

# NEWS & VIEWS

## חדשות והשקפות

### APRIL 2024 ADAR II / NISAN 5784

## Pesach 5784/2024 Is Coming!

### Pesach 5784 Candle Lighting and Service Times\*

#### **14-15 Nisan 5784 / Monday, April 22 - First Seder**

7:00 AM Shaharit followed by Siyyum Bekhorot, Doughnuts and Burning of Chametz (Email Info@fjlc.com for Chametz Sale Form)  
10:38 AM Latest time for eating Chametz  
11:47 AM Latest time for destroying Chametz  
7:26 PM Candle Lighting (Service TBD)

#### **15-16 Nisan 5784 / Tuesday, April 23 (Yom Tov, Passover Day 1) - Second Seder**

9:00 AM Shaharit  
8:28 PM Candle Lighting (Service TBD)

#### **16-17 Nisan 5784 / Wednesday, April 24 (Yom Tov, Passover Day 2)**

9:00 AM Shaharit  
8:31 PM Conclusion of Yom Tov (No evening service will be held)

#### **17-18 Nisan 5784 / Thursday, April 25 (Hol Hamoed Passover)**

7:30 PM Ma'ariv (On Zoom Only)

#### **18-19 Nisan 5784 / Friday, April 26 (Shabbat Hol Hamoed Passover)**

6:00 PM Mincha/Ma'ariv in Chapel and Live Stream  
7:30 PM Candle Lighting

#### **19-20 Nisan 5784 / Saturday, April 27 (Shabbat Hol Hamoed Passover)**

9:00 AM Shaharit  
8:34 PM Conclusion of Shabbat (No evening service will be held)

#### **20-21 Nisan 5784 / Sunday, April 28 (Hol Hamoed Passover)**

9:00 AM Shaharit  
6:00 PM Mincha/Ma'ariv in Chapel and Live Stream  
7:32 PM Candle Lighting

#### **21-22 Nisan 5784 / Monday, April 29 (Yom Tov, Passover Day 7)**

9:00 AM Shaharit  
6:00 PM Mincha in Chapel and Live Stream  
8:36 PM Candle Lighting

#### **22-23 Nisan 5784 / Tuesday, April 30 (Yom Tov, Passover Day 8)**

9:00 AM Shaharit with Yizkor  
6:00 PM Mincha in Chapel and Live Stream  
8:37 PM Conclusion of the Festival

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**In the Chapel and on Zoom**

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 Password: 731712

### CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

Lighting Date	Havdalah Time	(next day)
April 5	7:08 PM	8:10 PM
April 12	7:15 PM	8:18 PM
April 19	7:22 PM	8:26 PM
April 26	7:30 PM	8:34 PM

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### RABBI SALSTON'S CLASS

#### Coffee and Commentary

**Classes will be held on Wednesdays at 11:00am**  
**in the Sanctuary and on Zoom**

**April 3, 10, 17**

Go to [Zoom.us](http://Zoom.us) or dial +1 929 436 2866  
 Meeting ID: 943 0394 9434 Password 226478

### RABBI ROTH'S

#### Nosh and Knowledge

**Classes will be held on Tuesdays:**  
**April 2, 9, 16 (No Class April 23 or 30)**

Class times are 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

The class is repeated the same evenings from  
 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM via Zoom

Topic of Study:

*Jewish Ethics and the Animal Kingdom: Eating Meat, Vegetarianism, Kindness To Animals, Pets, Zoos and Circuses*

### RABBI BOCKMAN'S

#### Adult Education Program

**Sunday, April 7 at 10:30 AM (In-Person & On Zoom)**

Minhag Avoteinu: How important is it to follow the traditions I have received? (Passover edition)

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 TOGETHER WITH ALL THE MOURNERS FOR ZION AND JERUSALEM

## RABBINIC REFLECTIONS

Rabbi Rachel Salston



Our synagogue is changing. The unification of our shul into CBS/FLJC is a major event that my teacher Rabbi Benay Lappe calls a “crash.” While a scary word, not all crashes, major events, are bad. Births and marriages are crashes. New rabbis in the synagogue are crashes. A crash

is something that challenges the master narrative that you have held tightly to about your circumstances, large and small. And there are three, and only three ways that human beings ever respond to such challenges. Rabbi Lappe calls them options 1, 2, and 3.

Option one is a denial of the existence of the challenge. In its most innocuous manifestation, this is living with cognitive dissonance. At its extreme, denial can lead to building walls around the held belief and system and fighting to the death to defend it.

