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# CANDLESTICK

## Rabbi's Message

**MARK D. FINKEL, RABBI**

*Rabbi, There is Something You May Not Know About My Family . . .*

I am regularly approached by families who start the conversation with those words. Usually, that family is planning a life cycle event, and they want the event to be a simhah for the whole family. A majority of those conversations are about Bat and Bar Mitzvah. Sometimes the conversation is a bomb lobbed my way: adult siblings who cannot coexist on the bimah together for fear of an altercation or relatives who had a falling out with the family years before whom the parents want to include because the awkwardness has continued too long.

I have been fortunate that with a rare exception, the heads-up was to make sure that the simhah remained paramount. I have colleagues who sometimes found the heads-up was a ruse for the Rabbi to be the unwitting enforcer of an ongoing injustice in the family.

Sometimes families are worried how I might react to the news of what makes their family different. They quickly learn that the rabbi's family has its special characters too. But, most often, families approach me because they are concerned for the welfare of non-Jewish family members who want to feel a part of the simhah, not apart from the rest of the family.

No two synagogues have the same guidelines concerning roles for non-Jews at life cycle events. There are synagogues that are more liberal than the Pine Brook Jewish Center and synagogues that are more traditional. So what do we do at PBJC ?

Among the greatest concerns of many interfaith parents is the ability of both parents and extended

family to participate in the Bat/Bar Mitzvah service. The short answer is that we believe it is a priority for both parents and extended family to have multiple roles and honors in the service.

We work to make inclusiveness a core value at PBJC: that every parent has the opportunity to offer prayers and personal words on the Bimah at a PBJC life cycle service and that Jewish and non-Jewish family members have the opportunity to receive honors.

At a Bat or Bar Mitzvah in particular, both parents have the opportunity to present their children with a talit on the Bimah, and both parents have the opportunity to stand by their child's side, when the Bar/Bat child receives their aliyah to the Torah.

The PBJC Bat/Bar Mitzvah service has, I have been told, more opportunities and a wider variety of roles for extended family than most other synagogues in the Metrowest area, but let's walk through the Bat/Bar Mitzvah service and see.

We encourage families to sit in a prominent place up front so that they can be close to the Bar/Bat Mitzvah students during the service. On Friday evening, we ask that the family honor one or two family members or friends to distribute the grape juice to the family and the congregation. On Shabbat morning we ask both parents to present the talitot (talises, prayer shawls) to their child. This is usually done up on the Bimah in front of the Ark.

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**Honor Someone Special  
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Oneg Shabbat**

At PBJC, we want to build relationships among congregants and strengthen the bonds between members beyond the confines of formal worship services. One way to turn our synagogue house into a home is at the Oneg Shabbat.

Consider a donation of \$18 or more to celebrate your next birthday, anniversary, engagement, child's birth, grandchild's birth or other Simchas by sponsoring an Oneg at one of our Friday night Shabbat services. Sponsor an Oneg for a friend's event that you want to acknowledge. Sponsor one on your own, or with family or a group!

Make checks payable to PBJC sisterhood and submit it at least two weeks in advance. Include a note stating what the occasion is and who you are honoring or commemorating, to Elaine Nachshen, 74 Midvale Avenue, Lake Hiawatha, NJ 07034. Please contact Elaine at 973-263-0407 or at nachshen@aol.com with any questions.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JONATHAN COHEN

President

For me, 5776 was indeed a good year. Nancy and I welcomed our 4th grandchild. PBJC saw continued growth of the nursery and religious schools, and we benefited from some unprecedented levels of gifting and fundraising. Our programming offerings were outstanding and the Gala was, well, awesome.

For the past year, I have been espousing the need to think and act strategically. Engagement, engagement, engagement. And the changes in perception of PBJC, its energy and essence of community since we began this process have been palpable. For the remainder of my presidency and beyond, I will continue to reiterate the need to stay on the path we have set for ourselves in our strategic planning efforts –

- Delighting existing membership through shared Jewish experiences and fostering a more interconnected PBJC community
- Attracting and engaging new families as members
- Operating within PBJC's Financial Means

The Chevra has been listening closely to the feedback we receive. The Ritual Committee proposed, and Chevra recently ratified major changes to the rules of use of Sheinman hall for simchas during Shabbat that you, the members have been asking for. These changes are expected to increase extensively the use of Sheinman for formal Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrations that would be the equivalent of the off-site receptions that have become the norm for our members because Sheinman just wasn't a practical option for them. We will look forward adding to the hustle and bustle at PBJC from the regular use of Sheinman for your celebrations. None of this would have been possible without the support and guidance of Rabbi Finkel. Rabbi has been part of this process from the onset, and all should appreciate his knowledge and flexibility.

