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From the Rabbi's desk...

The Next Big Idea

Recently a competition was announced to decide the NEXT BIG IDEA in Judaism.

This competition was held once before. In the early part of the twentieth century, the founder of Sears put up funds and Rabbi Mordechai Kaplan won with Judaism as a Civilization.

Here is an excerpt of the article I wrote about it.

The next big idea in Judaism is a massive expansion of Jewish presence on the Web and use of digital technology to communicate Judaism. This is as big and important as the printing press was to the dissemination of information in the Middle Ages, and, as I will demonstrate, it presents the best chance of revitalizing today's peripheral Jews, potentially reaching the majority of connected Jews, and reaching out to non-Jews who might find a home in Judaism. We must reprioritize our communal efforts to focus much more heavily on the digital world.

Torah was first communicated orally. Then it was written and discussed. Then the printing age came and learning spread exponentially. The most important "next big thing" in the Middle Ages was not an idea, but an information delivery system - the printing press. The Jewish community needs to have a full fledged campaign to move forcefully to take advantage of this new, unprecedented opportunity. There are some good efforts now, but it must be bigger, broader, and comprehensive. This is the key idea for the Jewish future.

Expanding use of the Web is the key idea for the Jewish future, because with it all ideas can be quickly and broadly disseminated and it can reach unlimited audiences. ...

Why do we need a big idea?

Every study of American Judaism shows decreases in

major measurements of Jewish identity, practice, numbers, involvement, education, belonging, and caring. Pioneering work by Professors Arnold Eisen and Steven Cohen, and large population studies undertaken by the organized Jewish community, show that American Jews see themselves as "sovereign self" and pick and choose in Judaism what personally moves them. They do not tolerate people telling them what makes for a good Jew, and affiliation rates and loyalty to the Jewish people and Israel are waning. A story in the *Forward* about this year's General Assembly of the United Jewish Communities quotes professional pollster Frank Lutz: "We are not connecting effectively with the young Jews."

In fact, the messages, messengers, and mechanisms we are using for our advocacy and fundraising may even be turning them off. Lutz notes, "The culture has replaced tradition and spirituality for an entire generation of young Jews."

The particular challenges we must address include:

1. Jews constitute a smaller and smaller percentage of the world and the United States population.
2. There is growing anti-Semitism. The digital world offers an even playing field and the marketplace of ideas will determine how successful the anti-Semites are in spreading their venom.
3. While there may be six million Jews in the United States, an additional two million non-Jews live in homes with Jews. We need to reach out to them.
4. There are millions of Americans who have no spiritual or religious home.
5. We need to be cognizant of the concerns of strongly involved Jews.
6. There are hundreds of thousands of ethnic Jews who have simply stopped being Jewish, are participating minimally, or are actively embracing another spiritual system.

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This critical information delivery system is being vastly under-utilized by Jews, and is disorganized. When Jewish leaders speak or write about what needs to be done to address the needs of our time, the cyber world and its revolutionary potential impact are not mentioned, or at best, are mentioned peripherally. It is the key, and Jewish leaders are thus far missing out.

There are some Jewish efforts on the Internet, but it is not being done in an organized comprehensive program of videos, services, experiences, classes, and education. Philanthropic dollars are going to many other programs with much poorer cost-benefit impact.

Comprehensive, organized use of the Web to foster Jewish interests is the next big idea but it is still small, because it has not been embraced by the organized Jewish community.

This is what I see as The Next Big Idea. In his call to action at the end of [The Vanishing American Jew: In Search of Jewish Identity for the Next Century](#), Alan Dershowitz endorses this point. He wrote, “. . . there is no reason why one of the oldest continuing human civilizations cannot turn to the newest of technologies to enhance its prospects for continuity. For the first time in our long history, our future is in our hands, not in those of our enemies.” (341-342). He also advocates that this network must reflect the truth - that there is not just one way to be Jewish, and it must be of high quality, not amateurish as it is today. Bravo!

In conclusion, as Prof. Jonathan Sarna wrote in American Judaism p.374 “But history, as we have seen, also suggests another possibility that today, as so often before, American Jews will find creative ways to maintain and revitalize American Judaism. With the help of visionary leaders, committed followers and generous philanthropists, it may still be possible for the current “vanishing” generation of American Jews to be succeeded by another “vanishing” generation, and then still another.”

How will this be achieved? It seems patently obvious that of all the Jewish efforts to combat assimilation, stimulate and dedicate Jews to fight anti-Semitism, prioritizing utilization of the new technology of the internet is a must for the Jewish community.

Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg

Mazel Tov to:

Announcements

Thanks to:

- * Sherry & Allen Petlin on the birth of granddaughter, Tahlia Jolee Liss, daughter of Amy and Matt Liss and sister of Caden, born on Oct.23.
- * Rubin & Nora Saposnik on the marriage of their grandson Issac Saposnik to Reanne Calloway on Nov. 10, 2007. The ceremony took place at Cong. Mishkan Shalom in Philadelphia. Isaac will be graduating from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in June 2008.
- * Sheila and Sam Gross on the engagement of their son Paul.
- * Nancy and Sigmund Steinfink on the engagement of their daughter Marci to Barnet Balonick.
- * Michael Abrams & Helen Bernstein on their engagement.
- * Debbie & Stewart Reich on the engagement of their daughter Stephanie to Casey Jensen

- * Molly and Irwin Sweet for sponsoring the Kiddush lunch, Oct. 27, in honor of Molly's birthday.
- * Ada and Beryl Rabinowitz for sponsoring the Oneg Kiddush, Nov. 2, in honor of Ada's birthday.
- * Alex & Mike Melton for co-sponsoring the Oneg in honor of their anniversary.
- * Adele and Edwin Herman for donating the Purim Megillah booklets.
- * Mickey & Phil Gordon for sponsoring the Kiddush lunch on Saturday Nov. 17, in honor of Peyton's naming.
- * Evelyn & Michael Orenstein for sponsoring the Kiddush on Saturday Nov. 17, in honor of Avery's Bar Mitzvah.

Mazel Tov to our Religious school consecration 5768:

Raina Chinitz, Benjamin Eingorn,
Rachel Klem, Ariella Orenstein,
Maya Orenstein, Rebecca Orenstein,
Joshua Scebel, Rachel Shvartser,
Mia Sostrin.

