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### *The Rabbi's Desk: Not Quite as Easy as A, B, C*

“Home is where they have to let you in simply because you’re you,” wrote Rabbi Lawrence Kushner. The statement applies well to the Land of Israel. Some of us refer to her as our second home, but by this definition, she is our one and only true home. We call her *Artzeinu*, our land, whether or not we have lived there or even visited there. She belongs to our collective past and our collective memory. She plays a major—if not *the* major—role in our shared destiny. In the present, especially given recent headlines, we struggle with deciding how we are to relate to this strange, familiar, frustrating, inspiring, old and new place we call home.

I recently learned of the A-B-C’s of teaching engagement with *Artzeinu Yisrael*. The “A” stands for the affective method: the emotional attachment we feel to Israel when we experience what she offers; when we are affected by the smells, sights and sounds of her vibrant culture; when we taste her food, climb her mountains, or dance to her music. The “B” stands for the behavioral method: the actions we perform when we want to show our support for Israel; when we advocate or lobby; when we march in a parade; when we invest in a bond. The “C” stands for the cognitive method, this last one being the most difficult to teach and the hardest to learn: the appreciation we must have for Israel rationally, intellectually, and perhaps even spiritually when we consider what she represents in the context of a complex world. While we want *Artzeinu* to live up to every Jewish ideal, she struggles to climb out of a web of social, political and religious entanglements that are anything but black and white.

Having just returned from a 10-day family experience in Israel, the A-B-C’s of *Artzeinu* still have me spinning. The sense of family and home was as strong as I have ever felt it, and yet I am so disillusioned that a fanatic ultra-orthodox element represents as great a threat to Israeli society as the threat of a nuclear Iran. Extremist attitudes, sadly, hold too much sway over the decisions Israel must make as it strives to fulfill the ideals we expect of *Artzeinu*. Learning my A-B-C’s, however, has empowered me to know how I can continue to engage with Our Land in a constructive and honest way. I know that individually and communally we can continue to love, support and appreciate Israel even as we nudge her in the directions we want to see her take.

Our OJC community has been blessed with people who are similarly committed to Israel. In particular, one of our families has decided to endow an effort to make these A-B-C’s of Israel accessible to any of our congregants who wish to so engage. “The *Artzeinu* Project” will supplement our efforts to enable people at various stages of life to visit Israel; it will enable people to advocate and lobby for Israel by attending events and conferences where they might not have afforded the opportunity otherwise; it will fund opportunities to enable us individually and communally to appreciate the nuanced, fragile and unique place that Israel, *Artzeinu*, occupies in the world today. In return, The *Artzeinu* Project expects that its beneficiaries will share the excitement of their experiences in a meaningful way with our community.

More information about The *Artzeinu* Project will follow in the weeks and months ahead. If you are seeking a connection with Israel and you need help, reach out to your rabbis and we will work to make the experience possible. We hope that, with the help of this new program, feeling at home in *Artzeinu* will be as easy as A-B-C.

*L’hitra’ot,*  
Rabbi Craig Scheff

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## *From the President's Pen*

### *Major Retailers Want To Give Our Synagogue Money!*

Shalom Chaverim:

We're pleased to share some exciting news about a new fundraising program for the OJC. It's called "scrip," and it's the fundraising program that works while you shop.

Scrip is simply a word that means "substitute money"—in other words, scrip is gift certificates from national and local retailers. They're the same gift certificates that you buy at the store. Many popular retailers participate in our scrip program including CVS, AMC Theaters, Exxon/Mobil, Shoprite, Target, Best Buy, Bed Bath & Beyond, Lowes, and many, many others.

You're probably asking yourself how these stores help us raise money. It's simple—scrip participating retailers agree to sell gift certificates to our organization at a discount. Member families like yours buy the certificates for full face value, they redeem them for full face value, and the OJC keeps the difference as revenue. And scrip is exciting, because everybody wins:

- The retailer gets cash up front and repeat business.
- The OJC gets a regular source of revenue.

The beauty of scrip is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work. You earn money for OJC without spending a single additional penny. Just spend your regular shopping dollars with scrip at the stores that participate in the scrip program! And scrip can be used for just about any household purchase including food, clothing, entertainment, gasoline and even dining out.

We'll be holding a brief information meeting about our new scrip program in March, and we urge you to attend. We'll go over all of the facts about scrip, provide enrollment forms, and answer your questions. Please look for meeting information on our website and in the *Shaliach*.

The OJC scrip program promises to be a simple and effective fundraising program. Thanks for your support, and we hope to see you at our meeting!

B'shalom,

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and

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Scrip Coordinator





## *From the Educational Director's Desk*

There was a beautiful story that appeared in a Jewish newsletter a while ago. Back in the mid-nineties, a Jewish advertising executive in New York came up with an idea for the world's most prestigious newspaper, the *New York Times*, to list the weekly Shabbat candle lighting time each week. Imagining the Jewish awareness and pride that might result from such a prominent mention of Shabbat each week, the savvy advertising executive got in touch with a Jewish philanthropist and sold him on the idea for two thousand dollar a week. For the next five years, each Friday, Jews around the world would see "Shabbat candle lighting time this Friday is . . ." Eventually the philanthropist had to cut back on some of his projects and in June 1999, the little Shabbat notice stopped appearing in the Friday *Times*. From that week on it never appeared again, except once on January 1, 2000, when the *Times* ran a Millennium edition. This special issue featured three front pages. One had the news from January 1, 1900; the second had the news of January 1, 2000 and the third projected future events for January 1, 2100. This fictional page included things like a welcome to the fifty-first state, Cuba, a discussion on whether robots should be allowed to vote, etc. There was one more item. On the bottom of the 2100 front page was the Shabbat candle lighting time in New York for January 1, 2100. Nobody paid for it; the information was just published. When the Irish-Catholic production manager of the *Times* was asked why the Shabbat candle lighting time was included, he stated, "We don't know what will happen in the year 2100. It's impossible to predict the future. But one thing you can be certain of is that in the year 2100 Jews will be lighting Shabbat candles." This inclusion in the *New York Times* 2100 edition speaks volumes about the eternity of our people and the power of this Jewish ritual.

