



EAST MIDWOOD JEWISH CENTER BULLETIN

THEY SHALL BUILD ME A SANCTUARY AND I SHALL DWELL AMONG THEM

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Randy Grossman's Thoughts on the New Year

I recently returned from spending time in my home town, in and around my late parents' home which is being prepared for transition. Whenever I visit that home, I always try to make it to Ohavy Zion Synagogue. This is the organization that my Bubby, and Zaidy took part in founding, and that my family has been connected to ever since, although I got my foundation for public Jewish life in a newer building. The typical things like After-school Hebrew School, (which by the way we attended 4 days a week), Sunday School, Shabbat morning services, and even Junior Congregation were the building blocks of my education. They in and of themselves were not remarkable.

Some volunteer parents had the insight to develop the students' connection to Israel by teaching us not only the song "Zoom Gali Gali," and the dance Yesh but also the importance of participation at the annual Sunday School Picnic and the Purim Carnival which left lasting memories. The matriarchs cooking, and baking their famous old world dishes supplied us with wonderful food for every occasion from a Shabbat Oneg, to a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. These women would come into the shul kitchen to cook. Some things were for immediate consumption, and some to be frozen for upcoming events. There were no kosher bakeries in town. Cincinnati, and Louisville which were 2 hours away from Lexington had more to offer, but were not as practical, and not as tasty as the goodies from our local talent.

Everything I mentioned thus far supported me to my Bar Mitzvah, but it was the Synagogue Youth Group that began molding me as a Jewish adult. In this high school peer environment we learned to plan activities first for younger children, and later for ourselves. Our local meetings, conventions, and summer camp were all about being Jewish, living a Jewish life, and loving and supporting Israel.

Greetings from Toby C. Sanchez

The job of synagogue presidents is to **make things happen in every area of our operations: membership and fund-raising, outreach and public relations, building repair and improvements and everything else connected with the East Midwood Jewish Center today and tomorrow.** Of course, we do not do all the tasks alone, but direct and supervise others. But we are the ones who are responsible for what happens. We have to anticipate what is needed for today and tomorrow, while holding on to our Jewish and our specific East Midwood traditions. And one important skill presidents need is to make people feel welcome and important and listen carefully to their opinions. Good ideas can and do come from anywhere – from the staff, the trustees, the members and friends and/or anyone who walks into the building.

East Midwood is where we go at the start of each New Year for help with *teshuva* (self examination and efforts to become better persons), *tefilah* (prayer and reflection about the obligations of Judaism to God, family, friends and community) and *tzedakah* (financial support of the community we live in, which includes of course the Jewish community – specifically, East Midwood Jewish Center). This is where our children and grandchildren can learn about Judaism; the place we depend on to be here for us on for our simchas and our sorrows; for the celebration of Shabbat and holidays; and where we see old friends and make new ones. Our Jewish lives depend on the existence of an ongoing community.

5775 has been a very successful year at East Midwood. We gained many new members and held numerous wonderful well attended events. We installed and welcomed our new rabbi, Matt Carl, celebrated our 90th anniversary, honored our beloved Cantor Levine and his wife Courtney at our dinner dance, held twice monthly Shabbat evenings for children and parents



SERVICES at EMJC

MORNING SERVICES

Sundays & Legal Holidays	8:00AM
Mondays – Fridays	7:30AM
Saturdays	7:30AM & 9:00AM

EVENING SERVICES

Sundays – Thursdays 7:30PM

Fridays

Sept 4 6:30PM
 Sept 11 6:30
 Sept 18 6:30
 Sept 25 6:30

Oct 2 6:30
 Oct 9 6:15
 Oct 16 6:15
 Oct 23 6:00
 Oct 30 5:45

Saturdays

Sept 5 7:15
 Sept 12 7:00
 Sept 19 7:00
 Sept 26 6:45

Oct 4 6:30
 Oct 10 6:15
 Oct 17 6:15
 Oct 24 6:00
 Oct 31 5:45

CALENDAR

Sept 5 Slichos service 7PM followed by *18 voices Sing Kol Nidre* documentary
 Sept 12 Congregational Kiddush in honor of Sally Hipscher, Michele Isaacson and committee members
 Sept 13 Erev Rosh Hashanna 6:45PM
 Sept 14 Rosh Hashanna 8AM
 Sept 15 Rosh Hashanna 8 AM
 Sept 17 Life Line Screening 8-4PM
 Sept 20 Barrier Free Yom Kippur Service 11AM
 Sept 22 Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre 6:15PM
 Sept 23 Yom Kippur 9AM
 Sept 27 Erev Sukkot 6:30PM
 Sept 28 Sukkot 7:30AM(early) 9AM synagogue
 Sept 29 Sukkot 7:30AM(early) 9AM synagogue
 Oct 4 Erev Shemini Atzeret 6:15 PM
 Oct 5 Shemini Atzeret
 Oct 5 Erev Simchat Torah/ Hakafot 6:45PM
 Oct 6 Simchat Torah 7:30AM (early) 9AM synagogue
 Oct 10 Bat Mitzvah Rebecca Eluto
 Oct 12 Interfaith Trip
 Oct 24 Bar Mitzvah Julian Mosery
 Oct 31 Bat Mitzvah Julianne Drachtman

