Progressive Dinner Returns  
**Saturday Evening, December 9 • 6:00pm**

CINDY AND RANDY HELLER

We have enjoyed many wonderful programs at WJC over the years. It is funny, though, how we remember one program with special fondness—The Progressive Dinner. It has probably been 20 years or so since it last happened, but while the details have blurred, the event itself left an indelible impression—so much so that we decided to bring it back for others to enjoy.

Here’s how it works: Everyone meets for appetizers at one couple’s extraordinary home on a Saturday night. After about an hour of schmoozing as a large group, we pick names out of a hat and couples head out, randomly grouped, to someone else’s house for dinner in a more intimate setting of 8-12 people. We already have plenty of hosts eager to serve dinner and welcome hearty conversation. After dinner, everyone heads to WJC for dessert, music and more schmoozing.

What sticks in our memory is the great time we had meeting new couples--some of whom are close friends to this day--and getting to speak at greater length with others we'd only exchanged small talk within the halls of WJC. It was so much fun and built such a wonderful sense of community.

We couldn't wait to chair another one, and Sisterhood eagerly agreed to sponsor it.

So please join us on Saturday night, December 9 for a night you'll never forget. (People have such a good time, the challenge is to get them to leave the homes and come back to WJC for the dessert!) The cost is $54 per person, but that includes appetizers, a complete dinner, dessert and music. RSVP to us at rjh613@aol.com. And look forward to making new friends and strengthening our community.

**December 2017 Highlights**

1. Kabbalat Shabbat Service – 4:15pm  
   Community Shabbat Dinner – 6:30pm  
   Rhythm & Ruach – 7:30pm  
   Guest Speaker Andrew Blauner – 8:30pm
2. Brotherhood Brunch & Speaker – 9am  
   Intro to Judaism – 10am  
   Renewal Service – 7pm
3. Israeli Dancing – 7:30pm
4. Thank God It’s Torah – 9:45am  
   Library Writing Workshop – 7:30pm
5. Simple and Soulful – 10:15am  
   Progressive Dinner – 6pm
6. SuJAC Gift Drive – 9am  
   Intro to Judaism – 10am  
   Project Ezra Luncheon – 12pm  
   Community Hanukkah Celebration – 4pm
7. Israeli Dancing – 7:30pm
8. Thank God It’s Torah – 9:45am  
   Library Writing Workshop – 7:30pm
9. Israeli Movie Night – 7:30pm
10. Pop-Up Rabbi @ Stan’s 9:30am
11. Simple and Soulful – 10:15am
12. Intro to Judaism – 10am
13. Israeli Dancing – 7:30pm
14. Thank God It’s Torah – 9:45am
15. Office Closed
16. Israeli Dancing – 7:30pm

**Youth & Teens Programs**

2. Pastries and Parsha – 10:30am  
   5th and 6th Grade Mincha Shabbat – 4:15pm
3. RS Hanukkah Program – 10am  
   PJ Library Storytime and Sing Along – 10am
5. Hebrew High Week Aleph – 6pm
10. 4th Grade Parent BM Meeting – 10am  
    Kindergarten FP – 10am  
    Community Hanukkah Celebration – 4pm
12. Hebrew High – 6pm
16. Teen Candelight Ball with Larchmont Temple – 8pm
17. Kadima Program - NYC Hanukkah Doughnut Crawl (7th & 8th Grade) – 12pm
19. WJC Teen Hanukkah Night – 6pm
20-28 No RS

**SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE • JAN 26-28, 2018**

Enduring Jewish Values and Their Relevance to Everyday Life with Rabbi Michael Paley

Registration is now open for the Scholar-in-Residence Weekend with Rabbi Michael Paley. People describe Rabbi Paley in glowing terms as a master communicator, unconventional thinker, and cherished teacher. We hope you will join us for a weekend of learning and community.

Learn more about the S-I-R Weekend and Rabbi Michael Paley on Page 8  
Register online at the new WJC website: www.wjcenter.org/scholar
Daily Rededication

RABBI ADIR YOLKUT

Oddly enough, I think about Hanukkah every day. This is not because of some age old resentment that my parents didn’t get me great gifts (although perhaps there is some disappointment at not getting the latest SuperSoaker in 1994). Rather, I think of Hanukkah every day because as part of our morning liturgy, we say Psalm 30, known as the Psalm of rededication–our theme for this month’s Review. The Psalm begins by declaring that this song was specifically written for the rededication of the Temple. It’s the end though that I think can really offer us some meaning in the here and now.

