

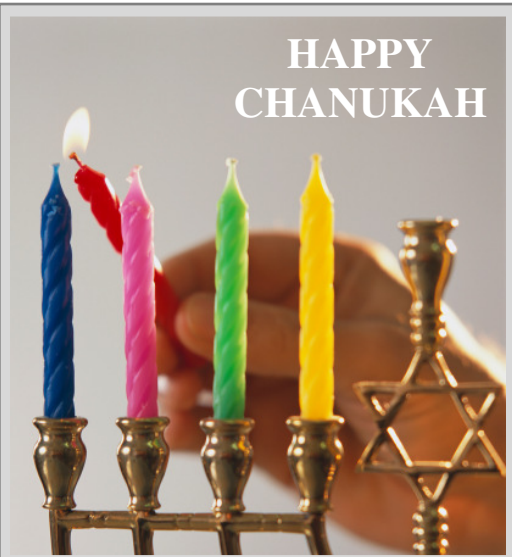


Ezra-Habonim, the Piles Township Jewish Congregation

Cheshvan - Kislev חשוון/כסלו

November - December 2008

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HAPPY
CHANUKAH

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Shalom!

I don't know what the stock market will look like when you get this bulletin, but as I am writing this article it is the conclusion of the worst week in Wall Street's history. There are many people that are anguished about the direction of the U.S. and the world economy, and insecure about our economic future. Even our great economists can't accurately predict what will happen and what the cure is. There are some thoughts out of the Jewish tradition I want to share.

First, we have to put economic challenges, like all challenges in the context of our lives. There is a great character in the Talmud whose name is Nachmun Eish Gamzu. There are two expressions associated with him, Gamzu L'tovah "this too is for the good" and Gamzu Yeavor which means "this too shall pass." There are inevitable cycles of life to take a long term view of it, - what goes down will go up and what goes up will go down. We also never know what the long range implications of events will be for us, even if the immediate impact seems difficult.

Secondly, it's important to think about creating psychological wealth. There are ideas in the media today that are actually time-tested Jewish ideas about how to do this.

1. Psychological wealth comes from relationships such as families and friends. It's time to dig in and explore those in a more profound way.
2. The evidence is clear -- those who are more deeply involved in religious spiritual matters, feel better, are healthier and live longer. It is time to reinvest in God and Judaism by attending synagogues, studying Jewish texts and doing mitzvot.
3. Those who reach out and help others, especially in trying times, feel better.

There is a beautiful story in the Talmud which I think is very meaningful in these days. It says: *"In fulfilling the following commandments one enjoys the yield in this world while the principle remains for all eternity: honoring father and mother, performing deeds of loving-kindness, punctually attending the house of study morning and evening, showing hospitality to strangers, visiting the sick, helping the needy bride, attending the dead, praying with devotion, and making peace between individuals. And the merit of Torah study is equal to all of these". Talmud, Shabbat 127a.*

4. This bulletin covers November in which we honor our veterans for their services in the United States and the allied forces and also when we commemorate Kristallnacht, the horrible and powerful day, the day we mark as the beginning of the Holocaust. Seventy years have passed since the Holocaust and the end of World War II.

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From the Rabbi's desk ...



Officiating on **FRIDAY NIGHTS**

November & December 2008

Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
Nov. 7 8:00 PM	Veteran's Shabbat Cantor Warschawski
14 8:00 PM	Jeff 'N Janis
21 8:00 PM	Lori Lippitz
28 8:00 PM	Layni & Dean Myers
Dec. 5 6:30 PM	Dinner
8:00 PM	Cantor Warschawski
12 8:00 PM	Jeff 'N Janis
19 8:00 PM	Bibi Marcell
26 8:00 PM	Layni & Dean Myers



SUNDAY CLASSES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
Nov. 23 10:30 AM	Larry Milner Topic: <i>Explore a New Take on the Origin of Classic Greek Culture</i>

SPONSORS NEEDED

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

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

- Regular Friday night Oneg
- Yiddish Tish Lunch
- Shabbat morning Kiddush Lunch
- Lunch & Learn Lunch

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.

AUCTION 2008

*A big THANK YOU to all those that helped make the auction a huge success. We would like to thank **KEN GOLDBERG** for all his hard work. We would also like to thank the entire Ways & Means Committee, the office staff and anyone not on the committee who also worked very hard on this auction. Of course, we also appreciate all the people who came and supported the auction.*



*Ada Rabinowitz-President
Judy Frank & Sally Rosenberg - Auction Co-Chairmen*

**From the Rabbi's desk ... Continued from page 1**

As we reflect on the sixty years or so since the end of World War II and the supremacy of good over evil, it helps put the temporary economic trials in prospective. We celebrated the holiday of Sukkot in October, in which we leave our comfortable homes to dwell in temporary huts, unprotected from the full force of the elements which also helps remind us of the vicissitudes of life.

During the holiday we read the book of the Ecclesiastic/Koheleth who teaches:

-there is nothing new under the sun

-vanity, vanity, all is vanity

-and he says at the end that the key is to be in awe of God and observe the commandments. In chapter 3 he writes: *"a season is set for everything and times for everything in heaven, a time for planting, a time for up-rooting the planted, a time for tearing down, a time for building up. A time for throwing stones, a time for gathering stones, a time for seeking, a time for losing, a time for keeping, a time for discarding, a time for war, a time for peace, they always find peace in the coming year"*.