CANDLELIGHTING

September 5776/2015

4 Fri 7:06PM
 11 Fri 6:55
 13 Sun 6:52
 14 Mon 7:49
 18 Fri 6:43
 22 Tue 6:36
 25 Fri 6:31
 27 Sun 6:28
 28 Mon 7:25

October 5776/2015

2 Fri 6:19PM
 4 Sun 6:16
 5 Mon 7:13
 9 Fri 6:08
 16 Fri 5:57
 23 Fri 5:47
 30 Fri 5:37

THE MITZVAH OF DONATING FOOD TO THE NEEDY

Every day millions of Americans go hungry and are forced to skip meals. On Yom Kippur we choose to skip meals and go hungry as part of our religious devotion. We are blessed to have the choice. Even if our hunger lasts only a day, it is enough to make us aware of the challenge hunger presents to those who experience it.

This year, take your experience with hunger and turn it into meaningful action. How might you ask?

At the end of Rosh Hashanah services take home a paper shopping bag, available at the synagogue, donated by Trader Joe's, and bring it back before Kol Nidre services filled with package and canned food. Your donation will help support neighborhood food pantries.

Thanks,

Sally Hipscher

THOUGHTS FROM RABBI MATT CARL

*East Midwood Jewish Center is Not Our Past.
It is Our House.*



Among the most terrifying words a rabbi can declare from the *bimah* are “the new month of Elul begins in the coming week.” Every year I shake a little, taken aback by how soon that statement means the new year will be beginning. But, as a friend of mine would say “that’s kinda the point!” Elul is the time of year when we start planning for the year to come. The clergy and staff of East Midwood Jewish Center are doing just that and I look forward to 5776 in anticipation of a great year. Here are some of my plans:

Turn our synagogue center into a model of sustainability for Brooklyn and beyond. Synagogues (and other buildings) in the suburbs lately have been built with environmental sustainability in mind, but I look forward to our pride in having balanced sustainability with the heritage of our generations-old building. In addition to financial savings, we will provide our members and neighbors with resources that are scarce around here but are essential for the sustainable functioning of our city going forward. Other resources I hope we will provide will be educational, nutritious and downright fun. Things like solar power, gardens, beehives and composting will require some continued work and decision-making but I look forward to planning and implementing them.

Build on the success of NightShul and our other educational offerings. NightShul is the brainchild of one of our members and, as such, is a great way to offer Jewish education: our community has perceived a need and we are here to fill it. By working with other organizations and synagogues, we are really filling a community need and simultaneously exposing more of the community to EMJC and all we have to offer. I plan to teach more daytime classes in the coming year, too.

Further integrate the subcommunities of EMJC. Each month, I am energized by our BimBom group, throughout the week I love interacting with the seniors who come through our days and every other week, I enjoy stopping by Shabbat Katan to say something to the kids (which, by the way, is far more difficult to do for me than talking to the adults!) This, of course, in addition to our daily minyan-goers and our Shabbat regulars. But I believe each group ought to be more aware of what the others are doing, more socially, religiously and communally integrated. I’ll be working this year to bridge those divides.

These are just some of my plans for the coming year and I look forward to hearing from you about them and about your ideas for an enhanced EMJC. I am supported by our legacy, heartened by where we are and excited by who we can become. What a great way to enter the new year! *L’shana Tova uMetuka!*

Rabbi Matt Carl

A NEW YEAR AT
EAST MIDWOOD JEWISH CENTER
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PLEASE JOIN US FOR SERVICES AND RELATED HOLIDAY EVENTS

