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November/December 2007



From the Rabbi's desk...

The synagogue has three major historical components, former Jewish institutions, which are now combined into one. One is a house of study, bet midrash, second is bet kneset, the house of gathering, the third is bet tfilah, the house of prayer.

Our synagogue's formal prayer fulfillment of this ancient Jewish institution is through our Shabbat services and our daily evening minyon. Our synagogue has had an evening minyon for decades, day in and day out, and it is kept alive by a crew of dedicated lay people, some who come every night, some who come several times a week, some who come weekly. These are people who are not saying kaddish, who do not have yahrzeits, but simply understand the importance of having a community minyon available for those who need it and who want to fulfill the mitzvah of daily prayer in a community.

The minyon meets at 7:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and Saturday and Sunday night at 6:00 p.m.. Other people who come to minyon are those who have a yahrzeit and those saying kaddish. The rule of Judaism is that one who loses a parent should come say kaddish at the minyon every day for 11 months, and if one loses another immediate relative: a sibling, a child or spouse, should come daily for a month. Sometimes, when people have yahrzeits, they come and they bring members of the family, and the minyon is assured. Other times, we read the yahrzeit list and no one is there to say kaddish for the person's name who is read.

Our kaddish list is very long, because we include friends and extended family members of congregants. There are very few people who come to say kaddish for those on the kaddish list. We fortunately have the required ten virtually



every night of the year and my tradition has always been to say the mourner's kaddish regardless whether there is a minyon, even though that's not purely traditional. My judgment and that of some other Rabbis, is that when somebody takes the trouble to come to minyon, they should have the fulfillment of saying the mourner's kaddish, even if their fellow community members can't muster up the requisite ten. However, there is still always a feeling of something missing when we don't have ten, and certain prayers we can't say. This is not an issue just for our congregation.

There are congregations where there are more than one thousand families in the Chicago area who have trouble getting an evening minyon; some send out postcards to the congregation, telling people to come on this or that night to help make the minyon.

Where does the number ten come from? There are actually two stories in the Torah about it. The first story was when G-d wanted to destroy Sodom and Gomorah, and Abraham starts bargaining with G-d; they bargained down to - if Abraham can find ten righteous people, G-d won't destroy the city. This seems to constitute the minimum number needed for a community.

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The second story is in the book of Numbers, when twelve spies go to spy on Israel. Ten of them come back with reports that it seems impossible to fulfill G-d's promise that the land of Israel be conquered by the Israelites, and G-d asks, "How long can I endure this evil congregation?" meaning those ten guys. In any case, ten is the legal required number for community.

We are asking you to help all of us to fulfill this mitzvah and help your fellow congregants, knowing that when you do come for kaddish or yahrzeit, you would like a minyon to be there. **First**, when you are notified of a kaddish, a yahrzeit coming up, or you have an opportunity to fulfill the mitzvah saying kaddish for a loved one because they passed away, fulfill your commitment or responsibility, Jewishly. Come to our minyon, if not every night, then at least as much as you can, and bring family members with you so we are assured of a minyon. It is ok if we have 25 people. Unfortunately, we can't only count eleven of them, and put fourteen in reserve for another night when we need them. **Second**, do a random act of kindness, which is actually a mitzvah. Choose a night a week, or a night a month, which will simply be your night to help fulfill the mitzvah of minyon by showing up and being counted. There is a very nice group of people who are committed to this, and they would welcome you with open arms.

We have people alternating responsibility at night to lead the services by either announcing the pages or davening and everyone gets a chance to participate in the service. Prayer is a seminal part of Judaism; we need to talk to G-d and we should do so as often as possible with the ancient words scripted by our sages and our people through many centuries.

Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg



I commit to one night a week for minyon.

Name: _____



Mazel Tov to:

Announcements

Thanks to:

- * Mickey & Phil Gordon in honor of the birth of their newest granddaughter, Peyton Rose Cohen, daughter of Staci and Lior Cohen.
- * Sima & Yan Tulchinsky in honor of the birth of their new grandson.
- * Julie and Naum Pleshivoy on the birth of their daughter, Abigail and to Irina and Alex Sirlin on the birth of their granddaughter, Abigail Pleshivoy.
- * Charlene and Lenny Rubin on their grandson Jordan passing the Bar Exam. Jordan is the son of Dr. & Mrs. James Robinson.
- * Ivy & Seth Bender and Debbie & Alan Bender on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter, Florence.

Welcome New Members & Thanks to All Members

- Amram Abraham
- Alon & Racheli Altman
- Rhonda & Daniel Auslin
- Jessica Clark
- Julia & Martin Davids
- Prof. Dan Galvin & Katie Glassmyer
- Joanna Haskett
- Judy & Hanan Kiferbaum
- Shauna Schebel
- Dr. Earl Schneider & Sheri Pawelski
- Tatyana & Yuri Shvartser
- Ruth Siegel
- Lillian & Rusty Silber
- Ellen & Alfred Suskin
- Dr. Don Thomas

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.

