



EHNTJC

Ezra-Habonim, the Piles Township Jewish Congregation

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“FIRST IN THE WORLD ON-LINE HEBREW SCHOOL”

The Torah commands us to teach our children diligently. One question is: what is the best way to do it? There has been an explosion of Jewish day schools, but they still serve only 5% of Jewish children. The on-site based supplemental model has several significant challenges. Two bulletins ago, I wrote about the importance of the internet and the digital world for the Jewish future. Now I want to explain an innovative and unique program that our synagogue has initiated. Some of you may have seen ads in the Jewish News. We will be offering a home-based Hebrew School for grades 3 through 7, using resources on the internet and text books. We do this for several reasons.

- 1) Contemporary religious schools often have not been very effective in inculcating Jewish commitment and teaching Jewish studies.
- 2) Parents increasingly express concerns about the challenges coordinating schedules for today's busy children.
- 3) Children are usually tired after going to public school during the day.
- 4) We take note of the explosion of usage of computers and the internet, especially on-line learning opportunities on the college level, and even a Hebrew high school Jewish internet based program.
- 5) Parents have become increasingly removed from their children's Jewish education.

It is critical to be observant of cultural changes and try our best to adapt together without sacrificing quality.

I am one of the leading educators of Jewish on-line material in the world, with over 400 videos, over 1,000,000 viewing these videos, several websites and the world's first



Celebrate Israel's 60th Birthday

(See the program schedule on page 18)

on-line conversion to Judaism program.

Based on all this, our leadership urged me to develop a program which would make Jewish learning accessible to children, based on a home schooling model.

We believe that we have the advantage of utilizing a learning mechanism that the children enjoy, letting children and families learn on their own time and from the comfort of their own homes.

Since the parents would be responsible for monitoring the children's participation and since the teachers will not be right there in the room, we are betting this program will also increase the parental participation in Jewish education while enhancing learning.

We will have monthly gatherings and field trips. For those nearby, our on-site Hebrew school will continue for those who prefer classroom-based learning. Every child in our on-line program will be assigned a tutor who will answer questions and check in weekly by phone and e-mail. We also are going to give the Jewish people around the world the opportunity to use this program. Gail, who is a curriculum writer, has been assisting me greatly with this project.

The synagogue is hoping that it will generate new members and profit, as well as offer an exciting alternative in Jewish education. Since it is the first in the world, of course there will be some criticism and challenges, and we will continually work to improve and enhance this.

I appreciate your support of the congregation and look forward to giving you updates about its progress.

Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg

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Officiating on
FRIDAY NIGHTS
May & June 2008
With Rabbi Ginsburg

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
May 2	8:00 PM	Lori Lippitz, Special Service, Holocaust Commemoration.
9	6:00 PM	Tot Shabbat
	6:30 PM	Shabbat Dinner
	8:00 PM	Cantor Warschawski
		Special service for Israel's 60 th Birthday-Aldort Family Sponsors
16	8:00 PM	Layni & Dean Myer
23	8:00 PM	Congregation Service, Cantor Warschawski (Rabbi in Israel)
30		Stein family celebrates 50 th EHNTJC membership; Rabbi's speech on their trip to Israel.
		Bibi Marcell soloist
June 6	8:00 PM	Cantor Warschawski The Friedlanders sponsoring the Oneg in honor of their anniversary.
13	8:00 PM	Lori Lippitz
20	6:30 PM	Shabbat Dinner
	8:00 PM	Cantor Warschawski
27	8:00 PM	Jeff N' Janis

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 Tish Lunch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shabbat morning Kiddush Lunch | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch & Learn |

Date requested: _____

Name: _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

____ in honor of _____

____ in memory 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.

Mazel Tov to:

Announcement

Thanks to:

- * Rosalie and Norman Persky on the birth of their granddaughter, Lydia Erin Rowe and to her parents, Heather and Rob Rowe.
- * Jamie and Mitchell Pawlan on their daughter Jackie's Bat Mitzvah and to her grandparents, Marlene and Jordan Hecktman.
- * Diane Rosenfeld on the birth of her grandson, Jack Rosenfeld.
- * Ruth and Ian Fingerman on the birth of their granddaughter, Sabrina Lee Glasser.
- * Sherry and Benjamin Rontal on the birth of their granddaughter, Samantha Riley Rontal and to her parents, Amy and Aaron Rontal.
- * Fern and Stanford Finkel on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson.
- * Bonnie and Dennis Feinberg on the marriage of their son, David Louis Feinberg to Michelle Levy.
- * Dr. Michael and Deborah Reinstein on the engagement of their daughter Leah to Andrew Madof and to his parents, Dr. Frank and Ellen Madof.
- * Debra and Stewart Reich on the marriage of their daughter, Stephanie to Casey Jensen.
- * Sheri and Scott Lisitza, on the birth of Hailey Jade.
- * Joel and Barbara Wax on the birth of their new granddaughter, Haley Brett; parents are Eileen and Steve Brett.