We continue to manage our financials very diligently which has been and must continue to be the norm going forward. The Kol Nidre appeal continues to show year-over-year growth. I also want to highlight that we had a very good year in terms of fundraising and donations of cash, marketable securities, and products and services. For those of you who were early to services during the High Holidays and got to sit in the prime real estate, the donated new chairs, which looked incredible with the new carpet made the experience of sitting for hours much more comfy! These donations were welcome but unexpected. That's both a windfall and a problem that we need to address. In short, we want to encourage our members to consider predictable, long-term endowments and capital pledges that help PBJC, and that we as the financial custodians can better manage. As I mentioned during the Appeal, Bob Lowenfish is heading up a new Charitable Giving Committee (CGC) which is developing a menu of giving options that will be announced over the coming months. I urge everyone to consider PBJC as a more regular potential benefactor for your charitable contributions. There are many ways to contribute - the CGC will make it painless.

And finally, a call to action for all members. Nothing is more important in our efforts to engage our members than conversations about retention of our Clergy. As communicated earlier this month, we will conduct a congregational vote on November 21 to decide whether we will offer Rabbi Finkel a contract extension. While the Chevra are making every effort to allow maximum participation in this discussion, it is ultimately up to each of you to prioritize attendance at the scheduled townhalls and make your voice heard.

*Jonathan*

# NURSERY SCHOOL

LISA LERMAN and JILL BUCKLER  
Co-directors

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The month of October has been especially busy at PBJC Nursery School as the children enthusiastically continue to learn about and celebrate the holidays! Our halls and classrooms were filled with holiday stories, songs, marching with the Torah and visits to the sukkah where we even munched on apples and honey. In addition to all the holiday excitement, we jumped right into our classroom activities. Fall is definitely here and there are signs of it everywhere we look! From squirrels to leaves to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, there are so many great learning opportunities and projects. Take a look at the creative artwork hanging from our ceilings and bulletin boards and you will see what we mean! The children are excited and already beginning to prepare for our very special Thanksgiving Feast. We will share the story of the pilgrims and taste some holiday treats.

Thank you to the Pine Brook Fire Department for visiting with us during Fire Prevention Month! There is nothing more exciting than seeing the fire truck up close and learning all about fire safety from the fireman himself. Just ask us to show you how to Stop, Drop and Roll!

We are thrilled to share that again this year Miss Amy (Resnikoff) from the Montville Library will be visiting us monthly to do a story and craft. The children love the library and always look forward to what books Miss Amy will bring to share with them each month.

One of the highlights offered at our nursery school is our optional Hot Lunch program. This parent-run program offers lunch five days a week with menus that include pizza, bagels, pasta, french toast and some fabulously healthy sides. The children love the food and it is wonderful to see so many parents come out to help.

We are happy to announce that registration is now open for the Intro to Preschool class for children who will be 18 months by January 1, 2017. This unique class will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 -11:00. The program enables children to gradually gain confidence and independence in a classroom setting. The children in this class will be eligible to attend PBJC summer camp and the 2's class in September 2017.

As always, our door is always open to anyone who would like more information about any of our nursery programs.

*Warm Regards,  
Lisa Lerman / Jill Buckler*



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

MARY SHEYDWASSER  
Religious School Director

All of the holidays are behind us and we are now in the month of Cheshvan. We filled our Sundays with learning, programs and lots of ruach, spirit. Our primary students had the opportunity to visit Brook Hollow Barnyard and learn about the mitzvah of Tzaar Baalei Chayim, the caring of animals. Furthering this mitzvah to the utmost, our school will be celebrating Parashat Noach on Sunday, November 6th at 10:45.

Bring your pets for the blessing of the animals and be a part of this learning experience! We are very proud of our madrichim program. We now have eighteen teens who volunteer their time every Sunday morning. These wonderful volunteers work with our primary classes and our younger students that need reinforcement with their Hebrew reading. Their very presence makes a difference. Just by showing up weekly, after they no longer have to, shows that Jewish education works. These teens leave behind indelible impressions and most importantly, the dedication, commitment and enthusiasm for Jewish learning. L'Dor V'Dor, from one generation to the next, may they continue to go from strength to strength.

I have the opportunity to attend the upcoming Jewish Educators assembly conference. This year's theme is on Tolerance, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone". We live in a society that values youth, beauty and athleticism. We have stereotyped models of what success looks like. Yet, we know that many of us do not fit that mold; we all learn and behave differently. On a global level, one only has to turn on the news to hear the latest report of intolerance between different peoples, countries cultures and political parties and movements. I look forward to sharing how we can broaden our understanding of tolerance on all levels.

