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*The Dr. Richard and Jana Adelson  
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*The Rabbi's Desk:*

*Strategic Planning: It's About Community Conversations*

If you will it, it is no dream! When Theodor Herzl intoned these famous words, he helped push forward a process that ultimately resulted in the establishment of the State of Israel. Our goal is a bit less lofty but no less important. The Orangetown Jewish Center community wants to ensure our spiritual growth and stability into the next decades. If we will it, it is no dream!

How do we will it? The technical term is Strategic Planning. See the first monthly update on the OJC Strategic Planning program written by Chair Nohra Leff later in this *Shaliach*. Contact Nohra if you want to be involved now. Strategic Planning leads an organization to implement a vision through phases of task force work: data gathering, community conversations, creating strategies, and prioritizing goals.

**Community conversations** – that's where you come in! A meaningful plan will be created only if we are informed about the motivations, passions and needs of our synagogue community. Maybe you do not think about these categories – motivations, passions, needs – very often. You belong to a synagogue that meets your requirements and you are satisfied. But what if you went a bit deeper? What if you could be a part of a conversation in which you were asked to add your ideas to the development of a plan for the OJC?

We think that two important things would happen. First, we would benefit from knowing your opinions; after all, that is how we formulate a foundation of who we are now and who we need to become. Second, you might benefit from articulating what your religious community means to you. In both of these benefits, you would be creating a positive, forward-looking story, for the OJC and for yourself and your family.

The OJC has a multitude of easily identifiable strengths: 1) a warm and dynamic *ruach* (spirit) based on a sense of welcoming among our multigenerational community; 2) many pathways into participation that include prayer, learning, *Tikkun Olam*, and attachment to Israel; and 3) strong relationships of congregants with clergy and staff members. As in any community, we have challenges as well: engaging the uninvolved, enhancing our financial stability, being proactive in the ways we communicate, and maintaining intimacy in a fairly large synagogue community. We do not want to rest on our accomplishments. The vision of the Strategic Plan is to move from good toward great!

Our congregation has a meaningful legacy and tradition. We dream big in the best possible way: honoring our history while also planning for the future. Join us, feel the excitement, tell us your story! Join a motivating, energizing process. Answer **yes** when you are asked to attend a Community Conversation in the home of a congregant in your neighborhood. We cannot wait to step forward into the future together!

*Beydidut, Rabbi Paula Mack Drill*

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## *From the President's Pen*



Shalom Chaverim!

***Hope is not a strategy.*** This was the theme of my Kol Nidre appeal at the start of the Jewish New Year. Now, at the start of the New Year 2012, I am thrilled that the OJC has started a strategic planning process that will put this idea into action. This is a very exciting time for us as a community. The New Year, secular or religious, is often a time for us to reflect on our lives and to assess what we can do better in the coming year. We are fortunate that the OJC can look at itself from a place of strength, and build on all that is good, as we look toward an even better future.

The OJC Strategic Planning Committee has begun its work to set out our short-term and long-term dreams, visions and goals. This is the beginning of a year-long project. Nohra Leff is the coordinator of this Strategic Planning Committee. I would like to thank Nohra for her commitment to this project and for her endless enthusiasm and dreaming. She will be keeping our congregation apprised of the work of the Strategic Planning committee each month in the *Shaliach*. In fact, Nohra's premier article is in this edition, so please read it for a more complete description of the Strategic Planning process.

I encourage each of us to be part of this unique process and opportunity. This is a community effort. Please respond to inquiries regarding task forces, parlor meetings, surveys and discussions that will be taking place as part of this process. Feel free to contact me or any of the task force chairs with question, comments, concerns or suggestions. We want your input. Together we can successfully evaluate who we are and who we want to be, and we will create the plans for our future success and growth.

In the coming year may all of our hopes be realized!

B'Shalom,

*Kim Lori Sokol*

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## *Happy New Year from the Sisterhood!*

We have much to look forward to. Please save the date for a very different **Sisterhood Shabbat**. On **February 4** we will celebrate Shabbat with a special Kiddush, a *seudah shlishi* and a very special scholar-in-residence, **Rabbi Daniella Kolodny**, former U.S. Navy chaplain, who is currently living in London and working as the Community Development Coordinator for the Assembly of Masorti Congregations in Great Britain. Don't miss being a part of this great Sisterhood Shabbat. Call Rosina Hirsh (845) 365-3096 to join in.

On **March 25**, we will have a fashion show, brunch, and gift auction. We are seeking "models" of all ages to wear the fashions from Annie Sez. We are also looking for volunteers to solicit donations for the gift auction. This is an important fundraiser for the Sisterhood *and* the Religious School, so please give us your support.

This past November, we had a wonderful book chat on *The Prime Ministers*. Our next one will be on *The Dovekeepers*, now on the *N.Y. Times* best-seller list. Our book chats are something special! Rhoda Pochter is a marvelous facilitator and our discussions are lively. It's a great way to get together with our Sisterhood family.

Of course, Sisterhood has many more great happenings in the works for 2012. Be sure to join us and be a part of a meaningful, exciting and fun Sisterhood year!

Wishing you a happy and healthy new year,

*Gail Brady*



## *From the Educational Director's Desk*

Everyone at the OJC knows that I LOVE SCHOOL. I love this “for prophet” educational institution that guides our children on their personal Jewish journey. With our wonderful educational team our students are able to learn Hebrew, explore their history, study *Torah*, practice Jewish traditions and *minhagim* (customs), do *mitzvot* (good deeds), develop their own personal relationship with God, foster their communal relationships with other Jews, appreciate the state of Israel, and ponder their past as well as their future commitment as Jews. I am truly inspired when I think about how our school is built on promises that were set forth by our ancestors, the wisdom of our *Torah*, the passion of our prayers, and our continuity as a Jewish people. Our school is a happy, accomplished community of learners and when I continually hear our students say “I LOVE SCHOOL,” my joy is immeasurable that we are able to foster their love of Judaism. As I often tell parents, our children are “EVERYTHING” because they are what Judaism is yet to be!

Because I LOVE SCHOOL, I continue to learn and gain new insights, wisdom, and techniques to educate our children—our Jewish future. Being the director of both the Nursery School and the Religious School, as you know, requires many, many happy hours at the OJC, so I have entered the 21st century of learning—the webinar! I am enrolled in the Jewish National Fund Ambassadors program, which is a series of webinars designed to engage, educate, and energize school administrators about Israel education. The informative webinars provide resources, updates, and ideas to help Jews, young and old, form a deeper commitment to and understanding of both the land and the people of Israel.

