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Ezra-Habonim, the Piles Township Jewish Congregation

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January - February 2009

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From the Rabbi's desk ...

On January 20th, a new administration takes over with presumably different priorities and goals. I know that both the President and Vice President have Jewish chiefs of staff. We hope that Jewish wisdom helps direct US policy.



A few weeks after the new President is inaugurated, the Jews celebrate the holiday of Tu B'Shvat, the New Year for trees. It is an opportunity for us to first think about our responsibility to the environment and to the earth. On Jewish Arbor Day, We celebrate not only trees and all they do for the world in providing air, wood, paper, fruit, shade, homes for animals and birds, conserving soil, but the larger issue about protecting the land.



President-elect Obama has stated repeatedly that he is interested in developing renewable energy to a much more significant effect, reducing pollution. Pray that the message of Tu B'Shvat helps direct him and the government.

In addition, Tu B'Shvat is springtime in Israel land and is associated with planting trees there, and there is concern for the land itself. We pray that the new administration works in concert with the state of Israel to defend and protect her.

Following on the heels of Tu B'Shvat, in early March, is the holiday of Purim. It is the story of the near genocide of the Jewish people in Persia in the fifth century BCE, saved through the heroic efforts of Mordicai and Esther, with God's assistance.



Ancient Persia, of course, is Iran, which today poses the greatest threat to not only the existence of the state of Israel, but has missiles that can reach Europe and soon the United States, and is working hard to develop nuclear technology.

On the Sabbath before Purim, we read Shabbat Zachor, a portion about the horrific nation of Amalak and the dastardly way they conducted themselves in warfare against our ancestors. We pray that the new administration, amidst all their priorities, recognizes that evil does exist in the world, and has to be confronted in a forceful way.

Jews have prayed for the government where we resided, for many centuries. We pray with hope and optimism for the government of the United States, their leaders and advisors.

Amen, Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg



THE CANTOR'S CORNER



Greetings! In the three years that I have had the privilege to serve as your cantor, I have enjoyed numerous special moments with so many of you. From services to classes, meetings to dinners, I have been blessed to become a part of your lives. This, however, is not a one-way street.

You have become a part of my life as well, and at no time was this more evident than during my recent lower back problems.

This past High Holiday season was wonderfully tumultuous for me. I relish that time of year as I truly enjoy the feeling of the Days of Awe, and I love the music that I share with you before G-d. From the beginning of Rosh Hashono it was obvious to me that something was wrong with my lower back, creating debilitating sciatic pain in my right leg. It was equally obvious to you as so many of you inquired about my health with concern. I just marched on knowing I had a job to do for you, for myself, and most importantly before the L-rd! Knowing that my congregation was in my corner kept me going, and thankfully I persevered on the strength of your collective kindness and was able to finish the job through those gut-wrenching moments of pain.

But it doesn't end there. Inevitably, two weeks after the holidays I underwent back surgery. I am thrilled to

report that I am doing very well and at present have no more pain. So why am I beginning this "Cantor's Corner" column now?

I have always enjoyed communicating with my congregation other than through song, and I wanted to personally thank all of you whose thoughts, prayers, and actions helped me through this. I am truly grateful for all you have done. Baruch Ato rofei cholim/Blessed are you, who heals the sick. With all of your kind thoughts, words, and actions, you partnered with G-d in His holy task of healing. For the phone calls and visits, the rides and meal preparation, I thank all of you who gave me strength, both physically, and meta-physically. In this way our relationship is that two-way street, where I reaped the rewards of having you become a part of my life and of being a part of this loving EHTNJC family. For that, I thank you all!

I will be singing the title role in Mascagni's opera L'amico Fritz this winter at Sarasota Grand Opera, and I look forward to seeing you again upon my return in the spring. Have a "guten vinter!"

Ahal'la Hashem b'chayai, azam'ra lelokai b'odi. I shall praise Hashem while I live, I will make music to my G-d while I exist.

