Meet the Gerszbergs!

When the Gerszbergs moved from NYC to Larchmont in 1996, they were seeking to replicate the warmth of the neighborhood synagogue they’d found in Manhattan. As luck would have it, they found it at the WJC. For over two decades, Caren, Rich and their three children, Nicole (24), Emily (22), and Simon (17) have reaped the wonderful benefits of being part of the WJC community.

After an inspiring, eye-opening WJC mission to Cuba in 2007, Caren’s involvement at the synagogue grew and she became Sisterhood co-president with her close friend Abby Tolchinsky. Since then, she’s spent time on the B’nei Mitzvah and Holocaust Learning Center Committees, and has shared her thoughts and insights with the WJC community on several occasions in the High Holidays Study Service and in a Renewal Service Kavanah. Rich, an active member of the Brotherhood, also served as a member of the Study Service Planning Committee. Their children have clocked many educational hours in the building, from preschool through Hebrew High, classroom aide jobs and the ELI program.

Rich is the president of Jonard Tools, an international manufacturer of specialized hand tools for the telecommunications industry. Born and raised in Lakewood, NJ, Rich’s connection to Judaism was greatly influenced by his large extended family and his parents, who are both survivors of the Shoah. Rich attended Lakewood Hebrew Day School, continued his learning at Yeshiva University High School (MTA), and graduated from Columbia University’s School of Engineering with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering, where he now serves as a mentor to students. In addition to time with his family, one of Rich’s greatest joys has been coaching his kids’ sports teams for the past 20 years. Rich also serves as treasurer on the board of the Stockbridge Bowl Association.

A writer and positive psychology life coach, Caren earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and two master’s degrees in Journalism and French from NYU, where she later taught magazine writing as an adjunct professor in the Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute. In addition to coaching private clients and leading workshops, Caren writes articles about health, wellbeing, travel and education for publications such as The New York Times and Psychology Today. She is also a contributor to and co-editor of an anthology of essays called Drinking Diaries: Women Serve Their Stories Straight Up.

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Passover:
Moving Forward While Looking Backward

RABI ADIR YOLKUT

Passover, which this year actually begins in March, is the pivot point of the Jewish calendar season. It's the holiday where we straddle the very line that allows us to look behind, take what is necessary and then move forward into what is to come. We sit at our Seder tables at the beginning of the holiday remembering nostalgically with our families of times gone by, laughing and crying with all the memories. Then, at the end of the holiday, we say hello and goodbye in the world of memories to our relatives who are no longer with us in this world. We are surrounded by our stirring memories.

Sometimes, existing in that space is difficult. It's hard to look back and want to move forward. That very same conundrum faced the Israelites as they stood on the precipice of the sea, after God had vanquished the Egyptians. As Moses leads the people away from the sea onward in their journey to Mt. Sinai, the text implies that the people left the sea reluctantly. Why were they so attached to this place? The Midrash tells us that the Egyptian soldiers decorated their horses and chariots with gold, silver and precious jewels. The Israelites would gather on the shore of the sea every morning to see the sea yielding up more of the riches that had sunk to the bottom.

This is the way many of us feel. It does not matter if it is a moment of happiness or sadness. We always want to stay where we are and hold on to the feelings of the moment. They provide warmth and meaning for us. Yet, move forward we must. To do so, we must strike a balance. We honor our past and those memories because that's what got us here. This is why in the Temple service, the Priests would keep the ashes from the day before right next to the altar, as a symbol of their appreciation of being a link in the chain. However, the next day, they would remove the ashes to a pure place before continuing the new service.

It is a delicate dance. It's one that was hard in the Temple. It's one that was hard in the desert. Not surprisingly, it's one that's hard in 2018, especially at a shul. Here at WJC, we are honoring that process. Whether it's updating the alternative services while maintaining our sanctuary service or engaging with those on the periphery while tightening our relationships to our long-time members, Passover is a microcosm of the work that must be done year round. Let the memories stir us to continue moving forward.

Hag Kasher V’sameah—Have a joy filled Passover.

Let Your Spirit Soar

Journey through a focused 90-minute Shabbat morning service. Group prayer and singing is accompanied by instruments, silence for personal reflection and an interactive exploration and interpretation of the week’s Torah portion.

SATURDAY APRIL 14 • 10:15AM

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Saturday, April 7: Passover 8th Day
As we mark the end of the holiday, we again recount the various holy times set forward in the Torah for all the holidays. In the reading, we get detailed accounts of how to observe them and what offerings were brought in the Temple.