May we not be too stressed out by the ups and downs of the market, but rather revel in family, friends, good deeds, spiritual life, in God and the mitzvote.

Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg

Mazel Tov to:

*Naming of Maddyn Iris Grace Cohen

Parents: Bari and Brad Cohen

Grandparents: Jodi and Larry Cohen

Judy and Larry Strauss

Great grandparent – Harriet Dishkin

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

Thanks to:

*Jodi and Larry Cohen and Judy and Larry Strauss for sponsoring the Kiddish in honor of their granddaughter, Maddyn Iris Grace Cohen

*Yuri and Tatyana Shvartser for sponsoring the Kiddish lunch in honor of Rachel's Bat Mitzvah

*Dalya and Michael Horowitz for sponsoring the Kiddish lunch in honor of their new grandchildren Shira Thompson and Nathan Horowitz

*To all those who decorated our beautiful Sukkah
ENTHUSY Members: Hillary Bartman, Harry Behm, Nick Behm, Laura Kek, Anna Marsala, Rachel Shvartser, parent advisor, Nancy Marsala and EHNTJC members, Carol Bartman, Alexander Kek, and Tatyana and Yuri Shvartser and Barbara Frankston with her three delightful grandchildren, Andrew, Leah and Matthew Gordon.

Flying south for the winter?

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

Hospitalized?

Federal regulations make it very difficult for us to find out who is hospitalized. If you know of a member who is hospitalized, contact the Rabbi at ehntrab@yahoo.com or (847)675-4141.

WISH LIST FOR OUR SYNAGOGUE

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

*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 speaker replacement & equalizer (\$3000 has been donated)	\$ 5,000



1. Fundamentals of Judaism and Beginning Hebrew Course

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 AM**
- Taught by Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg.
Contact: rabbi@convertjudaism.org

2. Hebrew Language

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

- **Sundays 11:30-12:30 PM - Beginners**
- **Mondays 6:30-7:30 PM -Intermediate**
- **Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 PM -Advanced**
\$25-members, \$40- non-members, taught by Charles Kriesberg

Kabbalah and Healing

Taught by **Rabbi Gail Ginsburg**
Learn about the basics of Jewish Mysticism and how it can be used to bring healing to your body, mind and spirit.

One Sunday a month at 10:35 AM
Nov. 18 & Dec. 17

at 4500 Dempster in Skokie.

To register, leave a message at (847)675-4141
or email ginsburg.gail@gmail.com.



AVAILABLE EHNTJC CDS

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

Learn, Live & Love Jewishly

3. Videos

450 brief videos of Jewish content by Rabbi Ginsburg. Search on the internet for Youtube at www.youtube.com/rjhgins and see them all listed. Enroll in Rabbi's Video University & earn a degree.

4. Shabbat LUNCH & LEARN

Monthly: Study the commandments and their rationale-Shabbat after services, taught by Rabbi Ginsburg. (\$5 for lunch) (Nov. 22, Dec. 27)

5. Yiddish at Kiddish Tish

Marvell Ginsburg leads this Yiddish class after Shabbat Services monthly, \$5 per person. (Nov. 15, Dec. 20)

6. Spirituality Maimonides

Laws of Personal Growth

Taught by Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg. Meets weekly, Wed. afternoons, 1:15-2:30 PM;
E-mail rabbi@ehnt.org. Nov. 5,12,19 & Dec. 3,10, 17, 24, 31

7. Yehntta

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

8. Blogs:

www.rabbireflects.blogspot.com
www.neshamah.org
www.jewcybercentral.blogspot.com
www.conservativejew.blogspot.com
www.weeklyvideovartorah.blogspot.com
www.cybershabbatservices.blogspot.com

9. Podcasts: Rabbi's series

www.cybersynagogue.bliptv

10. Jewish Grandparenting of Children of Intermarriage, by Rabbi Ginsburg

6 sessions, Wed. nights, starts Nov.5th, 7:30 PM

- 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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**HONOR OUR VETERANS
SHABBAT DINNER AND SERVICE
NOVEMBER 7TH, 2008**

Join Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg & Cantor Benjamin Warschawski



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

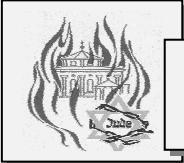
Account # _____ exp _____

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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MEMORIAL SERVICE**

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**Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg &
Cantor Benjamin Warschawski**

Sunday, November 9, 2008, 7:00 PM

The community is welcome!

Speaker at the Service: Judge Michael B. Hyman

Topic: "The Complicity of Silence"

Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation



**Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township
Jewish Congregation, in partnership with
the Jewish Community Center of Chicago
invites you to join us in a**

Grandparents

Circle



EDUCATION AND SUPPORT FOR JEWISH GRANDPARENTS WITH INTERMARRIED GRANDCHILDREN

First session: Tuesday Nov. 11, 2008 – 7:30 PM (No charge)
4500 Dempster Street, Skokie, IL 60076

Grandparents often feel unsure of how they can cultivate the Jewish identities of their grandchildren, especially when it is not always clear as to whether or not those children are being raised as Jews. **The Grandparents Circle** is a comprehensive program that offers grandparents skills and techniques to nurture, and in some cases help establish, their interfaith grandchildren's Jewish identities. It also provides participants with a supportive and open-minded environment to share their achievements, express their frustrations, and acknowledge their challenges.

