



Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

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ראש השנה

A happy and healthy New Year
Yom Horat Olam



From the Rabbi's desk ...



As we celebrate the New Year of 5769, we also celebrate an important time in the history of our congregation. Niles Township Jewish Congregation is in its 56th year serving the Jewish community of Chicago, and Ezra-Habonim is experiencing its 70th anniversary. Together 56 & 70 equals 126. Rabbi Brief pointed out to me that this is the number of one of the very important Psalms in the bible, the Psalm that we chant on Shabbat & Holydays before Birkat Hamaron. It speaks of ascending *Shirhamalot*. As we contemplate what it means for the combined congregation which has served its constituency, and a large community for 126 years, let us reflect on the past as we contemplate the future, to go from strength to strength.

The historic synagogue fulfills essentially three functions of institutions. First is *Bet Tifila* – “house of prayer”; we have, of course, a daily evening minyon run by volunteers, the full schedule of Shabbat and holy day services. We hope that we provide traditional and at the same time creative, Hamish, meaningful, uplifting, inspirational services, important messages in the sermons, and music that stirs the soul, with Cantor Warschawski and our variety of soloists, both professional and lay.

Second is the *Bet Knesset* – “house of gathering”, and of course, our social hall serves the many purposes - of bringing people together after services to eat and to meet, and also a wide variety of activities both cultural, educational, religious and plain fun, whether it is our December 24th Chinese food and movie, Purim carnivals, the Israeli Press Officer who was here in September, showing movies, having lectures and programs. All fulfill the function of the *Bet Knesset*.

Third is the *Bet Midrash*, “house of study”, I doubt there is a synagogue anywhere our size that has the extensive life time learning programs that we have - from our Gan to our religious school, to our adult offerings.

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Officiating on
FRIDAY NIGHTS
October 2008

Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
Oct. 3 8:00 PM	Cantor Warschawski
10 8:00 PM	Bibi Marcell
18 8:00 PM	Cantor Warschawski
24 8:00 PM	Cantor Warschawski



SUNDAY CLASSES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
Oct. 19 10:30 AM	Marion Rosenberg "Words Can Heal ..."
Oct. 26 10:35 AM	Rabbi Gail Ginsburg Kabbalah & Learning
Nov. 16 10:30 AM	Gift of Peace
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:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Friday night Oneg | <input type="checkbox"/> Yiddish Tish Lunch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shabbat morning Kiddush | <input type="checkbox"/> 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.



Ezra - Babonim, the Piles Township Jewish Congregation

Welcome New Members & Thanks to All Members

- *Inna Shuster & Arthur Aptekar
- *Naomi and Emanuel Claver
 - * Jane and Justin Himel
- *Miriam and Gilbert Jacobs
 - *Israela & Stanley Kaplan
 - *Francine & Nathan Karlin
- *Miriam Davidson & Charles Lerman and their children, twins Oren and Dalia, 5 & Stav, 2
 - *Kaurryne & Sheldon Lev
 - *Sylvia Pekay
- *Yelena & Vladimir Resnick and their children, Sarah, 11 – Benjamin, 9 and Julie, 8
 - *Pye R. Squire & Jeffrey Sacks
 - *Ellen & Ronald Silbert
 - *Evelyn & Jack Solway
 - *Dawn Timm & Corey Stern

Thanks to:

- *Miriam & Nathan Harpaz for sponsoring the Oneg in honor of their daughter Sharon and Jason Plotch's Ufruf
- *Adrienne Tanner for sponsoring a Kiddish lunch in memory of her husband Lawrence Tanner
 - *Anna Keyzin and Richard Koenigsberg who are sponsoring the Oneg in honor of their Ufruf
- *Leah Reinstein and Andrew Madof on their Ufruf and to Debbie and Michael Reinstein who are also sponsoring the Oneg in honor of the Ufruf
- *Anna Zavell on becoming a Bat Mitzvah and to her parents, Carla and David who sponsored the Kiddish lunch in honor of Anna's Bat Mitzvah
- *Abbey & Neil Gurevitz, Paulette & Julian Levy and Joanne Stein for sponsoring the Scholar - in - Residence