Perhaps you didn't grow up in a family where Shabbat candles were lit and maybe you think about the ritual but to you it's just something other people do. Try it—you'll like it—I guarantee! Our lives are so inundated with information, sights, sounds, dings, and beeps that call for our attention. We are unaware of how much noise there is until that special quiet Shabbat time is welcomed into our week. We all have hectic schedules, but we truly feel the lightness of the absence of these demands when we welcome Shabbat. Shabbat can also provide a time and space for mindfulness of all that we accomplish the other six days. In the quiet calm of Shabbat, we can make thoughtful choices about how much we are willing to do and what we would like to do differently when Shabbat is over. Shabbat is not just a reminder of the power of God; it is a reminder of our own power over our lives. No matter what your spectrum of observance, there is always room for new rituals that can enhance your enjoyment of Shabbat. Maybe you can set aside some reading, play a family game, or have junk food for breakfast (we have donuts!) just because it's fun. Your rituals don't necessarily have to be religious because Judaism's greatest gift to all of us is making the ordinary holy and the holy normal. Remember, Shabbat is your weekly opportunity to have a FREE vacation once a week, every week.

Enjoy a little bit of Shabbat magic with your OJC community. Family services are on the first Friday of every month at 6 pm and Tot Shabbat, Jr. Jr. Congregation and Jr. Congregation are EVERY Shabbat at 10:30am.

B' Shalom, *Sandy Borowsky*

Please check your emails and our website for our Nursery School and Religious School events and their details. Ask your children in grades 3-5 about our Elective Extravaganza and our students in Grades 3-7 about our healthy choice Snack Shop on Tuesdays. Here are some of our upcoming Religious School and Nursery School happenings for February.

- 1- Library: Nursery School and Kindergarten through 2nd grade
- 2- Visit from Daniel Sonnenschein, JCC Israel Shaliach, grades 3-7
- 3- Family Erev Shabbat Service led by 5<sup>th</sup> grade followed by a dinner for 5<sup>th</sup> grade families, 6 pm
- 4- 6th grade leads Jr. Congregation for their families and all Shabbat daveners, 10:30am; 4th graders lead Havdallah
- 6- Matt Roxx Music Program during Nursery School
- 7- Tu B'Shevat festivities for grades 3-7
- 8- PJ Library Event with Blue Box Bob, Music, Craft, Story and Food for Nursery School, Grades K-2 and the public
- 9- 7th grade visits the seniors at the Esplanade at Palisades
- 15- Tefillah and Music for Kindergarten through 2nd grade
- 20-24- Religious School and Nursery School are closed and reopen on February 27th
- 27- Rabbi Drill visits the Nursery School
- 28- Rosh Chodesh Adar Celebration, grades 3-7
- 29- Jym with Jodi during Nursery School

Learn Torah, Live Torah and Pass it on with Love. Busy Children are Happy Children!

# THE ORANGETOWN JEWISH CENTER NURSERY SCHOOL



is now registering for 2012

**Prospective students are invited to our  
OPEN HOUSE AND TOUR:**

**EVERY FRIDAY DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH**

Welcome Shabbat with our Nursery School Community  
11am-Noon- Songs, Snack and Fun

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME! TELL YOUR FRIENDS and FAMILY!  
RSVP Required. Please call the school office.**

## OUR SCHOOL OFFERS:

A Fun, Creative, Developmental Secular and Jewish Curriculum  
Literacy, Art, Music, Science, Math, Shabbat, Holidays and more . . .

**The personal attention each child deserves!**

Create, Explore, Discover, and Experience  
Build Self-Esteem and Make New Friends

Loving and Nurturing Staff – Great Student/Teacher Ratio  
Affordable Tuition/ Flexible Schedules/ Extended Days  
Member Discount/ Free Memberships for New Enrollees

**TERRIFIC TWOS - 2 AND 3 DAY A WEEK OPTIONS**

**THRILLING THREES - 3 DAYS A WEEK, EXTENDED DAYS AVAILABLE**

**FABULOUS FOURS - 5 DAYS A WEEK, EXTENDED DAYS AVAILABLE**

**AFTERNOON ENRICHMENT- MONDAY-FRIDAY- NOON to 2PM**

**Cooking, Messy Play, Science Experiments, Jewish Culture Club**

**BABY N' ME (*Grandparents too!*) Wednesdays- 9:45-10:45 am for ages 12-24 mos.**

## **Summer Kiddie Kamp 2012**

July 9th- August 17th- for 2, 3, and 4 year olds- Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 10am- 2pm.  
Kiddie Pools and Fun themes  
*Summer Treats, Bugs and Critters, Silly Animals, Oceans of Fun,  
Silly Hat Day, Stuffed Animal Show, lots more fun!*

Please call Sandra Borowsky, MS.Ed, Educational Director, at  
(845) 398-3982, ext. 110 to RSVP, register or for more information.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [www.theojc.org](http://www.theojc.org)

# OJC ONGOING LEARNING AT A GLANCE

## February 2012

### ***Torah n' Treats***

Wednesdays, February 1, 15 and 29 at 12:30 p.m.  
*Studies in the Bible's Book of Job with Rabbi Scheff*

### ***Text and Context***

Thursdays: 10 a.m. – 11 a.m., February 2, 9, 16 and 23  
*Parashat hashavua (the weekly Torah portion) with Rabbi Scheff*

### ***A Reintroduction to Judaism***

Thursdays, 7:30pm, February 2, 9, 16 and 23  
*A lecture series ranging in topics from Jewish life cycle to ethics and history*  
Led by Rabbi Scheff, Rabbi Drill and Rabbinic Intern Dahlia Bernstein

**February 2: *The Second Temple Period***

**February 9: *The World of the Rabbis***

**February 16: *Hanukkah***

**February 23: *Tu B'Shevat***

### ***Iyyun Tefillah***

Saturday, February 4 at 8:45 a.m.  
*An in-depth exploration of the Shabbat liturgy with Rabbi Drill*