- * Jamie and Mitchell Pawlan for sponsoring the Oneg in honor of Jackie's Bat Mitzvah.
- * Shirley and Marty Lubowich for sponsoring the Oneg on February 29th, honoring Helen Bernstein and Michael Abrams' Aufruf.
- * Sheri and Scott Lisitza for sponsoring the Oneg in honor of Hailey Jade June 6th.
- * Family of Dvora Aldort for sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat, on May 9th in honor of Dvora's 95th birthday.
- * Shaynee and Michael Lichtenstein for sponsoring the Kiddush lunch on April 12th, in honor of their 10th wedding anniversary.
- * The Friedlanders for sponsoring the Oneg, in honor of their 50th anniversary on June 6th.
- * Our Bat Mitzvah families for sponsoring the Kiddush on May16-Shapiro, May30-Boston and June13-Kek.
- * Victor Drawer for sponsoring Kiddush on June 21st.
- * Rosalie and Norman Persky and Rob and Heather Rowe for sponsoring the Oneg in honor of naming of granddaughter/daughter Lydia Erin Rowe.
- * The Stein Family for sponsoring Oneg in honor of their 50th year membership anniversary at EHNTJC on May 30th.

Welcome New Members & Thanks to All Members

- Nancy Marsala & Anna Marsala ▪ Glenda Elam
- Sheri and Scott Lisitza

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

YOU ARE INVITED

June 6th, 8:00 PM for Shabbat Services

Mazel Tov to our Confirmands and religious school graduates for 5768:

Hillary Bartman, Anna Marsala, Michelle Grinberg, Joanna Tunik, Mara Shapiro, Jennifer Boston

We would like to thank everyone who attended our birthday Kiddush luncheon on January 12th, and also for all their cards and birthday wishes. It was a special day for both of us to celebrate with everyone. Thank you so much.

Bill & Aaron Gerber

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.



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 ehnttrab@yahoo.com or 847-675-4141 and tell him who, where and for how long (estimate). It's a mitzvah!!!

Condolences to:

- Dr. David Behm, death of uncle.
- Allan Carroll, death of cousin, Ira.
- Howard Carroll, death of brother, Ira.
- Melba Gold, death of brother, Martin Levitt.
- Stan and Claire Shulman, death of father/father-in law, Frank Tarschis.
- Loretta Wineberg, death of sister, Lillian Kaiz.
- Leah Gutmann, death of husband, Leo Gutmann.
- Sheila Gross, death of mother Anne R. Feinberg.
- Marty Lubowich & Jeanette Block, death of Marty & Jeanette's sister-in law, Olga Lubowich.
- Lilly Heidelberger, death of husband, Arthur.

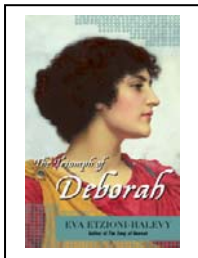


Memorial Plaques

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.



Lifetime learning presents:
“THE TRIUMPH OF DEBORAH”
Sunday, June 22, 10:30 AM, at EHNTJC

A talk on a new novel about women in the Bible:
“THE TRIUMPH OF DEBORAH”.

The book, published by *Plume/Penguin*, describes a prominent and popular woman leader, who led her people to war but also to peace. Hence it should be of special relevance in an American election year, in which a female candidate is a front runner, and also on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of Israel, where women's leadership is becoming increasingly prominent. Author Eva Etzioni-Halevy, from Jerusalem will be here June 22, 10:30 AM to discuss her book and her two very successful biblical novels. You will have the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of the book.

Super colossal goods & services auction

Save the date!

Sunday, September 14, 2008

Help us by donating your goods & services!