Jewish National Fund (JNF) began in 1901 collecting coins in blue boxes to purchase land and return the Jewish people to our homeland. Over the past 110 years, JNF has evolved into a global environmental leader. JNF has planted 250 million trees. They have built over 220 reservoirs, dams, and water recycling centers that have increased Israel's water supply by 12%. JNF has discovered how to bring “green” to the desert as well as new means of growing plants under arid conditions which are responsible for 60% of Israel's produce exports. The Sderot Indoor Recreation Center that JNF built has given Sderot's children a safe place to play away from rocket attacks. JNF is supporting Israel's newest generation of *halutzim* (pioneers) by bringing new life to the Negev desert, Israel's last frontier. Throughout Israel, JNF has developed over 250,000 acres of land, creating communities so Jews from around the world can have a home. They have created more than 1000 parks and recreational areas as well as other forms of infrastructure, including security roads. The contributions that JNF has made to Israel are too abundant to list in this article. Some say it takes a village to raise a child. I am thankful there is truly a wonderful “village” here at the OJC. But for Israel and the future of our Jewish children, we also need a partnership of action, awareness, education, and donations. This year, our school's *tzedakah* will be given to the Jewish National Fund. We hope to reach our goal of collecting \$500 to plant a JNF “garden” in honor of the children at the OJC Religious and Nursery Schools.

Please mark Shabbat, January 28th, on your calendar when our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students lead Junior Congregation in the morning and our students in grades 5-7 will join our community to chant *Havdalah*. After Shabbat, all parents are invited to join us to “Rock and Roll” at New City Bowl. (See the flyer in this bulletin for details.) Come have fun with your old and new OJC friends!

Just a reminder, our schools are “green,” so please check your emails for your child's Religious School's progress report, conference request form, teacher's updates as well as Religious, Nursery School, and synagogue events.

Happy, Healthy Secular New Year!

*B' Shalom, Sandy Borowsky*

## *Nursery School News*

### “WATCH US GROW”

Our Nursery School is very proud of our developmentally appropriate, secular curriculum and the warm, loving, qualified teachers who foster each child’s self-esteem. Our children learn literacy, math, science, cooking, and about the world around us, the arts, and socialization and school skills. Along with our daily learning, we are fortunate to have special community service workers visit our school. Orangetown Fire Chief Peter Burns recently visited our children. They learned all about fire safety, what it was like to be a fireperson, and had an exciting opportunity to explore the fire truck. Our children look forward to visiting the OJC Library every month. At the library, a volunteer OJC librarian reads a Jewish story and the students can take home a book to share with their family. Our nursery schoolers love our new monthly movement, yoga, aerobics, and exercise class, “Jym with Jodi.” Thanks to a generous donation by the Torah and Treats and Text and Context classes in memory of Bernie Schiffmiller, our students will also be “rocking” to the music of Matt Roxx every month. This extraordinary music program will give our children the opportunity to dance, sing, play musical instruments, and more.

Our OJC Nursery School takes pride that it is not just a school that Jewish children attend. Rather, it is a Jewish school. It is filled with families who come from the entire spectrum of the Jewish world and beyond. Every child’s Jewish home experiences are different. Very few of the children have Jewish home practices that closely mirror the OJC Nursery School community’s. At the OJC Nursery School, we learn, observe, celebrate, discuss, and explore all facets of the joys of Judaism. Jewish values are an important integral part of our classrooms all the time. This is evident when a child helps another child or welcomes a guest to the classroom. As our youngest students become aware of some of the key *middot* (values or virtues) and *mitzvot* (commandments), our teachers acknowledge and reinforce them with joyous encouragement, making them a continuous part of our children’s learning experiences. Our students proudly say *brachot*, sing in Hebrew, and welcome *Shabbat* and *chaggim* (holidays) with excitement. Our school and the classrooms form an extraordinarily vibrant Jewish community from which our families have learned and continue to grow Jewishly together. A family *Havdalah* Service, a *Mitzvah* Morning at the Kaplen Assisted Living in River Vale, NJ, and a *Mezuzah* Dedication were just a few of our families’ extraordinary Jewish experiences last month. Our school acknowledges and values each child’s individual family experience. It is our hope that our families will start their own Jewish journeys here in the OJC community.

Please join us for an Open Nursery School Board meeting on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the OJC Library. Our board members look forward to new volunteers, input, and ideas.

Early Bird Registration starts this month and special discounts are available. Refer your friends, and if they enroll, get a great gift! Please contact the school office for a tour, registration forms, tuition, and further details.

*Kol Tuv, Sandy Borowsky*



# OJC ONGOING LEARNING AT A GLANCE

## January 2012

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

Thursdays: 10 a.m. – 11 a.m., January 5, 12, 19 and 26  
*Parashat hashavua (the weekly Torah portion) with Rabbi Scheff*

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

Wednesdays, January 4 and 18 at 12:30 p.m.  
*Studies in the Bible's Book of Proverbs with Rabbi Scheff*

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

Thursdays, 7:30pm, January 5, 12 and 19  
*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

**January 5: Birth and Brit**

**January 12: Bar and Bat Mitzvah**

**January 19: Conversion and Mikveh**

### ***Iyyun Tefillah***

Saturday, January 7 at 8:45 a.m.  
*An in-depth exploration of the Shabbat liturgy with Rabbi Drill*

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

Monday, January 16 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, January 20 at 7:00 p.m.  
*A monthly lecture by Dr. Marty Cohen*  
**This month: "The Biography of Satan"**



## **The Biggest Threat to the United States**

Though Iran has been pursuing a nuclear program for many years and has long been described by the State Department as the world's "most active state sponsor of terrorism," revelations over the past year have brought the danger the country poses into greater focus. Senior military officials recently described the Islamic Republic as the biggest threat to the United States and its allies.

An International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) report released in November provided the agency's first public confirmation that Iran is closing in on the capability to produce nuclear weapons. The report contains a trove of evidence that Tehran has been working to produce a nuclear weapon that could fit inside the country's long-range missiles.

According to the report, Iranian scientists have created computer models of nuclear explosions and conducted experiments on nuclear triggers. Yukiya Amano, director general of the IAEA, said the agency had "tried without success to engage Iran in discussions about the information," but that "Iran continued to conceal nuclear activities."

Iran's leaders reacted furiously to the incriminating report. President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad vowed no retreat from the nuclear path and denounced Amano as a Washington stooge. He also lashed out at America, saying Iran does not need an atomic bomb to "cut off [the] U.S.'s hands."

Iran's proxies, including the terrorist groups Hamas and Hizballah, have long threatened the stability of the Middle East and undermined peace efforts in the region. Alongside its unrelenting nuclear efforts, Tehran has stepped up its support for terrorist attacks on targets belonging to the United States and its allies.

The Islamic Republic has provided weapons, financing and training to groups in Iraq and Afghanistan that have killed American troops. It has extended its global terrorist reach via al-Qaeda, helping the terrorist organization funnel cash and recruits into Pakistan. And in October it was revealed that elements in the Iranian government had directed a plot to assassinate the Saudi ambassador in Washington.

Iran's machinations in the Middle East and around the world are a reminder why it cannot be allowed to obtain a nuclear weapons capability. Such a capability would embolden the Islamic Republic to act more aggressively in its support for terror, and enable it to threaten international security and stability with impunity.