Option two is fleeing the situation. Leaving a community that doesn't exactly serve one's needs, breaking off communication, changing one's name. Option 2 and 1 are the two sides of the same system. Both say, “this cannot, or is not going to change, even if what we have isn't working. I'm either going to keep at what I know or abandon ship knowing that others are going to keep upholding what I disagree with.”

Coming to mind as I write this is the song from the Disney movie *Encanto*, “We Don't Talk About Bruno.” Bruno, the uncle of the main character, is, as the song implies, the Madrigal family secret, cut off from the family tree. We learn in the movie that he, with his clairvoyant abilities (everyone in the family has some form of magical power), shared a scary vision of the future that challenged the family's universally positive vision of themselves. He disappears. And, spoiler alert (it's still worth watching the movie), at the climax of the film, it is revealed that he has been living in the house, mostly invisibly and inaudibly, the entire time, for over a decade. He is poetically and actually walled into, living in the walls of the house, option 1. The moral of the film is of course, families change, and we cannot abandon each other.

Now, Torah time. What was the greatest crash in the story of the Jewish people? *Hurban Bayit Sheni*, the Destruction of the Second Temple by the Romans in the year 70 CE. God's eternal home, where we would offer the *korbanot*, offerings to get closer to God, commanded in the Torah portions we read this

very time of year, is reduced to rubble. The City of Jerusalem is filled with violence and fire. We mourn this time and the other tragedies that have befallen our people on Tisha b'Av.

So, how did the Jews respond to that experience? Some went with option one, primarily the Kohanim, those who served in the Temple, some actually taking swords and fighting to the death in the Temple walls. Some, Rabbi Lappe teaches most, assimilated into the Roman Empire.

And then there is option three, the hardest possible task. In order to do this, you have to take what you know to be true and important from the master narrative and build something new based upon it. As Rabbi Lappe teaches it, there were already a handful of misfits for whom Temple Judaism was not working even while the Temple stood. They gathered in meeting rooms and study halls and argued about the nature of the Torah, why God was causing us to suffer at the hands of the Romans, and what a future could look like. We now call those men THE Rabbis and those places synagogues and *batei midrash*. Option three was the invention of Rabbinic Judaism, what we now call Judaism.

There were other options three being experimented with at that time. There were many sects in the Jewish community that had their own visions for what Judaism should look like in the future. One of them, for example, became Christianity. Others are no longer practiced in our world. One never knows if what you are developing with work, that is, exist for perpetuity. But one is obligated to try.

In our current synagogue, many of us are living in option 1, tied to the traditions and norms of our legacy synagogues. But we need to work on option 3, a Congregation B'nai Sholom/Fair Lawn Jewish Center that is not going to look like FLJC/CBI or Temple Beth Sholom. The things we experiment with in our services and programs do not need to be eternal. This is an uncomfortable time. But it is the best and most promising time for our community as well.

*Encanto*, like any good Disney story, ends with an embrace of an option three for the family. Bruno is welcomed back in and things are never the same. Except things are the same because the core value, of family love, is held onto. What of our tradition, our commitment to God, to one another, and to the world do we want to preserve for the next generations?

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## ***RABBINIC REFLECTIONS (continued)*** ***Rabbi Rachel Salston***

The Jewish lives of our children's and grandchildren's children, those alive and those not yet born are not going to look entirely familiar to our Jewish lives. But if we commit to the difficult work of holding onto our truths and being willing to experiment and compromise with our practices, we can ensure that there will be Jewish lives for our descendants.

I leave you with a beautiful text of hope for the future from the Babylonian Talmud (which we would not have - - were it not for those Rabbis who tried option three in their age) Bava Metzia 85b: Rabbi Hanina and Rabbi Hiyya debated what would happen if, Heaven forbid, the Torah were forgotten by the Jewish people. Rabbi Hiyya has a plan:

I will go and plant flax seeds and make nets from the flax I grow, then I will trap deer and feed their meat to orphans. Next, I will prepare parchment from the deer's hides and I will write the Five Books of the Torah on them. I will go to a city and teach five children the Five Books, one book per child and I will teach six other children the six Orders of the Mishnah. I will then say to them, Until I return here, read each other the Torah and teach each other the Mishnah. This is how I will act to ensure that the Torah will not be forgotten by the Jewish people.

