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TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY	8:00 AM

SHABBAT

FRIDAY EVENING	6:30 PM
SHABBAT	9:30 AM
SHABBAT MINCHA AFTER MORNING SERVICE & KIDDUSH	

THERE IS NO SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE ON SHABBAT

NOTE: THE FAIR LAWN JEWISH CENTER SHARES MINYAN SERVICES WITH TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM. PLEASE CHECK THE FLJC/CBI WEBSITE OR THE WEEKLY *INSIDER* FOR MINYAN LOCATIONS.

CANDLELIGHTING

NOVEMBER 1	5:34 PM
NOVEMBER 8	4:26 PM
NOVEMBER 15	4:20 PM
NOVEMBER 22	4:15 PM
NOVEMBER 29	4:11 PM



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Invite your family and friends to these great events!

For details on these events or notification of a cancelled program, call 201-796-5040

***Member Only Event**

COMING UP THIS NOVEMBER!

- 2 Balfour Day
- 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends-Clocks Back 1 Hr.
- 3 MPC Paid-Up Membership Breakfast
- 4 Book of the Lunch - Out of the Depths
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Note: Always check the weekly *Insider* or the FLJC/CBI website for updates and/or changes to these events.

נחמו, נחמו עמי

WE NOTE WITH SORROW THE PASSING OF

WILLY MANELA
JERRY OKIN, FATHER OF PAULINE MONT
KARA EVE EVERETT, GRANDDAUGHTER OF JUDITH SCHLESINGER

MAY THE LORD CONSOLE AND SUSTAIN YOU,
TOGETHER WITH ALL THE MOURNERS FOR ZION AND JERUSALEM.



RABBINIC REFLECTIONS

Rabbi Dina Shargel

Sukkot and Thanksgiving

As I write, we have just emerged from Yom Kippur, and are preparing for Sukkot, the week-long harvest festival. It features the yellow citrus fruit called the etrog; the green bouquet of palm, myrtle and willow called the lulav; and the fragile hut called the sukkah, which is covered by materials likewise harvested from the earth.

The ritual objects of our Sukkot observance begin to lose their freshness after the first day or two, a reminder of the temporary nature of all life on earth, and our dependence on God to sustain us.

Yet the beauty of the various symbols of the harvest surpass anything that human beings can manufacture. They are intended to prompt us to give thanks to God, with all the strength we can muster, for the many blessings we enjoy.

In the synagogue, the atmosphere of Sukkot is celebratory. When we recite the Hallel (psalms of praise), as we do on each of the three major Jewish festivals, it is accompanied with gestures that are unique to Sukkot, holding the lulav and etrog, and waving them during key passages. Toward the end of the morning service each day we make a joyful parade around our prayer space with them (the *hakafah*). We eat festive meals in the sukkah, weather permitting. These ancient Sukkot rituals have no obvious parallel to any other time of the year.

Yet by the time this message reaches you, Thanksgiving will be upcoming, our American cousin to Sukkot. Thanksgiving is not exactly a Jewish holiday, yet it seems as if it should be. Refreshingly, people seem to

have resisted the advertising industry's efforts to commercialize Thanksgiving.

I find it amusing that, like Sukkot, the third Thursday each November features a parade (the most famous one in the country is the Macy's parade in New York City). The festivities for Thanksgiving include no lulav, etrog or sukkah. Yet some people festoon their tables with the cornucopia, the "horn of plenty," displaying symbols of the harvest. Like the lulav, etrog and sukkah, the produce of the cornucopia is subject to decay before long, but on Thanksgiving it looks lovely, perhaps even succulent.

The main ritual of our American Thanksgiving is the festive meal, in which families and friends gather to enjoy the season's bounty, and to give thanks.

I cherish the fact that the tone of the day, even in households that may not self-identify as religious, remains spiritual. I appreciate the fact that, in certain municipalities, people of different faiths gather in one location, in the spirit of mutual solidarity and understanding, to express thanks together for our shared blessings.

Finally, I am grateful that Thanksgiving is a national holiday that is meant to be enjoyed by all Americans, regardless of differences such as race, creed or national origin.

It is my hope and prayer that we continue to celebrate both Sukkot and Thanksgiving in good health, in safety, and with hearts full of gratitude for being American Jews, for many years to come.