*Men's Club*  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

WOW! It's New Year's already. It seems like Thanksgiving was just last week. By now we've had our Men's Club Shabbat, where I was so proud of all of our guys who participated in the service . . . Yasher Koach! Also, a HUGE THANK YOU to Lloyd Fishman and Michael Pucci for putting it all together.

As serious as that was, it was just as relaxed and funny that same night when we had our Comedy Night. We roared to the humor of professional funny man Ray Ellin, but he couldn't hold a candle to the OJC Men's Club troupe. Another HUGE THANK YOU goes out to Jay Rifkin who wrote, directed, produced and performed in our own comedy night.

Going into the new year, we look forward to coming up with new and interesting programming ideas. If you have any thoughts for upcoming events and are willing to take charge in making them happen, please contact me at [PLATMOS@AOL.COM](mailto:PLATMOS@AOL.COM).

Thanks,  
*Phil Mosner*

**Come Join Us Again ...**



**Minyan will begin at 9 am**

**Trainers to assist you in "wrapping your Tefillin" will be available at 8:45 am.**

**A light breakfast will follow.**

**\$3 per person donation payable at the door.**

**RSVP to [Jeffrey.horowitz@theojc.org](mailto:Jeffrey.horowitz@theojc.org)**

## *Mitzvah of the Month by Ethan Richter*

“And thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself”  
*Vayikra* (Leviticus) 19:18

Why was the first Temple destroyed? Because the three major sins, idolatry, adultery, and murder, were being committed. Then why was the second Temple destroyed when Jewish people were involved in *Torah* study, *mitzvot*, and doing acts of kindness? Because of the baseless hatred which existed at that time. This teaches us that baseless hatred is considered equal to the three major sins. (*Talmud, Yoma 9b*)

Acts of love and kindness are so much a part of Jewish law that the word “*mitzvah*” (commandment) is commonly used to mean any good deed. Jewish law includes within it a blueprint for a just and ethical society where no one takes from another, harms another, or takes advantage of another, but everyone gives to one another, helps one another, and protects one another.

One of the Ten Commandments is “You shall not murder.” Jewish law requires us to protect our fellow man. We are commanded not to leave a condition that may cause harm, to construct our homes in ways that will prevent people from being harmed, and to help a person whose life is in danger.

Why can't I think what I want? If I want to dislike someone, who is there to stop me and what could happen by simply not liking someone in my thoughts? If I never do anything bad such as gossip, what harm is being done?

The reason is what makes this mitzvah one of the most important. The reason is that many commandments depend on it. For example, if one loves his fellow Jew then he would not steal from him or hurt him in any other way. But if he hates him then it might drive him to hurt or even murder. This *mitzvah* is similar to the first commandment (remember the singular Lord). It is expected that you observe it, and no one can prove that you are following it or not.

The Talmud records a famous incident involving Rabbi Hillel and Rabbi Shammai. A man approached Rabbi Shammai and made the following request: “Convert me to Judaism on the condition that you teach me the entire *Torah* while I am standing on one leg.” Rabbi Shammai did not approve of this request and chased the man away. The man then approached Rabbi Hillel with the same request. Rabbi Hillel responded that he would do so, and explained the *Torah* in one statement: Do not do unto another what you would not wish to be done to yourself. The rest of the *Torah* is details.

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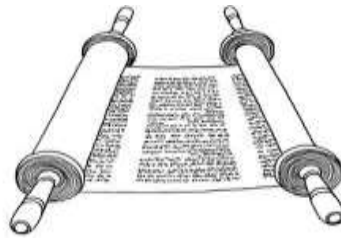
SISTERHOOD BOOK CHAT:

*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.



DATE IN JANUARY TO BE ANNOUNCED



We have seen in past columns that the biblical stories of the encounters of the ancient Israelites with the Egyptians conform with the overall historical conditions of this period. However, many of the details of the Exodus story cannot be literally true. The question then arises as to whether the stories of Moses, the Exodus, and the covenant at Sinai are based in truth. This is not an unimportant matter because so much of what we are as Jews centers about these events. As just one example, consider the importance to most Jews everywhere of the Seder, which commemorates the Israelites' departure from Egypt.

In addition to the historical framework, other arguments can be made to support the traditional account. To do so we must first consider the importance of oral tradition. Throughout the world peoples have told stories about their origins, and time after time anthropologists and archaeologists have uncovered evidence that at least parts of many of these tales have a basis in fact. Think of the legends of the Polynesian seafarers of how their ancestors crossed the Pacific, hopping from island to island. Scientists have shown that their accounts contain much of real history.

The traditions of Moses, the Exodus, and Sinai are very strong in the earliest parts of Tanakh, some of which were written down not very long after these events were supposed to have taken place. It is not reasonable to assume that these stories just sprang up out of nowhere and were made sacred to the people just because a scribe at the time said so. The stories were certainly part of an oral tradition that was familiar to its listeners. We do not have to believe every detail or even that when it says "and God said" that indeed "God said" to have confidence that at least some parts of the tales that have come down to us are reports of major events that happened in the past.

Throughout the ancient world, nations were very much concerned with the past and their own ancestry. It was common to claim descent from conquerors or even from gods. This established their position in society and was a source of pride to them. In contrast, we see the ancient Israelites, now in Canaan, claiming that they were descendents of generations of slaves. This humiliating situation would certainly not be put forth unless the claimants were certain it was true. It is unconceivable that any of the ancient peoples would fabricate such a shameful early history. Yet throughout the literature of the earliest of the prophets the Israelites are told over and over again that they were slaves in Egypt. Surely there has to be some historical basis behind this.

One of the arguments against the veracity of the exodus of the Israelites is that it is not referred to in any Egyptian writings (at least none that have survived) or found on any monuments. But that need not be taken as proof that there was no exodus. The ancient Egyptians used monuments and writings as boastful propaganda and would never have commemorated a defeat. Indeed, anything sculptured or written about the glories of a rival prior dynasty would have been defaced or erased completely. So if a group of slaves did manage to flee the country and head back toward Semitic lands that story would never have been "published."

So how do we put all this together and try to come up with a traditional yet believable story of what really happened? To find out you will have to wait until next month – which will mark the conclusion of this series of articles.

## From the Editor:

E-mail is a remarkable thing. You can get in touch with people fast, exchange information fast, read jokes fast, and get overwhelmed fast. I have done all of the above, often in the service of putting together this bulletin. You'd be amazed at how many people have sent me the same dirty little cartoons (some are actually funny), the same list of Israel's accomplishments (the wheel was invented in Jerusalem, naturally), and the same inspirational messages that exhort me to send them on to at least 25 of my nearest and dearest or else I won't win the lottery. (Never mind that I didn't buy a ticket.) Heaven help me if I don't send the message back to the person who sent it to me or she'll feel unloved for life and keep sending me more cutesy, poignant messages, replete with teddy bears and little girls with huge eyes, until I finally give up and respond.