### ***Monday Morning Midrash***

Monday, February 13 at 11:00 a.m.  
*Explore stories of the rabbis from between the lines of Torah,  
monthly with Rabbi Drill*

### ***The Friday Night Lecture Series***

Friday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m.  
*A monthly lecture by Dr. Marty Cohen*  
This month: "Historical Perspectives on Two Biblical Accounts:  
Jephtha's Daughter and the Golden Calf"



## Women's Rights in Israel

When one thinks of the Middle East, gender equality is not usually a feature that comes to mind. Yet in Israel, the equal status of women can be traced back to the very foundation of the Jewish state in 1948. The Israeli Declaration of Independence states that Israel “will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex.” This legal guarantee of rights and freedoms has allowed women to be fully integrated in Israeli society and play a key role in politics, business, science, sports, art and culture.

In Israeli politics, women have led the way as members of the Knesset, heads of political parties, and ministers in the government. The name Golda Meir, Israel's fourth prime minister and the third female head of government in modern history, is still revered throughout the world. Tzipi Livni, former foreign minister and vice prime minister, currently heads the largest party in the Knesset. And last September, Shelly Yachimovich beat four male competitors to become the leader of the Labor Party, the second woman to hold this position.

Women are also a central part of the Israeli judicial system. They comprise 51 percent of all judges and 44 percent of all lawyers, and Israel's Supreme Court is headed by a woman, Dorit Beinisch. But Israeli women fill positions of authority long before they enter politics or choose to pursue law. At the age of 18 they are already required to enter military service, where their equal status was enshrined in law in 2000. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) recently named its first ever female major general, Orna Barbivai, who heads the IDF's Human Resources Directorate.

Many of the traits needed for successful leadership in the military transfer to management positions in the business sector. It is thus no surprise that women have made a great deal of progress in the Israeli corporate world. Ofra Strauss serves as Chair of the Board of the Strauss Group, an international food and beverage company based in Israel. Galia Maor, President and CEO of Bank Leumi, Israel's biggest and most profitable bank, was named one of the world's “100 Most Powerful Women” in 2007 by Forbes Magazine.

The accomplishments of Israeli women in science and research have garnered global recognition as well. Perhaps the most extraordinary achievement is that of Ada Yonath, winner of the 2009 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. Yonath is the first Israeli woman to win the prize, the first woman from the Middle East to win a Nobel Prize in the sciences, and the first woman in 45 years to win the Nobel Prize for Chemistry.

There is always room in Israel, as in other countries, for further progress toward full gender equality. Nonetheless, the embracement of female success in the Jewish state stands in stark contrast to the institutionalized discrimination women face in the rest of the Middle East, and is a hallmark of a society that we here in America can be proud of.

## *“For You Were Strangers,”*

*by Dahlia Bernstein, Rabbinic Intern*

Since I am at the midway point in my internship at the OJC, I have been reflecting on the times I have stumbled and the times I have succeeded. It is natural to try and forget mistakes, but how can I learn from my stumbling without being burdened by it? How can my future actions be informed by, but not tethered to, the past? These are questions that arise at every juncture in our lives. Our people’s Exodus from Egypt can help us reflect on how we relate to previous struggles.

The Israelites were a people who were accustomed to slavery. At Passover we acknowledge that the Jews went from degradation to redemption, but it’s important to remember that their time as slaves was not just wiped away once they had been led out of Egypt. Although their physical oppression was over, the psychological effects of being slaves for over 200 years surely must have stayed with them.

When I see the Israelites finally leaving Egypt and practicing the freedom that they yearned for, I connect with the fears and concerns about the responsibility and accountability they now have for their lives. After they make it through the Sea of Reeds and extol God for saving them, they almost immediately regret this new freedom. They say in Exodus 15:3, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots, when we ate our fill of bread! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to starve this whole congregation to death.” The Israelites are basically saying, according to my father, Rabbi Morris Bernstein: “What have you done for me lately?” They may have left the narrow straits, but their vision is still limited. Accustomed to living hand to mouth, they don’t have the capacity to envision the promised land, only the concern over their next meal. Although they are free, their slavery still holds them back.

Jewish liturgy constantly evokes the Exodus from Egypt. When we sing Kiddush on Friday nights, we sing that Shabbat should be a reminder of our Exodus. We are challenged to remember the Exodus and our slavery for a blessing. Our instructions on how to view our past come in Leviticus 19:34: “When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not wrong him. The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as one of your citizens; you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I the Lord am your God.” Because we were foreigners we have the capacity to understand the plight of the other.

We sing about the Exodus every Shabbat to remind us of God’s miracles and to urge us to be kind to the stranger. The stranger can be the new person visiting the synagogue, the family with a disabled child, or the recent mourner. When we remember our own newness and our own times of alienation and mourning we are better suited to reach out to the stranger. We must look at our people’s narrative and our own narratives to inspire us to relate to someone experiencing a similar struggle.

In 2012, as we reflect on our experiences, let them inform how we treat the stranger in the hopes that we can repair the world with human understanding.

## Men's Club



### *When Does a Pair Beat a Full House???*

When we introduce Bart Bookman back into the fold as our co-president! Together, we are truly greater than the sum of our parts. We are looking forward to the second half of our year with renewed aspirations to surpass the levels of activities we had hoped to reach.



Before we go forward, however, we would like to go back and recognize what a wonderful job Jay Rifkin did with our comedy night. (It was my first time performing in it and I had a BLAST!) He wrote and directed the whole thing, and Bart Bookman was the producer. We would like to mention those who put in so much time and effort to make it so wonderful. Both rabbis, our rabbinic intern, and the cantor . . . plus the rebbitzten, rebbitzman and internish rebbitzman. We had our past president, Glenn Hirsh, current president, Kim Lori Sokol, and soon-to-be President, Amy Nelson. Our quartet of Eric Goldman, Bruce Machlis, Jeff Weiss and Jonathan Lesserson, who doubled as our pianist. We had Jay's daughter, Aimee Kaufman, Harold Koppel, Rosina Hirsh, our narrator Cindy Levine and me. I hope I didn't leave anyone out. THANKS TO ALL!!!