Saturday, April 14: Parshat Shemini – The 8th Day
At the end of their inauguration service, Aaron and sons begins their Priestly service joined by God’s presence in the Tabernacle. Aaron’s sons lose their lives in their service as they offer foreign fire before God. Also detailed in this portion are the varied laws of kashrut, as well as of ritual purity meant as a means of distinguishing Jewish people from other nations of the world.

Saturday, April 15: Rosh Chodesh
Bat Mitzvah of Talya Appelbaum
I am a 7th grader at Solomon Schechter Middle School where my favorite subject is social studies. Every summer I go to Cedar Lake camp. I love to play sports including tennis and swimming. I have been swimming competitively and playing tennis since I was 6. I love to spend time with my friends and family and I am looking forward to spending even more time with them during this simcha. I am very thankful to Rabbi Segelman and Cantor Goldberg for helping me prepare for this special day. I would also like to thank my parents and my siblings for all the love and support throughout the years.

Saturday, April 21: Tazria/Metzora – A Woman Giving Birth/ Tza’raat – Skin Affliction
A double portion that tackles various aspects of ritual impurity. First, we learn all the machinations of what happens to a mother after a child is born and the commandment for ritual circumcision. Following this is a lengthy discussion about the various ways the plague of tzaraat can afflict a person and their home.

Bar Mitzvah of Adam Kern
I am in seventh grade at Rye Country Day School. My favorite subjects are math and science. I play lacrosse and run cross country. In the summertime, I go to Eisner Camp in Great Barrington, MA. I have been going to WJC since I was in kindergarten and can’t wait to celebrate my bar mitzvah. I would like to thank Taly Ron, Rabbi Yolkut and Cantor Alcott for helping me prepare for my bar mitzvah. Thank you to my younger brothers, David and Evan, for encouraging me. I would like to thank my parents for their love and support.

Saturday, April 28: Ahareit Mot/Kedoshim – After death/ Holy One
After the deaths of Aaron’s sons, serious proscriptions are given about how only the High Priest should be the one to enter the holy of holies. Much of the minuta of Yom Kippur is also detailed. In the second portion, we learn of the serious commandment to be holy for God is holy through a myriad of commandments: equality in law, charity, idolatry, respectful sexual relationships and more.
Synagogue Family
Mazel Tov & Best Wishes to Seth Schafler & Robin Nichinsky & Family on the wedding of their daughter, Anna to Matthew Riemer...Maria & Norman Edelson on the birth of a granddaughter, Claire Sophia to Ariel & Danny Catalano...Cindy & Ben Golub on the engagement of their son Phillip to Mojgan Rastegar...Carmel Academy honored 20 Years of Leadership including our members Victor Badner, Liz Ehrlich, Phil Feuer z"l, Dan Rosenbaum, Abe & Sue Mizrahi, Stu Seltzer, Mark & Meri Sirkin...UJA-Federation Westchester honored Longtime Leaders Sarene Shanus & Harold Treiber.

Condolences
Our deepest sympathy is extended to Ellen Dunkin & Family on the loss of her mother, Lenore Dunkin...Russell Greenberg & Family on the loss of his father, Wallace Greenberg...Fern Tannenbaum & Family on the loss of her mother, Shirley Lichten...Raelin Kantor & Family on the loss of her mother, Beatrice B. Fox.

Welcome New Members
Melinda & Stewart Goldman
Eli 12 and Samuel 8
740 Soundview Drive
Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Please join us as Sisterhood members come together to lead this spiritual morning
Saturday Morning, April 28
All WJC members invited to participate
If interested, please contact:
Carol Fasman cgfasman@gmail.com
Ileen Greenberg ileen@optonline.net
Also a daughter of survivors, Caren engages in a variety of volunteer work—sharing her mother’s childhood Holocaust story in classrooms through Facing History & Ourselves, advocating as a lay leader for UJA Larchmont-Mamaroneck, and teaching mindfulness and life skills to teenage girls from underserved communities at Camp BroaderWay.

While the Gerszbergs’ three children are now grown, the family often convenes at home in Larchmont for Shabbat dinners. Nicole lives on New York City’s Lower East Side and works for WeWork on the performance marketing team; Emily is a senior at the University of Pennsylvania, studying consumer behavior and psychology; and this fall, Simon will be heading off to study at Colgate University.