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
LCD projector for adult classes & School	\$ 1,000
Sound system speakers replacement & equalizer	\$ 8,000

- * Marsha and Richard Newman for sponsoring the Kiddish, in August, in honor of their 40th anniversary.
- * Lenore & Jack Wolfe for sponsoring kiddish in honor of Jack's birthday.
- * Muriel & Seymour Wolfe for sponsoring kiddish in honor of Seymour's birthday.
- * Shirley & Marty Lubowich who donated four new microphones for Cantor and Rabbi through their 60th anniversary fund.
- * Rose Lynn and Randal Jaffe for their contribution for the school pizza, Sept 5th.
- * Marvell Ginsburg for volunteering monthly to lead our Shabbat after Kiddish group.
- * Our volunteer helpers who so enhanced our services: Haftorot Rosh Hashanah - Jack Goldberg and Allen and Paula Carroll; Yom Kippur - Steve Blonder and Lenny Rubin, Shacharit - Lenny Rubin, Alvin Kaplan, Sheldon Post; Yom Kippur afternoon drash - Michael Rosenberg.
- * Neil and Abby Gurevitz for donating new choir robes that will replace the ones they donated several years ago. This new gift is in honor of Abby's upcoming birthday.
- * The anonymous donor of our organ last year, a non-Jewish non-member, who made a new donation this year: a new computer to the office. He was inspired by Gail Ginsburg's teaching after taking the Introduction to Judaism course a couple of years ago.
- * Donna & David Behm for sponsoring the Oneg in honor of Donna's conversion and renewal of marriage ceremony.
- * The Chintiz, Geoppinger and Lubowich households for hosting our school and adult accompaniers in their Sukkot for our annual Sukkah walk.

I would like to thank the following EHNTJC Honors Committee members for their help during this years High Holy Days' season: Michael and Shaynee Lichtenstein, Debbie Wilner, Carol Straus, Marty Lubowich, Steve Abrams, Laurie Goepfinger, Howard Romanek and Dr. George Urban. My thanks also to Sonya Dinnsen and her terrific office staff.

Todah Rabah, Sheldon Post

WAYS & MEANS UPCOMING EVENTS

Judy Frank, Chairman

Ezra Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

ad book going to press very soon!

HONOR STEVE & ZIVIT BLONDER

Help us honor Steve, the immediate past president of EHNTJC & his wife, Zivit for their dedication, devotion, and generosity to this synagogue and the greater community.

SEND YOUR ADS TODAY! It's not too late to solicit the people you do business with for ads. Deadline for ads is **November 1, 2007**. Don't forget the **SPECIALTY PAGES** – your tribute to Steve & Zivit Blonder and to our hardworking clergy and staff; your expression of thoughtfulness.

The ad book will be distributed at our **CHANUKAH SHABBAT DINNER** on **Friday, December 7, 2007**. This will be a very special evening as we honor Steve & Zivit and celebrate the 4th night of Chanukah and Shabbat together.

Thank you in advance for your support.
Judy Frank, Chairman

Ways & Means Committee:

Mark Alexander, Allan Carroll, Sandi Cowen, Adie Fuchs, Roz Gallai, Laurie Goepfinger, Harline Goldberg, Luisita Graff, Ronia Gross, Abby Gurevitz, Steve Hara, Paulette Levy, Marsha Newman, Burt Ofsaiiof, Ada Rabinowitz, Dave Richmond, Sally Rosenberg, and Barbara Wax.

\$ 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 dates for community day starts on Friday, November 10, 2007 and the stores will remain open late on Saturday evening, November 10, 2007.

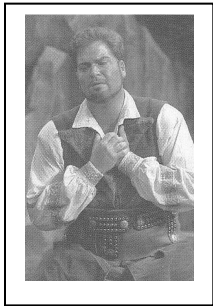
As Saturday is Shabbat, special arrangements have been made, and community day coupon can be used on Sunday, November 11 at EDENS PLAZA ONLY!!

The coupon books are available at the synagogue office. **Start shopping for Chanukah.**

*WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE
JUDY FRANK, CHAIRMAN*

Listen to Cantor Warschawski's Beautiful High Holiday Music All Year Round

CANTOR WARSCHAWSKI produced a CD of High Holiday music which is now available in the office. The early bird price is \$18.00 per CD.



Cantor Warschawski featured in August Issue of "Opera News"

This is a perfect item to listen to in your car, your home, or to give as gifts. The cover has a beautiful picture of our synagogue ark and the Cantor.

I would like to order CD's, # 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.

Officiating on
FRIDAY NIGHTS
November & December 2007
With Rabbi Ginsburg

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Nov. 2	8:00 PM	Cantor Warschawski
	9	Tot Shabbat
	6:30 PM	Dinner
	8:00 PM	Veterans Kristallnacht
16	8:00 PM	Cantor Warschawski
23	8:00 PM	Gail Ginsburg
30	8:00 PM	Bibi Marcell
Dec. 7	5:45 PM	Tot Shabbat
	6:30 PM	Hanukkah Dinner
14	8:00 PM	Cantor Warschawski
	6:00 PM	Single Services
	6:30 PM	Single Dinner
21	8:00 PM	Bibi Marcell
	8:00 PM	Layni & Dean Myers
28	8:00 PM	Bibi Marcell

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.

SPONSORS NEEDED

Please help support EHNTJC programs and budget by sponsoring a weekly Shabbat Oneg Kiddish or Lunch for \$250.00.

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

___ Regular Friday night Oneg; ___ Shabbat morning Kiddish; ___ Shabbat morning lunch; ___ Lunch & Learn; ___ Yiddish Tisch.

Date requested: _____

Name: _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

___ in honor of _____

___ in memory of _____

For more information or to reserve by phone, please call Sonya at (847)-675-4141. NOTE: For an extended Kiddish/luncheon in honor of a baby naming, Bar/Bat Mitzvah etc., please call the Sisterhood and speak to Dorothy Davis at (847) 966-6328 or Lee Ann Granat at (837) 674-8271.

Please visit the Sisterhood Gift shop.