RABBI MATT CARL CANTOR SAM LEVINE

9/5	Saturday	Evening service at 7:00 pm, followed by <i>18 Voices Sing Kol Nidre</i> (a 40 minute documentary) <i>Selichot</i> service led by Cantor Levine and the EMJC choir at 9:00 pm. and after EMJC... <i>Selichot Across Brooklyn!</i> Join us in Park Slope!
9/13	Sunday	<i>Erev Rosh Hashanah</i> service begins at 6:45 pm.
9/14	Monday	<i>Rosh Hashanah / day one</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sanctuary service begins at 8:00 am. ▪ Program for babies and toddlers begins at 10:00 am. ▪ Program for kids ages 7-12 begins at 10:30 am. ▪ Teens + Early Twenties service begins at 10:30 am. ▪ <i>Rosh Hashanah Katan</i> (ages 0-6) service begins at 11:00 am. Evening service at 6:30 pm.
9/15	Tuesday	<i>Rosh Hashanah / day two</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sanctuary service begins at 8:00 am. ▪ Program for babies and toddlers begins at 10:00 am. ▪ Program for kids ages 7-12 begins at 10:30 am. ▪ Teens + Early Twenties service begins at 10:30 am. ▪ <i>Rosh Hashanah Katan</i> (ages 0-6) service begins at 11:00 am. Evening service at 6:30 pm.
9/20	Sunday	<i>Days of Awe Barrier-Free Service For All</i> at 11 am.
9/22	Tuesday	<i>Erev Yom Kippur Mincha</i> service at 2:00 pm. <i>Kol Nidre</i> service begins at 6:15 pm.
9/23	Wednesday	<i>Yom Kippur</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sanctuary service begins at 9:00 am. ▪ Russian-language service begins at 9:30 am. (includes Torah reading and <i>Yizkor</i>). ▪ Program for babies and toddlers begins at 10:30 am. ▪ Program for kids ages 7-12 begins at 10:30 am. ▪ Teens + Early Twenties service begins at 10:30 am. ▪ <i>Mincha</i> service at 4:45 pm. ▪ <i>Neilah</i> service at 6:00 pm. ▪ Russian-language <i>Neilah</i> service at 5:30 pm. <i>Break the Fast</i> with EMJC. (Reservations via the main office must be received by September 11.)
9/27	Sunday	All welcome to decorate the courtyard sukkah at 10:30 am. <i>Erev Sukkot</i> service at 6:30 pm.
9/28	Monday	Early <i>Sukkot</i> day one service at 7:30 am; main service at 9:00 am. <i>Mincha/Maariv</i> service at 6:30 pm.
9/29	Tuesday	Early <i>Sukkot</i> day two service at 7:30 am; main service at 9:00 am. <i>Mincha/Maariv</i> service at 6:30 pm.
9/30	Wednesday	<i>Sukkot</i> Workshop for Bereaved Jews at 6:15 pm.
10/2	Friday	Friday evening service at 6:30 pm.
10/3	Saturday	Early <i>Shabbat Shuva</i> service at 7:30 am; main service at 9:00 am.
10/3	Saturday	<i>Mincha/Maariv</i> service at 6:15 pm. followed by <i>Havdalah Party in the Sukkah</i> .
10/4	Sunday	<i>Hoshana Rabbah</i> service begins at 7:15 am.
10/4	Sunday	<i>Erev Shemini Atzeret</i> service begins at <i>Mincha/Maariv</i> service at 6:15 pm.
10/5	Monday	Early <i>Shemini Atzeret</i> service (with <i>Yizkor</i>) at 7:15 am; main service (with <i>Yizkor</i>) at 9:00 am.
10/5	Monday	<i>Micha</i> service followed by <i>Simchat Torah</i> program, "Unrolling the Scroll" at 5:45 pm. <i>Erev Simchat Torah</i> service, including <i>Hakafot</i> , begins at 6:45 pm.
10/6	Tuesday	Early <i>Simchat Torah</i> service begins at 7:30 am, main service at 9:00 am.

Purchase tickets for *Rosh Hashanah* & *Yom Kippur* Sanctuary services through the mail. Tickets may be purchased in the synagogue office on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on August 25 and September 1, 8.

\$100 for members • \$150 for non-members • No tickets necessary for the services in Russian.

Headphone listening devices for Sanctuary services require advance rental reservations by August 25.

Children's programming is free; tickets are through the main office. For questions, contact roomj@emjc.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.EMJC.ORG

Cantor Sam Levine Highlights the Coming Year

5775, the year that has nearly passed, has proven to be one of the busiest in memory for me and for EMJC. We had a record number of events, we launched NightShul, we tried new programs and enhanced old ones, and we welcomed numerous new members and a new rabbi! This year's calendar seems to be shaping up to be just as busy.

The coming year will be marked by a theme of social action, focused on food justice. We hope to have a variety of programs and events that highlight the struggles of the needy, the state of food in our ever-expanding world, the importance of local agriculture, and other related issues. To this end, we will be starting the year off, on Rosh Hashanah, by asking people to donate food for the needy. On Rosh Hashanah, all congregants will be supplied with a paper shopping bag (600 bags donated by Trader Joe's!) and will be asked to fill it, over the course of the week, with non-perishable food items. We hope that as many people as possible will participate, bringing their filled bags back on *Erev Yom Kippur* as an embodiment of the mitzvah of *tzedakah*. What a tremendous way to start the year, by filling our lobby with food for the hungry!

One program that I particularly wish to highlight is the 3rd annual *Days of Awe Barrier-Free Service For All* on September 20th at 11 am. Led by Rabbi Carl, Youth/Family Education Director Audrey Korelstein, and myself, our engaging interpretation of the meaning of the High Holy Days is designed to be accessible to everyone. The relaxed atmosphere is especially family-friendly. The service is for anyone who wishes to be part of a lively & interactive service of prayer, Torah, song, story, and shofar-blowing in a supportive atmosphere full of holiday joy. Whether you attend the traditional services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur or not, you are certain to walk away with an enhanced appreciation and understanding of the High Holydays. It is truly a beautiful service, and it's barrier-free. Look for flyers in the lobby!

We will be running more programs with our wonderful social worker Shira Felberbaum as well. Shira, as you probably know, comes to us through the auspices of the Partners-in-Caring program at the Shira Ruskay Center at the Jewish Board. Our first program with Shira (entitled *A Gathering in the Hut - A Sukkot bereavement program*) will take place on Wednesday evening, September 30th. This will be the 3rd year in a row that we are running this meaningful program for the bereaved. We acknowledge that at the holidays, feelings of loss becomes particularly acute, and this is an opportunity for people to gather and share stories and memories of their loved ones and to express feelings about their loss, all within the context of the sukkot holiday. There will be two more bereavement programs through the year, at Chanukah and at Passover.

