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Judaism: Lost in America

Norman Levin
Executive Director

Last month, the Pew Research Center's Religion & Public Life Project released the first major survey of American Jews in more than 10 years. It found a significant rise in those who are not religious, who marry outside the faith and who are not raising their children Jewish — resulting in “rapid assimilation that is sweeping through” both Conservative and Reform Judaism.

The intermarriage rate has reached an astounding 71 percent for non-Orthodox Jews.

Two-thirds of Jews do not belong to a synagogue, one-fourth do not believe in God and one-third had a Christmas tree in their home last year, according to the report in *The New York Times*.

Jews who do not define themselves as religious tend not to raise their children Jewish, so this secular trend “has serious consequences for ... ‘Jewish continuity.’ Of the “Jews of no religion” who have children at home, two-thirds are not raising their children Jewish in any way while 93% of those who identified as “Jews with religion” said they are raising their children to have a Jewish identity.

I have written about intermarriage in the past and I want to reinforce my belief that non-Jewish spouses can bring a level of integrity and spirituality to their families and to our congregation. So I do not want this column to be interpreted in any way as denigrating interfaith couples. This is simply to acknowledge that in order to preserve Judaism, especially progressive Judaism, we need to foster a generation of Jewish children who will grow up to be enthusiastic participants in a Jewish lifestyle.

Our people's “arrival” in American society has a consequence that our grandparents damned, our parents denied but which we take as a given. Many Jews today lament this evaporation of Jewish identity, observing that we are a three-millennium-old people lured away from our historic character by the baubles of consumerism.

We are in crisis. Judaism has become not just secondary but marginal.

Our membership in a Conservative synagogue is acknowledgment that Judaism is important to us. Yet, many feel anxious about how much Judaism we are instilling in our children. The survey highlights the reality that there is a direct correlation between ritual observance and Jewish continuity – that, in effect, our kids are not going to be Jewish because they attend Hebrew School but because Judaism is alive in their home.

The Pew study offers incontrovertible proof that parents who light Shabbat candles on Friday night and make Kiddush as a family at Friday evening dinner are much more likely to celebrate their grandchildren's Bar or Bat Mitzvahs than those who do not.

The challenges we are facing belong to all of us in the American Jewish community. We're not going to build Jews simply by providing formal education. Unless we demonstrate by deed that Judaism is alive with energy, passion and action, the Judaism that we cherish will rapidly wither.

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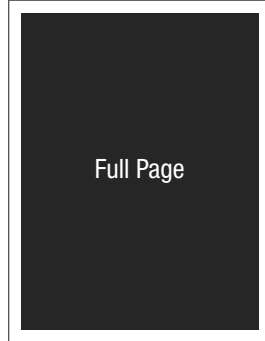
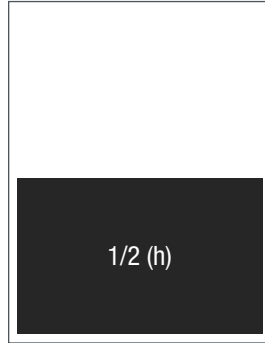
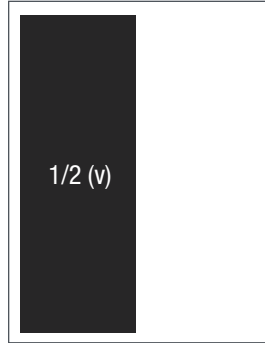
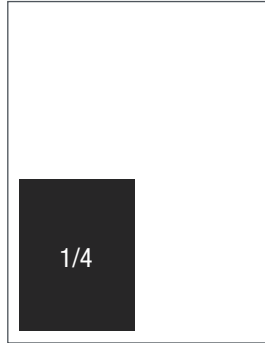
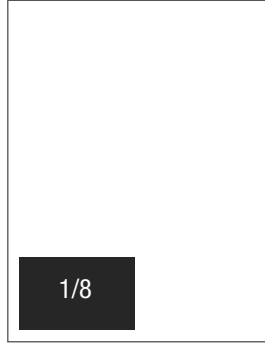
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Please make a donation of \$18 or more to the synagogue in honor of a birthday, anniversary, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, marriage, engagement or any other celebration or in someone's memory. We will list you as a sponsor or co-sponsor of our Shabbat evening oneg, in both the weekly Shabbat notice and the monthly candlestick.

Make your check payable to Pine Brook Jewish Center 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, Lk. Hiawatha, NJ 07034.

Turkey and... Dreidels???