Kind regards, *Cantor Benjamin Warschawski*

Officiating on

FRIDAY NIGHTS

January & February 2009

Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg

DATE SERVICE

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| J a n | 2 | 8:00 PM | Bibi Marcell & Rabbi Ginsburg |
| | 9 | 8:00 PM | Cantor Warschawski & Rabbi Brief |
| | 16 | 8:00 PM | Layni & Dean Myers & Rabbi Brief |
| | 23 | 8:00 PM | Bibi Marcell & Rabbi Ginsburg |
| | 30 | 6:30 PM | Lori Lippitz & Rabbi Ginsburg |
| F e b | 6 | 5:45 PM | Tot Shabbat, 6:15 Tu B' shvat Dinner |
| | | 8:00 PM | Lori Lippitz & Rabbi Ginsburg |
| | 13 | 8:00 PM | Jeff' N Janis & Rabbi Ginsburg |
| | 20 | 8:00 PM | Layni & Dean Myers & Rabbi Ginsburg |
| | 27 | 8:00 PM | Bibi Marcell & Rabbi Ginsburg |

SPONSORS NEEDED

Please help support EHNTJC programs and budget by sponsoring a weekly Shabbat Oneg, Kiddush, or Lunch for \$350.00

In memory/honor of _____

For more information on the above or for other special occasions and costs, please call Sonya at:
(847) 675-4141

Please visit the Sisterhood Gift Shop.



Condolences

- * To the Roth Family, husband Maurice, sons Jordan and Craig (wife Inna), grandson Daniel, mother Lillian Horowitz, siblings Elaine (husband Irwin) Blaustein and Ronald (Carol) Horowitz on the death of our beloved member Ann Roth.
- * To the Goodfriend Family, wife Barbara, daughters Bonnie (husband Jeffrey) Libby and Iris (husband Rod) Kander and grandchildren Becky, Alison, Jennie and Ivan.
- * To Alissa Berman, on the death of her beloved husband, Dr. Phillip Berman.
- * To Fred Sinay's family: daughters, Dr. Barbara (Brent) Brotine, Gail (Ronnie) Meyerson, and Nancy (Bill) Gold, his grandchildren and great grandchildren.
- * To Molly Sweet on the death of her beloved husband Irwin Sweet.

Thanks to:

- * The 2008/5769 "Torah Cover Changing Crew", Rich Newman, Sheldon Post, Carol Straus, Steve Parker, Jonathan Parker, Howard Romanek, Rose Lynn Jaffe, and Steve Abrams.
- * Thanks to the anonymous donor (who had donated our organ) for a new \$5,000 donation for the sound system. He is a non-member and a non-Jew.

Mazel Tov to our Religious school consecration 5769:



Julia Aptekar
 William Claver
 Dalia Davidson
 Oren Davidson
 Adin Frost
 Alyssa Levin
 Sarah Resnick
 Robert Sanders

The celebration took place on Shabbat Chanuka Dec. 20th

Mazel Tov to:

- * Rachel Shvartser and her parents Yuri and Tatyana on her Bat Mitzvah

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.

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.



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.

- * Silk Hallah Covers from Jerusalem for our Communal Dinner, 20x20 \$ 400
- *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
- * Refurbish the Cantor's office \$ 5,000

Learn, Live & Love Jewishly

1. Fundamentals of Judaism and Beginning Hebrew Course

NESHAMAH ECHAT,
THE CENTER FOR JEWISH SPIRITUAL LIVING



Introduction to Judaism Program for conversion to Judaism

A 16-sessions Course for Potential Converts

See flyer on page 7

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.

- **Mondays 6:30-7:30 PM –Intermediate**
- **Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 PM -Advanced**
\$25-members, \$40- non-members, taught by Charles Kriesberg

Life Learning at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township
Jewish Congregation Presents:

Giving the Gift of Peace of Mind Sunday, January 25th, 10:30 AM

Who will make your medical choices if you cannot?
A program of Shaarei Chesed: Comfort & Care
with Advanced Illness.

Info: Tracey Lipisig Kite, LCSW, JHNC Director
or Carol E. Berry, BA, Coordinator of
Shaarei Chesed at (847)568-5200

3. Videos

450 brief videos of Jewish content by Rabbi Ginsburg. Search on the internet for Youtube at www.youtube.com/rjhgins 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) (Jan. 31, Feb. 28)

5. Yiddish at Kiddish Tish

Marvell Ginsburg leads this Yiddish class after Shabbat Services monthly, \$5 per person. (Jan. 10, Feb. 21)

6. Spirituality Maimonides Laws of Personal Growth

Taught by Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg. Meets weekly, Wed. afternoons, 1:15-2:30 PM;
E-mail rabbi@ehnt.org. Jan. 14,21,28 &
Feb. 4,11, 18, 25

7. Yehntta

Your Ezra-Habonim Niles Township Torah abstract. Regular e-mails on topics of Jewish interest from Rabbi J. Ginsburg. To be added, e-mail rabbi@ehnt.org.