Upcoming November events:

5 Saturday	Junior Congregation Service
6 Sunday	School-wide Blessing of the Animals
8 Tuesday	Kitah Hey Kristalnacht Program 6-8 PM (please note change of hours)
13 Sunday	No School Teachers Convention Weekend
19 Saturday	Junior Congregation Service
20 Sunday	Kitah Dalet B'Nai Mitzvah Yad Workshop for parents and students
22 Tuesday	No School – Thanksgiving Break
27 Sunday	No School – Thanksgiving Break

As always, I would love to hear your thoughts and feedback about our school. My candy bowl is full and coffee awaits you.

*Mary Sheydwasser*

## B'NAI MITZVAH

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### **Samantha Lynn Edelman, November 5, 2016**

Samantha Lynn Edelman came into this world on November 7, 2005. She is the best big sister to her brother, Jeffrey, and the family princess, Coco (our dog). Samantha is a sweet, loving and thoughtful person, who enjoys spending time with her family and friends. During the school year, she is a high honor roll student at Lazar Middle School who enjoys swimming, playing soccer, doing yoga and participating in Student Council, the Leadership Program and Eco Art Club. She looks forward to spending her summers at her 'home away from home,' Pine Forest Camp. For Samantha's Mitzvah Project, she organized a Relay for Life team for the American Cancer Society. She designed and decorated luminary bags, which she sold at many events including the PBJC Marketplace and Valley View's TREP\$. She raised additional funds by selling

Root Beer Floats with her friends at the Relay for Life event in June. Her efforts have raised over \$4,500 (and counting!) for such a worthy cause. We could not be prouder of the young woman Samantha has become, including her hard work and dedication to reach this wonderful milestone. We look forward to celebrating Samantha's Bat Mitzvah with family and friends!



### **Ariana Linn Stone, November 12, 2016**

Ariana was welcomed with love and joy when she completed our family on November 29, 2003. She was a happy baby who brought smiles to all and still does as a young woman. She's worked diligently in school to become an honor student at Lazar MS. Ariana has grown from a shy little girl to a teen that takes pride in participating in several activities: playing flute in the school band, performing in her school and camp plays and singing with the junior choir at PBJC. Ariana is a loving supportive daughter, sister to her brother, Lorrin, sister-in-law, aunt and niece. She adores her dog, Rascal, her school and camp friends, summers at the NJY Camps, and playing the piano. Ariana first learned about the Twin-With-a-Survivor Project at a Bar/Bat Mitzvah showcase. She was motivated to become a part of this meaningful

project and will be interviewing a Holocaust survivor who was saved by family members and was the subject of David Adler's book, *Hiding from the Nazis*. Ariana will share with the Holocaust Council of Metrowest and her Hebrew school class. We are so proud of Ariana and look forward to celebrating this milestone with friends and family.

## B'NAI MITZVAH

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### **Jason Luke Spitzberg, November 19, 2016**

Jason Luke Spitzberg was very happy to be born first, before his twin brother Evan, on November 13, 2003. He was a very sweet, active and funny little boy and he still makes his friends and family laugh, thanks to his hilarious sense of humor. Jason is a hard working seventh grade student at Lazar Middle School. He loves playing and watching sports, especially basketball, soccer and football. For his Mitzvah project, Jason worked as a mentor for Pathways for Exceptional Children, teaching kids with all abilities how to play flag football. We are so proud of all of Jason's accomplishments and we look forward to celebrating his special day with family and friends.



### **Evan Zachary Spitzberg, November 19, 2016**

Evan Zachary Spitzberg was born thirteen minutes after his twin brother Jason, on November 13, 2003. His curiosity and fun-loving nature are just a few of the qualities that make him a joy to be around at home, at school and at sports. Evan is in the seventh grade at Lazar Middle School. He is outgoing, conscientious, thoughtful and funny. Evan loves playing baseball and basketball, and he always enjoys being part of a team. For his Mitzvah project, Evan mentored for the Mini Soccer program at Pathways for Exceptional Children. We couldn't be prouder of all of Evan's hard work and dedication, and we can't wait to celebrate this very special milestone in Evan's life.



### **Samuel Drew Carus, November 26, 2016**

Samuel Drew Carus, son of Julie and Dan Carus, and brother to Josh was born on October 16, 2003. What a shock it was when Sam arrived 3 weeks early, and with a full head of blonde hair! Since that day Sam has brought us so much joy and we are very proud of him. Sam has a very kind soul and is quick with a joke. He enjoys soccer, basketball, The Mets, The Giants, and spending time with friends. He spends his summers at Camp Iroquois Springs, which has become a second home. In fifth grade, Sam won a citizenship award from the Pathways organization, and has continued mentoring children through this organization ever since. For his mitzvah project, he will continue his mentoring, and he will be volunteering his time in a classroom for special needs children. We love Sam so much and cannot wait to celebrate his special

day on November 26 with all of our family friends.

## SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, November 6, 2016/5 Cheshvan 5777



## PARASHAT NOACH

*“A person should feed his or her animal before eating”*

*Babylonian Talmud, Berachot 40a*

PLEASE JOIN US WITH YOUR PET AT 10:30 A.M.  
WHEN WE COMMEMORATE PARASHAT NOACH

Your pet will have the rare opportunity to be blessed by Rabbi Finkel!

*“Blessed are You, Holy Source, Maker of all living creatures. On the fifth and sixth days of creation, You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. We ask You to bless these animals; enable them to live fully in praise to Your Name. May we always praise You for all Your beauty in creation. Blessed are You, Eternal our God, for all of your creatures!”*

**Students will have regular class from 9:00 – 10:30; parents (with their pets) and all students will be able to participate in this unique experience!**



Pine Brook Jewish Center

Proudly presents for your spiritual enjoyment:

## Tot Shabbat & Shabbat Alive! A Special Family Shabbat Event

Friday, November 4th, 2016

Tot Shabbat for children ages 2 to 7 years; 5:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Hinei Mah Tov...how wonderful it is to have dinner together 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Religious School students will be participating in our Shabbat Alive Service 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

**SINGING / DANCING JUNIOR CONGREGATION CREDIT!**

*More information to follow*



## B'YACHAD and BEYOND

HERSHEY JAFFE

B'Yachad Coordinator

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### B'yachad's Programs Set New Record!

*Retention at an all-time high!*

The entire Pine Brook Jewish Center community should be kvelling with pride over the fact that we, in a very short period of time, have a Post B'nai Mitzvah Educational Program that now boasts 45 students! It is almost impossible to believe that just 4 short years ago, we started B'yachad with nine students in our than three year program for grades 8-10. Two years ago, our graduating class requested that we design a program that would give them the opportunity to continue their Jewish education until graduation from their secular high schools in 12th grade. Happily we complied and in September 2015 we opened registration for "Beyond B'yachad or B2," our newest school designed to prepare 11th and 12th graders for college by arming them with the tools to combat Anti-Semitism, cults and cope with the pressures of college life. Today, I am thrilled to report that B2 has 17 students, of which 6 are completing their 5th year of post B'nai Mitzvah Study! I believe that this a remarkable feat and must be applauded. For that reason, I am asking, no, begging the Congregation to save the date of their graduation, which will take place on May 30th.

Another extraordinary set of statistics is retention rate of both of our schools. In both Beyond B'yachad classes we have maintained 100% retention and in the 9th grade we have maintained a 95% retention rate. These are the numbers that make me most proud and the numbers that drive me. Once we are given a chance, most students become so enamored with the program that they simply choose to remain. There is an energy, a synergy that's palpable in our classroom. Often the student's don't want to leave, they wish that they could stay and continue the discussions and debates. I am very proud to say that we have built a community and this week we will welcome 15 new 8th graders into our fold. While I am ecstatic about those 15, I am saddened by the other 15 who won't give us the chance, the opportunity and allow us to show them that they can have fun learning and being with their peers in a Jewish environment. Here's the good news, it's still not too late to register! Classes begin this week! See Robin or call me for an application!

*L'hitraot,  
Hershey*

# SISTERHOOD

ILENE THAILER

President, PBJC Sisterhood



I cannot believe it is November already and Thanksgiving is almost around the corner. While we have been busy with the High Holidays in October, Sisterhood has been busy with some programming for November. On November 3 we will resume our game nights starting at 7:30. As always we will be featuring a Mah Jongg beginner/instructional table for those of you who want to learn the game or get a refresher course. Experienced players and games are welcome too. So bring your friends to play Mah Jong or any other table game and enjoy a fun night of drinks, desserts and great company!!

Sisterhood's Z'Havah Chair Staci Handler will be working with the Religious School Director Mary Sheydwasser and Shabbat Alive Coordinator Michelle Zuckerman to bring you a Special Family Tot Shabbat/Shabbat Alive Event on November 4 at 5:30 (for the tots). I am sure it will be a very special service along with a great meal to break bread with our PBJC family. Thank you Staci for coordinating this and for the great desserts that Sisterhood is providing.

On Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00pm, the PBJC Sisterhood will be hosting our annual "Paid-Up" Membership Dinner. Come for a wonderful evening of great food, wine, good friends and a helpful, fun and informative program! Our Membership Chairs Stacey Blumenthal and Jodi Benson are working on this great event and are working on having a nutritionist come and talk about what foods we should be eating, pros and cons of organic food as well as many other insightful and interesting information about our health. I hope to see you all there.

I've always loved Thanksgiving with memories of great food, great family conversations and having the next day off to go shopping! However, for the past few years I hold back a little on who I need to buy holiday gifts for since PBJC Sisterhood hosts the Marketplace. I always find the best items for friends, teachers, family and myself. The clothing and jewelry I buy are always fabulous and my go to items. This year it will be held on December 6, so mark your calendar.