PRESIDENTIAL PONDERING

Leonard Kaufmann

When we think of the month of November, we naturally, and rightfully, think of the holiday of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is a unique American holiday. On the fourth Thursday of November, across the country, we all pause, if only for a moment, and give thanks. That, after all, was the theme of the first Thanksgiving – the Pilgrims having found a land where they could pursue their religious beliefs, and where they could make a good life for their families. It is not that the Pilgrims were without challenges; certainly they were faced with a struggle to survive physically, as well as spiritually. Nevertheless they chose to emphasize the good, while not ignoring the difficult.

When you think about it, not too much has changed, has it? I hope that most of us still believe that America is the land of opportunity, and that it is a place where we can not only practice our religion, but can freely explore its true meaning.

I would also hope that we, too, have the ability to look on the bright side, and to recognize that, on balance, there is so much more for which we ought to be grateful, than for which we ought to complain.

So, as you read this column, please stop for just a moment and reflect on all the reasons why you personally should be thankful.

Then take another moment to think about why we, as a community, should be profoundly grateful.

That wasn't too hard was it?

There is much for which we can be grateful when think about our synagogue. The fact that there is a place where we can go, and people whom we know to share our good times, and to get us through the difficult times. We have a place where we can learn, a place where we can pray.

We have a place that gives us an opportunity to make the world just a little bit better, even if it's just by coming to a minyan, participating in a class, joining in the many social action activities, or any other of the myriad events at our synagogue. We can all be thankful to be part of this caring community that we are constantly building.

Did you know that the Hebrew word for the Jewish people, "Yehudim" comes from Yehudah? It is the same root from which the word "Todah" stems. The essence of being a Jew is to be thankful.

This year, giving thanks has special meaning for me. In addition to being personally thankful for my health and my family, I am grateful that I have the opportunity to thank you, the members of this congregation, for all you do. Whether you serve on a committee, attend services, or participate in some of the many programs sponsored by the FLJC/CBI (or all of the above), it is your involvement which makes our synagogue what it is.

So, my message for this month, and my hope for the entire year, is that we take the opportunity not just to be grateful, but also to find new things here at our Center, and in our lives, for which to be grateful.

Todah Rabah!

ADULT EDUCATION
THE BIBLE IN SONG

Rabbi Shargel

Wednesday, November 13
Wednesday, December 4
Wednesday, December 11

8:00 PM
In the Youth Lounge

Exploring a wide range of Israeli songs
based on Biblical characters and events.

Music listening, text study (in English), and
light refreshments.



ADULT EDUCATION
UNDERSTANDING THE SIDDUR

Rabbi Shargel

November 10
November 17
November 24
December 8

8:45 AM
Room 206

A weekly exploration of the Shabbat
morning service, designed for adults who
would like to feel more comfortable in
synagogue.

Explore Biblical sources and background.
Build a basic Siddur Hebrew vocabulary.
Increase your comprehension of the liturgy.

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Charles Cohen

I am pleased to report that our Rabbi Emeritus, Ronald Roth, has resumed teaching our "Nosh & Knowledge" weekly Torah Class as of Tuesday, October 29th, and continuing on subsequent Tuesdays, from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

It has been an honor to continue the teaching during Rabbi Roth's health challenge, but I am very happy to re-activate my Torah student status.

Yasher Koach to our class participants for your challenging comments and questions, which greatly contributed to our collective learning experience. Todah rabah to all. Special thanks to Jerry Weiner for always keeping us well nourished as we studied the sacred texts.

This experience has sparked my interest in various Jewish subjects, and I would like to present evening Adult Education lectures from time to time on special Jewish topics of interest.

It is very important for our continuity and viability that we have Jewish knowledge and skills. To this end, I urge all members to partake in our classes at our synagogue, as well as in a wide array of Jewish learning opportunities that are available in our general area.

We are commanded to "teach (Torah) to our children." We all have the collective responsibility to pass on Torah knowledge to the next generation.

In this New Year 5780, let us re-dedicate all our efforts to improve our knowledge and ritual skills, and help prepare the next generation to assume positions of leadership in the Jewish world.

Happy learning to all.

Charlie Cohen

SCRIP

Pay attention If you are a customer of Shop-Rite, the Kosher Nosh or Harold's!

The Center has scrip available for purchase.

Please note that 2.5% of the scrip purchase is applied to your scrip dues obligation, and then against your membership dues.

So if a family purchases \$1,000 of scrip, their scrip dues obligation will be eliminated.

Purchases in excess of \$1,000 go towards reducing membership dues.

The more you purchase, the more you save.

And the Center earns 2.5% of your purchase.

It's a great deal.

If you currently purchase scrip, purchase more.

If you're not currently a purchaser, join those that are.

