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COMMEMORATE KRISTALLNACHT
Holocaust Learning Center Marks Kristallnacht with a Month of Special Films

DAN BERKOWITZ & RUTH OBERNREIT, HOLOCAUST LEARNING CENTER

Kristallnacht, the “night of broken glass” was the night between November 9th and 10th, 1938 when almost every synagogue in Austria and Germany was either burned or smashed and thus destroyed. This date is an acknowledgment of the moment when it became understood to all that a war against the Jews had begun in earnest and was sanctioned by the State.

Jewish communities were to pay for the damages incurred. It is of great historical importance for us to recognize this date as it is a reminder that cruel attitudes and discriminating laws (which a populace believes can be reversed with regime change) indeed became overarching reality leading to the Shoah. How to pay attention to this day? By learning about history and understanding the narrative of how such an abomination took place on the world stage.

The Holocaust Learning Committee endeavors to do just that, and in paying homage to Kristallnacht this year, sponsors the following film series:

**Thursday, November 10, 2016**

HLC will co-sponsor with the Israel Committee, the showing of the movie, “The Debt,” a 2007 Israeli drama-thriller directed by Assaf Bernstein and starring Gila Almagor, Yuriy Chepurnov, and Oleg Drach, about three retired Mossad agents confronted by a challenge from their past.

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**Adult Program:**
- Nov. 15, 8pm
  - Part I: 1944-1990
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  - Part II: 1990 – Present


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From the Clergy
RABBI JEFFREY SEGELMAN

What To Do In Cheshvan

The Hebrew month that corresponds to November this year is called Cheshvan. Sometimes it is called Mar-Cheshvan. “Mar” in Hebrew means “bitter,” and it refers to the fact that it is the only month in which there are no Jewish holidays or celebrations. Unfortunately, in the 20th century, one commemoration did find its way into Cheshvan. It was Kristallnacht. That, of course, made it even more bitter.

Yet we can (and should) view Cheshvan’s lack of holidays not as bitter, but as an opportunity. In the aftermath of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah, we need a rest. But more importantly, we need some time, some space, to think about how we can turn the Teshuvah - the promises and resolutions of the last month - into realities.

During the month of Cheshvan, the opportunities abound. Many of our Torah learning and Jewish educational classes and programs begin this month. In addition to the Shabbat morning Torah class, look out for the Tuesday Torah class, the Call, and our new Marking the Passage of Time series. In addition to our traditional daily and Shabbat services, all three of our contemporary services - Simple and Soulful, Rhythm and Ruach and the Renewal Service - will take place in November. The Israel Movie night takes place - this month as a commemoration of Kristallnacht.

Sammy Spider will make a special appearance for our youngest children thanks to PJ Library. Our annual Mitzvah Day offers varied opportunities to help those in need. The community Diversity Breakfast (sponsored by the American Jewish Committee) creates one of the most powerful interfait experiences in our area.

And of course, there is Thanksgiving. The fact that the Holidays came so late this year may allow much of the beautiful spirit of gratitude to infuse our Thanksgiving with greater meaning.

Cheshvan truly is a time to create new realities in our lives. As we heard the sound of the shofar at the end of Yom Kippur and we felt confident that we had been inscribed in the Book of Life, let us use this month to show God - and ourselves and our families - that we will use that blessing wisely.

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Reflecting and Affecting Memory: Cinema as Haggadah for the Holocaust

Incorporating film clips and analysis, Dr. Eric Goldman will explore how cinema reflects memories and experiences of the Holocaust as well as how it affects and shapes our understanding of the Shoah.

Even before World War II came to an end, filmmakers in Central and Eastern Europe began the task of representing the Shoah on film. Western Europe was largely in denial and Hollywood avoided Holocaust subject matter for nearly fifteen years after the war. French filmmakers began exploring the Shoah on film in the 1970s while Israel made the first feature that dealt with survivors in 1979. We will explore how and why the Shoah was put on film and how the culture of Holocaust filmmaking has changed around the world.

Teen Program: November 15, 6pm

Looking at Holocaust Cinema: Does it tell the Right Story?

An exploration of how cinema reflects memory and experiences of the Holocaust as well as how it affects and shapes our understanding of the Shoah. Together we will review how filmmakers in various countries chose to represent the Shoah and whether cinema is a good medium for portraying the horrors that took place. Elie Wiesel famously decried that movies trivialized the Holocaust. Films to be examined include “Defiance,” “Inglourious Basterds” and “Sarah’s Key.”
**President’s Column**

JEFFREY LAVINE

In my last column, I wrote about using the holidays as a time to assess and reflect. After the very busy September calendar, I have had time to do that and wanted to share some thoughts.

I had the opportunity to wish everyone a Shana Tovah from the bimah the first day of Rosh Hashanah. Looking out over the congregation, I saw more seats filled in closer to the bimah than I remember in recent history. That was one of the main goals in changing our seating. Thank you to Larry Thaler and Susan Lurie for all the time and effort they both have put into making the seating right for the congregation. I think the new seating helped create added kavana for the service. The beautiful davening of Cantor Goldberg, enhanced with the chorus and Lee Epstein, helped create a beautiful atmosphere for davening and introspection in the New Year.