Mazel Tov to:

- *Miriam & Nathan Harpaz on the Ufruf of their daughter Sharon and Jason Plotch
 - *Judy Kesler on her 90th birthday, Nancy Marsala's mother and Anna's grandmother
 - *Anna Keyzin and Richard Koenigsberg on their Ufruf
 - *Leah Reinstein and Andrew Madof on their Ufruf
 - *Anna Zavell on becoming a Bat Mitzvah and to her parents Carla and David
- Mazel Tov to our Jews by Choice:
- *Mary White, Veronika Zabcikova, Kavyanjali

Our Condolences to:

- *James Sanders and Tamara Glassburg on the death of their mother and mother - in-law
- *Jacqueline Levin and Howard Zusel on the death of their husband and brother -in – law, David Levin

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

Hospitalized?

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

It's a mitzvah!!!



High Holidays 2008



**Saturday,
September 20**
Selihot

ראש השנה

**Monday
September 29**
Erev Rosh Hashanah

**Tuesday
September 30**
Rosh Hashanah I

**Wednesday
October 1**
Rosh Hashanah II

Fasting Yom Kippur

The Talmud declares that the commandment to save a life overrules the Yom Kippur fast. People who are ill or taking certain medications, as well as pregnant and nursing women, should eat.

יום כיפור

**Wednesday
October 8**
Kol Nidre

**Thursday
October 9**
Yom Kippur
9:00 AM

סוכות

**Monday
October 13**
Erev Sukkot

**Tuesday
October 14**
Sukkot First Day

**Wednesday
October 15**
Sukkot First (2nd day)

**Saturday
October 18**
Shabbat Hol Hamoed Sukkot

שמחת-תורה

**Monday
October 20**
Erev Shemini Azeret Yizkor
7:00 PM

Tuesday, October 21
Shemini Azeret Yizkor 9:30 AM
Simchat Torah Dinner 6:00 PM, Service 7:00 PM

**Wednesday
October 22**
Simchat Torah 9:30 AM

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Remember to bring the following on the High Holidays

- ✧ Tallit Bag
- ✧ Prayer Book Mahazor Hadash
- ✧ High Holy Day Tickets
- ✧ Filled to the brim Ark Food Drive bags



October 2008

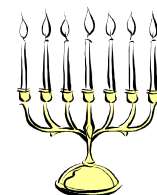
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Daily Minyan Mon -Thurs 7:00PM Sat - Sun 6:00PM			1 No Religious School Second Day Rosh Hashanah	2	3 8:00 PM Services, Cantor Warszawski	4 9:30 AM Service Lunch & Learn
5 9:30 AM Introduction to Judaism 11:30 AM Hebrew School	6	7 Hebrew Class, Lehrhaus Adult B'nai Mitzvah	8 Religious School Erev Yom Kippur	9 Yizkor Yom Kippur 10:00 AM Children Young Children 2:30 Rosenberg	10 8:00 PM Services Bibi Marcell	11 9:30 AM Service
12 No Introduction to Judaism 11:30 AM Hebrew School	13	14 Sukkot- First Day	15 Religious School Sukkot- Second Day Sukkah Walk	16	17 6:30 PM Shabbat Dinner 8:00 PM Services, Cantor Warszawski	18 9:30 AM Service 12:00 Yiddish Tish Open House at Rabbi Ginsburg's
19 9:30 AM Introduction to Judaism 11:30 AM Hebrew School	20	21 9:30 AM Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor 7:00 PM Simchat Torah Dinner Celebration	22 Simchat Torah Religious School	23	24 8:00 PM Services, Cantor Warszawski	25 9:30 AM Service
26 9:30 AM Introduction to Judaism 10:35 Kabbalah 11:30 AM Hebrew School	27	28 Hebrew Class, Lehrhaus Cantor Warszawski Concert at Performing Arts	29 Religious School 1:15 PM Still Fresh After 1000 Years: Maimonides' Advice for Life!	30	31 6:00 PM Shabbat Dinner Scholar in Residence 8:00 PM Services Lori Lippitz	