8. Blogs:

www.rabbireflects.blogspot.com
www.jewcybercentral.blogspot.com
www.conservativejew.blogspot.com
www.weeklyvideodvartorah.blogspot.com
www.cybershabbatservices.blogspot.com

9. Jewish Grandparenting of Children of Intermarriage

Tuesday nights, starts Jan.13, 27 & Feb. 3 - -7:30 PM
(Classes are full for these dates. Call for new classes)



Program of the Adult Education Committee presents:

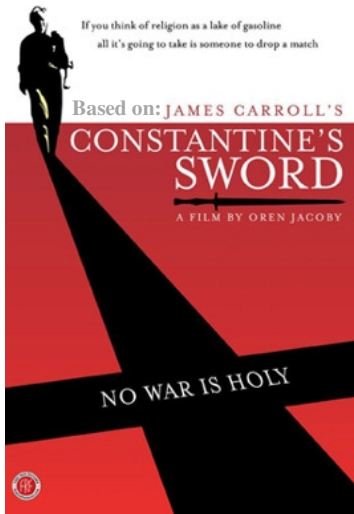
Movie

Constantine's Sword

February 1st, 10:00 AM?

"A troubling & enthralling film"

at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation
4500 Dempster Street, Skokie, IL 60076
(847)675-4141, www.enht.org



Directed by Oren Jacoby
Written by James Carroll and Mr. Jacoby, based on the book by Mr. Carroll
Director of photography, Bob Richman
Edited by Kate Hirson
Music by Joel Goodman
Produced by Mr. Jacoby, Mr. Carroll, Michael Solomon and Betsy West
Released by First Run Features and Red Envelope Entertainment.

Running time: 1 hour 35 minutes.
This film is not rated.

NYT Critics' Pick! This movie has been designated a Critic's Pick by the film reviewers of The Times.

Greater Chicago Area 50+ Jewish Singles



**Personal Relationships
over Sixty**



**Sunday, February 22, 2009
at 7:00 PM**

**Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township
Jewish Congregation
4500 Dempster Street at Kolmar, Skokie**

**Dr. Hollis Chalem is a Professor Emeritus.
She is a facilitator, speaker and consultant.
She is our modern day Dr. Ruth.**

As a single person what are the myths and realities of personal relationships Over Sixty?
Let's discuss and learn. We will discuss strategies for dating over age 60. Join us for a fun-filled and educational evening.

50+ SINGLES program February 22nd Reservation deadline Wednesday, February 18, 2009
e-mail Dee@ehnt.org or call 847-675-4141
Please pay \$10.00 per person at the door.
Invite a friend!

Please print clearly.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

To be added to our e-mailing list, please send an e-mail to Dee@ehnt.org in the subject box type "Add to Singles List." To unsubscribe, send an e-mail to the same address..

_____ I am not currently a member of EHNTJC, but would like to be contacted about joining.



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**TU B' SHVAT
SEDER DINNER & SERVICE
FEBRUARY 6TH, 2009**

Join Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg

Tot Shabbat 5:45, Dinner 6:30 PM, Shabbat Service 8:00 PM
Reservation form for Shabbat Dinner on Friday, February 6th, 2009

Dinner reservation deadline: Tuesday, February 3th, 5 PM

No transfer credit or refunds if cancelled after February 3th

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

February 6
Shabbat Dinner

רכעטחנבשעלךמטנסימי
צהסנמצטורגכטדנצלטא



Learn Judaism through EHNTJC

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 450 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

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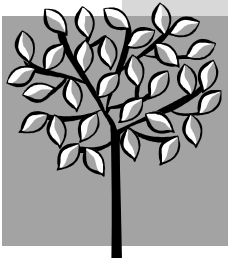
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Presents

Lunch & Learn

Monthly following the Shabbat morning service
Taught by Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg
January 31, February 28

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

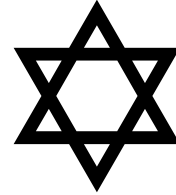


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A leaf on our Tree of Life, located in
the entrance, is a wonderful way to
remember a special simcha in your
life, or to honor a family member or
friend.

A leaf costs \$180 and is a lasting, loving remembrance. Just
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Introduction to Judaism Program for conversion to Judaism

A 16-sessions Course for Potential Converts

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

Enroll anytime!