The program, through a combination of in-person sessions, interactive listserv participation and events for grandparents and their grandchildren, enables Jewish grandparents to share their Jewish heritage and religion with their grandchildren from interfaith homes. **Grandparents Circle The Course** offers participants an intensive and supportive in-person educational environment where they can explore a variety of means of interacting with their adult children and grandchildren and sharing their Jewish identities. **The Course** meets in a series of six sessions.

The Jewish Outreach Institute (JOI) has created a program called the Grandparents Circle that offers Jewish grandparents the skills and techniques to nurture, and in some cases establish, their interfaith grandchildren's Jewish identity. The program, which was piloted in Los Angeles, is rapidly expanding to new communities across the country, and this fall it lands in Skokie. The Jewish Outreach Institute (JOI)—is an independent, national, trans-denominational organization reaching out to unengaged and intermarried Jewish families, and helping the organized Jewish community better welcome them in.

For more information, contact:

Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg (847)675-4141 or rabbi@ehnt.org

Grandparents Circle National Coordinator Liz Marcovitz at (212) 760-1440 or LMarcovitz@joi.org

Jewish Community Center of Chicago, Judy Fleischer (708) 794-1040 or jfleischer@gojcc.org

RSVP to dee@ehnt.org (847) 675-4141



Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg will facilitate the group, based on curriculum from the
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LUNCH & LEARN NOVEMBER 22nd after services

GUEST SPEAKER: *Morene Dunn, Major Gifts Officer
International Fellowship of Christians and Jews*
TOPIC: "Are They Good for the Jews?"

It all began when the Nazis announced they would march in Skokie. During the two years (1977-78) the issue brewed, the ADL (Anti Defamation League) in New York sent one of their new young employees, Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, to Chicago to see if he could rally a little support from the Christian community. He met with ministers, pastors and other religious leaders and they said, "Of COURSE we'll support you. We LOVE the Jews! We LOVE Israel! We'd do MORE!"

Rabbi Eckstein stayed in Chicago and after hearing this for a few years, he decided to see if these Evangelical Christians would put their money where their mouths were. So from a closet-sized office in the Carson Pirie Scott Building, Rabbi Eckstein began growing the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, while supplementing his small income by serving as a pulpit rabbi, making records and leading a popular dance band.

Twenty-five years later we have a 65 person staff office in Chicago, 24 person staff in Israel; we've raised more than a half-billion dollars, are the largest private funder of social service programs in Israel, second only to the Israel government, and Rabbi Eckstein made aliyah seven years ago. Rabbi Eckstein will be leading High Holiday services at Lake Shore Drive Synagogue in Chicago; he's now made seven CD's, but he gave up the dance band.

Morene will talk about who these donors are, what their motivation is by telling stories and reading letters. We don't ask for money. It is the culmination of a career that began in public relations, evolved into administrator of the Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem office here, then as executive director of two local chambers of commerce. She has been to Israel about a dozen times. She's spoken to synagogues and retirement communities as well as ORT, Hadassah and N'Amat groups.

We Gather Together

The Thirty-Eighth Service of Thanksgiving

**November 26, 2008 7:30 PM
At St. Peter's Catholic Church**

**8116 Niles Center Rd.
Skokie, IL 60076**

**Niles Township Clergy Forum
2008**



Restore Our Dwelling Places

An Interfaith
Thanksgiving Service



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Congregational Shabbat Dinner and Service December 5th, 2008

Join Rabbi Jonathan, Cantor Benjamin and Chana Warschawski

Tot Shabbat 5:45 PM, Shabbat Dinner 6:30 PM, Shabbat Service 8:00 PM

Reservation form for Shabbat Dinner on Friday, December 5th, 2008

Dinner reservation deadline: Tuesday, December 2nd, 5 PM

No transfer credit or refunds if cancelled after December 2nd



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Please seat us with: _____

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The Men's Club

of Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation Presents:

Annual Chanukah Party

Sponsored by Men's Club

Religious school children, the Gan children, their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, in-laws, outlaws and all EHNTJC members are invited.



Date: Sunday, December 21, 2008

Time: 10:00 AM	Chanuka program
10:45 AM	Our major entertainment
11:30 AM	Hot Dog and Latke Luncheon



*Otto Wilner – President, EHNTJC Men's Club
Ada Rabinowitz – President, EHNTJC*

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

Supporting the Future

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

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

To make your investment, please contact Israel Bonds directly at (312) 558-9400.

JOIN AIPAC

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

AIPAC POLICY CONFERENCE

May 3-5, 2009 – Washington, DC.

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



The American Israel Public Affairs Committee

Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation



Christmas at the Synagogue

Dinner and a Movie

While our non-Jewish neighbors celebrate their special day, let's do what Jews do!