Even if the core of our tradition were to be forgotten by the community, we can always rebuild. We begin with kindness. Feed one child hungry for food and Torah and teach them something that you know. And then feed and teach another and another. And then they will come to teach each other. It's not an instantaneous process, but Torah has yet to be forgotten by the Jewish people because we have the ability to adapt to change. May we be flexible and patient with one another as we continue our transitioning through options three as we face new and exciting crashes as they come.

*Rabbi Rachel Salston*



**Congregation B'nai Sholom/  
Fair Lawn Jewish Center**

## **Happy Passover**

**Join us for the Siyyum, Doughnut  
Break-Fast, and the Burning of  
Chametz**

**Monday, April 22 at 7:00 AM**

**Service in the Sanctuary  
Fire in the Parking Lot**

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chametz sale authorization form. Return  
completed forms to [rabbi@fljc.com](mailto:rabbi@fljc.com) by  
Sunday, April 21 at 7:30 PM**

## ***The Illustrated Rabbi: Rabbi David Bockman Memory Holes***



The word “memory” is deceptive. We use it to refer to quite distinct phenomena: when talking about our devices (computers, smartphones, tablets and the like) we refer to computer chips that can be configured to represent data, and that have a specific limited amount of storage capability. You can buy and add memory, or even switch it out for other memory when the need or the fancy strikes you. Sometimes people use the word memory to refer to a salient event that they desire to preserve, as if in amber, by setting up a memorial in a town square, or (as in the megillah of Purim) writing an account of the event in a book that chronicles such events, to be read at a later date when the king can’t fall asleep.

We all know the subjective experience of memory, somehow bringing back to the “theater of experience in the mind” an event long since past. But how, exactly, such a re-presencing of a different time or place becomes manifest, science has not yet been able to explain. We DO know, however, that those moments in time are somehow encoded in the growth of connectivity between nerve cells in our brains, and that the “wiring” in the neural networks is constantly changing throughout our lives as we “remember” new facts and “forget” (by pruning the connections) old ones. In order to preserve memories, we need to repeatedly encode them to reinforce the connections that keep the memories alive. It’s less like a card catalog of events experienced, and more like a script written in disappearing ink that needs to be constantly re-written in order to be preserved.

Such is the reason lawyers prepare their clients for testimony in a case. They rehearse the sequence of events and significant details to “fix” or solidify the story in their mind, or else the opposing lawyers might - through directed questioning - change the memories of the story in the minds of the witness. What we remember about the past is exactly what we re-present and reinforce, not necessarily what factually happened back then, and it can change over time. But not only the perceptions of events change, but their meaning and significance do, as well.

That’s why the Passover seder is such a significant observance. We not only want to re-experience the feelings of slavery, but our sages have built a way of reinforcing important lessons to learn from these “memories,” which were not experienced personally by us. “In every generation, a person is obligated to see him or herself as if he or she came out of Egypt,” the tradition commands us. We spend hours among family and friends - and sometimes strangers -

retelling the same story, but expanding on it as well. Jokes and deep inquiries, songs and foods, burning horseradish and sweet charoset, all help to re-encode from year to year our connectedness to slavery and freedom, to feeling what the foreigner feels and to knowing just how precious freedom can be. We build and rebuild these collective memories in the hope that we will never forget, as individuals and as a collective, the life saving existential truths the Haggadah and its experience embedded in the seder provide us. We do this so that when similar situations arise - as they surely will - we are ready and well-practiced at being those who stand up for the stranger, because we know the soul of the foreigner, as we were foreigners in the land of Egypt.

One last caveat, though. In preparing for my adult education class relating to the attacks of October 7 and their perception around the world, I was dismayed to find that a few particular video clips and written analyses of the attacks that had resided on the internet had been scrubbed from the web, replaced by “better and more accurate” investigations into what transpired. It is no longer possible to see the biased and mistaken information that, say, Al Jazeera News presented in the hours, days and weeks following Hamas’ attacks. Ever since they produced a film investigating the events of that day, their “new” interpretation has replaced all older (and more original) representations. In that sense, the internet behaves just as the human brain does: despite the adage about what you put out on the internet lasting forever, it simply is not true. That which has been reinforced most recently and strenuously replaces the more accurate, but perhaps less politically correct, version of what happened.

