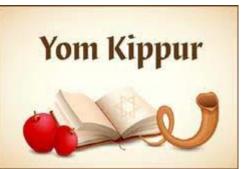
# MJCBY NEWS

## September 2023, Elul 5783 – Tishrei 5784





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### **MJCBY CLERGY & STAFF**

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#### **NEWSLETTER**

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### **SERVICE SCHEDULE**

### Friday Night – 6:15pm Saturday Morning – 9:30am

#### ZOOM

https://us02web.zoom.us/i/6576297611 Meeting ID: 657 629 7611

Passcode: MJCBY

#### **LIVESTREAM**

https://www.mjcby.org/servicelivestream

Join us online for Havdalah at the end of Shabbat every week! Havdalah times listed in weekly e-blast.



Gemilut Hasadim means "bestowing kindness". In Judaism, an attribute of G-d is said to be imitated by those who show personal kindness towards others.

The Gemilut Hasadim Committee at MJCBY is here to help support you and your family during times of need. Whether experiencing an illness, recovering from surgery, or having lost a loved one, we are here to help make difficult times a little easier.

We are able to cook and deliver meals, provide support during shiva, or help connect you with other resources. If you or a fellow congregant could benefit from our services, please contact Debbie Goldstein. If you would like to be added to the list of those available to help when needs arise, please contact Debbie as well.

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# FROM THE RABBI'S DESK



## The High Holidays

Rabbi Adam Gillman

Few poets have been able to encapsulate and speak to the universalism and the particularism of the human experience as Mary Oliver. Her poem "The Journey" is one of my favorites. As Oliver so eloquently

captures, we are constantly inundated with the voices we would like to leave behind, a new voice beckons and calls for us to continue our journey towards a new beginning, a new opportunity, a new year.

This Rosh Hashanah welcomes a new year full of potential for us to dream, grow and interact in ways that have nourished and guided us through avenues we've yet to traverse. As we begin again, I offer the following questions for reflection and preparation for the Yamim Nora'im (The Days of Awe).

- What do you want to leave behind from this past year or the past?
- What do you want to bring in or continue from this past year?
- What is something new you want to explore or learn about?
- In this new year of 5784, how do you want to show up for yourself, your family and friends, your community, and MJCBY?

As we prepare to enter these days in which we gather for prayer, contemplation, deep questioning, and introspection, may we be comforted by the fact that we are offered a fresh slate and the possibility of new beginnings. May we be blessed in our journey, may we be able to rejoice in the gift of a new year, in our ability to seek and grant forgiveness and recognize our capacity for change, and at the same time, hold on to what makes us each unique, special, and most authentic selves.

שנה טובה ומתוקה Shana Tovah Umetukah (A Sweet New Year)

Rabbi Adam Gillman

### The Journey

By Mary Oliver

One day you finally knew what you had to do, and began, though the voices around you kept shouting their bad advicethough the whole house began to tremble and you felt the old tug at your ankles. "Mend my life!" each voice cried. But you didn't stop. You knew what you had to do, though the wind pried with its stiff fingers at the very foundations, though their melancholy was terrible. It was already late enough, and a wild night, and the road full of fallen branches and stones. But little by little, as you left their voices behind, the stars began to burn through the sheets of clouds, and there was a new voice which you slowly recognized as your own, that kept you company as you strode deeper and deeper into the world, determined to do the only thing you could dodetermined to save

the only life you could save.

## **CANTOR'S NOTES**



# When Rosh Hashanah Coincides with Shabbat Cantor Shana

Many of us tend to think of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as being the most important Jewish holidays, as the beginning of the year and a time when we devote an entire day to examination of our moral shortcomings and commitment to self-improvement, respectively. But rabbinic tradition emphasizes the importance of Shabbat over these days -- Shabbat, which marks our weeks, and happens regularly enough to be taken for granted. How does this importance of Shabbat over even Rosh Hashanah become apparent in our observance?

We will hear it subtly hinted at even in our blessing over the candles, on that upcoming Friday evening that will be both Shabbat evening and Erev Rosh Hashanah this year: the blessing will conclude with "...l'hadlik ner shel Shabbat v'shel Yom Tov" -- "...to light the candle of Shabbat and of the Holiday" -- notice that Shabbat is mentioned first! We will hear Shabbat mentioned first all the way throughout Kiddush as well. In fact, anytime there is any mention of the day itself in the rest of the liturgy throughout that first day of Rosh Hashanah, Shabbat will be mentioned before Rosh Hashanah. You'll notice the inclusions in the Makhzor appear in [brackets] and red print. Our regular liturgy for Shabbat will be worked into all the prayers on the first day of Rosh Hashanah as well this year, and we will have seven Torah readings -- as we do every Shabbat -- instead of the usual five Torah readings for Rosh Hashanah.

Most notably, we will not hear the sound of the shofar on the first day of Rosh Hashanah this year because it lands on Shabbat. The practice of not sounding shofar on Shabbat dates all the way back nearly 2000 years, when the ancient Temple stood in Jerusalem. The specific reason given in the Talmud that we do not sound the shofar on Shabbat is actually the concern that someone might *carry* the shofar, and that act of carrying an object is not allowed on Shabbat. It seems like this difficulty would have been easy to overcome by instituting a rule that the shofar must be set in place and not touched until it is to be sounded, but apparently the rabbis of the Talmud were concerned enough about the possibility of Shabbat being desecrated by the carrying of a shofar on Shabbat that they instituted this tradition of not sounding the shofar on Shabbat, which stands until today. Lucky for us, Rosh Hashanah is two days, so we will have the opportunity to hear the sound of the shofar on the second day of Rosh Hashanah, which falls this year on Sunday, September 17th. I look forward to hearing it with you!