1. See a movie
2. Have Chinese food
3. Go to synagogue.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2008

6:00 P.M. – Minyan

6:30 P.M. – Chinese Kosher Dinner -beef, chicken & veggie entrees

7:30 P.M. – A fun movie with a Jewish theme:

9:30 P.M. – Schmooze & Nosh

Cost: \$25 per person EHNTJC member – \$30 Non Member

Questions? Please call Carol Straus or Charlene Lichtenstein

Program Co-Chair: Phone # (847)491-0749

12/24: RSVP Please reserve _____ place(s) for me (us) for the party.

Paid reservations a must by 12/20

Enclosed is a check # _____ to cover the cost to EHNTJC.

_____ \$25 Member _____ \$30 Non Member

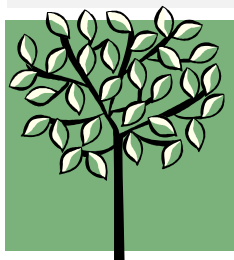
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Phone _____

E – Mail _____

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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 is a lasting, loving remembrance. Just call the office to order your leaf at (847)675-4141.

Introduction to Judaism



A 16-week course for interfaith couples, potential converts, or those who want to learn more about:

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

The class meets throughout the year on

Sundays, 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Students are accepted on an ongoing basis.

All are warmly welcome.

Location: Ezra-Habonim, the Niles

Township Jewish Congregation

4500 Dempster Street in Skokie

Faculty: Gail Ginsburg, Program Director

Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg

Contact Information:

(847)675-4141

rabbi@ehnt.org

www.jewishconversionchicago.com

Blog:

www.jewishconversionchicago.com/blog.html

Introduction to Judaism

Name _____

E-mail _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____



Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation



Celebrate Chanukah

The Real Story and Meaning of Chanukah

Friday night, December 26th, 2008, 8:00 PM

Rabbi Ginsburg

Rabbi will make a special presentation on Chanukah.

The presentation traces the history of what scholars have learned about the real events of Chanukah. He will discuss how Jews have re-interpreted the meaning of Chanukah continuously throughout the centuries.



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Lifelong Learning at EHNTJC

HEBREW READING BEGINNING CLASSES

8 SUNDAYS at 11:30 AM, Series begins in January

Need 8 registrants per course minimum

Please register me/us for Sunday morning Hebrew Reading Classes.

Fees: _____ Non-Members (\$40 registration) _____ Member \$25

Registration for the _____ Introductory Class;

Name _____ Phone #: _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

E-mail: _____

_____ **I/We are not a member of EHNTJC, but would like someone to contact us about membership.**



SHALVA

**The face of domestic abuse is not always easy to recognize.
It could be your daughter, your sister, your best friend.**

Domestic abuse can happen to anyone at any time. One in four women will experience domestic abuse at some point in her lifetime. Ninthly Percent of children are aware of the abuse directed at their mothers.

Abuse can take many forms: verbal, emotional, financial, sexual, physical or psychological.

SHALVA has helped over 4,000 Jewish women since 1986 and is specifically certified by the State of Illinois to provide domestic violence counseling. We are the oldest independent Jewish domestic violence agency in the United States

SHALVA offers free confidential domestic abuse counseling services to the Chicago Jewish Community. Please feel free to contact us at: (773)583-4673 or online at: www.shalvaonline.org

SHALVA's free, confidential services include:

- 24 hour crisis-line (773)583-4673 (HOPE)
- Culturally sensitive individual & group counseling
- Legal information & court support
- Financial assistance
- Rabbinical & community advocacy & training
- Information & referrals
- Community prevention & educational programs

BRING FOOD FOR FOOD SHELVES WHEN YOU COME TO EHNTJC !



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

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



EHNTJC SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Religious School Calendar

Tues	Sat	Special
November 2008		
	1	Nov. 7 Vet. Shabbat Nov. 9 Kristallnacht
5	8	Rachel Shvartser Bat Mitzvah
12	15	
19	22	Nov. 27 Thanksgiving
26	29	
December 2008		
3	6	
10	13	
17	20	Dec. 21 Men's Club Chanukah Party
24	27	No RS*
31		
January 2009		
	1	School Resumes
7	10	
14	17	
21	24	
28	31	
February 2009		
		Feb. 6, Congregational Tu B'Shvat Seder Dinner
4	7	Tu B'Shvat Seder
11	14	
18	21	
25	28	



*RS= Religious School

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**B. BRIEF LECTURESHIP FUND** **IN MEMORY OF**