SYNAGOGUE SKILLS LEARNING INSTITUTE

Have you ever wanted to learn to read Torah?
Have you ever wanted to learn to read Hebrew?

Instruction is available for:
Torah-reading lessons
Haftarah chanting
Davening Mincha and Maariv
Learning the Brachot
Skills to follow Shabbat services more easily

We are ready to begin instruction on your schedule.

Free and open to members

To register, e-mail Ellen Wertheim at ellenwer@hotmail.com

What skills are you interested in?

NOSH & KNOWLEDGE

Tuesdays 11:30 AM -12:30 PM
Youth Lounge

Join Rabbi Ronald Roth
for the popular Tuesday Nosh & Knowledge.

Engage in challenging discussions.

We resume our studies in the Book of Deuteronomy, and discuss many of the thought-provoking issues that arise from a close reading of the Biblical text.

All are welcome,
even if you have not been in the class before.

All texts will be read in English;
no prior knowledge of the Bible is necessary,
and each class is independent of the others,
so come as often as you like.

Bagels will be provided.

Upcoming Schedule of Classes:

November 5, 12, 19, 26
December 3, 10, 17, 31
January 7, 14, 21, 28
February 4, 11, 18, 25
March 3, 10, 17, 21, 31
April 21, 28
May 5, 12, 19, 26
June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30



SABRA CULTURE

Beginners' Israeli Dancing

Arts & Crafts

Hebrew Literature (in Hebrew)

American History

FAMILY MATTERS

BRUCHIM HA'BAIM

Welcome to the following new members of our congregation!

Laura & Neil Astmann
Hagit & Yaron Ashkenazi
Ira & Jodie Baum
Michael Pesin & Eleanora Zarantaina
Laura & Matthew Rigtrop
Emily & Daniel Rosen
Jordana & Jonathan Schmidt-Swartz
Rina & Eric Weil

MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to **Ellen & David Teitelbaum** on the birth of their granddaughter, Roni, born to their children Alison & Or Gross in Israel.

MAY YOU BE COMFORTED

Our sympathy to **Pauline & Craig Mont** on the loss of Pauline's father Jerry Okin.

Condolences to the Manela family on the passing of **Willy Manela**.

Our sympathy to **Judith Schlesinger** on the loss of her granddaughter, Kara Eve Everett.

Need Money for
Camp, Medical, Tuition or Rent?

The Hebrew Free Loan Assn. can help.

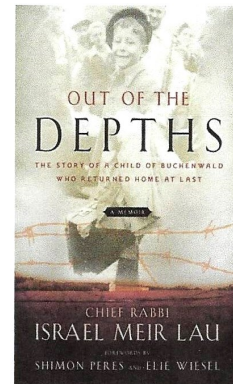
We provide small loans (interest free!)
for emergencies.

Call us at 201.791.8395.

BOOK OF THE LUNCH

Monday, November 4

OUT OF THE DEPTHS
by Rabbi Israel Meir Lau



Reviewer: Diane Fogel

Israel Meir Lau, one of the youngest survivors of Buchenwald, was just eight years old when the camp was liberated in 1945. Descended from a 1,000-year unbroken chain of rabbis, he grew up to become Chief Rabbi of Israel -- and, like many of the great rabbis, Lau is a master storyteller. *Out of the Depths* is his harrowing, miraculous, and inspiring account of life in one of the Nazis' deadliest concentration camps, and how he managed to survive against all possible odds.

The cost, which includes a kosher deli lunch, is \$15 for Center members and \$18 for non-members. Please RSVP by October 30.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Roni Zerowin and Candace Miller

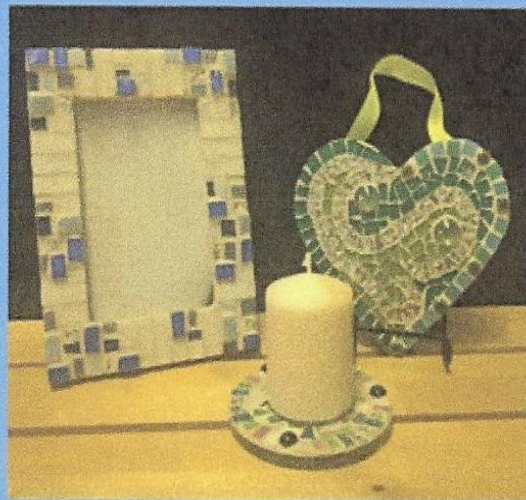
Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Event

**Come make a
gorgeous mosaic**

November 12th, 2019 at 7:30
in the Pulka Room

Event is free to all sisterhood members!