I am looking forward to teaching three separate courses at NightShul: *Kiddush, Kaddish, Kedusha, Rashi and his Methodology*, and *Rabbinic Fantasy: Midrash, or How the Rabbis Read the Bible* (see the NightShul flyer for details). I will also be resuming *Kibbitz with the Cantor*, informal gatherings in congregants' homes where we can discuss matters of topical interest. My Thursday morning Torah discussion will resume after the Holydays are over, and we always appreciate new voices. And talking about new voices, the choir will be preparing material for Slichot, Interfaith Thanksgiving, and another Music of our Faiths program, among other things, and we are always looking for new singers!

I'll keep you posted about other programs as they come up, but those are some of the highlights. We hope to see you at many of these events and look forward to another busy year at EMJC.

Wishing you all a *Shana Tovah U'metukah* – a sweet and happy New Year!!

Cantor Sam Levine



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE NOTICE

Kiddushim are sponsored in part by the Shabbat Hospitality Committee: a group of East Midwood families who want to share the joy of Shabbat with the EMJC community. You can join with them in extending our community's hospitality to all who join us for Shabbat services with a contribution to the Shabbat Hospitality fund.

NightShul Announcement

With the holidays still ahead of us, it may seem that October is a long way off. But it's closer than you think. The 2015-2016 season of NightShul will begin October 15. This year NightShul will feature three-week sessions in six months, from October to May. The catalog includes sixteen different learning opportunities and a faculty of 7, with more being added as we go forward.

Watch for the official announcement in the next week or two. NightShul will have its own website where you'll be able to see the catalog, buy subscriptions, and pre-register for those of the courses that have limited enrollment. If you want to make a contribution to help make NightShul even stronger, you'll be able to do that on the website, too. Or write to nightshul@emjc.org.

INTERFAITH ACTIVITIES

The interfaith committee of EMJC is thrilled to continue our 18th year of collaboration with our friends at Our Lady of Refuge Roman Catholic Church and our 3rd year working with Church of the Nativity. What a great year of interfaith activities we have planned for you for the 2015-2016 season! First, we will be conducting a High Holiday food drive. Paper bags donated by Trader Joe's will be available at the end of Rosh Hashanah. All are invited to bring them back filled with canned, packaged, non-perishable food when coming to the synagogue for Kol Nidre. Donated food will be given to the OLR food pantry and the kosher food pantry in our neighborhood. We are currently planning our annual Columbus Day, Monday, October 12, 2015 walking trip. Destination will be determined, shortly. Watch for email blasts and flyers. We will continue our Thanksgiving holiday tradition and hold our 15th annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 22 at 4pm at OLR on Ocean and Foster Avenues. In addition to these events, we are planning to volunteer this fall at the Masbia Soup Kitchen on Coney Island Ave. Our annual blood drive will be held in January. Music of Our Faiths Concert organized by our own Cantor Sam Levine is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 10, 2016 4pm, and look for another wonderful Intercultural World Dance Party in early Spring. Have energy and ideas? We are always looking for motivated people to be a part of our wonderful, hard-working, dedicated committee. Contact Sally Hipscher famhip@aol.com

INTERFAITH COMMITTEE



Top left to right...Sharon Resen, Bob Resen, Amy Nitzky, Sandy Goldhaber, Clair Sejour, Reverend Kimberlee Auletta, Toby Sanchez, Beth Jacobs, Victor Jordan

Bottom row left to right...Patricia George, Cantor Sam Levine, Judge Mike Gerstein, Sally Hipscher, Sr. Celia Deutsch, Shereen Rosenthal-Tawil

Sisterhood Scoop

Greetings from Sisterhood! Summer is coming to an end, and we at Sisterhood hope that everyone had a happy, healthy and relaxing vacation season. We have been busy this summer relaxing, recharging and reenergizing so we can move ahead with a vigorous agenda of Sisterhood activities. We are very excited to announce Sisterhood Book and Author Supperette in November. Our guest author will be Rabbi Susan Grossman, who will discuss her book Daughters of the King: Women and the Synagogue. Rabbi Grossman is also one of the editors of the Etz Chaim Chumash that is published and used by the Conservative Jewish movement. Stay tuned for further details!

We still want to hear your ideas. Many of you have come up to us with great ideas and we would like to see some of these come to fruition. We are having another planning meeting in September. Bring your ideas and energy. We will let you know as soon as we set the date.

We wish everyone a Shana Tovah and

The Institute for Living Judaism in Brooklyn (ILJB) **FALL LINEUP**

Here are a few of the programs ILJB is planning for its Fall/Winter lineup:



Ron Bruder, Founder of Education for Employment, on "Preventive Strategies for Mid-East Terror"



JJ Goldberg on "Insider Views of the Middle East"



Rabbi Uri Regev, head of Hiddush, on "Abridgement of Civil Rights for Non-Orthodox in Israel"

Dates and times for all programs will be announced soon. ILJB is a non-denominational center for learning that aims to promote tolerance, moderation, and pluralism in furthering the study and practice of our tradition

We offer quality programs to strengthen and expand Brooklyn's Jewish community

Watch for Kaddish and Mens' Club Sunday Mornings

news coming soon

ALL ARE WELCOME for interesting discussions with bagels and....