Somebody once said (and it may have been my husband): "Progress was once a great thing but it's gone on entirely too long." I can relate to that. Some of the flyers I receive for the *Shaliach* are beautiful and so full of wondrous graphics that they belong in magazines. Those same flyers, however, are sometimes full of spelling errors, wrong dates, and unreachable phone numbers. No problem, I think in my innocence. I'll just go right in and fix the mistakes. Ha! I can press keys from here till Thursday and NOTHING happens. And why not? Because these flyers have been created by programs more devious than mine, more cunning, more fortified, more resistant to change, and more smug. "You'll fix me?" they seem to shout from the screen. "When hell freezes over and your computer dies of old age!" If I listen really closely, I can hear maniacal laughter coming from the vicinity of the screen, but that could be my paranoia or maybe it's my husband, chuckling over confirmation of his theory of progress. Either way, I'm forced to contact Marc Levine (who can fix anything) and admit that the other guy's computer can lick my computer.

Then there are the messages that tell me I can win all kinds of lovely things (mainly advanced cyberstuff that I wouldn't know how to operate even if someone painstakingly showed me how—ten times). All I have to do is press a certain key. Easy enough. So I press it. Then the screen asks for my social security number, my income, my deepest feelings, my dress size, and another stab at my income because it thinks I was lying the first time. All this to win a Wii console #456-355 (not to be confused with a Wii console #456-356, which has 97 more moving parts but no warranty against breakage from flinging it against a wall in frustration). So how badly do I want this Wii? Not badly enough, so I attempt to exit by pressing the "x" button, but the Wii message isn't through with me yet. "Are you sure you want to exit?" it asks. "Press the escape button if you're sure." So I press the escape button. The screen says, "Are you REALLY sure?" This exchange goes back and forth six more times until I finally believe with all my heart that I want, no I need a Wii console #456-355 more than I need to breathe. Now I am entered into the contest, but the crafty message has more in mind. As a result of entering this contest, I am now on the mailing list of 782,567,254 other sites, half of which are plotting to overthrow the U.S. government, while the other half still want to know what my actual income is. If I leave my computer for five minutes there are 782,567,254 messages waiting for me when I return.

I've taken up letter writing. Really. It's a lost art. I actually have stationery in the house and I've started using it. What a concept! So far, though, nobody's responded in kind. I'm getting e-mails thanking me for my letters, but at least they're not asking how much I earn. That's for the more sophisticated correspondents, not my friends or kids . . . although there's one woman I used to work with who seems to want to know if my dress size has changed appreciably since we saw each other last in 1986. She's already asked three times. What's up with that?

Judy Cohen

# SHALOM OJC 5780 (2020)

**Imagine it is now 5780 on the Jewish Calendar--2020 in the U.S.  
STOP EVERYTHING . . . Did you hear me? IMAGINE IT IS NOW 5780!**

**We have now been transported to the year 5780:**

In 5780 the OJC is now engaged in strategic planning for the year 5790. What a great way to continue the great legacy of the OJC by having so many new congregants involved in the process. We have hired the best strategists and consultants to help predict all the rapid changes that will be occurring in the next 10 years. We are grateful to those who led the way back in 1997 and again in 2012 when, looking back, change seemed to be so much slower than now. (But was it? It certainly seemed very rapid back in 2012.)

We are chatting with both our local and our global followers. The first of several sets of questions we are asking is: "How do you think we reached where we now are in 5780?"

1. Rabbi Scheff's influence has grown throughout the world. Thanks to the advanced computerized communication system installed by the OJC in 2012, he now communicates, teaches Torah, and gives sermons that reach over 100,000 people worldwide each week.
2. Rabbi Drill's Tikkun Olam campaign to reach out to others in need continues at great momentum. Our original Mitzvah Day is now a combined effort, not just in Rockland and northern NJ, but, thanks to our ability to travel long distances at fast speeds in our modern "flying cars," throughout the states of NY, NJ, CT, and other locales. "Mitzvah Day" has grown to be not just a day, but a daily event, with congregants leading activities throughout the region on a daily basis. Our Tikkun Olam efforts have reached as far as Israel, which certainly needs our help as a thriving power in the world today. It has become so easy to travel that visiting Israel is like going to visit Grandma--in fact, Grandma has made aliyah to Israel!
3. Back at our original Orangeburg site a lot has happened:
  - a. Our professional team has expanded to meet the huge and sophisticated needs of our congregants and seekers. We have a magnetic Cantor, an Executive Director, adult educators, and child life experts for our thriving nursery and day school.
  - b. Our in-house caterers delight all with their extensive life cycle support capabilities. The meals turned out by our new expanded kitchens on the second floor of the Simcha Room building are the rave of kosher connoisseurs for miles around.
  - c. Our marketing database is complete, allowing us to spread our branding as "The Place to Be." Our advertising slogans are "The OJC loves children" and "The OJC cares."
  - d. The OJC's use of technology has us now communicating seamlessly and personally with congregants, seekers of a meaningful Jewish experience, and even just the curious throughout our community and the world, providing previously unthinkable very personal connections to the OJC, to Judaism, to Jewish learning, to Jewish action and to so much more. We continue to be a house of Worship, Study, and Learning but the reach of our house is so much farther than in the past.

- e. Our endowment, whose raising was one of our great successes of the past ten years, is now able to pay the vast majority of our staff and infrastructure costs. This allows us in 2020 to employ the very best in both staff and tools while eliminating our year-to-year scary dependence on dues and fundraising to meet our operating needs. This also allows us to invest very strategically and tactically in helping others and strengthening and perpetuating the OJC.

So, you ask, “How did all this happen?” That’s a great question, especially because we want to learn from it and do it again and again, aiming even higher for 2030 (5790). Well, let me tell how we got so far:

Way back on September 11, 2011, 27 OJC leaders gathered at Camp Ramah as the OJC 2020 Strategic Planning Committee to kick-off the process of moving the OJC into the next decade. The meeting was facilitated by Robert Leventhal, a leading Jewish institution strategic planning consultant. It was a magical training meeting in which the members were totally immersed. They left eager to get on with planning for the OJC of 2020. The Committee decided to recruit task forces to begin the detailed data gathering and initial planning in major areas. After the kick-off meeting, Rabbi Scheff, Rabbi Drill, OJC President Kim Lori Sokol, First VP Amy Nelson, and Strategic Planning Chair Nohra M. Leff met to choose key task forces (seven were identified), identify task force leaders, and plan more of the next steps.