Rosanne Mendelowitz
Nursery School Director



The month of October at PBJC Nursery gave all of us a chance to "settle in". With the excitement of the High Holy Days behind us, we jumped right into our classroom activities, focusing on Fall and all that comes along with it! From squirrels to leaves to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, there are so many great learning opportunities and projects! Take a look at the creative handiwork hanging from our ceilings and bulletin boards and you'll see what I'm talking about! Speaking of Thanksgiving, all of the children in the school are excited to celebrate the holiday together during our very special Thanksgiving Feast. We'll share the story of the Pilgrims and taste some holiday treats. This year will prove to be interesting, as not only will we be focusing on Thanksgiving, but on Chanukah as well! It's not often you can hear turkey songs and dreidel songs together, but if you'd like to, come take a walk through our hallways! Oh my, what better way to keep Nursery children, staff and parents busy than to have our Feast followed a week later by a Chanukah program? No matter how you look at it, it's all about learning, fun, family, celebrating... and of course, delicious treats.

The Nursery School kicked off its fundraising year with the wonderfully successful, 3rd Annual Trike-A-Thon. The children and their families came out for a beautiful (warm!) afternoon of "biking", games, raffles, crafts and music. Thanks to the combined efforts of many of the parents, valuable funds were raised! Special thanks to the event co-chairs Jess Edelstein and Staci Handler for all of their hard work.

One of the fabulous new additions to our Nursery program is our Hot Lunch program. This parent-run program offers lunch four days per week, with menus that include pizza, bagels, pasta and waffles. The children are loving the food and the parents are loving not having to pack so many lunches!

On the First Friends front, I'm happy to report that our Fall Mommy & Me class is off to a great start and registrations are still being accepted! Registration is also now open for the Intro to Pre-School class for children who will be 20 months by January 1, 2014. In this class, which meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m., children gradually separate to gain confidence and independence in a classroom setting. The children in this class will be eligible to attend PBJC summer camp and nursery school in the fall.



Stay tuned as we head into the New Year for exciting new details about PBJC Nursery going "full-time" as of September 2014! We will be offering all of our classes (2's, 3's and 4's) up to 5 days per week, as well as Early and After Care. We look forward to the expansion of our highly regarded, dynamic and amazing programming and to being able to accommodate more working families and those in our community with extended child care needs.

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

All the best!

Rosanne Mendelowitz

Nursery School Director



Mitchell Goldstein

My Fellow Congregants:

Initially, I would like to extend my thanks for the many compliments that I have received for the recently completed High Holy Day services. I thank and congratulate Francine Katz, Eve Fields and Jon Cohen for the excellent organization and coordination of those services.

Following up on my Kol Nidre appeal last month, the Finance Committee presented a proposed budget at the September Special Board Meeting. The budget was met with significant concern and comment by members of the Congregation who felt that more emphasis should be placed on expense reduction rather than the use of additional debt. It was suggested that a

special committee be formed to explore that concept. Towards that end I have created an Emergency Budget Task Force, which will review the budget and make recommendations to the board as to possible budget reduction scenarios. Their work should be completed in thirty to forty five days, at which time the Finance Committee will incorporate their findings into a revised proposed budget, which will be presented to the Board and Congregation for approval. As a result of the above, any dues increase will be deferred until the third quarter.

With the conclusion of the High Holy Days, the Synagogue is abuzz with activity. During the day our Nursery School children bring life to the building. As we embark on our journey to restore the Nursery School to its former economic vigor, I have created a special Nursery School Revitalization Committee to plan its' transformation into a full day Nursery School. Stay tuned for further developments.

In the afternoon and early evening the building is alive with the students in our Religious School and our growing Hebrew High School.

Nighttime brings yet additional activity. As I write this article, our new Adult Singles group is meeting in the Library and the initial meeting of our reconstituted Golf Committee is taking place down the hall. Later this week our Young Couples Club will meet as well.

As Thanksgiving and Chanukah approach I hope that each of you receives gifts that have meaning and enjoy the opportunity to say thank you for them.

Happy Birthday to my special girls, Carrie and Megan.

Shalom

Mitchell Goldstein



At our recent Sisterhood Kick-off Brunch, I was surprised to find that although many of you know

who I am from my attendance at various synagogue functions... you were unaware that I was the face behind the Candlestick Publication. Most of the morning was filled with happy greetings and conversation, which were quickly followed by lightbulb moments, "Oh, you're THAT Gina. I had no idea."

This prompted my own lightbulb moment and realization that most of you communicate with me several times a month, we have lovely "relationships", but you couldn't pick me out of a line up because all of our interactions take place over the net. Clearly this introduction is long overdue!

Let me begin by saying how much I enjoy producing this publication each month. I love reading your articles, creating inspiring advertising for our events and giving PBJC a visual voice. I hope to continue this legacy for as long as you'll have me.

Please also be aware that my door and email box are always open to any of you. Always remember that this is your publication. I happily welcome creative articles from anyone, suggestions, recipes, jokes, news from around the world and any other items of interest. I have been a studio designer and production manager in the advertising agency industry for more than 20 years, so there is little you could ask that could not be accomplished. Feel free to contact me anytime.

I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Joyous Hanukkah!