Annual Gala Fundraiser 2015 – Our Thanks!!

The end of summer is a time for reflection. As we anticipate the High Holidays, as we spend the month of Elul in self-contemplation, we must at once look backward, at the year that has passed, and forward at the coming year. I know that for Courtney and me, we are still basking in the *honoree glow* of the remarkable Fundraising Dinner in June, and we wanted to take the opportunity to acknowledge and thank all the many people who worked so hard to make it happen. That includes, first and foremost, the committee chaired by Sally Hipscher and Michelle Isaacson, tirelessly aided by Audrey Korelstein, Stephanie Luxenburg, Amy Nitzky, Debbie Schechtman, and Marsha Zeesman. The sheer number of hours that goes into the planning of such an affair is staggering, and the love and devotion with which they all performed this feat was profoundly moving to us. Many thanks also go out to the cast of supporting characters: Stephanie Kaner, Edith Maiman, Marina Lukina, and Anderson Waithe and his great staff.

But there are a great number of people who also are to be thanked: those of you who bought tickets, took out ads, congratulated us on the honor, and generally were there for us either in body or in spirit. We are so touched by your kindness, your generosity, and your outpouring of love. The great big building on Ocean Avenue might look imposing on the outside, but on the inside it is all warmth and welcome, and that was nowhere better illustrated than on the night of June 14, when we opened the journal and read the beautiful letters, comments, and ads. From the bottom of our hearts we thank each and every one of you who made the evening so special. May we celebrate many more occasions all together.

Cantor Sam Levine and Courtney Walsh

We mourn with our members **Joseph & Emily Pariente** and their sons **Jonathan** and **Gabriel** the passing of Emily's father **Irving Klenetzky**, who was eulogized by many family members at the service conducted by **Rabbi Matt Carl** and **Cantor Sam Levine**.

CONGRATULATIONS and Mazal Tov to

Hannah Levine on the birth of her fourth great-grandchild, Bryce Nathan Levine, son of Rory & Natalie Levine and grandson of Jeffrey & Natalie Levine. Congratulations to the entire Levine family.

Past President **Gail Hammerman**, who was elected to be the National Secretary of Hadassah. She will not take office until January 2016, but in the meantime will be working very closely with the current secretary to learn the job. Roni Schwartz, also an EMJC member, was reelected as national treasurer and will serve in that capacity for two more years.

Goldie and Eric Arrow on the birth of their first grandchild Anna Rose, born to their children Minda and Ely Greenberg

Joan Greenberg Klein and Dr. Philip Klein on the birth of their grandson, born to their children Regina Klein and Noah Reiss.

Miriam & Sandy Goldhaber on the marriage of their grandson, **Ariel Menche**, to his beautiful bride **Aviva Koloski**. Ariel is the son of **Aron & Aliza Goldhaber Menche**



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Steven Drachman
Sherry & Eric Goldberg
Michael Kaufman
Harold Klein
Frances Pearce
Stephanie & Michael Shapira
Tabitha & Glenn Teitelbaum
Shoshana & Blake Zidell

KIDDUSH SPONSORS: We thank those who sponsor our Kiddushim.

July 11, Anne Binder sponsored a Congregational Kiddush in honor of the birth of her great grandson in Israel born to proud parents Yarden and Naama Ben-Dor and grandparents Dr. David and Hamutal Ben-Door

July 25, Judith Berman provided blintzes and fruits for the Congregational Kiddush on the occasion of her father Yehuda Rosner's Yahrzeit.

September 12, Congregational Kiddush provided by Pride Caterers in honor of **Sally Hipscher, Michele Isaacson** co-chairs and their committee members for the 91st Annual Fundraiser Celebration.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



SEPTEMBER

Paul Adler	Madeline Kraner	Eric Goldberg	Rita Paris
Nathan Weissman	Stephanie Luxenberg	Doris Kimmich	Betty Rosenstock
Nora Robell	Marjorie Sanua	Sybil Paley	Matthew Wells
Eliot Solomon	Marcia Sheiman	Kenneth Frishberg	Robin Finkelstein
Carolyn Deborah Baskin	Rubin Braunstein	Beth Jacobs	

OCTOBER

Naomi Aronowitz	David Kranis	Inna Bauman	Stuart Witt
David Eckstein	Lowell Miron	Robert Resen	Blake Zidell
Randy Glaser	Michael Saratovsky	David Burg	Joan Berkowitz
Andrew Chertoff	Jessica Saratovsky	Madeleine Appell	Ilia Khaduri
Harvey Lubowitz	Joyce Ashe	Dr. Rubin Berlinerblau	Carole Berman



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

SEPTEMBER

Robert & Sharon Resen
 Michael & SueAnne Hurwitz
 Harvey & Susan Lubowitz
 Paul & Marcia Adler
 Arthur & Francine Katz
 Marshall & Alissa Levine
 David & Shirley Burg
 Leonard & Phyllis Nurkin
 Joseph & Emily Pariente

OCTOBER

Eric & Goldie Arrow
 Arthur & Susan Geen
 Michael & Stephanie Schapira
 Howard & Carol Feldsher
 Stan & Barbara Hopard
 Michael & Jessica Saratovsky