For Caren and Rich, sharing this honor with Abby and Gaby will make the Spring Gala even more memorable. Together, they have enjoyed years of deep friendship, celebrating mitzvahs, spending many Shabbat dinners and travels, and sharing common elements of their families’ history. The Gerszbergs are so grateful to all families’ history. The Gerszbergs are so grateful to all those in the community who are able to attend this year’s gala, and especially to those who are giving their time to those in the community who are able to attend this year’s gala, and especially to those who are giving their time to the preparation, celebration unique to each one. We remember who loved which holiday, which tradition, which prayers the most. Passover is around the corner as I write this column. If ever there was a Jewish holiday to stir memories, with all of the preparation, celebration, unique foods and family get togethers. Passover has got to be it.

Synagogues can be “simcha machines” and WJC is no exception. Brisses, Baby Namings, B’nai Mitzvot and Aufrufs are but a few examples. But they aren’t the only simchas that stir memories. For some, it can be the Early Childhood Center, Religious School or Hebrew High graduation. For others, it can be the teen trips for Tikkun Olam or other projects. These all stir memories.

Some memories can be bittersweet or even painful. While holidays and happy life cycle events can be a source of fond memories, they can also remind us of those family members who are no longer here to share them with us. Many of us remember that at the time of our grief, our synagogue family was there for us to help us through those difficult moments. As a community, Yom HaShoah commemorations remind us of part of our painful past. It is comforting to remember together. Being part of the WJC community can bring with it years of memories.

I don’t generally consider the weather “column worthy,” but it was last month. Weather events created hardship for many of our families. We opened our doors to families without power, food and internet. Thank you to our staff and all those involved in helping our families in need.

We had our spectacular Purim Carnival (another stirring family memory). The Carnival was simply packed, the busiest I have ever seen it. Thank you to Aleza Kulp and the Parents Association Chairs, Laura Grill and Mia Mandel. And thank you to all the parents and teens who helped run the booths, food and prizes. To say Randy Heller and company outdid themselves with this year’s Purimshpiel would be an understatement. Bravo and thank you for such creativity, bringing our community together and giving us so many laughs.

On April 8, our Holocaust Learning Center (HLC) is assembling a memorable program with guest speaker, Noah Lederman, presenting his book: A World Erased: A Grandson’s Search for His Family’s Holocaust Secrets. Noah will speak about his family stories gleaned from his grandparents’ painful, and long suppressed memories of the Holocaust in Poland. Thank you to HLC’s chair Dan Berkowitz and our librarian Arlene Ratzabi for putting together this program.

Also this month, we will feature a special evening on Tuesday, April 24 with Holocaust survivor Peter Somogyi. Peter was born in Hungary and was sent to Auschwitz with his family. There he and his twin brother were selected by Mengele for his barbaric cruel research and experimentation on twins. Peter will be speaking about his experiences during the Holocaust and how he rebuilt his life thereafter.

Also don’t forget to tune in to the second and third programs in our series on Jewish Pop Culture: Exploring Judaism Through TV & Film on April 11 & April 18th. Check out the calendar for the details and join us for these fascinating guest speakers.
March roared into WJC with a rousing Purim Carnival and the Shpiel's Little Shop of Challahs and ended in style with the first Passover Seder. In between WJC Youth Basketball's 7th & 8th Graders celebrated a winning season and the Israel Committee presented “Between Tel Aviv & Jerusalem,” a special program with commentator, Marc Schulman. Relive some of the memories as captured in photographs below.

**MARCH 4 - Purim Party**
The annual Purim Carnival was packed with loads of fun and funny memorable costumes as parents, led by PA Chairs Laura Grill and Mia Mandel, and teens ran the booths, games and served up food and prizes.

**March 11 - Purimshpiel**
A Little Shop of Challahs directed by the ubiquitous and super talented Randy Heller served up many memorable & hysterical one-liners.

**March 15 - Israel Committee: “Between Tel Aviv & Jerusalem”**
Noted guest speaker Marc Schulman (pictured above with Rabbi Segelman) spoke on the subject of tensions between the two cities.

**WJC Youth Basketball - We Are Champions!**
In a big winning season, nearly all of our teams (Grades 5-12) made the play-offs. The Grade 7-8 team pictured on left, coached by Peter Jacob Ferraro and Jesse Harwin, won the championship in their division! And the Grade 5-6 team pictured on right, coached by Matt Segal and Eli Gottsegen, came in second in a very close game. (Our teams are all mixed WJC and LT players.) We will miss our graduating coaches Simon Gerszberg and Greg Corbin, who are also playing for the championship on their Grade 12 team!
Meet Project Ezra’s Jack Zabusky, 103 Years Young!