Candle lighting Times



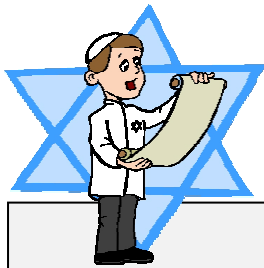
October Standard Time

Friday	3	6:08
Friday	10	5:57
Friday	17	5:46
Friday	24	5:35
Friday	31	5:26





Youth Services for High Holidays



Rosh Hashanah:

Tuesday, Sept 30th at 10:00 AM
Wednesday, Oct 1st at 10:00 AM

Yom Kippur:

Thursday, Oct 9th at 10:00 AM

Services will take place in the chapel. Parents welcome. These services are for our school-age youth. Services for young children at 2:30 PM

“You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea”

Michah 7:49

Service of Tashlich

**ROSH HASHANAH AFTERNOON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th, 5:30 PM, 2008**

We will meet you on the bridge at Dempster & McCormick Blvd.

Don't forget to bring your breadcrumbs!

For additional information please contact the synagogue office at (847) 675-4141 or www.ehnt.org or ehntrab@yahoo.com



YOM KIPPUR

**Thursday, October 9, 2008
2:30 – 3:30 PM**

Speaker: Michael Rosenberg

Topic: *United States presidents and their relationship with the Jewish community- well, at least there was one named Abe.*



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This service will include the central Yom Kippur prayers - Torah reading
A story of Jonah
and the Yom Kippur afternoon, Haftarah
members of the synagogue, families of the Gan and neighbors are welcome to join us.
For more information, contact the synagogue at (847) 675-4141



Our esteemed EHNTJC member, Judge Irving Koppel was recently honored by the National Conference of the State Liquor Administrators. Irv is Chairman of the State Liquor Control Commission and was given a Tribute by NCSLA for his many years of accomplishments and continued dedication to his work. The NCSLA called him “A Legend in His Time.”

Mazel Tov to Irv - we are very proud of you!

BACKGROUND FOR SUKKOT

Sukkot begins at the full moon, on the eve of the 15th of Tishre, five days after Yom Kippur. While it occurs close to the Day of Atonement, it is remarkably different from it, both in mood and in content.

The three Pilgrimage Festivals (Shalosh Regalim) were originally agricultural celebrations. Leviticus 23:29-43 clearly links agricultural and historical aspects of Sukkot. In the course of time, Sukkot took additional significance. Just as Pesach was linked to the Exodus and Shavuot to the giving of Torah at Mount Sinai, Sukkot was seen as a tangible reminder of the wilderness experience. According to later thinking, the Israelites used sukkah-like structures during their 40 years of wandering in the Sinai. Therefore, the sukkah came to be seen as more than a shelter used by farmers during the harvest season. Sukkot, by taking on this historical significance, became relevant to one's living outside of Israel in non-agricultural settings.

Cultural Themes...

Sukkot is a Festival of Thanksgiving for the abundance of the harvest and for the mercies shown to the Israelites as they wandered through the desert after leaving Egypt. To today's urban dweller, Sukkot and the building of a sukkah are reminders that we were once farmers and that only now, after nearly 2,000 years of being kept away from our land, do we have an opportunity to work the soil once again.

Sukkot is the link between the modern Jew and nature. It is also known by the following names: ChagHaAsif ("Feast of the Harvest/Gathering"), Chang Adonai ("Feast of Adonai" - which reflects the connection between God and the people during Sukkot in ancient Israel), HeChag ("The Festival" - which may indicate that Sukkot was the most important of the ancient Pilgrimage Festivals), and Z'man Simchataynu ("The Season of Our Rejoicing" - which reflects the joyous nature of the Festival). The latter name also refers to Simchat Torah.

