GALA CELEBRATION and DEDICATION WEEKEND:
June 22-24, 2012 - "Build a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell amongst them." Exodus: 25:8; Join us for just one, two or all of our weekend events. There is something for everyone this weekend.

“Honoring Our Past—Building Our Future”

50th Anniversary Celebration and Dedication of Our New Building
Plans for Weekend of June 22nd – 24th at the JCC of LBI

Get ready to celebrate in our beautiful new building. This will be a very special weekend with many activities and events. We are honored to have Rabbi William Gershon as our Guest Scholar-in-Residence and his wife, Raquel Gershon, as our Guest Cantorial Soloist join us. Your invitation will be arriving in the mail soon. Here’s a preview of what’s to come:

Friday, June 22nd
Shabbat Dinner and Service with Guest Cantorial Soloist Raquel Gershon
✦ Oneg Shabbat and Guest Speaker: Rabbi William Gershon

Saturday, June 23rd
Shabbat Morning Service with Sermon by Rabbi William Gershon
✦ Kiddish following Services
✦ Afternoon Study Session with Rabbis Jacob Friedman & William Gershon

Sunday, June 24th
Gala Dinner and Dance with Cocktail Hour starting at 5:30 p.m.
✦ Commemorative Video Presentation
✦ Auctioning of Special Items

First Regular Shabbat morning service,
Saturday, May 26th 9:30 AM

Services for Shavuot
1st Day, Sunday, May 27th 9:30 AM
Confirmation Service, Sunday, May 27th, 6:00 PM
2nd Day, Monday, May 28th, 9:30 AM (Yizkor)

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The two day holiday of Shavuot begins on Saturday night, May 26. Shavuot celebrates the revelation of the Torah on Mount Sinai. One of the questions asked is: “Who wrote the Torah?” One of the editors of the Etz Hayim Bible answered the question saying, “People.” If so, then what was the role of God?” To which the editor replied, “God enables genius. The Torah is a work of spiritual genius.”

When I was a young student in the Yeshiva, I was taught that God wrote the Torah letter by letter and gave it to Moses. As I began to delve deeper into its teachings I felt a conflict with that teaching. I began to see that the Torah unfolded over time, reflecting historical settings, until it was finalized into a magnificent spiritual blueprint for a meaningful life.

Each day when I study the Torah, over and over again, from the beginning to its end, I see in it the vessel of values. I see the details of its teachings expressing values that bring us closer to God and to our fellow human beings. When I read the words, “And God said,” it indicates our understanding of God’s will and values.

Human understanding is continually unfolding by the changing conditions in life and adding new insights. The study of Torah is a continuous discovery and when we read through it each year, from beginning to end, we find new meanings. The Torah is God’s love letter to us. I believe that people wrote it, but the wisdom of Torah emerged intuitively from reaching beyond ourselves and hearing the still small voice of God lovingly guiding us to meaningful living. The genius of the Torah is that it is relevant in every generation – the past, the present and the future.

I see myself as an “evolutionary Jew.” I live with the tradition of the past and the change for the present. I believe that people are the vessels of God, able to hear the will of God, and be God’s partner here on earth.

I believe that God in some wonderful way revealed the Torah, but is not God’s final word.

I believe that the Torah challenges us to honor the past, to live in the present and to discover even greater wisdom in the future. I believe that the Torah requires us to interpret its teachings and form a system of values that strengthens the bonds to the world around us.

I believe that the study of Torah brings forth the best that we can be. I believe that the Torah wants us to do the best we are capable of doing.

I believe that the Torah’s teachings are continually evolving, calling to us, “you shall be holy, for I the Eternal am holy.”

I believe that Shavuot is the time when we need to pledge anew the words of our ancestors at Mount Sinai, “We will do and we will learn.”

Rabbi Jacob Friedman
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE—Lead by Example

Our beautiful new building is completed, and our many religious, educational, and social activities are being held there. But, while the construction phase is finished, our Capital Campaign fundraising activity is not. There are many enhancements to the facility we would still like to make as monies become available, and we still have a $400,000 mortgage on which interest must be paid annually, and the principal must eventually be repaid.