JAYNE SKOFF
CO-DIRECTOR PROJECT EZRA
SHARON SILVER
SaJAC CHAIR

Jack Zabusky is probably Project Ezra's oldest client. He recently celebrated his 103rd birthday. He was born in Crosch, Poland in 1914. Jack’s father was a tailor. When Jack was fourteen the family left Poland and immigrated to the United States, where they came “right away to 22 Ludlow Street.”

Jack first worked in a hardware store on Hester Street, and later on he took over the business. Everyone on the Lower East Side came to his store for pots, pans and all household items, and the whole neighborhood knew Jack.

Jack was a very devoted husband, and he and his wife were inseparable, until she died a few years ago. Facing loneliness and growing more frail, Jack now comes, with his home attendant, to Ezra, where he and his former customers reunite. He sings Aleinu every Monday morning to the group of elders who gather to discuss current issues. He participates in Ezra’s trips, including to Westchester Jewish Center, where, a few months ago, he led Ezraites and WJC volunteers in the blessings over the Hannukah candles.

For many years the WJC community has opened its heart to the elders of Project Ezra. We celebrate Jewish peoplehood with them at our annual luncheon. We give generously so that they can continue to observe Passover as they have done all their lives. Our entire shul community makes these events successful and we thank everyone who helps – WJC donors, volunteers, Nursery and Religious school students and directors, WJC Youth, our clergy and leadership, Brotherhood, and our office and custodial staff. We hope your Passover was sweeter for it.

Drop the GPS, Grab the Haggadah?

ADAM BENDER
TEEN ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Pesach, the most wonderful time of the year. Well, kind of. For all the kvetching we do about eating cardboard for a week, there's never a bad time to be thankful for that time we were led out of slavery. I love this time of year especially because it means more time with family. There are a few times of the year when the whole family comes together. However Passover always has a special feel to the air.

On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, everyone is so rushed to eat and race to shul, that we hardly have time to catch up or really speak to one another. Hanukkah, we’re always preoccupied with the gifts and latkes to really understand the meaning of coming together. Passover, though, is a special time. Not only do we sit together at the Seder table to eat, but the adults have an obligation to teach the Exodus to their children. Whether you’re a teen or parent, there are jobs that must be done, and Passover reinforces that. We have much to learn, and teens, you can teach your parents a thing or two as well.

This year, think about all that we teach our teens and parents on a regular basis, but also take a walk through the Haggadah a little more seriously, and remember the times we were led out of Egypt, long ago, before we had GPS to do it for us.

Chag Pesach Sameach!

WJC Teen April Events:

Tuesday, April 3
No Hebrew High – Spring Break!

Sunday, April 8
Kadima (7-8th Grade) Pizza Making – 12:00 – 1:30pm

Tuesday, April 10
Hebrew High Week Gimel Lounge Night – 6:00–8:00pm

Friday, April 13
Teen Family Shabbat Dinner and Services – TBD

Saturday, April 14
Pastries and Parsha – 10:30am

Sunday, April 15
Community Israel @ 70 Event – at Solomon Schechter Westchester – 12:00–5:00pm

Tuesday, April 17
Hebrew High Week Aleph – 6:00–8:00pm

April 20-22
METNY USY Regional Convention

Tuesday, April 24
Hebrew High Holocaust Survivor Program – 6:00–8:00pm

Sunday, April 29
SA/TO Sunday Birthday In a Box – 1:00-2:00pm
Dateline Jerusalem: East-West Music

CANTOR ETHAN GOLDBERG

Perhaps it’s not surprising that one of my favorite things to do in Israel is attend concerts. I particularly love Israeli music of all kinds, and the experience of attending concerts here is unique. As Jewish-Israeli society is rather small, relatively speaking, performers enjoy an almost familial relationship with their audiences, many of whom they likely know personally. Often, the band begins the song and the audience takes over, happy to sing it for the performer.

Over the past few weeks, Shoshi and I saw two concerts that I believe are distinctly “Yirushalmi”-singular products of this city at this time.

First was a group called Nigun Yirushalmi (“A Jerusalem Tune”) which blends eastern and western instruments and plays piyutim, niggunim and classic Israeli songs. While the show was spectacular and each musician played masterfully, one of the best parts was the introductions of the songs by the leader Hillel Mali, who effortlessly blended Torah, midrash, contemporary Israeli poetry and his own personal stories in his comments. This music is what I’ve sometimes called “Leibele of Arabia” in that it blends elements from the Eastern and Western Jewish experiences (for example playing an Eastern European Chassidic niggun on North African and Mediterranean instruments). Indeed, given the reality of the ingathering of Jews from all over the world, we should expect nothing less from a real Jerusalemite band.