The sukkah unites the past, present and future. It is the functional booth of wilderness dwellers and of yesterday's farmers; it is the symbolic reminder today of our connectedness to the land and to all of nature; and it points to the continuity of the Jewish people. Despite obstacles and persecutions, Jews still build and harvest, create and survive. Therefore, even when the present is fraught with difficulty, the sukkah reminds us that one need only look upward to find the source of inspiration and encouragement.

The sukkah lends a sense of needed perspective. We have surrounded ourselves with machines and devices by which and with which we live our lives. The genie of technology is most seductive. It is important, therefore, to get in touch periodically with nature so as to remind ourselves that "the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof" (Psalm 24:1).

The sukkah, according to Maimonides, helps remind Jews to live modestly even in the days of prosperity, so as to keep one's values in perspective.

The Kabbalistic practice of Ushpizin reflects the importance of Hachnasat Orchim - hospitality- in Jewish life. It is customary for families to invite people to eat with them at any time of the year, but especially on Shabbat, at the Seder, and in the sukkah.

The Festival of Sukkot reinforces the Jew's sense of community, Kol Yisrael Arayvin Zeh BaZeh. That Jews are responsible for one another is the key teaching of Judaism. Eating together on Sukkot reinforces this sense of community.



SUKKAH WALK

Join us for our Annual Sukkah Walk.

Join with the school children on Wednesday, October 15 for the annual Sukkah Walk. Visit 4 Sukkot in the neighborhood erected by EHNTJC members.

Meet at EHNTJC at 4:00 PM, we'll be back before 6 PM – come hungry – treats will be provide at each spot.

Please RSVP to Rabbi so he knows how many to expect.

rabbi@ehnt.org



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**CONGREGATIONAL
SHABBAT & SUKKOT DINNER AND SERVICE
OCTOBER 17, 2008**

**Join Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg &
Cantor Benjamin Warschawski**



**Oct
17**
Sukkot
Shabbat
Dinner

Shabbat Dinner 6:30 PM, Shabbat Service 8:00 PM
Reservation form for Shabbat Dinner on Friday, October 17th, 2008
Dinner reservation deadline: Tuesday, October 14th, 5 PM
No transfer credit or refunds if cancelled after October 14th.

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):

_____ We are prospective members – No charge

_____ 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



SIMCHAT TORAH

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Tuesday, October 21, 2008, 6:00 PM-Pizza & Beer Dinner 7:00 PM-Hakafot

Reservation Form for Simchat Torah 10/21

Yes _____ please reserve some pizza for

Name: _____ No # of adults _____ @ \$ 9

Phone #: _____ No # of Children _____ @ \$ 5

Total _____

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Sukkot Celebrations & Happennings



With Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg and
Cantor Benjamin Warschawski

Sukkot Begins

Monday October 13, 2008, 7:00 PM

1. **Yontiff Day 1-** Tuesday, Oct. 14, 9:30 AM, 7:00 PM
2. **Yontiff Day 2-** Wednesday, October 15, 9:30 AM
3. **Sukkah Walk** through the neighborhood – Visit 4 synagogue Sukkot – 1.5 mile hike, Wednesday, October 15th, 4-5 PM
4. **Shabbat Sukkot Dinner**, Friday, October 17, 6:00 PM
5. **Yiddish after Kiddish**, October 18, after 9:30 AM Services.

Amram Abraham will deliver the sermon Saturday, October 18, Hol Hamoed Sukkot on the subject of the Sukkah of inclusion-making. All feel welcome in the Sukkah of peace.