Students are accepted on an
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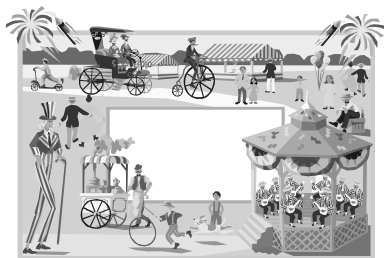
The program consists of:

1. Readings
2. Videos online
3. Defining terms, memorizing items
4. Attendance at learners services, twice a
month, Saturdays
5. Conversion requirements includes:
 - A. Complete above work
 - B. Read Hebrew
 - C. Bet Din Rabbinic Tribunal,
immersion in a Mikvah, sign
Declaration of faith, write essay

Contact Information

847-331-3584

Website: www.jewishconversionchicago.com



Purim Carnival
Sunday, March 8, 2009
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'zil and Edwin Herman for donating the Purim Megillah booklets.

Volunteers Needed!

Purim Carnival to sell food, handle ticket sales, staff booths.

Sponsors Needed!

Booths at \$50 each for our EHNTJC carnival, Sunday, March 8.

To volunteer or donate, call (847) 675-4141 or e-mail Rabbi Ginsburg ehntjrab@yahoo.com



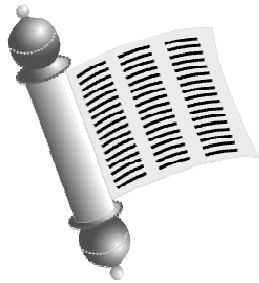
This year's annual Sukkah Walk.

Group finished up at Marty and Shirley Lubowich home for dinner



**Tour next
Israel Trip:
November 2009**

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2009 Purim 5769
Megillah Reading & Spaghetti Dinner
Tuesday, March 10, 2009

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 seudah reservation form for March 10, 2009
 (Reservation Deadline is Friday March 6th)

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 – Haman’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 10th.
- Having the fun (so much that you can’t tell the difference between the name Mordecai and Haman) by attending our carnival on March 8th.
- 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.





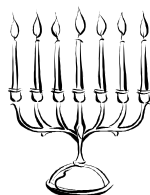
January 2009

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|-----------|--|--|-----------|---|--|
| Daily Minyan Mon -Thurs 7:00PM Sat - Sun 6:00PM | | | | 1 | 2 8:00 PM Bibi Marcell Soloist & Rabbi Ginsburg | 3 9:30 AM Service No Religious School |
| 4 9:30 AM Introduction to Judaism | 5 | 6 Lehrhaus | 7 Religious School No Maimonides class | 8 | 9 8:00 PM Cantor Warschawski & Rabbi Brief | 10 9:30 AM Service Yiddish after Kidush Religious School Michael Horowitz Sermon |
| 11 No Introduction to Judaism | 12 | 13 Lehrhaus 7:30 PM Grandparents Circle | 14 Religious School 1:15 Still fresh after 1000 years Maimonides Advice for life! | 15 | 16 8:00 PM Layni & Dean Myers & Rabbi Brief | 17 9:30 AM Service Religious School Gan Havdalah Howard Graff Sermon |
| 18 No Introduction to Judaism | 19 | 20 Lehrhaus | 21 Religious School 1:15 Still fresh after 1000 years Maimonides Advice for life! | 22 | 23 8:00 PM Bibi Marcell Soloist & Rabbi Ginsburg | 24 9:30 AM Service Religious School |
| 25 9:30 AM Intro to Judaism 10:30 AM Giving the gift of peace of mind | 26 | 27 Lehrhaus 7:30 PM Grandparents Circle | 28 Religious School 1:15 Still fresh after 1000 years Maimonides Advice for life! | 29 | 30 8:00 PM Lori Lippitz & Rabbi Ginsburg | 31 Religious School Lunch & Learn Amram Abraham |

January Standard Time

| | | |
|--------|----|------|
| Friday | 2 | 4:11 |
| Friday | 9 | 4:18 |
| Friday | 16 | 4:26 |
| Friday | 23 | 4:35 |
| Friday | 30 | 4:45 |

Candle Lighting Times



February Standard Time

| | | |
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| Friday | 6 | 4:52 |
| Friday | 13 | 5:01 |
| Friday | 20 | 5:10 |
| Friday | 27 | 5:19 |

**Kristallnacht Memorial Service at EHNTJC
November 9, 2008**



Speaker: Judge Michael Hyman



Photos by: Michael Lichtenstein

The Ramah Day Camp



**Come celebrate summer in January
with Ramah Day Camp!**

Meet our wonderful head staff and learn about the magic of Ramah Day Camp. Bring the whole family and enjoy an afternoon of fun camp activities! Sunday, January 25 from 2:00-3:30 pm at the Chicagoland Jewish High School, 1095 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield. 312-606-0444, info@ramahday.com.