The celebration took place on Shabbat Chanuka Dec. 8th

- * Bill Gerber for sponsoring the Kiddush on Saturday Jan. 12, in honor of his birthday.
- * Elaine & Harry Wayne for sponsoring the Kiddush on Saturday, Dec. 8, in honor of reading the Haftarah.
- * Judith Rae & Allan Ross for sponsoring the Oneg on Saturday Dec. 21, in honor of her 40th anniversary.
- * Dr. Sandy Finkel for sponsoring the Kiddush on Sunday Dec. 22, in honor of his birthday.

Welcome New Members & Thanks to All Members

- Sigrid Cohen
- Gleivy De Souza

WISH LIST FOR OUR SYNAGOGUE

There are so many items the synagogue truly needs that our congregants, if only they knew, would be pleased to provide. Here are some of our Wish List items with approximate costs. If you are interested in funding any of these, your check, credit card, or cash would be gratefully accepted.

Digital Projector	\$ 600
50 copies of the 5 Megillot for Festivals	\$ 500
Refresh Coat Room	\$ 2,000
Landscaping crucial areas	\$ 2,000
Per landscaping tree, w/plaque	\$ 1,500
Festival Bible Books	\$ 1,000
LCD projector for adult classes & School	\$ 1,000
Sound system speakers replacement & equalizer	\$ 8,000

Thanks to Neil and Abby Gurevitz for donating funds to purchase new choir robes. They are replacing the old set they had previously donated.

Many thanks to my good friends for the contributions made in Len's memory to the synagogue.

Charlene Rubin

Hospitalized?

Federal regulations make it very difficult for us to find out who is hospitalized. If you know of a member who is hospitalized, contact the Rabbi at ehntrab@yahoo.com or 847-675-4141 and tell him who, where and for how long (estimate). It's a mitzvah!!!



Volunteers Needed!
Purim Carnival to sell food, handle ticket sales, staff booths. To volunteer, call (847) 675-4141 or e-mail Rabbi Ginsburg ehntrab@yahoo.com

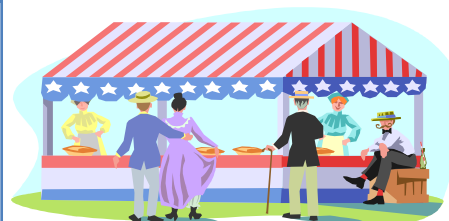
Purim Carnival
Sunday, March 23, 2008
10:30 – 12:30 PM

All are welcome!!!
Prizes galore!!!

Purchase Lunch & Game Tickets at the door!!!

Thanks to the Men's Club for donating the food!

Thanks to Adele and Edwin Herman for donating the Purim Megillah booklets.



Sponsors Needed!
Booths at \$50 each for our EHNTJC carnival, Sunday March 23. To donate, call (847) 675-4141 or e-mail Rabbi Ginsburg ehntrab@yahoo.com

Officiating on
FRIDAY NIGHTS
January & February 2008
With Rabbi Ginsburg

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Jan. 4	8:00 PM	Layni & Dean Myer
11	8:00 PM	Jeff N Janis
18	8:00 PM	Bibi Marcell
	6:15 PM	Tu'B' shvat/Dinner
	8:00 PM	Gail Ginsburg
25	8:00 PM	Bibi Marcell
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Feb. 1	8:00 PM	Layni & Dean Myer
8	8:00 PM	Bibi Marcell
15	6:30 PM	Shabbat Dinner
	8:00 PM	Cantor Warschawski
22	8:00 PM	Lori Lippitz
29	8:00 PM	Bibi Marcell

Flying south for the winter?

Make sure that we have your correct address on file in order to assure that you continue to receive the EHNTJC bulletin every month. It's the best way to stay updated with what is going on in the synagogue.

SPONSORS NEEDED

Please help support EHNTJC programs and budget by sponsoring a weekly Shabbat Oneg Kiddish or Lunch for \$250.00.

I'm willing to be a sponsor for the following:

___ Regular Friday night Oneg; ___ Shabbat morning Kiddish; ___ Shabbat morning lunch; ___ Lunch & Learn; ___ Yiddish Tisch.

Date requested: _____

Name: _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

___ in honor of _____

___ in memory of _____

For more information or to reserve by phone, please call Sonya at (847)-675-4141. NOTE: For an extended Kiddish/luncheon in honor of a baby naming, Bar/Bat Mitzvah etc., please call the Sisterhood and speak to Dorothy Davis at (847) 966-6328 or Lee Ann Granat at (837) 674-8271.

Please visit the Sisterhood Gift shop.

Ongoing Courses

Learn, Live & Love

1. Fundamentals of Judaism

Introduction to Judaism

We regularly offer 16 week cycles in which we welcome both non-Jews and Jews. The course will meet the needs of non-Jews who are eager to learn about Judaism and are considering conversion or living in an interfaith relationship, as well as Jews who are looking for a stronger foundation in the history, customs, holidays, prayer, and theology of Judaism.

- **Sundays, 9:30-11:30 PM**
- **Cost** - \$160 if not converting + \$100 for books; \$300 if converting with us + \$100 for book & material fee per set, taught by Rabbi Ginsburg & Rebbetzin Ginsburg. Contact Gail Ginsburg ginsburg.gail@gmail.com

2. Hebrew Language

Beginners & Intermediate. These 8-week courses will start with the basics of letter recognition and will move on through basic reading skills. The course will also help the students become more familiar and competent in navigating the Siddur (prayer book). Offered several times a year.

- **Sundays, 11:30-12:30 PM** Beginners.
- **Mondays, 6:30-7:30 PM** Beginners/continued & Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM
- **Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM** Advanced Hebrew

3. Youtube Videos

250 brief videos of Jewish content by Rabbi Ginsburg. Search on the internet for Youtube. When you get there, search for Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg and you'll find them or go to www.esynagogue.org

and see them all listed. Enroll in Rabbi's video University & earn a degree.

4. Shabbat LUNCH & LEARN

Monthly: Study the commandments and their rationale-Shabbat after services, taught by Rabbi Ginsburg. (\$5 for lunch). (January 26, February 9)

5. Sunday Series

- A. The Mitzvah of ... (Jan. 13, 27, & Feb. 3)
- B. Dr.Finkel, Music Series (Jan. 20, Feb. 24, March 30, May 18)

6. Spirituality & Pirke Avot/Ethics of the Ancestors

Taught by Rebbetzin Gail Ginsburg. Contact her at ehntedu@yahoo.com.