Next on our agenda is our annual World Wide Wrap. Men's Clubs all over the country will be participating in this event to wrap tefillin. It will be held on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at the OJC. Trainers will be available at 8:45 AM to assist you if needed . . . and, of course, a light breakfast will be served afterwards. We are asking for a \$3 donation, which is payable at the door. Please RSVP to [JEFFRY.HOROWITZ@THEOJC.ORG](mailto:JEFFRY.HOROWITZ@THEOJC.ORG).

### *Save the Date!*

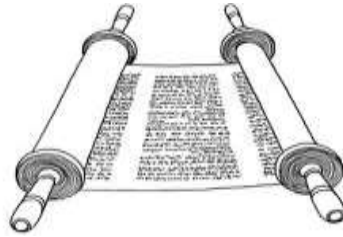
On Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> we are resurrecting our Texas Hold 'em Tournament. While we definitely don't want to "show our hand," we can assure you that we are not "bluffing."



We expect a "full house," so come "straight" in . . . Come in "pairs" or bring even more friends and come in "trips." Leave a winner and you'll be "flush" with cash. And, even if you don't win, we'll have plenty of good food – that's our "ace" in the hole. The "deal" is that your donation will go to help us support the OJC. So have a "heart," drop your "clubs" and "spades" and bring your "diamonds" on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Registration and table assignments will be at 11:00 AM and the tournament will start at noon. Please RSVP by February 28<sup>th</sup>, especially if you want to play with a group of your friends. The buy-in will require a \$100 donation and a \$20 registration fee. We will accept walk-ins on the day of the tournament but that will include an additional \$30 walk-in fee, so please register early.

You can contact Phil Mosner at [PLATMOS@AOL.COM](mailto:PLATMOS@AOL.COM) or (914) 391-0581 with any questions or to register.

*Phil Mosner*



In the past few issues of the *Shaliach* we have been examining the Exodus story to try to ascertain how much of it might be truly historical. We have shown that the background of Semites in Egypt seems reasonable and we have assigned a great value to the extremely strong oral tradition on the same subject. However, certain aspects of the narrative, especially the immense size of the number of Israelites leaving Egypt, cannot be taken literally.

This month let us look into the nature of the Israelite society at the presumed time of the Exodus (ca. 1250 BCE). Societal organization was definitely tribal and individuals gave allegiance to their own tribes. Many stories in the Book of Judges (ca. 1200-1000 BCE) show very clearly that the tribes acted independently of each other both before and after entering Canaan. They often disagreed and, in fact, at times warred with each other. In a great struggle against a coalition of Canaanite cities, the prophetess Deborah called upon ten of the tribes to rally around her general, Barak, but only five and one-half tribes heeded her call. It is remarkable that the two southern tribes of Judah (the strongest of all the tribes) and Simeon not only did not come to aid the others but that Deborah did not even bother to summon them.

This dichotomy between the southern tribes and the rest of the tribes of Israel reverberated throughout Israelite history. Among the differences were political allegiance, language variations, names of individuals, devotion to YHVH the God of Moses, and the Exodus and occupations (with the South remaining largely pastoral).

The tribes were first united under the weak monarchy of Saul, who was from a central tribe (Benjamin). But even during his lifetime David, from the tribe of Judah, was driven away and operated an independent military group. After Saul was killed in battle by the Philistines, David became the ruler of the southern tribes while one of Saul's generals (acting as regent for one of Saul's surviving sons) led the rest of the tribes. Civil war developed between the two sides.

Eventually, by force of arms (and some treason by Saul's son's general), David united the two groups into one country. But the underlying tension remained, and after the death of David's son Solomon, the Israelites split into the kingdom of Judah in the south and the kingdom of Israel for the rest of the tribes. The rift was never healed. The two countries acted independently, sometimes cooperating, sometimes not, and sometimes even fighting against each other. While the southern tribes continued to worship at Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem, the rest of the tribes worshipped at two sanctuaries in the kingdom of Israel in which golden calves were placed. Even when the tribes acted in consort, whether under David and Solomon or later on after the schism, they were referred to continuously in the Bible as the men of Judah and the men of Israel, that is, as separate peoples.

I believe that this historical difference between the southern tribes and the rest of the tribes, so very clear in the Biblical narratives, provides the final clue as to understanding the Exodus story. For that, however, you will have to wait until next month.

## From the Editor:

Yinglish, that combination of Yiddish and English, is like, y'know, awesome! It says what it means and it means what it says. Of course there's also the intonation that's so critical to an understanding of a Yiddish word. You can say, "Nu?" and mean hurry up already. You can also say "Nu?" and mean tell me exactly what happened and don't skimp on the grisly details. The language so many of us use today (not that I'm particularly targeting teenagers) is clear to the in-group (not that I'm particularly targeting teenagers) but the rest of us have trouble deciphering it. Here's a f'rinstance (term borrowed from Yinglish): The word of the hour seems to be "awesome." We used to think that God was awesome, exceptional works of art were awesome, Mozart's music was awesome. Today, what's awesome is a new pair of incredibly expensive sneakers, a movie about vampires, or a pizza with more than one topping. To confuse the issue, the word "awesome" is frequently interchanged with "sick," which also means beyond great. So if someone (not that I'm particularly targeting teenagers) tells you your dress is sick, that person means it's awesome. Are you still with me?

"Wicked" seems to mean the same thing. If your attitude is wicked, that means it's terrific. If it's wicked good, then it's even better. In Yiddish, if you simply want to dismiss the whole matter of someone's dress or attitude, there's a perfect word for it: Feh! The correct intonation that goes with "Feh" cannot be described, but you'll know it when you hear it. Most people under 40 haven't got the "feh" intonation. When you tell them this, they will respond either with "my bad," which means you're right, I don't have it, or they'll tell you to chill, which usually means relax but in this case means who cares and get off my case.