Helen Schechtman Rubin Katz

CONGREGATION FUND **IN MEMORY OF**Jeanette Ansell beloved husband, Ted Ansell
Victor & Shirley Becker Marian Becker
Marilyn Benjamin Marc Benjamin
Anita Blum beloved father-in-law, Emanuel Blum
Elaine Bogetz Fannie Light
Joan & Morrie Cook and family Howard Kaplan
Vivian Coretz William RiedermanSandi Cowen Susan Field
Dorothy & Al Davis Sam Schraeger
Mollie Sher
Esther DavisLibby Dolgin beloved father-in-law, David Liss
Max Dolins Morris Shapiro
Sylvia Footlik Samuel G. Footlik
Judy Frank David LevinFrank & Bill Gerber Mark Alexander's stepfather
Maxine Ginsberg beloved father, Harry Haskell
beloved mother-in-law, Rose GinsbergIlona Goldshmit beloved grandparents, Rachel Slutskina and
Isaac Slutskin
beloved mother-in-law, Frida OnosovaPatricia J. Gottschalk Dr. William Gottschalk
Deborah Wilner
Lillian SinayFrances Gray Henry Gray
Marlene Hecktman Beatrice Moschel
Ethel Herman beloved husband, Arnold Herman
beloved mother, Ida RivlinMargot Herz Max Herz
Irwin & Deborah Kahn beloved mother, Bernice Kahn
Dr. & Mrs. Arthur Klowden Esther Klowden
Yelena Kolezeva beloved parents, Elita Kats and
Yevgeniy KolezevJoseph Kritzman Rose Kritzman
Helene B. Levy Barney W. Berman
Rebecca Berman
Leah ShaneAvrum Shane
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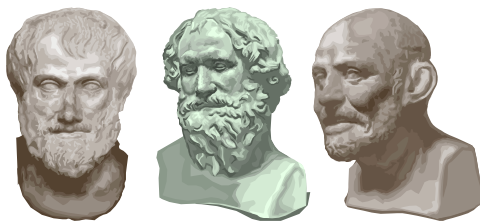


Synagogue's Adult Lifetime Learning Presents:

Explore a New Take on the Origin of Classic Greek Culture

Dr. Milner will speak on this book at EHNTJC, it is a fascinating analysis of Hebraic contributions to Greek civilization

Sunday, November 23, 10:30 AM
(no charge)



Significant interest has always existed about the origin of Classic Greek culture. People have always been fascinated with its myths, gods, customs and roots. Despite the long-standing attention, however, scholars continue to disagree on how this amazing civilization came to be.

Author Dr. Larry S. Milner explores where the eastern influence in Greece was generated in his fascinating book, *“Was Achilles a Jew? Hebraic Contributions to Greek Civilization”*.

About the Author

Dr. Larry S. Milner MD, JD, MLS, received his MD degree with high honors from the University of Illinois Medical School in 1966, JD cum laude from Loyola University of Chicago in 1987, and MLS from Lake Forest College in 2001. His previous publications include a novel, *“Vapours”*, and a comprehensive study of *“Infanticide, Hardness of Heart, Hardness of Life: The Stain of Human Infanticide”*.

Source: Northbrook, Illinois, Feb. 13, 2008 (PRIME NEWSWIRE)



ENTHUSY's last event, the Ice Cream Extravaganza was quite a success! Everyone had a blast! For those that didn't go, you missed out on a lot of fun! But come to ENTHUSY's next event:

ENTHUSY's Schmooz with Jews

What: Bring peanut butter and jelly to donate to the Ark and have a blast schmoozing with your fellow Jews including CHUSY President, Seth Lerman, while eating a hot dog lunch!!! Seth will also be discussing upcoming CHUSY regional events. Bring a friend or two to join in on the fun! The more the merrier!

When: Sunday, November 16th

Time: 12-2pm

Where: In the Youth Lounge

Cost: \$3 for lunch plus a donation of 1 jar each, peanut butter and jelly

RSVP to President Anna or ENTHUSY Mom, Nancy at (773) 777/1020

Upcoming events:

- Ice Skating
- Lead a Shabbat service
- Laser Quest
- Chanukkah Party
- Bowling and lots more!

EZRA-HABONIM, THE NILES TOWNSHIP JEWISH CONGREGATION WATER BOTTLES.

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They are green with this logo, and virtually unbreakable.



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.



November 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Daily Minyan Mon -Thurs 7:00PM Sat - Sun 6:00PM</p>						<p>1 9:30 AM Service Religious School</p> <p>Turn back your clock!</p>
<p>2 9:30 AM Introduction to Judaism</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Religious School</p>	<p>5 Religious School</p> <p>1:15 Still fresh after 1000 years Maimonides Advice for life!</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 8:00 PM Cantor Warschawski</p> <p>Veterans Shabbat</p>	<p>8 9:30 AM Service Cantor Warschawski Religious School Rachel Schvarser's Bat Mitzvah</p>
<p>9 9:30 AM Introduction to Judaism</p> <p>Kristallnacht Commemoration</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Religious School</p>	<p>12 Religious School</p> <p>1:15 Still fresh after 1000 years Maimonides Advice for life!</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 8:00 PM Jeff N Janis</p>	<p>15 9:30 AM Service Religious School</p> <p>Yiddish Tish</p>
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Friday	28	4:00

Candle Lighting Times



December Standard Time

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Friday	12	4:00
Friday	19	4:02
Friday	26	4:06



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21 9:30 AM Men's Club/Chanukah Party No Intro to Judaism	22	23	24 No Religious School 1:15 Still fresh after 1000 years Maimonides Advice for life! Kosher Chinese Dinner & Movie	25	26 8:00 PM Layni & Dean Myers Real Meaning of Chanukah	27 9:30 AM Service Religious School Lunch & Learn No Religious School
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News from the Gan

Gan Yeladim has a new look. We are bright, cheery and colorful. All of our doors have been painted either red, royal blue, yellow or bright green. This includes the doors inside and outside the classrooms. We have new lighting and bulletin boards in our hallways and some new carpets and furniture in our classrooms. We invite everyone down to see how nice we look. We also extend a big thank you to Housing Chair, Norm Persky, for making this happen.