Exactly a week later, an old friend and musical collaborator, Yoni Battat, invited us to a show with one of his teachers, the oud player Elad Gabbai. This large ensemble (probably about 20 players and singers total, including several that were also members of Nigun Yirushalmi) was performing songs from his new album, in which he explicitly blends Eastern Arabic music with contemporary rock. Gabbai plays oud the way a lead guitarist plays in a rock band, and he sings with a passion and depth that brings his original texts and his settings of traditional texts to life.

We have a rich array of concerts left to see in our time here, and we both hope to bring home a bit of the Yirushalmi sound we’re experiencing here.
Isaac Butler on Amazon’s
Transparent
Wed., April 11, 2018 • 7:45-9:15pm

Isaac Butler, a writer and theater director, will discuss the Jewishness of Transparent and how it is leaving such a strong mark on our culture. It feels as Jewish as a Seder Plate, or Jon Stewart’s original last name. This is, after all, a show whose first season ended with Maura, the trans-matriarch of the Pfefferman clan played by Jeffrey Tambor, resignedly muttering “Oy gevalt” in an episode titled “Why Do We Cover the Mirrors?” Butler is co-writing the new book The World Only Spins Forward, a history of Angels in America.

Support Our Dinner Dance
Ad Journal

Dear Friends:

By now you have received your invitation to the annual Dinner Dance for our synagogue. For over half a century, this event has marked a high point in our year. It is an evening of fun for all, and a beautiful show of pride in our community and in our shul “family.” It is our hope that you will join us in the celebration and feel the love that fills the room that night.

The Dinner Dance is also an opportunity to recognize the outstanding dedication of individuals and families. Each year we honor and pay tribute to them and thank them for being leaders and role models for all of us.

And, as you know, the Dinner Dance is a major fund raiser for WJC. These vitally important funds are raised through ads in our journal, not in the price of the tickets. It is for this reason that we urge everyone to place an ad in the journal. For some people, that will express respect and affection to our honorees and tributees. However, journal ads are not limited to this. In support of our shul, ads can be in honor of children and grandchildren; they can be in appreciation of staff members; they can mark significant birthdays and anniversaries; or they can simply be in honor of the Westchester Jewish Center.

Even if you may be unable to attend the Dinner Dance, we hope that you will show your support for the shul by taking out an ad. Please visit: wjcenter.org/gala

- Rabbi Jeffrey Segelman
Neighbors for Refugees: Springtime Renewal

HOLLY ROSEN FINK  WORLD JEWRY COMMITTEE, CHAIR

Neighbors for Refugees, an organization that WJC works with in conjunction with HIAS, has been hard at work, welcoming, protecting, and advocating for refugees and new Americans in our community and abroad, many of whom are women. It’s our goal to create safe spaces for women and empower them to understand and demand their rights. As we look back over the past year moving into spring, we feel so proud of our work.

In September of last year, we started supporting a family who was resettled in New Haven and having a hard time. Just last month, we proudly welcomed an SIV (Special Immigrant Visa) family from Afghanistan to Yonkers under the auspices of HIAS. We are working closely with our new mother to integrate her into American society, with a particular concern about helping her meet other Afghani mothers and wives.

If you would like to volunteer, we are always in need of help driving the new family to appointments, taking them out to experience NYC culture and more. Please email holly_rosen@yahoo.com for more information.
Good Leads for a Few Good Jewish Reads!

ARLENE RATZABI

Looking for a good read for the Spring? Earlier this year, the Association of Jewish Libraries announced its selections for several notable books including The Sydney Taylor Book Award.

This award is presented annually for outstanding books for children and teens that authentically portray the Jewish experience. Gold medals are presented in three categories: Younger Readers, Older Readers, and Teen Readers. Honor Books are awarded silver medals, and Notable Books are named in each category. You may find this list on the website of the Jewish Book Council using the following link:


Our library has many of these titles already and others, as appropriate, will be ordered.