Shana Tova...a sweet new year to all!

### Cantor Shana

Our clergy is here for you. Please let us know when you need us or when you want to share your good news: a new baby, a marriage, or other simcha. We want to know, but you have to tell us. Please call the office at (973) 538-9292 or email <a href="mailto:office@mjcby.org">office@mjcby.org</a>. When you have experienced the death of a loved one, please contact Rabbi Gillman at (973) 538-9292 before you make any plans. He will be the most helpful in making these preparations in a proper Jewish manner.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



# Shofar Blasts – What a Year It's Been

Jason Navarino

Since I was young, I've had a distinct way of experiencing the first shofar blowing at Rosh Hashanah morning services. Perhaps confusing Rosh Hashanah for Christmas and myself for Ebenezer Scrooge, I would go on three mental trips — one to the past, one to the present, and one to the future. Specifically, with the first set of shofar blasts (tekiah-shevarim-teruah-tekiah), the past 12 months of my life would flash before my eyes. What had I accomplished? What good things happened? What bad things happened? With the second set of blasts (tekiah-shevarim-tekiah), I focused on the

present, and particularly the mistakes or shortcomings I wanted to repent for and focus on improving in my life. And with the third and final set of blasts (*tekiah-teruah-tekiah*, and ending with *tekiah gedolah*), I would think about the year ahead. What milestones laid ahead for me in the coming 12 months, and what did I hope to accomplish or achieve?

Focusing on my role as MJCBY president but otherwise following my historic pattern, let's see where the ghosts of Rosh Hashanah past, present, and future take me now . . .

TEKIAH. The past 12 months have been quite eventful for MJCBY. We returned to more in-person programming following COVID. Most notably, we underwent our first rabbinical transition in 35 years. The Rabbi Search Committee, ably chaired by Joshua Charm, recruited and identified candidates, welcomed Rabbi Adam Gillman to our community for a weekend-long visit in February, and shortly after that recommended his hiring. Meanwhile, we celebrated the conclusion of Rabbi David Nesson's remarkable tenure, largely facilitated by the wonderful work of Amy Brunswick and Linda Prentiss' Celebration Committee. We then said farewell to Rabbi Nesson in June, and welcomed Rabbi Gillman as our new rabbi in July. Since then, we've had great attendance at our weekly Shabbat services, and many of you have gotten to meet Rabbi Gillman there, or at one of several meet-and-greets organized by the Transition Committee, chaired by Josh Charm and Judy Diringer, or at the rabbi's weekly Wednesday discussion sessions, or elsewhere.

SHEVARIM. This is a difficult time for non-Orthodox synagogues, and for mainstream, non-fundamentalist houses of worship in general, like ours. Membership is in decline, as competition grows, and young people don't feel compelled to join a shul like their parents and grandparents once did. How do we meet the needs of our members, including those who have been with us for many decades or across several generations, while staying relevant to young folks and potential new members who may be looking for something different than what worked in the past? How do we maintain our historic building and hardworking staff despite rising inflation and rising competition for our members' charitable dollars? These are the questions that keep synagogue leaders like me up at night.

TERUAH. Where do we go from here? In the weeks ahead, we will celebrate the High Holy Days at MJCBY, still a little differently than before COVID, but also differently than during the COVID years, and with a new rabbi at the helm. In the months ahead, we will celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our beloved synagogue, and the formal installation of our new rabbi, and we will witness and participate in the return of old events and the introduction of new ones. We will embrace new members, and new families in our community. We will encounter new opportunities to do mitzvahs – in our own lives, for our fellow congregants and our congregation as a whole, and for the broader community and world.

On the personal level, this could mean coming to services more, learning from Cantor Shana how to read Torah or Haftarah, or participating in some of the wonderful Adult Education programs organized by David Ganz and Peppi Glass. At the congregational level, this could involve signing up with Debbie Goldstein to participate in Gemilut Hasadim when community members are in need, or answering the call of our new Development Chairs, Irv Cohen and Sara Forman, and contributing more to our Kol Nidre and Education Funds or signing up to be a Legacy donor. At the broader community level, perhaps consider volunteering in one of the service initiatives organized by our Social Action Chairs, Lou Bodian and Howard Buxbaum, or becoming a better advocate for human rights and social justice, or more actively standing up for Israel and against anti-Semitism.

TEKIAH GEDOLAH. May we all be inscribed in the Book of Life for a year of health and happiness, a year of new friends, new experiences, new opportunities for growth and satisfaction, and new ways of living our best Jewish lives, both individually and as part of a vibrant, thriving Jewish community in Morristown.

# HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICE SCHEDULE - ROSH HASHANAH

Please refer to your High Holy Day mailing packet for details and signup information. These charts are for your quick reference guide.