There are holes in individual human memories and in our collective memory - even the electronically based memory - down which truth and morality can too easily vanish. As each of us participates in the two seders this year, I hope we can take a moment not only to be aware of the value of these hours spent eating (or waiting to eat) and talking and joking and arguing with those around us, preparing us to be the kind of Jews and human beings who bring about redemption, as happened long ago in Egypt. I also hope that we all will take a few moments of sober discussion of our deep connection to being attacked, on October 7 and since then, and connecting it with our resolve to do what we can, each of us and all of us, to bring home the hostages NOW. Their lives are too important to be allowed to disappear down a memory hole.

***Rabbi David Bockman***



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS Steven Montag and Mitch Friedman



Dear Fellow Congregants,

One year ago, in the April 2023 *News & Views* edition, I wrote about the Jewish community demographics that led to the merger discussions between Fair Lawn Jewish Center and Temple Beth Sholom. It is always a good idea to refer back to the beginning, once you have accomplished a task, to make sure you stay focused on the larger mission and not just the day-to-day tactical items. I wrote, then, about the growing population of Jews in Bergen County and the large number of unaffiliated and disenfranchised who are seeking a home where they can feel connected and celebrate their Judaism in an open and honest way without prejudice and criticism. This is now truer than ever since the horrific attack that occurred in Israel on Oct 7, 2023.

The goal of the merger was to create a stronger, more inclusive, and broader reaching organization to address the growing needs of the diverse conservative Jewish constituents in Fair Lawn. As described in previous mailings, both Boards supported this effort which resulted in our successful merger in January. As we proceed in our daily shul activities, let us keep this broader mission in mind and make sure that our actions always work towards this goal. We have some weighty decisions to make in the coming months regarding our future, including



our Rabbi search activities, our support of the diverse practices of our members, and the needs of families in the larger community as well as how best to apply our resources going forward. We are generally making progress towards a successful implementation of parallel services for both our egalitarian and non-egalitarian practices and we recently celebrated a wonderful Purim service that served both groups. Yasher Koach to all those involved including the many Megillah readers and the Purim spiel actors. We will continue to work on our efforts to address the services for future holidays, including the upcoming Passover week. Your patience, tolerance, and support as we work through these items is most appreciated.

Thank you to the many committees that are working together to address the needs and interests of our congregation and beyond.

Let's continue to work together as one to help bring Congregation B'nai Sholom/Fair Lawn Jewish Center into a successful and flourishing future.

Chag Pesach Kasher Vesameach!

*Steven Montag*

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## **A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

### **Thorin Tritter**



I have gotten a number of questions about the various funds that are listed on our website so I thought I would give a bit more information about them this month in order to highlight the different ways you can channel your donations when giving to CBS/FLJC. In some cases, the fund names are self-explanatory, like the “Kiddush Fund,” “Adult Education,” or “Social Action,” and provide a way to contribute to specific aspects of the Synagogue’s ongoing activities. In other cases, the funds were established by family members to pay tribute to the memory of a congregant who had a particular interest at the synagogue. Making a contribution to these named funds thus provides not only support to the synagogue, but honors the named member.

I’ve included a list below with some general details. It is a long list, which is a testament to the generosity of our members over the years. If you are interested in contributing to any of these funds, you can find most of them on our website by clicking “Donate” and then choosing from the drop-down menu under “Type.” You can also drop off a check in the synagogue office and tell us where the money should be channeled. All your generous supports helps to sustain our community.

#### **Fund Name**

- ◆ Diane & Abner Blumberg Memorial Fund: To provide funding for a summer in Israel
- ◆ Englander Fund: To further Jewish youth education
- ◆ Adult Education: To support education programming for congregants
- ◆ Max Findling/Leo Rosner Zmigrod Society for Holocaust Education: To fund Holocaust education in the religious school and funder for an annual trip to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum.
- ◆ Clare Green-Scholarship R/S: To provide funding for the Nursery School/Kindergarten
- ◆ Howard & Joshua Herman Memorial: To provide scholarships and financial support to the religious school
- ◆ Merle & Isabel Kenwood Memorial: To assist Center members in need of financial assistance
- ◆ Bud Kessler Fund: To support the synagogue
- ◆ Kiddush Fund: To fund food after services on Saturday morning
- ◆ Robert Lazerowitz Fund: To support youth activities.
- ◆ Helen & Lester Milich Scholarship Fund: To provide scholarship each year to two religious school seniors; for Jewish Studies and/or Jewish Camping.
- ◆ Shirley Pintel Fund: To support the synagogue
- ◆ Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund: To provide funds for the Rabbi to use when needed
- ◆ Cecile Roth Memorial Fund: To support Israel programming and education; Holocaust studies in religious school; teen travel to Israel; Camp Ramah scholarships
- ◆ Social Action: To support the work of the Social Action committee in our community
- ◆ Thaler Summer Camp Fund: To provide scholarship to students to attend Jewish summer camps
- ◆ Steven K. Weil Rainy Day Fund: To provide emergency financial assistance
- ◆ Eleanor Weiner Fund: To support the synagogue
- ◆ Jeffrey Yagoda Memorial Fund: To promote Jewish education