Meets weekly, Tuesday afternoons, 1:30-2:30 PM; watch for schedule.

January 16, 23, 30 & February 6, 13, 20, 27

7. Yiddish at Kiddish Tish

Marvell Ginsburg leads this Yiddish class after Shabbat Services monthly, \$5 per person. (January 19, February 16)

8. Rabbi Ginsburg's blog:

General: www.rabbireflects.blogspot.com

Israel: www.prozion.blogspot.com



AVAILABLE EHNTJC CDS

- Cantor Warschawski's High Holiday CD is now available in the office, only \$18.
- Intro to Our Synagogue available on the table in Social Hall; give it to the friend looking for a synagogue.



- I would like to order # of CD's _____ Total \$ _____
- Name _____
- Address _____
- Phone _____
- E-mail _____
- Check enclosed _____ # _____
- Visa/MasterCard _____

Please turn in your orders to the synagogue office with payments. We accept Visa/MC credit cards.

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CONGREGATIONAL

TU' B'SHVAT SEDER

SHABBAT DINNER AND SERVICE JANUARY 18, 2008

Join Rabbi Jonathan and Gail Ginsburg

Shabbat Dinner 6:30 PM, Shabbat Service 8:00 PM

Reservation form for Shabbat Dinner on Friday, January 18th, 2008

Dinner reservation deadline: Tuesday, January 15th, 5 PM

No transfer credit or refunds if cancelled after January 15th

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail address _____

_____ # of Adult Members at \$15/person = \$ _____

_____ # of Adult Non-members at \$17/person = \$ _____

_____ # of children 6 to 12 at \$6.00/child = \$ _____ (Please list ages) _____

_____ # of children 5 and under (free) (Please list ages) _____

_____ Total attending Total Enclosed \$ _____

_____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian

Payment method (Payment must accompany reservation):

_____ Check (Please make checks payable to EHNTJC - Check # _____)

_____ Credit card Visa/MasterCard - (Over \$50)

Account # _____ exp _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Please seat us with: _____

___ I/We are currently not members of EHNTJC but would like to be contacted about joining

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SHABBAT DINNER AND SERVICE FEBRUARY 15, 2008
Join Rabbi Jonathan, Gail Ginsburg and Cantor Benjamin Warschawski

Shabbat Dinner 6:30 PM, Shabbat Service 8:00 PM
Reservation form for Shabbat Dinner on Friday, February 15th, 2008
Dinner reservation deadline: Tuesday, February 12th, 5 PM
No transfer credit or refunds if cancelled after February 12th

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail address _____

_____ # of Adult Members at \$15/person = \$ _____

_____ # of Adult Non-members at \$17/person = \$ _____

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2008 Purim 5768

Megillah Reading & Carnival

Megillah Reading & Spaghetti Dinner

Thursday, March 20, 2008

6:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner, 7:00 PM Megillah Reading

Adults \$10, Kids \$5

Hamentaschen & fun! ... Delicious meatless meal! ... Eat Hamentaschen! ... Bring your whole family & friends! ... Come in costume! ... Bring gifts for friends! ... And Tzedakah for the poor!!!

Purim spaghetti sudah reservation form for March 20, 2008

(Reservation Deadline is Monday March 17th)

Name: _____

___ # of adults @ \$10 ea = \$ _____ # of Kids @ \$5 ea = \$ _____ Total \$ _____

Sorry, NO walk-ins. Must have your reservation with payment!

___ Check (payable to EHNTJC) enclosed _____ Credit card Visa/MasterCard (over \$50)

Account # _____ Exp. Date _____

Authorized Signature _____

Let's Learn About Purim Celebrations ...

We celebrate by;

- Eating a festive *seudah*/meal.
- Dressing in costumes.
- Making and eating hamantaschen (Ozney Haman – Hamen's ears).
- Hearing the Megillah (Scroll of Esther) changed with the unique trope music and making noise with grogger when Haman's name is chanted
- Giving food and tzedakah, "matanot levyonim," to the poor on March 20.
- Having the fun (so much that you can't tell the difference between the name Mordecai and Haman) By attending our Carnival on March 23.
- Giving gifts of food to one another – Mishloah manot – to two or more friends.
- Studying the Megillot Esther and reflecting on the issues it raises: anti – Semitism, courage, fear, heroism, and creating Jewish identity in an open society.





Jacqueline Rae Pawlan

"Jackie Pawlan"

February 23rd, 2008 Bat Mitzvah

Proud Parents: Jamie and Mitchell Pawlan

Caring Brothers: Joey and David Pawlan

Loving Grandparents: Marlene and Jordan

Heckman, Harold & Lois Pawlan

Jackie is looking forward to her upcoming Bat Mitzvah at Ezra Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation (where her parents were married and her father had his Bar Mitzvah.)

Jackie enjoys her friends and family. She also is involved with many sports including basketball and soccer. Jackie is participating in her school play and is one of the members of her school Jazz band and choir. She also spends her Sunday mornings as a teacher's aid at the Keshet School in Northbrook.

The Pawlan family would like to thank EHNTJC for everything, and their generosity for letting Jackie have a Bat-Mitzvah at this wonderful synagogue.

Mazel Tov to:

Avery Wells



Bar Mitzvah celebration took place at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation on November 17, 2008



A great way to spend Shabbat afternoon for families with children 4-8 yrs. (but all are welcome)
Saturday, February 2, 4-5:30 p.m., FREE of charge

At Ezra Habonim Niles Township Congregation
Snacks, Havdallah and *The Magic of Gary Kantor!*

Contact: aneuman@gojcc.org, 847/412-4225

Chanuka Party at EHNTJC



Rabbi Ginsburg



Children at the Chanuka party



Cantor Warschawski



Children watching Rabbi Ginsburg Lighting Menorah

Thanks to Michael Lichtenstein for the photographs!

Learn Judaism through EHNTJC



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צהסנמצטורגכטדנצלטא

1. Weekly and Monthly Classes
Intro to Judaism/Hebrew reading/Wisdom
of the sages/Yiddish/Shabbat
Lunch and Learn/Lectures.

**2. Daily Torah & Events Email from the
Rabbi. Sign up at rabbi@ehnt.org**

3. Available 24/7.

**A. Rabbi Ginsburg's 250 Jewish
educational Videos at**
www.youtube.com.
**Earn an honorary degree from
JewU Video school.**



B. Rabbi Ginsburg's blog at
www.rabbireflects.blogspot.com



C. Gail Ginsburg
Blog:[http://web.mac.com/gailginsburg/Neshamah
/Spirit Builder Blog/rss.xml](http://web.mac.com/gailginsburg/Neshamah/Spirit_Builder_Blog/rss.xml)



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further details.