1. Cater a dinner in your home.
2. Solicit your butcher, baker & candle stick maker.
3. Be creative.

WE NEED YOUR DONATION
 Thank you!

For more information call Sandi Cowen at: (847) 965-0565

Announcement:

We are pleased to announce that **Judy Frank** has been appointed membership chair of EHNTJC.

If you are interested in joining the committee, please call the office at: (847)675-4141.

We have many other committees that can use your help: Religious Education, Religious Services, Adult Education, Social Action, Strategic Planning, Youth, Ways & Means.

Israel Bond Dinner

Come & join us to honor the Sutker- Rabinowitz family on the evening of June 1st, 6:00 PM at EHNTJC. We are pleased to honor this involved and active family who has done so much for our community.

Help Israel by investing in Israel Bonds. Invitations will follow.



Mara Shapiro

Saturday, May 17th, 2008
Bat Mitzvah
 Proud Parents:
 Randi &
 Evan Shapiro

Mara is looking forward to her upcoming Bat Mitzvah at Ezra Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation. Mara is in 7th grade at Park View School. She participates in “Battle of the Books Club” and soccer; she also enjoys reading, biking, and crafts.

Mazel Tov Mara!



Jennifer Boston

Saturday, May 31st, 2008
Bat Mitzvah
 Proud Parents:
 Lillian Silber & Rick Boston
 & Step-father, Rusty Silber

Jennifer is looking forward to her upcoming Bat Mitzvah at Ezra Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation. Jennifer is in 7th grade at Old orchard Jr. High. She enjoys theatre and performing plays and shows.

Mazel Tov Jenny!



Laura Kek

Saturday, June 14th, 2008
Bat Mitzvah
 Proud Parents:
 Anna Ivanenko &
 Alexander Kek

Laura is looking forward to her upcoming Bat Mitzvah at Ezra Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation. She attends *Joseph Sears School* in Kenilworth and is actively involved in Chorus, science, French and the Olympiad team at her school. She also enjoys Ballet dancing and taking care of her pets.

Mazel Tov Laura!

Ongoing Courses

Learn, Live & Love Jewishly

1. World Religion Series by Gail Ginsburg,

Sundays, 10:35 AM

Christianity May 4th, Islam May 11th, Hinduism & Buddhism in the Fall.

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

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

- **Sundays, 9:30-11:30 AM**
- 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 -

400 brief videos of Jewish content by Rabbi Ginsburg. Search on the internet for Youtube. www.youtube.com/rjhgins



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). (May 3, June 14)

6. Sunday Series

- Dr.Finkel, Music Series
May 18, "The early days of Rock & Roll", *Rhapsody in Blue*, 10:00 AM
- Gail Ginsburg's World Religion Series, May 4 & May 11.
- Eva Etzioni-Halevy, June 22, 10:30 AM (see flyer)

Introduction to Judaism: May 4, 11 & June 1, 8, 15, 22

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.

(May 7)

8. Yiddish at Kiddish Tish

Marvell Ginsburg leads this Yiddish class after Shabbat Services monthly, \$5 per person.

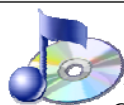
(May 17, June 21)

9. Blogs:

- www.rabbireflects.blogspot.com
- www.neshamah.org
- www.jewcybercentral.blogspot.com
- www.conservativejew.blogspot.com

10. Podcasts: Rabbi's series

www.cybersynagogue.bliptv



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.



May
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**CONGREGATIONAL & GAN
SHABBAT DINNER AND SERVICE
MAY 9, 2008**

Join Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg, Cantor Benjamin and Chana Warschawski & Betsy Rotberg, Gan Director

Tot Shabbat 6:00 PM, Shabbat Dinner 6:30 PM, Shabbat Service 8:00 PM
Reservation form for Shabbat Dinner on Friday, May 9th, 2008
Dinner reservation deadline: Tuesday, May 6th, 5 PM
No transfer credit or refunds if cancelled after May 6th

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail address _____

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

_____ # of Adult Gan parents 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

Shabbat Dinner May 9

June
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**CONGREGATIONAL
SHABBAT DINNER AND SERVICE
JUNE 20, 2008**

Join Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg & Cantor Benjamin and Chana Warschawski