Light
refreshments will
be served!



You can pay your
membership at
the door!

RSVP by October 31st to
Robin Bear at catskillbear@optonline.net
or Leslie Frucht at lesfrucht@gmail.com

SISTERHOOD

Jennifer Mendelsohn

Just as the month of Tishrei is filled with joyful holidays, our October was also filled with so many great Sisterhood events!

We had our Pink Shabbat service on October 12th.

A very special thank you and Yasher Koach to Ilene Laufer, who worked really hard to ensure that everything about the service was just perfect -- from her remarks during the service, to the delicious Pink Shabbat Kiddush.

Also, thank you to all the ladies who participated in our service!

It's always so nice to have our Sisterhood members help decorate our Synagogue Sukkah with the Religious School students. Everyone really contributed to making the Sukkah look quite festive!

Even though the rain decided to come full force just prior to our Sushi in the Sukkah event start time, we still enjoyed a great night indoors, celebrating Sukkot with yummy food and wine.

Thank you and Yasher Koach to our event co-chairs, Fran Laniado and Lisa Urbanski, for all of their efforts in making sure that everyone who attended had a good time.

Sisterhood and MPC enjoyed a lovely scenic hike and some words of Torah on October 27th during our Breishit Hike. Thank you to Hal Fine for helping me organize this event.

Sisterhood hopes you'll join us at the following events during the month of November:

November 3 at 7 pm - Mitzvah Snack Packing at the home of Lily Shinkar.

November 10 at 9:30 am – Come enjoy a light breakfast and an engaging discussion led by Leslie Frucht on the book entitled “Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity and Love” by Dani Shapiro.

November 12 at 7:30 pm - Paid Up Membership Event. This year we will be creating mosaic glass projects under the guidance of Lisa McLellan of Mosaic Glassworks. This great night is FREE, and open to all paid-up members of Sisterhood.

November 23 at 6:30 pm - Enjoy a night out bowling with other Sisterhood members, MPC members and their families. This event is open to all ages! Stay tuned for more details....

We hope to see you at as many of our upcoming events as your schedule permits.

If you haven't already joined, you can contact either

Leslie Frucht at lesfrucht@gmail.com

or

Robin Baer at catskillbaer@optonline.net
today!

If you have any questions regarding our Sisterhood at any point in time, feel free to contact me at mendy3@aol.com.

B'shalom,

Jen Mendelsohn

MEN'S PROGRESS CLUB
Bob Sokol

We are looking forward to the Paid-Up Membership Event with Dr. Evan Leibowitz, who will chair a medical panel, "How to Live Life Well." The program is November 3rd and will start at 9:30 AM in the Pulka Room.

We will be bowling with the Sisterhood Saturday night, November 23rd. Look out for a flyer.

The MPC is preparing the Phone Directory for distribution. Please consider a contribution for the directory. Thanks to the great work of Larry Bach and Howard Kessel, who have made this a great directory.

The Men's Progress Club had an event with Michael Shapiro, who did an active training with 20 participants. It was eye-opening for the participants who attended.

We also enjoyed the hike with the Sisterhood at the Ramapo Reservation in October.

Future events include the
Man of the Year Dinner,
Chanukah Candle Wrap,
Big Breakfast, and
Super Bowl Party.

I want to thank our board for the great work they have done, especially Joe Schkolnick, Howard Kessel, Larry Bach, Neil Garfinkle, Eric Hirsch, Joel Ringer, Sam Wolosin, Stuart Brietkopf, Seth Seigel Laddy, Charlie Cohen and Mike Berger.

Bob Sokol



MPC POKER TOURNAMENT

Thursday evening
November 14
Pulka Room

\$25 Entry Free

Registration 8:00,
Game starts 8:15 PM

First, Second and Third Place finishers
receive a trophy or medallion.

Must be 18 or older to play

Info: Neil Garfinkle at
finkey@aol.com

10

10: Such a simple number . . .
But such an important number!

It takes **10** to make a minyan.

Every morning and every evening.

But to do so, we need **10**.

Men, women,
kids above bar/bas mitzvah age.
We need every one of you
to help us keep alive
our long tradition of the daily minyan.

Please come . . . Be a perfect **10**!

CHESHVAN

A Bitter Month

In the Torah, the month of Cheshvan is known as Bul. The name Cheshvan comes from ancient Akkadian, where it was pronounced *Varach Shamnu*, meaning Eighth Month. The name Cheshvan came to Israel with the returnees from Babylonian exile.