Tel: 847-208-2323

Introduction to Judaism

A 16-Week Course for Interfaith Couples,
Potential Converts, or Those Who Want to
Learn More About:

God, Holy Books, Holidays, Life Cycle,
Values, History, Kashrut, Kabbalah, Israel

The class meets throughout the year on

Sundays, 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Students are accepted on an ongoing basis.

All are warmly welcome.

Location: Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township
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4500 Dempster Street in Skokie

Tuition & Fees

\$300 for those converting
or \$160 for class only

Plus a fee of \$100 for books and supplies

Faculty: Gail Ginsburg, Program Director
Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg

Contact Information:

847-675-4141

Or e-mail: ehntedu@yahoo.com
www.jewishconversionchicago.com

Introduction to Judaism

Name _____

E-mail _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Watch for:

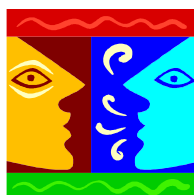
**Wine-Tasting Event
Live & Silent Auction**



*Sandi Cowen,
Way's and Means Chair Person*

WEEKLY SPIRITUALITY DISCUSSION

Join in a refreshing, friendly, soul-nurturing weekly discussion now focusing on Pirke Avot (Wisdom of the Ancient Rabbis) from a Jewish spiritual perspective. No prior knowledge necessary.



Led by Gail Ginsburg

Wednesdays, 1:30 PM
January 16, 23, & 30
February 6, 13, 20, 27

**At EZRA-HABONIM, THE NILES TOWNSHIP
JEWISH CONGREGATION**

Come when you can; no registration required.
 Free for those aged 55+, thanks to a grant from Jewish
 Healing Network, Community Connections Program.
 For those under 55, a fee of \$5.00 is payable at each session.

For more information call (847) 675-4141 or e-mail
 ehntedu@yahoo.com
 4500 W. Dempster St., Skokie, IL 60076
 www.spiritualityandjudaism.com

**BRING FOOD FOR FOOD SHELVES WHEN YOU
COME TO EHNTJC!**



**“This is what I want –
Feed the hungry.”**

Yom Kippur Haftarah
 from the Prophet Isaiah
 Place your food in the barrel in the lobby



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Presents

Lunch & Learn

**Monthly following the Shabbat
morning service**
**Taught by Rabbi Jonathan
Ginsburg**

SATURDAY TOPICS:

January 26
**New Year for Trees – Judaism and
the environment**

February 9
National Evolution Weekend
Creation/Evolution/Bible & Science

*Please send in \$5 per person to offset the
cost of lunch*

Religious School Calendar

Tuesday Saturday Special

January 2008

1 No RS	5 No RS
	8 School Resumes
	12
15	19
22	26
29	

February 2008

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5	9
12	16
19	23
26	



<u>CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND</u>	<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>	<u>CONGREGATION FUND</u>	<u>IN MEMORY OF cont'd.</u>
Gerald & Karan Dicker	Leonard Rubin	Judi Lapinsohn	Leonard Rubin
Charlene Rubin	Leonard Rubin	Melvin Levin	Gerald Isaac Levin
<u>CONGREGATION FUND</u>	<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>	Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Levin	Leonard Rubin
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Aron	Esther Mae Schwartz	Gerrie & Ben Lewin	Leonard Rubin
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Asher	Sam Rannick	Shaynee & Michael Lichtenstein	Leonard Rubin
Shelly Benjamin	Leonard Rubin	Al & Pauline Lifton	Leonard Rubin
Marilyn Berger	Fanny Berger	Mr. & Mrs. Harold Lipke	Minnie & Joe Lipke
Harriet Berland	Bertha Baum		Clara & Irving Levin
The Blaser Family	Len Rubin	Scott & Debbie Little	Lenny Rubin
Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Blaustein	Harold Horowitz	Shirley & Marty Lubowich	Marie Segal
Irving Bolon	Len Rubin	Esther Mainzer	beloved mother, Ethel Shallon
Dr. & Mrs. Howard Bresler	Charlotte Bresler Poll		Hugo Mainzer
Paula & Allan Carroll	Esther Schwartz	Sara & Mark Mayer	beloved mother, Mathilda Mayer
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Chedeck	Beverly Wolin		beloved mother, Getta Meningher
Louis Cohen	Barry Cohen		beloved aunt, Victoria Bogasieru
Morris & Joan Cook	Aaron Cook		beloved father, Harry Meningher
Bertram Counselbaum	Aileen Counselbaum	Elise & Milton Minkus	Evelyn Gelvan
	Albert Counselbaum		Harry Minkus
Sandi Cowen	Cynthia Sax		Louis Pearlman
	Mary Schraeger	Sam & Lotte Nemtsov	Leonard Rubin
Oscar Dainas	Esther Dainas	Marsha & Richard Newman	Jack Probisky
Dorothy Davis	Jack Davis		Esther Probisky
Beverly Didech	Rae & Harry Didech	Joan Olson	Leonard Olson
Max Dolins	beloved uncle, Ben Ginsburg	Raymond Pershing	Sam Pershing
	Dora Bramson	Phyllis & Sheldon Post	Deborah Golden
	Leonard Rubin		Zalman Post
	Lawrence Tanner		Fanny Roberts
John J. Dombek, Jr.	Esther Schwartz	Eileen B. Propp	Emmanuel Berlatsky
Barbara J. Donati	beloved cousin, Lenny Rubin	The Stewart Reich Family	Leslie B. Propp
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Dubner	beloved mother, Luba Dubner	Ilse Ries	Else Servos
	beloved father, Joseph Dubner	Howard Romanek	Max Ries
Arline & Leonard Dubow	beloved mother, Rose Dubow		Esther Schwartz
	beloved mother, Sophie Cohn	Irving Rosenfeld	Leonard Rubin
	beloved sister, Flossie Klein	Maurice & Ann Roth	Louis Romanek
Arlene & Harry Feiger	Leonard Rubin	Charlene Rubin	Zena Rosenfeld
Irwin C. Fink	Betty Fink	Ruth Ruffer	Harold M. Horowitz
Elaine & Arnie Flitman	Lenny Rubin	Arona & George Sarfatty	Marie Segal
Howard & Judy Frank	Len Rubin	Beatrice Schatz	Julius Helfenbein
	Sam Schraeger	Grete K. Schrenzel	Esther Hankin
	Esther Schwartz	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Schwartz	Ida Wolberg
Betty Franks	Lenny Rubin	Dr. & Mrs. Stanford Shulman	beloved husband, Otto Schrenzel
Carol & Alan Friedlander	Len Rubin		Irving Schwartz
	Mildred Friedlander		beloved brother, Alan Zaner
	Beatryce & Irving Schultz		beloved mother, Clara Tarschis
Irwin & Adrienne Friedman	Sonia Stern Rosenthal		Lenny Rubin
	Harry Stern	Dorothy Slobodin	Fritzi Gaynes
Sarah B. Friedman	Len Rubin	Sharon & Lloyd Stein	beloved brother, Joseph Coppersmith
Franklin Gerber	beloved mother, Ruth Gerber	Renee Stern	Len Rubin
Frank & Bill Gerber	Len Rubin		beloved grandmother, Betty Heineman
Floyd & Sybil Gitelman	beloved father, Maurice Steinberg	Elsa Strauss	beloved father-in-law, Berthold Stern
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Goodman	Esther Schwartz	Molly & Irwin Sweet	Heinrich Strauss
Dr. & Mrs. Arnold Goot	Leonard Rubin		Esther Schwartz
Gail & David Gotskind	Len Rubin	Ila & Harold Tattleman	Lenny Rubin
Patricia Gottschalk	Leonard Rubin	Judge & Mrs. Morris Topol	Leonard Rubin
Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Graivier	Leonard Rubin	Rakhil Vinokurova	Theodore Eddidin
Frances Gray	Fritzi Gaynes		Leib Turovets
Jerry & Ronia Gross	Ephraim Dallal		beloved mother, Pesia Turovets
	Evelyn Gross	Joel Wax	Abram Vinokuzov
Joanne Hamer	Irving Hamer	Lina C. Wenger	Philip Wax
	Martin Hamer	Sharon & Dan Weiss	beloved father, David Ermann
Jordan Hecktman	Alice Hecktman	Paula Wind and	Leonard Rubin
	Max Moschel	Gail & Irwin Schneiderman and family	Willie W. Wind
Werner & Ellen Heimann	Esther Schwartz	Thomas H. Wolf	James G. Wolf
Adele Helman	beloved mother, Dora Lukatsky	Jack & Lenore Wolfe	Leonard Rubin
Dolores Kite	Sam Braver		Mildred & Harry Moss
Dr. & Mrs. Arthur Klowden	Ann Rosen		Lenny Rubin
Dr. & Mrs. Earl Kuznetsky	Leonard Rubin	Muriel & Seymour Wolfe	