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.

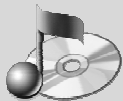
Small groups and a mature professional staff provide a warm and nurturing environment in which Judaism and Hebrew are integral to daily activities.

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.



AVAILABLE EHNTJC CDS

- Cantor Warschawski's High Holiday CD is 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.



ISRAEL TRIP

Study & Experience the Many Faces of Israel; November 2009

10 days touring
 Round trip air Chicago/Tel Aviv.
 6 Nights Jerusalem
 2 Nights Galilee
 1 Night Tel Aviv
 (2 Nights Elilat – optional)
 All breakfasts, 5 Dinners



Rabbi Ginsburg in Israel – Trip 2008

Highlights:

- Shabbat services and kiddush brunch with an Israeli Congregation.
- Old City of Jerusalem – Jewish past, archaeology, and city of three religions.
- New City of Jerusalem – city of today – politics, an everyday life Knesset, 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
 (847)675-4141, rabbi@ehnt.org*

EZRA-HABONIM, THE NILES TOWNSHIP JEWISH CONGREGATION STANDS with ISRAEL INVESTMENT:

Supporting the Future

Investing in Israel bonds makes us conscious of our shared faith, responsibility and heritage as a people. Whether a time of dubious calm or unrelenting terror, we must continue to be steadfast in our financial support for the land and people of Israel.

Make no mistake about it; your commitment to Israel bonds is an investment, not Tzedakah. Since its inception in 1951, State of Israel Bonds has secured \$25 billion in loan capital. Israel has repaid this money to investors who submitted bonds for redemption, and has made every payment of principal and interest on time and in full.

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The American Israel Public Affairs Committee

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We urge all of our members to join.
 You can join by calling (312) 236-8550. Join Rabbi Ginsburg at the Annual Washington DC Conference.

AIPAC POLICY CONFERENCE

May 3-5, 2009 – Washington, DC

Three of the most important days affecting Israel's future!



**ENROLL YOUR CHILD IN
S-K-I-P NOW &
INVEST IN YOUR CHILD'S
JEWISH FUTURE**

The SEND-A-KID-TO-ISRAEL PARTNERSHIP (SKIP) program is a special savings plan that helps Chicago area Jewish youth visit Israel as an integral part of their Jewish education.

Young people who participate in the program for the full seven years (grades 3 through 9) will have approximately \$2,000, including interest, saved to help meet the cost of an Israel Experience program. SKIP funds can be used beginning the summer after 9th grade through FIVE YEARS AFTER GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL. Furthermore, SKIP contributions, plus interest, are FULLY REFUNDABLE at any time should your son or daughter not participate on an Israel Experience program.

SKIP GOAL - an Israel Experience program as part of each child's Jewish education. SKIP funds can be used for your family's choice of a wide variety of approved high school or college Israel Experience programs.

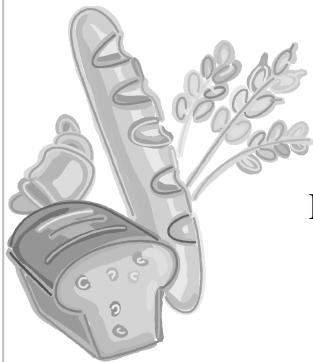
SKIP PARTNERS - your family, your congregation, and the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago each contribute to the SKIP savings plan.

SKIP ENROLLMENT - enroll in public or day school grades 3-6 and continue to make contributions through 9th grade.

SKIP FACTS - More than 4,200 participants are currently enrolled in SKIP through more than 51 participating congregations, and more than 1,625 teens and young adults have used their SKIP funds to help them participate in an Israel Experience program.

SKIP INFORMATION - for more information on the SKIP program or enrollment in SKIP, contact me at our congregation office (847)675-4141 or SKIP (312)444-2895.

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



EHNTJC SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Religious School Calendar

| Tues | Sat | Special |
|----------------------|-----|---|
| January 2009 | | |
| | 3 | No School |
| 7 | 10 | School Resumes, Jan. 7 th |
| 14 | 17 | |
| 21 | 24 | |
| 28 | 31 | |
| February 2009 | | |
| | | Feb. 6, Congregational Tu B'Shvat Seder Dinner |
| 4 | 7 | Tu B'Shvat Seder |
| 11 | 14 | |
| 18 | 21 | |
| 25 | 28 | |

*RS= Religious School

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.