Mary Sheydwasser
Religious School Director

RELIGIOUS
SCHOOL

Being a mensch is the most important lesson that we can teach our students. We emphasize this behavior every time a child walks through our doors ... to be tolerant of others and to treat others with respect. With this in mind, our kitot bet and gimel students daven together every Tuesday afternoon and are paired up so that the fifth grader will help the fourth grader follow along with the service. They “live” the Torah phrase that says, “v’ahavta lireyacha kamocho” – love your neighbor as yourself. I invite anyone to come into the Beit Knesset at 5:40 p.m. to “schepp nachus” from these students.

Our students have the opportunity to experience different middot or values that are found in the torah as well. HIDDUR MITZVAH: What could the world look like if we practiced them by going beyond what is required, beyond our regular way of doing things, with an end goal of making the outcome more beautiful? LASHON HARA: The Torah forbids

“lashon hara” because it wants us to be people who see the best in others. BIKKUR CHOLIM: Our community comes together by creating get well cards for people who are under the weather. I trust that these lessons learned will be remembered for many years to come.

We are very fortunate to have caring and dedicated young adults in our congregation who volunteer and give so much of themselves. Alyssa Weiss has undertaken the responsibility of teaching our primary students music; Carly Goldsmith, Joshua Gonzalez, Noah Weinflash, Alexis Liebes and Brittany Liebes give so much of themselves to ensure that every student can enjoy reading Hebrew; Leigh Deitz, Danielle Fuchs, Liora Finkel, Lila Bortniker, Sara Schneiderman and Carly Dash volunteer every Sunday and assist the primary grades as our teacher assistants. Thank you for all that you do. Your dedication to volunteerism is priceless!

Kitah Hey students undertook a very important mitzvah... Hiddur Penei Zaken - Honoring the Elderly. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel said, “The test of a people is how it behaves toward the old.” They visited the Chelsea residents and are beginning to forge relationships with them by interviewing them and understanding their lives and challenges during their childhoods.

Our Religious School strives to provide a nurturing and comfortable environment where the study of our Jewish identity and traditions are being passed on from one generation to the next. It is very exhilarating to see your children, our students, grow and develop into the fine people that will continue our heritage for many more years to come.



I am so proud of your children’s’ accomplishments and skills. May they continue to go from strength to strength!

Save the date: Sunday, November 24... Julliard trained singers turned operatic superheroes will be performing a fun and interactive original program that delivers a powerful message and inspires students to discover their own superpowers and to follow their dreams! Operation Superpower takes a stand against bullying by promoting the five essential elements of being a superhero: courage, hope, honesty, imagination and friendship.

As we approach Chanukah, I want to wish all the members at Pine Brook Jewish Center, especially the students, their parents and our staff of teachers, a joyous festival of lights, and pray that the warmth of the menorah glows brightly for us in the months ahead.

B'nai Mitzvot

Allison Brachfeld November 2, 2013

Allison Cheryl Brachfeld was born on October 16, 2000 to proud parents, Amy and Michael, and big sister, Emily. She always has a smile on her face and has been an amazing presence in our lives. Allison is a 7th grade honor student at Lazar Middle School. She plays travel soccer with the Montville Power and basketball. She enjoys traveling and spending time with her friends. She looks forward to the summer where she spends it at Camp Kinder Ring. For her mitzvah project, she gathered donations of food and clothing and brought it to the Market Street Mission. She also made rainbow loom bracelets where she handed them out to pediatric patients at New York Presbyterian Hospital. We are very excited to share this special day with family and friends.



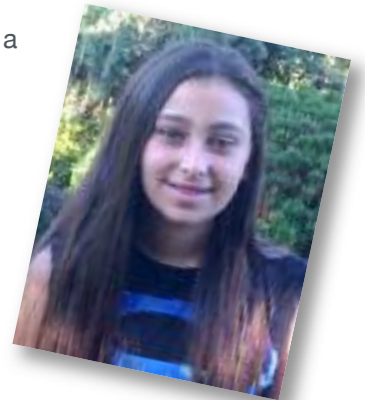
Ilana Lefkowitz November 3, 2013

Whether she is flying on the trapeze, or hanging with friends, Ilana is passionate about everything she does. She loves learning, and is a 7th grade honors student at Lazar Middle School. In the summer she can be found at Camp Tioga – her other home. Ilana is the best big sister that Aaron could have hoped for. November 8, 2000 was the first of many great days in the Lefkowitz family -- that is the day that Ilana's bright smile entered the world. We are very proud of the teenager that Ilana has become, and look forward to celebrating this milestone with all of our family and friends.



