so much better helping someone you don't know receive some needed supplies and be thankful that others showed them kindness.

Start your New Year with a Mitzvah

Please select one, two or three items from the list below and bring your donation back to MJCBY on Yom Kippur.

These items will benefit clients from NourishNJ, Table of Hope, and Homeless Solutions

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo | <input type="checkbox"/> New plastic grocery bags (available at Costco etc) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Body wash | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 3 compartment to-go containers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry pods | <input type="checkbox"/> 6x6 clamshell to-go boxes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic zip bags - snack / sandwich / quart size of any brand |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper towels | <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable cups with lids |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrushes | <input type="checkbox"/> 18" shrinkwrap |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper napkins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New white t-shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> 45 - 65 gallon trash bags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Ground coffee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New bedsheets | <input type="checkbox"/> Reusable grocery bags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New bath towels | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New kitchen towels | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full size foil pans | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable forks & knives | |

Thank you for your generosity! Lower income residents of our community appreciate all you do for them.

Any questions, please contact Lou Bodian (loub48@gmail.com) or Howard Buxbaum (howardbuxbaum@gmail.com)

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- Florence Rudich in memory of Louis Rudich.

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- David Berman

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- Harold & Karen Jenkins on the birth of Jared Blake Jenkins on May 12, 2023, parents Alan and Jillian Jenkins and big brother Jordan
- Harold & Karen Jenkins in memory of Karen's mother Joyce Silverman.
- Ilya Kleyn & Nechama Diamond – Thank you for inviting us to the family Rosh Hashanah service.
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OCTOBER YAHRZEITS

To Be Remembered Shabbat Oct 6 & 7		
10/7/23	22 Tishrei	Solomon Baer*
		Margaret Goldfinger*
		Ester Gorelik*
		Barbara Gettinger*
		Lillian F Cohen
10/8/23	23 Tishrei	Sheldon Brieloff
10/9/23	24 Tishrei	David Fishlin*
		Phillip Goldstein*
		Etta Buxbaum
		Fannie Cohn*
		Lawrence Jaslove
10/10/23	25 Tishrei	Emanuel Fried*
		Oscar Kaplan
		David Butensky
		Daniel Lilie
		Ruth Cohen*
		Bob Siegel
10/11/23	26 Tishrei	Sol Green
		Burton Rosenbaum
		Joseph Brooks
		Rhoda Rayfield
10/12/23	27 Tishrei	Beatrice Levin
		Samuel Axelrod*
		Raymond Kahaner
		Elinor Levit*
		Arthur Shanker
10/13/23	28 Tishrei	Ruth Hoffman Rubin*
		Mark Douglas Schwartz*
		Eva Geller
		Scott William Cohen*
To Be Remembered Shabbat Oct 13 & 14		
10/14/23	29 Tishrei	Yisachar Dov Kornblum*
		Robert I. Levy
		Melvin Kantrowitz*
10/15/23	30 Tishrei	Herman Smith*

10/15/23		Leonora Kloder*
		Stanley Haskel
10/16/23	1 Cheshvan	Nathan Glass*
		Jeffrey Feis
		Roslyn Baumgarten*
		Jannette Gehrie
		Ruth Cohnstein
10/17/23	2 Cheshvan	Benjamin Mintz*
		Jacob Antin
		Arthur Sachs*
		Alan Perlow
10/18/23	3 Cheshvan	Harold Weine
		Albert Klein
		Taubia Friedlich
10/19/23	4 Cheshvan	Isabel Lerner
		Seymour Schweber
		Sylvia Rose Gold*
		Priscilla Kantor
		Bernice Finkelstein
		Esther Grushkin
		Phyllis Kopp
10/20/23	5 Cheshvan	Rose Schiff*
		Martha Kahn
		Philip Peters*
		Donald Weitzman
		Gerald Zupkoff
To Be Remembered Shabbat Oct 20 & 21		
10/21/23	6 Cheshvan	David Glucoft
		Morris Ellenberg
10/23/23	8 Cheshvan	Edward Elman
		Alex Csillag*
		Hilde Goldberg*
		Paul Haimoff
		Abraham Smolowitz*
		Joanne Levy
10/24/23	9 Cheshvan	Fanny Beck*
		David Friedman
		Irving Lupatkin

		Irving Klein*
10/24/23		Reba Papish*
10/25/23	10 Cheshvan	Frederick Evenson
		Solomon Weinstein*
10/26/23	11 Cheshvan	Milton Levey*
		Bernice Bender
10/27/23	12 Cheshvan	Charlene Wildhorn
		Bella Berezniak*
		Harvey Michael Politsky
To Be Remembered Shabbat Oct 27 & 28		
10/28/23	13 Cheshvan	Henry Kaplan*
		Philip Schneider
		Jeanette Rossio
		Bela Chojnowski
10/29/23	14 Cheshvan	Oscar Notowicz
		Ida Hirsch*
		Richard Mullivor
		Milly Ebner
10/30/23	15 Cheshvan	Margarete Meyer
10/31/23	16 Cheshvan	Della Spiegel*
		Sylvia Kopp*
		Leonard Juros
		Aaron Tobias
11/1/23	17 Cheshvan	Katie Fried*
		Getrude Klapman
11/2/23	18 Cheshvan	Alex Newmark*
		Grace Koenig
		Philip Kinberg
		Robert Schachtel
11/3/23	19 Cheshvan	Rose Newmark*
		Sassoon Kashi
		Meyer Weinberg*
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