The last stanza of the Psalm thanks God for turning our lament into dancing, switching out our sackcloth and clothing us in joy in order that we can sing praises to God. What’s powerful about this is that it helps us capture the arc of the narrative of rededication. Sometimes we forget when we are renewing something about the process that led us there. It’s understandable. You just want to live in the moment of jubilation of newness and a fresh start. The end of this Psalm teaches us though that one can’t think of rededication fully unless one has fully remembered all that came before it. If something is rededicated, it means for some reason it fell into disrepair. On Hanukkah, it was a remembering of the undermining and sullying of our holiest space until it was reclaimed: The Temple.

What will it be for you in your life? This calendar year is about to turn over from 17 to 18, but that change is so much more than just a number. Don’t just revel in the fact that something is being renewed. Enjoy the moment that much more fully by remembering the difficult steps you took to get there. We are ordered not to use the Hanukkah lights for anything other than their ambient light: No lighting other things, no warming, no melting. Certain ritual objects need to be honored for their inherent, sacred purpose. In the candles’ case, it is to remind us of miracles from days long ago. For our rededication we are honoring ourselves for recognizing that we needed a change. The “turning our lament” that the Psalm mentions is being cognizant of God listening to us in our lowest moments. Even in those times when one is most alone, there is someone or something listening. When we hearken to that voice, we can more fully rededicate ourselves because in that act, we see what we’ve left behind to be girded more fully rededicate ourselves because in that listening. When we hearken to that voice, we can most alone, there is someone or something listening. When we hearken to that voice, we can more fully rededicate ourselves because in that act, we see what we’ve left behind to be girded more fully.

Hag Urim Sameah, Happy Hanukkah!

Rhythm & Ruach

Led by our talented musical ensemble that encourages participation, Rhythm & Ruach is a soulful space and the perfect way to enter into Shabbat.

Friday, Dec. 1 • 7:30pm: Instrumental Service
6:30pm: Optional Dinner
8:30pm: Dessert/Guest Speaker Andrew Blauner, editor of The Good Book: Writers Reflect on Favorite Bible Passages

Renewal Service... Celebrating 10 Years!

Enjoy and experience the power of great music, communal singing and soulful praying as Ellen Kazis-Walker, Seth Schafier and Randy Heller lead us in a music-filled hour.

Sunday, Dec. 3 • 7:00pm

Simple & Soulful

Let your spirit soar as we journey through a focused 90-minute Shabbat morning service, featuring personal reflection, group prayer and singing accompanied by instruments.

Saturday, Dec. 9 & 16 • 10:15-11:45am
Saturday, December 2: Vayishlah – And He Sent
Jacob prepares to return to his homeland and reconcile with his brother, Esau. Along the way, he encounters a divine messenger, who wrestles and injures him, but departs by giving him his new name, Israel. Simeon and Levi get in trouble for the violent vengeance in response to their sister’s abduction and abuse and we say goodbye to our Matriarch Rachel.

Saturday, December 9: Vayeishev – And He Dwelled
Joseph gets his famous multicolored coat and also receives the brunt of his brothers’ jealousy. They plot against him and fake his death in order to sell him into slavery. After getting into some trouble, he’s thrown into jail where he is able to show off his dream interpretation skills. It doesn’t immediately pay off as he’s left, forgotten in jail, by his cell-mate the butler.

Saturday, December 16: Mikeitz – At the End
After Joseph correctly interprets the Pharoah’s dreams, he is awarded high praise and position in the Egyptian government while also building a family. As a famine begins, Joseph’s brothers come down to Egypt to beg for food without realizing they’re talking to their brother. Taking advantage of this, Joseph sets them up with a ruse that will result in their youngest brother remaining in Egypt with Joseph.

Saturday, December 23: Vayetzei – And He Approached
After some tense back and forth, Joseph reveals himself to his brothers. Amidst this tearful reunion, hatchets are buried. Jacob is brought down to Egypt, along with the rest of their people. Joseph wisely guides the country through the difficult famine and everyone is able to settle in Egypt.