6. **Sukkah Open House**, October 19, 2-5 PM for EHNTJC members, at Rabbi Ginsburg's, 2127 Lincolnwood Dr., Evanston IL 60201(1 Block N. of Golf, 1 Block E. of Central Park)
7. **Shemini Atzeret**, Monday, October 20, 7:00 PM
8. **Shemini Atzeret and Yizor Services**-Tuesday, October 21, 9:30 AM

9. **Simchat Torah Celebration**-Tuesday, October 21, 6:00 PM-Pizza Dinner & Dance with the Torahs!
7:00 PM Service, unrolling Torah Celebration
Pizza Dinner & Dance with the Torahs! RSVP-\$9/Adult & \$5/Child. As we conclude the Torah readings for the year and begin again, share in an evening of rejoicing and fun!!! Caramel apples and Israel Flags will be provided.

All generations see Torah unrolled in sanctuary for Simchat Torah.

Friday, October 24, 9:30 AM
Simchat Torah Yontiff Service

V'samahata B'Hageha-Rejoice on Sukkot



KRISTALLNACHT MEMORIAL SERVICE

**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"

Judge Michael B. Hyman of the Circuit Court of Cook County was appointed to the bench in June 2006 by Justice Mary Ann McMorro. In February 2008, he was the first Jew to win a county-wide judicial election since Judge Shelley Sutker-Dermer in 1996. (His campaign manager was Ezra-Habonim, Niles Township Jewish Congregation Past President Steven P. Blonder.) Judge Hyman is a former president of The Chicago Bar Association and The Decalogue Society of Lawyers.



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**Remember the horror of Kristallnacht
Honor our Vets of World War II,
Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War,
Afghanistan and Iraq**



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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 = \$ _____

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HIGH HOLYDAY HOME BLESSINGS

Before we light the candles:

Tonight we join with our brothers and sisters all around the world welcoming in a new year filled with hope and joy. May God's light lead us on paths of righteous living, good health and wholeness. Let us be inspired by the candles' flames to offer each other deepened love and understanding.

(1) Light Candles and then say:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ הוֹדוּ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל יוֹם טוֹב.

Ba-ruch ata Adonai Elo-heintt Melech ha-olam asher ki-de-sha-nu
be-mils vo-tav vi-tzee vanu I'had-lik ner shel Yom Tov.

We praise You, Holy God, Ruler of the Universe, who makes us
holy with commandments, commanding us to kindle the light this
Rosh Hashanah festival.

(2) Sheheehevanu (First Night Only):

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ הוֹדוּ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁהִחַיֵּנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנֵי הַיּוֹם.

Ba-ruch ata Adonai Elo-heinu Melech ha-olam,
she-he-che-ya-nu ve-ki-ye-ma-nu ve-hi-gi-a-nu lot-man ha-zeh.

We praise you, Holy God, Ruler of the Universe, for keeping us
alive, sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this New Year.

(3) Following candle lighting, it is traditional for parents to bless their children as on Shabbat.

For Sons: וְשִׂימָךְ אֱלֹהִים בְּאַפְרַיִם וּבְמְנַשֶּׁה.

May God grant you the blessings of Ephraim and Menasheh. May
you be blessed by God as were Ephraim and Menasheh, who
wider-stood that wherever they lived their Jewishness was the
essence of their lives; who loved and honored their elders and
teachers, and who cherished one another without pettiness or
envy, accepting in humility the blessings that were theirs.

For daughters: וְשִׂימָךְ אֱלֹהִים בְּסָרָה רַבֵּקָה רָחֵל וְלֵאָה.

May God grant you the blessings of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and
Leah May God bless you with the strength and vision of Sarah,
with the wisdom and foresight of Rebecca, with the courage and
compassion of Rachel and the gentleness and graciousness of
Leah, and their faith in the promise of our people's heritage.

The blessing concludes thus for all children:

בְּרַחֲמֶיךָ יְיָ הוֹדוּ וְיִשְׁמְרֶיךָ.
יְיָ אֵל יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֵינוּ וְיִחַנֵּנֵנוּ.
יְיָ אֵל יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֵינוּ וְיִשְׁמֵנוּ לְךָ שְׁלוֹם.