New Year's Greetings

Evelyn & Norman Abes

Rose Adler

Joseph & Shelley Benezra

Pearl & Harvey Berkowsky & Family

Shirley & David Burg

Ina Cooperman

Carol Dachs

*Rochelle & David Eckstein &
Family*

Helen & Ed Ezrick

Frances & Avrom Fischer

Doris & Bernard Geller

Susan & Arthur Geen

Sandra & Syras Green & Family

Ethel & Jacob Gold & Family

Sandy & Miriam Goldhaber

Janet Gurvitch & Family

Max & Gina Gurvitch

Ed Guterman

Dr. David & Gail Hammerman & Family

Sally & Mike Hipscher

Francine & Arthur Katz

Melvyn Klein

Leah, Eugene, Steven & Ilana Krakowski

Ann & David Kranis & Family

Estelle & Ephraim Leibowitz

Hannah M. Levine & Family

Henry & Joyce Magenheim

Jamie & Marty Markowitz

Janet & Michael Marcus

Muriel Minsk & Family

Gilda Mudick

Phyllis & Len Nurkin

Michael & Rita Paris

*Joseph, Emily, Jonathan & Gabriel Pari-
ente*

Marilyn Pearce

Luna Poplausky & Family

Abe Prosky

Sharon & Robert Resen

Jerome Roth

Lisa & Joseph Rothman

Phyllis & Joe Rothstein

Marjorie, David, Jacob & Julia Sanua

Debbie & Mitchell Schechtman & Family

Arlene & Abraham Schmutter

Dr. Fryderyka Shabry

Blossom & Martin Shelton

Eda & Jacob Solome

Shirley Strauss & Family

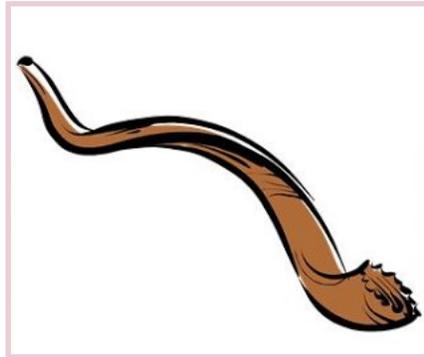
Aviva & Michael Sucher

Dr. Alex Trakhtman & Galina Zbarskaya

Adrienne & Henry Traktman

Eva Wallach

Tina & Matthew Wells



Sweets for the Holidays... My Take

by Ellen Levitt

The approaching end of summer means certain things creeping up on us: day camp and sleep away camp ending, back to school sales (and the back to school mindset) and extended preparations for the holiest of Jewish holidays. Yes indeed, Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, as well as Sukkot and Simhat Torah, are soon to be here.

Many of us embrace this as inevitable, but many of us also find ourselves intimidated by this cycle of hagim, plopped atop the start of school! The end of summer's relaxing rhythms! Time for anxiety? Well, at least time for pensiveness, for taking stock of our past-present-future, time for considering our religious roles. Yes, time for anxiety.

It is also time to plan holiday menus (either of our doing or ordering). Every Jewish holiday has its attendant foods, and the High Holidays certainly have their share of this. These foods, their tastes and aromas, have a special ability to connect us with traditions, with our families and friends. They also have special spiritual meaning, although whenever I've read that Chabad explanation for sampling fish heads for the holiday, I admit that I roll my eyes. Nope, I ain't eating that.

One of the foods I do enjoy and admire for the Yom Tovim is the round challah. It is such a pretty (and tasty) thing to admire. I get a kick out of passing by the kosher bakeries, and ogling their holiday challahs. Yep, that's a keeper.

But there are two other bakery products I have never really taken a shine to; in fact, I dislike them. I don't eat Sponge cake and honey cake. Now, I know some of you are going to groan, some will tsk-tsk, and others will join me in a rousing "heck yeah!" My mother would refer to these two cakes as "wastes of calories", meaning, why eat this dreck when there are so many other tastier treats to load up on?

Sponge cake is one of those shul Kiddush staples that I would only eat if I were truly starving. Recently I had a discussion about Kiddush food with a member of our congregation who also confided to me that she dislikes sponge cake and vastly prefers other treats, even non-sweet foods, for shul Shabbat Kiddush. I'm in her camp, for real. But hey, someone is eating it. Right?

Then there is honey cake. It has a special place in the Yom Tov panorama, but I have never taken a shine to it. Not only for taste, but for tactile reasons. If I want something with that consistency I sure would prefer... jelly beans. I know that there is a Jewish tradition to ask for honey cake, for a sweet new year. Allow me to ask for jelly beans, for a sweet new year. And they come in a wider variety of colors! Oh and don't forget apples and honey beloved by almost all!



An Overview of the Social Work-related Programs and Services in the Coming Year

By Shira Felberbaum, LMSW, MS

EMJC Social Worker (from The Jewish Board via UJA's Partners in Caring Program)

Chag kasher v'sameach! Holiday greetings everyone. I am Shira Felberbaum, a social worker from The Jewish Board, available to your community through a grant from UJA called Partners in Caring (PIC).