As far as my research has led me, I've found that Yiddish and Yinglish don't have many abbreviations. "Oy vey," while it expresses a multitude of feelings, isn't an abbreviation for anything. It's just oy vey and it conveys all kinds of tsouris. In today's usage, abbreviations abound. "OMG" literally means "Oh my God," and is the standard reaction to anything that's considered awesome (the pizza, not Mozart). LOL means "laugh out loud," something that's hard to do when sending a text message (don't ask) so the abbreviation tells you that the sender is laughing out loud somewhere in cyberspace. In Yiddish, you'd tell the person you're talking to that you're "plotzing," which literally means exploding, but the other person will understand that you're laughing yourself silly.

We used to say "um" a lot when we were searching for words. Nobody says "um" anymore. People say "y'know," which is absolutely ridiculous because the speaker is still searching for words and the listener most definitely doesn't know. The other biggie is "like." Nothing is exactly what it's supposed to be. Everything is "like" something else (or actually like nothing else). Example: "I was like going to the mall and like there was this car in front of me and it had like racing stripes and like it was wicked sick like, y'know?" In the time it takes to say that entire sentence, you could already be at the mall, trying on some truly wicked sneakers or in the library learning Yiddish.

My son Matthew (who is just a little over 40 and therefore knows a few choice Yiddish words) has a favorite Yiddish expression. We use it when one of us asks the other what's new and there's nothing to report. The expression is "gornisht mit gornisht," which literally means "nothing with nothing." How do you say that in today's speech? How do you indicate that there's no remedy for something without using "gornisht helfen"? And who would say "craziness" when "mishegas" says it better? How many teenagers (whom I'm definitely not targeting) know the difference between a schlemiel and a schlemazel? Can they schmooze without the word "like"? I could go on a bissel but I think I've kibbitzed enough for one column.

I want to end this article by saying that the inspiration for it came from Lorraine Spivak, a lady over 40, who presented the initial idea without saying "like" or "y'know" even once. Wicked awesome!

Judy Cohen

## DREAMING – DREAMING – DREAMING – DREAMING

The dictionary gives us some definitions of daydreaming:

- a. Imaginative thoughts indulged in while awake
- b. A condition of achievement that is longed for; an aspiration
- c. A cherished hope
- d. Ambition
- e. To consider the possibility . . .

Yes, let's consider the possibilities of what the OJC may look like, feel like, in the year 2020.

This is where we are right now in our strategic planning process. The “Dreaming Stage”—no financial constraints, no time or other constraints, just pure possibility.

Jim Collins, in his book *Good to Great*, stated, “Good is the enemy of great. And that is one of the key reasons we have so little that becomes great.”

The OJC is good—very good. People are happy. There is a lot of learning going on. We are a house of worship, learning, community. We are good! We could stay there and just be. But if we are not moving forward, we are dying. The world around us is moving forward.

We have started the process of Strategic Planning 2020 to plan for a Great OJC, to enable our children and grandchildren to enjoy the creation we have fulfilled.

Collins compares this process to a bus. First you need the right people for the right seats.

Our Executive Board:

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Our Strategic Planning subcommittee chairs:

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Staci Gelb	School & Youth
Javier Rosenzweig	School & Youth
Larry Rosenberg	Welcoming & Engagement
Kenneth Leff	Jewish Life (Ritual and Programs)

We are looking for more of the right people to help in the process. Is that you? Your voice is needed.

The Congregational Conversation will be starting in February. We plan to offer a number of different opportunities for you to get together with your fellow congregants for the purposes of engaging in the process of dreaming the OJC of 2020. Would you be willing to open your home for a small get-together of congregants? Are you able to be a conversation facilitator? Would you prefer to just participate in the conversation in the setting of someone else's home?

This process may take us about a year or so, but eventually we will figure out which way to drive our OJC bus. What is that single vision that will propel us to OJC 2020? What can we create during the next 9 years? What is our next step? The book of Proverbs states, "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

Once the congregation-wide dreaming is done, our subcommittees will meet to prioritize and to focus on one to three major goals for each subcommittee. Out of dreaming for those major long-term goals, many short term goals will pop up. These short-term goals may be useful to the Executive Board and Board of Trustees to plan the actions taken today.

Then the reality of where we are and where we want to go will become operationalized, keeping in mind these three major questions:

1. What can the OJC be the best at in the world, and what can't the OJC be the best at in the world? What are we absolutely great at already? What is our USP, our Unique Selling Proposition?
2. What drives our economic engine? What is our cash flow; what is our financial future; our endowment?
3. What are we passionate about? How can we better focus on activities that ignite our passions?

Understanding these three questions and accomplishing the goals they lead us to will drive us to be great. The future is ours to grab. Strategic planning is the way to grab it.

I look forward to working with you toward the future of a great OJC.

**Nohra M. Leff**  
**Strategic Planning Chair**





# **SISTERHOOD SHABBAT**



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
A DAY OF STUDY WITH**

**RABBI DANIELLA KOLODNY**

**FEBRUARY 4, 2012**

**9:00 AM**

**KIDDUSH TO FOLLOW**

**4<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS WILL BE JOINING SISTERHOOD FOR  
SEUDAH SHLISHI AND THE HAVDALAH SERVICE  
FOLLOWED BY DESSERT**

Rabbi Kolodny is a former U.S. Navy Chaplain and current Community Development Coordinator for Assembly of Masorti Congregations in Great Britain.



# Soul Singing

**Singing is a way we express our Jewish soul.  
Join us in singing Shabbat *zemirot* (songs)  
and learning about their origins  
with our rabbinic intern  
Dahlia Bernstein.**

**Feb 11, March 3, and April 21**

after Shabbat services during kiddush  
in the daily chapel



**SISTERHOOD BOOK CHAT**  
**THE DOVEKEEPERS BY ALICE HOFFMAN**

In 70 C.E., nine hundred Jews held out for months against armies of Romans on Masada, a mountain in the Judean desert. According to the ancient historian Josephus, two women and five children survived. Based on this tragic and iconic event, Hoffman's novel is a spellbinding tale of four extraordinarily bold, resourceful, and sensuous women, each of whom has come to Masada by a different path.



