

The Center of Our Jewish Lives



DECEMBER IN REVIEW

NEWS

Jewish Day School Incentive Grant Program

Through the generosity of deeply dedicated people, WJC is offering scholarship grants to fund one-half of the annual tuition and fees for each child enrolling in Kindergarten or First Grade in any of our outstanding area Jewish Day Schools. These scholarship grants will fund up to \$12,500 of the cost of enrollment for each child (after other grants or scholarships). If you are interested in applying, please contact RJA@wjcenter.org.

REGISTER NOW FOR ECC

We are now accepting deposits for the 2022-2023 school year. Tuition rates will be published in December. Visit wjcenter.org for more.

SOJAC CRC HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

WJC is partnering with Larchmont Temple to collect presents for children in Mamaroneck through the Community Resource Center.

How to participate:

- Buy gifts from a list from TOY BOX , Amazon, Target, or elsewhere
- Volunteer to wrap and give gifts to families December 13 to 17

For more details, visit wjcenter.org. To help, contact jyavitz@deyblp.com

HELP NEWLY ARRIVED AFGHAN FAMILIES

Celebrate Afghan culture with delicious food and learn more about getting involved in the resettlement of new Afghan arrivals! **On December 12 at 6:00pm**, WJC's Resettlement Committee is holding a fundraiser to raise funds to welcome families and individuals to Westchester.

Delicious Kosher Afghan food will be prepared by a refugee and WJC member Herb Leventer, which will be available for pick up (4:00-5:30pm), followed by a live virtual event featuring Afghan refugees telling their stories. Our suggested donation is \$50 per meal and additional donations for this cause are welcome anytime. For more information and to RSVP, visit wjcenter.org.

SYNAGOGUE FAMILY

Mazel Tov & Best Wishes to Janie & Adam Frieman on the birth of a granddaughter **Emma Sydney** to **Eric & Lindsay Frieman...** **Naomi & the late Morty Kotkin** on the marriage of their granddaughter **Leah** to **Josh Frydman** parents **Rebecca Kotkin & Don Steinberg...** **Marilyn Weisbrot** on the birth of a great-granddaughter **Mackenzie Iris** to **Hannah & Timothy McQuaid...** **Diane Holsten & Hanne Holsten** on the marriage of their daughter and granddaughter **Eliza** to **Uri Pearl...** **Jackie & Sol Israel** on the engagement of their daughter **Rachel** to **Jason Heiser...** **Linda & Neil Schwartzreich** on the marriage of their daughter **Debra** to **Dave Kidushim...** **Edeet & Dan Soroker** and **Gail & Steven Koller** on the engagement of their children **Edan Soroker** and **Daniella Koller...** **Pam & Howard Mizrachi** on the marriage of their son **Daniel** to **Alissa Auerbach...** **Amy & Mark Holtzer** on the engagement of their daughter **Talya** to **Alex Liakos...** **Jill & Leon Shein** on the engagement of their son **Jonathan** to **Sara Brodsky...** **Gila & Jerry Fortinsky** on the birth of a grandson **Yisorel Dovid** to **Rachel & Daniel Rabizadeh...** **Robin Nichinsky** for being elected Town of Mamaroneck Councilmember.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Henry Brendzel & Tami Arnowitz & Family on the loss of his son and her brother, **Michael Brendzel...** **Amy Jakob & Family** on the loss of her father, **Irwin Friedman**.

We regret to inform you of the passing of Marly Koslowe. Marly, together with Rabbi Koslowe, were builders of the WJC community during Rabbi Koslowe's position as our Rabbi for 45 years. They were also among the founders of Westchester Day School. May Marly's memory be a blessing to her family, to those who knew her, and to all those who were impacted by her life.

THIS MONTH'S CELEBRATIONS



Sunday, December 5: Bar Mitzvah of Henry Lindenbaum
I am a 7th grade student at Rye Neck Middle School. On a typical Sunday, you might find me playing soccer, basketball, watching a lot of football, checking ESPN highlights, or playing video games with my brother, Joseph. On December 5, however, I will be celebrating my Bar Mitzvah and, of course, Hanukkah.

FACE TIME

RABBI DALTON INTRODUCES ECC STUDENTS TO THE TORAH



▲ The children in our “All Things Jewish” afternoon enrichment class recently had the opportunity to visit the Sanctuary with Rabbi Dalton. They read from the Torah and held the Torah Crown—a rich and wonderful learning experience!

RECENTLY IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL...