Shabbat Dinner 6:30 PM, Shabbat Service 8:00 PM
Reservation form for Shabbat Dinner on Friday, June 20th, 2008
Dinner reservation deadline: Tuesday, June 17th, 5 PM
No transfer credit or refunds if cancelled after June 17th

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) _____

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_____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian

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

Account # _____ exp _____

Authorized Signature: _____

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Shabbat Dinner June 20

July
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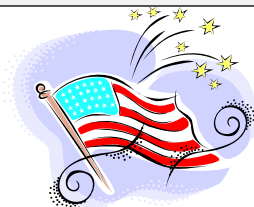
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**CONGREGATIONAL
INDEPENDENCE DAY SHABBAT DINNER AND SERVICE
JULY 4, 2008**

Join Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg

Hamburgers/Hot Dogs (meat or vegetarian) Baked Beans, etc.

Shabbat Dinner 6:30 PM, Shabbat Service 8:00 PM
Reservation form for Shabbat Dinner on Friday, July 4th, 2008
Dinner reservation deadline: Tuesday, July 1st, 5 PM
No transfer credit or refunds if cancelled after July 1st



Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail address _____

_____ # of Adult Members at \$11/person = \$ _____

_____ # of Adult Non-members at \$13/person = \$ _____

_____ # of children 6 to 12 at \$5.00/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

Shabbat Dinner July 4

EHNTJC MEMBERS AT MEGILLAH READING, SPAGHETTI DINNER & PURIM CARNIVAL



Megillah Reading

Photos provided by:
Michael
Lichtenstein



Members at Megillah Reading
Spaghetti Dinner – EHNTJC-1



Members at Megillah Reading
at EHNTJC



Members at Megillah Reading
at EHNTJC



Purim Carnival

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Michael
Lichtenstein



Members at Purim Carnival
EHNTJC



Members at Purim Carnival
EHNTJC



Members at Purim Carnival
EHNTJC

THE ENVIRONMENT...IN THE GARDEN

It's that time again ...time to work on the garden ...time to cultivate, sow and plant. Here are some tips to make you a *greener gardener* and help the environment at the same time:

NATIVE PLANTS – use them in your garden. They are adapted to our climate, our soils and our local pests. These plants require less watering and fewer chemicals. **Plant trees!** One tree takes care of the pollution of 13 cars; they're like giant air filters!

POTS – the plastic ones stay in landfills *forever*. Find **Ecoform** pots – they are sturdy and will break down in the landfill. Look for others. *Use less plastic* by taking cardboard boxes to the nursery and look for plants grown in biodegradable pots. Use your own recyclable containers for starting seeds (poke hole in bottom). Pots can also be made from old *newspapers!*

WATERING – *don't sprinkle in the heat of the day* when water evaporates. Use timers and soaker hoses for drip irrigation so you can water at night or early morning. *Water your lawns long and deeply once a week*, not lightly and frequently. **Save the rain!** Put a barrel under the downspout and collect *free water*.

PESTICIDES – avoid using them in your garden and yard. *Build up healthy soil* instead to prevent disease. Use nets or cut-worm collars. Encourage beneficial insects to eat the bad ones. Get used to a few weeds and insects!

FERTILIZERS – don't overdo it. Plants can only take just so much; the excess fertilizer then goes to pollute our waterways. *Look for organic fertilizer* that release nutrients slowly.

COMPOST – the basic ingredient in good soil. *Start with just a little heap of plant material*.

THE BEST WAY YOU CAN HELP THE ENVIRONMENT IS TO RECYCLE.

Come and join our synagogue Green Group. Contact Phyllis Friedland at phyllisfriedland@yahoo.com or (847) 869-1632.

Religious School Calendar

Tuesday Saturday Specials

May 2008

	3	
6	10	
	17	Mara Shapiro's Bat Mitzvah
		Synagogue Israel Trip 5/18
13	24	Last day Shabbat School
20	31	No School but Jennifer Boston's Bat Mitzvah
27		Last Day



June 2008

Friday, June 6 th Confirmation 10 th grade & 7 th Graduation		
3	7	
10	14	Laura Kek's Bat Mitzvah
17	21	
24	28	

RS= Religious School

World Religions

With Gail Ginsburg

Sunday May 4th & 11th

10:35 AM – 11:45 AM

(at EHNTJC)

4500 Dempster St.

Skokie, IL 60076

Christianity (May 4th)



Islam (May 11th)



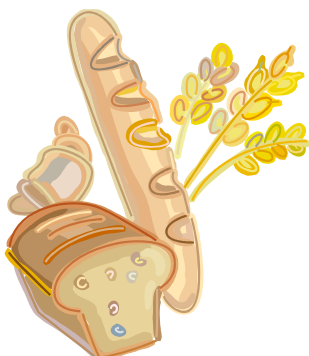
(Hinduism & Buddhism, coming up in the fall.)