FEBRUARY 13, 2012, 7:30 PM

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*A Helping Hands Thank You*



Thank you so very much to all who participated in Helping Hands. This mitzvah could not have been fulfilled without each and everyone's help and we could not have asked for better sets of "helping hands" to work with. As always, we are so lucky to have all generations participate: adults, parents, grandparents, children and grandchildren. There were such generous donations of food, gifts and creations, not to mention all the wrapping, shopping, chopping, cooking and cleaning. Thank you to all who worked on Mitzvah Day to create scarves, hats and toiletry bags for our guests as holiday gifts. Thank you to the children and everyone at the Religious School for their thoughtful donations and wrapping. Thank you to all the knitters and crocheters for their wonderful warm hats and blankets and thank you too to all who donated gently worn clothing. Many thanks to Rabbi Drill and Rabbi Scheff for their helpful guidance. It was the wonderful team effort that made it all work so well. On March 25 and March 26 we will be hosting again and we hope we can work together with you once more.

The Helping Hands Committee  
Geoffrey, Jack, Susan, Bruce and Gabi

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*Tidbits of Jewish Wisdom*

A sordid money-grubber is anyone making more money than you. –Folk saying

The best part about telling the truth is that you don't have to remember what you said. –Anonymous

Poverty is no disgrace—which is the only good thing you can say about it. –Folk saying

If you want to get a reputation as a wise man, agree with everybody. –Anonymous

I never think of the future; it comes soon enough. –Albert Einstein

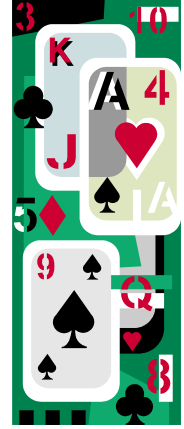
The most important thing a writer's got to have? A small appetite. –Anonymous

# HAZAK ANNUAL GAME DAY

Come in from the cold with your friends at the OJC!  
Join us for a Hazak favorite, now in its seventh year:

## Lunch and Learn and Games

**Tuesday, February 28, 2012**  
11:30 until you win your game!



Join us for a delicious lunch,  
learn some Torah with Rabbinic Intern **Dahlia Bernstein**,  
and play your favorite games:  
Poker, Bridge, Scrabble, Canasta, Boggle . . . you name it!  
**We'll play it!**

Questions? Contact **Evelyn Winikoff**, [EvDonWini@aol.com](mailto:EvDonWini@aol.com) (845) 358-2564  
or **Miriam Neuren** (201) 995-0722.

RSVP by Wednesday, February 22nd.



Return this slip with your check made out to OJC:

Congregants \$15, Guests \$20

Mail to: Evelyn Winikoff  
12 Woodward Road  
West Nyack, NY 10994

Yes, sign me up for Lunch and Learn and Games!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



## SAVE THE DATE

*Please join the*

*OJC Sisterhood and Religious School*

*for the*

**"CHAI COUTURE" FASHION SHOW &  
BRUNCH**

*Sunday, March 25, 2012 at 11:30 AM*

*\$50 donation per adult and \$5 per child*

Featuring clothing for both children and teens  
courtesy (MySweetPea and Mark Ecko)  
adults ( Annie Sez)

Models are the very same people surrounding you  
in synagogue all year long. This is a wonderful  
opportunity to watch your friends and fellow  
congregants walk the runway!



**THE AFTERNOON INCLUDES A  
GIFT AUCTION WITH  
EXCITING PRIZES**

ENJOY AN AFTERNOON FILLED WITH FASHION, FOOD AND FRIENDS

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE AND MAYBE EVEN WALKING THE RUNWAY

If you and/or your child would like to model in the fashion show contact

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# February 2012 8 Shevat 5772 - 6 Adar 5772