▲ Last month, students in 5th and 6th grade had the opportunity to learn with Rabbi Arnowitz in his Religious School elective.



▲ Religious School children create light art with Betty in their elective.

WJC VOICES & THIS YEAR'S HANUKKAH GUIDE

We hope you received and are enjoying our latest publications, which are now live on the website. Check them out at wjcenter.org.

DECEMBER EVENTS

For more information about these upcoming events, visit wjcenter.org

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ShaJam Sing-Along Thursday at 9:30am

Join friends at WJC for a music and movement Shabbat experience. Open to children birth through pre-school age and their grown-ups.



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Community Shabbat Dinner Friday at 6:30pm

Seating will be available inside and outside. RSVP ahead at wjcenter.org.

Rhythm & Ruach Friday at 7:30pm

Join us in the outdoor tent (with heaters!) for a moving Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv service accompanied by musical instruments. WJC Teens will help lead the service with a special focus on Hanukkah. After, we'll gather for a fun chocolate event!



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Community Hanukkah Celebration

Saturday at 5:30pm

Following the lighting of the Hanukkiyah, we join together for a dairy dinner and a family movie night. Dress for outdoor weather.

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Immigrant Rights Through a Jewish Lens Sunday at 7:30pm

Join the Westchester Jewish Coalition for Immigration for a special countywide Zoom conversation about immigration focusing on Jewish traditions.

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Simple & Soulful Saturday at 10:15am

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Bingo Fun at WJC Sunday at 12:00pm

Kids in Kindergarten–2nd grade join us for a pasta lunch followed by loads of fun playing Bingo! Everyone will have the opportunity to win fun prizes! Space is limited; pre-registration is required at wjcenter.org (\$15 per person).



DIY Slime Youth Sunday at 12:00pm

We invite kids in 3rd–6th grade for a pasta lunch followed by a fun time with the experts from D.I.Y. Slime! Kids will make glittery Fluffy Slime. Space is limited; pre-registration is required at wjcenter.org (\$15 per person).

WJC Afghan Refugee Resettlement Fundraiser: Kosher Afghan Food "To Go" Sunday at 6:00pm

See page 1 for details.



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Cooking for Hope Wednesday from 9:00-11:00am

In order to help Hope Soup Kitchen during the holidays, we can provide extra lasagnas for them to keep in the freezer as needed. Bring them frozen or fresh to help feed 120 deserving and hungry people. Drop-off at 18 Sherwood Oval.



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Shabbat Yoga Saturday at 10:00am

Deepen your understanding of Jewish spirituality through the practice of yoga, movement, meditation, and relaxation.

WEEKLY SERVICES & STUDY

Services may change. For the most up-to-date information, please be on the lookout for our weekly emails, which include the links to join us virtually.

**Weekdays at 7:00am;
Sunday at 8:30am:**
Morning Minyan Service
Led by one of our clergy.

Sunday-Thursday at 7:00pm:
Evening Virtual Mincha Minyan
A 15-minute opportunity for prayers and to say the Mourner's Kaddish.

Tuesday at 9:45-10:45am:
Torah with Rabbi Dalton
Rabbi Dalton's weekly parsha class.
ZOOM ID: 83172526127

Thursday at 7:30pm:
Jewish Learning with Rabbi Arnowitz
A deep source-driven discussion on a relevant topic.
ZOOM ID: 907858576

Friday Evening (check emails): Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Join us in person or on the live stream for Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv with a Shabbat D'var Torah.

Saturday at 9:15am: Shabbat Morning Services

Shabbat morning service led by our clergy.

Saturday at 10:45am: Torah for Tots

We sing songs and welcome Shabbat outside by the side patio by the library. Weather-permitting; check the weekly emails for indoor location.

Saturday at 10:45am:
Youth Services
Meet at WJC outside by the Activity Center. Weather-permitting; check the weekly emails for indoor location.

Saturday (check emails):
Havdalah with WJC
Send out the sweetness of Shabbat. There will also be an opportunity to say the Mourner's Kaddish.

*Please see wjcenter.org for our updated
Vaccination and Mask Policies.*

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH GRATITUDE..

Memorial Fund

In memory of...