Then on November 22, 2011, the planning task force leaders met for training and adjustments, as necessary, of the task force alignments. The task forces and leaders:

Organizational Behavior/Leadership—Andy Blau

Marketing—Andrea Weinberger

Finances—Lloyd Fishman

School and Youth—Pam Berg and Staci Gelb

Welcoming and Engagement—Larry Rosenberg

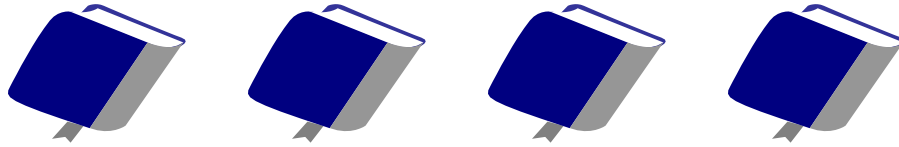
Technology and Engagement—Howard Price

Planning for Jewish Life (Worship, Education, Programming, Remote Davening, and Learning)—Ken Leff

The Executive Board and the Board of Trustees, aided by senior staff, were the major decision makers throughout the process.

**Okay, you are now transported back to 2012:** Watch this column next month for more of the story of how we reached 2020 so successfully and to learn about what you can do to help us to plan and build an even more wonderful future for ourselves, our children and grandchildren, the OJC, and the Jewish community.

Nohra M. Leff Chair, Strategic Planning Committee



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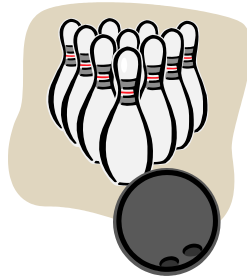
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Finally, an incredible letter written by a non-Jewish Scottish professor to his students who voted to boycott Israel. This is a MUST READ article that needs to be disseminated in every university. If you have children or grandchildren in college please make sure they publish this important letter in the student paper or post it on the university bulletin board.

A Scottish professor responds to a campus boycott. The Edinburgh Students Association made a motion to boycott all things Israeli, since they claim Israel is under an apartheid regime. Dr. Denis MacEoin (a non-Jew) is an expert in Middle Eastern affairs. Here is his letter to those students—an educated, non-Jewish take on Israel. Dr. Denis MacEoin, a senior editor of the Middle East Quarterly, addresses the Committee of the Edinburgh University Student Association.

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May I be permitted to say a few words to members of the EUSA? I am an Edinburgh graduate (MA 1975) who studied Persian, Arabic and Islamic history in Buccleuch Place under William Montgomery Watt and Laurence Elwell Sutton, two of Britain's great Middle East experts in their day.

I later went on to do a Ph.D. at Cambridge and to teach Arabic and Islamic Studies at Newcastle University. Naturally, I am the author of several books and hundreds of articles in this field. I say all that to show that I am well informed in Middle Eastern affairs and that, for that reason, I am shocked and disheartened by the EUSA motion and vote.

I am shocked for a simple reason: there is not and has never been a system of apartheid in Israel. That is not my opinion; that is fact that can be tested against reality by any Edinburgh student, should he or she choose to visit Israel to see for themselves. Let me spell this out, since I have the impression that those members of EUSA who voted for this motion are absolutely clueless in matters concerning Israel, and that they are, in all likelihood, the victims of extremely biased propaganda coming from the anti-Israel lobby.

Being anti-Israel is not in itself objectionable. But I'm not talking about ordinary criticism of Israel. I'm speaking of a hatred that permits itself no boundaries in the lies and myths it pours out. Thus, Israel is repeatedly referred to as a "Nazi" state. In what sense is this true, even as a metaphor? Where are the Israeli concentration camps? The *einatzgruppen*? The SS? The Nuremberg Laws? The Final Solution? None of these things or anything remotely resembling them exists in Israel, precisely because the Jews, more than anyone on earth, understand what Nazism stood for.

It is claimed that there has been an Israeli Holocaust in Gaza (or elsewhere). Where? When? No honest historian would treat that claim with anything but the contempt it deserves. But calling Jews Nazis and saying they have committed a Holocaust is as basic a way to subvert historical fact as anything I can think of.

Likewise apartheid. For apartheid to exist, there would have to be a situation that closely resembled how things were in South Africa under the apartheid regime. Unfortunately for those who believe this, a weekend in any part of Israel would be enough to show how ridiculous the claim is. That a body of university students actually fell for this and voted on it is a sad comment on the state of modern education. The most obvious focus for apartheid would be the country's 20% Arab population. Under Israeli law, Arab Israelis have exactly the same rights as Jews or anyone else; Muslims have the same rights as Jews or Christians; Baha'is, severely persecuted in Iran, flourish in Israel, where they have their world center; Ahmadi Muslims, severely persecuted in Pakistan and elsewhere, are kept safe by Israel; the holy places of all religions are protected under a specific Israeli law. Arabs form 20% of the university population (an exact echo of their percentage in the general population).

In Iran, the Baha'is (the largest religious minority) are forbidden to study in any university or to run their own universities: why aren't your members boycotting Iran? Arabs in Israel can go anywhere they want, unlike blacks in apartheid South Africa. They use public transport, they eat in restaurants, they go to swimming pools,

they use libraries, they go to cinemas alongside Jews—something no blacks were able to do in South Africa.

Israeli hospitals not only treat Jews and Arabs, they also treat Palestinians from Gaza or the West Bank. On the same wards, in the same operating theatres.

In Israel, women have the same rights as men: there is no gender apartheid. Gay men and women face no restrictions, and Palestinian gays often escape into Israel, knowing they may be killed at home.

It seems bizarre to me that [LGBT] groups call for a boycott of Israel and say nothing about countries like Iran, where gay men are hanged or stoned to death. That illustrates a mindset that beggars belief.

Intelligent students thinking it's better to be silent about regimes that kill gay people, but good to condemn the only country in the Middle East that rescues and protects gay people. Is that supposed to be a sick joke?

University is supposed to be about learning to use your brain, to think rationally, to examine evidence, to reach conclusions based on solid evidence, to compare sources, to weigh up one view against one or more others. If the best Edinburgh can now produce are students who have no idea how to do any of these things, then the future is bleak.

I do not object to well-documented criticism of Israel. I do object when supposedly intelligent people single the Jewish state out above states that are horrific in their treatment of their populations. We are going through the biggest upheaval in the Middle East since the 7th and 8th centuries, and it's clear that Arabs and Iranians are rebelling against terrifying regimes that fight back by killing their own citizens.

Israeli citizens, Jews and Arabs alike, do not rebel (though they are free to protest). Yet Edinburgh students mount no demonstrations and call for no boycotts against Libya, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, and Iran. They prefer to make false accusations against one of the world's freest countries, the only country in the Middle East that has taken in Darfur refugees, the only country in the Middle East that gives refuge to gay men and women, the only country in the Middle East that protects the Baha'is. . . . Need I go on?

The imbalance is perceptible, and it sheds no credit on anyone who voted for this boycott. I ask you to show some common sense. Get information from the Israeli embassy. Ask for some speakers. Listen to more than one side. Do not make your minds up until you have given a fair hearing to both parties. You have a duty to your students, and that is to protect them from one-sided arguments. They are not at university to be propagandized. And they are certainly not there to be tricked into anti-Semitism by punishing one country among all the countries of the world, which happens to be the only Jewish state. If there had been a single Jewish state in the 1930s (which, sadly, there was not), don't you think Adolf Hitler would have decided to boycott it?