We have also spruced up our curriculum and rethought some of our content and teaching tools. We think all of these changes will make the Gan even better than it already is.

The New Year, both the school year and the Jewish year, give us an opportunity for new beginnings. As we begin our new school year, we are thinking about the fall holidays and looking forward to celebrating them with our Gan and EHNTJC families. This is a perfect time to build relationships to each other and to Jewish living. At Gan, we pride ourselves on helping to make these connections.

We want our children, and their families to grow in every way, emotionally, intellectually, socially and Jewishly. We consider it our sacred obligation to do all we can to help make this happen.

On behalf of all the Gan staff, we wish you all a very happy, healthy and sweet New Year.

L'Shana Tova u'Mituka,
Betsy Rotberg, Director,
Gan Yeladim

The Ramah Day Camp



The Ramah Day Camp offers the finest in day camping for children who are eager for a fun, supportive, and enriching summer in a Jewish context.

The camp offers a full range of camp activities including swimming, arts & crafts, nature, drama, music, cooking, sports and recreational games.

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

Located at 98 W. Hintz Road in Wheeling, the Ramah Day Camp is set on a beautiful tree-filled site which offers large open fields, two teaching pools, new tennis and basketball courts, two covered pavilions and a kosher kitchen.

Children entering grades K-6 can enroll for a full 8-week session or one of two four-week sessions. Camp hours are 9:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.; transportation is provided and included in fees.

The Ramah Day Camp, serving all of Chicagoland, is operated under the guidance of the Camp Ramah in Wisconsin Committee.

For more information, call (312)606-0444, email info@ramahday.com or visit the website at www.ramahday.com.



\$ CARSON'S COMMUNITY DAY COUPON BOOKLET \$

EHNTJC will be participating in Carson's Community Day coupon program. The price of the booklet is \$5.00. The booklet contains several 20% off coupons plus a \$10 off coupon to be used on any item \$10 or more.

The Community Day event starts on Friday, November 14, 2008 and ends Sunday, November 16, 2008. The coupon books are available at the synagogue office. **Start shopping for Chanukah.**



ISRAEL TRIP



Study & Experience the Many Faces of Israel; November 2009



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

Highlights:

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

*For more information contact Rabbi Ginsburg
(847)675-4141, rabbi@ehnt.org*



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



HOW YOU CAN HELP TO SECURE OUR SYNAGOGUE'S FUTURE



Ezra-Nabonim, the Ailes Township Jewish Congregation

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

Endowment Naming Opportunities

- \$2,000,000 Main building named
- \$1,000,000 Gan
Endow Rabbinic Position or
Endow Hazzan Position
- \$500,000 Endow Director of Education Position
Endow Executive Director Position
Name Religious School
- \$250,000 Bulletin Named
Hebrew School
High Holy Days Choir
Librarian
Endow Youth Director Program

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



Happy Chanukah!!!

Home Candle Lighting

Ezra-Habonim, the Miles Township Jewish Congregation

There are eight nights of Chanukah and eight opportunities to light candles in our homes. Besides the presents, food, blessings and singing, it can be an important educational opportunity. Please save this page and each night, before you light the next candle, read the brief paragraph and have a discussion about it with someone in your household or a friend.

As you light the **SHAMASH** - One of the roots of the word Chanukah is 'Henuk'(education). The Talmud says the study of Judaism is more important than all the other commandments put together since it fosters the rest. This Chanukah, let us rededicate ourselves to Jewish study through the year. May the light of the Shamash candle be a flame of enthusiasm to further explore the spiritual treasures of our people.

Candle #1: Chanukah means dedication. Our blessings and our prayers are in Hebrew; the language of our national homeland is Hebrew. The one language that the Jews have spoken over 4,000 years has been Hebrew. Let us rededicate ourselves to improving our Hebrew this coming year--reading, writing and conversation. Spend a few minutes each day reciting prayers in Hebrew. Put yourself in an environment to speak and read Hebrew in one of the many community Hebrew programs.

Candle #2: The ritual of candle lighting is chanting blessings to God. We thank God for the opportunity to light candles and for the miracles in our history and in our personal lives. Let us turn to God regularly in prayer, as we spiritually grow in feeling God's purpose in our life. As we light this third candle, let us rededicate ourselves to regular Jewish prayer. Let us thank God daily for the blessings in our lives at home and in the synagogue.

Candle #3: Candle lighting is a ritual act. We perform it many times during the year. We light candles before Shabbat, Yom Tov (holidays), yahrzeit and when the lights go out. Judaism is special because our rituals reinforce our values. On this Chanukah third night, we rededicate ourselves to Jewish ritual practice. Add a mitzvah to your Shabbat, kashruth and holiday observance.