Saturday, December 30: Va’yehi – And He Lived
As Jacob nears death, he gives Joseph a special blessing whereby his children, Ephraim and Manashe are elevated to tribe status. Jacob goes on to bless all his children, not everyone getting such a great send off. A huge funeral party transports Jacob up to Hebron where he is buried in the Patriarchs’ cave. Later in the portion, Joseph also dies, leading us to the end of the book of Genesis.

Rabbi Adir’s Monthly Quiz
Send answers to: review@wjcenter.org

What was the name of Jacob’s lone daughter and by whom was she kidnapped?

How is the future Kingdom of David hinted to with a story connected to Judah?

Shout out to last months’s winners:
Laura Grill, Max Fink and Micah Taffet

Lentil was the soup that Esav traded for his birthright.
Keturah was the name of Abraham’s second wife.

Shabbat & Holiday Service
Check weekly emails as programs and times are subject to change

Friday, December 1
Kabbalat Shabbat Shabbat 4:15pm
Community Shabbat Dinner 6:30pm
Rhythm & Ruach 7:30pm

Saturday, December 2
Torah Study 8:45am
Shabbat Services 9:30am
5th & 6th Grade Mincha Ma’ariv 4:15pm
Mincha Ma’ariv 4:15pm

Sunday, December 3
Renewal Service 7:00pm

Friday, December 8
Kabbalat Shabbat 4:15pm

Saturday, December 9
Torah Study 8:45am
Shabbat Services 9:30am
Simple & Soulful 10:15am
Mincha Ma’ariv 4:15pm

Friday, December 15
Kabbalat Shabbat 4:15pm

Saturday, December 16
Torah Study 8:45am
Shabbat Services 9:30am
Simple & Soulful 10:15am
Mincha Ma’ariv 4:15pm

Friday, December 22
Kabbalat Shabbat 4:30pm

Saturday, December 23
Shabbat Services 9:30am
Mincha Ma’ariv 4:30pm

Friday, December 29
Kabbalat Shabbat 4:30pm

Saturday, December 30
Shabbat Services 9:30am
Mincha Ma’ariv 4:30pm

Torah For Tots (ECC – K) and Youth Service (Grades 1 - 6) begin at 10:45am

Daily Minyan – 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

Lentil was the soup that Esav traded for his birthright.
Keturah was the name of Abraham’s second wife.
Synagogue Family
Mazel Tov & Best Wishes to Eileen & Peter Lehrer, on the wedding of their daughter Debora to Bryan Laulicht... Mazel Tov to Jennifer and Jeff Lavine on the engagement of their daughter Melissa to Joshua Banafsheha.

Condolences
Our deepest sympathy is extended to Miriam Turkel & Family on the loss of her brother, Steven Carol.

In Memoriam
The Westchester Jewish Center mourns the untimely passing of our friend and member Elise Luskin. She will always be remembered for her keen mind, her warm heart, her cozy elegance and her loyal friendship. Our condolences are extended to her husband Marty, her children Amanda and Jeremy, and to the entire family. May her soul be a blessing.

ISRAELI DANCE CLASSES
DECEMBER 4, 11, 18 & 28
WJC Activity Center or Gym
Beginners: 7:30pm - 8:45pm
Intermediate/Advanced: 8:45pm -10pm
$10 WJC members • $13 non-members
TEENS (13-18) are FREE!
For more info. and to confirm sessions, contact: Linda Alpert Karell, lalpertesq@gmail.com

For Sisterhood information, contact: Carol Fasman cgfasman@gmail.com or Ileen Greenberg Ileen@optonline.net

Sisterhood Gift Shop
Beautiful items are available as gifts or to enhance your table. Special Hanukkah Shopping Day: Sunday, December 10, 4-6pm
We are always looking for additional gift shop volunteers.
For all of your shopping needs or to volunteer, contact: Carol Fasman at cgfasman@gmail.com, 914-450-6661.
Guess Who’s Coming to Shabbas Dinner? – Update

ANDREA LIGHTMAN & JENNIFER WINTERS

We are proud to report approximately 25 families participated in the Guess Who’s Coming To Shabbas dinner community program in October! New friendships were made, old connections were rekindled and generations were united (pets, too!). WJC is one of over 60 synagogues around the country to establish this “dine-around” model where people open their homes to one to three families for a Shabbat meal. If you would like to host or if you were a guest in someone’s home and would like to host in the future (check your program guide for more dates), please email Andrea Lightman at alightman@optonline.net or Jennifer Winters at jwbonbini@aol.com. Tov ma’od WJC!