RSVP to office: (847) 675-4141

Visit Gail's website:

www.neshamah.org

BRING FOOD FOR THE ARK 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

CONGREGATION FUND

IN MEMORY OF

Jeanette Ansell	Mandel Cohn
	Ida Cohen Shulman
Hilda Baum	beloved husband, Walter Baum
	beloved father-in-law, Julius Baum
	beloved mother-in-law, Elsa Baum
	David Scott Drachler
Jeanette Block	Morris Lubowich
	Rose Lubowich
	Jeannette Block
	Irwin Block
	Thelma Sorosky
Judith Blumenthal	beloved father, Julius Blumenthal
Marsha & Mert Brody	Joe Adler
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	beloved brother-in-law, Dr. Harold Randell
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	Shirley Gerber
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Barbara & Howard Gilbert	Joe Adler
Marvell Ginsburg	Dora Gold
Melba Gold	Joe Adler
Steve & Madeline Goldman	Azzia Dallal
Gerald & Ronia Gross	Sol Gross
	Ira Carroll
Iris & Gary Greenbaum	Martha and Robert Gruenebaum
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Lilly Hutter	Abe Katinsky
Robert Katin	beloved uncle, David Misonznik
Alexander Kek	Sol Kopp
Gordon & Judy Kopp	Sylvia Kopp
	Robert Kovin
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Alan Lifton	Clara Levin
Arleen Lipke	Hyman Abrams
Shirley & Marty Lubowich	Frank Tarschis
	Bernice G. Macks
	beloved father, Max Shallon
	Ira L. Carroll
	Gerald Melton
	Joe Adler
	Joe Adler
	Joe Adler
	'Bud' Friedman
	Frank Tarschis
	Ira Carroll
	Joe Adler
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	Revester Roth
	George Horowitz
	Seymour K. Cousins
	Florence Ruben
	Joe Adler
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	Martin L. Shapiro
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	Ephraim Bluzman
	Sam Garber
	Eleanor Garber

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IN MEMORY OF cont'd.

Joanne Stein	Matilda Bloom Holzman
Elsa Strauss	Ferdinand Eisenthal
Molly & Irwin Sweet	beloved mother and father, Aryeh Leib and Jennie Friedman
	Leah Wax
Joel Wax	Sadye Weinberg
David Weinberg	Sadye Weinberg
Jack & Lenore Wolfe	Joe Adler

CONGREGATION FUND

IN HONOR OF

Hilda Baum	my birthday
Peter & Hedy Ciocci	Sandy Finkel
Ray & Marlynn Fleischer	our 60 th wedding anniversary
Frank & Bill Gerber	Burt & Becky Ofsaiof's new house to wish Michael Lichtenstein a speedy recovery Michael & Shaynee Lichtenstein's new grandchild wedding of Alex Black and Jessica Clark
Shaynee & Michael Lichtenstein	Bill and Aaron Gerber's birthday to wish Mitch Rhodes a speedy recovery
Shirley & Marty Lubowich	to wish Carla Sutker a speedy recovery Michael & Charlene Lichtenstein's new grandson
Marsha & Richard Newman	to wish Michael Lichtenstein a speedy recovery
Phyllis & Sheldon Post	Ray & Marlynn Fleischer's 60 th wedding anniversary
	Michael & Charlene Lichtenstein's new grandson to wish Michael Lichtenstein a speedy recovery
Ada & Beryl Rabinowitz	Jackie Pawlan's Bat Mitzvah Stan & Claire Shulman's new grandson—Maxwell Rosalie & Norm Persky's new granddaughter—Lydia Erin Rowe Joyce Gray—wishing you well Myrna Leibovitz—thinking of you
Charlene Rubin	Ray & Marlynn Fleischer's 60 th wedding anniversary Michael & Shaynee Lichtenstein's 10 th wedding anniversary
Paul & Edie Sternfeld	Stephanie Reich's marriage to Casey Jensen