If you have questions about any of these funds, or are interested in establishing a new one, please reach out to me at [thorin@fljc.com](mailto:thorin@fljc.com). Many thanks for all your generosity.

*Thorin*

### **Kiddush Club**

Thank you to the members who have joined the Kiddush Club.  
We now have 21 members!

To join the ranks, please make a donation of \$36 and help us fund one special kiddush per month. For questions, contact the office at 201-796-5040.

## ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE Charles Cohen and Harry Melzer



Shalom Chaverim,

This month's "Movie of the Month" is *Woman in Gold*, the personal story of Maria Altmann of Los Angeles starring Helen Mirren.

Born in Vienna, Maria Altmann's wealthy family hosted the literary and artistic community in Pre-War Vienna. She escaped to America after Hitler's annexation and takeover. Her aunt, Adele Bloch-Bauer, was the subject of Klimt's *Woman in Gold* painting, which was stolen by the Nazis and remained the property of Austria after WWII. The movie talks about Maria's uphill battle to reclaim the Klimt painting from Austria. It is her one-woman's struggle to right a wrong. Watch the film free on TUBI and join us on Thursday, April 25, at 8:00 pm in person or on Zoom to discuss the movie in depth.

Rabbi Salston's Coffee & Commentary class is held each Wednesday, in-person, on the Torah Parshat of the Week. There is much to learn and discuss from

Torah text that is still so relevant to us today. Please join us each week on as we study and learn together.

Rabbi Emeritus Ronald Roth continues his Nosh & Knowledge Zoom Class each Tuesday. We explore Jewish morality and ethics as it affects all aspects of our lives. Recent topics were Gun Control; Artificial Intelligence; and, Vegetarianism. Please join us as we study Rabbinic and scholarly commentary and texts presented by Rabbi Roth.

Rabbi Bockman will give his monthly talk on Sunday, April 7, both in-person and on Zoom. His topic is "Minhag Avoteinu: How important is it to follow the traditions I have received? (Passover edition)." He will be talking about what "Kosher le-Pesach" really means and the dizzying array of dietary rules for Passover.

Happy Learning!

Charlie Cohen & Harry Melzer

JUSTICE IS PRICELESS

Congregation B'nai Shalom/  
Fair Lawn Jewish Center  
Adult Education Committee

Presents a Discussion  
In-Person & [On Zoom](#) About

## Woman in Gold

Thursday, April 25 at 8:00  
pm  
at 10-10 Norma Avenue

This 2015 British drama starring Helen Mirren is based on the true story of Maria Altmann, an Austrian Jew who managed to escape to America. Her aunt was the famous "Woman in Gold," Adele Bloch-Bauer, painted by Gustav Klimt, which was stolen by the Nazis and retained by the Austrian government after WWII. The movie tells the story of Maria's uphill legal battle to regain her inheritance.

Please Watch on TUBI or Amazon Prime Before Joining the Discussion

Moderator: Charles Cohen

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## Social Action Needs Your Help!

*There has been a dramatic increase in the numbers of people who come for dinners. Please help if you can.*



## Hackensack Shelter Dinner Sunday, April 7, 2024



We Are Looking for:

- Monetary contributions to purchase some of the food for the dinner serving 200 people
- Donated items from congregants: water bottles, plasticware, baked and wrapped desserts, etc.
- If you would like to volunteer to serve at the Shelter on April 7, contact Mark Meisel by March 18th.

Sign ups through Sign up Genius, go to link  
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Send your checks made out to CBS/FLJC, noting on memo line "4/7/24 Hackensack Shelter Dinner"  
Questions, email [markmeisel@optonline.net](mailto:markmeisel@optonline.net)

THANK YOU!