CONGREGATION FUND**IN MEMORY OF cont'd.**

Jesse Squire His Parents Boris & Jenny Squire
Chang Squire Her Parents

CONGREGATION FUND**IN HONOR OF**

Margot Eisenhammer Anita Blum's grandson's
graduation and becoming an attorney
Alan & Carol Friedlander Adele Helman's speedy recovery

Sarah Friedman to wish a speedy recovery to
Patricia Gottschalk Asher Koren-Zoloto

Evelyn & Earl Kuznetsky Marty Lubowich's birthday
Shirley & Marty Lubowich to wish a speedy recovery to
Claire Shulman

Marsha & Richard Newman to wish a speedy recovery to
Claire Shulman

Dr. & Mrs. Stanford Shulman Marsha & Rich Newman's
40th wedding anniversary
Ways & Means Committee get well to Burt Ofsaiof

EDUCATION FUND**IN HONOR OF**

Nancy & Sigmund Steinfink Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Rapaport's son Matt's engagement

GAN YELADIM FUND**IN MEMORY OF**

Gan Yeladim Leonard Rubin

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Stanley & Jackie Schwartz Leonard Rubin

H. GREENBAUM CAMP RAMAH FUND**IN HONOR OF**

Stanley & Jackie Schwartz Caryl Kahn's birthday

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Marsha & Richard Newman Esther Mae Schwartz
Leonard Rubin
Marie Segal
Beatrice Marenberg
Howard Romanek Marie Segal
Fritzi Gaynes

PRAYER BOOK FUND**IN HONOR OF**

Shirley & Marty Lubowich Jeanette Block's special birthday
Olga Lubowich's 92nd birthday

RABBI'S SPECIAL FUND**IN MEMORY OF**

Sandi Cowen Len Rubin
Sam Schraeger
Jack & Sandra Herman Leonard Rubin
Charlene Rubin Leonard Rubin
Claire & Stan Shulman beloved mother, Beatrice
Marenberg
Joanne Stein Len Rubin
Deborah & Otto Wilner Marie Segal
Jean Zaltzman Len Rubin

RABBI'S SPECIAL FUND**IN HONOR OF**

Joe & Pat Kritzman thanks to the Rabbi, Gail and
congregants for visits and prayers during Joe's recovery

RABBI'S EMERITUS FUND**IN MEMORY OF**

Anita & Perry Toback Sophie Toback
Jack Susman

REICH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND**IN MEMORY OF**

Debbie & Stewart Reich Lenny Rubin
Esther Schwartz

REICH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND**IN HONOR OF**

The Lubowich Family Bar Mitzvah of Avery Wells
Shirley & Marty Lubowich to wish Joe Kritzman a
speedy recovery

TALCOT/LEVIN FUND**IN HONOR OF**

Shirley & Marty Lubowich to wish Debbie Wilner a
speedy recovery
to wish Joyce Ruben a
speedy recovery

Memorial Plaques

When a member of your family passes away, we at
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Call the office to order your memorial plaque at (847)
675-4141. We can send you a brochure with more
details.



Condolences to:

- Roz Gallai, death of sister, Fritzi Gaynes
- Elsa Mack, death of father, Mitchell Cohen Macks
- Sandi Cowen and Rachel Cowen, death of father/grandfather, Sam Schraeger
- Stanley Schwartz, death of mother, Esther Schwartz
- Charlene Rubin, death of husband, Lenny Rubin
- Phyllis Post, death of mother, Marie Segal
- Claire Shulman, death of mother, Clara Zaner
- Sidney & Jeffrey Levin, death of father Mel Levin

Please let us know

Please let us know when there is a death of a member or
loved one. All congregation deaths will be listed on our
website. Let us know if you prefer a call or an e-mail.