EDUCATION FUND

IN MEMORY OF

Judith Rae & Allan B. Ross	beloved parents of Shulman Family
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GEMILUTH CHESED—LOTTE GRUEN FUND

IN HONOR OF

Shirley & Marty Lubowich	to wish Marilyn Kaplow a speedy recovery
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H. GREENBAUM CAMP RAMAH FUN

IN MEMORY OF

Jackie & Stanley Schwartz	Joe Adler beloved brother, Edward Robert Schwartz
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H. GREENBAUM CAMP RAMAH FUND

IN HONOR OF

Arona Sarfatty	my birthday
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GAN YELADIM FUND

IN MEMORY OF

Betsy Rotberg and Gan Staff	Joe Adler
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PRAYER BOOK FUND

IN MEMORY OF

Marsha & Richard Newman	Joe Adler Frank Tarschis
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PRAYER BOOK FUND

IN HONOR OF

Shirley & Marty Lubowich	Michael & Shaynee Lichtenstein's 10 th wedding anniversary
Marsha & Richard Newman	Stan & Claire Shulman's new grandson—Maxwell Michael Shulman

REICH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

IN MEMORY OF

Louis & Susan Levinson	Florence Cohen
Debbie & Stewart Reich	Joe Adler

REICH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

IN HONOR OF

Eva B. Levi	marriage of Stephanie Reich to Casey Jensen
Shirley & Marty Lubowich	Stan & Claire Shulman's new grandchild-Max

TALCOT/LEVIN FUND

IN HONOR OF

Shirley & Marty Lubowich	Jackie Pawlan's Bat Mitzvah
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EHNTJC

Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

4500 Dempster, Skokie, IL 60076

Saturday, May 10, 4:00-5:30 PM



A great way to spend Shabbat afternoon for families with children 4-8 yrs, (but all are welcome).

Enjoy Kosher snacks, craft projects and stories with
“The Storybook Mom, Nili Yelin”

Spend Shabbat afternoon listening to stories told by Nili Yelin, a delightful storyteller whose charm will embrace your family.



JCC's got Shabbat? REGISTRATION FORM

Registration strongly encouraged. Saturday, May 10th, 2008 4-5:30 PM

For information contact: Susan Ellenby, JCC's got Shabbat? Program Coordinator, sellenby@gojcc.org, phone: 847.412.4225, fax: 847.205.9350

Families

Parent's Names _____
 Children's Names _____
 E-Mail Address _____
 Phone _____
 Address _____
 City _____

1. Is this your first JCC's got Shabbat program? Yes or No
2. Are you a member of JCC or a synagogue? Both Neither One (please specify) _____
3. How many programs have you attended at the JCC or a synagogue in the past year?
 ___None ___1-3 ___4-9 ___10+
4. How did you hear about JCC's got Shabbat? Program? _____

This program made possible by a Jewish Federation Priority Grant, supported in part by the Fel-Pro Mecklenburger Supporting Fund as well as the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS



Our Youth Board, along with the help of some Youth Group members, has been working really hard to start an active junior high (Kadima) and high school (USY) youth group at the Shul. We can use everyone's help.

Please tell everyone about the program and/or pass this on to everyone you know who might be interested.

**THIS IS A GREAT WAY FOR OUR KIDS TO MEET NEW FRIENDS, BRING OLD FRIENDS AND HAVE LOTS OF FUN.
 EVERYONE IS WELCOME, MEMBERS' & NON-MEMBERS' CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, NIECES & NEPHEWS, GRADES 6 THRU 12.**

We have had some really fun programs already this year and are planning even more for May & June.

For more information, please contact our new Youth Advisor, Stephani Weiss, at: s-weiss@u.northwestern.edu or Howard Bartman at 847-677-8421 or Marsha Brody at: 847-675-5440

