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From the Rabbi's desk...

Pirke Avot, the ancient mishnah law code, teaches “Ein Kemach, Ein Torah” which means without any bread, there can be no Torah. There are contented efforts to find a solution to the problem of Jewish assimilation. There has been an explosion of efforts trying to be creative to bring Jews back to Judaism. One such initiative is the Birth-right to Israel program, which offers free ten day trips to 18-26 year olds. Also, in the Chicago area for the third year, there is financial assistance for first and second year campers to Jewish overnight camping. In addition there is a new initiative from the Chicago Jewish Federation to help provide financial support to encourage people to enroll their children in early child Jewish education programs.

The key to Jewish life, which is as important as these new initiatives are, is the synagogue. It remains the portal to inculcate Jewish commitment, to train Jews to help Jews. You may have noticed in our bulletin in the past, pages with different opportunities to secure the future of our synagogue by establishing endowments. We encourage you to think about your estate planning. We are asking you to set aside as significant amount as you can to your congregation, to leave a lasting legacy and secure its future. It may be that your children and grand children moved away and no longer participate here, but this synagogue remains an important institution for Chicago in terms of its physical and spiritual location. By leaving an estate gift, not only can you express gratitude for the synagogue's past but secure its future.

You may know that the Conservative synagogue in Evanston closed last year. On the north side of Chicago, many Conservative synagogues have



“The key to the Jewish life is the synagogue ...”
Rabbi J. Ginsburg


downsized or moved or are moving away. To the west of us, the Conservative synagogue is selling its building and relocating. There is a Reconstructionist synagogue in Evanston, Northbrook, and another one in Naperville. That is it. It is essential that we have our synagogue thriving in this area. You can make a lasting legacy through a donation in your estate. You can even designate it for one of the particular causes that we lifted in the bulletin. In fact, you can lock it in now by creating a charitable remainder trust, while you enjoy the interest during your lifetime and the benefits of future funds for the synagogue are guaranteed.

There is a well known story told about a boy coming upon an old man planting a carob tree. He asked the old man how long it would take until the tree bore fruit. “70 years” was the reply. “Foolish old man”, said the boy, “you will not be around when that tree yields fruit. Why waste your effort planting it?” “When I came into this world, I benefited from carob planted by those no longer here. I plant this tree knowing I won't directly benefit, but rejoice knowing future generations will.”

Without bread, there is no Torah. Please think about your legacy and the importance of the synagogue, generation to generation, Lador Ldor.

Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg

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Officiating on
FRIDAY NIGHTS
March & April 2008
With Rabbi Ginsburg

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
March 7	6:30 PM 8:00 PM	Dinner Jeff N Janis
14	8:00 PM	Lori Lippitz
21	6:15 PM 8:00 PM	Tu'B' Shvat/Dinner Layni & Dean Myer
28	6:00 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Singles Dinner Singles Service Congregation Service Bibi Marcell
April 4	8:00 PM	Jeff N Janis
11	8:00 PM	Layni & Dean Myer
18	8:00 PM	Cantor Warschawski
25	8:00 PM	Layni & Dean Myer

SPONSORS NEEDED

Please help support EHNTJC programs and budget by sponsoring a weekly Shabbat Oneg Kiddush or Lunch for \$300.00.

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Friday night Oneg | <input type="checkbox"/> Yiddish Tisch. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shabbat morning Kiddush | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch & Learn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shabbat morning lunch | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch & Learn |

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.

Please visit the Sisterhood Gift shop.

Mazel Tov to:

Announcements

Thanks to:

- * Bonnie and Dennis Feinberg on the engagement of their son, David Louis Feinberg to Michelle Levy.
- * Judith Rae Ross and Allan Ross on the birth of their granddaughter, Dorothy and Elmer Lipstadt on the birth of their great granddaughter.
- * Sherry and Benjamin Rontal (parents), Amy and Aaron Rontal (grandparents) on the birth of Samantha Riley Rontal, on January 7th, 2008.
- * Marci Steinfink and Bennett Balonick on their engagement.
- * Helen Bernstein and Michael Abrams on their engagement.
- * Marsha and Mert Brody on the engagement of their son, Steve to Nina Saylor and on the birth of their granddaughter Rose, child of their other son, Stuart Brody and his wife, Amanda Brody.
- * Michael and Shaynee Lichtenstein (grandparents), Beth and Arnold Alpert (parents) on the birth of their new grandson, Arnold Jack Alpert.
- * Claire and Stan Shulman (grandparents), Chris and Edward (parents) on the birth of their new grandson/son, Maxwell Shulman.
- * Ruth and Ian Fingerman, on the birth of their granddaughter, Sabrina Lee Glassman.

On June 1st, Rubin and Nora Saposnik's grandson, Isaac Saposnik will be graduating from Rabbinical College (Reconstructionist) and become director of the Youth Camp.

Mazel Tov!

Mazel Tov to our 5768 Religious School Consecrant:



Hailey Shapiro

Mazel Tov Hailey!