The value of my, and I am sure most of your, stock portfolios and IRAs have increased between 5% and 12% between January 1 and March 31, 2012. That could mean an increase in value of around $10,000 for every $100,000 of portfolio. The percentage increases in the Dow Jones I.A. and the S & P 500 from 12/31/11 to 3/31/12 were 8.1 and 11.9% respectively. These increases from 9/30/11 were an even more dramatic 21 and 24.5%.

Please donate some of that increase to the JCC of LBI. And, if you make that decision now and quickly inform Rose Valentine of it, she may be able to increase your LEVEL OF GIVING Category on our Dedication wall. This can be done even if the actual contribution isn’t made until near the end of this year. Also, on our list of Dedication Items, there may be some neat ones still available that you would like to sponsor.

Besides a gift of cash or stock, this may be the last year where you can donate some or all of your IRA or 401K distribution to charity and take the amount of the gift, not as a charitable donation, but as a reduction of your total income. If this is again approved by Congress, it is even a better tax advantage, since it meets your required minimum distribution from the IRA, and is not counted as part of your income on which you must pay taxes. This is what Judith and I hope to do again in 2012 as we increase our contribution to the Capital Campaign by $20,000. If not extended by Congress, then it will be as a normal worthwhile Charitable donation. As you increase your commitment, this can change your Level of Giving Category, or, if you prefer, add your children or others as separate givers in one of the categories.

Please consider following the example of Judith and me by making or increasing your contribution to the Capital Campaign of our JCC of LBI. I am not asking you to match our increase, but every bit helps. The campaign is not yet over, and we can use the additional funds. Please ‘step up to the plate’ again.

SHALOM,
Don Pripstein, President
“Building the Future”

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REPORT
April 2012

As folks enter the new building for the first time, it is wonderful to see the joy on their faces. It is more than a dream come true. In fact, the reality is even better than the dream.

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to members and friends who have donated to the Capital Campaign to rebuild our synagogue. It is truly incredible that we have been able to raise almost $1.6 million to erect this beautiful house of worship on Long Beach Island.

HONOR ROLL: A LISTING OF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE MADE PLEDGES AND GIFTS TO THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN APPEAL
January 5, 2012 – April 15, 2012

*Tributes, pavers and events designated to the Building Fund are not listed here.

ANGEL $50,000 - $99,999
The Pripstein Family*

BENEFACTOR - $10,000 – $17,999
Sherry & Howard Fruchterman*
Mary Beth & William Sedlak

BUILDER - $5,000 – $9,999
Shaun & Mark Cohen*
Curt Kelley*

FRIEND – $1,500 - $4,999
Anonymous
Inge & Milton Batoff*
The Beckerman Family*
Lynn Berkowitz*
Barbara & Scott Goldstein
Lynn & Bob Levitt*
Frada & Irwin Roseff*
Pamela & Max Scheer
Elaine, Justin & Lindsay Thomas*

SUPPORTER - $500 - $1,499
Ron Rosner
Sheila & Howard Zeidman

CONTRIBUTOR – UP TO $499
Laura & Martin Bleckner
Miriam Chilton & Joel Dorow
Crest Furniture

*Upgrade from previous category listed.
Torah Cover & Wimpel Silent Auction

You are cordially invited to commemorate a special occasion, honor a loved one or memorialize a family member or friend by dedicating a beautifully hand-crafted torah wimpel (used to wrap the torah) or torah cover, handmade by Judith Pripstein.

Judith created four unique designs:

Wimpel #1: Torah, Torah, Torah

Wimpel #2: Baruchu et Adonai Hamivorach (Bless the Lord who has been blessed)

Wimpel #3: Bookshelf

“Tree of Life” Torah Cover

Sample Inscription (In Memory Of or In Honor Of and donated by to be included on back of wimpel or torah cover touching the torah scroll)

Bidding will start at $400 for each wimpel and $1,000 for the Torah Cover

Please email your bid to karen_schwing@yahoo.com, be sure to include all information requested on bid form or mail bid form to the JCC of LBI PO Box 2205 Long Beach Township, NJ 08008 ATTN Silent Auction

Make sure to include the enclosed bid form with your bid. All bids will be acknowledged.