I went into the Study Service a few times to listen to Seth Schafler lead the davening and others participate and give my New Year’s greetings. There was tremendous warmth and energy coming from the Study Service as well. Yasher koach to all those who worked to make the Study Service happen.

As President, I walked through the hallways to see what was happening elsewhere during the services. The Family Service on the first day was packed. More seats had to be added to the Activities Center. Rabbi Yolkut and Lee Epstein led the service and the children were actively and enthusiastically involved. I walked by the classrooms full of children of all ages happily engaged in activities – knowing it is no small task for Aleza Kulp to provide great programming to all of our children. At a later point, I saw Shoshi Rosenbaum leading what appeared to be a deep discussion with teens. I didn’t dare open that door and spoil the moment. And there was Kim, greeting our congregants, handing out Program Guides and encouraging us to fold a tab on the Participation Card (which I still encourage you to do!). And so it went throughout the holiday. And, of course, Jose Luis and his team were keeping the building in tip top shape, fixing logistical problems and doing it all while trying not to be noticed. Thank you.

There is always room to improve, and I welcome suggestions. Again, thank you to all the clergy, staff, lay leaders and volunteers who made the extraordinary efforts to make this holiday meaningful. As I did have time to reflect, I thought about some of what I think is important to accomplish and what we are already starting to set in motion. I believe people look for connection with their synagogue and we need to help to make this happen. We can do this not only with new programming and activities, but also effectively cross-fertilizing, cross-selling and better communicating the excellent programming and activities that we already have.

On September 16th, we had a Rhythm and Ruach Kabbalat followed by a congregational dinner and an excellent Gallery opening of photographs of holiday tables. At first glance, it isn’t easy to tell which are the Jewish holiday tables. Because we worked to “cross-sell” we were able to make this Shabbat special to families and “Empty Nesters.” We need to do more of that. There are more examples of these types of efforts. The Hendel Library and Sisterhood had Book club/Author Night where Lynda Cohen Loigman, author of The Two-Family House presented her new book.

The HLC is working on the Daffodil Project. The Project seeks to plant 1.5 million daffodils around the world to commemorate the 1.5 million children murdered by the Nazis in Europe and to support continued on page 5

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**Shabbat and Holiday Services**

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**Torah For Tots (ECC – K) * Jr. Congregation (Grade K -2)**

Youth Service (Grade 3 -6) begin at 10:45am

**Daily Minyan in the Allen A. Stein Memorial Chapel**

Monday through Thursday mornings at 7:00am & evenings at 7:30pm Fridays at 7:00am and Sundown

Sundays and Legal Holidays at 8:30am & 7:30pm
Hi. My name is Noah Kingsley. I am an eighth grader at Hommocks Middle School. I have been coming to WJC since I was 2 years old. My favorite subject at school is Chinese. I love to ski and play baseball, soccer and basketball. I also enjoy playing the drums and taking vacations with my family. I spend my summers at Camp Weequahic in Lakewood, Pennsylvania. I want to thank Rabbi Alcott for helping me learn my Torah and Haftarah portions. I also want to thank Rabbi Yolkut for helping me with my D’var Torah. Finally, I would like to thank my parents and my brother Jack for all their love and encouragement.

Seth Jacobson
Bar Mitzvah
November 26, 2016

Hi. I am Seth Jacobson and I am an eighth grader at Scarsdale Middle School. My favorite subject is Social Studies, and I am most interested in American History. I also like speaking Spanish. After school, I play travel soccer and my position is Striker. I also enjoy watching professional soccer and my favorite team is the NYC Football Club.

I am very excited about my upcoming Bar Mitzvah and seeing all my family and friends, who are traveling from all over the country to share my special day. I am especially excited to see my Camp Starlight friends, where I have been going for 5 summers. During the summer I love to water ski, play lacrosse, and improve my basketball and soccer skills.

I would like to thank Cantor Goldberg for helping me learn my Torah portion, Musaf and my Haftarah. I would also like to thank Rabbi Segelman for helping me write my D’var Torah. Lastly, finally, and ultimately, I would like to thank my parents, Heather and Jeff for being my parents and my brother Micah, who always is there for me.

Ben Taffet
Bar Mitzvah
November 12, 2016

My name is Ben Taffet. I am in 7th grade and go to Carmel Academy in Greenwich. My favorite subject in school is math. My favorite thing to do is run, and I am on the cross country team at my school. I am a Boy Scout in Massachusetts. I also like to play video games on my computer and talk with my friends. Additionally, I can solve a Rubik’s cube in 22.31 seconds. I have been going to WJC since I was very young, and I go there almost every week with my parents and my brother.

In the summer, I go to Camp Kingswood in Maine. I like to do archery and the climbing wall there. I have made so many friends at camp. WJC has made me a better Jewish person by going to youth services, high holidays, and special events. My favorite sports teams are the San Francisco Giants and the Patriots.

I would like to thank Cantor Goldberg for helping me learn my Torah portion, Musaf and my Haftarah. I would also like to thank Rabbi Segelman for helping me write my D’var Torah. Lastly, finally, and ultimately, I would like to thank my parents, Heather and Jeff for being my parents and my brother Micah, who always is there for me.

Maddie Konvisser
Bat Mitzvah
November 19, 2016

My name is Maddie Konvisser, and I’m an eighth grader at Hommocks Middle School. My favorite subjects are Social Studies and Chinese. Outside of school, I like to swim and hang out with friends.