The celebration took place on Shabbat Chanuka Dec. 8th

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
Sound system speakers replacement & equalizer (\$3000 has been donated)	\$ 5,000

Thanks to 2008 Purim Booth Sponsors:

- Marsha & Mert Brody
- Shelley Sutker Dermer & Ken Dermer
- Sonya Dinnsen
- Abby & Neil Gurevitz
- Marla & Steve Hara



- Shirley & Marty Lubowich
- Marsha & Rich Newman
- Rosalie & Norm Persky
- Ada & Beryl Rabinowitz
- Debbie & Stewart Reich



- Howard Romanek
- Veronika & George Urban
- Carla & David Zavell
- Howard & Carol Bartman



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.

Welcome New Members & Thanks to All Members

- Cynthia Brown
- Marion Rosenberg
- Tamara Glassburg

Dear friends,
On April 12th, I will be davening for our 10th wedding anniversary and we will sponsor the lunch Kiddush. We would like to invite our friends to attend and help us celebrate.
Thank you all, Shaynee (Charlene) and Michael Lichtenstein



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!!!



Condolences to:

- Edwin Hellman & family, death of wife/mother, Adele.
- Michael & Alexandra Melton on pregnancy loss of Joshua.
- Lawrence Eisman, death of mother, Betty.
- Paula Carroll, death of father, Joe Adler.
- Stan & Claire Shulman, death of father/father in law, Frank Tarsches.
- Judy Frank, death of brother-in-law, Maurice "Bud" Friedman.
- Family of Gitlis, death of Florence Gitlis.



Memorial Plaques

When a member of your family passes away, we at EHNTJC can provide you with a venue to memorialize them.

A bronze memorial plaque is \$400 and will be placed on our wall. Each year at the time of Yahrzeit, a special plaque will be placed on our lighted memorial.

Call the office to order your memorial plaque at (847) 675-4141. We can send you a brochure with more details.



THE ENVIRONMENT - RECYCLING

The most important thing you can do for the environment is to Recycle, so become a Shomer Adamah, a defender of the Earth

In our synagogue community we live in many different towns so this article will address the issue of recycling in a general way and, at the end, will discuss where you can get information for your specific location.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ♻️ Recycling **one aluminum can** saves enough energy to run a TV or computer for **three hours**.
- ♻️ In a lifetime, the average American will throw away 600 times their weight in **garbage**. This means that each adult's legacy will equal up to **100,000 pounds of trash** for his or her children.
- ♻️ Americans throw away enough office and writing **paper** each year to build a wall twelve feet high, stretching from New York to Los Angeles.

SOME RECYCLING SPECIFICS:

Printer cartridges: Go to any **Cartridge World** store (there's one in Skokie in the back near Portillo's), they are the least expensive place I have found to refill ink cartridges and, if you give them your email address, they will send you a coupon every month or so to save even more. Many other stores refill printer cartridges.

Batteries: A, AA, AAA, C and D batteries may now be thrown out with the regular garbage. Many **Walgreens, Staples** and **Office Max** stores and the **Chicago Public Libraries** take rechargeable household batteries.

Cell phones: All **Office Depot** stores and many local charities take them (they often repair them and give them to people in need - be on the lookout for charity boxes and organizations that do this).

Junk Mail: Remove your name from any unwanted catalogs and mailing lists and contact the Direct Mailing Service (DMA) at www.dmachoice.org/MPS or www.obviously.com

HOW TO FIND OUT WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RECYCLING IN YOUR AREA:

WWW.SWANCC.ORG – lists recycling websites, **by town**, and provides links to them. EXCELLENT!

WWW.EARTH911.ORG – has a vast array of great information about recycling.

REMEMBER TO CHANGE ONE BULB THIS WEEK FOR A COMPACT FLOURESCENT BULB (CFL)!

Ongoing Courses

Learn, Live & Love

1. New: World Religion Series by Gail Ginsburg, Sundays, 10:35

Sundays, April 6th, Christianity - April 13th, Islam
May 4th, Hinduism - May 11th, Buddhism.

**2. Fundamentals of Judaism
Introduction to Judaism**

New series begin 3/30

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

3. 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

4. Videos -

370 brief videos of Jewish content by Rabbi Ginsburg. Search on the internet for Youtube. When you get there, search for Jew U and you'll find them or go to www.esynagogue.org, also on "Facebook", "MySpace" & Jewtube.com and see them all listed.

Enroll in Rabbi's video University & earn a degree.

5. Shabbat LUNCH & LEARN

Monthly: Study the commandments and their rationale-Shabbat after services, taught by Rabbi Ginsburg. (\$5 for lunch). (March 8, April 12)

6. Sunday Series

- Dr.Finkel, Music Series (March 30, "A Yiddishe Shtunde" - May 18, "The early days of Rock & Roll")
- Jewish Reconstructionist Workshop, March 2.
- Spertus Trip, March 9, 10-4
- Dr. Harpaz, Art lectures, March 16
- Dr. Harpaz Oakton Exhibition tour, Purim Carnival, March 23
- New Introduction series & Jeff N Janis concert, March 30
- Gail Ginsburg's World Religion Series April 6,13, May 4 and May 11.