Your generation has a duty to ensure that the perennial racism of anti-Semitism never sets down roots among you. Today, however, there are clear signs that it has done so and is putting down more. You have a chance to avert a very great evil, simply by using reason and a sense of fair play. Please tell me that this makes sense. I have given you some of the evidence. It's up to you to find out more.

Yours sincerely,  
Denis MacEoin

*Ed. Note:* This letter was forward to the *Shaliach* by Barbara Klugerman, longtime and current OJC member, and is well worth reading.



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**FEBRUARY 4, 2012**

**9:00 AM**

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FOLLOWED BY DESSERT**

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

*Some parts are still available for participation; please contact Rosina Hirsh at 845-365-3096 or [hirshiebar@verizon.net](mailto:hirshiebar@verizon.net).*

# January 2012 6 Tevet 5772 - 7 Shevat 5772

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <small>6 TEVET</small> New Year's Day Minyan 8:45AM Minyan 7:30PM	<b>2</b> <small>7 TEVET</small> OFFICE CLOSED NO SCHOOL Minyan 7:30PM	<b>3</b> <small>8 TEVET</small> Minyan 8:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Rel School 4:15PM Minyan 7:30PM Exec Bd Mtg 7:30PM  <i>Bulletin/3rd Class Flyers Due!</i>	<b>4</b> <small>9 TEVET</small> Nursery Sch 9:30AM Torah/Treats 12:30PM Rel School 4:15PM Minyan 7:30PM	<b>5</b> <small>10 TEVET</small> Fast of the Tenth of Tevet Minyan 6:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Text/Context 10AM Rel School 4:15PM Minyan 7:30PM Intro to Judaism 7:30PM	<b>6</b> <small>11 TEVET</small> 4:23 Nursery Sch 9:30AM Family Service 6PM	<b>7</b> <small>12 TEVET</small> Shabbat Ends: 5:34 Lyyan Tefilah 8:45AM Shabbat Service 9AM Russell Jacobs B/M Mincha Maariv 3:45PM Ruach Karaoke Night
<b>8</b> <small>13 TEVET</small> Minyan 8:45AM Purim Rehears 10:30AM Siddurize 1PM Minyan 7:30PM	<b>9</b> <small>14 TEVET</small> Nursery Sch 9:30AM Baby n' Me 10:30AM Journey Grp 11AM Sisterhood Bd 7PM Minyan 7:30PM	<b>10</b> <small>15 TEVET</small> Minyan 8:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Rel School 4:15PM Na'ash III 6:30PM Minyan 7:30PM	<b>11</b> <small>16 TEVET</small> Nursery Sch 9:30AM Rel School 4:15PM Minyan 7:30PM	<b>12</b> <small>17 TEVET</small> 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>13</b> <small>18 TEVET</small> 4:30 Nursery Sch 9:30AM Shabbat Service 7PM	<b>14</b> <small>19 TEVET</small> Shabbat Ends: 5:41 Shabbat Service 9AM Mincha Maariv 4PM Jason Scheff B/M
<b>15</b> <small>20 TEVET</small> Minyan 8:45AM Purim Rehears 10:30AM Minyan 7:30PM	<b>16</b> <small>21 TEVET</small> Martin Luther King Day NO SCHOOL Monday Midrash 11AM Minyan 7:30PM	<b>17</b> <small>22 TEVET</small> Minyan 8:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Rel School 4:15PM Na'ash III 6:30PM Minyan 7:30PM Trustee Mtg 7:30PM	<b>18</b> <small>23 TEVET</small> Nursery Sch 9:30AM Torah/Treats 12:30PM Rel School 4:15PM Minyan 7:30PM  <i>1st Class Flyers Due!</i>	<b>19</b> <small>24 TEVET</small> Minyan 6:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Text/Context 10AM Rel School 4:15PM Minyan 7:30PM Intro to Judaism 7:30PM	<b>20</b> <small>25 TEVET</small> 4:38 Nursery Sch 9:30AM Shabbat Service 7PM Dr. Marty Cohen Lecture	<b>21</b> <small>26 TEVET</small> Shabbat Ends: 5:49 Shabbat Service 9AM Melissa Straus B/M Mincha Maariv 4PM USY PROM 8PM
<b>22</b> <small>27 TEVET</small> Minyan 8:45AM Purim Rehears 10:30AM Siddurize 1PM Minyan 7:30PM School Bd Mtg 7:30PM	<b>23</b> <small>28 TEVET</small> Nursery Sch 9:30AM Baby n' Me 10:30AM Minyan 7:30PM	<b>24</b> <small>29 TEVET</small> Minyan 8:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Rel School 4:15PM Na'ash III 6:30PM Minyan 7:30PM NEFESH 7:30PM (off site)	<b>25</b> <small>1 SHEVAT</small> Rosh Chodesh Shevat Nursery Sch 9:30AM Rel School 4:15PM Minyan 7:30PM	<b>26</b> <small>2 SHEVAT</small> Minyan 6:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Text/Context 10AM Rel School 4:15PM Minyan 7:30PM Intro to Judaism 7:30PM	<b>27</b> <small>3 SHEVAT</small> 4:47 Nursery Sch 9:30AM Shabbat Service 7PM New member Shabbat ONEG	<b>28</b> <small>4 SHEVAT</small> Shabbat Ends: 5:58 Shabbat Service 9AM Rachel Weiner B/M 3rd Grade Jr Cong Mincha Maariv/ Alumni Havdallah (Grades 5, 6, 7) 4:15PM
<b>29</b> <small>5 SHEVAT</small> Minyan 8:45AM Purim Rehears 10:30AM Siddurize 1PM USY Minute to Win it 6:30PM Minyan 7:30PM	<b>30</b> <small>6 SHEVAT</small> Nursery Sch 9:30AM Baby n' Me 10:30AM Minyan 7:30PM	<b>31</b> <small>7 SHEVAT</small> Minyan 8:45AM Nursery Sch 9:30AM Rel School 4:15PM Minyan 7:30PM				

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MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW !!



## *January Bar Mitzvah*

### *Russell Matthew Jacobs*

Our son, Russell Jacobs, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on January 7, 2012. We joyously look forward to Russell's becoming a Bar Mitzvah and we are looking forward to his going through another Jewish life cycle event on the OJC bimah.

Russell attends South Orangetown Middle School where he is an honor student. He plays soccer for OMM, basketball for the JCC, and baseball for SOLL. Russell spends much of his time building all kinds of things with K'nex and Legos. He also enjoys building rockets and airplanes. Russell has also been building on his Jewish education at the OJC.

Along with our extended family, we are very proud and are constantly rewarded when people tell us "Russell is really good kid."

*Lisa and Leon Jacobs*

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### *A Tribute to Bernie Schiffmiller*

Bernie Schiffmiller taught us and studied with us at Torah and Treats and Text and Context for many years. We miss his presence, his sense of humor, and his friendship.