As your PIC social worker, I am able to meet with you individually to offer short-term supportive counseling around matters including loss and bereavement, coping with illness, caregiving challenges, long term planning, and advance directives. I am also able to refer you to others resources in the community that may be able to provide you with ongoing support.

Over this past year I was privileged, once again, to connect individually with a number of you and also to partner with EMJC professionals and lay leaders to develop and deliver an array of community-wide programs. Cantor Sam Levine, Education Director Audrey Korelstein, Rabbi Matt Carl, and I along with support from Co-presidents Toby Sanchez and Randy Grossman, held a number of programs that were open to the community, many of which we intend on delivering again to the community this coming year.

Below is what the above mentioned team of EMJC professionals and lay leaders and I envision for the coming year:

Barrier-free High Holiday Service

Just as has been done in previous years, EMJC's welcoming and sensitive all-ages service, held during the Days of Awe for the Jewish New Year, is designed to be accessible to all and is especially family-friendly. It is for anyone who wishes to be part of a lively and interactive service of prayer, Torah, song, story, and shofar blowing in a supportive atmosphere full of holiday joy. The service is barrier-free; No stairs or tight pews; "Up front" wheelchair seating; A Torah that's easy for everyone to see; Large print reading materials; ASL interpreted; All parts of the service explained; A social story is available too.

Holiday Series for Bereaved Jews

Just as in prior years we held a series of three gatherings at the times of Sukkot, Chanukkah, and Passover, we plan to do so in the coming year as well. Each of these programs will draw upon the themes unique to the holidays as a way to remember, honor, and celebrate the lives of our deceased loved one(s). Programs will consist of discussion, text reading, music, poetry, arts and crafts.

Gathering in the Hut: A Sukkot Program for Bereaved Jews

Lights in the Darkness: A Hanukkah Program for Bereaved Jews

Coping with the Empty Chair at the Seder Table: A Pesach Program for Bereaved Jews

End-of-Life Care Discussion and Planning with Advance Directives

New: This year we plan to offer an interdisciplinary panel discussion that can address the spiritual / religious, medical, legal, financial, and emotional aspects of this process. The goal is to have experts available to touch upon these topics and then be available for both a community-wide question and answer session and also a small group and/or set of one-on-one discussions.

Bikur Cholim Training

New: This year we plan to offer a training and discussion around the experience of those who visit the sick, elderly, and homebound as well as the experience of those who are the recipients of such visits. We will discuss ways to help increase the meaning of such visits for both parties and also ways to identify when additional support may be advisable as well.

Shabbat Honoring Relationships of Loved Ones Whom We Take for Granted

In previous years we have created themed Shabbats such as the one in which we honored caregivers and more recently the one in which we honored intergenerational relationships. This year we intend to honor those who we may have come at times to take for granted. It will be a chance to come celebrate those who mean the most to us in our personal and professional lives as well as in the synagogue community. We will hopefully give special attention once again to increasing the awareness and prevention of elder abuse through important discussion. Music and text study will also be important elements of the program.

Healing Service

As we have done at least one other time, we plan to bring together clergy and congregants from several synagogues in Brooklyn to draw comfort through the recitation of poems and prayer, the singing of songs, and the participation in meditation and storytelling. Healing is intended to be from pain, stress, illness, and grief.

As we prepare ourselves for the start of the year, I want to say that I have truly valued the work I have been able to engage in over the past three years at EMJC. Partnering with Sam, Audrey, Matt, Toby, Randy, and so many others of you has enabled us to offer the community rich, multi-faceted programming filled with music, poetry, and rabbinic insights. It also has been meaningful to become acquainted with many of you in the community who I have spoken with one-on-one or with other loved ones. I look forward to getting to know the rest of you much better as well over time.

Note: Please periodically visit the EMJC website both to look for details of the below listed programs as dates approach and also to find out about additional programs that may be offered to the EMJC Congregational Community as well.

To be in touch with me by phone or email at The Jewish Board, please either call me at (212) 632-4735 or email me at sfelberbaum@jbfcs.org. By appointment, I plan to be available on-site at EMJC most Mondays from 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM, so please contact me if you wish to connect.

Social Worker

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Shira Felberbaum, a social worker of The Jewish Board, is available to the EMJC community as a result of the Partners in Caring (PIC) grant funded by UJA - Federation of New York.

Shira offers individuals and families belonging to EMJC congregational households short-term supportive counseling, information, and referrals. She provides confidential consultations on a variety of matters pertaining to personal and professional transitions (i.e. unemployment, illness, bereavement, caregiving, divorce, and retirement) as well as life challenges (i.e. elder abuse, domestic violence, lack of financial resources for food and shelter).

Additionally, Shira works with groups, co-facilitating bereavement support workshops in connection with Sukkot, Chanukah, and Pesach. Similarly, Shira co-facilitates themed Shabbat programs and helps to create and deliver other programs throughout the year including a barrier-free High Holiday service, a healing service, and an end-of-life care planning panel discussion.

Shira is passionate about helping synagogues become warm, inclusive, and caring communities. Please contact her directly to share ideas, for more information, or to schedule an appointment.

Availability

By Phone or Email at The Jewish Board: (212) 632-4735 or sfelberbaum@jbfcs.org

Another Year of Room J Classes and Programs Begins Soon!