7. Spirituality & Pirke Avot/Ethics of the Ancestors

Taught by Rebbetzin Gail Ginsburg. Contact her at ehntedu@yahoo.com.
Meets weekly, Wednesday afternoons, 1:30-2:30 PM; watch for schedule.
March 5, 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

8. Yiddish at Kiddish Tish

Marvell Ginsburg leads this Yiddish class after Shabbat Services monthly, \$5 per person. (March 15, April 19)

9. Blogs:

www.rabbireflects.blogspot.com
www.neshamah.org

10. Podcasts: Rabbi's series

www.cybersynagogue.bliptv



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
 SHABBAT DINNER AND SERVICE
 MARCH 7, 2008**

Join Rabbi Jonathan and Gail Ginsburg

Shabbat Dinner 6:30 PM, Shabbat Service 8:00 PM
 Reservation form for Shabbat Dinner on Friday, March 7th, 2008
Dinner reservation deadline: Tuesday, March 4th, 5 PM
No transfer credit or refunds if cancelled after March 4th

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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JOIN US FOR OUR SPERTUS MUSEUM VISIT Sunday March 9th



Depart from EHNTJC by school bus, 10:00 AM
 Please be at the synagogue by 9:45 AM
 Tour group returns to EHNTJC by 3:00 PM
 (Cost: Members \$25 per person, Non members \$30 per person,
 Kosher lunch following tour at your own expense in cafeteria)

Spertus Museum is committed to collecting objects from all aspects of Jewish life and culture, and at present includes more than 15,000 items. The collection has expanded since Maurice and Herman Spertus's substantial donation of major objects of Judaica, Holocaust-related materials, and fine art that began the museum in the 1960s. Main concentrations within the collection include materials from European Jewish culture, the Sephardic and Oriental world, Chicago Yiddish culture, and an extensive collection of visual art from the 19th and 20th centuries.

Reservation form for Museum visit on Sunday, March 9th, 2008
All reservations and payments are due by 3/4/08. Sorry no exceptions.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail address _____

Payment method:

___ Check (Please make checks payable to EHNTJC – Check # _____)

___ Credit card Visa/MasterCard

Account # _____ exp _____

Authorized Signature: _____

___ I/we are not member of EHNTJ, but would like someone to contact us about membership.

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2008 Purim 5768
Megillah Reading & Carnival
& Conversion Havurah Party
 Megillah Reading & Spaghetti Dinner

Thursday, March 20, 2008

Spaghetti Dinner 6:00 PM (Adults \$10, Kids \$5), Partial Megillah Reading 7:00 PM
 Conversion Havurah Party 8:00 PM

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

Purim spaghetti seudah reservation form for March 20, 2008

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 _____



Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 23, 2008

10:30 – 12:30 PM



Fun! * Fun! *** Fun! *** Fun!**

All are welcome!!! Prizes galore!!!

Purchase Lunch & Game Tickets at the door!!

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

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HOST OR BE HOSTED

Passover is a special time for family and friends to be together – singing, talking, sharing, laughing, feasting, enjoying. Sadly, there are people who are alone on the most special of nights, the first Seder; young people who cannot travel to be with parents, parents whose children live far away and cannot return for the holiday, college students, families new to the community, and others. Won't you please open your home and Seder to people who may be alone – widows, singles, elderly couples, and college students? You will be rewarded in many ways, not the least of which is by the enrichment they will bring to your Seder discussion.

Welcoming guests for Pesah 5768/2008 Let all who are hungry come and eat.

___ I/We would like to be hosted for 1st Pesah Seder Saturday, April 19

Name _____

Phone _____ # Adults _____ # Children _____

Kosher home preferred _____ not necessary _____

I/We can host _____ # of adults _____ # of children for Seder.

Our home _____ is or _____ is not kosher for Pesah.

Name _____ Phone _____



Return to Rabbi Ginsburg by April 14, 2008. Feel free to join our Community Seder on the 2nd night of Pesah. See the attached form.

Let's Learn About Purim Celebrations ...

We celebrate by;

- Eating a festive *seudah*/meal.
- Dressing in costumes.
- Making and eating homentaschen (Ozney Haman – Haman's ears).
- Hearing the Megillah (Scroll of Esther) chanted 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 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.



P E S A C H

SERVICE SCHEDULE

2008

THURSDAY,	4/17		Siyyum Bichorim 7:45 AM Minyon breakfast, First Seder
SATURDAY,	4/19		Erev Pesach, No evening Minyon, First Seder
SUNDAY,	4/20	9:30 AM	First day Yom Tov – Rabbi & Cantor Warschawski
		5:45 PM	Minyon
		6:15 PM	Second Congregational Seder – Rabbi & Cantor
MONDAY,	4/21	9:30 AM	Second day Yom Tov Services – Rabbi & Cantor
		7:00 PM	Minyon – Hol Hamoed
TUESDAY,	4/22	7:00 PM	Hol Hamoed Minyon Service
WEDNESDAY,	4/23	7:00 PM	Hol Hamoed Minyon Service
THURSDAY,	4/24	7:00 PM	Hol Hamoed Service
FRIDAY,	4/25	8:00 PM	Maariv/Erev Yom Tov. Rabbi & Layni & Dean Myers
SATURDAY,	4/26	9:30 AM	Seventh Day Yom Tov Service
		6:00 PM	Maariv Yom Tov
SUNDAY,	4/27	9:30 AM	Eight Day Pesach/Yizkor
		7:00 PM	Maariv – Pesach over

PASSOVER PREPARATION 2008...