This summer, I went with my family to Israel in honor of my Bat Mitzvah. It was super fun, meaningful, and it was an experience that I’ll never forget. I also went to sleepaway camp in Maine for my fourth year and had a great time.

I want to thank Rabbi Adir for helping me write my D’var Torah, Cantor Goldberg for helping me learn my Torah portion and prayers, and Aleza Kulp and my religious school teachers throughout the years for my Jewish education. And thank you to my Mom, Dad and my sister Ellie for their support, love, and encouragement during the process of preparing for my Bat Mitzvah.

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port those children suffering in humanitarian crises worldwide today. HLC is working with the schools and youth to make this a learning tool for our children. You will note from our cover story, that the Holocaust Learning Center Committee also is presenting a meaningful film series with Jewish cinema scholar, Dr. Eric Goldman to commemorate Kristallnacht. The HLC is also co-sponsoring a movie with the Israel Committee on the eve of Kristallnacht: The Debt, a drama-thriller about confronting challenges from the past.

Don't forget to participate in Mitzvah Day, November 20th when The Social Action/Social Justice Committee hosts several important drives for clothing and sundry items to help meet the “changing needs of a changing community.” See page 13 for details. And while you are here, sign up to donate blood to the Brotherhood’s annual drive that very same day.

I wanted to write about a very special dinner I attended. We had an appreciation dinner for our longtime members (36 years and over) – some members are still active at WJC, but others less so. The mood in the room was almost reunion-like as many friends reconnected. The favorable responses to attend were overwhelming. As the evening went on, Rabbi Segelman spoke and reminisced about Rabbi Koslowe. This led to an impromptu series of reminiscing from the guests for quite some time. I found it wonderful to hear the old stories. After dinner, most of us went to the Renewal Service, where extra chairs had to be brought in for the overflowing crowds. I have had some of the long time members come up to me and tell me that they never went to the Renewal Service before, but found it special and plan on attending in the future. Thank you to Gail Marcus and Sarene Shanus for creating and organizing this wonderful event.

The evening ended with a “Scotch and Schmooze” with the clergy in a Brotherhood sponsored event.

We have room to improve, grow, communicate, cross-fertilize and outreach better than we have, but this is just a start to include the entire WJC community in the many activities and programming going on. There will be more to come as the year moves on.

Family Programs at WJC on Sunday morning
ALEZA KULP, EDUCATION DIRECTOR & CONGREGATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Jane D. Hull, an educator from Arizona, once said, “At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child’s success is the positive involvement of parents.” In our Religious School, we strive to involve parents in various ways such as our Friday evening family Shabbat with Rabbi Yolkut, our Shabbat morning Simple and Soulful with Cantor Goldberg and our family programs offered throughout the year led by several educators.

During our Sunday morning programs, parents will be able to experience firsthand how important a Jewish Education is for their child. Each grade has a particular theme for their program. Our family programs are offered twice per year for our Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd-grade families and once per year in the upper grades.

This year, we engaged our 1st-grade families in a new family program on October 23rd with Naturalist and WJC member, Gail Koller. Together families joined in the WJC Sukkah and learned about this engaging fall holiday. Another experiential program with Diane Holsten will be held for 3rd-grade families on Sunday, December 11th. Families will study the Torah portion, Vayetze, and learn how each of us has our own ladder that connects us to God similar to the one in Jacob’s dream.

I hope that each of our families will mark their calendars at home for these important dates. They also will be posted in the WJC Review and weekly email blasts. If you would like more information on our family programs, please feel free to contact Aleza Kulp at 698-2966. We hope your family will join us!

Scholar-in-Residence: Rabbi Shai Held on “What Does it Mean to be a Jew?”
HEATHER TAFFET GOLD & MYRA GLAJCHEN, ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

We are delighted to welcome Rabbi Shai Held of Mechon Hadar for the 2017 Scholar-in-Residence Weekend, January 27-29. Our theme will be, “What Does It Mean To Be a Jew in 2017?” Together, we’ll think deeply about topics such as gratitude, generosity, and spirituality; compassion; human dignity; and ethical dilemmas facing Jews in the modern world. The weekend will start with Friday night Shabbat services, discussion, and dinner, followed by a talk during Saturday morning services and a conversation after Kiddush lunch. We will have a Saturday evening program, as well as a Sunday morning program focused on ethical dilemmas, to which we invite adults and teens alike. We look forward to conversations in a Jewish context about a range of important topics facing the world today.

Rabbi Held is a theologian, scholar, and educator, and rosh yeshiva and Chair in Jewish Thought at Mechon Hadar in New York City. He holds a PhD in religion from Harvard University. (https://www.mechonhadar.org/faculty-staff/rabbi-shai-held) If you’d like to help with program planning or fund-raising, please contact Myra Glajchen (mgglajchen@gmail.com) or Heather Taffet Gold (heathertgold@hotmail.com), the SIR Weekend Co-chairs.
Hendel Library News
ARLENE RATZAH, LIBRARIAN

As I contemplated what to write for this column with The Review theme being “Commemoration, Celebration and Gratitude,” encompassing everything from the holidays through Kristallnacht to Mitzvah Day, I thought I might remind the community of what a special resource our library is in this age of economic challenges. As the librarian I need to constantly ask myself: How do I decide what materials to purchase for the library? How can I get more people to visit my library?