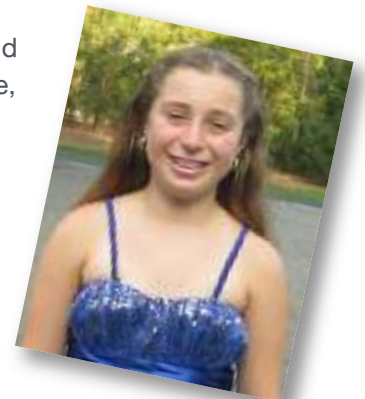
Carly Platinsky November 16, 2013

Carly Morgan Platinsky was born on November 29, 2000 and we were tickled pink! As the middle sister, Carly has a special bond with big sister Ali and younger sister Jolie and they (usually) love her sense of humor, her willingness to help them and, of course, her clothes! She has been a member of the Montville Power soccer team for 5 years and is passionate about soccer, lacrosse, and baking. Carly loves her time at Lazar but also counts down the days until she is reunited with her Camp Kweebec friends in Schwenksville, PA. While she has worked tirelessly preparing for her Bat Mitzvah, she has conscientiously kept up with all her school work and surprisingly has even found time for Instagram. She impresses us every day with her responsibility and maturity and we look forward to celebrating her big day with our family and friends.



Gabrielle Frieder November 23, 2013

Gabrielle Frieder was born on December 9, 2000 to proud parents, Melissa and Elliott. She is energetic and creative, and a terrific role model for younger sister Dara. She is a seventh grader at Lazar Middle School and is a great student. She is passionate about music, enjoys playing travel soccer with her friends and spending time with her family. She enjoys her summers attending Morristown-Beard Day Camp. For her mitzvah project, Gabrielle participated in the Relay for Life to raise money in the fight against cancer. We are proud of Gabrielle and all of her hard work, and we look forward to celebrating her special day with friends and family.

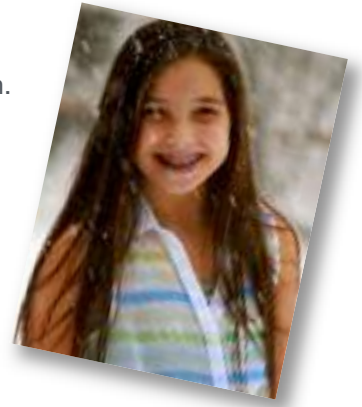


B'nai Mitzvot

Naomi Weinflash
November 30, 2013

Naomi was born on November 13, 2000 and was welcomed exuberantly by siblings Sarah, Eden and Noah. Two years later, her puppy Samson joined the family.

Naomi is an honor roll student at Lazar Middle School. In her spare time, Naomi loves cheer leading and tumbling, and is excited for the competition season to start again. On vacations Naomi enjoys traveling with her parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, or hanging out at Lake Valhalla with her friends. For her mitzvah project, Naomi has been participating in a dance class through Pathways. She has prepared diligently to be called to the Torah and is looking forward to celebrating with her family and friends



Single Active Seniors

Our first meeting was held on October 8th and was well attended by both men and women. After everyone spent time getting acquainted, we all played a version of Jewish Password. Refreshments were served and we began discussions to plan our year of events. A great time was had by all!

On Tuesday, November 5th @ 7:30, after a short meeting, we will enjoy Gentle Jazzersize for seniors. Wear sneakers, bring a towel and bottles of water to drink and to use as weights (if you do not have actual weights). Since our group currently has no dues structure, we will be collecting \$5.00 per participant to pay the instructor.

On Monday, December 9th we are planning an evening of team Charades, interactive Bingo and other fun group games. More information will follow on future events such as: chocolate making, movie night, dinners, brunches, baseball game, musical entertainment and theatre shows such as "Goodnight Gracie" at the Bickford theatre and "Seminar" at the Parsippany Playhouse.

If you are a synagogue member, 55+ and single, JOIN US! Call Elaine Nachshen 973-263-0407 or Barbara Fried 973-335-1099 with any suggestions or questions.



Adult Education with Rabbi Finkel

Melachim Bet – Kings II

The book of Kings is as dramatic as anything ever imagined by Shakespeare: deceitful alliances, assassinations and a fair sprinkling of idolatry – we'll explore stories you never learned in Hebrew School.

Classes start Tuesday Nov 5 at 10:00 a.m.



Sisterhood

Michelle Zuckerman
President, PBJC Sisterhood

Join the fun! PBJC Sisterhood offers opportunities for social activities, educational experiences, fundraising, and personal growth. We are dedicated to the perpetuation of Conservative Judaism by promoting Jewish education and encouraging cultural and social activities for our membership, the congregation and the community. Dues are \$45 per year (\$36 for our senior members).

Sisterhood enjoyed sponsoring and hosting several successful events in October! We were happy to be part of the special Shabbat Alive Beach/Boardwalk Family Dinner on October 4th by sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat, which included delicious zeppoles! Thanks to Programming VP's Betsy Steckelman and Ilene Thailer for organizing our first monthly Sisterhood Game Night on October 7th as well as a fabulous wellness program on October 23rd. A big thank you to Stacey Vinder for teaching us how to enhance our beauty to look and feel our best. Z'havah Co-Chairs Jill Fields and Shari Schwartz planned a great Tot Shabbat for our preschoolers on October 18th – thanks Jill and Shari!