The second important book award program is the National Jewish Book Awards which the Jewish Book Council began at its annual meeting in 1950. Past notable literary winners include Chaim Grade, Deborah Lipstadt, Bernard Malamud, Michael Oren, Chaim Potok, Philip Roth, Elie Wiesel, Jonathan Safran Foer, Deborah Dash Moore and Sandy Eisenberg Sasso. Awards are presented in over 18 categories. In addition, since 2003, one non-fiction book has been selected as the winner of the Everett Family Foundation Jewish Book of the Year Award. Winners include Dr. Jonathan Sarna and Rabbi Joseph Telushkin. Our library also has a number of these books and others are being ordered as appropriate. Check them out at this link or on the display table outside the main sanctuary:


On a closing note, the participants of the Library Memoir Writing Workshop and members of the Library Committee, gathered in conversation with Rabbi Segelman and Workshop Leader, Dr. Judith Summerfield, to discuss their experiences at the end of February. As a participant, I found it remarkable how this group bonded and shared very personal experiences, some for the first time.

Center for Learning
For All Ages

Are American Jews Losing Their Jewish Identity?

Join Author And Professor Richard L. Rubin In A Lively Discussion
Monday, May 14, 2018 • 7:45pm

KAREN EVERETT & MYRA GLAJCHEN

Are American Jews losing their distinctiveness, their unique perspective? Since 1790, when President George Washington promised that Jewish Americans would always enjoy the full privileges and protections of U.S. citizenship, Jews have flourished in America as nowhere else in the modern world. But has that come at the expense of Jewish distinctiveness? Many Jewish leaders would answer yes. In his latest book, Jewish In America: Living George Washington’s Promise, Author Richard L. Rubin offers a less pessimistic view.

Rubin argues that most American Jews have been in some sense “Americanized,” yet 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. Indeed, the “fusion” of uniquely American values with characteristically Jewish ones has created a distinctively “hybrid” Jewish identity that American Jews must cultivate and pass on to their children and grandchildren.

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*A must-read for anyone interested in the past and future role of Jews in American life, and in the impact of American culture on Jewish life. ~Robert P. Allis, Distinguished Sacco Professor at the University of Maryland*

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**Spend an Evening with Peter Somogyi, Auschwitz Survivor and Mengele Twin**

**Tuesday, April 24, 2018 • 7:45-9:00pm**
**Middle School and Up Invited**

**HOLLY ROSEN**

Save the date for what is sure to be an incredible, and quite important, speaker presentation at WJC on Tuesday, April 24th from 7:45-9:00pm. The intended audience is middle school and up.

Holocaust survivor Peter Somogyi will be speaking about his experiences during the Holocaust and how he rebuilt his life thereafter. Somogyi was born in Pecs, Hungary. At the age of 11, he was deported to Auschwitz with his mother, sister, and twin brother Thomas.

At Auschwitz, Dr. Josef Mengele chose Peter and his brother to use in his “twins” research. Some of the twins were subjected to painful injections, endured cruel surgeries and suffered through countless other brutal experiments.

For more information about Mr. Somogyi, please visit: https://hhrecny.org/speakers-bureau/peter-somogyi/

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**SHOA**

**Holocaust Remembrance Day**

**Sunday, April 8, 2018 • 10:30am**

WJC Holocaust Learning Center commemorates SHOA, Holocaust Remembrance Day 2018, by welcoming Noah Lederman, author of *A World Erased. A Grandson’s Search For His Family’s Holocaust Secrets.*

Join us for a memorial service followed by brunch and Mr. Lederman’s presentation. Mr. Lederman’s book will be available for sale and signing.

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JILL CASLIN

WE ARE WORSHIPPING IN OUR NEW SYNAGOGUE ON THE SABBATH!

The new Sanctuary is not completed in terms of Ark, vestments, etc, which will arrive shortly. However, the Religious Committee and the Board felt that it would enhance our services so much by using the new area, that we held our first service on Saturday, February 24th. We are pleased to report that the experience has been exhilarating!

Whoever attended found the new Synagogue’s spiritual atmosphere very moving and meaningful.

At this time, we invite you and your family to worship with us this coming Sabbath and those that follow in our new Synagogue, where we can enjoy the fruits of our labor in communal devotion.

Celebrating 50 Years of our Beautiful Sanctuary

This is how WJC looked before the Sanctuary was added

Construction of the new Sanctuary

The original Bimah before it was remodeled in 1994

Prayer book Donations

Please make your check out to WJC Sisterhood in the amount of $36.

Contact: Cheryl Natbony, 914-723-2709, cnatbony@aol.com

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Make a sad event a bit easier to bear... Consider making arrangements now, before there is an urgent need. The WJC Cemetery Association oversees our beautiful and convenient cemetery. For information, please contact one of us:

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Jill Caslin: 698-6614
Sol Israel: 576-7670
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