Passover is celebrated from Friday Morning, April 18, through Sunday night, April 27. The Sederim are held on Saturday and Sunday night, April 19 & 20. All cleaning and preparations to make the house Pesadik (Kosher for Passover) must be completed by 11 am, Friday, April 18. If you have any questions, please consult with the Rabbi.

1. What is Hametz? If one of the five grains-wheat, oats, rye, barley or spelt-comes in contact with water after being cut off from the ground, it becomes fermented or Hametz.

2. Why do Ashkenazim not eat "Kitniyot"- beans, rice, corn, or peas on Pesach? Although these are not among the five species of grain that can become Hametz, the Rabbis forbade their use because flour was made from them. Ashkenazic Rabbis ordained that "Kitniyot" (legumes listed above) not be used at all. Sephardic Jews do not observe these restrictions. Non-flour products, such as peanut oil, may be used if they are prepared under Rabbinic supervision and properly certified.

3. Why must we clean our house so thoroughly before Pesah?

The rule against Hametz applies not only to eating, but to enjoyment (hana'ah) and also involves removing all the Hametz from one's home. No Hametz is even allowed to be in our possession during Passover. To facilitate this cleaning, the following rituals are part of the Passover preparation. The text for this ceremony can be found in the Haggadah:

a) Bedikat Hametz – After the house has been cleaned on Thursday night, April 17, we search once again for any crumbs of Hametz we may have missed. "Searching for Hametz" is a great family activity. We use a candle, a feather, and a wooden spoon. This symbolizes that all the Hametz which we could see was removed.

b) Bittul Hametz – We recite a formula renouncing any Hametz left that we may have inadvertently missed, canceling our responsibility for it, and thus symbolically removing it from our homes. The formula for Bittul Hametz is recited whenever you stop eating Hametz, either before Shabbat or after Shabbat.

c) Be'ur Hametz – On the morning before Passover, we burn or throw out the Hametz that has been found during the search the night before. This ceremony should take place by 11am on Friday, April 18.

d) Michirat Hametz – We do not destroy or get rid of all the Hametz as that would be wasteful. The Rabbis ordained that a symbolic sale is made of all Hametz to a non-Jew in the community, who then sells it back to us after Pesach. The Hametz is then no longer "in our possession." This is done by filling out the form at the end of this article or at the Temple office. Incidentally, it is only necessary to sell foodstuffs; dishes and utensils are simply locked away in storage for the duration of Passover.

4. What foods may not be used during Passover? All these foods are considered Hametz and may not be used: leavened bread, cake, biscuits, crackers, cereals, wheat, barley, oats, rice, peas, dry beans, and liquids which contain ingredients made from grain alcohol.

5. What foods require Rabbinic supervision for Passover? Matzah, noodles, candies, cakes, beverages, canned and processed foods, jam, hard cheese, jelly, relish, wines, liquors, salad oils, vegetable gelatin, shortening, and vinegar. A "Kosher L'Pesach" label or tag without product name and Rabbinic signature is of no value. This applies to products made in America, Europe or Israel.

6. What goods require no certification? Pure natural coffee (instant or ground), sugar (not confectioners or powdered), brown sugar, saccharin, tea, salt, pepper, vegetables (dry beans and peas are forbidden; string beans permitted), pure garlic and onion powder, dried fruit, honey, Hershey's cocoa, pure unadulterated safflower or soybean oil, natural peanut butter, dish detergent, and scouring powder. All these items should be bought before Passover and left unopened until Passover begins.

7. May canned or frozen fruits and vegetables be used for Passover? Fruits and vegetables normally permitted for Passover use when packed in water or their own juices may be used. Avoid cans or packages containing any added ingredients.

8. May tuna or salmon be used? Oil packing introduces an uncertain element possibly containing additional ingredients. Therefore, use the water-packed variety and purchase it before Passover.

9. May milk without a Hechsher be used? Yes, with automation used in milk production, there is little chance for milk to contain Hametz.

10. Can any dishes or utensils used during the year be used on Passover? It is preferable to have dishes and utensils specifically reserved for Passover and stored away during the rest of the year. However, since this is not always possible, the Rabbis ordained that certain types of utensils may be "kashered", specifically cleaned for Passover. Earthenware, enamelware or porcelain utensils, if used during the year, may not be used during Pesah.

11. How may utensils be "kashered" for Passover? **A.** Silverware, knives, forks, spoons made wholly of metal if used during the year, may be koshered by scouring thoroughly and then immersing in boiling water. They are then pesadik and parve. **B.** All table glassware is permitted after thoroughly scouring. There is also a practice of soaking glassware for 72 hours before Passover. Follow the custom used in your family.

C. Fine translucent chinaware, if not used during the previous year, is permitted. **D.** Metal pots and pans used for cooking purposes only (but not for baking) if made wholly of metal may be used during Passover if thoroughly scoured and immersed in boiling water. Kashering is done in the following way: fill a large pot with water and heat to boiling; take the utensils, tie a string to it and immerse it completely in boiling water. For small items, a cord netting can be used to dip several at once. This process renders utensils pesadik and parve.