Friday 9/15/2023 - Erev Rosh Hashanah		
TIME	SERVICE	LOCATION
6:15 pm	Services in Sanctuary, followed by dinner	In-person and via Zoom
	Saturday 9/16/2023 - Rosh Hashanah Day 1	
TIME	SERVICE	LOCATION
	SANCTUARY – Traditional Service: Pseukay D'zimra through Musaf (Rabbi will present sermon at 11:15 am)	In-person and via Zoom
9:00 am	BALLROOM – shortened service until 11:15 am (Rabbi will present sermon at 11:15 am)	In-person and via Zoom
	BABYSITTING – ends at conclusion of services	In-person SY Classrooms
9:30 am	JUNIOR CONGREGATION – ends at 10:30 am (Children can go to the SY Classrooms until end of services)	In-person Conference Room
10:30 am	Family Service	In-person Frigand Hall
11:15 am	Teen Discussion- ends at noon	In-person Youth Lounge
	Sunday 9/17/2023 - Rosh Hashanah Day 2	
TIME	SERVICE	LOCATION
	SANCTUARY – Traditional Service: Pseukay D'zimra through Musaf (Rabbi will present sermon at 11:15 am)	In-person and via Zoom
9:00 am	BALLROOM – shortened service until 11:15 am (Rabbi will present sermon at 11:15 am)	In-person and via Zoom
	BABYSITTING – ends at the conclusion of services	In-person SY Classrooms
9:30 am	JUNIOR CONGREGATION - Ends at 10:30 am (Children can go to the SY Classrooms until end of services)	In-person Conference Room
10:30 am	Family Service	In-person Frigand Hall
11:15 am	Teen Discussion – ends at noon	In-person Youth Lounge
4:30 pm	Tashlich, followed by Mincha	In-person Speedwell Lake

# HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICE SCHEDULE - YOM KIPPUR

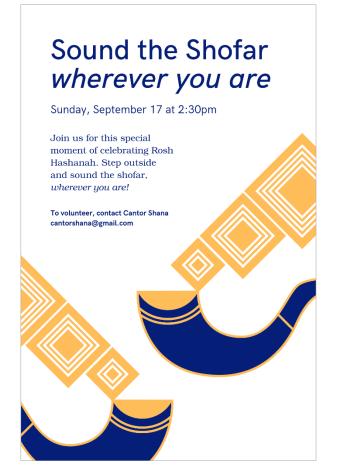
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<b>Sunday 9/24/2023</b> - Kol Nidre		
TIME	SERVICE	LOCATION
4:00 pm	Family and Religious School Kol Nidre Service	In-person Sanctuary
6:15 pm	Sanctuary Service	In-person and via Zoom
	<b>Monday, 9/25/2023</b> - Yom Kippur	
TIME	SERVICE	LOCATION
	SANCTUARY – Traditional Service: Pseukay D'zimra through Musaf (Rabbi will present sermon at 11:15 am)	In-person and via Zoom
9:00 am	BALLROOM – shortened service until 11:15 am (Rabbi will present sermon at 11:15 am)	In-person and via Zoom
	BABYSITTING – ends at the conclusion of services	In-person SY Classrooms
9:30 am	JUNIOR CONGREGATION – Ends at 10:30 am (Children can go to the SY Classrooms until end of services)	In-person Conference Room
10:30 am	Family Service	In-person Frigand Hall
11:15 am	Teen Discussion – ends at noon	In-person Youth Lounge
5:10 pm	Mincha in Sanctuary	In-person and via Zoom
6:35 pm	Neilah and Ma'ariv in Sanctuary (Followed by Break Fast in Frigand)	In-person and via Zoom

# **HIGH HOLY DAY HAPPENINGS**









# MJCBY KAVOD AWARDS 2023

FRIDAY, SEPT 22

Please join us at Shabbat Services on Friday, September 22 as we honor Rebecca Wanatic and Amy Weinstock with the 2023 Kavod Awards. In addition to serving as MJCBY presidents, leading our congregation through the difficult days of COVID, Becca and Amy devoted countless hours to MJCBY, often fulfilling the responsibilities of the Synagogue Administrator on a volunteer basis while this crucial position was vacant. Please save the date, and we look forward to having you join us as we honor these MJCBY leaders.







# SUKKOT, SH'MINI ATZERET, & SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE INFO

### FRIDAY SEPT 29 AT 6:15 PM

Erev Sukkot - Shabbat Service and Dinner

### SATURDAY SEPT 30 AT 9:30 AM

Sukkot Day 1 - Shabbat Service

### SUNDAY, OCT 1 AT 9:30 AM

Sukkot Day 2

### FRIDAY, OCT 6 AT 6:15 PM

Erev Sh'mini Atzeret - Shabbat Service and Dinner

### SATURDAY, OCT 7 AT 9:30 AM

Sh'mini Atzeret - Shabbat Service

### SATURDAY, OCT 7 AT 6:15 PM

Erev Simchat Torah - Shabbat Service and Dinner

### SUNDAY, OCT 8 AT 9:30 AM

Simchat Torah and Religious School Activity

## OCTOBER SAVE-THE-DATES





# **GOOD & WELFARE**

### **MAZEL TOV TO:**

Fern and Don Spitzer on the birth of their new granddaughter

### **CONDOLENCES TO:**

Our former members Celeste and David Reingold and family on the passing of Celeste's beloved father, Ralph Silvers Larry & Phyllis Levin and family on the passing of Larry's beloved sister Joyce

Our congregation and the family of Burton Brenman, one of our long-time members, on the occasion of his passing

### **REFUAH SHLEMA TO:**

Flo & Joe Sager, Diane Rothstein, Meryl Balaban, Erica Navarino, Debbie Brody, Cookie & Morton Wertheimer, Lisa Pollak, Joan Cohen, Steve Neibart, Sharon Kellman, Joyce Litchman, Jeff Czeisler, Sue Jacobowitz, Ron Saltzman, Rabbi David Nesson, Joel & Ginger Beecher, Linda Rosenbaum, Richard Rubenstein, Tom Schofield, Meredith Lahn, Paul Green

# **SECURITY CORNER**



# Behind the Scenes: Working to make sure the High Holidays run smoothly

Alexis McGrath, Security

It's September—summer is over, the kids are in school, and we're gearing up for the High Holidays and a multitude of wonderful MJCBY programming. As always, MJCBY's Security Committee has been busily working behind the scenes and will continue to do so throughout the year.