Elizabeth Stabler, the librarian of Congregation Emanu-El in New York City, had some interesting things to say about synagogue/community libraries at a recent Association of Jewish Libraries Convention. “The library is an integral part of a number of ever-widening circles, beginning with the institution/community which houses and supports the library, such as a school, community center or synagogue. The library may also participate in the local Jewish and secular community. In addition, you are also connected to the professional library and Judaica library world.” Indeed our library has worked with various arms of WJC and also become part of a wider Interfaith Group that meets periodically to discuss books and take action regarding racial injustice, etc. For example, the WJC Israel Committee has donated a rich collection of movies that chronicle modern Israel. We are also members of the Jewish Book Council that enables us to host important speakers and writers in the field of Jewish publishing. The librarian is a member of the Association of Jewish Libraries where new developments in libraries and Jewish publishing are presented constantly through conferences and listserv. The library is a dependable source of information and resources. We inform the rabbis, teachers, department heads etc., when we get in material that we think might be of interest or be useful to them. We encourage them to let us know what they are interested in. The librarian attends staff and programming meetings and is up to date with synagogue activities and programs.


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Imagining the Possibilities
SABRINA LANDAU, EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTOR

When Shimon Peres passed away at the end of September, many of his quotes began circulating. At one of my network meetings, a fellow early childhood director shared the following from Peres: “We should use our imagination more than our memory.” Through this quote, Shimon Peres was reminding us that living in the past or from our memories of events; we may end up losing our vision of what is possible in the future.

In our ECC, we follow the principles of the Reggio-Emilia approach to education. Our teachers work diligently to ensure that opportunities for creativity and innovation are always present. They realize that at the core of creativity is a strong desire for self-expression. Our teachers work to create environments that inspire and support creative thinking and invention. All of this encourages the children to use their imaginations. To be a creative problem solver, one must think out of the box and explore the possibilities, test hypotheses and form theories. Relying on previous knowledge can often hamper further innovation while our imaginations can help guide us into the future. I think Loris Malaguzzi in his book, The Hundred Languages of Children, said it best: “Creativity seems to emerge from multiple experiences, coupled with a well-supported development of personal resources, including a sense of freedom to venture beyond the known.”

I look forward to continuing this year with vision and creativity – looking to the future with a sense of what is possible. In this month of gratitude, I appreciate our Early Childhood Center teachers that help our children reach their potentials and explore their imaginations. Supporting our youngest learners in these ways opens up a world of discovery and a future full of possibility!

Youth Activities for November
ALEZA KULP, EDUCATION DIRECTOR AND CONGREGATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Exciting events coming up for this month at WJC! We hope our children in 3rd through 6th grade will join us on Sunday, November 13th for our basketball clinic. This is their opportunity to practice their jump shots and dribbling and learn new skills for the coming year. Come for pizza and basketball on Sunday, November 13th following Religious School at 12:00 pm. Feel free to contact Aleza at (914) 698-2966 for further information.

PJ Library
ALEZA KULP, EDUCATION DIRECTOR & CONGREGATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR

In the opening of the PJ Library book, 26 BIG Things Small Hands Do, the author, Coleen Paratore, writes, “Your hands are small but they do BIG things that make this a wonderful world.”

As we enter the month of November and begin to think about Mitzvah Day at WJC on Sunday, November 20th, there are so many ways our little ones can participate in this special day.

In this book, for each letter of the alphabet children learn the different ways they can help others in our world. For example, the letter D reminds children they can Draw cards for friends and loved ones that may be ill. Little hands can help Feed the hungry by purchasing a box of cereal to donate to our local food pantry.

This unique book also shares other ways our children can do BIG things in this world. Small hands can Teach others about Kindness, Recycling, and Volunteering.

As we begin this important month, I hope all of our families will remember to involve their little ones in Mitzvah Day at WJC! Even the smallest hand can make the world and our community a better place.
Westchester Cantors’ Concert
CANTOR ETHAN GOLDBERG

I hope you’ll join us for what promises to be a fantastic evening of music and community.

The Westchester Jewish Council and Kol Hazzanim are proud to present “A Night of Music & Joy,” featuring over 20 cantors from the Westchester area who gather to present a diverse concert of Jewish music. Cantor Shoshi Rosenbaum and I are proud to represent WJC at this regional concert.

The concert will be held at Beth El Synagogue Center in New Rochelle on November 19, 2016. The doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the concert will be followed by a dairy dessert reception. Cost is $20 per person until November 10 and $25 thereafter. Registration will be available on line by going to www.wjcouncil.org.

B’Nei Mitzvah Committee Activities for the month of November
OLGA GLAZER, CHAIR

- Parents Meeting with the Rabbi. Discuss your child’s B’Nei Mitzvah, 4th grade families: Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 10 am: Please email Olga Glazer (pitsy@mac.com) with questions
- 5th grade parents meeting with Rabbi on Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 10 am: Email Claudia Kandel for questions (claudiakandel@yahoo.com)
- Also: 7th grade parents cocktail party, Monday, Nov 21. Socialize with other parents and the clergy. Place and time TBD.
Welcome the Stranger: Support the Refugees

Speakers and Complimentary Breakfast
Sunday, December 11, 2016
10am

HOLLY ROSEN FINK, WORLD JEWRY COMMITTEE

The brutal civil war in Syria has created 4.9 million refugees over 6 million internally displaced within the country and nearly 250,000 who have fled to nearby countries.