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Speaker at Service:

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

COMMEMORATE KRISTALLNACHT, HONOR OUR VETERANS CONGREGATIONAL SHABBAT DINNER AND SERVICE

November 9th, 2007

Join Rabbi Jonathan and Gail Ginsburg

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

Reservation form for Shabbat Dinner on Friday, November 9th, 2007
Dinner reservation deadline: Tuesday, November 6th, 5 PM
No transfer credit or refunds if cancelled after November 6th

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



November Erev Shabbat Speaker Series

1. Fri. Nov 9th, 8:00 PM, Speaker: Sen. Howard Carroll
(Preceded by Tot Shabbat 5:45 and dinner 6:15 - Kristallnacht commemoration and Honoring our US Veterans)

TOPIC: *We must have someone at the Table. That's why we need Jewish Elected Officials.*

Bio: State Sen. Howard W. Carroll (ret) served our community with distinction for 30 years. During that time he was Chairman of Appropriations and of the Budget Conference Committee for over 16 years, and Assistant Democratic Leader for the 6 years. He was also the Treasurer of the Democratic Party of Chicago and Cook County, considered the # 2 in the Party hierarchy, and Committeeman in adjoining West Rogers Park (the 50th Ward). While in office, he gave a lot of time and influence to multiple Jewish charities, chairing the Anti Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, State of Israel Bonds, Chicago Chapter of Shaare Zedek Medical Center, National Cabinet Member for State of Israel Bonds, Convener for Jewish National Fund, and more. Since leaving public office he has been the Vice Chairman of Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago and Jewish United Fund, Chairman of the Jewish Community Relations Council, the umbrella organization of 48 major Jewish organizations in the Chicagoland area, and much more.

In office, he wrote the Hate Crimes Act, the act to Abolish Paramilitary Training Camps (hate mongers) legislation to allow government pensions to purchase Capital Notes from the State of Israel Bonds, (over \$100 mil in Illinois since, and as the first in the nation, over \$1 bil sold in the US) and more. He wrote legislation that proved critical in stopping the dreaded march in Skokie of the neo Nazis (Collins' bunch); and yet in the State Senate he experienced anti-Semitism. Sen. Carroll will talk about those experiences that impacted our community, and how being in a position to do something about it proved critical to our community.

2. Fri. Nov. 16th , 8:00 PM, Speaker: Joanne Stein

In honor of Jewish book month- a review of Nine Hungarian Jews who came to America and Changed the World

Bio: Joanne Stein is an honors graduate of the University of Illinois, and has a master's degree from Northwestern University. She has taught English and Spanish in Chicago high schools for many years, and now teaches English as a Second Language for Oakton College. Joanne presents book reviews and programs for many organizations. Her book review on Nov. 16 will tell the story of 9 Hungarian Jews who came to America and enriched our lives in ways both artistic and scientific. It helps us appreciate their contributions, as well as reflect on the loss of the 6 million who perished, and who could not fully contribute.

Ongoing Courses

Learn, Live & Love

1. 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 PM**
- **Cost** - \$160 if not converting + \$100 for books; \$300 if converting with us + \$100 for book & material fee per set, taught by Rabbi Ginsburg & Rebbetzin Ginsburg. Contact Gail Ginsburg ginsburg.gail@gmail.com

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** Beginners/continued & Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM (Starting Nov., 9th if enough students want to continue)
- **Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM** Advanced Hebrew

3. Youtube Videos

250 brief videos of Jewish content by Rabbi Ginsburg. Search on the internet for Youtube. When you get there, search for Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg and you'll find them or go to www.esynagogue.org 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).
(November 10th, December 15th)

5. Sunday Series

Watch for schedule of different classes or series of classes on a variety of topics. (See Sunday flyer in the Bulletin, on our health series).

6. Spirituality & Pirke Avot/Ethics of the Ancestors

Taught by Rebbetzin Gail Ginsburg. Contact her at ehntedu@yahoo.com.
Meets weekly, Tuesday afternoons, 2-3 PM; watch for schedule.
November 6, 13, 20, 27 & December 4, 11

7. Yehntta

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

8. Yiddish at Kiddish Tish

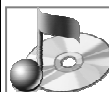
Marvell Ginsburg leads this Yiddish class after Shabbat Services monthly, \$5 per person.
(November 24th, December 22nd)

9. Rabbi Ginsburg's blog:

www.rabbireflects.blogspot.com
www.prozion.blogspot.com

10. Jewish Conversion:

Web: www.jewishconversionchicago.com
Blog: www.jewishconversionchicago.com/blog.html



AVAILABLE EHNTJC CDS

- Cantor Warschawski's High Holiday CD is now available in the office, only \$18.
- Intro to Our Synagogue available on the table in Social Hall; give it to the friend looking for a synagogue.
- Sermon Sampler – 3 of Rabbi Ginsburg's High Holiday Sermons 2006

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**CONGREGATIONAL CHANUKA SHABBAT DINNER AND SERVICE
DECEMBER 7, 2007**

**Join Rabbi Jonathan and Gail Ginsburg
And Cantor and Chana Warschawski**

**AD BOOK WILL BE DISTRIBUTED
HONORING STEVE AND ZIVIT BLONDER**

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

Reservation form for Shabbat Dinner on Friday, December 7th, 2007

Dinner reservation deadline: Tuesday, December 4th, 5 PM

No transfer credit or refunds if cancelled after December 4th

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_____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian

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Authorized Signature: _____

Please seat us with: _____

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CELEBRATE CHANUKA

THE REAL STORY AND MEANING OF CHANUKA

Friday night, December 7th, 2007

8:00 PM

Shabbat Dinner 6:30 PM/Ad Book will be distributed

RABBI GINSBURG

Rabbi will make a special presentation on Chanuka.

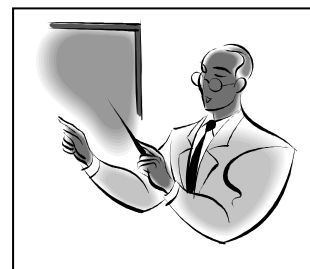
The presentation traces the history of what scholars have learned about the real events of Chanuka. He will discuss how Jews have re-interpreted the meaning of Chanuka continuously throughout the centuries.