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 8 SHEVAT Nursery Sch 9:30AM Rel School 4:15PM Torah/Treats 12:30PM Minyan 7:30PM <b>Bulletin/3rd Class Flyers Due!</b>	<b>2</b> 9 SHEVAT Minyan 6:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Text/Context 10AM Rel School 4:15PM Minyan 7:30PM Intro to Judaism 7:30PM	<b>3</b> 10 SHEVAT <b>4:55</b> Nursery Sch 9:30AM Family Service 6PM 5th Grade Shabbat Dinner 7PM <i>MBTNY Reg. Kallah/8th grade Experience - off site</i>	<b>4</b> 11 SHEVAT <b>Shabbat Ends: 6:06</b> Lyyun Tefila 8:45AM Shabbat Service 9AM Sisterhood Shabbat 6th Grade Jr Cong Mincha Maariv 4:30PM 4th Grade Havdallah Sisterhood Coffeehouse sing-along after Havdallah Ruach Event 6PM <i>MBTNY Reg. Kallah/8th grade Experience - off site</i>
<b>5</b> 12 SHEVAT Minyan 8:45AM Men's Club World Wide Wrap 8:45AM Minyan 7:30PM <i>MBTNY Reg. Kallah/8th grade Experience - off site</i>	<b>6</b> 13 SHEVAT Sisterhood Bd 7PM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Journey Group 11AM Minyan 7:30PM	<b>7</b> 14 SHEVAT Minyan 8:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Rel School 4:15PM Na'ash IV Tu B'Shevat Community Seder 6:30PM Minyan 7:30PM Exec Bd Mtg 7:30PM	<b>8</b> 15 SHEVAT <b>Tu B'Shevat</b> Nursery Sch 9:30AM Rel School 4:15PM Minyan 7:30PM	<b>9</b> 16 SHEVAT Minyan 6:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Text/Context 10AM Rel School 4:15PM Minyan 7:30PM Ritual Mtg 7:30PM Intro to Judaism 7:30PM	<b>10</b> 17 SHEVAT <b>5:04</b> Nursery Sch 9:30AM Shabbat Service 7PM Scout Shabbat	<b>11</b> 18 SHEVAT <b>Shabbat Ends: 6:15</b> Shabbat Service 9AM Jake Zwerling Bar Mitzvah Soul Singing (during Kiddush) Mincha Maariv 4:30PM
<b>12</b> 19 SHEVAT <b>Lincoln's Birthday</b> Minyan 8:45AM USY Program 7PM Minyan 7:30PM School Bd Mtg 7:30PM	<b>13</b> 20 SHEVAT Nursery Sch 9:30AM Monday Midrash 11AM Minyan 7:30PM Sisterhood Book Chat 7:30PM	<b>14</b> 21 SHEVAT Minyan 8:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Rel School 4:15PM Na'ash IV 6:30PM Minyan 7:30PM	<b>15</b> 22 SHEVAT Nursery Sch 9:30AM Torah/Treats 12:30PM Rel School 4:15PM Minyan 7:30PM	<b>16</b> 23 SHEVAT Minyan 6:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Text/Context 10AM Rel School 4:15PM Minyan 7:30PM Intro to Judaism 7:30PM <b>1st Class Flyers Due!</b>	<b>17</b> 24 SHEVAT <b>5:13</b> Nursery Sch 9:30AM Shabbat Service 7PM Dr. Marty Cohen Lecture	<b>18</b> 25 SHEVAT <b>Shabbat Ends: 6:24</b> Shabbat Service 9AM Dora Parter Bat Mitzvah Mincha Maariv 4:45PM
<b>19</b> 26 SHEVAT Minyan 8:45AM FACT K, 1, 2 10AM Minyan 7:30PM	<b>20</b> 27 SHEVAT <b>Washington's Birthday (observed)</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Minyan 7:30PM	<b>21</b> 28 SHEVAT Minyan 8:45AM <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Minyan 7:30PM Trustee Mtg 7:30PM	<b>22</b> 29 SHEVAT <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Minyan 7:30PM	<b>23</b> 30 SHEVAT <b>Rosh Chodesh Adar - Day 1</b> Minyan 6:45AM Text/Context 10AM <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Minyan 7:30PM Intro to Judaism 7:30PM	<b>24</b> 1 ADAR <b>Rosh Chodesh Adar - Day 2</b> <b>5:21</b> <b>NO SCHOOL:</b> Shabbat Service 7PM	<b>25</b> 2 ADAR <b>Shabbat Ends: 6:32</b> Shabbat Service 9AM Mincha Maariv 4:45PM
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## *Here Comes Purim!*

It's that time of year, with Purim approaching quickly. As part of our Purim festivities, OJC Sisterhood kindly sponsors *Mishloach Manot*, making it possible for everyone to fulfill the holiday tradition. We deliver a bag of treats to every congregant that includes goodies, Purim stories, and at least one suggestion of a place where you can apply your tzedakah.

In addition, each bag includes a beautifully designed Purim card with messages from our rabbis, our Sisterhood leadership, and greetings from many members of the congregation. As you will see in the accompanying flyer, Sisterhood asks for a \$54 donation for your name to be included on the card. **The donation does not pay for your family's bag.** It works as the major Sisterhood fundraiser for the year, allowing Sisterhood to donate a percentage of our funds to charity.

A big part of the Purim celebration is giving gifts and tzedakah. Our *Mishloach Manot* does all that. The donation supports bags for the entire congregation, provides tzedakah, and allows Sisterhood to fund a multitude of special projects for the OJC community. In addition to contributing money to the shul each year as a general donation, Sisterhood funds special projects as well. In the past year alone, Sisterhood has funded new steps for the Religious School entrance and the canvas canopy to cover our children coming into the building.

Please be an active participant by engaging with your community and sending your \$54 donation to Sisterhood for this project.

We wish everyone a festive and joyful Purim.

B'Shalom.  
OJC Sisterhood  
*Ma Filip*, Chairperson

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## *January Bat Mitzvah*

*Rachel Weiner*

Our sweet Rachel became a Bat Mitzvah on January 28<sup>th</sup>. She is an honors student at Felix Festa Middle School. She enjoys sports such as soccer and softball and is a member of her school field hockey team. Rachel loves to sing, and will perform in her school play this spring. For her mitzvah project, Rachel will be volunteering at the Esplanade. We're certain that the residents at the Esplanade will be touched by Rachel's soul, which is a caring and a sensitive one. We are so proud of Rachel's accomplishments so far.

*Jeanne and Howard Weiner*

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Thank you to our fabulous rabbis and congregation who reached out to us during Harvey's illness. We are fortunate to be part of such a caring community. Your donations and good wishes will always be remembered.

*Carolyn and Harvey Wodar*

# PURIM IS COMING

FULFILL THE MITZVAH

OF

# Mishloach Manot



Participate in the Annual OJC Sisterhood Fundraiser

Our committee will prepare and deliver lovely Mishloach Manot packages to all the members of our congregation.

**Purim falls on March 8th**

**PLEASE REPLY NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 23rd**

**MAIL THIS FORM WITH A \$54 CHECK PAYABLE TO  
OJC SISTERHOOD TO:**

**Alysa Ruback 607 Dale Court West River Vale, NJ 07675  
alysar@gmail.com**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I will be away and do not wish to receive a package.

\_\_\_\_ I will be away and would like my package delivered to \_\_\_\_\_.

Please let us know if you will be away. Packages will **NOT** be held at the synagogue.

I would like to do a mitzvah and help pack bags on 3/1 at 10 AM \_\_\_\_\_.

I would like to do a mitzvah and deliver in area \_\_\_\_\_.

If you are not called for delivering, we have your name on file for next year!

Name as you would like it to appear on the card \_\_\_\_\_.