Join us for bagels and coffee on Sunday, December 11th at 10 am as the World Jewry Committee, along with the Social Action Committee and Brotherhood, presents a special program on the Syrian Refugee crisis featuring:

• Manny Lindenbaum, 81, who along with his brother, was taken from his native Germany to England via the Kindertransport. His family perished at Auschwitz.

• Ahed Festuk, a young Syrian woman from Aleppo, now in the US seeking political asylum, who quit her job in Aleppo as an accountant in 2011 when war broke out. She is now a pro-democracy activist.

• A HIAS resettlement specialist on Syrian refugees who will explain WHAT this has to do with us.

Let’s break bread and learn together as we collectively frame our response to this crisis.

Please contact Holly Fink at holly_rosen@yahoo.com with questions and to RSVP.

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Project Ezra Luncheon

Rabbi Yossi bar Yehuda said: “.... And one who learns from the old to what is he compared? To one who eats ripened grapes and drinks aged wine.”

Pirkei Avot, (Chapter 4, Mishna 26)

“A test of people is how it behaves toward the old... But the affection and care of the old, the incurable, the helpless are the true gold mines of a culture.”

Abraham Joshua Heschel

SHARON SILVER AND JANICE MALETT
SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

On December 4th, WJC will continue to strengthen its connection and commitment to the elders served by Project Ezra and once again host fifty Ezra clients at our fifteenth joyous luncheon. We invite elders from the WJC community to attend the luncheon and share the day with their peers from the Lower East Side.

Tables will be beautifully set to reflect the importance of our guests. WJC volunteers will serve a hot, delicious lunch while spending time connecting with the elders. Once again Cantors Ethan and Shoshi will provide musical entertainment. Every year, the elders join in—they may sing, tell stories, or even play the piano for us. Our clergy will welcome everyone and start the day with a short prayer. When the elders leave, they glow with pleasure from a day spent “in the country.” Those of us who participate in the event glow as well, as we share in their pleasure and take pleasure in what we have learned from them about enjoying life at every stage.

Each year we have many to thank—returning and new volunteers, clergy, musicians Cantors Ethan and Shoshi, and the custodial staff—all of whom make the luncheon possible. Heartfelt thanks go to our Religious School for once again choosing to donate Tzedakah funds to support the luncheon. We again give a special thank you to the players on the Women’s Softball Team who helped underwrite this luncheon by donating some of the proceeds from sponsorships of their September 26th game. The fun raised by the players made a lot of other people happy.

The Project Ezra luncheon is another way that the WJC community works to reflect our teachings and values. If you want to help, contact Janice Malett at apple2@aoptonline.net, or Sharon Silver at Sraplata@msn.com.
Since George Washington promised Jewish Americans the full privileges and protections of U.S. citizenship, Jews have flourished in America as nowhere else in the world. But has that come at the expense of their Jewish identity? Richard Rubin argues that while most American Jews have been “Americanized,” they continue to be shaped by Jewish history, culture, and religion in ways that affect everything from their social attitudes to their child-rearing methods to their voting patterns. This “fusion” of American values with Jewish ones has created a “hybrid” Jewish identity that American Jews must cultivate and pass on to future generations.
Long Time Members Honored at WJC

GAIL MARCUS & SARENE SHANUS

On Sunday, Sept. 25, WJC hosted a dinner for its long-time members. Seventy people who’ve been members of WJC for 36 years or more schmoozed and reminisced, and many stayed to attend the first Renewal Service of the year. One of the 36 plus group, Lois Broderrick, did the Renewal Kavannah, and Doris Oppenheimer, earliest on the list, attended the dinner.

We include the names of invited members here as a way of recognizing and honoring their on-going and long-standing contributions to the life of WJC. We did our best to develop an accurate list based on when adults joined on their own. We apologize in advance to anyone we may have missed or for whom we had the wrong date. If we missed you, please do let the office know so we can include you in the future. Thanks so much to Susan Lurie and the Office Staff, to Jose Luis and the kitchen staff for their essential support.

Minor and Alan Aron
Laurel and Alan Benet
Lois Benet
Judy and Daniel Berkowitz
Edie and Sheldon Blatt
Glenna and Marty Bloom
Carol R. Blucher
Lois Broderrick
Ruth and Lou Brause
Muriel and Robert Bruskin
Beverly Cannold
Jill and Bill Caslin
Joy and Saby Castro
Miriam Crandall
Jennifer and Alden Engleander
Elayne and Miles Federman
Sheila and Martin Freiman
Arlyn and Ed Gardner
Gail and Robert Goodman
Marilyn Gordon
Hana and Allan Green
Hanne Holsten
Deborah and Mark Jacoby
Naomi Kaplan
Greta Koppel
Marcia and Michael Korotkin
Naomi Kotkin
Jane and Melvin Kushner
Estelle and Eugene Laska
Sandy and Seymour Levine
Cheryl and Glen Lewy
Richard Melchner
Nina and Mel Meltzer
Sue and Abe Mizrahi
Josette Nelson
Doris Oppenheimer
Suzi and Martin Oppenheimer
Stanley Ostow