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Lifelong Learning at EHNTJC
HEBREW READING
BEGINNING CLASSES
8 SUNDAYS at 11:30 AM
Series begins October 28th



Need 8 registrants per course minimum

Fees: _____ Non-Member \$40 registration fee _____ Member \$25

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

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

Registration for the _____ Introductory Class;

Name _____ Phone #: _____

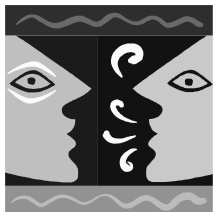
Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

e-mail: _____

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

WEEKLY SPIRITUALITY DISCUSSION

Join in a refreshing, friendly, soul-nurturing weekly discussion now focusing on Pirke Avot (Wisdom of the Ancient Rabbis) from a Jewish spiritual perspective. No prior knowledge necessary.



Led by Gail Ginsburg

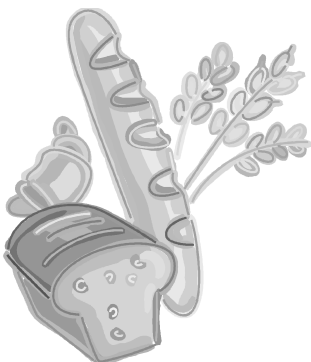
November 6, 13, 20, & 27
December 4, 11

At EZRA-HABONIM, THE NILES TOWNSHIP
JEWISH CONGREGATION

Come when you can; no registration required.
Free for those aged 55+, thanks to a grant from Jewish
Healing Network, Community Connections Program.
For those under 55, a fee of \$5.00 is payable at each session.

For more information call (847) 675-4141 or email
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4500 W. Dempster St., Skokie, IL 60076
www.spiritualityandjudaism.com

**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

TOT EREV SHABBAT AT EHNTJC

**FRIDAY Nov., 9th & Dec., 7th
5:45 PM - 6:25 PM**

- MONTHLY SHABBAT SERVICES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES
- COME CELEBRATE SHABBAT WITH RABBI GINSBURG
- SANCTUARY OF EHNTJC
4500 W. DEMPSTER ST. SKOKIE
- CALL FOR RESERVATIONS FOR A DELICIOUS SHABBAT DINNER AT 6:30 PM
- GAN FAMILIES WELCOME
- BRING YOUR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN



Religious School Calendar

November 2007

Tuesday	Saturday	Special
	3	Thursday
6	10	Nov., 22 nd
13	17	Thanksgiving
20	24	No RS
27		