Bidding updates will be posted on our website, www.jccoflbi.org

You will be notified by email or phone if you are outbid so you will have the opportunity to increase your bid.

WINNING BIDS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE GALA DEDICATION WEEKEND DINNER DANCE, June 24, 2012

Please visit our website www.jccoflbi.org for the Torah Cover & Wimpel Bid Forms
SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

During the synagogue dedication weekend, June 22 – 24, 2012, we will have the honor of Rabbi William Gershon as the Scholar-In-Residence. Rabbi Gershon is the Spiritual Leader of Congregation Shearith Israel, Dallas, Texas. Rabbi Gershon was ordained in 1987 from The Jewish Theological Seminary and earned a Master Degree from Columbia University.

Rabbi Gershon is the past President of the Dallas Rabbinic Association and was the treasurer of the Rabbinical Assembly, the rabbinical organization of Conservative Rabbis in America and Israel. He was elected as Vice President of The Rabbinical Assembly in May 2012. He is a member of the Chancellor’s Advisory Council and was chosen to be the Rabbinic Mentor to rabbinical students at the Jewish Theological Seminary. He is one of thirty rabbis selected as a Rabbinic Fellow of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. He was appointed as a member of the National AIPAC organization.

Rabbi Gershon was born in Ocean Township, New Jersey, where his family were members of Rabbi Jack’s congregation. He was Rabbi Jack’s student until he entered the Seminary.

Rabbi Gershon is married to Raquel, who is an accomplished composer and singer of Jewish and Hebrew music. She will perform during the weekend. They have three children, Benji, Eliana and Yoni.

Rabbi Gershon will give a lecture of Friday Night, a D’var Torah on Shabbat morning and lead a study group after the Mincha service on Saturday afternoon.

2012 BAZAARS

WE’RE BACK! Yes, the two summer JCC Bazaars will be returning to our location on 24th street on Wednesday, July 11 and Wednesday, August 8. Usage of the new building has necessitated a few changes. The most obvious is the reduced outdoor space. The outdoor spaces will be dedicated to the large van vendors with a limited number of 5 x 8 spaces and even fewer 10 x 10 spaces. Inside the building we are able to fit many more vendors than in the past. With this additional indoor space we are hoping to attract many of the upscale vendors that joined us for the first time last year. The Sisterhood is looking forward to using the new kitchen to its maximum capacity and providing some delicious delicacies for our attendees.

Needless to say, we will be calling for volunteers from our members to assist in servicing our vendors and guests. More importantly, we want to invite the public to come to shop while visiting our new Home. It is an opportunity for us to “show off” our beautiful new sanctuary, school and facility.

If you want to help just give me a call on my cell phone 609-709-3160….Lynn Berkowitz, Bazaar Chair

COFFEE and CONVERSATIONS

This is our 5th year collaborating with the library in Surf City and as always we are very excited about our stimulating and life changing conversations. All conversations will take place at the library.

♦ Monday June 25th - 7 p.m. - Survival Tactics of a Summer Hostess: Share your techniques for coping with summer guests.
♦ Monday July 16 - 7 p.m. - New Jersey’s Modern Families:
♦ Monday August 13 - 7 p.m. TBA
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to announce the following new members and welcome them to our JCC family:

Doron Halevy
Patricia A. Mayro
Shelly Roseff
Howard & Andrea Seidler

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THE BOOK CORNER

The new library will be open for business as soon as the inventory can be unpacked and shelved properly.

Added to the previous stock will be about one hundred books donated by Dr. Jody Robinson from his late father’s house. Also, you will see a spinning bookcase that belonged to our beloved Julius ~ a rare treat.

I’ve done some shopping in Austin and will be adding the following:

**Second Violin** by John Lawton – a suspenseful thriller set in the days of the Nazi round-ups

**Wallenberg** by Katie Marton – the incredible true story of the man who saved the Jews of Budapest.

**Maimonides** by Sherwin B. Nuland – a biography of the author of *Guide to the Perplexed*. Maimonides was a Jewish physician who lived in a Muslim world, a rationalist living in a time of superstition.