However, the ancient Akkadian *Varach Shamnu* is closer to Mar-Cheshvan, another name by which we call this month. “*Mar*” in Hebrew means “bitter,” and several bitter happenings occurred during this month.

God sought retribution on Noah’s generation, and sent the Flood to destroy the world during Cheshvan. (The Flood also ended in Cheshvan – on 27 Cheshvan - with the exit from the Ark.)

Our Matriarch Rachel died on 11 Cheshvan, on the road near Bethlehem, where she is buried.

On 5 Cheshvan the Chaldeans slaughtered the sons of King Tzidkiyahu in his presence, blinding him and putting him in chains before bringing him to Babylonia.

And on 15 Cheshvan, Yerovam declared a new festival, and aroused Divine wrath against Israel.

Mar-Cheshvan is the only month that has no holiday except for Rosh Chodesh, which used to be celebrated as a minor festival.

But there really should have been a full festival in Cheshvan. Tradition holds that, from the time of the Flood until the Temple was dedicated by King Solomon, the people lived in fear from the seventeenth Mar-Cheshvan until the twenty-seventh of Kislev, the forty days of the Flood. King Solomon completed the seven-year construction of the Temple in Cheshvan, and awaited God’s command to

dedicate it. The Temple stood locked for 12 months, until Solomon was finally commanded to celebrate the dedication during the month of Tishrei. And once the Temple was completed, the people’s fear of another Flood abated.

There is also a less bitter reason for calling the month Mar-Cheshvan. The word “*mar*” also refers to a drop of water, and there are usually bountiful rains during Cheshvan, following the prayer for rain (*Geshem*) which we recite on Sh’mini Atzeret.

Mar-Cheshvan sometimes has 29 days, and sometimes 30. In order that neither Rosh Hashanah nor Yom Kippur should begin on Friday or Sunday, an extra day is added to the month, so that Rosh Chodesh is two days, and the month is known as sh’lemah (perfect). This year the month is sh’lemah, and Rosh Chodesh is two days. It began this year on October 30, and ends on November 28.

Mar-Cheshvan’s sign of the Zodiac is Scorpio.



Pause to Remember

11-11

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Tikun Olam

EMERGENCY SUPPLY PACKAGES (ESP)

We are creating 100 winter Emergency Supply Packages for Meals on Wheels recipients and others supported by Jewish Family Services in our community.

During the winter, inclement weather can make it impossible for them to receive their needed delivery of food. We will give each of them a bag of emergency provisions for those times.

We will be accepting donations from Monday, November 11 through Sunday, December 8.

Many of the recipients are Holocaust survivors, and/or depend on Meals on Wheels for their daily sustenance.

Packages to include:



Bottled water

Individual packages of tuna/salmon (not cans)

Low sodium soups (not cans)

Low sodium crackers

Dried fruits/raisins

Juice boxes

Individual tissue packages

Peanut butter

Individual servings, preferably sugar free, of:

Apple sauce

Fruit cups

Pudding/Jello

Cereal/Oatmeal

All items must be kosher



Remember, you don't need ESP (Extra Sensory Perception) to provide an ESP (Emergency Supply Package).

There are two ways to help:

1. Simply take this list to your local supermarket and drop off the items in the bin in the lobby.
2. Sponsor a package for \$18 each. Please send your donation to the Fair Lawn Jewish Center with a note specifying ESP Project.

Please contact Ilene Laufer with any question at RFIanzman@aol.com

Thank you in advance for your generosity and kindness.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Nina Gold Ron

There are several projects for you to get involved with this month!

Weekend Snack Packs

for CFA with Sisterhood

November 3 evening we will be assembling 100 Weekend Snack Packs for needy children

Federation's **Mitzvah Day** (11/24/19)
collection site at FLJC.

(See flyer on page 14.)

Magazines, to be used for memory books for Alzheimer patients

Travel-size new toiletries for shelters

Sign up to participate on 11/24 with JFNNJ!

Very rewarding! Bring the whole family!

ESP (Emergency Supply Packages)

collection:

For elderly in our community who receive Meals on Wheels to hold them over in the event of inclement weather. (See flyer on the adjoining page.)

Hebrew school students will assemble them in early December.

J-ADD Thanksgiving Day Flowers:

Order beautiful flowers for your Thanksgiving table, while at the same time helping those with disabilities! (See flyer on page 18.)