Seymour Heller

From Fern & Myron

Tannenbaum

Arlene & Neil Wexler

Cathy Dobkins & Dan

Fitzgibbon

Betty Weissman

Deborah Rudmann

Muriel & Robert Bruskin

Melvin Goldstein

From Andrea & Howard Leaf

Michael Brendzel

From Cindy & Randy Heller

Muriel & Robert Bruskin

Maurice Zeitoun

From Richard Zeitoun

Martin Freiman

From Leslie Porosoff

Lillian Cohen

From Helen Colman

David Hecker

From Marlene Perlstein

Jack Perlstein

From Morton Perlstein

Beverly Bielsky

From Randy Stavits

David Selby

From Lynn Selby

Julia Adler

From Ellen Adler

Stewart Bruh

From Debra Katz

Sylvia Katz

From Jeffrey Katz

Allan Berger

From Mark Berger

Moses H. Seibald

From Bernhard Seibald

Murray Novick

From Aileen Novick

Arnold Bortman

From Eileen Lehrer

Fannie Markowitz

From Jack Rosenthal

Marly Koslowe

From Mary Ann &

Arthur Siskind

Sylvia Bruskin

From Muriel & Robert Bruskin

Herman Bloom

From Muriel & Robert Bruskin

Nellie K. Bloom

From Muriel & Robert Bruskin

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In honor of...

the marriage of my grandson,

Joshua Natbony to Susanne Congress

From Ellen Adler

**Britt Summers-
for victims of Hurricane Ida
of Mamaroneck**

From Leba Wise

Abby Kass' Bat Mitzvah

From Lori & David Kass

the wedding of Daniel

Mizrachi & Alissa Auerbach

From Cathy Dobkins &

Dan Fitzgibbon

With thanks to Rabbi

Arnowitz in preparation of

Ian's Bar Mitzvah

From Dale &

Samuel Sitkowski

With thanks and

appreciation

From Shira Weinstein

**With thanks for officiating
our wedding**

From Lina & Brett Corbat

With thanks to Rabbi

Arnowitz for all he did to

make the auf ruf in

celebration of Josh

Natbony's marriage to

Susanne Congress so special

and meaningful

From Cheryl &

William Natbony

In memory of...

Michael Brendzel

From Sherry & Larry Thaler

Lynn & Steven Jacobson

Marcia Jaeger

Joy & Steve Zelin

Ellen Adler

Katie Schlientz

Risa & David Seelenfreund

Leslie & Harold Porosoff

Raelin & Jeff Kantor

Debbie & Andy Zelenetz

Iris & Lee Scopp

Laurie & Stephen Girsky

Susan & David Miller

Susan & Barry Lewen

Sherri & Marc Rozansky

Jill & Donald Miller

Marion & Walter Reichman

Ann Pardes

Elisa & Kenneth Greenberg

Ellie Rosenberg

Brenda & Michael Bloom

Debra & Jeffrey Katz

Dvora Rabino &

Herb Leventer

Dorothy Zimmerman

Fern & Myron Tannenbaum

Lisa & Murray Rosenbach

Shari & Joel Beckman

Nina & Mel Meltzer

Cheryl & David Brause

Susan & Ralph Sansolo

Addie & Ed Stein

Meira & Tom Fleisch

Sharon Weinstock &

Jacques Steinberg

Randy & Roger Stavits

Bill & Jill Caslin

Seymour Heller

From Shari & Joel Beckman

Cindy & Ben Golub

Dvora Rabino &

Herb Leventer

Melvin Goldstein

From Marcia Jaeger

Thelma Bloom

From Michael Bloom

Miriam Arnowitz

From Alan & Janet Arnowitz

Lillian Marcus

From Gail & Marty Marcus

Stanley Adler

From Chery Natbony

Assistant Rabbi's Fund

**With thanks to Rabbi Dalton
for officiating Paula**

Greenberg's funeral

From Elisa & Ken Greenberg

Cantor's Fund

With thanks to Cantor Goldberg in preparation of Ian's Bar Mitzvah
From Dale & Samuel Sitkowski
In memory of...
Seymour Heller
From Ellen & Don Walker
Sharon Weinstock & Jacques Steinberg
Melvin Goldstein
From Sharon Weinstock & Jacques Steinberg

Social Justice Action Fund

In honor of...
Sandi Rosenbaum's honor given by "Yes She Can"
From Ruth Obernbreit & Bob Glass
Andrea & Howard Leaf
the engagement of Edan Soroker to Daniella Koller
From Ruth Obernbreit & Bob Glass
the engagement of Rachel Israel to Jason Heiser
From Ruth Obernbreit & Bob Glass