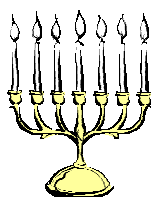
January 2008 – 5768

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 8:00 Layni & Dean Myer	5 No Religious School
6 Introduction to Judaism	7	8 Religious School	9	10	11 8:00 Jeff N Janis	12 Yiddish after Kiddush Religious School Bill Gerber sponsors Kiddush
13 Introduction to Judaism The Mitzvah of ...	14	15 Religious School	16	17	18 Shabbat 6:15 Tu' B' Shvat Seder Dinner 8:00 Bibi Marcell	19 Religious School Tu'B' Shvat Seder Dinner
20 Introduction to Judaism Tu'B' Shvat Conversion Havrah 10:00-11:00 AM Music Series Dr. Sandy Finkel	21	22 Religious School	23	24	25 8:00 Bibi Marcell	26 Lunch & Learn Religious School
27 Introduction to Judaism The Mitzvah of ...	28	29 Religious School	30	31		

January

Standard Time

Friday	4	4:15
Friday	11	4:22
Friday	18	4:30
Friday	25	4:39

Candle
lighting
Times

February

Standard Time

Friday	1	4:48
Friday	8	4:56
Friday	15	5:05
Friday	22	5:14
Friday	29	5:23

February 2008 – 5768

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8:00 Layni & Dean Myers	2 Religious School JCC Tot Shabbat event
3 Introduction to Judaism The Mitzvah of ...	4	5 Religious School	6	7	8 8:00 Bibi Marcell	9 Lunch & Learn – Evolution Creation Religious School
10 Introduction to Judaism 7:00 PM Singles Movie	11	12 Religious School	13	14	15 Tot Shabbat 5:45 Dinner 6:30 8:00 Cantor Warschawski	16 Yiddish after Kiddush
17 Introduction to Judaism Cantor in Opera at EHNTJC	18	19 Religious School	20	21	22 8:00 Lori Lippitz	23 Mincha Bat Jackie Pawlan Religious School
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We have new microphones (thanks to Marty and Shirley Lubowich's 60th anniversary fund) **but**, the rest of the sound system is going: three speakers are burned out, many are cracking. The equalizer etc are on their last legs, \$8000 to repair. One family has pledged \$1000. Will you help us take advantage of the stars we have? Our experts tell us we will not have sound during the next High Holidays unless this is done. Of all the things Len Rubin Z'L loved to do at the synagogue, leading davening was right up there. In his memory, let's get a new sound system worthy of our Rabbi and Cantor.

Won't you help?



Chanuka Party at EHNTJC



Chanuka Party at EHNTJC – Magic by Randy



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**A 3 week course with Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg
Studying some Mitzvot of Judaism**

Sunday, 10:35 – 12:00 PM
January 13, 27 & February 3 (No Fee)

Among the Mitzvot to be studied:

- ☆ The Mitzvah of:
Hachnasgt Orchim – Welcoming guests
- ☆ The Mitzvah of:
Bikur Holim – Visiting the sick
- ☆ The Mitzvah of:
Circumcision Brit Milah
- ☆ The Mitzvah of:
Honoring one’s parents
- ☆ The Mitzvah of:
Love thy neighbor
- ☆ The Mitzvah of:
Belief in 1 G-d

Registration Form

I/We register for the Mitzvah of ... class

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

“The world is built on Chesed”

Since its inception, Ezra-Habonim Congregation’s Social Action/Tikkun Olam committee has provided our congregation with programs exemplifying Tikkun Olam. Involvement in the Tikkun Olam, both within and beyond our congregation, is seen not only as an obligation but also an invaluable opportunity to rebuild our community and repair the world. Won't you join us?

Jewish United Fund/Volunteer for Tov: Contact 312-357-4762 or Tav@iuf.org. There are many projects for helping the needy.

Jewish Uptown Cafe: Kosher meal program for the poor at 909 W. Wilson, Chicago. Feed the hungry. Volunteers 12 & over serve & converse. Call 312-357-4762.

Maot Hittim: Provide Pesach food for the needy.

Feed The Hungry: We collect food and distribute it to the Ark, which serves needy folks in the West Rogers Park area. Bring food to the synagogue throughout the year.

Helping The Elderly: Jewish Council for the Elderly offers many services, including facilities, home services and meals. To volunteer or inquire, call 773-508-1005 or www.cie.net.

Gemiluth Chesed: Our synagogue maintains an Emergency Fund to assist congregants in time of need. Contact Rabbi Ginsburg.

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- 1. Get a High Efficiency Showerhead** – it will save you up to 3,000 gallons of water per person per year. You’ll also save \$50 of energy costs and 1,000 lbs. of carbon dioxide per person. A sink aerator attachment will save water and sell for as little as \$2 per sink.
- 2. Purchase Green Power From Your Utility** – *I’m told that most charge less than \$5 per month extra. Not only will your power come from a renewable source, but you’ll use the power of your spending to show utility executives and government officials that we need more investment in renewable energy projects.* (I’m checking on this one and will report back soon. If any of you have looked into this, please contact me (see bottom of page).
- 3. Improve the Efficiency of Your Existing Hot Water Heater** – tank-less and solar hot water heaters are great, but simple changes to your existing setup can cut your energy bills and carbon emissions by 25% or more: reduce the temperature of your hot water heater to 120 degrees, wrap it in a water heater insulating blanket and insulate the first 3 to 6 feet of hot and cold water pipes. These changes should take you less than an hour and cost less than \$50.
- 4. Use High-Efficiency Outdoor Lighting** - a typical 100-watt floodlight, if used for six hours per day, can consume up to \$40 of electricity over the course of a year and produce upwards of 400 pounds of CO2, depending on where you live. Replace those floodlights with **compact-fluorescent** versions — they’re just as bright and use 1/4 the energy.
- 5. Replace High-Use Indoor Lights with Compact Fluorescents or LEDs** – they’re better than ever. They cost more to begin with but between energy savings and much longer lifespan they pay for themselves in less than two years. **Won’t you change just one bulb this week?!**
- 6. Load Up the Washing Machines** - *make sure you run dishwashers and clothes washers only when they are full. Also, adjust the water temperature when possible. These appliances are huge energy and water users. We use far more water (and soap) when dishwashing by hand - I never knew that before!*
- 7. Drive Smarter** - hybrids, biodiesels, electric - today we have more choices than ever when it comes to efficient transportation. But, some simple changes in our existing driving habits can improve fuel efficiency by up to 25%. Tips include: driving at (or near!) the speed limit, keeping your tires inflated, making sure oil and air filters are clean, and stepping on the gas / brakes carefully.
- 8. Avoid the Daily Waste of Fast Food and Shopping** - *next week, keep track of how much trash you generate by eating out and making trips to the store, I guarantee you’ll be amazed! All of those bags, cups, and containers really add up and are stuffing our landfills to capacity. Bring your own plastic/metal boxes to your favorite take-out joint. Use reusable shopping bags whenever you go to the store. (Trader Joe’s has some fun ones and they put you in their \$50 drawing every time you use them). Say "No Thanks" when offered a paper bag for one or two small items.*