The Security Committee was active during the summer to make sure our year progresses smoothly. Highlights of our activities include:

- Continuing to build security policies and conduct trainings—including welcoming Rabbi Gillman with several onboarding sessions on synagogue safety and security.
- Ironing out our new security systems and installing screens in the front office and preschool hallway to show feeds from the CCTV cameras.
- Planning meetings and security training with partner organizations in our neighborhood.

In addition, the Security Committee has been entrenched in this year's High Holiday planning process, lining up multiple layers of security and collaborating with leadership and clergy to enhance existing procedures, building security into the very fabric of our operations. These activities are designed to improve the MJCBY community's security at all levels.

Your Security Committee has an ambitious To Do list for the coming months. We are always looking for volunteers, so if you're interested in participating in or helping to plan these activities and others, please contact us! We have volunteer opportunities for everything from data entry to consulting on electrical systems to project planning and management to Door Greeters/Openers. Some of the projects you could support include:

- Replacement and expansion of our exterior lighting systems.
- Installation of bullet-resistant glazing and ballistic film on vulnerable windows and doors.
- Training for all staff, clergy, leadership, and lay leadership in Bleeding Control (via the Morris County Office of Emergency Management), Active Threat Response, Bomb Threat Response, Evacuation, Usher/Greeter Procedures, and Family Reunification Procedures.
- Implementation of a mass emergency notification system for congregants and families.
- Security drills for the staff, clergy, preschool, and religious school.
- Strengthening relationships with local and county law enforcement and emergency management agencies and officers—including participating in joint trainings, starting a "coffee with a cop" program for the shul, and having police officers visit our preschool children to read books and talk about safety.

Our work is never done, and we will always strive to improve our safety. We have successfully built a robust security culture among our congregation, staff, and clergy. The coming year holds exciting improvements, both visible and behind the scenes.

If you have any questions about security at MJCBY, want to suggest a Security Corner topic, or would like to volunteer, please email the security committee at <a href="mailto:security@mjcby.org">security@mjcby.org</a>.

## **DEVELOPMENT**

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of MJCBY! Without your financial support, beyond your payment of dues, we cannot achieve as much as we desire. Today, we call on you to help strengthen our community by making a commitment to support our Kol Nidre and Education Endowment Fund. As of today, we do not know if matching funds will be available to us for any of our fundraising efforts going forward. Therefore, it is critical for us to reach 100% participation from our congregation for this appeal. No donation is too small or too big. We ask each of you to assess what you can afford and then just stretch a little bit more. We need to be able to fund the necessary expenses to run the daily needs of our shul and the programs that you want and need, beyond the religious aspects of our lives.

On many fronts, the last few years have been challenging and unfortunately the news has not improved. Our dues cover only a portion of the synagogue's operating budget. Maintaining the beauty of our historic building is costly, and our Education Fund directly benefits the religious school's comprehensive programming that sets MJCBY apart from all other synagogues in our area.

As your lay leadership, we are working hard to chart the best path forward for our community, which has changed significantly over the last several years. We have begun to develop a comprehensive strategic plan, but we need your help to achieve a living plan that meets our members' needs and desires. This does <u>not</u> only mean monetary support but also your thoughts, suggestions, needs, and desires. Your input is vital and necessary for MJCBY to grow and thrive into our next century.

Our board of directors understands that there is a limit to how many fundraising requests our members are prepared to consider, and that is why our 5784 campaign will be asking you to pledge for both Kol Nidre and the Education Fund together. Be on the lookout for a pledge card with this year's High Holiday information. We will be reaching out to each of you in the coming weeks and look forward to talking about how your generosity will help ensure a continuation of our spiritual home. If you would be interested in hosting a small gathering, we would be delighted to talk about MJCBY funding with you at any time.

We are always available to speak or to answer questions if you would like more information. Please do not hesitate to call us or text us; our mobile numbers are listed below.

Thank you again for your consideration, your past support, and your future commitment and involvement.

B'shalom,

### Irv Cohen & Sara Forman

Development Co-Chairs (973) 615-4488 (917) 273-6185

## LIFELONG LEARNING



Welcoming 5784! Miriam Loew, Director

As the year 5783 comes to a close, we come together as a community to greet the year **5784.** 

In the Rosh Hashanah liturgy we read the famous words "Tachel Shanah u'Virchoteha" - May the New Year begin, and with it its blessings. We are ready and eager to usher in this New Year, and we hope and pray that it only brings blessings, goodness and sweetness for all.

We hope that you join us this year for the many events, workshops, and community celebrations that we planned. One of the greatest blessings of life is to belong to a community where we can gather to celebrate life's sweetest moments.

MJCBY's Lifelong Learning Programming is designed to create many opportunities for all of us to come together to learn, to question, to commemorate, and to rejoice. May this year's programming add much sweetness and joy to your life!