May Adonai show you favor and be gracious to you.
May Adonai show yon kindness and grant you
peace.

(4) Kiddush; This is an abbreviated form of the Kiddush over wine or grape juice:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ הוֹדוּ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
בוֹרֵא פְרֵי הַגֶּפֶן.

Ba-ruch ata Adonai Elo-heinu Melech
ha-olam, bo-rei pre ha-ga-fen.
We praise You, Holy God, Ruler of the
Universe, Creator of the fruit of the
vine.

(5) Over 2 round, sweet challot:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ הוֹדוּ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
הַמוֹצֵיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ.

Ba-ruch ata Adonai Elo-heinu Melech
ha-olam ha-motz lechem min ha-areitz
We praise You, Holy God, Ruler of the
Universe, who brings forth bread from
the earth.

(6) Dip apples in honey and say:

יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְפָּנֶיךָ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאַלְהֵי
אֲבוֹתֵינוּ. שְׂחַתְרֵשׁ עָלֵינוּ שָׁנָה טוֹבָה
וְמִתְקָה:

Y'hi ratzon mil-faneha, Adonai
Eloheynu vey-lohey avo-teynu, Sheh-l'hadeysh
aleyenn shataiah lovah
um-titkah,
May it be Your will, Lord our God and God of our
ancestors, that we be blessed with a good and sweet
year.



From our house to your home. From our congregational families to each other, we wish one another a healthy and meaningful New Year. May we be inscribed for the coming year. L'Shanah Tovah Tikatavu.

Ezra-Habonim, the Poles Township Jewish Congregation
NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Ankin	Lois and Paul	Mantel	Harvey and Tita and Family
Bolon	Irving	Marsala	Nancy and Anna
Boyd	Virginia	Mayer	Sara and Mark
Bresler	Dr. & Mrs. Howard	Minkus	Milton and Elsie Y.
Carroll	Paula and Allan	Muskat	Mrs. Anne
Cook	Joan, Morrie and Family	Neubauer	Rhoda and Family
Cooper	Marcia, Marvin and Family	Newman	Marsha and Rich
Cowen & Cowen	Sandi and Rachel	Pershing	Ray
Davidson	Rita and Donald	Petlin	Sherry and Allen
Dolins Family	Max Dolins	Pildes	Drs. Robert and Rosita
Dinnsen	Sonya	Rabinowitz	Ada and Beryl
Dubow	Arline and Leonard	Stewart Reich Family	
Farber	Joel H. and Harriett	Romanek	Howard
Footlik	Sylvia	Saposnik	Nora and Rubin
Frank	Judy and Howard	Sarfatty	George and Arona
Frankston	Barbara and red	Schectman	Leonard and Helen
Friedlander	Alan and Carol	Schwartz	Stanley and Jackie
Friedman	Sarah B.	Shulman	Dr. Stan and Claire
Fuchs	Adie	Silverman	Fern and Jerry
Gerber	Frank, Joel and Bill	Sinay	Fred W.
Gerson	Charlotte	Singer	Marv and Marlene
Gilbert	Barbara and Howard	Steigman	Dr. Martin and Flora
Gitelman	Sybil and Floyd	Stein	Lloyd, Sharon and Family
Gordon	Mickey and Phil and Family	Stern	Renee
Gottschalk	Patricia J.	Straus	Walter and Carol
Greenspan	Dee	Sutker	Irwin and Carla
Gurevitz	Abby and Neil	Sweet	Irwin and Molly
Hamer	Joanne	Toback	Neal and Cynthia
Hara	Dr. Steven and Marla	Toback	Perry and Anita
Harpaz	Miriam and Nathan	Toll	Frances and Lita
Hecktman	Marlene and Jordan	Wax	Barbara and Joel
Heiman	Roberta and Robert	Wayne	Harry and Elaine
Helman	Edwin	Wertheimer	Jennifer
Herman	Sandy and Jack	Otto Wilner & Family	
Horowitz	Mike and Dalya	Wolfe	Lenore and Jack
Kaplan	Alvin	Zaransky	Rudy and Sherrine
Kiss	Howard	Zite	Sharon and Jay
Klowden	Dr. Arthur and Judith		
Kritzman	Joe and Pat		
Kuznetsky	Evelyn and Earl		
Levi	Dr. Roberto and Beatriz		
Lichtenstein	Shaynee and Michael		
Lifton	Al and Pauline		
Lipstadt	Elmer and Dorothy		
Lorber	Sarah and Sidney		
Mainzer	Esther		