Don't forget the Sisterhood Gift Shop can order your special occasion yarmulkes for Baby Namings, Brit Milah, Weddings and Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. We provide beautiful ones in any size and color. Contact Beth Fuchs at [bgfuchs@optonline.net](mailto:bgfuchs@optonline.net) to order.

As always, thank you for your support of the PBJC Sisterhood. If you are not already a member, please join us at any of our wonderful events and come see what you've been missing! My door is open any time if you have any questions, suggestions, comments or concerns. Please e-mail me at [ithailer@optonline.net](mailto:ithailer@optonline.net) or call me at (973) 439-5657...I look forward to hearing from you.

I wish you and your families all a very Happy Thanksgiving!



# FRIENDSHIP CLUB

BETTY CRANE

Friendship Club Coordinator

Autumn has arrived and The Friendship Club remains as busy as ever. On Tuesday evening, September 20, Mort Segal, our guest speaker, discussed his working days in the Catskills and the famous comedians he met along the way. It was a very entertaining program which brought back memories for all of us. As expected, we had an excellent turnout – about 100 people in attendance!

Our annual Shabbat Dinner will take place on Friday evening, November 18. In addition to a delicious dinner with Israeli wine, our members will have the opportunity to participate in Shabbat services. This is always a popular event and we are looking forward to a beautiful evening. As a reminder, if you plan to attend the dinner, please respond no later than Monday, November 14.

We have exciting news to share with you. Once again, The Friendship Club and the Socially Active Single Seniors group (SASS) will be hosting another joint program which is scheduled for Tuesday evening, December 13. Mark Zacharia, a magician, mentalist and hypnotist, will entertain us and this promises to be a fun-filled evening. Flyers will be mailed to our members in mid-November but, meanwhile, please mark this date on your calendar.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving!

*Betty Crane*



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## **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

By: Erika & Don Rosenthal  
In appreciation of Rabbi Finkel

By: Stacey & Larry Garb  
In honor of Brady becoming a bar mitzvah

By: Ann Monka  
In appreciation of Rabbi Finkel's kindness at the cemetery

By: Nancy Lerner-Weiss & Jeffrey Weiss  
In appreciation of Rabbi Finkel's kindness

By: Irene Popkin  
In memory of her beloved husband, Ira David Popkin

## **CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

By: Stacey & Larry Garb  
In honor of Brady becoming a bar mitzvah

## **ETZ HAYIM HUMASH**

By: Natalie & Len Wallach  
In memory of David Budek

By: Betty & Fred Crane  
In honor of Tom Milkowski's 70th birthday

## **SIM SHALOM SHABBAT PRAYER BOOK**

## **NURSERY SCHOOL FUND**

## **GENERAL DONATION**

By: Stacey & Larry Garb  
In memory of David Budek

## **CARING COMMITTEE**

## **Yahrzeit Donations**

By: Rob Greenfield  
In memory of his beloved grandmother, Esther Wnuk

By: Lois Daniels  
In memory of her beloved father, Harry Gottlieb  
In memory of her beloved cousin, Ruth Katz

By: Toby Wolfman  
In memory of her beloved father, Isidore Fox

## **Condolences**

Emanuel Steren on the loss of his father, Akiva Steren

## **Welcome Our New Members**

Michael & Jaime Brodsky  
19 Pepper Road  
Towaco, NJ 07082

## SISTERHOOD TRIBUTES

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*If you want to send a tribute card, please contact a member of the tribute team according to your last name. Tribute cards may be sent to synagogue members and non-members, but only members will be listed in the Candlestick.*

A-GO	Betty Crane	973-227-6344	<a href="mailto:bettycrane@optonline.net">bettycrane@optonline.net</a>
GR-M	Marlene Rosen	973-887-0551	<a href="mailto:chosin@juno.com">chosin@juno.com</a>
N-Z	Estelle Stein	973-588-7332	<a href="mailto:estein9@hotmail.com">estein9@hotmail.com</a>

*No calls on the Sabbath, Jewish holidays, or after 9:00 PM please.*

To: Stacey & Cliff Berliner – Mazel Tov on Jake's Bar Mitzvah  
From: Sisterhood

To: Renee Bitner - Mazel Tov on the marriage of your grandson Jason  
From: Myra & Mal Sumka

To: Josh Blumenthal – In memory of your grandmother  
From: Lori & Marc Bortniker

To: Natalie & Geoffrey Bray – Mazel Tov on Max's Bar Mitzvah  
From: Sisterhood

To: Pam & Rich Chassen - Mazel Tov on the marriage of your daughter Elanah  
From: Ilene & Jay Thailer

To: Abby & Charles Crane - Mazel Tov on Joey's Bar Mitzvah  
From: Lorraine & Tom Milkowski, Marian & Bob Lowenfish