12. How may the stove be kashered? The stove is prepared by thoroughly scrubbing and cleaning all parts and turning on full flame or use the clean cycle in the oven and all the grates.

13. How may a microwave be kashered? Microwave ovens present a special case since the inside surfaces do not become hot. There is a difference of opinion as to whether or how one can be kashered. We recommend a thorough cleaning, then placing a dish of water into the oven and allowing it to boil as a symbol of kashering.

14. How may a dishwasher be kashered? A dishwasher may be used for Passover after running it empty for two cycles, one with soap and one without.

15. How may a refrigerator be kashered? Remove all Hametz food. Clean thoroughly with boiling water and scour the racks. In a freezer, frozen Hametz foods should be put in a special closed-off section.

**APPOINTMENT OF AGENT
FOR SALE OF HAMETZ**

I/We _____ hereby authorize Rabbi Ginsburg to act as an agent to sell any hametz that may be in our possession, wherever it may be, at home, place of business, car or elsewhere, in accordance with Jewish law. I/We understand that any hametz in my/our possession will not be mine/ours from Friday, April 18, 2008, 11:00 AM through April 27, 2008, at 7:30 PM.

Name _____

Address _____

Signature _____

I/We enclose \$ _____ for Ma'ot Hittim Tzedakah payable to EHNTJC.

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 4500 Dempster Street Skokie IL 60076 (847) - 675-4141 www.ehnt.org

Congregational Second Seder

Sunday, April 20, 2008 – 6:15 PM

**PRECEDED BY: MINYAN SERVICE IN CHAPEL AT 5:45 PM
 CONDUCTED BY: RABBI JONATHAN GINSBURG &
 CANTOR BENJAMIN WARSCHAWSKI**

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 UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF RABBI GINSBURG

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 Ofsairof (847) 972-1526(h) (847) 736-8897(cell) or E-mail: beckyofsairof@comcast.net

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



World Religions with Gail Ginsburg



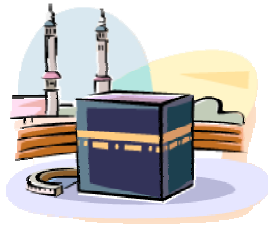
Sundays, 10:35 AM – 11:45 AM (At EHNTJC)

April 6th



Christianity

April 13th



Islam

May 4th



Hinduism

May 11th



Buddhism

RSVP to the office – (847) 675-4141 • Visit Gail’s website: www.neshamah.org

Sisterhood Meeting Schedule

- March 12, 11:30AM Open Meeting
- March 19, 9:45AM Board Meeting & Book Discussion
- April 2, 11:30AM Open Meeting
- April 16, 9:45AM Board Meeting & Book Discussion
- May 12, 11:30AM Culminating Luncheon
- May 21, 9:45AM Board Meeting & Book Discussion



Religious School Calendar

Tuesday Saturday Special

March 2008

4	1	Thursday 20 th Megillah
	8	Sunday 23 rd Purim
	15	Carnival
11	22	Spring Break
18	29	Spring Break
25		Spring Break

April 2008

1	5	
8	12	Model Seder
15	29	Sunday 20 th Community 2 nd Seder
22	26	7 th day of Pesach
29		



RS= Religious School

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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Dorothy Slobodin beloved uncle, Samuel Levitt

Dr. & Mrs. Martin Steigman beloved mother, Clara Zaner

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beloved daughter, Marilyn

beloved husband, David Wish

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Mr. & Mrs. Ted Eisenstein Bill and Aaron Gerber's

35th birthday

Joel & Harriett Farber Beth's promotion

Howard & Judy Frank Bill Gerber's special birthday

Sara & Mark Mayer birth of Charlene and Michael

Lichtenstein's grandson—Arnold Jack Alpert

Marsha & Richard Newman Bill and Aaron Gerber's birthday

Ada Rabinowitz thoughts and prayers to Mr. and

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Jackie & Stanley Schwartz beloved father, Sol Greenblatt

husband of Sharon Rudnick

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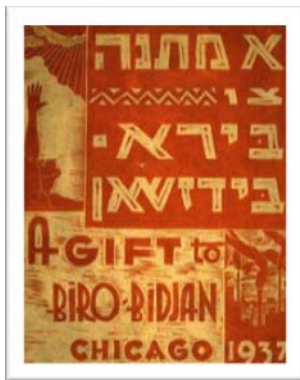
Lubowich Family Michael Rosenberg's special birthday



Jewish Art

Sunday, March 16th, 10:00 AM
at the synagogue

Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation
4500 W. Dempster Street, Skokie, IL 60076 – (847-675-4141)



A Gift to
Biro-Bidjan:
Chicago,
1937: From
Despair to
New Hope

Presentation with Slides, by Nathan Harpaz, Curator of the Koehnline Museum of Art, and instructor of art history and museum studies, Oakton Community College.

In 1937, a group of Chicago-area Jewish artists created a portfolio of woodcuts as a fund-raising project for Biro-Bidjan, the Jewish autonomous region in the Soviet Union. These 14 artists were also active in the Works Progress Administration (WPA) during the Great Depression, and their woodcuts, which revealed scenes of oppression and despair against images of "new hope" and optimism, reflected the present as well as the past.