December Projects

Chanukah Toy Drive

Hackensack Homeless Shelter meal 12/22

Ongoing Projects

Family Promise volunteering with homeless families

Transcription for the blind

Shabbat meals for those who were recently in the hospital. (Don't forget to let the office know if you would like one!)

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Food Drive, and bought J-ADD High Holiday flowers!

Next Social Action Committee meeting is November 11 at 8 PM, and all are welcome!!

Please let me know if you have any ideas or questions!

:) *Nina*

As has become our tradition, the Social Action Committee will be assembling weekend snack packs for needy children on behalf of the Center for Food Action with the Sisterhood.

The event will take place on Sunday, November 3rd at 7:00PM at the home of Lily Shinkar, 39-33 Paterson Street, Fair Lawn.

We need volunteers to help the event run smoothly, and volunteers to pick up supplies.

Food and monetary donations are always encouraged, but Sisterhood has a budget for this event, so purchases can be reimbursed.

You may drop off your purchases in the Center office or e-mail RFlanzman@aol.com if other arrangements need to be made.

Jewish Federation Mitzvah Day

Sunday, November 24th

**Fair Lawn Jewish Center Congregation B'nai Israel
is a collection site!**

Memory Book

We will be making memory books
for dementia patients.

**We are collecting
magazines and plastic
sleeve protectors**

Reminiscing can trigger a variety
of emotions that may lead to
other memories.

We will be cutting pictures from
magazines to make these
memory books with pages about:
travel, music, cars, etc.

**Books will be going to Grace
Hospice in northern New Jersey.**



Jewish Federation
OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

Toiletry Kits

We will be making toiletry kits.

**We are collecting NEW and
UNOPENED travel sized
toiletries**

Items include: body wash,
shampoo, soap, deodorant,
lotion, combs/brushes,
toothpaste and toothbrushes

**Toiletry kits will be donated to
area shelters and food banks.**

Volunteer with us

www.jfnnj.org/mitzvahday

201-820-3947

bethf@jfnnj.org

KRISTALLNACHT

November 9-10, 1938 was a night of Nazi anti-Jewish rampage.

Officially, it was provoked by the assassination of Ernst Vom Rath, third secretary of the German embassy in Paris, by Herschel Grynszpan, the son of Polish-Jewish parents who lived in Germany until their deportation to the Polish-German frontier in October 1938. Vom Rath was shot on November 7, and died on November 9.

Attempts to persuade England to convince Germany to suspend measures of retaliation against German Jewry failed through British refusal to be associated with any support for German Jewry. Widespread attacks on Jews, their property and synagogues took place throughout Germany and Austria on November 9-10. The number of broken windows led to the night becoming known as Kristallnacht – The Night of Broken Glass. At least 30,000 Jews were arrested and sent to concentration camps. According to Nazi records, more than 800 shops and warehouses, and 171 homes were destroyed, and nearly 200 synagogues were demolished.

Although the German government attempted to present the 'Aktion' as a spontaneous protest by the Aryan population, previous acts by the German government -- requiring the registration of all Jewish-owned property both in and outside Germany, the imposition of a million-Mark fine on the Jews, the confiscation of all insurance claims, and decrees intensifying 'aryanization' of German life -- proved the falsity of claims of spontaneity.

With the release in 1939 of many of those arrested, emigration from Germany greatly accelerated. Kristallnacht proved that henceforth there was no place for German and Austrian Jews in the German economy, and, with the dissolution of cultural and communal Jewish bodies, and the banning of the Jewish press, no independent Jewish life was any longer possible in Germany.

THE BALFOUR DECLARATION

November 2 is Balfour Day.

The Balfour Declaration is a statement by the British Government favoring the establishment of a Jewish national home in Palestine.

Dated November 2, 1917, it was addressed to Lord Rothschild, and was signed by British Foreign Secretary Arthur James (later Lord) Balfour. It stated:

"I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet.

'His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country.' I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation."

The sentiments behind the Balfour Declaration go back to the beginning of the Zionist Organization, and perhaps even earlier. The statesmen of England realized much earlier than those of other countries the wisdom of giving the Jews a territory of their own. As far back as 1903 the British Government had made an offer of a territory in British East Africa for a Jewish settlement. The Zionist Congress declined the offer. With the outbreak of World War I, in January 1916 Zionist leaders in England formed a political committee which included, among others, Ahad Haam, Chaim Weizmann, and Vladimir Jabotinsky. They advocated the creation of a Jewish homeland in Palestine under British protection, stressing the importance of Palestine as a bulwark to secure the Suez Canal, the principal artery of communication of the British Empire.