November is a big month for the PBJC Sisterhood as we are proud to host our annual "Paid-Up" Membership Dinner and our annual Marketplace Shopping Event.

Our "Paid Up" Dinner will be held on Tuesday, November 12th at 7PM and will be an evening of beauty and wellness, including mini-massages, make-up tips and product tips to help make your life easier. Come for a wonderful evening of great food, wine, good friends and a helpful, fun and informative program! Please contact our

Membership VPs Elisa Sandler (esandler1@optonline.net/ 201-417-3850) and Shoshana Schiff (sschiff@trenklawfirm.com/ 732-539-5367) to RSVP for this special event.

Our annual Marketplace will take place on Tuesday 11/19 from 4:00 PM – 8:30 PM. It promises to be exciting again this year with a fabulous array of vendors, including: Pheel Athletic Wear (hot designer workout apparel recently featured in Equinox gyms); Children with Style (trendy kids fashion); Dana Faith Jewelry (featured in W Magazine); Gold Fisch Designs (Jewelry Collection including Chan Luu Jewelry at fabulous prices); 3 Sisters NY (showing new cashmere apparel & fabulous accessories); Jake's Gems (amazingly affordable costume jewelry & trendy accessories - the perfect teacher's gifts!); Scentsy Candles (perfect for all holidays); Tempting Table (offering the best selection of beautiful serving pieces); 4 Fashions (the latest in casual woman's fashion); B Friends Design (personalized children's lounge pants and other apparel); Sew Cute (trendy American Girl doll clothes); and much, much more! Teresa Giudice of the Real Housewives of New Jersey will also be on hand from 6-8PM selling and signing copies of her newest cookbook. Be sure to stop by and check out this great shopping event just in time for Hanukkah! Special thanks to Marketplace Chairs Jodi Benson, Allison Herman and Julie Schnall for organizing this event! Please e-mail pbjcmarketplace@gmail.com if you have any questions about the event or for vendor inquiries.

Our next Sisterhood Game Night will take place on Monday, November, 4th. We will be featuring special Mah Jongg beginner/instructional tables. Stop by if you've always wanted to learn to play... there's no better way than in a comfortable, friendly environment! Experienced players and games are, of course, always welcome, too. Bring your friends and your favorite other table games – all are welcome!

Sisterhood's Z'Havah, along with the Men's club, will host and sponsor our annual Children's Hanukkah Party and Menorah Lighting on Wednesday, December 4th. Children will be treated to some delightful entertainment and then will help light the PBJC Menorah with Rabbi Finkel and Cantor Toren. They will also receive a dreidel and gelt from the Sisterhood and Men's Club!

Finally, Sisterhood is always proud that we are able to help the children of PBJC, both at the Nursery School and at the Religious School, in many ways. We helped purchase an Interactive White Board ("Smartboard") for the Religious School this year and are so pleased with how it is enhancing the educational experience of our children!

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 mezuck@optonline.net or call me at (973) 402-0123... I look forward to hearing from you.

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

CLUB NEWS

Men's Club

Steve Gothelf
Men's Club President

The PBJC Men's Club fosters cultural, social, and religious activities and programs for the members of the Men's Club, Synagogue youth, the congregation and the community. In addition, we seek to promote understanding and awareness of Jewish heritage among our members and their children. Membership is open to any adult Jewish male of the congregation. Dues are \$75 annually and cover all events.



Each year the Men's Club honors one of our own with its highest honor: The PBJC Men's Club Man-of-the-Year. This year is no different and this year's honoree is Glenn Fox. We will be honor Glenn at the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs annual Man-of-the-Year dinner. This special event will take place on the evening of Wednesday November 6th 2013. There will be an extended cocktail reception that starts at 6:00 followed by an awards ceremony at 7:30 and a dessert reception at 8:45. This special evening will held at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael in Springfield, NJ. This is a first rate catering facility and this has always proven to be a tremendous evening.

Meet the 2013-2014 PBJC Men's Club Man-of-the-Year...

Glenn Fox was born in Newark, NJ and grew in Maplewood, NJ, where he graduated from Columbia High School in 1983. He went on to earn his AB from Cornell University in 1987, his JD from Albany Law School of Union University in 1990, and his LLM in tax from New York University in 1994. He is a partner at the law firm of Baker & McKenzie LLP in Manhattan, where he practices tax law with a focus on US and international estate planning.



Glenn has been an active member of the PBJC since he and his wife, Randee, joined in 1999. He has been a member of the House committee, renovation committees, rabbi search committees, finance committee, religious school committee, nursery school committee, and ritual committee. He has been a member of the PBJC Board of Trustees since 2005 and he has served as vice president from 2009 to 2011 and president from 2011 to 2013. Glenn is currently a committee vice chair of the UJA Federation of New York.