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Since its inception, Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish 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 own congregation, is seen not only as an obligation, but also as an invaluable opportunity to rebuild our community and repair the world.

Do a Mitzvah!

Feed the
Hungry

Helping
the
Elderly

Gemiluth
Chesed

Tzedakah

Help the
Homeless

Donate
Blood

Help
Israel

Write a
Letter

Go
"Green"

1. *Feed the Hungry*

- **JUF's Uptown Café**, kosher meal program for the poor at 909 W. Wilson, Chicago. Feed the hungry. Volunteers 12 & over serve & converse. Call: (312) 357-4762.
- **Maot Chitim**- provides Pesah & Rosh Hashanah Food for needy – Contact (847) 676-1129 for details on how to help.
- **We collect food for the Ark.** Fill the barrels in our lobby.
- **Create party centerpieces** of canned goods or books which can be donated.

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

3. *General Gemiluth Chesed*

Jewish United Fund/ Volunteer for Tov: Contact (312) 357-4762 or Tov@JUF.org - many projects helping the needy.

4. *Tzedakah*

- Our synagogue maintains an Emergency Fund, called **Gemiluth Chesed**, to assist congregants in time of need. Contact Rabbi Ginsburg.
- Consider a Yahrzeit contribution to the Gemiluth Chesed Fund; contact the office.
- Fill tzedakah boxes and bring them to EHNTJC & we will distribute.
- Donate and get involved with our annual JUF campaign- call Joel Farber at: (847)679-7338 to volunteer.

5. *Help the Homeless*

- Participate in Habitat for Humanity (312) 243-6448.

6. **Donate blood through The American Red Cross** (312) 729-6100.

7. **Help Israel-** see our suggestions at www.ehnt.org/triphelpping_israel/admin

8. **Write a letter** to your legislator on an issue of social justice.

9. **Go "green"**- recycle, drink less, eat less meat, buy less, buy small, buy used, and use less energy.

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A. STAMPFER ISRAEL FUND
IN MEMORY OF

Betty Franks Irwin Sweet

B. BRIEF LECTURESHIP FUND
IN MEMORY OF

Martin & Flora Steigman Irwin Sweet

CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND
IN MEMORY OF

Max Dolins Irwin Sweet

CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND
IN HONOR OF

 Dalya & Michael Horowitz a speedy recovery to
Cantor Warschawski
Shirley & Marty Lubowich a speedy recovery to
Cantor Warschawski

CONGREGATION FUND
IN MEMORY OF

 Jeanette Ansell beloved father, Paul Cohen
Irwin Sweet

 Hilda Baum Walter Baum
Elsa Baum
Julius Baum
Rosa Gruenebaum
Sigmund Gruenebaum
Werner Gruenebaum
Arthur Mayer
Elfriede Mayer
Harry Stein
Nellie Stein

 Marilyn Berger Fanny Berger
Harriet Berland Bertha Baum
Sheldon Baum

 Steve & Zivit Blonder Fred Sinay
Irving Bolon Evelyn Bolon
Howard & Ruth Bresler Michael Bresler
Patti Burton Ruthe Dissen
Sherry & Ron Chedeck Beverly Wolin
Louis Cohen Barry Cohen
Morrie & Joan Cook Aaron Cook
Sandi Cowen Cynthia Sax
Dorothy & Al Davis Abraham Sher
Beverly Didech Goldie and Albert Stone
Rae and Harry Didech

 Jean Dolins beloved husband, Louis Dolins
Max Dolins beloved brother, Louis Dolins
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Dubner beloved father, Joseph Dubner
Muriel Fohrman Abe Leff

 Linda Fox beloved father, Bernard Rubenstein
Alan & Carol Friedlander Beatryce Schultz
Mildred Friedlander
Irving Schultz
Leon Lewis
Beatrice Heller
David Goodfriend
Irwin Sweet
Fred Sinay

 Elise & Ira Frost and family Irwin Sweet
Elsie & Richard Garbe Irwin Sweet
Franklin E. Gerber Ruth Gerber
Franklin & Bill Gerber Hope Miller's grandmother

CONGREGATION FUND
IN MEMORY OF cont'd.