Shana Tova U'metukah! Happy, Sweet New Year!

Miriam Laeu





September 10 - Hagalil Kickoff @ the Park
October 22 - Jewpardy!
November 19 - Silent Disco!
December 10 - Chopped Latke Competition



October 22 - Get to know you games at Lester November 19 - Rugelach Baking at Lester December 10 - Hanukkah Latke Lunch at MJCBY



#### THANK G-D IT'S SHABBAT

Special Shabbat service and dinner for families with children up to grade 2

#### JOIN US FOR COLOR SHABBAT

5:30 PM FRIGAND HALL

Oct 13 - Orange Shabbat Dec 15 - Blue Shabbat Nov 17 - Green Shabbat Jan 19 - Yellow Shabbat

Shabbat Sing-Along Service with Cantor Shana
Shabbat Story with Rabbi Gillman
Shabbat Activity with Miriam
Delicious Shabbat Dinner

**OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY - NO CHARGE** 

## JEWISH YOUNG COMMUNITY OF NEW JERSEY (JYC)

### **Upcoming Event & High Holiday Information!**

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Co-Chairs
Jacob Levy, Writer/Editor

### About JYC & Upcoming Event

Jewish Young Community (JYC), a project of Morristown Jewish Center, is a Jewish young adult organization where people of all denominations and observance levels in their 20s-40s can make friends, engage in meaningful prayer, celebrate Jewish tradition and culture, and connect with the larger Jewish community. The Jewish Young Community's (JYC) next Shabbat dinner will take place at Morristown Jewish Center Beit Yisrael (MJCBY) on September 8th. New members are always welcome.

### High Holidays

For the High Holidays, both MJCBY and Congregation Agudath Israel (CAI), located in Caldwell, are offering special rates for Jewish young professionals and graduates. For MJCBY tickets, please email the Jewish Young Community (JYC) Board at <a href="mailto:JYCNewJersey@gmail.com">JYCNewJersey@gmail.com</a>. For CAI tickets, please contact Debbie Lurie, the synagogue's Membership Director, either by phone at 973-226-3600 or by email at dlurie@agudath.org.

### More Information

For more information about upcoming events, please visit JYCNewJersey.com where you can subscribe to JYC's newsletter. Alternatively, visit the Facebook Group Jewish Young Community (JYC) New Jersey or the Meetup Group Jewish Young Community (JYC) New Jersey.

JYC is funded entirely through generous donors just like you! Partner in building the future of local young adult Jewish life. All donations are tax-deductible and will enable us to continue serving the Jewish Young Community!

Want to contribute? You can help pay for dinner by selecting "Cantor's Shabbat Dinners" under "Payment Details" here: <a href="https://morristownjewishcenter.shulcloud.com/payment.php">https://morristownjewishcenter.shulcloud.com/payment.php</a>
There is also a Jewish Young Community fund.

Feel free to contact JYC at jycnewjersey@gmail.com with any questions.

### Save-the-Dates JYC Friday Night Shabbat Service & Dinner

September 8<sup>th</sup>
October 6<sup>th</sup> – in the Sukkah
November 10<sup>th</sup>
December 15<sup>th</sup> - Hanukkah

## SHALOM YELADIM -

# THE JUDIE GERSTEIN EARLY LEARNING CENTER



# Welcoming our new Director! Becky Narli, Director

I am excited to begin this journey, and I look forward to a wonderful year at Shalom Yeladim. It has been a pleasure meeting many of you and learning how vibrant this community is.

I plan to continue the nurturing, warm and loving environment which has made Shalom Yeladim so special.... a home away from home.

With the High Holy Days around the corner, please join us for all the different family services, programs and activities that we have to offer.

Spread the word and come be a part of this amazing community.

From the entire Shalom Yeladim staff - have a happy, sweet and healthy New Year!

Becky Narli and the SY Teachers



Play group for babies and toddlers up to 24 months and their parent/caregivers.

Wednesday mornings 9:30 - 10:30am

September 13, 20, 27 October 4, 11, 18, 25

November 1, 15, 29

December 6, 13, 20

FOR MORE INFORMATION
ShalomYeladim@mjcby.org (973) 538-8284

Open to the community
No charge

### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

9/4 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL

9/5 FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS

9/15 EREV ROSH HASHANAH NO SCHOOL 9/25 YOM KIPPUR NO SCHOOL

9/29 EREV SUKKOT NO SCHOOL/COME & PLAY

## **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**



Welcome to Religious School 5784!
Miriam Loew, Director

Welcome 5784! Welcome Religious School Year 2023/24! Welcome to Rabbi Gillman! Welcome to all our new students and families! Welcome to our new teachers!

We are so excited for an exciting year ahead full of interactive learning, friendships, and community.

Our year kicks off with a delicious pancake breakfast on September 10th. Following breakfast, parents are invited to stay for a Shofar workshop while students will enjoy their first class.

The rest of September is filled with "Yamim Tovim" – holidays - and we can't wait for this great opportunity to learn experientially. Not only will our students learn about each of the upcoming holidays in their classrooms, but even better - we will get to experience these special days together with the rest of the congregation. Our students represent the future of MJCBY, and we are delighted to join together with the rest of our Kehillah Kedosha (holy congregation) for the upcoming holy days.