Bucky Pastor
Leslie and Harold Porosoff
Marion and Walter Reichman
Bernice Rosen
Ellen and Ronny Rosenberg
Norman Rosenblum
Amira and Hanan Rotem
Susan and Ralph Sansolo
Jodi and Albert Sassoon
Marla and Robert Sassoon
Violet Sassoon
Barbara Savin
Joan and Stu Schapiro
Bernice and Sol Schargel
Elaine Schindler
Carol and Leonard Schwartz
Sandra and Donald Schwarz
Estelle Shack
Ellen and Roger Sirlin
Mary Ann and Arthur Siskind
Ninna Spies

Addie and Edward Stein
Roslin Stein
Fern and Myron Tannenbaum
Edith and Richard Wald
Solang and Joram Warmund
Marilyn Weisbrot and Ira Abrams
Rhona and Arthur Wexler
At Home on the Sound in the Community Series
Thursday, November 3, 2016 8:00pm

Let’s Start a Conversation!

JAMA PURSER, RABBINIC INTERN AND SHARON SILVER, SOCIAL ACTION CHAIR

In partnership with Adult Education, Bikur Cholim/ Social Action Committee and the Brotherhood of Westchester Jewish Center, At Home on the Sound is pleased to offer a series of free programs designed to provide a roadmap for modern aging.

The first program, “Starting a Conversation,” will cover issues you, your family, friends and loved ones would want to know about as you age, which include living arrangements, medical care, making your wishes known and more.

Our presenter, Elaine Weingarten, LMSW, At Home on the Sound Executive Director, has over 25 years of service in the not-for-profit world. Elaine is a strong advocate for the community-based support and involvement facilitated by At Home on the Sound.

At Home on the Sound was created in 2010 through a grassroots effort by local residents who feel passionately that they and others like them should have a support system to help them continue to enjoy a vibrant lifestyle while remaining in their homes in the Larchmont-Mamaroneck community. At Home on the Sound provides transportation and an array of individualized services and group activities designed to enhance comfort, safety and connection to the community.

Mark your calendars for November 3rd, and look for future programs in the series, which include: “Baby Boomers: What’s Next?”; “Being Prepared: Documents and Instructions”; “Becoming Your Own Advocate” and “Finding Resources in Your Community.”

For further information or questions, Contact Rabbinic Intern, Jama Purser, at jama@wjcenter.org.
CLOTHING DRIVE

- We are looking for nearly new children’s clothing in sizes 2-14, especially winter items, to benefit:
- Don Bosco/Caritas Community Center in Port Chester and the Community Resource Center in Mamaroneck.
- Community Resource Center also needs nearly new warm hooded sweatshirts, jackets, gloves, socks and hats in small men’s or large teen sizes for laborers.
- My Sisters’ Place needs brand new socks and underwear for children of all ages.

DIAPER DRIVE

Donate newborn and infant diapers for residents of Providence House. Donatediapers in sizes 4-6 for residents of My Sisters’ Place of Westchester.

TOILETRY DRIVE

Donate toiletries for residents of Providence House in New Rochelle and My Sisters' Place of Westchester, shelters for women. All items must be new and unopened: toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap and body wash, shampoo and conditioner, body and hand lotion, Band-Aids and bacitracin. Please no OTC medicines.

NEW THIS YEAR!

Provide brand new and unopened twin sheet sets and knit or fleece twin size blankets for residents of My Sisters’ Place of Westchester, a shelter for women and children.

HELP THE HUNGRY

Join fellow congregants at 12:00 pm preparing sandwiches for distribution to local shelters.

Questions? Volunteer? Contact Sharon Silver 914-698-9662/ Sraplata@msn.com
WJC BROTHERHOOD Fall 2016

WJC Blood Drive: Sunday, November 20

Mark your calendars for the annual blood drive!

Sisterhood members enjoyed another successful “Poker in the Sukkah” event at WJC on October 19.

Spring Events include:

- Kostya Kennedy presents his new book on Football, Superbowl Sunday, Feb 5. 8:30am
- NCAA March Madness event: March 16
- Men’s Softball Team: Sundays April - June 2017

BROTHERHOOD QUESTIONS: Contact Stu Seltzer or Craig Rubin: Co-Chairs WJC Brotherhood-stu@seltzerlicensing.com or Craig.Rubin@gmail.com

IT’S NOT TOO LATE...TO PARTICIPATE!!

Cheryl Natbony, WJC Trustee

You can still turn down a tab (or two!) and return your WJC Participation Card for this year to the office. Participate and make WJC the Center of Your Jewish Life!!
Sisterhood News
RAELIN KANTOR AND IEEN GREENBERG, CO-PRESIDENTS

Thanks to the beautiful creativity of Randi Klaber and the Sukkah decorating volunteers, our synagogue had a beautiful temporary dwelling for Sukkot for all to use.

Please mark your calendars and join us on…

Thursday, November 17th Sisterhood Opening Event at 7pm. Come and learn from art critic and author, Susan Hodara….WHERE THE VISUAL ARTS AND CULTURAL GEMS ARE IN OUR OWN BACKYARD! For more info on Susan Hodara, check out her website: www.Susanhodara.com. FYI- Gift shop will open at 6.30pm – 7pm for your convenience.