2007 TAX TIP: If you insulated, weather-stripped, caulked, installed new windows, skylights, an energy-efficient water heater or furnace, heat pump or a metal roof in 2007, you are entitled to a deduction on your Federal income tax if these things were done by December 31, 2007.

Please consider joining the **Green Group** that is forming at the synagogue. We won’t have a lot of meetings but we will make a difference in our synagogue and our communities. Please contact Phyllis Friedland, 847-226-6658, or email, phyllisfriedland@yahoo.com.

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 Community Connections Program

Movie Night

“Keeping the Faith”

Edward Norton, Ben Stiller, Jenna Elfman
 Popcorn, cookies, sweets, pop, coffee



Sunday February 10th, 7:00 PM.

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 4500 Dempster Street/Skokie 60076
 847-675-4141/www.ehnt.org

To register call Gail Ginsburg at 847-675-4141 or send an e-mail to
ehntedu@yahoo.com or dee@ehnt.org

To be added to our e-mail list, please send an e-mail to
Jewishsingle50on@aol.com or dee@ehnt.org . In the
 subject box type “Add to List.”

February 10th, Singles Movie Night. Please register in
 advance by sending an e-mail to ehntedu@yahoo.com or
dee@ehnt.org or by calling Gail Ginsburg at 847-675-4141.
 Please pay \$7.00 at the door. Invite a friend! Please print
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Name(s) _____

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**Camp Ramah in
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Camp Ramah in Wisconsin combines the joys of
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 A full range of fun activities integrates Jewish values
 and observances into the daily camp experience.
 Activities include sports, swimming, sailing, kayaking,
 music, dance, nature, photography, arts and drama.
 There is even a brand new camp radio station! All meals
 are kosher and Shabbat is observed. The camp is located
 15 miles north of Eagle River, Wisconsin, on beautiful
 Lake Buckatabon. Ramah in Wisconsin offers a half
 season for children entering 5th grade and 6th grade,
 and a full season for campers entering 7th-11th grades.
 For more information, call (312) 606-9316 ext 221, or
 email registrar@ramahwisconsin.coto or visit the camp
 website at www.ramahwisconsin.com.



The Ramah Day Camp

The Ramah Day Camp offers the finest in day camping
 for children who are eager for a fun, supportive, and
 enriching summer in a Jewish context. The camp offers
 a full range of camp activities including swimming, arts
 & crafts, nature, drama, music, cooking, sports and
 recreational games. Small groups and a mature
 professional staff provide a warm and nurturing
 environment in which Judaism and Hebrew are integral
 to daily activities.

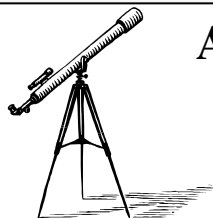
Located at 98 W. Hintz Road in Wheeling, the Ramah
 Day Camp is set on a beautiful tree-filled site which
 offers large open fields, two teaching pools, new tennis
 and basketball courts, two covered pavilions and a
 kosher kitchen. Children entering grades K-6 can enroll
 for a full 8-week session or one of two four-week
 sessions. Camp hours are 9:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.;
 transportation is provided and included in fees. The
 Ramah Day Camp, serving all of Chicagoland, is
 operated under the guidance of the Camp Ramah in
 Wisconsin Committee. For more information, call
 (312)606-0444, email info@ramahday.com or visit the
 website at www.ramahday.com.

HOW YOU CAN HELP TO SECURE OUR SYNAGOGUE'S FUTURE

We have the opportunity now to secure our future well beyond the immediate present, and to that end we are establishing - the ENDOWMENT FUND which will secure EHNTJC as a thriving and continuous spiritual home serving the wider Skokie & Metropolitan Chicago community. We want to continue to build upon our great Gan Yeladim and Religious School. We are a constancy as a house of prayer; we continuously offer new and exciting adult programs, spiritual sessions and tefilah, beautiful holiday and daily services, and life cycle events. We must continue on. Each of us is requested to get excited all over again about our *shul*, and so we have started a new and historic fund-raising effort. Many non-profit organizations understand that survival is possible only with Endowment Funds. We ask for pledges of support at different levels of giving, which are payable over a five year period, or in trusts or as estate gifts. We have always been a synagogue that is considerate of our members' needs. Our dues level is one of the lowest in the north suburban area. We have not had an obligatory building fund, although our beautiful building is in need of repair and decorative uplifting; nor have we had any major endowment campaigns in decades. **NOW IS THE TIME.** Join us with enthusiasm and generosity, with support and confidence that we must grow, expand, reach out and provide our membership and the community with a synagogue that continues to take its place as a light, a beam to our Jewish presence. Contact Rabbi Ginsburg or Fred Sinay if you are willing to help.