Some of the woodcuts expressed the hardship of the Depression in the United States or the persecution of Jews in Europe. Others conveyed the expectations of the New Deal program at home or Stalin's solution for a Jewish homeland far away in the taiga of Siberia.

Sunday, March 23th, Meet at the
Koehnline Museum of Art,
Oakton 11:30 AM

Community College, Des Plaines Campus,
1600 E. Golf Rd., Des Plaines, IL.



Convergence:
Jewish and
African
American
Artists in
Depression-era
Chicago

Guided tour at the exhibition by the curator Nathan Harpaz.

Community College, Des Plaines Campus, 1600 E. Golf Rd., Des Plaines, IL.

During the Great Depression, artists of diverse backgrounds found ways to not only document the pain of the era, but also create images of hope. This exhibition reveals the cooperative spirit that existed between Jewish and African American artists in Chicago during this challenging period of history. Featured African American artists include Charles White, Margaret Burroughs, Bernard Goss, George Neal, and Marion Perkins.

Featured Jewish artists include Aaron Bohrod, Morris Topchevsky, Mitchell Siporin, Sophie Wessel, Simon Gordon, and Todros Geller. Experience the stories of young men and women who bravely challenged the conventions and taboos of their age.

March 2008 – 5768

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Religious School
2 -JRF Workshop -Introduction to Judaism	3	4 Religious School	5 Spirituality Class 1:30 PM	6	7 6:30 Shabbat Dinner 8:00 Jeff N Janis	8 -Religious School -Stars & Judaism Special Program *Change Clock* -Lunch & Learn
9 -Spertus Tour -Introduction to Judaism	10	11 Religious School	12 Spirituality Class 1:30 PM	13	14 Shabbat 6:15 8:00 Lori Lippitz	15 -Religious School -Yiddish
16 -Introduction to Judaism -Art lecture	17	18 Religious School	19 Spirituality Class 1:30 PM	20 Dinner 6:00 PM Reading of the Megillah	21 8:00 Layni & Deane Myers	22 No Religious School -Wine Tasting and Talent Show 7:30 PM
23 -Introduction to Judaism -Purim Carnival -Oakton Art Exhibition Tour	24	25 No Religious School	26 Spirituality Class 1:30 PM	27	28 6:00 Singles Service 7:00 Singles Dinner 8:00 Service, Bibi Marcell	29 No Religious School
30 -Jeff & Janis Concert -New Intro Series -Dr. Finkel Music Series	31					

March Standard Time

Friday	7	5:31
	<i>-Daylight Saving Time-</i>	
Friday	14	6:39
Friday	21	6:47
Friday	28	6:54

Candle lighting Times



April Standard Time

Friday	4	7:02
Friday	11	7:10
Friday	18	7:17
Friday	25	7:25

April 2008 – 5768

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Religious School	2 Spirituality Class 1:30 PM	3	4 8:00 Jeff N Janis	5 Religious School
6 -World Religions I -Introduction to Judaism	7	8 Religious School	9 Spirituality Class 1:30 PM	10	11 8:00 Layni & Dean Myer	12 -Religious School -Model Seder -Lunch & Learn
13 -World Religions II -Introduction to Judaism	14	15 Religious School	16 Spirituality Class 1:30 PM	17	18 8:00 Cantor Warschawski	19 -Religious School -Cantor Warschawski -Seder # 1 -Yiddish
20 Pesah Day 1 9:30 AM Service	21	22 Religious School	23 Spirituality Class 1:30 PM	24	25 8:00 Layni & Dean Myer	26 -Religious School Pesah Day 7
27 Pesah Day 8 9:30 Yizkor Service	28	29 Religious School	30 Spirituality Class 1:30 PM			

Jeff
N
Janis

**“Jeff N Janis”
Jewish Cabaret to Benefit Ark Residence Program**

Jeff
N
Janis

Sunday March 30th at 3:00 PM

At 4500 W. Dempster in Skokie

A \$5 per person suggested donation will benefit the Ark’s Residence for homeless Jewish individuals and families.

Musical duo “Jeff N Janis” will present a benefit performance of Jewish, Yiddish, Israeli, popular American music and show tunes at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation.

The ARK is a social service center which provides assistance in a wide variety of areas including the Sarnoff Levin Residence in Rogers Park. This transitional shelter program offers on-site social workers, kosher meals, and a safe environment which includes access to case management, medical, dental, legal, job, and housing assistance on a temporary basis for Jewish individuals and families in need.

Jeff Winter and Janis Fine, known as “Jeff N Janis” perform for a wide variety of audiences and events. They have performed on WFMT’s Folk stage, and Rick Kogan’s Sunday Paper show on WGN radio. “Jeff N Janis” entertain at festivals, organization events, private parties, and other occasions. They recently released their second CD titled “Come to the Jewish Cabaret”.

For more information call 847.675.4141 or email jwin27@aol.com.



TIKKUM OLAM – Repair the world

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 an invaluable opportunity to rebuild our community and repair the world.

Do a Mitzvah!

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 & conserve. Call: (312) 357-4762
- **Maot Chitim**- provide 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. **Elderly- 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. Tzeddakah

- 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 to volunteer at: 847-679-7338

5. Help the homeless

- Attend the Jeff and Janis concert March 30; proceeds benefit the Ark’s homeless shelter
- Participate in Habitat for Humanity 312) 243-6448

6. **Donate blood through 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.