To: Gay Gershberg - In memory of your mother Selma Singer  
From: Shelley & Ralph Zemel, Elaine & Herman Schkolnick

To: Alice Gordon - Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson Jack Weiss  
From: Randy & Jack Wenarsky & Family

To: Arlene & Ed Lopez – Wishing you a Happy Anniversary  
From: Erika & Don Rosenthal, Marlene & Marty Rosen

To: Tom Milkowski – Mazel Tov on your 70th birthday  
From: Judy & Art Eisen, Sheila & Jordan Basem

To: Ann Monka – Wishing you a speedy recovery  
From: Estelle & Ernie Freeman

To: Beth & Michael Nieskens – Mazel Tov on Ryan's Bar Mitzvah  
From: Sisterhood

To: Margot Reich - Mazel Tov on the birth of your new granddaughter  
From: Stephanie Kutlow

To: Ester Robbins - In memory of your brother David Budek  
From: Natalie & Len Wallach, Nancy & Jeffrey Weiss

To: Erika & Don Rosenthal - Mazel Tov on your anniversary  
From: Marlene Scheinthal

To: Glenn Rothman - Wishing you a speedy recovery  
From: Estelle Stein

To: Marlene Scheinthal – Wishing you a speedy recovery  
From: Betty & Fred Crane, Gail & Ray Feldman

To: Stephanie & Jeffrey Shupack - Mazel Tov on Justin's Bar Mitzvah  
From: Natalie & Len Wallach, Wendi & Leonard Leicht

To: Libby & Charlie Stein - Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter Ivy Blake  
From: Randy & Jack Wenarsky, Wendy & Jay Birnbaum, Gail & Ray Feldman

To: Libby & Charlie Stein – Mazel Tov on Jesse's engagement  
From: Gail & Ray Feldman

To: Michelle & Evan Zuckerman - Mazel Tov on Lindsay's Bat Mitzvah  
From: Nancy & Jeffrey Weiss, Estelle Stein, Marlene Scheinthal, Randy & Jack Wenarsky & Family, Sheila & Jordan Basem, Sheryl & Howard Chesler & Family, Gail & Ray Feldman, Carol & Stephen Berman, Wendi & Leonard Leicht, Jackie & Paul Fenton, Francine & Bruce Katz, Marlene & Marty Rosen

To: Emanuel Steren – Memory of father Akiva Steren  
From: Betty & Fred Crane, Nancy & Jonathan Cohen, Judy & Steve Gothelf



# YAHREZEITS

*The names of your loved ones will be read on the Friday evening of the designated week.  
We would be honored to read a particular name on Shabbat morning when requested by the family.*

**FRI/SAT, 11/4 & 11/5**

*3 Heshvan- November 04*  
Samuel Blackman  
Sarah Ershowsky  
Morris Gralla  
Pauline Lerman  
Philip Richman  
Isadore Thorner  
*4 Heshvan - November 05*  
1st Lt. Abraham J. Apelhot  
Lester Eisenstodt  
Lewis Isador Fox  
Ruth Gold  
William Kauf  
Yvonne Khadhour  
Samuel Korn  
Abraham Rabiner  
*5 Heshvan- November 06*  
Alfred Lerner  
Jerry Polesuk  
William Taitel  
*6 Heshvan-November 07*  
Moe I. Ostrow  
Harry Rosen  
Carol Zeitlin  
*7 Heshvan- November 08*  
Gertrude Goodman  
Benjamin Gordon  
Stephen Greenberg  
Myer Lenner  
Pearl Levy  
Hyman Liebskind  
Arthur Modne  
Ala Storozum  
Sydell Weiss  
*8 Heshvan- November 09*  
Esther Adelman  
Linda Colfin Alex  
Fannie Fox  
Sidney Gold  
Florence Kaufman  
Ruth Segall  
Jack Weiss  
Jules Weiss  
*9 Heshvan - November 10*  
Harry Bernstein  
Max Chusid  
Morris Hirsch  
Jeno Kaufmann  
Samuel J. Kostin  
Gerald Leventhal  
Gertrude Krinsky Newman  
Benjamin Rabenbauer  
Rhoda Rosenblum