Glenn has been involved in local synagogue life since he was a teenager, when he was involved in youth groups at Oheb Shalom and Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel in South Orange, New Jersey, where his family belonged. He attributes his dedication to Judaism to his parents, Ruth and Edwin Fox, who made sure he had a solid Jewish education, to his grandfather, Lewis Fox, who served as president of Temple Beth Mordechai in Perth Amboy, New Jersey in 1964, to his wife, Randee Fox, who also served as president of PBJC from 2007 to 2009, and to his three sons, Ethan, Parker and Noah.

If you would like to attend the dinner and help to honor Glenn, please contact Jonathan Cohen our Dinner Chairman (and our current Man-of the-Year) at 908-672-6085 (cell).

Thank you and congratulations again go to Glenn for his long and dedicated service to the PBJC.

If you have any questions or want to know more about the Men's Club, please email me at: Stevegothelf@gmail.com or call me at: 973-335-7486.



CLUB NEWS

Friendship Club of PBJC

Betty Crane
Friendship Club Coordinator

The Friendship Club began in 2000 with a grant from MetroWest. Currently, we have about 250 members from Morris and Essex counties. We meet at various times of the year depending on the synagogue schedule. We take trips to museums, attend concerts and shows, have a mid-winter brunch in February, a Shabbat dinner in November, and evening programs. We have about eight events a year, several with bus transportation. Dues are \$25 annually.

Now that autumn has arrived, The Friendship Club is in full swing. We had a beautiful turnout at our movie night on Tuesday, October 1 and our members enjoyed the documentary on counterterrorism. With a large screen and a digital projector, it was easy viewing for everyone. We thank Tom Milkowski, our audio-visual expert, for all his assistance.

On Thursday, November 21, we have arranged a day trip to The Jewish Museum in upper Manhattan to view a new exhibit, "Chagall: Love, War and Exile." In this collection are 31 paintings, 22 works on paper and selected letters, poems and photographs covering the period from the 1930's through 1948. A flyer was mailed to our mailing list members in October and if you have not responded as yet, please



do so immediately. The tour size is limited to two groups. If this event is sold out, there will be a waiting list in case of any last-minute cancellations.

As a reminder, our annual Shabbat Dinner will take place on Friday evening, December 13. In addition, our Mid-Winter Brunch has been scheduled for Sunday morning, February 16, 2014. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Finally, the month of November will be a festive time for all of us as both Thanksgiving and Hanukkah fall on the same day. This is a very rare occurrence and one that we will remember for a long, long time. I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving and a Happy Hanukkah.

Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Chaverim of PBJC

Chaverim of PBJC are a vibrant group of adults 60+ who meet at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at the Center. We offer a variety of entertaining and informative programming for our members including guest speakers, movies, luncheons, trips throughout NYC, local dining and much more! We often do a little noshing and schmoozing before each event, so feel free to bring a cold dairy lunch and join us! Coffee, tea and cake always served.



Thur. November 14

11:30 SOCIALIZING & LUNCH • 12:00 MEETING
12:30 PROGRAM: Alvin Billings will be discussing Jews and Money-Myths & Reality

Thur. November 28

Thanksgiving - No Meeting



Coming Soon to PBJC
**The NJ Kosher Barbeque
Championship**

Calling all cooks and connoisseurs of fine kosher food...

This competition will "pit" teams of chef-testants against one another for the right to call themselves the NJ Grand Champion of Kosher BBQ. There will be Food and Fun at this Jewish themed Family Friendly event!

For this event to be successful, we need your help and participation. In addition to teams with the desire to compete, we need volunteers to help on the following subcommittees:
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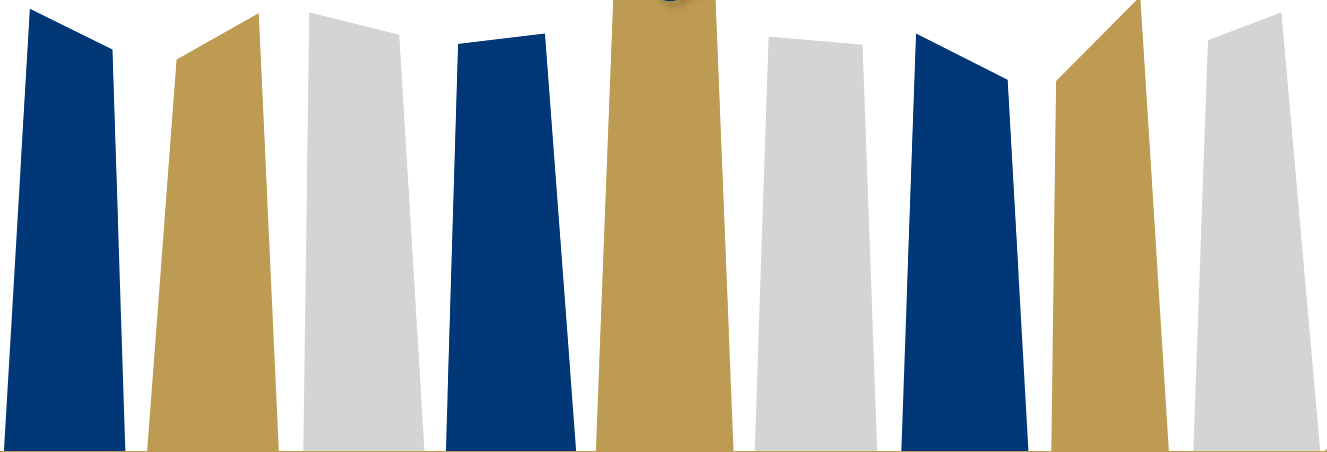