Please mark these dates on your calendar:

- Sunday, September 17: Rosh Hashanah Junior Congregation and Family Services
- Sunday, September 24: Special RS Kol Nidrei Service
- Friday, September 29: Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah and Sukkot activities!
- Sunday, October 1: Special RS Sukkot Service & Lunch
- Wednesday, October 4: Grades 3 7 Classes & Dinner in the Sukkah!
- Sunday, October 8: Special RS Simchat Torah Service & Lunch. Our students will be leading some of the congregational Hakafot (Torah dancing)!

Shana Tova Umetukah! A good and sweet year to all!

Miriam Laeu & the RS Morahs



### **YOUTH SHABBAT**

### **MINYONAIRES**

Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> Ages 12+ at 9:30am

### JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>
3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
10:30am

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL – OCTOBER SAVE THE DATES





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SUNDAY OCTOBER 22

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BLESS YOUR PET WITH RABBI GILLMAN 11:30 AM - 12 PM

free and open to the community!



## SISTERHOOD NEWS & EVENTS

### **JUDAICA GIFT SHOP**

The Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop continues to be open for business on Sunday mornings during religious school hours and by appointment during the week. To make a shopping appointment, contact us at giftshop@mjcby.org. You may also review our various merchandise catalogs that are posted on the MJCBY website under Sisterhood or by selecting the Sisterhood Judaica Shop link on the Support tab on the home page. Support Your Sisterhood-Support Your Shul! Note: Gift Certificates are available for purchase through the Gift Shop.

### MARJORIE ELKIND SISTERHOOD BOOK GROUP

Monday, October 30th **KUNSTLERS IN PARADISE** by Cathleen Schine

Place to be announced at a later date.

For more information, please contact Amy Brunswick at

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### **KIDDUSH COMMITTEE**

The **Kiddush Committee** needs your help to prepare the kiddush luncheon each week. Please contact Dorothy Cohen (dorothy\_irvingcohen@msn.com) for more information.

# SISTERHOOD DONATIONS

We're looking for new and unused items\* to put in the basket raffle for the Annual Sisterhood Membership Dinner (formerly known as Paid-Up Dinner)

Please drop off all items on Dorothy's porch (19 Copeland Rd, Denville NJ) or the MJCBY office with a note "for basket raffle" by Friday, Sept. 22

### **QUESTIONS? CONTACT:**

Ivy (ivysnj18@gmail.com) Heidi (edheidi2@verizon.net)



\* Any food or wine must be kosher. Gift cards also accepted!

### **BECOME A KIDDUSH SPONSOR**

Share a special occasion with us by becoming a KIDDUSH SPONSOR. You and your honoree will be announced and thanked by the Rabbi from the Bimah. To be a kiddush sponsor contact Dorothy Cohen for an updated menu.

To donate, send your check made out to: MJCBY Kiddush, Attn: Kiddush Fund, 177 Speedwell Ave, Morristown, NJ 07960. Please include the occasion and your honoree! Questions? Email Dorothy irvingcohen@msn.com

### **JOIN SISTERHOOD FOR 2023-2024 YEAR**

If you have not joined the Sisterhood yet, we'd like to encourage you to do so. Your membership donation supports our Synagogue and the Women's League for Conservative Judaism and provides us with the opportunity to offer educational and fun community building events.



Announcing

Our 2023-2024

# Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Ba'Zeh Campaign

All the people of Israel are responsible for one another

We strive to make a significant impact through scholarships and programs that benefit students at The Jewish Theological Seminary, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, Schechter Institutes, Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano and Zacharias Frankel College.

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This pin highlights the word 'arevut,' responsibility. It corresponds to the theme from the Babylonian Talmud, Shevuot 39a, that all the people of Israel are responsible for one another, and we assume that responsibility through our support of the five Conservative/Masorti institutions of higher education.



# MAKE IT A PRIORITY TO GIVE TO TORAH FUND!

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Text or call: 973-214-0704

Send checks to: 4 Ascot Lane, Morristown, NJ 07960

Torah Fund Cards are also available in the Gift Shop!

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Open during Sunday morning Religious School or during the week by appointment only:

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 973-714-7636



You can view our holiday and general Judaica merchandise catalogs on the MJCBY website under Sisterhood or under Support on the home page.

### L'Shana Tova



### Still time to get a Shofar to blast on Yom Kippur!

The very first reference to the shofar is in Genesis when Abraham was about to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac. As an angel stops Abraham, we are told that a ram gets caught as his horn is tangled up in a thicket. The animal gets substituted for Isaac. Hence, we are taught that the shofar represents continuity and a hopeful future.

A long and loud shofar blast marks the end of the fast day of Yom Kippur. While the blower must first take a big breath, the shofar only sounds when the air blows out. This is a symbol for Rosh Hashanah: we must turn inward to fix ourselves so we can then burst out and contribute to the world.

Your Sisterhood Judaica Gift Shop carries a large selection of shofarim of all sizes, shapes - Ram Horns, Yemenite, and Oryx, and even plastic ones for small children!









We also have shofar carry bags and display stands. To make an appointment prior to Religious School start-up in September, contact the shop at: <a href="mailto:giftShop@mjcby.org">giftShop@mjcby.org</a>

We can special order **TEFILLIN** for you and/or your children. There are several quality levels of Tefillin which can be ordered and received at the Gift Shop in just a few days.

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# Men's Club Book Club

All start at 7:30pm.