December 2007

	9	Men's Club Chanuka Party
4	8	
11	15	
18	22	No RS
25 No RS	29	No RS

January 2008

1 No RS	5	No RS
8	School Resumes	
	12	
15	19	
22	26	
29		

RS= Religious School



<u>CONGREGATION FUND</u>	<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>	<u>CONGREGATION FUND</u>	<u>IN MEMORY OF cont'd.</u>
Jeanette Ansell	beloved father, Paul Cohen Ted Ansell	Berenice Mittelman	Sarah Ratnofsky Helen Mittelman
Marv Asher	Lena Asher	Alfred S. Nathan	Louis Nathan
Shirley & Victor Becker	Marian Becker	Hilda Reich	my beloved son, Ralph
John & Sharon Rae Bender-McNeal	Anita Rosenstein	The Stewart Reich Family	Steve Reich
Marilyn Berger	Abraham Greenbaum	Ilse Ries	Dina Ries
Harriet Berland	Sheldon Baum	Howard Romanek	Rose Brill
Alice Biner & Molly Wexler	Nathan Wexler	Ann Roth	William Romanek
Anita Blum	beloved father-in-law, Emmanuel Blum	Pauline Kuznitsky Roth	Nathan Krakman
Elaine Bogetz	Samuel Light	Joyce Ruben	Shirley K. Berkley
Ed & Elaine Bogetz	Fannie Light	Ruth Ruffer	Frieda Langerman
Irving Bolon	Evelyn Bolon	Nora & Rubin Saposnik	Max Ruben
Dr. & Mrs. Howard Bresler	Max J. Shapiro	Ruth Schack and family	Lowell Ruffer
	Esther Shapiro	Jewell & Sheldon Schaps	Rose Ruffer
	Michael Bresler	Helen Schechtman	beloved father, Bernard Resnick
Patti Burton	Ida Gendler	Charles & Barbara Schwartz	beloved mother, Mollie Resnick
Allan & Paula Carroll	Lawrence Tanner	Esther Schwartz	beloved Debbie
Judith S. Clar	Yiskor 2007	Dr. Stan & Claire Shulman	A.J. Leff
Mr. & Mrs. Morris Cook	Fannie Cook	Liza Silbert	Rubin Katz
Morris & Joan Cook and family	Howard Kaplan	The Silbert Family	Mildred Schwartz
Vivian Coretz	William Riederer	Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Silverman	Sheila Rose Levy
Beverly Didech	Goldie Stone	Donald & Anita Silvertrust	beloved father, Isadore Zaner
	Albert Stone	Dorothy Slobodin	Nachum Gittelman
Libby Dolgin	beloved mother, Miriam Mayberg	Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Soltan	Genny Gitelman
	beloved father-in-law, David Liss	Dr. Martin & Flora Steigman	Anna Silverman
Max Dolins	Morris Shapiro	Renee Stern	Harry Silverman
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Dubner	Frieda B. Friedman	Paul Sternfeld	Robert Silvertrust
Patrick & Kathleen Egan	Lawrence Tanner	Elsa Strauss	Leon Silvertrust
Renee Feuerstein	Maurice Feuerstein	Cynthia & Neal Toback	Dr. Gerald Zoot
Muriel Fohrman	Abe J. Leff	Frances Toll	beloved father-in-law, Sam Slobodin
Judy & Howard Frank	Larry Tanner	George Urban	beloved daughter, Vicki Zoot
	Anita Rosenstein	Barbara Wax	Dorothy Soltan
Zita Fry	Margaret Schreier	Mr. & Mrs. Albert Weiner	Pearl Goodnick
	Bert Hammersmith	Lenore & Jack Wolfe	beloved mother,
Fred & Maryanne Geiger	David Kaplan	Barry Yavitz	Rose Symons
Shirley L. Gendell	Albert Stone	Jeanette Block	beloved father, David Israel
	Goldie Stone	Judy & Howard Frank	Lt. Andy Stern
Maxine Ginsberg	my dear mother-in-law	Charlotte Gerson	beloved father, Louis Sternfeld
	beloved Harry Haskell	Anne Goldstein	Phillippine Eisenthal
	Frieda Haskell	Daniel & Myrna Keisman	Marian Becker
Floyd & Sybil Gitelman	Hannah Gitelman	Shirley & Marty Lubowich	beloved father-in-law, Louis Toll
Melba Levitt Gold	Dr. Henry Owen Gold		beloved father, David Millman
Morton A. Goldmann, M.D.	Doris Jane Goldmann		beloved brother-in-law, Morris Nelson
Dr. Steven & Maddy Goldman	Lawrence Tanner		Steve Urban
Mr. & Mrs. Lester Gordon	Fanny Gordon		Philip Eisenberg
	George Gordon		Cecelia Eisenberg
	Muriel Rosemarin		Edith Schlesinger
Patricia Gottschalk	Dr. William Gottschalk		Arnold Schlesinger
Frances Gray	Lawrence Tanner		Mollie Weiner
Ann & Leonard Halpern	Lawrence Tanner		David Weiner
Joanne Hamer	Lawrence Tanner		Mildred Moss
	Sara Hamer		Lester Yavitz
Mr. & Mrs. Jordan Hecktman	Beatrice Moschel		
Marietta & Jay Hesdorffer	Lawrence Tanner		
Margot Herz	Max Herz		
Irwin & Deborah Kahn	beloved mother, Bernice Kahn		
Shifra Karkomi	Larry Tanner		
Dr. & Mrs. Arthur Klowden	Milton Rosen		
	Esther Klowden		
Adel Levenson	Jack Keys		
Ilse Levi	Elsa Wolf		
Dr. Roberto Levi and family	Alfredo Levi		
	David Chichelnitzky		
Shaynee & Michael Lichtenstein	Lawrence Tanner		
Shirley & Marty Lubowich	Anita Rosenstein		
Shelly Malina	Harry Rubin		
Russell G. Miller	Marion Miller		
		<u>CONGREGATION FUND</u>	<u>IN HONOR OF</u>
		Jeanette Block	Diane & Norbert Rehaut's 50 th wedding anniversary
		Judy & Howard Frank	Marsha & Rich Newman's 40 th wedding anniversary
		Charlotte Gerson	Marsha & Rich Newman's 40 th wedding anniversary
		Anne Goldstein	my grandson, Ezra Shachar's Yontiff honor
		Daniel & Myrna Keisman	Lenny Rubin
		Shirley & Marty Lubowich	Marsha & Rich Newman's 40 th wedding anniversary
			marriage of Johnathon & Katrina Carroll
			birth of Veronika and George Urban's grandson

CONGREGATION FUNDIN HONOR OF cont'd.

Esther Mainzer	thanks to Rabbi Ginsburg for his birthday wishes
Sara & Mark Mayer	birth of my great-granddaughter, Margalit Tamar Marsha & Rich Newman's 40 th wedding anniversary
Samuel & Lotte Nemtzow	Marsha & Rich Newman's 40 th wedding anniversary
Phyllis & Sheldon Post	Marsha & Rich Newman's 40 th wedding anniversary
Hilda Reich	Marsha & Rich Newman's 40 th wedding anniversary
Mark, Rachel & Adam Stein	thanks to the Lloyd Stein Family for including us in their holiday plans
George & Veronika Urban	Marsha & Rich Newman's 40 th wedding anniversary

GAN YELADIM FUNDIN MEMORY OF

Gan Yeladim	Lawrence Tanner
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H. GREENBAUM CAMP RAMAH FUND

George & Arona Sarfatty	in honor of our anniversary
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PRAYER BOOK FUNDIN MEMORY OF

Marsha & Richard Newman	Lawrence Tanner
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PRAYER BOOK FUNDIN HONOR OF

Joanne Hamer	Marsha & Rich Newman's 40 th wedding anniversary
Shaynee & Michael Lichtenstein	marriage of Lillian and Rusty Silber Shirley & Marty Lubowich's 60 th wedding anniversary
Wilners, Brodskys & Fleishmans	wishing Dr. Leonard Graivier a speedy recovery from knee surgery

RABBI'S SPECIAL FUNDIN MEMORY OF

Jeanette Block	Bonnie Robins' sister, Barbara
Ethel Herman	beloved mother, Ida Rivlin beloved husband, Arnold Herman
Shirley & Marty Lubowich	Lawrence Tanner
Perry & Anita Toback	Ida Susman

RABBI'S SPECIAL FUNDIN HONOR OF

Carol Gopman	Rabbi Ginsburg
Mickey & Phil Gordon	birth of our newest granddaughter—Peyton Rose Cohen
Charlene & Lenny Rubin	our grandson—Jordan, passing the bar exam
Calvin R. Sutker	thanks to Rabbi Ginsburg for officiating at Phyllis' stone unveiling

REICH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUNDIN HONOR OF

Shirley & Marty Lubowich	birth of Laurie & Alan Goeppinger's new grandson
Rose Lynn & Randal Jaffe	---
Margot Herz	Debbie & Stewart Reich's new home

TALCOT/LEVIN FUNDIN MEMORY OF

Shirley & Marty Lubowich	Bonnie Robins' sister, Barbara
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IN THE
MEMORY OF ...**Memorial Plaques**

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

A bronze memorial plaque is \$400 and will be placed on our wall. Each year at the time of Yahrzeit, a special plaque will be placed on our lighted memorial. Call the office to order your memorial plaque at (847) 675-4141. We can send you a brochure with more details.