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"These Jewish potato pancakes are so good that posting the recipe alone is a mitzvah (blessing) of the highest order. Bubbelah, you should always trust me with this stuff." from Andrew Zimmern's Kitchen Adventures

1 pound Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and cut into 2-inch chunks

Sea salt

2 pounds baking potatoes

1 large onion, finely diced

2 large eggs, lightly beaten

1 cup matzo meal

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground white pepper

Vegetable oil, for frying

Applesauce, crème fraîche, smoked salmon, salmon roe and dill sprigs, for serving



In a medium saucepan, cover the Yukon Gold potatoes with cool water, season generously with salt and bring to a boil. Cook the potatoes until tender, about 15 minutes. Drain well and immediately pass the potatoes through a ricer into a large bowl.

Working quickly, peel and grate the baking potatoes on the large holes of a box grater into a medium bowl. Press with a clean kitchen towel to remove excess moisture. Add half of the grated potatoes to the riced potatoes.

Transfer the remaining grated potatoes to the bowl of a food processor. Add the onion and pulse until the potatoes and onions are very finely chopped. Transfer to a fine-mesh sieve and press with the back of a spoon to extract as much liquid as possible. Add the potato-onion mixture to the large bowl. Stir in the eggs, matzo meal, white pepper and 2 teaspoons of salt.

In a large, heavy skillet, heat 1/4 inch of oil until shimmering. Working in 3 batches, spoon 1/4 cup of the potato mixture into the oil for each latke; press slightly to flatten. Fry over moderate heat, turning once, until the latkes are golden and crisp on both sides, about 7 minutes. Drain the latkes on a paper towel-lined baking sheet and sprinkle lightly with salt. Serve with applesauce, crème fraîche, smoked salmon, salmon roe and dill.

MAKE AHEAD

The fried latkes can be kept at room temperature for up to 4 hours. Reheat them on a baking sheet in a 375° oven for about 5 minutes, or until warmed through and crisp.



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FRI/SAT, 11/1 & 11/2

28 Heshvan—November 01
Lester Deneberg
Ida Katz
Hanna Kruger
Joseph Mager
Theodore Schulman

29 Heshvan—November 02
Jacob M. Bloom
Rebecca Felzenberg
Ben Gold
Manya Landau
David Lewis Mazzola
Ben Mendelsohn
Sarah Stoll

30 Heshvan—November 03
Julius Bernstein

1 Kislev—November 04
Lillian Cohen
Sid Gilbert
Anna Halperin
Esther Shoflick
Joseph Wasserman
Henrietta Waxberg

3 Kislev—November 06
David Gerkin
Joseph Goldberg

Sally Zemel

4 Kislev—November 07
Samuel Bernstein
Leonard Cohen
Nathan Feinblum
Abraham Sheinker

FRI/SAT, 11/8 & 11/9

5 Kislev—November 08
Samuel Gladstein
Mamie Tarter

6 Kislev—November 09
Isaac Bornstein
Rose L. Cohen
Millie Gnapp
Reuben Jankowitz
Clarise Minzenheimer
Solomon Oshrowitz
Jack Rosenberg

7 Kislev—November 10
Bernard Kirsch
Saul Smolar
Leo S. Weiner

8 Kislev—November 11
Debby Frieder
Joseph Markel
Max J. Sarver
Anna Schenerman
Marvin Striziver

9 Kislev—November 12
Max Blank
Sophie Grossman
Abraham Rynski
Morris Treiser

10 Kislev—November 13
Fannie Iglowitz
Rose B. Moroch
Benjamin Zimmerman

11 Kislev—November 14
Jack Feinbloom
Harry Gottesman
Abe Konner
Gertrude Richman
Max Rubin
Louis Seman

FRI/SAT, 11/15 & 11/16

12 Kislev—November 15
Martin Seidman

13 Kislev—November 16
Tillie Bohana
Monte Brief
Rachel Dina Dabrowski
Mildred Fabricant
Clara Halprin
Josef Hoch

14 Kislev—November 17
David Alboum
Frances Freeman

Joseph H. Friedman
Rose Saul
Ruth Schulman

15 Kislev—November 18
Roye David Abramson
David Bauman
Rose Bloom
Donald Davidson
Lillian Fenton
Abe M. Finver
Rebecca Levy
Charles Liboff
Edna Morenstein
Jane Russnow
Miriam Simon
Dorothy Urbach