Congregation B'nai Sholom/Fair Lawn Jewish Center

A Presentation by Rabbi Bockman  
Sunday, April 7 at 10:30 AM  
In Person & on Zoom



## Minhag Avoteinu:

How important is it to follow the traditions I have received? (Passover edition)

We will look at what "kosher le-Pesach" REALLY means, especially when it comes to peanuts, kitniyot, rice and the like. The rules and the mountains of added strictures can make you dizzy, but if you come armed with real information, you may find your Pesach can be more enjoyable and meaningful than you expected!



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## **MEN'S PROGRESS CLUB**

### ***Hal Fine & Steven Margulies, Co-Presidents***



Shalom All, It all started with an idea – hey, let's have a bowling night. Steve Margulies pushed me to ask Thorin to create a flyer. We voted to underwrite the event at the Big Breakfast meeting in January to make it more affordable (\$25/pp as opposed to about \$40/pp). At first, we didn't get a good response, but by the end, we had more than 20 people participate and even Rabbi Bockman graced us with his presence.

There were some sharp bowlers in attendance, seeing several frames on the overhead screen with more than 4 X's in consecutive order (that's strikes/10 pins knocked down in one turn in bowling speak.) Steve M. supplied Zeyde's cookies and a cheese platter and the venue supplied soft drinks.

Folks, it's as easy as that to pull together an event. Everyone enjoyed it and I want to thank them for coming and Steve M. for organizing it.

By the time this edition of the *News & Views* sees the light of day, Purim will be a memory (hopefully you were inspired by the Megillah reading and the accompanying Shpiel (which means play for those who don't know.) Yes- Haman is still the bad guy – that hasn't changed.

Passover is coming with all its attendant spring cleaning and narratives on the origins of the Jewish nation. We'll be distributing yellow candles to each congregational family for memorialize (Zachor - remember) those who perished under the cruel regime of Nazi Germany and its allies.

Calling all motorcyclists to join with CHAI Riders – contact the office for details.

May you all have a sweet Pesach that let's you absorb the new life found all around us with the coming of the spring season.

B'hatzlaha,  
*Steven Margulies and Hal Fine*



Robin and Joel Ringer enjoying the evening



Rabbi David Bockman and Steve Margulies



Whole group of attendees at the Bowling Night





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*Thank You, Todah Rabah, Muchisimo Gracias, A Sheynem Dank"!!!!  
From Donna Pasternak*

The pulse of our synagogue events and programs is powered by our wonderful volunteers who make this synagogue an amazing place to belong.

First, I want to thank Ann Golick who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to update our database with the necessary information we needed so that it was current. This year was a huge endeavor since the synagogue merger. A big thank you to all the Mishloach Manot program volunteers that filled the bags with goodies from Israeli companies; rolled the scrolls; sorted by route; and, delivered them to everyone living in Bergen County. It was especially thrilling to have children participate in the packing and delivery of the bags.

For the many volunteers who assisted with more than one part of this huge success, please note the \* next to their name. These dedicated volunteers are: Margaret Namer-Abiague, \*Vitali Abiague, Shifra Ansonoff, \*Linda Ayes, Barbara Cohen, Susan Cohen, Jessica Danto, Rachelle Danto, Harold Fine, Laura Fishler, Rich Flanzman, Nina Gold, Lisa Gotlib, \*Siri Horvitz, Brenda Kaplan, Joan Katrinsky, Karen Krane, Karen Kurland, Ilene Laufer, \*Ephraim Levy, Vicki Mann, Eric Margulies, \*Julia Margulies, \*Rona Montag, \*Steven Montag, \*Pauline Novick, Cheryl Nowack, \*Andrew Regen, Ilan Regen, Leah Regen, Orna Regen, Gail Rottenstrich, Zahavy Rottenstrich, Ruth Russ Kirschenbaum, Rabbi Rachel Salston, Eileen Schwimmer, \*Steven Schwimmer, \*Lily Shinkar, \*Lisa Urbanski, \*Fran Weizman, Ronen Wilk, Myra Winter.

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If someone was left off this list in error or their name was misspelled, please let me know at [dpast123@aol.com](mailto:dpast123@aol.com).

Thank you all very much!



## Rabbi Roth

### A New Photo for My Book about the Jews of Pacov During the Holocaust



Pavel Tychtl sent this photo, which he received from Nelly Prezmah, the daughter of the last Rabbi of Pacov.