Candle #4: Many of the mitzvot of Judaism are concerned with tikkun olam (making the world a better place). It is deeds of loving kindness that make the critical difference in our world. When we light our candle on this fourth night, let us think about how we can help the world become a better place.

Candle #5: The essential story of Chanukah is one of trying to drive the oppressors of the Jewish people from our ancient homeland. The victory of the Maccabees was only the second time in history that the Jewish people had sovereignty over the land of Israel. After they lost it, the next time was just 60 years ago when the State of Israel was established. As we light candles on the fifth night, let us think about our love and attachment to Medinat Yisrael - The State of Israel.

Candle #6: One of the central rituals and celebrations on Chanukah is the giving of gifts to friends and family. As we do so, we need to think about the need to give to others who are not so fortunate. Tzedakah is a fundamental commandment in Judaism. Let us reach beyond ourselves, and share what we have with the needy. As we light candles on this night, let us also contribute tzedakah to our favorite cause.

Candle #7: Chanukah is a quintessential family holiday. It is a time to reflect on our Jewish ancestry as well as our current Jewish community. We reflect in the light of the candles with our mishpacha and friends and pray for their health and welfare.

Candle #8: On this final night of Chanukah, we understand that Chanukah was essentially a holiday to rededicate the ancient synagogue. The synagogue has been the key institution in Jewish history for 2,500 years. Every study of Jewish identity indicates the synagogue is the key player in determining commitment to the Jewish community. As we celebrate this holiday of the rededication of the original Temple, let us consider the crucial role our synagogue holds in the Jewish community. Let us rededicate ourselves to get more involved in our synagogue.



Chanukah Traditions to Remember...

- * First candle, Sunday, December 21st, 2008.
- * Urge our children to give tzedakah before lighting the Hanukiah.
- * On Shabbat Friday, December 26th, light Chanukah candles BEFORE Shabbat candles.
- * Place the candles in the Hanukiah from right to left. Kindle from left to right using the shamash, lighting the new candle first.
- * After nightfall, place your Hanukiah in the window near the street so all can share the joyous miracle of light. Give children traditional Chanukah gelt.
- * Relax during the time that the candles burn. Play dreidle, read a Chanukah story, or talk with your family and friends.



A BRIEF HISTORY OF CHANUKAH

In the year 168 B.C.E., the Syrian tyrant Antiochus sent his soldiers to Jerusalem. The Syrians desecrated the Temple, and Antiochus declared that Judaism was to be abolished. The only options offered to the Jewish people were conversion or death. Altars and idols were set up for the purpose of worshipping the Greek gods. Many Jews chose to die rather than commit idolatry. Slowly, a resistance movement developed against the cruelty of Antiochus led by a family known as the Maccabees. The head of this family was Mattathias. When soldiers commanded Mattathias and his sons to offer sacrifices to Zeus, they refused and turned on the Syrian soldiers. The Maccabees became folk heroes, and fleeing to the hills with their followers, they continued to fight against the Syrian forces. Mattathias' son Judah, known as "The Hammer", became the leader. Furious, Antiochus sent a large army to destroy the Jewish people. Though outnumbered, Judah Maccabee and his followers miraculously won, driving Antiochus away, thus winning victory for their land and their faith. On the 25th day of Kislev, the Temple was re-consecrated. The legend of the miracle relates that when the Maccabees entered the Temple to cleanse it, they relit the "Ner Tamid", the Eternal Light. There was only a single jar of oil, enough for just one day. Someone was sent for more oil, but the small amount of oil continued to burn for eight days. Chanukah commemorates the miracle of the little jar of oil. We continue today to celebrate the liberation of the Jewish people and their affirmation of human dignity and the freedom of religion. In Jewish homes throughout the world, the eve of the 25th day of Kislev begins an eight day celebration during which we affirm our identity as a people—a people of light, dedication and faith.

Mi Yimalel

Mi yamalel g'vurot Yisraeli
Otam meyvneh?
Hen-be-choi dor yakum ha-gibor
Goel ham
Sh-mu, ba-yamim ha-hem
Bazman ha-zeh
Maccabi moshea u-fodeh
U'v-yamenu kol am Yisraeli
Yitached yakum v-hi-gael

Who Can Retell

(To the tune of Mi Yamalel)
The things that befell us
Who can count them?
In every age a hero or sage
Came to our aid!
Refrain:
Ah, at this time of year in days of yore
Maccabees the Temple did restore
And today our people as we dreamed
Through their faith
And courage is redeemed

Rock of Ages

Rock of ages, let our song
Praise thy saving power
Thou amidst the raging foes
Wast our shelt'ring tower
Furious they-assailed us
But thine arm availed us
And thy word
Broke their sword
When our strength failed us.



Chanukah Songs

Ma-oz Tzur

Ma-oz tzur ye shu-a-ti
L'kha na-eh le sha-beah
Ti-kon bet te-fi-la-tee
Ve-sham to-dah ne-za-be-ah
L'et tachin mot-be-ah
Mi-tzar-ham-na-be-ah
Az eg-mor be-shir miz-mor
Hanukat Ha-miz-be-ah

My Dreidle

I have a little dreidle
I made it out of clay
And when it's dry and ready
Now dreidle I shall play
Chorus:
O dreidle, dreidle, dreidle
I made it out of clay
O dreidle, dreidle, dreidle
Now dreidle I shall play
It has a lovely body
With leg so short and thin
And when it is all tired
It drops and then I win
Chorus



Not By Might

Not by might and not by power
But by spirit alone
Shall we all live in peace
The children sing
The children dream
And their tears may fall
But we'll hear them call
And another song will rise.