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Michael Rosenberg has been teaching here for over 20 years, from kindergarten to our adult courses and also the Lehrhaus. We have year round conversion courses, a Hebrew reading class, a new adult B'nai Mitzvah class, Gail's monthly Kabbalah class, my new weekday class on virtues by Maimonides, monthly Lunch & Learn, and my mother's Yiddish Tish. Besides all this we have, probably the country's most extensive online education resources from my blogs & videos. But even as we ponder the programming life of the synagogue, we also know it is our responsibility to sustain all this. We do so with dues and special contributions, and our new Yirusha Fund, but also with an eye towards the long term future with estate gifts. We all owe a great debt of gratitude to a member who passed away recently, Jerry Melton, who left a large amount of money in his estate for the synagogue which will generate significant revenue in the future.

We want to thank Howie Zusel who has made a large commitment in his estate for the synagogue. We hope all of you will take this opportunity to reflect on what the EHTNJC has meant to you and to the community. These are just two of the potentially many who can ensure that the synagogue is sustained not only for 126 years but for 200 years or even further. Consider an estate gift. We also have a bequest from David Kaplan and from a non-member, Ira Carroll. We look forward to going from one strength to our next strength for the next 126 years.

Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation's Social Action Committee presents:

Words Can Heal or Destroy. Let's Choose Heal. We Can Build a Generation of Peace

October 19th at 10:30 AM

At Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

From EHNTJC member Marion Rosenberg, widow, mother, and grandmother, founder of Universal Dream of Peace, Producer and host of Cool Down (COOL DOWN ANGER, PREDJUICE AND GLOBALWARMING) on Comcast Public Access TV based in Skokie, IL.

www.workforworldpeace.org

Guest speaker: Eric Dean Spruth, Art Therapist at the Cook County Jail Mental Health Facility. He has created 43 different therapies. He is a great human and a phenomenal speaker.

Lectures on the Holocaust
By Walter Reed

EZRA-HABONIM THE NILES TOWNSHIP
JEWISH CONGREGATION
4500 Dempster Street, Skokie, IL 60076

Sunday, December 7th, 10:30 AM

No fee for the program

As part of our Kristallnacht commemoration he will discuss his experiences as a hidden child in Belgium and France. He is writing his memories and the story was made into a film.



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Or call: (847) 675-4141, www.ehnt.org



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IN HONOR OF

David Zaransky's birthday

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Jeanette Block's grandson's wedding
get well wishes to Marilyn Dermer
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Contact Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg



ENTHUSY's Halloween Event/Pumpkin Painting
Contest October 25th at 7PM
For further details call Anna (773)777-1020



Our visit to Jerusalem synagogue during the trip to Israel

It was a beautiful Shabbat morning in July when 30 members of the Ezra-Habonim Niles Township Jewish Congregation in Skokie, Illinois, paid us a visit. Led by Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg, the group *davened* at KYR and then joined us for lunch on our covered patio.

This was the synagogue's second visit to Ya'ar Ramot. Rabbi Ginsburg commented, "We loved our time spent at KYR. The Ramot congregation is very warm and welcoming, allowing us to participate fully in services. It feels like our second home in Jerusalem." We look forward to their next trip to Israel!

Our next Israel trip. November 2009



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Fred W. Sinay – Chairman

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