Feed the Hungry

Helping the Elderly

Gemiluth Chesed

Tzedakah

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Go “Green”

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Greater Chicago Area

50+ Jewish Singles

Funded by a grant from the Jewish Healing Network of Chicago – Community Connections Program

Shabbat Evening Service & Catered Kosher Dinner

For this fun and exciting, warm and welcoming group

Friday March 28th, 2008

Check in from 5:30-6:00 PM - Services 6:00 PM; Dinner 7:00 PM - Dinner \$ 14.00

For more information contact Gail Ginsburg at 847-675-4141 or Dee@ehnt.org

Advanced payment required by Tuesday, March 25

Indicate your preference of chicken or vegetarian entrée.

50+

50+ Singles Services and Dinner, March 28th, Reservation deadline – Tuesday, March 25th

Registration for Shabbat dinner # of guests _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

Name(s) _____ Street _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Amount Enclosed (\$ 14.00 per person) _____ **Advance Payment is Required**

Make out checks to "EHNT" **No refunds after reservation deadline.**

50+

To be added to our e-mail list, please send an e-mail to Jewishsingle50on@aol.com in the subject box "add to list"

Volunteers Needed!



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

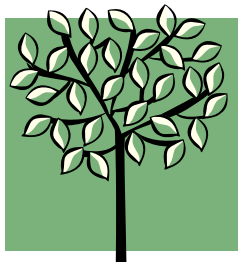
Wine-Tasting & Talent Show



Watch for:

March 22nd 7:30 PM

*Sandi Cowen,
Ways and Means Chair Person*



TREE OF LIFE

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.

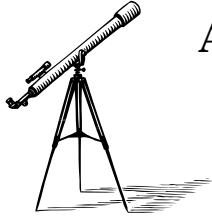
A leaf costs \$180 and a large plaque is \$400, and is a lasting, loving remembrance. Just call the office to order your leaf or bronze plaque at 847-675-4141.

EHNTJC BOWLING LEAGUE



EHNTJC Bowling League is looking for bowlers. If you like to bowl and want to have a nice night out, please contact our league President, Al Stein for further details.

Tel: 847-208-2323



Astronomy and Judaism: What's in the Heavens?

Gazing at the Stars with Hofstra Professor Donald Lubowich
(No Charge)



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



Jewish contributions to popular Music in the 20th century

Sundays 10-11 AM at the synagogue - no fee.
Just come, have fun and learn

1. A YIDDISHE SHTUNDE --with some Hebrew and Russian songs included. March 30
2. THE EARLY DAYS OF ROCK AND ROLL. (10:00- 11:00 AM) The contributions of Jewish composers and performers. RHAPSODY IN BLUE, from 11:00-11:30 AM. May 18

Sanford I. Finkel, M.D. Bio:

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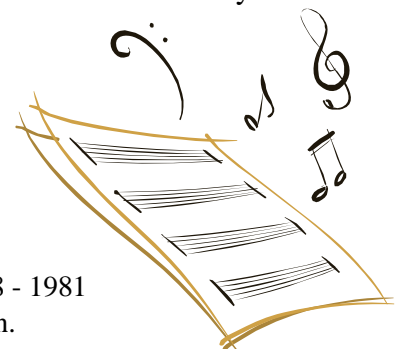
- Geriatric and Adult Psychiatry, Clinical, 1971 - Present
- Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, University of Chicago Medical School; 2001 - Present
- Attending Medical Staff, Division of Psychiatry, University of Chicago Hospitals, Chicago, IL; 2002 - Present
- Formerly Senior Vice President , Medical Affairs and Research Council for Jewish Elderly
- Top Doctors 2008 - Chicago Magazine

MANY HONORS INCLUDING

- Castle Connolly Top Doctors Award-2007-8,
- Distinguished Life Fellow, American Psychiatric Association, 2004

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- *American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry* Founder, 1978 President, 1978 - 1981
- Co-founder and past president of the International Psychogeriatric Association.





Celebrate Israel's 60th Birthday

1. Sunday, May 4th, 10:00 AM at McCormick Place

☆ Israel Solidarity Day, featuring The Walk with Israel at McCormick Place.

- 6k Walk and Family Walk
- Acclaimed Israel musical group "The Idan Raichel Project"
- Carnival activities including a climbing wall, moon bounces and more
- A taste of Kosher Chicago
- Activities for Teens, Kids, and Families

2. Our Annual JUF reception dessert- May 4th, 7:30 PM (Joel Farber Chairman)

3. Thursday, May 8, 2008, 7:00 PM

☆ Independence Day Gala at Northwestern University's McGraw Memorial Hall/Welsh Ryan Arena

- Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel
- Israel Superstar David Broza
- The King David Drummers

4. Friday, May 9th

☆ 8:00 PM service in celebration of Israel with Rabbi Ginsburg and Cantor Warschawski.

5. Sunday May 18th

☆ We depart 10:00 AM on 60th Birthday Israel mission. Join Us!