The photo shows the Guttmans: At the left are Zofie Guttmanová and her husband Rabbi Nathan Guttman; their elder daughter Roza is to their left; seated in the center front is their younger daughter Nelly Guttmanová, with her grandparents and other relatives. We do not know the names of those other people in the photograph. This was taken around 1929 when Nelly was approximately 3 years old. Rabbi Guttman, his wife Zofie, and their elder daughter Roza were murdered at Auschwitz. Nelly survived and moved to Kibbutz Dorot in Israel, where she still lives today. Dorot is five miles from

Sderot, in the Negev. Fortunately, the terrorists did not attack it on October 7th; she and the other members of the kibbutz moved to northern Israel to be safe, but recently she returned to Dorot.

### Rabbi Roth's Nosh and Knowledge Class "Jewish Ethics – Now" Continues in April

Classes are open to everyone and will meet via Zoom on Tuesdays from 11:30am-12:30pm with the same class repeated from 8:00pm-9:00pm. Dates for April classes are April 2, 9, 16; no classes during Passover on April 23 or 30. The Zoom link is in the weekly *Insider*. If you call the office, we will add your name to a class list and send you a reminder with the link every Monday. Everyone is invited to join the class. It meets from 11:30 am to 12 :30 pm with the class repeated from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

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### **Mark Meisel, Chair; Written by Miriam Levin**



Pesach is approaching but before we gather with family and friends to commemorate our freedom and eat our Seder meal, we all have an opportunity to help those in the shackles of poverty and food insecurity. On April 7, CBS/FLJC is sponsoring a dinner for approximately 200 people who

come to the Hackensack Shelter for a hot meal. Kol hakavod to those who already donated! But, we need additional financial support and/or donations to ensure that these needy individuals don't go hungry. Please go to our sign up link for more details: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094DA9AC2BA6F85-48138357-dinner#/>

Bring or send your checks to the CBS/FLJC office payable to **CBS/FLJC** and indicate **"Hackensack Shelter Dinner"** in the memo line. We also need three volunteers to help at the shelter on April 7. Volunteers must be 16-years of age and accompanied by a guardian if under the age of 18. Contact Mark Meisel at [markmeisel@optonline.net](mailto:markmeisel@optonline.net) if you would like to volunteer to serve.

In addition to providing the above mentioned meal, we want to thank all of those who donated Purim "food groggers" and bags of food during our March

Mega Food Drive. Together with the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey and at least 30 other organizations, your efforts helped stock local food banks and shelters.

Looking ahead to May, our Hebrew school classes will also engage in the mitzvah of feeding the hungry. The children will help pack "weekend snack packs" for students in local schools who rely on the free lunch program and may not have enough food at home to fill their bellies on Saturdays and Sundays. Kudos to Ilene Laufer for organizing this worthwhile outreach program.

Our final activity before the summer takes place in the great outdoors: on June 9, the CBS/FLJC Passaic River Clean Up Day will offer an opportunity for the whole family to come out and help repair the environment. Last year, we gathered more than ten bags of garbage from the banks of the river right in Fair Lawn. Every piece of litter retrieved helps save our waterways and protects animals, birds, and fish who rely on clean water to survive. Look for more information on the River Clean Up in the *Insider* and the May edition of the *News and Views*.

B'shalom,

*Mark Meisel and Miriam Levin*

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**The Social Action Committee of Congregation B'nai Shalom/Fair Lawn Jewish Center, along with other local congregations, invites you to participate in our...**