"The world is built on Chesed"

Since its inception, Ezra-Habonim 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 congregation, is seen not only as an obligation but also an invaluable opportunity to rebuild our community and repair the world. Won't you join us?

Jewish United Fund/Volunteer for Tov:

Contact 312-357-4762 or Tav@iuf.org. There are many projects for helping the needy.

Jewish Uptown Cafe: Kosher meal program for the poor at 909 W. Wilson, Chicago. Feed the hungry. Volunteers 12 & over serve & converse. Call 312-357-4762.

Maot Hittim: Provide Pesach food for needy.

Feed The Hungry: We collect food and distribute it to the Ark which serves needy folks in the West Rogers Park area. Bring food to the synagogue on the High Holidays.

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.

Gemiluth Chesed: Our synagogue maintains an Emergency Fund to assist congregants in time of need. Contact Rabbi Ginsburg.

Please let us know

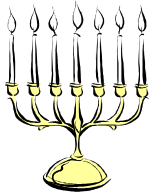
Please let us know when there is a death of a member or loved one. All congregation deaths will be listed on our website. Let us know if you prefer a call or an e-mail.

Condolences to:

- Dr. Michael and Deborah Reinstein on the death of Robyn Reinstein Cohen
- Helen Schechtman on the death of her sister, Anne
- Sylvia Kale on the death of her sister, Sara-Lee Yellin Kaplan.
- Roz Gallai on the death of her sister.
- Sandy & Rachel Cowen on the death of father and grandfather.
- Charlene Rubin and family on death of husband Leonard Rubin.

November 2007 – 5768

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 8:00 PM Cantor Warschawski	3 9:30 AM Service Religious School
4 9:30 Intro to Judaism 10 AM Dr. Series/Eyes Hebrew 7 PM Singles Dance	5	6 Religious School 2 PM Spirituality	7	8	9 5:45 Tot Shabbat 6:30 Dinner 8PM Services Kristallnacht/vet	10 9:30 Service Lunch & Learn - Cantor Warschawski Religious School
11 9:30 Intro to Judaism 10 AM Dr. Series/Headache Hebrew	12	13 Religious School 2 PM Spirituality	14	15	16 8:00 PM Joanne Stein 9 :00 PM Services, Bibi Marcell	17 Avery Wells Bar Mitzvah Religious School
18 9:30 Intro to Judaism & Hebrew 10 AM Dr. Series/Pediatrics	19	20 Religious School 2 PM Spirituality	21 7:30 PM Thanksgiving Service, St. Peter's UCC	22 Thanksgiving	23	24 9:30 Service Yiddish Tish No Religious School
25 9:30 Intro to Judaism & Hebrew	26	27 Religious School 2 PM Spirituality	28	29	30 8 :00 PM Services, Bibi Marcell	

November Time	Standard	<p>Candle lighting Times</p> 	December Time	Standard		
Friday	2		4:24	Friday	7	4:24
Friday	9		4:16	Friday	14	4:16
Friday	16		4:09	Friday	21	4:09
Friday	23		4:04	Friday	28	4:04

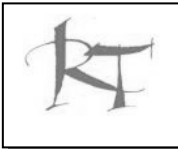
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:30 Religious School
2 9:30 Intro to Judaism 10 Dr. Series/ Well Being of seniors	3	4 9:30 Religious School 2 PM Spirituality	5	6	7 5:45 Tot Shabbat 6:30 Chanuka Dinner 8:00 PM Cantor Warschawski	8 9:30 Religious School Cantor Warschawski
9 9:30 Intro to Judaism 10:00 AM Men's Club/Chanuka party	10	11 9:30 Religious School 2 PM Spirituality	12	13	14 7 PM Singles Shabbat Dinner 8:00 PM Bibi Marcell	15 9:30 Religious School Lunch & Learn
16 9:30 Intro to Judaism	17	18 9:30 Religious School	19	20	21 8:00 PM Lorie & Dean Myers	22 9:30 Service Yiddish Tish No Religious School
23 9:30 Intro to Judaism	24 6:30 PM Kosher Chinese & 7:30 PM Movie	25 No Religious School	26	27	28 8:00 PM Bibi Marcell	29
30	31					

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



Now read RT online!

The newest issue of JRF's magazine, *Reconstructionism Today (RT)* - "a voice for creative Jewish living" - is now online. **In the summer 2007 issue:**

- **"The Power that Makes for Righteousness"- Congregation-Based Community Organizing: A Reconstructionist Approach to Living a Godly Life** by Rabbi Shawn Zevit with Brian Fink
- **From Education to Identity: The Potential for Reconstructionist Innovation** by Dr. Carl Sheingold
- **On Our Evolving Liturgy: A Response to Dan Cedarbaum** by Elaine Moise
- **Its Time Has Come: Of Taoism, Space Aliens, and God-Language** by Rabbi Jeremy Schwartz
- **Mussar and the Contemporary Jew: Ira Stone's *A Responsible Life: The Spiritual Path of Mussar*** Reviewed by Rabbi Nancy Fuchs-Kreimer
- **Of Mark Rothko, Jewish Identity and Reconstructionism: Launching the "Recon Salons"** by Barry Nove
- **Curaçao's Mikve-Israel Emmanuel turns 275** by Ruth Wegner and Jonathan Markowitz
- **JRF Welcomes its Newest Affiliate: Temple Israel of Duluth, Minnesota** and more!