6. Support Israel

- a. Invest in Israel Bonds! 312-558-9400
- b. Contribute to Jewish National Fund!
Trees, Water, Land – 847-656-8880
- c. Join American-Israel Public Affairs Committee!
312-236-8550 (Lobby for Israel). Attend the annual Washington DC Conference with Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg, June 2-4



Israel Trip



Study & Experience the Many Faces of Israel; Celebrate Israel's 60th Birthday
\$ 2350+Air/person double occupancy, Space is limited – register now!

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

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 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
 847-675-4141, rabbi@ehnt.org



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ARE YOU A FIRST BORN?

The tenth plague was the slaying of the firstborn Egyptians. The firstborn of the Israelites were spared, as the Angel of Death passed over homes. As a measure of gratitude, the day leading up to the seder, Erev Pesah, was declared to be a day of fasting for all firstborn Jews. However, according to Jewish tradition, firstborn children become exempt from fasting by attending a SIYYUM, the celebration of study of a Jewish holy book.

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Join us for Services 7:45 - 8:15 AM

SIYYUM, Presented by Rabbi Ginsburg 8:15 - 8:25AM

A light Hometz Breakfast follows



Celebrate Israel @ 60 - Hadassah Chicago Chapter Presents:

"DANCING THE DREAM"

Exclusive U.S. appearance – one night only

Monday, May 12th, 2008 at 7:00 PM, Tickets \$36

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie - 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, IL 60077

The amazing collaboration between Israel's De De Dance Company, Germany's Wee Dance Company & students from Hadassah Neurim Youth Village.

For additional Information, call 847-675-6790

Birthdays (March)

יום הולדת שמח

Birthdays (April)

Adrienne Tanner
 Andrea Reich
 Anita Goldsmith
 Arona Sarfatty
 Arthur Klowden
 Becky Ofsaiof
 Benjamin Rontal
 Beryl Rabinowitz
 Bonnie Feinberg
 Carol Friedlander
 Cary Katznelson
 Claudia Katznelson
 Donald Davidson
 Ellen Bero
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 Flora Steigman
 Franklin E. Gerber
 Geno Bonaventura
 George Urban

Harvey Mantel
 Irena Gumin
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 Israel Eisenberg
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 Ronald Epstein
 Tillie Cohen

Adie Fuchs
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 Beatriz Levi
 Bess Schneider
 Carla Sutker
 Debbie Novoselsky
 Dorothy Slobodin
 Edward Goldsmith
 Elaine Wayne
 Eliezer Ayal
 Evan Shapiro
 Howard Frank
 Irwin Fink
 Jack Herman
 Jean Dolins
 Jean Powell
 Judith Rae Ross

Kenneth Dermer
 Lila Weltman
 Lisa Chinitz
 Lois Ankin
 Marilyn Berger
 Marilyn Levin
 Marlene Singer
 Marvin Y. Rudd
 Mickey Gordon
 Neal Toback
 Jonathan Ginsburg
 Raymond J. Pershing
 Rhonda Orenstein
 Rose Lynn Jaffe
 Roslyn Goldberg
 Ruth Bresler
 Sarah Friedman
 Sheldon Schaps
 Sheldon Schneider
 Sylvia Footlik
 Walter Straus

Happy Anniversary

Anniversaries March



Adele & Jack Block
 Elsie & Milton Minkus
 Fern & Sanford Finkel
 Marlynn & Raymond Fleischer
 Rachell & Israel Eisenberg
 Ruth & Howard Bresler
 Shelly & Bernard Malina
 Shirley & Victor Becker
 Sybil & Floyd Gitelman

Anniversaries April



Becky & Burt Ofsaiof
 Charlene & Michael Lichtenstein
 Dorothy & Elmer Lipstadt
 Patricia & Joseph Kritzman
 Judy & George Peyovich
 Sheila & Sam Gross
 Victoria & Leo Tunik



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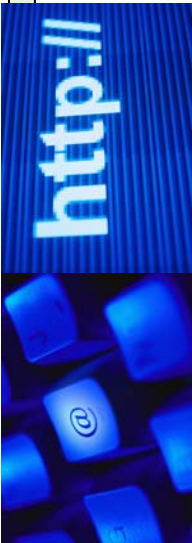
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TIME DATED MATERIAL

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



Useful Websites and Blogs:

- www.ehnt.org
- www.cybersynagogue.bliptv.com
- www.rabbireflects.blogspot.com
- www.jonathanginsburg.net
- www.jewishconversionchicago.com
- www.convertjudaism.blogspot.com
- www.conservativejew.blogspot.com
- www.jewcybercentral.blogspot.com
- www.neshamah.org
- www.ganskokie.org

- Synagogue site, general synagogue information
- Podcasts and videos
- Main blog, links to videos & pictures
- Personal site
- Our Chicago area Conversion-to Judaism site
- Conversion program blog
- Uploaded items from the Conservative Movement
- Another place to find many Jewish links from Rabbi
- Neshama center for Jewish spirituality living site & blog
- Gan Yeladim, Our early childhood program
- Profiles of Rabbi Ginsburg on Facebook & MySpace.
- For my daily Torah emails write to rabbi@ehnt.org

To receive Rabbi Ginsburg's regular e-mail of EHNTJC events, write ehntrab@yahoo.com to sign up.

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