May 2008 – 5768

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 8:00 PM Lori Lippitz -Holocaust Commemoration service	3 - Lunch & Learn
4 -Intro. to Judaism 9:30 AM -World Religions 10:35 AM -JUF Dessert Rec. 7:30 PM	5	6 Religious School	7 Spirituality Class 1:30 PM	8 Israel 60 th event NWU	9 6:00 PM Tot Shabbat 6:30 Shabbat Dinner 8:00 PM-Services Cantor Warszawski, Israel's 60 th	10 -Religious School -Got Shabbat? 4:00 PM
11 -Introduction to Judaism 9:30 AM -World Religions 10:35 AM	12	13 Religious School	14 No Spirituality Class	15	16 8:00 PM Layni & Dean Myer	17 -Religious School -Yiddish Tish -Bat Mitzvah, Mara Shapiro
18 -Israel Trip -Dr. Finkel Music Series, 10:00 AM	19	20 Religious School	21 No Spirituality Class	22	23 8:00 PM Cantor Warszawski	24 -Religious School
25 -No Introduction to Judaism	26	27 Last session, Religious School	28 No Spirituality Class	29	30 -Rabbi's Speech on their trip to Israel. -Bibi Marcell	31 No Religious School -Dr. Finkel davens -Jennifer Boston's Bat Mitzvah

May **Standard Time**

Friday	2	7:31
Friday	9	7:38
Friday	16	7:45
Friday	23	7:52
Friday	30	7:58

Candle lighting Times

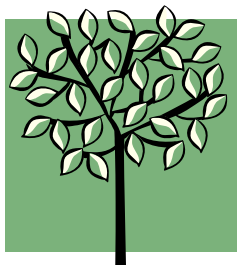


June **Standard Time**

Friday	6	8:03
Friday	13	8:07
Friday	20	8:09
Friday	27	8:10

June 2008 – 5768

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 -Introduction to Judaism 9:30 AM -5:30 PM Israel Bond Dinner honors Sutker-Rabinowitz	2 Rabbi Ginsburg at AIPAC Convention	3	4	5	6 Graduation-Confirmation 8:00 PM Cantor Warschawski	7
8 -Introduction to Judaism 9:30 AM -Erev Shavuot	9 -Shavuot Day 1 9:30 AM Service, Cantor Warschawski	10 Yizkor Shavuot Day 2 9:30 AM Service, Cantor Warschawski	11	12	13 -Lori Lippitz	14 -Lunch & Learn -Laura Kek's Bat Mitzvah
15 -Introduction to Judaism 9:30 AM	16	17	18	19	20 6:30 PM Shabbat Dinner 8:00 PM Cantor Warschawski	21 -Yiddish Tish
22 -Introduction to Judaism 9:30 AM Eva Etzioni-Halevy on new book	23	24	25	26	27 8:00 Jeff N Janis	28
29	30					



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



TIKKUN 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 & 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. **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. 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

- Attend the Jeff N’ Janis concert March 30; proceeds benefit the Ark’s homeless shelter.
- 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.

Feed the Hungry

Helping the Elderly

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THE “GEMILUTH CHESED LOTTE GRUEN FUND”

Gemiluth Chessed, a Hebrew term meaning the “Bestowal of kindness” and meaning generally the GIVING OF CHARITY TO NEEDY PERSONS. The giving of charity is one of the oldest and most sacred traditions, since the Torah not only commanded it but also described in full detail the manner in which THE INDIGENT SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR.

The Torah even indicated that one should be required to give for charitable purposes in the following words: *“Every person shall give as they are able according to the blessing of the Lord, thy G-d”*

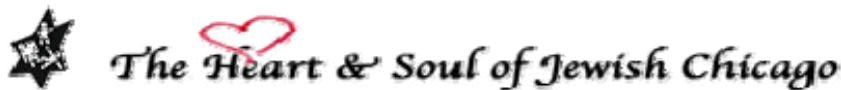
The Jewish concept of “charity” has both in the Torah and later, been refined to mean more than the mere giving of small subsidies. It has been considered “Tzedakah” AN ACT OF JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS.

In making the “Gemiluth Chessed Lotte Gruen Fund” one of your charities, you will not only fulfill a mitzvah, but will also express your feelings to your friends and relatives, as we can send in your name congratulatory messages for all occasions as well as get-well and sympathy messages.

The fund’s finances provide assistance to our members who are in need of food, housing, medical care and other dire emergencies. A committee of five, who are PLEDGED TO ABSOLUTE CONFIDENTIALITY, supervise the operation of this fund. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS FUND INSTEAD OF PURCHASING A GREETING CARD. Without any additional cost to you, you will be doing a mitzvah by helping the needy in YOUR OWN CONGREGATION. We thank you in advance.

Fred W. Sinay - Chairman
P.S. All donations are tax deductible.