Read, download, and share *RT* online today at <http://www4.jrf.org/rt>. And spread the word!



Families, members & teachers join together on Sukkot at Alan & Laurie Goepfinger, David & Lisa Chinitz and Marty & Shirley Lubowich's at our annual Sukkah walk

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

New Series Begins October 28, 2007

The class meets throughout the year on

Sunday, 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

Tuition & Fees (as of June, 2007)

\$300 for those converting

Or \$160 for class only

Plus a fee of \$100 for books and supplies

Faculty: Gail Ginsburg, Program Director
Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg

Contact Information:

847-675-4141

admin@ehnt.org

www.spiritandjudaism.org

www.jewishconversionchicago.com

Blog:

www.jewishconversionchicago.com/blog.html

Introduction to Judaism

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City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Arnold Eisen Inauguration

Professor Arnold M. Eisen was formally inaugurated as the seventh chancellor of The Jewish Theological Seminary on Wednesday, September 5, 2007. This historic occasion was shared with more than 1,000 members of the Conservative Movement including faculty, students, alumni, and donors.

One of the world's foremost experts on American Judaism, Chancellor Eisen has worked closely for the past twenty years with synagogue and federation leadership around the country to analyze and address the issues of Jewish identity, the revitalization of Jewish tradition, and the redefinition of the American Jewish community.

For more information or to support The Jewish Theological Seminary, please contact Debbie Zarkowsky or Tal Selinger at (312)606-9086 or visit www.jtsa.edu

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

Available now for \$10 from the office
They are green with this logo, and virtually unbreakable.



Taglit-birthright Israel: KOACH

- Free first time travel to Israel for those who are Jewish, post-high school, 18-26, and have never been on a peer educational program in Israel of more than six days.
- Only Taglit-birthright Israel program to provide a spiritual and educational context with the vision of the Conservative Movement.
- Ten day tour provides an in depth look at contemporary and ancient Israel, through touring, community service and experiential learning.
- Trips scheduled in December and January.
- Registration opens September 5, 2007 at www.koach.org
Early registration is recommended.

The Environment – What We Can Do

“The Earth is Mine, you are my tenants” (Leviticus)



QUESTION: How can **we** make an impact on the environment?

ANSWER: Many of us think that there is nothing we can do. Many are waiting for others to do something.

EHNTJC is going to do something about it!

We have all heard about the issues from many sources – TV, newspapers, movies, etc. – “climate change”, “greenhouse gas emissions”, “global warming” (today, as I write this, Al Gore has received the Nobel Prize for Peace for his work on the environment). Most of us are overwhelmed by the scope of the issues and don’t think they can have an impact, that they can make a difference.

Over the past few weeks, the Adult Education Committee, Social Action Committee and our Rabbi have met to discuss what we can do, as a congregation and as individuals, to make a difference in the environment. These meetings have formed the beginning of our studies and commitment to helping our Planet survive.

We all agreed that we must learn from one another and would begin with the following initiatives:

1. Educational programs *for all ages*.
2. The synagogue building itself.
3. The Rabbi keeping the issues before the congregation, as he has already begun to do.

Also, future issue of our *Bulletin* will have an article about a different area of our lives where we can have an influence on the environment and the future of our children, grandchildren, and our Planet.

Want to make a difference this week? Buy one compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL) and replace a regular bulb.

Anyone interested in joining a Green Group at the synagogue? Contact phyllisfriedland@yahoo.com (preferred) or 847-226-6658.

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?

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2007

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 Debbie Wilner,
Program Chair: 847-677-3581*

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 _____ Total

Name _____

Phone _____ E – Mail _____

_____/we are not member of EHNTJC, but would like
someone to contact us about membership.

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

Greater Chicago Area

50+ Jewish Singles

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

Come and dance

The Rock n roll, Swing, Waltz, Fox trot, Line dance,
Cha cha, Jitterbug Or whatever you request
Lots of Fellowship – Fun

Sunday November 4th, 7:00 PM.

Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation
4500 Dempster/Skokie 60076
847-675-4141/www.ehnt.org

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

To be added to our e-mailing list, please send an e-mail to Jewishsingle50on@aol.com. In the subject box type "Add to List."

November 4th, Singles Dance.

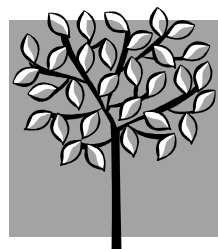
Please register in advance by sending an e-mail to ehntedu@yahoo.com or dee@ehnt.org or by calling Gail Ginsburg at 847-675-4141. Please pay \$12.00 at the door. Invite a friend! Please print clearly.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____



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.

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YOUR HEALTH AT THE SYNAGOGUE**



**OUR OWN
PHYSICIANS ARE
WORLD CLASS!!!
THEY ARE
PRESENTING
PROGRAMS ON
VARIOUS ASPECTS
OF HEALTH - OPEN
TO THE COMMUNITY.
SO FAR SCHEDULED:**

**Eynayim /
Eyes**

Michael Korey M.D.

Chief of Glaucoma Services/Advocate Illinois
Masonic Medical Center, Mercy Hospital and
Medical Center, Chicago Eye Institute.

Nov. 4th 10:00 AM

**Keav Rosh /
Headaches**

George Urban, M.D.

Associate Director, Diamond Headache Clinic,
Chicago.

Nov. 11th 10:00 AM

**Briyute yeladim/
Our children's physical health**

Stan Shulman M.D.

Professor of Pediatrics
Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern
University. Chief, Division of Infectious
Diseases Children's Memorial Hospital

Nov. 18th 10:00 AM

**Al tashlicheinu l'eit ziknah/ Opportunities and
challenges for older people.**

Sandy Finkel M.D.

Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, University of
Chicago Medical School.

Sun. Dec. 2nd 10:00 AM



**Camp Ramah in
Wisconsin**

Camp Ramah in Wisconsin combines the joys of
summer camping with the best in Jewish living.

A full range of fun activities integrates Jewish values
and observances into the daily camp experience.
Activities include sports, swimming, sailing, kayaking,
music, dance, nature, photography, arts and drama.
There is even a brand new camp radio station! All meals
are kosher and Shabbat is observed. The camp is located
15 miles north of Eagle River, Wisconsin, on beautiful
Lake Buckatabon. Ramah in Wisconsin offers a half
season for children entering 5th grade and 6th grade,
and a full season for campers entering 7th-11th grades.
For more information, call (312) 606-9316 ext 221, or
email registrar@ramahwisconsin.coto or visit the camp
website at www.ramahwisconsin.com.



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.

Israel Trip

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

10 days touring, Round trip air Chicago/Tel Aviv on E1 A1 Airline. 6 Nights Jerusalem – 2 Nights Galilee – 1 Night Tel Aviv – (2 Nights Elilat – optional) All breakfasts, 5 Dinners

Highlights:

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

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

May Israel Trip Meeting Monday Nov. 19th 7:30 PM

Come and meet with Tour Operator and guide Nathan Shapira and Rabbi Ginsburg who will discuss our upcoming May trip and answer your questions.



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

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 & 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 Classroom Rejuvenation Playground Improvement Office for Executive Director Office for the <i>Hazzan</i> Yehntta: Rabbi Ginsburg's email
\$25,000	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
\$20,000	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 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
\$10,000	

Happy Chanuka!!! Home Candle Lighting

There are eight nights of Chanuka 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 Chanuka 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 Chanuka, 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: Chanuka 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, 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 Chanuka third night, we rededicate ourselves to Jewish ritual practice. Add a mitzvah to our 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 Chanuka is one of trying to drive the oppressors of the Jewish people from our ancient home land. 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 over 50 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 Chanuka 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.

Candles #7: Chanuka 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 Chanuka, we understand that Chanuka was essentially a holiday to rededicate the ancient synagogue. The synagogue has been the key institution in Jewish history of 2500 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.



Chanuka Traditions to Remember...

- * Urge our children to give tzedakah before lighting the Hanukiah.
- * On Shabbat Friday, Dec. 7th, light Chanuka candles BEFORE Shabbat candles.
- * Place the candles in the Hanukiah from right to left. Kindle from left to right using the shamus, 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 Chanuka gelt.
- * Relax during the time that the candles burn. Play dreidle, read a Chanuka story, or talk with your family and friends.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF CHANUKA

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 TamicT, 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. Chanuka 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 Yisraei
Otam meyivneh?
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 Yisraei
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.



Chanuka 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 CHANUKA
CANDLES AT NIGHT:
December 4th – 11th**

**Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Haolam
Asher Kidshanu B'Mitzvotav Vizianu L 'hadlik
Ner Shel Chanuka**

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

**Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu 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 Eloheinu 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 Chanuka Blessings**

**CHANUKA: 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 Chanuka 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.

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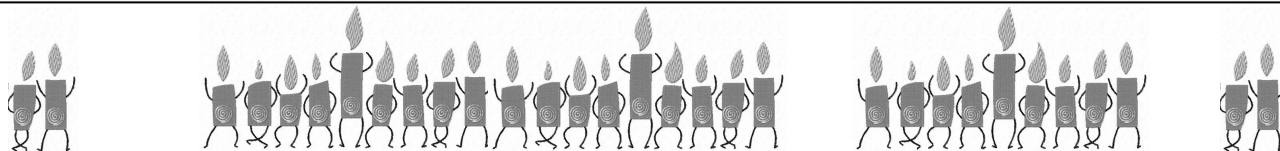
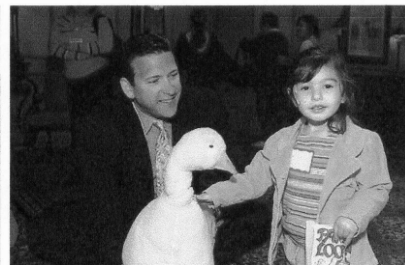
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Time: 10:00 AM Chanuka program
10:45 AM Our major entertainment feature "Magic by Randy"
11:30 PM Hot Dog and Latke Luncheon

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



Annual Chanuka party featuring "Magic by Randy"



Happy Birthday

Birthdays November

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Alan Gorr
Arlene Mann
Arthur Stein
Beverly Weinberg
Dan Weiss
David Chinitz
Edwin Helman
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Helen Schechtman
Helga Bierig
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Joel Farber
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Mervyn Singer
Muriel Wolfe
Norman Edelstein
Phyllis Levin
Phyllis Weiner
Richard Newman
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Ronia Gross
Rubin Saposnik
Ruth Blonder
Sam Stookal
Samuel Nemtsov
Sanford Wolke
Sylvia Margolies

Birthdays December

Alan Goeppinger
Alexander Kek
Amy Claver
Bill Page
Carol Straus
Charles Schwartz
Claire Shulman
David Silverman
Dolores Rosenbaum
Earl Kuznetsky
Elaine Blaustein
Erica Brief
Floyd Gitelman
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Glenda Elam
Harriett Farber
Helen Friedman
Joanne Stein
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Martin Lubowich
Melba Gold
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Ruth Schack
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Anniversaries November

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Elaine & Edward Bogetz
Molly & Irwin Sweet
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Alexandra & Michael Melton
Anita & Perry Toback
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Anniversaries December

Vera & Alan Gorr
Dolores & Henry Rosenbaum
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Harriett & Joel Farber
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