Despite opposition both in England and among Jewish factions, the Zionists received valuable support from the United States, where the Zionist movement had made great strides under the leadership of Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis. The concept was also favored by President Woodrow Wilson. After lengthy negotiations, the Zionist leaders were also able to secure the consent of the French and Italian governments.

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MAZEL TOV TO OUR BAR MITZVAH

Kyle Joseph Ludzki
November 9, 2019
11 Cheshvan 5780
Parsha: Lech Lecha



As Kyle ascends the bima to celebrate becoming a bar mitzvah he will be joined in his simcha by his parents, Erin Salafia and Ari Ludzki and his nine-year-old sister, Megyn. Kyle is a student at Memorial Middle School. He loves sports, especially baseball, swimming, skiing and fishing. His favorite subject in school is Social Studies. As the great-grandson of Holocaust survivors, he's very aware of the importance of his Jewish identity. Kyle is a strong supporter of an organization called Pitch in for Baseball and Softball that provides equipment for teams and players that cannot afford their own. He also supports Tourette's Syndrome Awareness.



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Neil Garfinkle

Shalom my friends!

Our school year is certainly flying by. Can you believe it is November already? Since we are so close to Thanksgiving, I began thinking about how thankful I am for all the fantastic work that is happening in YOUR Hebrew School.

Looking back on October, the Religious School would very much like to thank the Men's Progress Club for their support while we decorated the Sukkah, and the Sisterhood for making this a very easy event to pull together.

We would specifically like to thank Jennifer Mendelsohn, for being flexible and a pleasure to work with, making sure the date was correct.

Lisa Urbanski for ordering all the mums, bales of hay, pumpkins and cornstalks.

Lisa Zyndorf for drawing beautiful posters that our students loved coloring in and hanging up!

Ilene Laufer for helping organize the MPC, Sisterhood and parent volunteers.

Truly a team effort!

On Sunday, November 3rd, our Zayin class will attend their first Kehillah at the JCCP/CBT.

This will be followed, on November 15th, by our first Family Shabbat Dinner, in which everyone is invited to attend in their PAJAM-AS! This was a highly successful event last year. (Who remembers Michael Baer, our former President, showing up ready for bed?) We hope to see all of you there.

Saturday, November 23rd is our first Junior Congregation. While this will be a special honor for our grades KG/1, Gan and Aleph, who will be chanting Adon Olam, all grades are encouraged to attend. Including teachers and parents. Please come and see how beautiful our temple looks when the sanctuary is filled!

The next day, Sunday, November 24th, our entire school will participate in Mitzvah Day! All of us will meet at the JCCP/CBT at 10:00. This is always a meaningful event, watching our children/young adults learn about the mitzvah of giving.

Thank you, as always, for your support, and feel free to come up and see me sometime!

Looking ahead to next month. Can Hanukah really be just around the corner?

Neil

BABYSITTING AVAILABLE ON SHABBAT MORNINGS AS NEEDED

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THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving, of course, is not on any calendar of Jewish holidays. Nonetheless, it is a very Jewish holiday.

The Puritans were very well versed in the Bible, and they knew that Sukkot (which we celebrated in October this year) was an Autumn harvest festival. There is evidence that the first Thanksgiving was based on this Jewish custom of celebrating the success of the year's crops.

The ancient Israelites made an annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for Sukkot, and the Puritans made a pilgrimage to the New World, in search of a place to practice their religion; that's why they were called Pilgrims.

During Sukkot the Israelites lived in makeshift booths. During their first winter in Massachusetts the Pilgrims dwelled in makeshift huts – wigwams the Indians helped them build. In the Autumn of 1621 the Pilgrims invited their Indian neighbors to celebrate with them. Historians speculate that this celebration occurred between late September and early November, but was most likely in early October, around the time of Sukkot.

Sukkot, of course, is a week-long festival. The first Thanksgiving was a three-day celebration, much more similar to the Jewish harvest festival than to today's Thanksgiving dinner, which usually begins in late afternoon and concludes after only a few hours.

Even the foods of both holidays are similar. Casseroles with vegetables or fruit, and pastries filled with apples, nuts, pumpkins or squash may be found on the table at both holidays. Stuffing one food inside another is a metaphor for abundance. Think of the cornucopia — the horn of plenty.

Abraham Lincoln made Thanksgiving a national holiday, to be celebrated on the last Thursday in November, which occasionally was the fifth Thursday of the month. In 1939 Franklin Roosevelt changed the date to the fourth Thursday of November.