JOY CLUB

A JOYous Beginning!

JUDY AND HOWARD ZWEIG

It’s been a great beginning for our new JOY Club (Just Older Youth - 70+). A large crowd turned out for our second event, a talk by Prof. Alfred Hunt: “American Politics - The Times They are A-Changin’.” A contemporary topic engendered a lively follow-up discussion. We drew 60 people for the talk and more than 40 for the buffet supper that followed.

On this high note, we are ending our 2017 season. JOY Club events will be temporarily suspended for the winter months. We are doing this because (1) many of our members leave town for the winter months and (2) because of the difficulties in programming due to the vagaries of winter weather. But the Steering Committee will use this time to focus on developing new and compelling events and activities to begin June 2018 when we will be back at our full strength.

We wish you all a JOYous Hanukkah and a JOYful and healthy New Year.

See you in June!

PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Rededication and Our Community

JEFFREY LAVINE

Kislev brings with it Hanukkah and memories of the Maccabees’ victory and rededication of the Temple. In modern times, continual reflection and rededication remain an important theme in Jewish life. There are many ways to rededicate yourself as a Jew today. The key to much of that personal rededication can start with what our community has to offer.

WJC fosters many avenues for connections across the spectrum of interests. For some, it is spiritual; for others it is more communal. Traditional Kabbalat Shabbat and Rhythm and Ruach are ways to tap into spirituality. On Shabbat morning, we always have our main traditional service, but also routinely offer Simple and Soulful, an abbreviated service with a contemporary twist. And of course, parents can start the journey at Torah for Tots, which remains as wonderful as ever. For those who want a more personal one-on-one with our clergy or to learn from them, Rabbi Yolkut reaches out on the local scene with Pop-up Rabbi at Stani’s Cafe. He also teaches an introduction to Judaism class to help make some of us more comfortable in services and with Jewish practice. And Rabbi Segelman’s shiur or Shabbat Morning Torah Class nurtures our understanding and knowledge. These are just a few examples.

My President’s State of the Synagogue Message is now posted online. I invite you to see the many vibrant activities I discuss. We have so many communal dinners, programs and celebrations it is impossible to mention them all. But we don’t rest on our laurels. We try new things as well, such as the JOY (Just Older Youth) club dinner this past month for our over 70 years young congregants. With this new and fast growing group, we are filling a need and bringing back members to our community. In October, we hosted the longtime members’ dinner (36 plus years). Rhythm and Ruach and Kabbalat Shabbat Services remain a favorite staple, but we have had some services followed by congregational dinners and a Koslowe Gallery exhibit tour. The goal is to cut across different generations and interests at WJC. We have our annual Gala where we come together to celebrate our friends and our synagogue. And the new “Guess Who’s Coming to Shabbat” Dinner Program began with a roaring success. Our goal is to eventually invite the entire congregation for a Shabbat meal in someone’s home, in a private comfortable setting. Right after we go to print, we will have the rebirth of the WJC Progressive Dinner with over 100 participants, co-sponsored by Cindy and Randy Heller and the Sisterhood.

The common thread of all of our programs is to help you find connections to Jewish life through WJC. Participation can, but doesn’t have to, bring you to a new level of spirituality. Often it serves as a stepping-stone to greater involvement, self-reflection and rededication to oneself and one’s commitment to building our Jewish community. I hope to see many of you at the Hanukkah Community Celebration on December 10.
The Review in Review

November or the Bittersweet month of Chesvan, brought tears and cheers as WJC members hosted their first “Guess Who’s Coming to Shabbas Dinner” from Mamaroneck to Israel; the JOY Club heard of the political winds blowing across our land and members heard about the Jewish immigrant experience; generous WJC members from tots to adults helped bring relief and comfort to victims of the Mexican earthquake and Hurricanes Irma and Maria; We remembered the pain of other Jews on Kristallnacht and lit the darkness with song and prayers during Family Shabbat. Here’s a few photo memories to warm your heart and bring a smile to your face.

OCTOBER 27 - Guess Who’s Coming To Shabbas Dinner Goes to Israel
The Winters and Kutnos gather in Israel on the same night WJC families back in NY were dining together.

NOVEMBER 5 - Mitzvah Day
WJC members flocked to the synagogue to do their part in helping our community locally and across the continent with donations of clothing to help keep our needy neighbors warm; emergency supplies for victims of Hurricanes Irma and Maria and the earthquake in Mexico; as well as essential personal hygiene and other items like diapers for our youngest community members.