**A Lucky Child** by Thomas Buergenthal – a memoir of surviving Auschwitz as a young boy.

**The Bar Mizvah Murder** by Lee Harris

On a more personal note, I have recently read, but do not yet have a copy of, *The Dovekeepers*, by Alice Hoffman. It is a superbly written novel of the story of Masada, from the female point of view.
ANNUAL INTERFAITH SERVICE
FRIDAY, MAY 11th

This year’s Inter-faith service will be held on Friday night, May 11 starting at 7:30 PM. The theme for this year’s service is "Freedom Ain't Free." The guest speaker is the Reverend Diane Ruth Gilbert who serves as Pastor to The First United Methodist Church in Beach Haven Terrace and to the Kynett United Methodist Church of Beach Haven. The Reverend Gilbert assumed her duties in July 2011. She has 30 years of pastoring churches in New Jersey. She has written material for use by the Northern New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, taught Bible and was a speaker for the United Methodist Women's conference. She is married to Gerry Woodlief, a mother of daughter, Marcie Anne and a grandmother to four grandchildren. Once again The Island Singers, under the leadership of Polly Moore, will participate in the service. All the Houses of Worship on LBI and in the mainland are invited to join in the service. Refreshments will be served after services.

SUPPORT THE JCC of LBI

Our 2012 Membership Renewal notices were mailed in early December with a follow-up in April. Dues remain at $400 for a family membership and $200 for a single membership. An information sheet with your address and yahrzeit information was included in this mailing. So that we have accurate information about our membership, please return the information sheets along with your check to the JCC as quickly as possible. You can also download the membership form from our web site: www.jccoflbi.org

Dear Members:

There are times when I do not hear about a simcha or illness or a death in a JCC family for a few days or even weeks. In some cases, I hear second-hand, and although I am grateful for the notification, it would be appreciated if you would call me directly.

I can be reached at the following numbers:

Lakewood: 732-276-5519
LBI: 609-492-2000
Cell Phone: 732-610-8115

If I do not answer, leave a message on the answering machine and I will get back to you ASAP.

Rabbi Jack
SISTERHOOD NEWS

Kitchen Shower
One behalf of Sisterhood I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated. We were totally overwhelmed by every one’s generosity and support. Because of your involvement the shower was a great success. We are still in the process of purchasing necessities. It seems every day we think of something else we need. Thank you again, Vivian

Seder
Saturday evening we had our first Seder in the new center. We had a total of 85 people. It was a wonderful warm hamish evening. The food was plentiful and delicious. It could not have been done without the assistance of the following. Marvin Fitts, Cliff Farin, Judy Smith, Rose Valentine, Rochelle Spencer, Rosemary Ruoff, Shaun Cohen, Mark Cohen (technical assist), Nita Shapiro, Rabbi and Ali, Sue Sheehan, Erica Valentine, Jessica and Karen Schwing. If have forgotten any one I apologize. It takes a village to prepare a Seder. Fondly and gratefully, Vivian

BLUECLAWS GAME

Jewish Heritage Night

Get on the Field with the BlueClaws!
- On Field Pre-Game Parade!
- Kids take part in Future BlueClaw and Pre-Game Catch on the Field

Jewish Heritage Night Features:
- Kosher Food provided by Yossi’s Deli
- Group Seating Together
- Israeli Anthems and Flag Raising
- Baseball Bingo played throughout game
- Senior’s Eat Free at BlueClaw concession stands.

Contact Michelle Goldman at 732-504-5009 or jccofbibiouthgroup@yahoo.com to reserve your tickets today!

Candle Lighting Times

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BOARD MEETING SUMMARY: Jan. 10, 2012


JCC Rebuild Committee

♦ J. Shapiro reported that three walk-throughs are scheduled with the architect and/or contractor in January. Once the builder has cured our punch-list, the builder will call the Township in for the Certificate of Occupancy.
♦ One major issue that still needs to be addressed is the accumulation of water on the SW corner of the property on 24th St. The Township engineers are evaluating this issue.
♦ The final kitchen inspection is being done on January 11th.
♦ The sliding door has been installed, the ark is basically done and the railings are going in this week. The stairs are done and the pavers are going in tomorrow.
♦ After payments are made to Bannett and the architect, for the kitchen, alarm and sound systems, etc. we expect a surplus of $100,000 - $150,000 to pay our lenders back in 2012.
♦ Funds are also needed for the dedication boards.
♦ H. Farin is investigating office equipment including copiers, telephones and computers, as well as a buzzer system to open doors from the office. He offered thanks to Mark Cohen, Craig Cohen, Mickey Sherry, Ron Marr, Cliff Farin and R. Morgan for helping to move chairs into the building.