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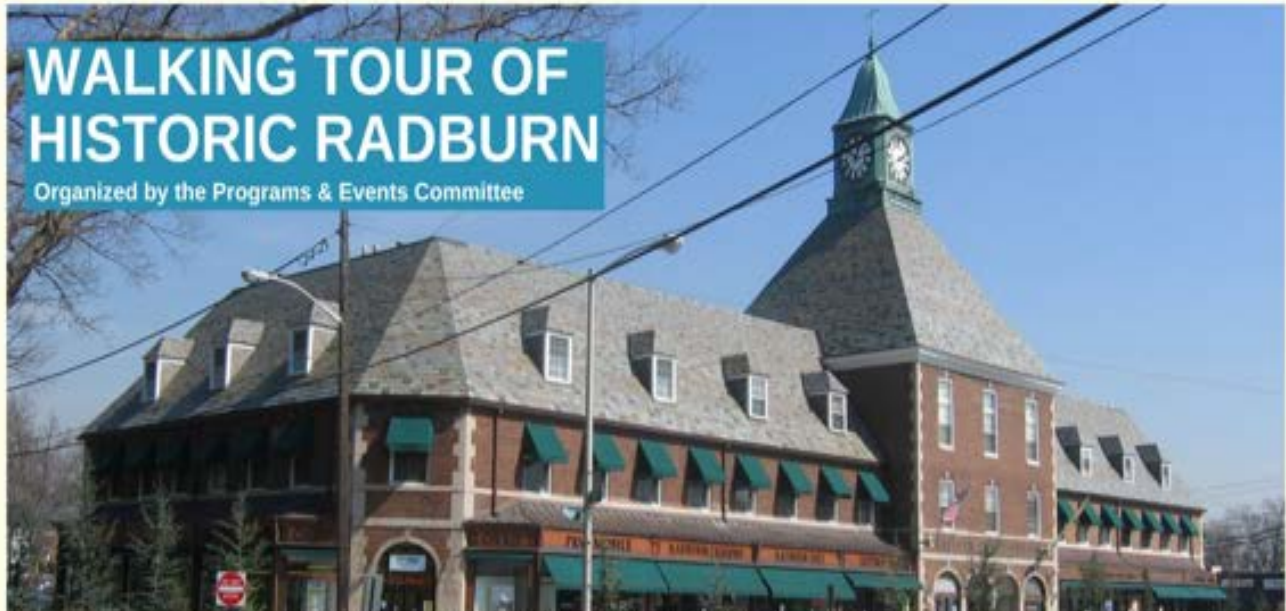
Shalom friends! By the time this article prints we will have travelled to DC for our day tour of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. Pictures to follow!

Thank you to all of our fellow congregants who joined us on this special trip. Thank you also to the Findling Fund, which generously contributed funds to help defray costs of the trip, and to Thorin and Rosemary, for all of their help behind the scenes. We want to especially thank Neil Garfinkle, our resident expert on the Holocaust, for sharing his knowledge, time and expertise with us on the bus and in the museum. Neil, we are so appreciative of your dedication to Holocaust studies and are even more appreciative of your kindness and friendship!

Keep an eye out in the *Insider* for upcoming programs or events that may be scheduled. And, as always, if anyone has a suggestion or idea for an upcoming program or event, please reach out to us! Also, if you would join our committee, please let us know!

Regards,  
*Andrea & Lois*

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## COMMUNITY HEBREW SCHOOL OF BERGEN COUNTY Marcia Kagedan, Educational Director



Shalom from the CHSBC Hebrew School. March has been quite the month!!

It started with a great trip to the Brooklyn Jewish Children's Museum. The kids and parents had a really good time. A very interactive place with added crafts, game show and miniature golf. A

great day out for the family.

Rabbi Roth spoke to the 4th-7th grade students about the Pacov Torah and I expect several families to join him in taking our Pacov Holocaust Torah to a gathering of Holocaust Torahs in April in NYC.

Rabbi Salston showed the children how a Torah is repaired. She had found an area where there was wear and tear and lovingly corrected this as the 2nd-7th grade observed. A memorable experience for all the children. Rabbi Salston is a soferet - a scribe - who has the skills to do this.

The Purim Carnival was a tremendous success. Thank you to all who volunteered their time to set up the carnival and work at the games and booths. The kids loved the cotton candy and popcorn and each took home a treat bag.

Purim in both Paramus and Fair Lawn was enjoyed by all. Now we are on to Pesach! The children will expand their knowledge of the components of the seder and the various mitzvot of the holiday. So much to do to prepare for this holiday.

Registration is now open for the 2024-2025 school year. If you know any families who might be interested and are not yet attending a Hebrew School, please let me know and I am happy to reach out to them.

I wish you all a Chag Kasher Vesameach!

*Marcia*



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We bake Challah every Friday for our Shabbat parties, emphasizing the warmth and beauty of Shabbat. We hosted a parent for a musical tot Shabbat last week for our whole school.

A planned trip to a Children's Theater production is coming up at the end of March. Following that, our children will begin preparing for Pesach. The magic of this Holiday begins with noticing the changes around us.

If you have a special talent to share with our children, please call us or email at [dlesnoyts@yahoo.com](mailto:dlesnoyts@yahoo.com). We are committed to a rich and varied early childhood experience, and we would love to have a new special event to add to our tapestry of Judaic and secular learning.

*Debbie Propper Lesnoy*

## Photos from the Nursery School



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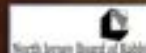
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