NOVEMBER 12 - JOY Club Welcomes Professor Alfred Hunt as he speaks about ‘American Politics - The Times They Are A-Changin’

Early Childhood Center
Beyond the basics of encouraging children to perform essential daily tasks on their own, such as zipping their own jackets, the Reggio-inspired ECC fosters higher level skills. These photos capture some of our students as they learn to use real tools such as a hammer and screwdriver to explore their environment. They also help prepare their own snacks using basic kitchen equipment and learn how to pour from pitchers.
Moonlight and Hanukkah

ALEZA KULP
EDUCATION DIRECTOR & CONGREGATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Right now at home, Leor and I are studying the phases of the moon as part of a unit at his school. He keeps a moon phase journal and every other night we look outside at the moon and discuss how it looks. He continues to be amazed at how the moon’s shape changes over time. Coincidently, this year when the Hanukkah book came in the mail from PJ Library, our book, POTATOES AT TURTLE ROCK by Susan Schnur and Anna Schnur-Fishman, mentioned the phases of the moon! Annie, her parents, her brother and their goat Ubi live on a farm and have a family tradition of going outside to celebrate and light the Hanukkiyah. This year her family goes outside on the 6th night of Hanukkah. During their walk, Annie asks her family, “Why is it so dark outside?” Her father mentions that every year Hanukkah falls during the darkest times. The days are short and nights are long during this time of the year. Annie tells her family that on the sixth night of Hanukkah, there is never a moon. To my amazement, this book gave Leor another reason to look forward to Hanukkah. As a family, we can’t wait to go outside on the 6th night and try to find the moon!

MMMM....Donuts!

ADAM BENDER
TEEN ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR

If you have not had the opportunity to be in Israel over Hanukkah, I would highly recommend it. Over the course of my year in Israel, there are a few moments that separate themselves from the pack. One of those moments was walking the streets of chilly Jerusalem during the week of Hanukkah. As I roamed the streets, I couldn’t help but notice the glow of Hanukkiyah in every window I passed by. It was one of those unique experiences I felt I could only have in Jerusalem, not anywhere else. It reinforced my sense of Jewish pride, which is a feeling resonated throughout the Hanukkah story. Each year as Hanukkah rolls around, I remember walking through the streets of Jerusalem, as the sights of Hanukkiyah and the smells of jelly donuts filled the air. We continue to be prideful of our Judaism in everything we do, and remember the miracles of Hanukkah. Looking forward to seeing everyone around for the Festival of Lights this year.

CHECK DATES FOR DECEMBER TEEN PROGRAMS ON COVER PAGE

BRING A FRIEND, BRING A DATE – JUST DON’T BRING YOUR KIDS!

WJC PROM
COME FOR THE PARTY AND STAY FOR THE ANNUAL ECC SILENT AUCTION!
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 • 8:00PM
$25 A PERSON
PAY VIA VENMO @WJCPRoM (TBC) OR SEND A CHECK PAYABLE TO WJC
PLEASE EMAIL WJCPRoM@GMAIL.COM WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

WJC TEENS PRESENTS:
HANUKKAH CANDLELIGHT BALL!
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 • 8:00-11:00PM
WJC GYM AND ACTIVITY CENTER
$36/TEEN
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LARCHMONT TEMPLE, WE ARE HOSTING A WESTCHESTER-WIDE HANUKKAH CANDLELIGHT BALL AT WJC.
ALL 8-12TH GRADERS ARE INVITED TO DANCE, EAT, CELEBRATE, AND LIGHT THE CANDLES WITH US.
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MYRA GLAJCHEN & KAREN EVERETT
ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

This year’s Scholar-in-Residence Weekend will open with a Friday night discussion about “Jews as Wanderers to Jews as Ambassadors.” The description of Jews as exiled wanderers in biblical times is familiar to all of us, as we follow their struggles across harsh territory in search of a home. This identity will be juxtaposed with the image of Jews as global ambassadors in modern times, forging Jewish connections wherever they go. Rabbi Paley will share his deeply personal insight about the centrality of Jewish life in Eastern Europe.