16 Kislev—November 19
Beatrice Freedberg
Esther Harris
Estelle Krinsky
Abe M. Levine
Aaron Neelman
Louis Premock

17 Kislev—November 20
Samuel Albin
David Engel
Ida Gurr
Dora Morris
Samuel Soled
Arnold Unger

18 Kislev—November 21
Dezider Benau
Sheryl Ferguson
Saul Landau
Reuben Marine
Alan Rose
Sol Rosenblatt
Isaac Schwartz

FRI/SAT, 11/22 & 11/23

19 Kislev—November 22
Ethel Joseph
Cornelia Kleinman
James H. Mergentime
Benjamin Wenarsky
Teddie Nelson Wieland

20 Kislev—November 23
Samuel H. Aibel
Jean Davis
Toby Michaelson

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Erwin Greenwald
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Anne Weinberg
Ruth Wolff

23 Kislev—November 26
Charlie Cohen
Ida Falk
Shlome Madriss

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Herman Stein

24 Kislev—November 27
Seymour Bortniker
Max Cone
William Ronald Krupnick

25 Kislev—November 28
Albert Levine
Janet F. Salzman

FRI/SAT, 11/29 & 11/30

26 Kislev—November 29
Abraham Baron
Nettie Scheinthal Bresler
Samuel B. Mendelsohn
George Singer

27 Kislev—November 30
Isaac Bader
Hinda Esterson
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Selma Friedman
Herman Glassman
Ruth Schwartz

28 Kislev—December 01
Max Abrahamson
Edna Chodor
Cecil Gordon
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29 Kislev—December 02
Milton Albert
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Harryette L. Aibel
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Chaim Yechiel Neuhaus
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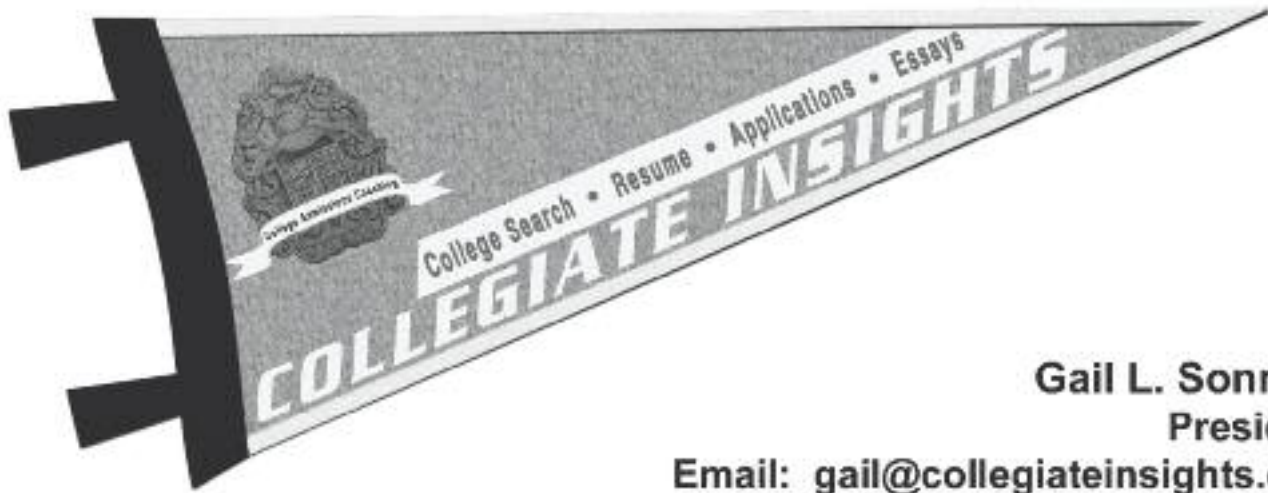


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27	28	29	30	31	6:30pm Family Shabbat  5:36pm	BM Allison Brachfeld 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service 10am Jr. Cong.
BM Ilana Lefkowitz	7pm Sisterhood Game Night	10am Adult Ed w/Rabbi Finkel 6pm Hebrew High 7:30pm Single Active Seniors	Men's Club Man of the Year	No School	No School  4:28pm	9:30am Shabbat Morning Service
No School		7pm Sisterhood Paid Up Dinner & Program		11am Chaverim	 4:22pm	BM Carly Platinsky 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service 10am Jr. Cong.
17	18	4pm Marketplace 6pm Hebrew High	20	Friendship Club Trip to Jewish Museum	 4:17pm	BM Gabrielle Frieder 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service
24	25	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	Hanukkah First Candle	Hanukkah Day 1 Thanksgiving	Hanukkah Day 2  4:13pm	Hanukkah Day 3 BM Naomi Weinflash 9:30am Shabbat Morning Service



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