Gerald & Ronia Gross Evelyn Gross

Ephraim Dallal

Sheila & Sam Gross Judith Lee Feinberg

Joanne Hamer Irving Hamer

Sara Hamer

Jordan Hecktman Alice Hecktman

Max Moschel

Edwin Helman Dora Lukatsky

Evelyn C. Hirschman beloved mother, Jennie Rifkind

Margaret R. Hunegs Irwin Sweet

Susan L. Johnson Irwin Sweet

Alexander Kek beloved aunt, Fira Veytsman

Dr. & Mrs. Arthur Klowden Ann Rosen

Evelyn & Earl Kuznetsky Irving Dexter

Sara Dexter

Irving "Buzzy" Rivkin

Bessie Spector

Lillian Kuznetsky

Oscar Spector

Irwin Sweet

Al & Pauline Lifton Marty Goldner

Shirley & Marty Lubowich Dr. Phillip Berman

Esther Mainzer beloved mother, Ethel Shallon

Elsie & Milton Minkus beloved father, Louis Pearlman

beloved father, Harry Minkus

beloved sister, Evelyn Gelvan

Marsha & Richard Newman Jack Probisky

Esther Probis

Raymond Pershing Sam Pershing

Ada & Beryl Rabinowitz Phyllis Sutker

Dr. Phillip M. Berman

Edward Goldsmith

David Goodfriend

Debbie Novoselsky's mother, Geraldine Herman

Ann Roth

Rachel Schwab's mother

Irwin Sweet

Sol Wernick

The Stewart Reich Family Else Servos

Ilse Ries Dina Ries

Mary Roden Ann Roth

Howard Romanek Louis Romanek

Marion Rosenberg Shepard Zitomersky

Charlene Rubin Irwin Sweet

Nora & Rubin Saposnik beloved father, Bernard H. Resnick

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Beatrice Schatz Ida Wolberg

Grete Schrenzel beloved husband, Otto Schrenzel

beloved sister, Melanie Kurzrock

Dr. & Mrs. Stanford Shulman beloved mother, Clara Tarschis

beloved brother, Alan Zaner

Leonard Silvertrust

Donald & Anita Silvertrust Ann Roth

Judith Sklar Betty Heinemann

Renee Stern all of our loved ones

Carol & Walter Straus beloved father, David Millman

Frances M. Toll beloved father-in-law, Louis Toll

Oleg Vologin Isaak Konrad

Barbara Wax Celia Eisenberg

Lina Wenger David Ermann

Linda & Mitchell Wexler Irwin Sweet

Lenore & Jack Wolfe Irwin Sweet



CONGREGATION FUND

IN HONOR OF

Sandi Cowen a speedy recovery to Cantor Warschawski
 Bill & Franklin Gerber a speedy recovery to Walter Straus
 Shirley & Marty Lubowich a speedy recovery to Marlene Hecktman
 Howard Gilbert's honor by the American Jewish Committee
 Marsha & Richard Newman birth of Dalya and Michael
 Horowitz's grandchildren—Shira and Nathan
 Ada & Beryl Rabinowitz a speedy recovery to Bonnie Feinberg

GAN YELADIM FUND

IN MEMORY OF

Gan Yeladim Staff Fred Sinay

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IN MEMORY OF

Shaynee & Michael Lichtenstein Fred Sinay

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Arona & George Sarfatty Esther Hankin
 Stanley & Jackie Schwartz Irwin Sweet
 Fred Sinay

PRAYER BOOK FUND

IN MEMORY OF

Shirley & Marty Lubowich Irwin Sweet
 Fred Sinay
 Marsha & Richard Newman Marty Goldner
 Irwin Sweet

RABBI'S SPECIAL FUND

IN MEMORY OF

Max Dolins beloved uncle, Ben Ginsburg
 Josephine Kamin Sam Kamin
 Scott Kamin
 Susan Kamin Moschin
 Dr. & Mrs. Stanford Shulman beloved mother, Beatrice
 Marenberg
 Esona Wernick Sol Wernick

RABBI'S SPECIAL FUND

IN HONOR OF

Sarah & Sid Lorber our Torah Aliyah
 Fred Sinay birth of Ralph & Evie Ruebner's grandson
 Jodie Hollander's special birthday

REICH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

IN MEMORY OF

Debbie & Stewart Reich Fred Sinay

TALCOTT/LEVIN YOUTH FUND

IN MEMORY OF

Shirley & Marty Lubowich Debbie Novoselsky's mother,
 Geraldine Herman



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Congregational
 Second Seder

Thursday, April 9, 2009
 6:15 PM

PRECEDED BY: MINYAN SERVICE IN
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HOW YOU CAN HELP TO SECURE OUR SYNAGOGUE'S FUTURE



We have the opportunity now, to secure our future well beyond the immediate present, to add to our existing ENDOWMENT FUND to secure EHNTJC as a thriving and continuous spiritual home serving the wider Skokie and 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, this 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 is payable over a five year period, or in trusts or as estate gifts. We have always been a synagogue 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 had 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 Paula Carroll, Endowment Fund Chair or Rabbi Ginsburg if you are willing to help.