As is customary during the SIR program, Rabbi Paley will deliver the Saturday morning sermon, entitled “One God or Less.” Rabbi Paley will present a broad viewpoint that embraces secular Jews and the search for meaning, even if they do not believe in God. Some Jews value the Jewish religion, but may not believe that Judaism answers every question. This is sure to be a provocative and thought-provoking discussion for congregants, regardless of their own religious and spiritual beliefs.

After Kiddush lunch, Rabbi Paley will lead an interactive discussion about Jews as lifelong learners, with an ongoing commitment to the life of the mind. WJC congregants will be encouraged to bring intellectually argumentative questions about well-known texts and commentaries, as we search together for deeper meaning and answers.

During the Saturday evening dessert reception, Rabbi Paley will share his wisdom about the qualities and accomplishments of Jewish leaders. Considered a luminary in Jewish thought, with an impressive record of activism, innovation and accomplishment, Rabbi Paley will draw upon his own experiences to elucidate the characteristics of role models from the past, the type of leadership we should seek in the present and the leaders we should train for the future.

The program will end with Sunday brunch and a frank discussion about uncomfortable Anti-Semitic stereotyping of Jews as materialistic capitalists balanced with the obligation to share wealth through Tzedakah.

Register online: www.wjcenter.org/scholar

The deadline for content submission for January is December 6th – review@wjcenter.org
WJC’s Mitzvahs Bring Gratitude from the Community!
SHARON SILVER, EVE RUSS, SONDRA LEVY
SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION COMMITTEE

A huge thank you to the WJC family for your help and support in providing emergency relief items for those who experienced hardships as a result of recent natural disasters in Puerto Rico and Mexico. Our congregation came through as well for those in the greater Westchester community who are in need, especially at this time of the year. Your generosity is amazing, whether you donated essential items, or gave your time to collect, sort, pack or drive.

We are sharing this letter from one of our community partners, Caritas, PC. It shows how what YOU did impacts the lives of others:

From Pat Hart, Caritas PC, Port Chester
I want to thank you and all the Congregation members for the donations made to Caritas PC as part of your Mitzvah Day 2017. The bags of clothes donated were part of our pantry distribution yesterday. Our clients took every piece. We had over 60 families with us yesterday. The warm fleeces, sweaters and coats will be life savers this weekend when the temperatures are expected to plummet.

At lunch all this week we will be putting out the snack bags. Tuesday was a school holiday in Port Chester, so we had quite a number of children at our lunch. They loved being able to take home a snack for later in the day.

The donations of personal hygiene items were amazing. These items will keep our Refresh Bags for the poor and homeless going for a few months! I’m sure you can understand that these basic items give the recipients the ability to take care of themselves and to present themselves to the world with more confidence and dignity.

And finally, thank you for the pantry items that were donated – the cooking oil, mayo and canned fruit – all “in demand” items by our families. These are most welcome additions to our pantry.

Your generosity is overwhelming. The donations the members made will help each of our programs and they come at exactly the time when we experience a surge in the number of individuals and families that come to us looking for help. A huge thank you to you all.

PLEASE pass on our gratitude to the congregation for all they have done for us.
#TBT

From The Review of December 1998

JILL CASLIN
ARCHIVIST

Hatchalat K’tiva – WJC Inscribes a Sefer Torah

On Sunday, November 1, 1998, WJC began a year-long communal mitzvah to write a Sefer Torah. Over 500 people crowded the sanctuary to watch as Rabbi Zvi Chaim Pincus inscribed the first two words of the Book of Genesis: Bereshit Bara - “In the Beginning.”

This gathering, called Hatchalat K’tiva, was also a tribute to our congregation, its past and its future. As each letter was inscribed, honorary trustees who have given their time and resources to ensure the success of our community were honored.

Our new Sefer Torah will celebrate our 75th year as a congregation and the 80th anniversary of the first minyan that soon became this congregation. It also will replace a small Sefer Torah that is no longer kosher. Explaining the importance of a small Torah that everyone can carry, Rabbi Segelman said that the old and new Torahs best characterize who we are because they are accessible and inclusive. He called our new Torah a “fitting tribute to the congregation.”