## *Some Reflections on Tu B'Shevat*

### *A Tree's New Year Resolution, adapted from Shlomo Yaffee*

Tu B'Shevat—the 15<sup>th</sup> of the Hebrew month of Shevat—is known as the “New Year for Trees.” Naturally this would be a time for trees to engage in soul-searching—the same way people do on Rosh Hashanah. Here is a tree's New Year's checklist:

Did my roots remain firmly planted in the soil that nourishes them?  
Did I grow towards the sun as a tree should, reaching up higher and higher towards that which I can never grasp  
but which nurtures me all the same the more I strive towards it?  
Did I drop my leaves in the fall to give back life to that which sustains me?  
Did I bend gently in the wind accepting what God sent, but never breaking or giving up hope?  
Did I ensure that my fruits were sweet and nourished all that came to enjoy them?  
Have I provided nourishment for seedlings? Shade for a weary traveler? A home for others?  
Does this year's ring in my trunk reflect greater strength and wisdom than the one before?  
What other reflections do you think a tree would have? And you?



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### *From The Seven Pentacles, by Marge Piercy*

Connections are made slowly, sometimes they grow underground. You cannot tell always by looking at what is happening. More than half a tree is spread out in the soil under your feet. Penetrate quietly as the earthworm that blows trumpet. Fight persistently as the creeper that brings down the tree. Spread like the squash plant that overruns the garden. Gnaw in the dark and use the sun to make sugar.

Weave real connections; create real nodes, build real houses. Live a live you can endure; make love that is loving. Keep tangling and interweaving and taking more in, a thicket and bramble wilderness to the outside but to us interconnected with rabbit runs and burrows and lairs.

Live as if you liked yourself, and it may happen: reach out, keep reaching out, keep bringing in. This is how we are going to live for a long time; not always, for every gardener knows that after the digging, after the planting, after the long season of tending and growth, the harvest comes.

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### *We Are Trees, adapted from Tzvi Freeman*

We are trees, living two lives at once. One life breaking through the soil into this world struggling with all our might to be nourished by the sun and the dew, desperate not to be torn away by the fury of storms or consumed by fire.

And then there are our roots; deep under the ground, unmoving and serene. They are our ancient mothers and biblical sisters. They lie deep within us, at our very core. Our strength is from the bond with them, and their legacy has helped us stay rooted. Sharing this legacy, we will bring beauty to the world we were planted within.

**IN MEMORY OF:**

Charles Adesnik.....Tova & Barry Adesnik  
 Abraham Barash.....The Ross Family  
 Dorothy Bernstein.....Len & Diane Goldstein  
 Herbert Bunin.....Sheila Bunin  
 Marilyn Cicero.....Steve Kass  
 David Cohen.....Jonathan, Cindy, Yael & Daniel Cohen  
 Gussie Cohen.....Adele Garber  
 William Cohen.....Roslyn Kremin  
 Leo Dickson.....Barbara Mosner  
 Hadassah Eckstein.....Joel Davidson  
 Morris Ehrlich.....Lesley & Richard Lefkowitz  
 Hannah Eichenbaum.....Helene Levinson  
 Henry Fine.....Sheldon Fine  
 Herman Fuld.....Janice & Harry Fuld  
 Louis Fuld.....Janice & Harry Fuld  
 Jack Glick.....Harold Glick  
 Nathan Glick.....Harold Glick  
 Evelyn Goldenberg.....Helene Levinson  
 Max Goldman.....Mitchell Brill  
 Mel Goldman.....Leslie & Scott, Lindsay & Rachel Cooper  
 Julius Herrmann.....Linda Schept  
 Sol Hirsch.....Jack Hirsch  
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 Marcel Joseph.....Marilyn Schwartz  
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 Nathan Klein.....Seymour Klein  
 Oscar Klugerman.....Barbara & Erwin Klugerman  
 Louis Kohn.....David Kohn  
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 Sam Laufer.....Debra & Marvin Laufer  
 Morris Lefkowitz.....Lesley & Richard Lefkowitz  
 Dorothy Levine.....Rose Levine  
 Herbert Levingston.....Lisa & Arthur Kozin  
 Susan Levy.....Stephanie, Ari & Zack Shapiro  
 Tillie Loeb.....Linda & Harold Koppel  
 Sara Mandelbaum.....Gloria Ginsberg  
 Betty Meisel.....Susan Levine  
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 Seymour Perlin.....Rita Perlin  
 Joseph Perlin.....Rita Perlin  
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 Harry Schiffman.....Helene Levinson  
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Martin Jacobs & Adele Hantman

Murray Jacobs &amp; Family (BSST-WS)

**REMEMBERED BY:**Paul Jacobs

Lonnie &amp; Lisa Jacobs (BSST-WS)

**IN MEMORY OF**Sidney Singer, beloved husband of Edna and father of Jay

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 Laurie & Phil Mosner (SMF)  
 Faye Dinowitz (WSF)  
 Barbara Brumer (RDF)  
 Frieda Seidner (HSMF)  
 Rosalie Eckstein (R)  
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 Cedine Issman & Family (R)  
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 Charlene Kaplan (HSMF)  
 Sylvia & Norman Schaumberger (R)  
 Staci & Jared Gelb (S)  
 Stanley & Debra Kronberg (R)  
 Gloria Ginsberg (S)  
 Diane & Alan Breiter (R)  
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Thea &amp; William Goldstein (S)

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Lisa &amp; Lonnie Jacobs (S)

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Gloria "Steff" Gruder

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The beloved mother of Joe Missale

Ellen &amp; David Zaretsky (S)

Edward Norman Blair, beloved brother of Helen Sharon

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Dear OJC Family,

I would like to extend a special thank you to all those who have made donations to the OJC's funds in celebration of my becoming a bar mitzvah. My family and I thank you for being a part of our lives and for sharing in our simcha in such a meaningful way.

Fondly,  
*Jason Scheff*

Dear OJC Community,

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement when our grandson was injured in Alaska. Joshua has made a fine recovery and has resumed his activities. We appreciate your support.

*Gloria and Melvin Berg*

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To the congregation,

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Bea Birnbaum, Naomi Steinberg, and all our family

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