Endowment Naming Opportunities

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|-------------|--|
| \$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 |

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| \$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 High Holy Days Family Service |
| \$25,000 | 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 |

Happy Birthdays

January Birthdays

| | |
|-----------|--------------|
| Jeanette | Ansell |
| Rebecca | Bloomfield |
| Elaine | Bogetz |
| Irving | Bolon |
| Howard | Bresler |
| Steven | Brody |
| Cynthia | Brown |
| Emanuel | Claver |
| Bruce | Claver |
| Miriam | Davidson |
| Max | Dolins |
| Charlotte | Gerson |
| Phillip | Gordon |
| Lilly | Heidelberger |
| Jane | Himel |
| Justin | Himel |
| Israella | Kaplan |
| Alvin | Kaplan |
| Shelley | Korey |
| Arlene | Kronowitz |
| Martin | Kronowitz |
| Deborah | Kruzel |
| Alan | Lifton |
| Scott | Lisitz |
| Sarah | Lorber |
| Berenice | Mittelman |
| Judy | Orbach |
| Sheri | Pawelski |
| Jerry | Pearlstein |
| Norman | Persky |
| Sherry | Rontal |
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| Sima | Tulchinsky |
| Rakhil | Vinokurova |
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| Philip | Warren |



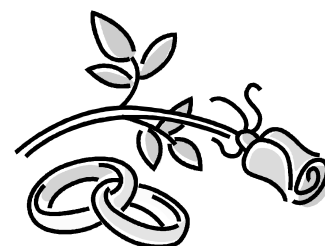
February Birthdays

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| Edward | Bogetz |
| Fran | Bulmash |
| Raymond | Fleischer |
| Judy | Frank |
| David | Gordon |
| Elena Batman | Levin |
| Shirley | Lubowich |
| Rhoda | Neubauer |
| Marcia | Rosenberg |
| Pauline | Roth |
| Nora | Saposnik |
| Lois | Schaffner |
| Elizabeth | Schutz |
| Randi | Shapiro |
| Bernard | Sherman |
| Ilene | Siemer |
| Ellen | Silbert |
| Pye | Squire |
| Sharon | Stein |
| Yan | Tulchinsky |
| Steven | Wiseman |
| Sharon | Wiseman |

Happy Anniversaries

January Anniversaries

- Marsha & Merton Brody
- Gail & Jonathan Ginsburg
- Rose Lynn & Randal Jaffe
- Beatritz & Roberto Levi
- Dorothy & Marshall Nixon
- Marcia & Jack Rosenberg



February Anniversaries

- Ellen & Marvin Bero
- Linda & Norbert Heimann
- Shirley & Martin Lubowich
- Andrea & David Reich
- Carol & Walter Straus

ARTICLES FOR THE BULLETIN ARE DUE THE 1ST OF THE MONTH FOR THE FOLLOWING MONTH. PLEASE ADHERE TO THIS SCHEDULE



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| Neil Brief | Rabbi Emeritus |
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| Jeanette Block | Bulletin Editor |
| Betsy Rotberg | Director of GanYeladim |
| Ada Rabinowitz | President |
| Gail Ginsburg | Director of Conversion |

Useful Websites and Blogs:

Synagogue site, General synagogue information
www.ehnt.org

Podcasts and videos
www.cybersynagogue.bliptv.com
www.weeklyvideodvartorah.blogspot.com

Main blog, links to videos & pictures
www.rabbireflects.blogspot.com

Personal site
www.jonathanginsburg.net

Our Chicago area Conversion-to-Judaism site
www.jewishconversionchicago.com

Conversion program blog
www.convertjudaism.blogspot.com

Uploaded items from the Conservative Movement
www.conservativejew.blogspot.com

Another place to find many Jewish links from Rabbi
www.jewcybercentral.blogspot.com

Neshama center for Jewish spirituality living site & blog
www.neshamah.org

Gan Yeladim, Our early childhood program
www.ganskokie.org

Other blogs from Rabbi
www.israelgreatest.blogspot.com
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