Endowment Naming Opportunities

\$100,000		Havurah Program
		Introduction to Judaism Program
\$50,000		Lehrhaus
		Early Childhood Rooms
		Family Education Program
		Synagogue Website
		College Holiday Mailings
		Social Hall stage
		Scholar-in-Residence Weekend
\$25,000		High Holy Days Family Service
		Classroom Rejuvenation
		Playground Improvement
		Office for Executive Director
		Office for the <i>Hazzan</i>
		Yehntta: Rabbi Ginsburg's email
\$20,000		Religious School Faculty Endowment
		Kabbalah Classes
		High Holy Days Babysitting
		Torah Break (monthly)
		Annual Torah Repair & Maintenance
		Adult B'nai Mitzvah program
		Daily Minyan Service Naming
		Annual Kristallnacht Program
		Annual Veteran's Day Activities
		Israel Independence Day Activities
		Sunday Minyon Breakfast
\$10,000		One-night of minyon (6 available)
		General Adult Education
		Tefillin Fund
		Lulav & Etrog Supply Fund
		High Holiday Aliyot
		Adult Hebrew Program
		Lunch & Learn
		Taschlich
		Weekly Torah Class
		Bris Gifts
\$5,000		Tuition Scholarship
		Youth Camp Scholarship
		Endowment
		Birthday Recognition Program
		Annual Sukkah
		Wedding Anniversary Program
		Wedding Ketubot
		Holocaust Education
		Simhat Torah Flags
		Purim Greggors
		Simhat Torah Pizza Dinner
		Kipot Fund
		Candle Fund
		Bar/Bat Mitzvah Certificates
\$2,000,000	Main building named	
\$1,000,000	Gan Endow Rabbinic Position or Endow Hazzan Position	
\$500,000	Endow Director of Education Position Endow Executive Director Position Name Religious School	
\$250,000	Bulletin Named Hebrew School High Holy Days Choir Librarian Endow Youth Director Program	



Astronomy and Judaism: What's in the Heavens?

Gazing at the Stars with Hofstra Professor Donald Lubowich

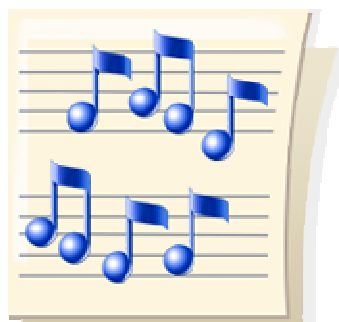


Saturday evening March 08, 2008

Star gazing with a telescope to view stars, planets, nebula, star clusters, galaxies, etc. Although God promises Abraham to make his descendants "as numerous that the stars in the sky", there are only 11,000 stars in the sky visible without a telescope over the course of one year. How can one count the stars and estimate the number of stars in the Milky Way Galaxy and the Universe? Phases of the Moon and its relationship to the Jewish calendar? How does astronomy determine sunset and the end of twilight (the traditional end of Shabbat was sighting of three stars).

There will be a hands-on telescope observations of: Saturn's rings and satellites; Mars; the Pleiades star cluster; and the Orion Nebula.

Saturday 8 March 2008 Havdalah 6:45 PM Gan 7-8 PM Congregation 8-9 PM Dessert, coffee, punch will be served.



Music series with Dr. Sandy Finkel

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Just come, have fun and learn**

1. THE UNITED STATES IN SONG: The impact of American Jewish composers and performers from 1890-1950. January 20.
2. WE KNOW WE BELONG TO THE LAND. American Jewish composers and Broadway musicals: February 24
3. A YIDDISHE SHTUNDE --with some Hebrew and Russian songs included. March 30
4. THE EARLY DAYS OF ROCK AND ROLL. The contributions of Jewish composers and performers. May 18

Sanford I. Finkel, M.D. Bio:

CLINICAL PRACTICE

Geriatric and Adult Psychiatry, Clinical, 1971 - Present

Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, University of Chicago Medical School; 2001 - Present

Attending Medical Staff, Division of Psychiatry, University of Chicago Hospitals, Chicago, IL; 2002 - Present

Senior Vice President, Medical Affairs and Research

Council for Jewish Elderly, 2003 - 2005

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Distinguished Life Fellow, American Psychiatric Association, 2004

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry Founder, 1978 President, 1978 - 1981

White House Conference on Aging Committee, Chair, 1990

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Congregational Second Seder

Sunday, April 20, 2008 – 6:15 PM

PRECEDED BY: MINYAN SERVICE IN CHAPEL AT 5:45 PM
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CANTOR BENJAMIN WARSCHAWSKI

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Please mail your check today! **Your check is your reservation.** Final reservations and cancellations must be received by April 16. **No refunds after April 16.**

Name(s) _____
Address: _____
Phone # _____ E-Mail address _____

_____ # of Adults Members at \$ 50/person	= \$ _____
_____ # of Adults Non-Members at \$ 55/person	= \$ _____
_____ # of Children ages 9 to 12 at \$ 25/child	= \$ _____
_____ # of Children ages 3 to 8 at \$ 18/child	= \$ _____
_____ # of Children ages 2 & under/no charge	= \$ _____
_____ Total attending	Total Enclosed \$ _____

_____ I/We want a vegetarian entrée

Payment must accompany reservation

Payment method.

_____ Check (Please make checks payable to ETNTJC – Check # _____
_____ Credit Card Visa/Master Card – (Over \$ 50)

Account # _____ Exp _____

Authorized signature: _____

Please list seating preference: _____

Please list names of all attendees in your group: _____

Any questions, call Stanley Schwartz: (847) 299-9440 or E-mail: carrollflnggrp@aol.com or Becky Ofsaiof (847) 972-1526(h)
(847) 736-8897(cell) or E-mail: beckyofsaiof@comcast.net

_____ **I/We are currently not members of EHNTJC but would like to be contacted about joining.**



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- Old City of Jerusalem – Jewish past, archaeology, and city of three religions.
- New City of Jerusalem – city of today – politics, an everyday life Knessert, Yad Vashem, Supreme Court, and more.
- A day in the Judean Mountains – enjoy nature, military, history, and Mini – Israel.
- Kabbalat Shabbat at the hotel, and private Friday night dinner.
- Tour Massada and swim in the Dead Sea.
- The Galilee, Golan Heights, Mystical and artistic Tzefat, Haifa, Tiberius, ancient ruins and new mansion of Casarea...
- Tel Aviv tour, museum, and farewell dinner.
- Optional extension to Elilat.

For more information contact Rabbi Ginsburg
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 Ellen Levine
 Ethel Levy
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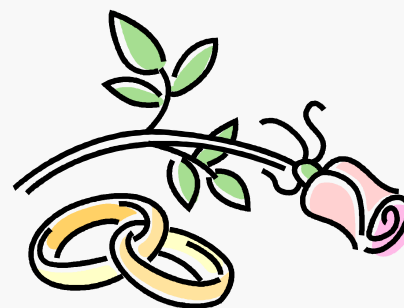
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Anniversaries
January

Rose Lynn & Randal Jaffe
 Dorothy & Marshall Nixon
 Rose & Anatol Pilchin
 Beatriz & Roberto Levi
 Marcia & Jack Rosenberg
 Jackqualine & David Levin

February

Shirley & Martin Lubowich
 Ellen & Marvin Bero
 Linda & Norbert Heimann
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