Rebuild Capital Campaign

♦ R. Valentine reported that a grand total of $1,490,584 has been raised including pledges, donations, money realized from the sale of the condo, raffles and pavers. $234,576 in pledges is still outstanding. In addition, we have $40,000 donated for chairs. We have 10 additional donors for this month bringing the total number of donors to 276.
♦ E. Levin reported that $34,550 has been raised on pavers and after expenses we have a profit of $31,735. There is additional space for more pavers so the Paver Project will continue. The pavers will be positioned so that they are readable as you enter the building.
♦ J. Shapiro noted that he has taken a number of our lenders through the building and several have indicated they will convert their loan or their interest into contributions.
♦ R. Valentine is working on a donor recognition board and a wall of history display that will consolidate some of our plaques and provide a timeline as to the history of our synagogue.

Other Topics

♦ The Board reviewed the overall draft budget for 2012 with much discussion. There was general agreement that we need to present a balanced budget. J. Shapiro will update and email out the revised budget.
♦ R. Valentine suggested that an evaluation of the building is needed in order to reduce utility costs and we need a procedure for maintenance of the building. J. Shapiro noted energy management is important and training is needed.
♦ Once we are in the new building, we will review and reshop our insurance needs.
♦ The date of the 1st Shabbat Service, when we move the Torahs into the new building, has been changed to February 17th. The Rabbi encourages everyone on the Board and the community to be there.
♦ J. Shapiro noted that after we issue the CO for the building, there will still be a need for a Beautification Committee to take over from the Rebuild Committee. We also need a Building and Grounds representative and possibly a part-time janitor.
♦ E. Levin reported on the Dedication/50th Anniversary Gala weekend in June. Plans include a Friday night Shabbat dinner followed by services and a guest speaker and entertainment program. An Oneg Shabbat will occur after Saturday morning Shabbat Service. The guest Rabbi Scholar William Gershon will participate in this service and hold a study session in the afternoon. The Sunday will be the dinner/dance in the evening. Invitations should go out April 30th. We will be looking for sponsors for some of the events to help defray costs.
♦ A Goods and Services Auction is planned for the end of July. A Casino night is being explored and it is hoped we can hold a car raffle in 2013.
♦ Bonnie Farin has researched purchase of a 7-branch menorah as a gift to St. Francis. H. Farin shared an image. The size of the menorah and whether we include a plaque with an inscription are still being discussed.
♦ J. Shapiro reported that the Art Festival is scheduled for August 19th.
♦ V. Fitts reported that the 2nd Seder will be held at the JCC on April 7th. She is preparing a letter regarding a kitchen shower that will go out to the Sisterhood membership. Sisterhood dues are being increased to $25.
♦ J. Smith reported that 6 people volunteered at the hospital on Christmas Day, which was followed by lunch and a movie. A trip is being planned to NYC to see a play and have lunch/dinner on January 25th. Shabbat dinner will be held at a restaurant on January 27th and a movie night is planned for February 2nd at the Kern’s home.
♦ J. Smith reported that $2158 has been collected for ads/congratulatory messages for the 2012 pictorial membership directory. The profit is currently estimated at $1955.

Condolences To:

Barbara Lehman on the loss of her aunt, Erna Meyer
BOARD MEETING SUMMARY: FEBRUARY 21, 2012

Attendees: Lynn Berkowitz, Harold Farin, Rabbi Friedman, Basil Karp, George Katz, Eileen Levin, Richard Morgan, Carole Nunberg, Don Pripstein, Jeri Riffle, Ron Rosner, Karen Schwing, Jeff Shapiro, Judy Smith and Rose Valentine