**FRI/SAT, 11/11 & 11/12**

*10 Heshvan- November 11*  
Donna Greenberg  
Saundra Lesh  
Yechiel Meistrich  
Harry Schneider  
Hanna Steppel  
Frances J. Turner  
*11 Heshvan- November 12*  
Louis Julius Kanoff  
Norman Sol Neuhaus  
Millie Paster  
Rebecca Mary Rifkin  
Barry Alan Scheinman  
Ruth Unger  
*12 Heshvan - November 13*  
Abe Akronowitz  
Isaac Edwards  
Mildred Friedland  
Edwin Wolfman  
*13 Heshvan- November 14*  
Harry Goodman  
Steven Hay  
Meyer Roesch  
Morris Rosenthal  
*14 Heshvan - November 15*  
Etta Brand  
David Hirsch  
Harry Nifoussi  
Seymour Schenkel  
*15 Heshvan- November 16*  
Milton Brodsky  
Raymond Lichtenberg  
David Minkoff  
Morris Sass  
Irving Seidman  
*16 Heshvan - November 17*  
Harry Bailynson  
Julius Davidson  
Abraham Moroch  
Frances M. Paster  
Fritzie Pasternak

**FRI/SAT, 11/18 & 11/19**

*17 Heshvan- November 18*  
Dorothy Belman  
Charles Fox  
*18 Heshvan - November 19*  
Bertha Flamenbaum  
Irving Markowitz  
Nathan Rich  
Daniel Rosen  
Edith Weinberg  
Fannie Younger  
Morris Zerman  
*19 Heshvan- November 20*  
Lawrence Block  
Anne Book  
Margaret Crane  
Celia Eckman  
Max Lasko  
Jack Lipson  
Aaron Moses Rosenthal  
*20 Heshvan- November 21*  
Sarah Nochenson  
Harry Simon  
Gussie Srulovitz  
Anna Tsukroff  
*George Weiss*  
*21 Heshvan - November 22*  
Manny Elkin  
Samuel Ganz  
*22 Heshvan- November 23*  
Elizabeth Anghel  
Meyer Frey  
Herman J. Halpern  
Elenor Jafferson  
Jeanette Leicht  
Katie Levine  
Sarah Winkler  
*23 Heshvan- November 24*  
Frances Kadushin  
Sarah Smith

**FRI/SAT, 11/25 & 11/26**

*24 Heshvan- November 25*  
Sophie Fox  
Beatrice Gerstein  
Morris Green  
Herman Schwartz  
Alexander Steinberg  
Ann Zimmerman  
*25 Heshvan- November 26*  
Max Abrams  
Gerald Darrow  
Linda Ginsberg  
Jean Lieberman  
Minnie Manzbach  
Rhoda Marrus  
*Alfred Person*  
*26 Heshvan- November 27*  
Sylvia Basem  
Rose Fischer  
Irving Gold  
Bernard Landers  
Bella Bailynson Meyers  
Irving Netkin  
Samuel Post  
Chaim Miklacki Reserved  
Hyman Rosenstein  
Charles Schnitzler  
*27 Heshvan- November 28*  
Mollie Rand  
Shirley Rauch  
Albert Schottenfeld  
Jerome Siegfried  
Ben Steck  
Regina Wolfman  
*28 Heshvan- November 29*  
Lester Deneberg  
Anne Fabricant  
Ida Katz  
Hanna Kruger  
Joseph Mager  
Theodore Schulman  
*29 Heshvan- November 30*  
Julius Bernstein  
Jacob M. Bloom  
Rebecca Felzenberg  
Ben Gold  
Manya Landau  
David Lewis Mazzola  
Ben Mendelsohn  
Sarah Stoll  
1 Kislev- December 01  
Lillian Cohen  
Sid Gilbert

Anna Halperin  
Esther Shofflick  
Joseph Wasserman  
Henrietta Waxberg

**FRI/SAT, 12/2 & 12/3**

*2 Kislev- December 02*  
Charles Allman  
Samuel Fabricant  
*3 Kislev- December 03*  
David Gerkin  
Joseph Goldberg  
Sally Zemel  
*4 Kislev- December 04*  
Samuel Bernstein  
Leonard Cohen  
Abraham Sheinker  
*5 Kislev - December 05*  
Samuel Gladstein  
Mamie Tarter  
*6 Kislev- December 06*  
Isaac Bornstein  
Anna Brenner  
Rose L. Cohen  
Millie Gnapp  
Joan Howard  
Reuben Jankowitz  
Clarise Minzenheimer  
Solomon Oshrowitz  
Jack Rosenberg  
*7 Kislev- December 07*  
Bernard Kirsch  
Dorothy Schram  
Saul Smolar  
Leo S. Weiner  
*8 Kislev- December 08*  
Debby Frieder  
Joseph Markel  
Max J. Sarver  
Anna Schenerman  
Marvin Striziver

## Rabbi's Message

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When the Torah procession moves around the sanctuary, we encourage the whole immediate family (both parents and children) to be part of the processions when the Torah comes to the reading table and when it is returned from the reading table. When the Bat/Bar Mitzvah comes to the Torah for the maftir aliyah, we ask both parents to stand at the Torah reading desk for what I consider THE “goosebump moment” of the morning.