**PRAYERS FOR LIGHTING
CHANUKAH CANDLES AT NIGHT:**

December 21st – December 29th

**Baruch Atah Adonai Elohenu Melech
Haolam Asher Kidshanu B'Mitzvotav
Vizianu L 'Hadlik Ner Shel Chanukah**

Blessed is Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe.
Your mitzvot hallow our lives, you command us to
kindle the Chanukah lights.

**Baruch Atah Adonai Elohenu Melech
Haolam She-asa Nissim La 'Votenu Bayamim
Ha-hem Baz-man Ha-zeh**

Blessed is Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe
who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in
days of old as this season.

FIRST NIGHT ONLY:

**Baruch Atah Adonai Elohenu Melech
Haolam She-he-che-yanu V'ki-ye-manu La-
zman Ha-zeh**

Blessed is Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe
for giving us life, for sustaining us and for enabling
us, to reach this joyous season.

**On Shabbat, say Shabbat Candle Blessing
AFTER Chanukah Blessings**

CHANUKAH: THE FESTIVAL OF DEDICATION

By the 25th of every lunar month, the moon has gone into exile. The nights are dark, and getting darker. Late in the month of Kislev, we are close to the moment of the winter solstice - when the sun is also in exile. It is the darkest moment of the year, the moment when it is easiest to believe that the light will never return. It is at this dark moment that we celebrate Chanukah by lighting candles for eight nights. Night after night, the candle-light increases, and we make our way into, through, and out of the darkness of the sun and moon. It is only by recognizing the season of darkness that we know it is time to light the candles in order to bring new light into the rest of the year.

**EHNTJC Members at 2008
Goods & Services Auction**



Ezra-Nabonim, the Piles Township Jewish Congregation



Happy Birthdays

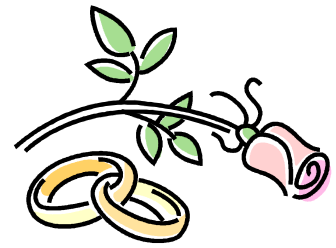
November Birthdays

Jan	Baiden
Helga	Bierig
David	Chinitz
Naomi	Claver
Marvin Earl	Cooper
Harriet	Drower
Norman	Edelstein
Joel	Farber
Marvell	Ginsburg
Alan	Gorr
Jerold	Graff
Robert S.	Heiman
Edwin	Helman
Aaron	Kaiser
Hanan	Kiferbaum
Arlene	Mann
Lawrence	Mann
Sylvia	Margolies
Anita	Mittelman
Samuel	Nemtzow
Yelena	Resnick
Kavin	Roland
Rubin	Saposnik
Helen	Schechtman
Steve	Schulman
Esther E.	Simon
Fred W.	Sinay
Arthur	Stein
Sam	Stookal
Beverly	Weinberg
Phyllis	Weiner
Dan	Weiss
Muriel	Wolfe

December Birthdays

Steven	Abrams
Leslie	Ades
Daniel	Auslin
Sophie	Baron
Elaine	Blaustein
Erica	Brief
Amy	Claver
Marcella	Cohen
Sandra	Cowen
Gleivy	Desouza
Irwin	Duhl
Sharon	Eisman
Glenda	Elam
Harriett	Farber
Sanford	Finkel
Helen	Friedman
Floyd	Gitelman
Alan	Goepfinger
Melba	Gold
Patricia J.	Gottschalk
Gerald (Jerry)	Gross
Celia	Gruenebaum
Randal	Jaffe
Alexander	Kek
Judith	Klowden
Wendy	Kraig
Patricia	Kritzman
Earl	Kuznetsky
Pauline	Lifton
Martin	Lubowich
Bill	Page
Judy	Peyovich
Naum	Pleshivoy
Phyllis	Post
Dolores	Rosenbaum
Lillian	Rosenberg
Michael	Rosenberg
Ruth	Schack
Charles	Schwartz
Stanley L.	Schwartz
Francine	Shalin
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David	Silverman
Joanne	Stein
Carol	Straus
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Loretta	Wineberg

Happy Anniversaries



November Anniversaries

Elaine & Edward	Bogetz
Rita & Donald	Davidson
Bonnie & Dennis	Feinberg
Evelyn & Earl	Kuznetsky
Alexandra & Michael	Melton
Phyllis & Sheldon	Post
Fern & Jerome	Silverman
Molly & Irwin	Sweet
Charlotte & Bernard	Tarshis
Anita & Perry	Toback

December Anniversaries

Lois & Paul	Ankin
Arline & Leonard	Dubow
Harriett & Joel	Farber
Vera & Alan	Gorr
Marla & Steven	Hara
Sarah & Sidney	Lorber
Sara & Mark	Mayer
Dolores & Henry	Rosenbaum





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