JCC Rebuild Committee

♦ J. Shapiro reported that we have spent $1,463,000 and the best estimate of the final amount to be spent is $1,659,000 versus the budgeted amount of $1,596,000. Two items that cost extra early on were the additional cost of the longer pilings and the raising of the center beam. A 10% bid retainer will not be released to the builder until we have the final CO and then we need to sign off on the punch list.
♦ There were 15 open items on the punch list; 11 were resolved; the rest will be reviewed tomorrow.
♦ Negotiations were held with Scott Bannett resulting in a 2-year warranty.
♦ We now have a temporary CO – everything is structurally sound and safe. To get the final CO, we need drawings from Horn, Tyson and Yoder, Inc. and signoff by the architect.
♦ J. Shapiro noted that the drainage in the SW corner of the property is 90% better following repitching and resurfacing of the parking lot. The ultimate solution of installing A-drains in the parking lot and street is estimated to cost an additional $3,500-$5,000.
♦ H. Farin reported that we currently have an intercom system, but not a buzzer system, to gain access to the building. Several Board members volunteered to serve on a committee to establish a protocol for security including which doors will be left unlocked and when.
♦ H. Farin announced the purchase of a new copier and asked that care be taken with the usage especially of the color feature in order to save on cost. Standard office policy will be to use black and white copies with special approval needed for color. Acquisition of the copier is expected to reduce the cost of external printing (e.g. Bulletin).
♦ The office will be moving this Friday from the Robinson location to the new building.

Rebuild Capital Campaign

♦ R. Valentine reported that we have raised $1,544,550; approximately $40,000 is still owed on pledges made aside from the money expected from our archangel and the Lilienfeld bequest.
♦ Given our total expenses for the rebuild project are expected to be about $1,659,000 and we borrowed $500,000 from our lenders J. Shapiro recommended we give money back to our lenders.
♦ R. Valentine reported on plans for a “Wall of History” of the JCC and a “Wall of Recognition” for donors. Other plans include use of the 4 corners of the lobby for: 1) Holocaust Torah, original ark doors and eternal light, 2) “Tree of Life”, 3) List of people who made designated donations, 4) Welcome to the JCC.

Other Topics

♦ J. Shapiro presented a balanced budget for 2012. The Board voted unanimously to accept the budget as presented.
♦ A committee to include D. Pripstein and T. Schwait will be formed to review our dues policy.
♦ B. Gubar resigned his Board position and we are looking for a replacement.
♦ J. Shapiro noted that to conserve energy, the heat should be turned down to 55 on all 8 thermostats when the building is not in use. In general, we need rules/policies for the building including when the doors should be open/locked. D. Pripstein is looking for a chairman for the Building, Grounds and Security Committee.
♦ Rabbi Jack announced plans for the reading of the Megillah on Wed., March 7, the Interfaith Service on May 11, and plans for Jewish Heritage Night at the Blue Claws on May 22.
♦ E. Levin reported that $37,400 has been raised on pavers; 90% have been installed; some may need to be replaced. The Paver Project is expected to continue for another year.
♦ E. Levin reported that the gala in June is going to be a special event and includes plans for a Shabbat Dinner/Services on Friday, June 22, Shabbat services and a Study Session on Saturday, June 23, and the dinner/dance on Sunday, June 24. Rabbi William Gershon will be the Scholar-in-Residence for the weekend and his wife is willing to provide musical entertainment. We are looking for donors/sponsors to help subsidize the costs.
♦ R. Morgan will need to renew the gaming license for the raffle and Casino Night.
♦ It was agreed that the Goods and Services Auction will be postponed until 2013.
♦ We are planning a Mah Jongg tournament with co-sponsorship by St. Francis. Plans are in progress to hold the 1st one at St. Francis this spring.
♦ Father Steve has found a location to place the Menorah that the JCC will be giving to St. Francis.
♦ R. Valentine was able to get 3 very good articles about the JCC in 3 different papers published.
♦ J. Shapiro reported that 30 spots have been sold so far for the August 19th Art Festival.
♦ L. Berkowitz reported that the Religious School students are delighted with the new building. There is a new Confirmation student and the Confirmation Ceremony of 3 students will be held in May.
♦ L. Berkowitz reported that 21 van spots have been sold as well as 19 10X10 spaces outside for the bazaars. We still have plenty of space inside for vendors.
♦ B. Karp announced that a performance review will be held with the staff at the end of March.
♦ J. Smith reported that in the past month, Winter Programs included a trip to NYC to see “Memphis”, Mah Jongg was held at Kubel’s and one Sunday at the JCC, a movie night was held at the Kem’s home and the Breakfast Club met at Scojo’s.
♦ J. Smith reported that 72 ads have been taken and 14 congregational messages are expected for the 2012 pictorial membership directory. The profit is expected to be about $2500.
♦ Given this was the first Board Meeting in our new building, J. Smith thanked D. Pripstein for his overall leadership, Rabbi J. Friedman for his spiritual guidance, E. Dreyfus for his original help in formulating the concept as well as R. Valentine, E. Levin, H. Farin, S. Snyder and Sherry Fruchterman for their part in reaching this amazing time. She also offered a special thanks to J. Shapiro with whom we would not have completed this project.
ASK THE RABBI