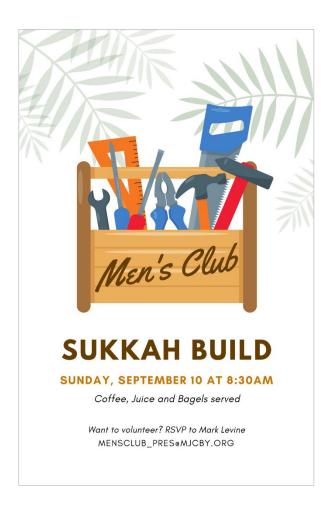
Interested in joining? Questions?

Please reach out to Howard Buxbaum at <a href="mailto:howardbuxbaum@gmail.com">howardbuxbaum@gmail.com</a>

September 13<sup>th</sup> – Forever by Pete Hamill

October 18<sup>th</sup> – Path Lit by Lightning – The Life of Jim Thorpe

Selections for the balance of the year will be announced in September.





## **SOCIAL ACTION**

# Donations to Eligible Non-Profits – please support these programs by making monetary donations or volunteering

Lou Bodian & Howard Buxbaum, Social Action Chairs

Loub48@Gmail.com - HowardBuxbaum@Gmail.com

We have continued to prepare and serve lunch at Homeless Solutions shelter on West Hanover Avenue, and at NourishNJ on Sussex Avenue. We are looking for volunteers to help in these ongoing activities. In July, the MJCBY Board authorized the granting of donations to eligible non-profits in our community. We will be sending checks to the following groups:

- Table of Hope to offset the expenses of providing dinner meals that are distributed at Bethel AME church on Spring Street
- Family Promise to provide a family with one week's lodging at a local motel
- NourishNJ we will be purchasing household supplies including laundry pods, shampoo/body wash, toilet tissue, toothbrushes and toothpaste, t-shirts, socks, sheets, bath and kitchen towels
- Homeless Solutions to defray the cost of replacing plates, cups and glasses for meals served at the shelter and for residents of the Transitional Housing Program
- Project Readiness to purchase backpacks and school supplies to needy children in our community

We strongly encourage our fellow congregants to support these programs either by making monetary contributions to MJCBY - Social Action Fund, or by volunteering with these organizations. For further details, please contact Lou Bodian (Loub48@Gmail.com) or Howard Buxbaum (HowardBuxbaum@Gmail.com). We thank you for your consideration.



We are also evaluating our participation in HIAS' Refugee Shabbat program which will take place on the weekend of February 2-3, 2024. Details to follow

# CONTRIBUTIONS (July 21st through Aug 28th)

### **Building Renovation Fund**

- Deborah Brody in memory of her mother Rachel Green
- Maureen Gardner & John Olsen
- Stephen & Linda Prentiss in honor of Donald & Fern Spitzer's new granddaughter
- Andrew & Erica Schwartz
- Alan Victor in memory of Helen
   & Bill Devor

### **Cantor's Discretionary Fund**

- Richard & Sharon Barkauskas in memory of Harry Ginsberg
- Arnold & Betty Goldstein in memory of Mildred Goldstein
- Adam & Jennifer Harter
- Jeff & Audrey Pancis

### Chevra Kadisha Fund

- Peter & Adele Black in memory of Murray Goldfinger, Max Katz, and Solomon Goldfinger
- Shirlee Sherman in memory of William Devor

#### **Education Endowment Fund**

- Irwin & Beverly Berns
- Irving & Dorothy Cohen in memory of Hans Joseph
- Larry & Rita Gotfried in honor of Fred Knapp – Congratulations on being recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award in Law.
- Larry & Rita Gotfried in memory of Larry Levin's sister Joyce and Leah Silver's grandmother Rochelle Etingin
- Jay & Ivy Rubin
- Joe & Flo Sager in memory of Burt Brenman
- Michael & Rebecca Wanatick in honor of Emma Shay
- Gary & Sheryl Weine

# Frigand Minyonaires and Israel Experience Fund

 Lynn Graf in memory of Geraldine Graf

### **General Donation**

- Janet Appelbaum
- Hayes Mott on behalf of the Prentiss Family
- Jason & Erica Navarino in memory of Margaret Navarino

and Leah Silver's grandmother Rochelle Etingin

#### **Kiddush Fund**

 Jason & Erica Navarino in honor of Erica Navarino's recovery

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Adam & Jennifer Harter
- Jeff & Audrey Pancis in memory of Audrey's father, George Elwin

### Social Action/Soup Kitchen Fund

- Doug & Debbie Goldstein in memory of Debbie's father, Richard Bodner
- Adam & Robin Kane in memory of Howard Kane's yahrzeit
- Larry & Linda Kornreich

#### **Shalom Yeladim Fund**

 Gary & Sheryl Weine in memory of Judie Gerstein

### **Yahrzeit Fund**

- Gary & Janice Kaplan in memory of Rebecca Kaplan
- Mark & Gigi Schwartz
- Kim Synalovski