Sunday, November 20th will be our Hanukkah Boutique from 10am -2pm. It’s not too early to think about all the great holiday gifts you can purchase at our gift shop and help out WJC at the same time. Please check out all the beautiful items at our shop, gifts for all occasions, and in our new beautiful display case near the office upstairs. Don’t hesitate to contact Carol Fasman at: egfasman@gmail.com to make an appointment. Remember, as a Sisterhood member you are entitled to a 10% discount (on regular priced goods) at the Sisterhood Gift Shop! Plus as an upcoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah, please remember to use your special gift shop credit towards the purchase of one of our beautiful talitot. Need a hostess gift for the holidays? The gift shop is the place to get it! And always remember… “IT’S A MITZVAH TO SHOP THERE!”

Thursday, December 1st 7:45pm – 10pm
Join us as we play Mah Jongg. $20 for members and $25 for non-members. Bring your friends & relatives. Please let Debbie Katz know at dkatz1000@aol.com, if you plan to attend and if you are a beginner. If we have many beginners, we will try to have a designated instructor. Hope to see you at the tables.

December: Book Club, unconfirmed date. Please read Java Beach by Fedora Horowitz.

Thursday, January 12th we are planning a special event at Equinox Sports Club from 7pm – 9pm. Be prepared to be pampered with a 15 minute massage or facial and chat with your Sisterhood friends. Small bites and drinks provided. More info to follow from Merrill Sugarman, who is coordinating this event.

Sisterhood Shabbat, January 21st. If you are interested in participating please contact Randi Klaber at randiklaber@gmail.com and/or Emily Hoffner at esaltzmanhoffner@gmail.com.

Thursday night, February 2nd
Bowling Night- Cathy Dobkins will organize a Sisterhood Bowling night. More info to follow.

If you are a member of Sisterhood and haven’t been receiving our emails, please contact Lisa Zeitoun at ritchielisaz@verizon.net to make sure she has your correct email address.
Comfy Spaces Fund
In memory of...
Allan Silverman
From Cindy & Randy Heller
Jill & Donald Miller
Sarene Shanus & Harold Treiber
Susan & Barry Lewen
Randi & Adam Klaber

High Holiday Greetings
Best Wishes to ALL for a Healthy and Prosperous New Year from the following WJC families
Mindy, Andrew, Corey, Russell, Jackie & Tara Feldman
The Natbony Family

Landscape Fund
In honor of...
the wedding of Russell Greenberg & Yael Coppleman
from Bernice & Sol Schargel

Library Fund
In memory of...
Bernard Winter
From Cheryl Winter
Esther Lewy
From Glen Lewy

Memorial Fund
In memory of...
Sandra Berkowitz
From Steven Berkowitz
George Shlomo Shamash
From Anne Lawi
Mary Levy
From Beatrice Betty Weissman
Jodi Wendy Boxer
From Harold Boxer
David Hecker
From Marlene Perlstein
Frederick Raine
From Evan & Rashmi Raine
Lorraine Perle
From Amy Rosuck
Sol Dunkin
From Ellen Dunkin
Amnon Michaeli
From Joseph Michaeli
Susan Melchner
From Richard Melchner
Esther Freides
From Richard & Shirley Lesser
Meyer Alpert
From Linda Alpert & Marc Karell
Allan Silverman
From Susan & Barry Gaden
Gail & Marty Marcus
Samuel & Helene Rosenberg
Nancy & Scott Ditman
Alan Lubitz
From Sandra & Morris Schoeneman

Kiddush Fund
In honor of...
the upcoming marriage of Richard Greenberg & Yael Coppleman
From Sarene Shanus & Harold Treiber

Social Action Fund
In memory of...
Alan Lubitz
From Sondra & Joel Levy
Allan Silverman
From Lisa, Ritchie & Margot Zeitoun

Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund
In honor of...
an Aliyah
From Swain & Jo Ann Weiner

In appreciation
From Steven & Lynn Jacobson
Daniel Jaret

In memory of...
Allan Silverman
From Sue & Abe Mizrahi and Debby & Glenn Tamir
Rachelle & Martin Kaufman
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Thursday, 11/17 at 7:00pm

with guest speaker Susan Hodara, arts journalist & author who will educate us on the wealth of regional art museums & galleries & the exciting exhibitions currently on view with a special inside look on installing an exhibition. She has written more than 350 articles for publications like The New York Times, Communication Arts, Harvard Magazine & others.

Let's come together to learn about the “gems” in our backyard!

Bring your mother, sister/s & friends... all are welcome! Help us kick off a great year of Sisterhood! RSVP today to reserve your seat(s). See you soon!

Raelin Kantor & Ileen Greenberg
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

A freelance journalist who contributes regularly to the New York Times, and whose work has appeared in salon.com, Parents, a Showtime website and numerous other publications. She serves as consulting editor for Family Connections, which publishes four New York area monthly parenting newspapers.

As Editor-In-Chief of Manhattan based Big Apple Parent, she received a Best Editorial award from Parenting Publications of America for her monthly column.