Two of Bernie's great loves were children and music. To honor his memory, his friends in these two classes will sponsor music programs for our youngest students in the OJC Nursery School. We hope that Bernie is singing and dancing with the children.

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Natan Benjamin  
Lydia & Lou Katz (WSF)

Claudia & Barry Judelman upon the birth of their first  
granddaughter, Audrey Joy  
Nina & Peter Tarley (R)

Cortney & Craig Kuperman upon the birth of their daughter,  
Willow Sage  
Gail & Jeff Sanders (S)

Ina & Michael Filip upon their son, Russell  
becoming a Bar Mitzvah  
Eileen & Barry Rogers (WSF)

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Barbara Brumer (RDF)  
Eileen & Barry Rogers (WSF)

Judy Josephs upon her granddaughter, Lily,  
becoming a Bat Mitzvah  
Roz Kremin & Rene Khafif (RDF)

Rhea & Murray Jacobs upon their granddaughter, Jennifer,  
becoming a Bat Mitzvah  
Lisa & Lonnie Jacobs (NS)

Charlene Kaplan upon her grandson becoming a Bar Mitzvah  
Gail & Jeff Sanders (S)

Helen & Gary Barnett upon their grandson, Jeffrey,  
becoming a Bar Mitzvah and their granddaughter, Kelsey,  
becoming a Bat Mitzvah  
Lydia & Lou Katz (R)

Shari & Mark Bloomberg upon their daughter, Alyssa,  
becoming a Bat Mitzvah  
Maddie & Herb Roimisher (WSF)

Jeff Lance upon his 50th Birthday  
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Sherman Baker upon his birthday  
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Miriam Neuren upon her special birthday  
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Barbara Brumer (RDF)

Estelle Sollish upon her birthday  
Esther, Paul & Zena Schulman & Sara & David Schwarzberg (R)  
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Art LeMay on his birthday  
Diane & Leonard Goldstein (KF)

Henry Rosen & family upon the marriage of his grandson  
Diane & Leonard Goldstein (KF)

Miriam & Larry Suchoff upon the marriage of their son, Noah,  
to Shari Swaaley  
Diane & Leonard Goldstein (SMF)  
Tova & Barry Adesnik (R)  
Esther Schulman & Family and Sara & David Schwarzberg  
(R)  
Lydia & Lou Katz (SMF)  
Barbara Mosner (SMF)  
Barbara Brumer (RDF)

Miriam Neuren upon the marriage of her granddaughter, Julie,  
to Michael  
Sheila & Norman Wasserman (S)

Evelyn & Donald Winikoff upon the marriage of their  
granddaughter, Jaclyn, to Benjamin  
Sheila & Norman Wasserman (S)  
Lydia & Lou Katz (RDF)

Ruby & Ronald Hirsch upon their 50th anniversary  
Mimi & Mel Rosenstock (RDF)

Carol & Sherman Baker upon their 20th anniversary  
Adele Garber (RDF)  
Helen & Gary Barnett (ARDF)  
Ruby & Ron Hirsch (RDF)  
Mimi & Mel Rosenstock (RDF)

Rhonda & Michael Plawner upon their anniversary  
Gabi & Maty Lewy (RDF)

Mimi & Mel Rosenstock upon their anniversary  
Ruby & Ron Hirsch (RH)  
Adele Garber (RDF)  
Lydia & Lou Katz (RDF)

Gail & Jeff Sanders upon their 45th anniversary  
Rhonda & Michael Plawner (S)

To all of the Multi-Generational Families  
Diane & Leonard Goldstein (KF)

Judy & Marty Cohen upon being honored  
at the OJC L'Dor V'Dor Gala Dinner Dance  
Lita Mustacchi (MMF)  
Marti & Charles Yassky & Family (RDF)  
Devorah Shulamit (LF)

Cindy & Jonathan Cohen upon being honored  
at the OJC L'Dor V'Dor Gala Dinner Dance  
Lita Mustacchi (MMF)

Mazel Tov to all of the L'Dor V'Dor honorees  
Roselyn & Irwin Portnoy (RDF)

Bruce Varon upon being honored as part of the  
USY METNY 60th anniversary celebration  
Gloria Brettner (RDF)  
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Charles Yassky for a wonderful Veteran's Day Concert  
Sherri & Tom Williger (BCMF)

Marti Sweet-Yassky for her beautiful music  
at the Veteran's Day Concert  
Sherri & Tom Williger (WSF)

Accepting the French Legion of Honor Award on behalf of  
himself and all those deserving men & women  
who are not with us today  
Paul Breslow (RDF)

Receiving an Aliyah on Rosh Hashanah & Sukkot  
Grace & Marty Soloway (R)

Vivian Brook upon her move to Florida—Best of Luck  
Carol & Melvin Marks (S)

Rhoda Pochter upon being honored  
as our Kallat Torah on Simchat Torah  
Rhonda & Michael Plawner (WSF)

## **IN APPRECIATION OF**

Steve Berkowitz  
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Jeff Lance  
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The OJC Chesed Committee & Mimi Nemeroff  
Naomi Cowen (MMF)

Receiving an Aliyah on Yom Kippur  
Barbara Rubin (R)

Dahlia Bernstein: Congratulations on a great job  
teaching class!  
Estelle Sollish (ARDF)

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Levine for doing a marvelous job on the L'Dor V'Dor Gala  
Carol & Sherman Baker (R)  
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Laurie Liner, with thanks for an absolutely wonderful  
Mitzvah Day lunch!  
Mimi Rosenstock (RDF)

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Sheila Bunin (ARDF)

Gail & Jeff Sanders (S)

Rhonda & Michael Plawner (ARDF)

Suzanne & Jack Hirsch (RDF)

Judith & Irwin Librot (RDF)

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Irwin Librot

Estelle Sollish (MMF)

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If You Grew Up Jewish . . . (courtesy of Maxine Skopov)

. . . the only good advice your mother gave you was, "Go! You might meet somebody."

. . . you grew up thinking it was normal for someone to shout, "Are you okay?" through the bathroom door when you were in there longer than three minutes.

. . . your family dog responded to commands in Yiddish.

. . . you were as tall as your grandmother by the age of seven.

. . . you were as tall as your grandfather by the age of seven and a half.

. . . you were surprised to discover that wine doesn't always taste like cranberry sauce.

. . . when your mother smacked you really hard, she continued to make you feel bad for hurting her hand.

. . . you can understand Yiddish but you can't speak it.

. . . you know how to pronounce numerous Yiddish words and use them correctly in context, but you don't know exactly what they mean. Kaynahurra.

. . . you thought speaking loud was normal.

. . . you think eating half a jar of pickles is a wholesome snack.

. . . your mother or grandmother took personal pride when Jews were noted for some accomplishment (showbiz, medicine, politics, etc.) and was ashamed and embarrassed when Jews were accused of a crime, as if they were relatives.

. . . you had at least one female relative who penciled on eyebrows that were always asymmetrical.