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# SEPTEMBER YAHRZEITS

To Po	Pomomboro	d Shabbat Sep 1 & 2
	16 Elul	Emanuel Wolf
9/2	16 EIUI	
		Edward Berman
		Harry Ginsberg
		Alfred Rueff
		Robert Miller
9/3	17 Elul	Abraham Silverstein*
		Rose Epstein*
		Bertel Hirsch
		Mark Levin
9/4	18 Elul	Moshe Goldin*
		Esther Balter*
		Helen Schlosberg*
		Joseph Thal*
9/5	19 Elul	Rose Gordon*
		Jack Cohen
		Jonathan Kelter
		Robert Weinstock
		Walter Jacobowitz*
		Jerome Gottesman
9/6	20 Elul	Allan Miller*
		Harry Cutler*
		Sherry Rosenbaum
		Arthur Hertz
9/7	21 Elul	Philip Nadler
		Louis Rudich
		Irwin Wasserman*
		Albert Levinsky*
9/8	22 Elul	Joseph Frost
То Ве		d Shabbat Sep 8 & 9
9/9	23 Elul	Irving Lieb
-		Jessica Levin
		David Chanin
		Frank Stave
		Edith Adler*
		Howard Kane*
		Bonnie Sheller
		Lucille Rovak
9/10	24 Elul	Abraham Diamond*
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		Clara Bellings*
		Sadie Seiden*
		Diana Levy
9/11	25 Elul	Morris Beck
3/11	23 LIUI	Hyman Rubinstein*
		Jacques Shapiro*
-		Bernice Balaban*
-		Samuel Schwartz
-		Jack Suval*
-		Lily Mandel
0/12	26.51.1	Robert Heiser
9/12	26 Elul	Arnold Boxer*

		Gertrude Levine
9/13	27 Elul	Fanny Newmark*
		Anne Jenkins
		Sidney Rubin
		Dale Jacobs
9/14	28 Elul	Meyer Rehert
		Sarah Neibart
		Madeline Socol*
		Emil Koupf
		Flora Weissman Bentsion Gervits
0/15	29 Elul	Abraham Glazer
9/15	29 EIUI	Minnie Adler*
		Arthur Krauser*
		William Diamond
		Abraham Spiegel*
		Martin Sternberg
		Louis Dorf
		Grace Bandes
		Madelynne Schulman
To Be	Remembere	d Shabbat Sep 15 & 16
9/16	1 Tishrei	Sam Lement*
9/17	2 Tishrei	Samuel Weingarten
		Harvey Hess
		Barbara Saltzman
9/18	3 Tishrei	William Drucker*
		Max Eig*
		Stuart Salny*
9/19	4 Tishrei	Ida Glick*
		Morris Miller
		Mollie Smith*
		Louis Sager  Martin Morchower
9/20	5 Tishrei	Harry Fainglas*
3/20	3 113111 61	Bentsion Gervits
		William Ray Elman
9/21	6 Tishrei	Irene Weingast
		Anna Weinstein*
		Ellsworth Castelbaum*
		Jack Stein
9/22	7 Tishrei	Miriam Beecher*
То Ве	Remembere	d Shabbat Sep 22 & 23
9/23	8 Tishrei	Harry Seiden*
		Irma Loewengart
		Arnold L. Sutta*
		Lee Brunswick
-		Sam Fogel
9/24	9 Tishrei	Debra Roman Francis Weinstein*
9/24	9 Hshrei	
		Philip Levine Irene Stern*
		Helen Zudick*
		Irvin Baker
		Joseph, Gittel & Devor
9/25	10 Tishrei	Morchower*
		Rose Feldman
		Norma Rosenfeld*
		Mathilde Mazel Tov
		Attias*

9/26	11 Tishrei	Abraham Cohen
-		Seymour Gudis
		Sidney Levitt
		Jack Hirsch
		William Dunn
		Silvia Seligman*
9/27	12 Tishrei	Josef Weiss
3/2/	12 11311111	Ralph Friedman*
		Ann Markel*
		Laura Stone*
		Belle Wasserman*
		Hyman Sokol
		Lawrence Glasser*
		Zvia Afek
9/28	13 Tishrei	Khedouri Kazam*
		Marilyn Miller
		Dina Ginsberg*
		Miriam Weine
9/29	14 Tishrei	Morris Abraham
		Stanley Laska
		Rabbi Sheldon
		Weltman*
		Anita Miller
		Betty Press
To Be	Remembere	d Shabbat Sep 29 & 30
9/30	15 Tishrei	Max Brenner*
-,		Ben Goldman*
		Simha Dashosh*
		Jack Herman
		Howard Rothstein
		Pauline Guss
		Gerald J Cohen
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10/2	17 Tishrei	Anne Carter Lina Weiss*
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10/3	18 Tishrei	Isidore Bashe
		Arthur Shanker
		Ruth Gotfried*
		Esther Finkelstein
10/4	19 Tishrei	Gertrude Potter*
		Samuel Pomerantz
		Paul Simon*
10/5	20 Tishrei	Frieda Newmark*
		Sophia Rosenthal
		Ann Rappaport
		Benjamin Zev Adler*
		Max Henry Finkelstein
		Mildred Toffel
10/6	21 Tishrei	Craig Stone
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		Enzel Schall*
		Mildred Pillar*
		Mira Barer-Hopkins
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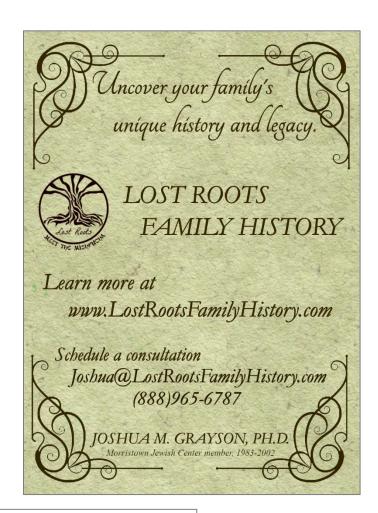
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