So, with Sukkot and Thanksgiving so similar in theme, and so close in time, is there any reason to celebrate two harvest festivals only a few weeks apart?

During Sukkot, at home and in shul, we thank God for our blessings.

Thanksgiving is a holiday when all people thank a Superior Being for their blessings, and it's easy to include friends of all faiths.

Giving thanks is an integral part of Judaism. Thanksgiving is a very Jewish holiday indeed.



*Happy Thanksgiving!
To You And Your Family*

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Sylvia Berger

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Judi & Len Margolis

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In memory of your father, Jerry Okin
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In memory of your father and grandfather,
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Best wishes for a speedy recovery
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Best wishes on your special milestone
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On the passing of Reuben Baum
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Mazel tov on the birth of your new granddaughter,
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November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 5th of Heshvan, Daylight Saving Time Ends Morning Minyan 9:00am - 10:00am MPC paid-up-breakfast 9:00am - 12:00pm Religious School 9:00am - 12:15pm Evening Minyan 7:45pm - 8:15pm	4 6th of Heshvan 5780 Morning Minyan 7:45am - 8:45am Book of the Lunch 12:00pm - 2:30pm Nitzanin School Day 3:30pm - 6:30pm Evening Minyan 7:45pm - 8:15pm Executive Meeting 8:00pm - 10:00pm Hebrew Literature Review with Shirli / American History with Andy 8:00pm - 10:00pm	5 7th of Heshvan, Election Day Morning Minyan 8:00am - 8:45am Tot Sing and Play with Rabbi Shargel 9:30am - 10:15am Rabbi Roth's Nosh and Knowledge 11:30am - 12:30pm Evening Minyan 7:45pm - 8:15pm MPC Board Meeting 8:00pm - 9:00pm	6 8th of Heshvan 5780 Morning Minyan 8:00am - 8:45am Nitzanin School Day 3:30pm - 6:30pm Evening Minyan 7:45pm - 8:15pm	7 9th of Heshvan 5780 Morning Minyan 7:45am - 8:45am Art with Maya 9:30am - 11:30am Israeli Dance Class with Elyse 11:30am - 1:30pm Evening Minyan 7:45pm - 8:15pm Israeli Dance Class with Judith 8:00pm - 10:00pm Adult Education / Lecture or Film 8:15pm - 9:15pm	8 10th of Heshvan 5780 Morning Minyan 8:00am - 8:45am Candle Lighting 4:26pm Evening Services 6:30pm - 7:30pm	9 11th of Heshvan 5780 Morning Services 9:30am - 12:00pm Junior Congregation 10:30am - 11:30am
10 12th of Heshvan 5780 Morning Minyan 9:00am - 10:00am Sisterhood Book Club "Inheritance" 9:30am - 11:00am Rabbi Shargel's Adult Education Class - "Understanding the Siddur" 9:45am - 10:45am Evening Minyan 7:45pm - 8:15pm	11 13th of Heshvan, Veterans Day Morning Minyan 7:45am - 8:45am Nitzanin School Day 3:30pm - 6:30pm Evening Minyan 7:45pm - 8:15pm Hebrew Literature Review with Shirli / American History with Andy 8:00pm - 10:00pm Social Action Meeting 8:00pm - 9:00pm	12 14th of Heshvan 5780 Morning Minyan 8:00am - 8:45am Tot Sing and Play with Rabbi Shargel 9:30am - 10:15am Rabbi Roth's Nosh and Knowledge 11:30am - 12:30pm Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Event 7:30pm - 9:30pm Evening Minyan 7:45pm - 8:15pm	13 15th of Heshvan 5780 Morning Minyan 8:00am - 8:45am Nitzanin School Day 3:30pm - 6:30pm Evening Minyan 7:45pm - 8:15pm Rabbi Shargel's Adult Education Class - "The Bible in Song" 8:00pm - 9:00pm	14 16th of Heshvan 5780 Morning Minyan 7:45am - 8:45am Art with Maya 9:30am - 11:30am Israeli Dance Class with Elyse 11:30am - 1:30pm Evening Minyan 7:45pm - 8:15pm Israeli Dance Class with Judith 8:00pm - 10:00pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 8:00pm - 9:00pm	15 17th of Heshvan 5780 Morning Minyan 8:00am - 8:45am Candle Lighting 4:20pm Evening Services 6:30pm - 7:30pm	16 18th of Heshvan 5780 Morning Services 9:30am - 12:00pm
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Happy
Thanksgiving