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We would like to thank our OJC family and friends for all the good wishes extended to us at the L'Dor v'Dor gala celebration in November. We would especially like to thank the wonderful and tireless committee chairs who made it all possible—Adele Garber, Jeff Horowitz, Marc Levine, and Andrea Weinberger—you're the best!

May OJC continue to go from strength to strength!

The Cohen and Heller-Gelb Families

**THE CHESED COMMITTEE a/k/a GOOD & WELFARE COMMITTEE**, Kim Lori Sokol, on behalf of the OJC Board of Trustees, and Madeline Roimisher & Adele Garber, on behalf of the Chesed Committee, would like to extend their

**CONDOLENCES TO:**

Randi Dymond upon the loss of her beloved mother, Carol Spiegle  
Bea Birnbaum upon the loss of her beloved husband, Harold Birnbaum  
Naomi Steinberg upon the loss of her beloved father, Harold Birnbaum  
The family of Gloria “Steffi” Gruder

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Karen & Alan Goldstein upon the birth of their grandson, Natan Benjamin  
Sheryl & Steven Pilavin upon their daughter, Madison, becoming a Bat Mitzvah  
Ina & Michael Filip upon their son, Russell, becoming a Bar Mitzvah  
Lisa & Lonnie Jacobs upon their son, Russell, becoming a Bar Mitzvah  
Sheila & Norman Wasserman upon their grandson, Russell, becoming a Bar Mitzvah  
Carol Jacobs upon her grandson, Russell, becoming a Bar Mitzvah  
Madeline & Herb Roimisher upon their grandnephew, Russell, becoming a Bar Mitzvah  
All of the L’Dor V’Dor honorees  
Fran Friedman & Diana Hess for a wonderful job chairing Mitzvah Day again this year!  
Jay Rifkin upon writing the Men’s Club Comedy Show

**WELCOME BACK:**

To all of our “volunteers” who went on the Israel Mission with Rabbi Scheff

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Ruby & Ronald Hirsch (50th)

**GET WELL WISHES TO:**

Kenneth Berkowitz	Stacy Fox	Rose Berendt	Joan Cooperman	Sid Singer
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*Kindly let us know if you have an event/occasion you will be celebrating and we’ll be most happy to print it in our next Shaliach.*

*Madeline Roimisher (845) 359-4846 and Adele Garber (845) 358-9121*

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*Some Words of Jewish Wisdom*

A wise man hears one word and understands two. –Yiddish proverb

The Jews are like everyone else, only more so. –Anonymous

Many wise words are spoken in jest, but they don’t compare with the number of stupid words spoken in earnest.  
--Sam Levenson

How to make a small fortune in Israel: come with a large one. –Anonymous

It’s crackers to slip a rozzer the dropsy in snide. –*Mad Magazine*

# December Yahrzeits

1 Nathan Boris	9 Jerry Jacobs	16 Minnie Heller	24 Joseph Jacobs
1 Jean Gerstley	9 Sadie Lapedis	16 Bernard Jacobs	24 Benjamin Katz
1 Marvin Laufer	9 Gail Sterman	16 Samuel Kranes	24 Minnie Margouliss
1 Arthur Singerman	10 Hyman Levine	16 Max Scharf	24 Pearl Perlmutter
1 Nettie Sosis	10 Leo Sulzbacher	16 Rosa Shaw	24 Jacob Reich
2 Robert Brown	10 Edgar Zorn	16 Solomon Spitz	25 Morris Lavigne
2 Leon Fram	11 Michael Bogdonoff	16 Fred B. Wolf	25 Max Seif
2 Arthur Hitter	11 Anne W. Gershen	16 Ruth Worton	26 Rabbi Max Gelb
2 Natalie Langsam	11 Yetta Gross	17 Isidore Adelson	26 Leonard Glick
2 Bertha Levine	11 Edward Samett	17 Benjamin Bookman	26 Bertha Kuttner
3 Mollie Foadare	11 Robert Schwartz	17 Gertrude Lewis	26 Rae Vinopoll
3 Helen Hlavacek	11 Helen Wegard	17 Regina Schloss	26 Dorothy Yorkes
3 Jeanette Ryan	12 Richard Dinowitz	17 Abe Shlakman	27 Paul Gold
3 Michael Yarkon	12 Enid Hershey	18 Bernard Blutstein	27 Sam Kass
4 Irving Atlas	12 Menachem Ledany	18 Hannah Bogdonoff	28 Rudolph Blaustein
4 Simon Polland	12 Pauline Levine	18 Abraham Foadare	28 Jacob Hahn
5 Sarah Berkowitz	12 Harry Umlas	18 Sidney Heck	28 Richard Maxwell Rebhun
5 Doris Bernhard	12 Jordan Walerstein	18 Max Kohn	28 Bessie Esther Rogers
5 Mel Burns	13 Paul Blair	18 Burton Wartell	28 Sigmund Rosenstock
5 Regina Felberbaum	13 Harry Danow	19 Mickey Blumfield	28 Betty Wodar
5 Jack Lavin	13 Ida Goldstein	19 Max Frank	28 Hannah Wolff
5 Hy Pomerance	13 Lee Lesserson	20 Sylvia Bialick	29 Elka Novick
5 Evelyn Richter	13 Eva Markman	20 Andrea Marenoff	29 Mary Obarzanek
5 Israel Weisman	13 Eva Segal	21 Herman Fuchs	29 Sprinze Salzhauer
6 Barbara Diamond	14 Steven Gottheil	21 Anna Goldberg	29 Leona Sklaroff
6 Michael Feinstein	14 Anne Kronberg	21 Joseph C. Rifkin	30 Berta Goldschmidt
7 Seymour Brumer	14 Minnie Shlakman	22 Helene Bernstein	30 Rhoda Kaltman
7 Marvin Cogan	14 Abraham Zakarin	22 Gladys Goldbard	30 Sheldon Rosen
7 David Grushewsky	15 Harry A. Berkowitz	22 Marie Goldberg	30 Anita Betty Solon Hack
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8 Edith Fram	15 Irving Rose	23 Rosalind Brindz	31 Lottie Luft
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8 Henry Stoll	15 Martin Skopov	23 Ida Kaufman	31 Sol Perlmutter
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9 Max Gerson	16 Leah Gelb	24 Carl Joseph Gottlieb	



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We would like to thank the many people who provided support during the past 12 months and made donations in honor of Paul Jacobs. The friendly words of encouragement, hugs, taps on the shoulder, and knowledge that we were in your thoughts were truly appreciated.

We made the commitment to say Kaddish at least once a day for 11 months. The weekly Ma'ariv and the Thursday and Sunday minyan regulars were extremely welcoming and supportive. Although we davened up and down the east coast, the west coast, and various minyanim in between, it always felt good to return "home."

Friendly relationships were established with minyan regulars, some of whom also lost loved ones. Collectively, we hoped there would be ten people and usually there were. We are grateful to the OJC community and we are grateful for the OJC community.

Carol and Lonnie Jacobs

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