GREATER CHICAGO JEWISH FESTIVAL



Sunday, June 15th

**Cook County
Forest Preserve
At Oakton & Lehigh**

For information visit: www.jewishfestival.org or use the hotline: 847-933-3000



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

Greater Chicago Area 50+ Jewish Singles

Funded by a grant from the Jewish Healing Network of Chicago Community Connections Program
Put on your dancing shoes and come dance the night away!

Stan Warren Trio performs again

Sunday, June 22, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the synagogue - \$12.00 at the door

Please make your reservations by June 19th

Dance to your favorite music, make requests, lots of fellowship – fun, fun, fun!

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



50+

To be added to our e-mailing list or if you no longer wish to be on our mailing list, please send an e-mail to Dee@ehnt.org. In the subject box type “Add to List.”

June 22nd, Singles Event. Reserve by 6/19/08.

50+

Please pay \$12.00 at the door. Invite a friend or two! Please **print clearly.**

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____ Number of people attending _____

Jewish contributions to popular Music in the 20th century

Sunday, May 18th, 10-11:30 AM at the synagogue - no fee.

Just come, have fun and learn

Final Session:

THE EARLY DAYS OF ROCK AND ROLL. (10:00- 11:30 AM) The contributions of Jewish composers and performers. “RHAPSODY IN BLUE”



Sanford I. Finkel, M.D. Bio:

CLINICAL PRACTICE

- Geriatric and Adult Psychiatry, Clinical, 1971 - Present
- Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, University of Chicago Medical School; 2001 - Present
- Attending Medical Staff, Division of Psychiatry, University of Chicago Hospitals, Chicago, IL; 2002 - Present
- 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, 2007-2008
- 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 dessert reception - 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 D.C. Conference with Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg, June 2-4



Israel @ 60

Birthdays (May)

Alex Stein
 Alexander Sirlin
 Alfred Suskin
 Bernard Schutz
 Beverly Wolke
 Calvin Sutker
 Carolyn Katz
 Cynthia Stein
 Deanna Shoss
 Dorothy Nixon
 Dvorah Aldort
 Elsa Strauss
 Frances Denberg
 Hilda Reich
 Howard A. Gilbert
 Howard Bartman
 Howard Zusel
 Jackqualine Levin
 Janice Page
 Jay Zite
 Jewell Schaps
 Joseph Baron
 Larry Schoeneman
 Lillian Silber
 Margot Herz
 Margot Eisenhammer
 Marla Hara
 Marsha Brody
 Marvin Bero
 Mel Green
 Michael Korey
 Michael Reinstein
 Paula Wind
 Rachel Cowen
 Rachell Eisenberg
 Sharon Zite
 Sherrine Zaransky
 Shirley Rudd
 Stanford T. Shulman
 Thea Sostrin
 Veronika Urban
 Victor Becker
 Yigael Weltman

Birthdays (June)

Ania Gabler Zygmán
 Barbara Schwartz
 Charles Klinenberg
 Daniel Galvin
 David Reich
 Debra Reich
 Diane Gomberg
 Diane Rosenfeld
 Donald Thomas
 Doris Baer
 Elena Katz
 Gordon M. Denberg
 Herman H. Granat
 Joel Levin
 Josephine Kamin
 Julian Levy
 Larisa Grinberg
 Larry Gomberg
 Lauren Goeppinger
 Linda Fox
 Lisa Ottenfeld
 Luisita Graff
 Marlene Hecktman
 Merton Brody
 Neil R. Gurevitz
 Nona Lipsit
 Paula Carroll
 Roberta Kaiser
 Rochelle Adler
 Rosalie Persky
 Sara Mayer
 Shirley Becker
 Sylvia Asher
 William Scott Kruzal
 Yuri Shvartser

Anniversaries May

Judy &
 Howard Frank
 Gerti &
 Jacob Baum
 Judy Orbach &
 Larry Schoeneman
 Charlotte &
 Samuel Nemtsov



Anniversaries June

Ann &
 Jerold Graff
 Carol &
 Alan Friedlander
 Sharon &
 Lloyd Stein
 Flora &
 Martin Steigman
 Judith &
 Arthur Klowden
 Sylvia &
 Marvin Asher
 Claire &
 Stanford T. Shulman
 Lisa &
 David Chinitz



Happy Birthday
Israel! יום הולדת שמח



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- 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
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- Gan Yeladim, Our early childhood program

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