Given this fall's holiday schedule, the first Sunday morning class won't be until Sunday, October 4. In the meanwhile, we'll have plenty of opportunities to gather: in addition to *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* services and programs for kids on 9/14, 9/15, and 9/22, our families come together at the *Days of Awe Barrier-Free Service For All* on Sunday, September 20 (beginning at 11 am) and at the *Decorate the Sukkah Party* on Sunday, 27 (beginning at 10:30 am). And, as usual, we'll have children at the center of Jewish learning when we unroll the Torah scroll on erev *Simchat Torah* (Monday, October 5).

In the weekly classroom, this year's group of students is a mix of returning kids and new kids, and I'm looking forward to spirited and engaged learning. Rabbi Carl and Cantor Levine plan to be frequent visitors to the classroom. The kids have never been shy sharing what they're thinking about – especially when we're studying Torah – and our clergy should expect some inquisitive questioning. Knowing our Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be right around the corner after the fall Jewish holidays, I'm sure Cantor Levine will be also be teaching the kids a few songs they'll share when we join our interfaith partners at Our Lady of Refuge (Sunday, November 22).

We already have a few special projects in the planning stages, for both the larger congregation and for families with young children. Right off the start, we'll be supporting the Rosh Hashanah food drive. Parents Alissa Levine and Dena Levinson have volunteered (yay!) to help make sure our children learn, firsthand, the importance Jews place on social responsibility. Alissa and Dena will help Sally Hipscher, our clergy and me with the details of implementing our focus on food justice in ways that involve the kids. Alissa, Dena, and I will also create other opportunities for the kids to learn about helping to make the world a better place. When you hear from the kids, please support all their efforts!

Another immediate project is to start work on creating a young child's prayer book for use at Shabbat Katan, our wonderful Shabbat morning service that's led by parents (another yay)! We'll use this as a classroom opportunity to learn some key songs, prayers, and blessings and reflect on their meanings. I imagine fantastic illustrations from the kids as they interpret the words and make connections to their lives. Parents Becky Phillips, Dan Wilchins, Moran Ben-Shaul, and Murray Lantner will be important to the success of this fun enterprise and I thank them in advance.

We count on everyone to be an ambassador for Room J! Help us get the word out about our classes and programs – like Shabbat-a-BimBom, our monthly Friday evening Shabbat program that demonstrates the close bonds of our Room J community. If you haven't yet seen Cantor Levine leading the service and the laughing kids huddled at his feet, you're missing out on some pretty cute Shabbat warmth. Seriously, come visit – our service is for everyone (if you can stand the noise).

Here's to a rewarding new year!

Audrey Korelstein



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is where children develop their connections to Judaism.

We fuse ancient traditions with contemporary learning and openness.

Our youth and family programs provide a stimulating foundation for exploring and interpreting Jewish ideas, nurturing Jewish identity, acting compassionately, and for encouraging spiritual discovery.

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We guide our students to think for themselves about the intersection of Judaism and their lives. Small-group learning is hands-on, infused with art and music, and supports all types of learners.

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In memory of Laura Shiffman

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In memory of Irving Schultze
In memory of Florence Klein

Cont'd from page 1: Randy Grossman

In a leadership role the goal was to do this in an interesting, painless fun way. Thinking about the High Holidays in the near future, I think my goals are the same.

Preparing for our members, and community to come together for meaningful, fulfilling, interesting services, and activities are a prime goal. I will do my best to personally greet everyone, and to make their experience in our Kehila a positive one. I ask for your help in this endeavor. It will be the small things that most families will walk away from the High Holidays Service with. It's important that we as a community make everyone feel welcome, and wanting to come back for more. You make up our community, and you can make the difference in someone's experience.

I cannot bring back my Bubbe and Zaidy or those wonderful unselfish women who helped make holidays special but I vow with your help to enrich our kehila as they would have.

“We all make a difference. Make yours positive. Together we can change the future of American Jewry.”

L'shana Tova umtuka

Randy Grossman President

Cont'd from page 1: Toby C. Sanchez

hosted several concerts including one dedicated to cantorial singing, developed a lively, attractive weekly blast and inaugurated our new adult education program, **NightShul**.

This stimulating new way of Jewish learning will be expanded in the coming year, lasting from October through May. We also hosted a Purim masquerade and ball with another organization, which brought 600 “millennials” into our building!

Constant improvements are made to our website and Facebook page and our events are regularly listed in the *Jewish Week* and other publications. In addition we now have a new banner on the outside of the building to tell people who we are – a traditional but egalitarian synagogue which welcomes Jews and non-Jews to learn about Judaism and share our beautiful building. We have a presence in this neighborhood and beyond, online and in the press that we have not had for many years. We know that there is much more to do, but we are not struggling – we are growing and thriving! We recognize that without you, the members and friends of EMJC, we can do nothing. You are the foundation of East Midwood today, as you have been in the past, as vital as the bricks and mortar. Please renew your dues and be generous with your Kol Nidre donations and other gifts throughout the year.

Be assured that we value you as friends and co-workers in the great enterprise to keep Judaism alive and renewed for generation after generation, even as the world changes around us. May you be inscribed in the Book of Life for a sweet, healthy, prosperous happy, and interesting year!

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