In memory of...
Seymour Heller
From Bill & Jill Caslin
Andrea & Howard Leaf
Eve Edelman Russ & Mark Russ
Maggie & Sam Hopkins
Randy & Roger Stavits
Sharon & Jeffrey Silver
Ruth Obernbreit & Bob Glass
Melvin Goldstein
From Bill & Jill Caslin
Sharon & Jeffrey Silver
Michael Brendzel
From Myra Harris
Sondra & Joel Levy
Muriel & Robert Goldfarb
From Jackie & Sol Israel
Lee Silver
From Sharon & Jeffrey Silver
Irene Lazarus
From Sharon & Jeffrey Silver
Elise Luskin
From Martin, Amanda & Jeremy Luskin
Thelma Bloom
From Addie & Ed Stein

Kiddush Fund

In honor of...
the Bat Mitzvah of Kylie Dlugacz
From Ellen Mae Kaye
the engagement of Gabe Mizrahi and Sarah Henry
From Cathy Dobkins & Dan Fitzgibbon

In memory of...
Seymour Heller
From Karen & Michael Fishelson
Nancy Glass & Bob Kalter
Jeanne & John Murray
Queens Centers for Progress, Children's Center

J.O.Y. Club Fund

In memory of...
Michael Brendzel
From Judy & Howard Zweig
George Woll
From Bernice Rosen
Samuel Rosen
From Bernice Rosen
Seymour Heller
From Judy & Howard Zweig
George Abrams
From Marilyn Weisbrot

Donation from...
Carol R. Blucher

Library Fund

In memory of...
Michael Brendzel
From Arlene Ratzabi

Lonnie Fund

In memory of...
Michael Brendzel
From Aleza Kulp & Leor
Libby Salkin
From Aleza Kulp & Leor
Ilonne Arouh on the occasion of his yahrzeit
From Aleza Kulp & Leor
Karen & Jeff Arouh, Russell, Dara, Micah & Leah

General Fund

In honor of ...
The Clergy
From Terri Hartman & Bruce Goldberg
the wedding of Amy Westebbe & David Broad
from Cindy & Randy Heller

In memory of...
Melvin Goldstein
From Meira & Tom Fleisch

Early Childhood Fund

In memory of...
Michael Brendzel
From The Rosuck Family
Irwin Friedman
From The Rosuck Family

House Fund

With thanks to Rabbi Arnowitz
From Ellie Rosenberg

Library Fund

In memory of...
Melvin Goldstein
From Arlene Ratzabi

Holocaust Learning Center Fund

In memory of...
Zoila Luskin
From Martin Luskin

Koslowe Judaica Gallery Fund

In memory of...
Dr. Barry Steinberg
From Alexandra, Jordan, Sharon & Jacques Steinberg
Marly Koslowe
From Bill & Jill Caslin

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HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 Beginner Israeli Dancing – 6:30pm
Library Writer's Workshop – 7:15pm
Intermediate Israeli Dancing – 7:30pm
- 2 Israeli Dancing – 7:30pm
- 3 Community Shabbat Dinner - 6:30pm
Rhythm & Ruach – 7:30pm
- 4 Hanukkah Family Movie Night – 5:30pm
- 6 Israeli Dancing (Zoom) – 7:30pm
- 7 Men's Basketball – 8:00pm
- 8 Beginners Israeli Dancing – 6:30pm
Intermediate Israeli Dancing – 7:30pm
- 9 Israeli Dancing – 7:30pm
- 11 Simple & Soulful – 10:00am
- 12 Kosher Afghan Food "To Go" - 6:00pm
- 13 Israeli Dancing – 7:30pm (Zoom)
- 14 Israeli Dancing – 7:30pm (Zoom)
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- 15 Cooking for Hope – 9:00am
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- 18 Shabbat Yoga – 10:00am
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- 21 Men's Basketball – 8:00pm
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Intermediate Israeli Dancing – 7:30pm
- 23 Israeli Dancing – 7:30pm
- 27 Israeli Dancing – 7:30pm (Zoom)
- 28 Men's Basketball – 8:00pm
- 29 Beginners Israeli Dancing – 6:30pm
Intermediate Israeli Dancing – 7:30pm
- 30 Israeli Dancing – 7:30pm

YOUTH & TEEN PROGRAMS

- 1 ECC Hanukkah Lights
Exploration – 9:00am
- 2 ShaJam in Westchester – 9:30am
- 3 ECC Hanukkah Lights
Exploration – 9:00am
- 6 ECC Hanukkah Lights
Exploration – 9:00am
- 12 K-6th Grade Youth Event – 12:00pm
- 17 ECC Community Shabbat – 9:15am
- 21 ECC Happy Fit – 9:00am