The morning was introduced by Susan Lewen and Meira Fleisch, co-chairs of WJC’s Matan Torah project, and Randy Heller, President of WJC.
Assistant Rabbi’s Fund
In honor of...
Ari Shokrian’s Bar Mitzvah
in appreciation of Rabbi Yolkuṭ
From Melissa & Donald Shokrian
the engagement of Rabbi Adir Yolkuṭ & Lauren Binder
From Mike Meadow

In appreciation
From Gail & Richard Cutler

In memory of...
Seymour Weissman
From Betty Weissman

Cantor’s Fund
In honor of...
Ari Shokrian’s Bar Mitzvah
in appreciation of Cantor Goldberg
From Melissa & Donald Shokrian
Gideon Rosenbaum’s Bar Mitzvah
From Ruth & Robert Glass
Max Fink’s Bar Mitzvah
From Ruth & Robert Glass
the engagement of Andy Scopp to Bess Nagler
From Ruth & Robert Glass

In memory of...
Luiz Sa’
From Marisa & Daniel de Sa’

Comfy Spaces Fund
In memory of...
Steven Carol
From Sarene Shanus & Harold Treiber

Kiddush Fund
In honor of...
Eliza Schafler & Adar Eisenbruch’s wedding
From Janie & Adam Frieman
Amy & Mark Holtzer
Anna Schafler & Matt Riemer’s engagement
From Janie & Adam Frieman
Lauren Garfield & Matthew Bloch’s engagement
From Janie & Adam Frieman

In memory of...
David Alexander Alliker
From Janie & Adam Frieman
Aaron Meadow
From Janie & Adam Frieman
Janet Dobkins
From Janie & Adam Frieman
Joel Thaler
From Janie & Adam Frieman
Shirley Goodheart
From Ritchie, Lisa & Margot Zeitoun

Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund
In honor of...
Ari Shokrian’s Bar Mitzvah
in appreciation of Rabbi Segelman
From Melissa & Donald Shokrian
Debora Lehrer & Bryan Laulicht’s Auf Ruf
From Eileen & Peter Lehrer
Rabbi Segelman’s thoughtfulness at the High Holidays
From Kenneth Wachtell

In appreciation
From Gail & Richard Cutler

In memory of...
Adelyn Segelman
From Janie & Adam Frieman
Myron Segelman
From Janie & Adam Frieman
Aaron Einzig
From Eileen Einzig
Irene Rubin Levy
From Laurie & Stephen Girsky
Jackie & Sol Israel
Eric Weintrab
From Susan Brecher & Michael Weintrab
Rebecca Weintrab & Jeremy Edelman
Seldon Jacobson
From Craig Jacobson
Luiz Sa’
From Daniel & Marissa de Sa’
Theodore Korotkin
From Marcia & Michael Korotkin

Musical Enrichment Fund
In memory of...
Steven Carol
From Lisa, Ritchie & Margot Zeitoun

Memorial Fund
In memory of...
Beverly Krasner
From Ileen & Russell Greenberg
Irene Rubin Levy
From Ileen & Russell Greenberg
Beverly Bielsky
From Ileen & Russell Greenberg
Barbara & Barry Novick
Lorraine Schonfeld
From Ileen & Russell Greenberg
Janet Dobkins
From Mark & Amy Holtzer
William Weitz
From Fred Weitz
David Hecker
From Marlene Perlstein
Jack Perlstein
From Morton Perlstein
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Sisterhood Tree of Life
Commemorate your joyous occasions by inscribing a leaf on the WJC Sisterhood Tree of Life.
Contact Susan Levy, 914-834-2456
ISRAELI MOVIE NIGHT

Hill Start (Zinuk B’Aliyah)

This comedy/drama about a mother’s illness and its effect on the family stars Shlomo Bar Abba (from Footnote) and involves yoga, driving lessons, the Jerusalem marathon and ethnic stereotypes.

The 2014 film is 90 minutes long, in Hebrew and English with English subtitles, and is unrated.

Wednesday, December 13, 7:45pm
In the Activity Center

Free to All – Invite Your Friends!

$5 donation to cover cost of refreshments is welcome and appreciated

Please RSVP to Linda Alpert Karell at: lalpertesq@gmail.com

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WJC COMMUNITY WIDE EVENT
HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

for little ones, grown ups and everyone in between

December 10 • 4:00-6:00pm

Featuring UNIQUE Game Entertainment for families with children in K - 12th grade, Movement and Song with Tkiya for our little ones, Dreidel Spinning, PJ Library Story Time, Candle Making, Edible Dreidels and Holiday Gift Drive.

JOIN US FOR OUR HANUKKAH SING ALONG
AT 5:15 PM IN THE WJC LOBBY

Festive Hanukkah Dinner!
$5 per person, $20 maximum for families

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