Hodara also teaches memoir writing at the Northern Westchester Center for the Arts, and is currently working on a collection of short memoirs. As Susan says, "I write about what I know, yet it is through writing that I learn to truly understand my subjects." She is co-author of "Still Here Thinking of You: A Second Chance With Our Mothers (Big Table Publishing 2013)" a collaborative memoir about mothers & daughters.

Susan also teaches memoir writing workshops. She lives with her husband and two teenage daughters in Westchester County, New York.
From The Review of November 1952
JILL CASLIN, ARCHIVIST

It is common knowledge that the American Thanksgiving Day was modeled after the biblical Succoth festival, when Jews thanked the Lord for the harvests they had completed reaping. Not alone on the festivals, but throughout the year, Israel is called on to express its gratitude to the Lord for all the bounties of life.

The Psalm for the Sabbath Day (xcii) regularly used in the synagogue ritual begins, “It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to give praises unto Thy name, O most High.” Elsewhere we read such verses as “I will give Thee thanks among the people, O Lord, and I will sing praises unto Thee among the nations.” The Bible is dotted with similar phrases. Unfailing gratitude is called for from the people of the Lord.

No matter what the circumstances in our United States, in peace or war, prosperity or panic, the annual Day of Thanksgiving has been proclaimed by presidents and governors. There are no interludes in the expression of thanks for our present destiny. Yet at no time in the history of the Republic have its citizens found themselves in conditions of distress such as have marked practically the entire story of Israel. Jews have praised the Lord, knowing that the persecutor would soon brandish the sword over their heads. “Though He slay me, I shall bless His name” has been their slogan.

Judaism has always declared that the greatest of battles is within one’s own heart and soul, and that when the inner struggle against evil is won, there is no danger of conflict between man and man. To many, such martyr devotion seems unreasonable. Their idea would be if you receive a favor from God, thank Him; if a disfavor, you have the right to be inwardly resentful, even if you do not break into open rebellion. This is somewhat like the display card found in some retail establishments: “If we please you, tell others - if not, tell us.” Loud praise when there is something to praise; silence when there is not.

But the ability to be thankful under all conditions is more than a brave gesture on the part of the defeated. It is not an emotional lack of logic. It is a type of stoicism, which like its Greek counterpart, will not die out, because it is marked by the ideal of divinity. The Jew has never bent his head in weary resignation to the bludgeonings of chance. He has looked upward and thanked God for everything he possessed, though that might be but little. And the Jew’s head, even in the pogrom lands, is still unbowed.

We are happy that this Jewish spirit of Thanksgiving had its share in creating the never failing Thanksgiving Day of the American people.

The Hendel Library and Rhythm & Ruach invite you to meet author Joseph Skibell.

He will discuss his book: Six Memos from the Last Millennium: A Novelist Reads from the Talmud following services on Friday November 11th.

Books will be sold using a Shabbat approved process and will cost $18 per book instead of the $24.95 retail price.

Contact: Arlene Ratzabi for more info and to RSVP at librarian@wjcenter.org.
Synagogue Family
Mazel Tov & Best Wishes to Kostya Kennedy on the publication of his new book, Lasting Impact: One Team, One Season. What Happens When Our Sons Play Football.

Social Action/Social Justice Committee
“Read-Talk-Act” Interfaith Book Group
November 21, 2016 at 7:30pm

The newly named “Read-Talk-Act” Book Group will meet at All Souls Presbyterian Church 55 Parkway Drive, Port Chester, NY Book title to be announced. Look for more information in the WJC weekly newsletter email. Contact: Sharon Silver, sraplata@msn.com; or Ruth Obernbreit Glass, ruthie6851@gmail.com.

Remember:
Commemorate your joyous occasions by inscribing a leaf on the WJC Sisterhood Tree of Life. Call Susan Levy at 834-2456

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A vibrant, meaningful, musical Shabbat service...

Formerly known as the Contemporary Service, our newly-named Simple & Soulful will let your spirit soar as we journey through an abbreviated Shabbat morning service. This 90 minute service includes group prayer and singing accompanied by instruments, silence for personal reflection and an interactive exploration and interpretation of the week’s Torah portion. Frequent comments and questions encourage us to reflect on ourselves and find personal meaning in age-old prayers. We especially welcome those with children in the 3rd grade and older to attend as a family. Join the rest of the WJC community for a concluding activity together, Kiddush and time to schmooze.

November 19th, 2016
December 17th, 2016*
January 7th, 2017*
January 28th, 2017++
April 8th, 2017
May 20th, 2017+
June 10th, 2017

*with Youth Shabbat Learning Program
+with Teen Community

WELCOME TO WJC’S ISRAELI MOVIE NIGHT
“The Debt”
This 2007 thriller stars Gila Almagor as a former Mossad agent who must decide whether or not to return to her former career in order to silence someone who threatens to reveal a long-held secret.

The film is 92 minutes long, is in German and Hebrew with English subtitles, and is unrated.
Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016 at 7:45 pm In the Activity Center
Free to All – Invite Your Friends!
We will be serving coffee, tea and refreshments, including popcorn! ($5 donation to cover cost of refreshments is welcome and appreciated)
Please RSVP to Linda Alpert Karell at: lalpertesq@gmail.com
Co-Sponsored by: The WJC Israel Committee and WJC Holocaust Learning Center

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