Concerning Saturday honors for extended family and friends, we have opportunities for multiple readers and someone to present the Hallot on the Bimah. In other words there are a good number of roles for all the family. As I stated above we at PBJC try to make families feel a part of the congregation, not apart from their child or grandchild on those sacred days.

A personal story: when I began my rabbinate decades ago, I would, every so often, ask non-Jewish grandparents to offer a prayer or a reading. Occasionally, they would reply, “Rabbi, we do not go up to the altar in our own church; we would not be comfortable going up to your altar, but could you please give this honor to our children. They are of a younger generation.” Today the honors are in the hands of a new younger, and perhaps more comfortable, generation, but I could not help being touched by the humility and concern of that older generation. There are also Torah related Hebrew reading honors that are expected to be taken by individuals who have already become Bat or Bar Mitzvah, so that only adds to the total, exceeding what I believe to be the number of honors offered at most other synagogues.

The Jewish community of Montville is diverse, and we have a synagogue that reflects that diversity. Consequently, we work to foster at PBJC the best of the Jewish spectrum of belief and practice. That has been the legacy and the challenge of the Pine Brook Jewish Center for over 100 years. We live together as neighbors; we face the same challenges of sometimes making our public officials more aware of our religious sensitivities at holiday time. I like to think that what we gain in seeing ourselves as one community can begin to blur any differences. Every synagogue has its strengths, and I understand that some synagogues may offer something different in their service that we do not; but I believe, when all is said and done, PBJC serves and can continue to serve as home to a wide spectrum of the Jewish community. Of course, if there is anything that PBJC or I can do to better meet a family's expectations, I would be most willing to sit and talk about it. Similarly, if I need to know something special about your family for the simhah to be to everyone's benefit, by all means, please share it with me. I believe that we have a superior Religious School and pre-Bar Mitzvah program at the Pine Brook Jewish Center; I believe that are the equal or better of any other program in Morris County and that we are continually working to make it even better. At PBJC our children learn skills that will allow them to feel comfortable in any synagogue that they may choose when they have families of their own. Not every synagogue can say that, but we can. My dream is for PBJC to become the best of what community synagogues can be: a bridge to where young and old, men and women, liberal and traditional can learn to be at home in the spectrum of the Jewish community, where our children can feel confident and included, with less regard to which flavor of Judaism we profess, because we are one people.

I look forward to sharing your simhah with your family in schule !

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Oct 1
25 9am R.S. Kitah Alef Pare 10am Men's Club kick-off	26	27	28 8pm Exec Meeting 8pm Sisterhood BoD Meeting	29	30 6:21pm Candle Lighting 8pm Shabbat Evening Service	9:30am Shabbat Morning 7:27pm Havdalah	
2	3 Rosh Hashana - Synagogue NS CLOSED	4 Rosh Hashana - Synagogue NS CLOSED/Giggle Zone	5 8pm Chevra BoD	6 10am Nursery School Luncheon	7 6:10pm Candle Lighting 7pm Shabbat Evening Service	8 9:30am Shabbat Morning 10:30am R.S. Junior Congregation 7:16pm Havdalah	
9	10	11 Kol Nidre - Synagogue 12pm Nursery & Giggle Zone	12 Yom Kippur - Synagogue NS & Giggle Zone CLOSED	13	14 5:59pm Candle Lighting 8pm Shabbat Evening Service	15 9:30am Shabbat Morning 7:05pm Havdalah	
16 9am Sukkot Set-up 9am R.S. Hey B'nai Mitzvah 9am R.S. Primary Brook	17 Sukkot - Synagogue Open NS CLOSED/Giggle Zone	18 Sukkot - Synagogue Open NS CLOSED/Giggle Zone	19 8pm Ritual Meeting	20	21 5:48pm Candle Lighting 8pm Shabbat Evening Service	22 Jake Berliner Bar Mitzvah 9:30am Shabbat Morning 10:30am R.S. Junior Congregation 6:55pm Havdalah	
23 Ryan Nieskens Bar Mitzvah 9am R.S. Snacks in the Synagogue	24 Shmini Atzeret - Synagogue NS CLOSED/Giggle Zone 7pm Simcha Torah Celebration	25 Simchat Torah - Synagogue NS CLOSED/Giggle Zone	26 8pm Exec Meeting 8pm Sisterhood Game Night	27	28 5:39pm Candle Lighting 8pm Shabbat Evening Service	29 Max Bray Bar Mitzvah 9:30am Shabbat Morning 6:45pm Havdalah	
30 9am Men's Club Sukkot	31	Nov 1	2 8pm Chevra BoD	3	4 5:30pm Candle Lighting 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 7pm Shabbat Alive 7pm Shabbat Evening Service	5 Samantha Edelman Bar Mitzvah 9:30am Shabbat Morning 10:30am R.S. Junior Congregation 6:37pm Havdalah	

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