Ask The Rabbi

Question: Can a non-Jew be buried in a Jewish cemetery?

Answer: In earlier times there were no Jewish cemeteries. The Torah mentions the first Jewish burial site which was purchased by Abraham from a man named Ephron (Genesis 23). He purchased the plot of land in an area called Machpela, near Hebron in Roder to bury his wife Sarah. The plot was not a Jewish cemetery, but a private parcel of land. Later the rabbis of the Talmud stated that a person should be buried “in his own property” (Baba Batra 112a). However, they did not clarify that the site must be totally separated from the burial place of a non-Jew.

Much later it became the custom of the Jews to bury the deceased in a Jewish cemetery. However since this was not a biblical law, but rabbinical law, Jewish burial services varied in different communities.

Often the question arose regarding the burial of intermarried couples. Could a non-Jewish spouse be buried in the same plot as the Jewish spouse? The orthodox community does not permit a non-Jew to be buried in a Jewish cemetery. However the ultra-orthodox rabbi Moshe Feinstein did permit a non-Jewish woman to be buried near her Jewish husband (Igrot Moshe, Yoreh Deah II:131). This set a precedent in Jewish law. The couple was married by an orthodox rabbi and led a halachically Jewish life. They raised three children who were observant.

When the woman died, she was prepared for burial by the Chevra Kadisha, the burial society in accordance with strict orthodox law. However, before the funeral was to take place, a rumor spread that she was not Jewish, that she was born of a non-Jewish mother and neither of them converted.

The question came before Rabbi Feinstein. Her husband insisted that she be buried in the family plot next to him. Rabbi Feinstein ruled that she may be buried in the family plot provided and that there be a space between her grave and that of the next grave.

It is my opinion that a non-Jew be permitted to be buried next to his or her Jewish spouse if the non-Jew was involved with the Jewish community and supported Jewish ritual, observances, and traditions, and that the plot be surrounded by shrubbery or a railing.

INSURANCE MAVENS

Within the next few months we are planning to analyze our insurance needs, rebid our coverage, evaluate the competing bids, and issue a new contract for coverage. If anyone has experience in commercial insurance and can serve on this committee, please contact Don Pripstein or the office.

CONSIDER A PRAYERBOOK PURCHASE

As our congregation grows and more people are attending our services, we need to acquire additional Friday eve and Saturday morning prayerbooks. Please consider donating some in honor or memory of someone dear. Donation per book, which will include an attribution, is $36. Indicate which service you want your donations to be for.
There is a famous quote "The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be kindled". Just as Jews around the world kindle Sabbath candles, JCC our Religious School staff has been kindling the fire in the minds of our children. Over the past several months the children have continued their study of Hebrew, Jewish History and Prayer. They have celebrated Hanukkah, Purim and Passover and learned the customs and traditions of their ancestors.

Many of you might have read my account of the first time the children stepped foot into the new building. One child stated "this is my dream home" and all of the children, whether it's in six months or six years, are looking forward to their day up on the new Bima. I know that I can speak for all of the parents and children when I say we are so grateful to all of the people that contributed to the building fund and made our new home a reality. We are eternally grateful for your generosity which led to us having our two new classrooms, two vessels in which the fire within the minds of the children will be kindled.

Unfortunately, our vessels are rather empty. We received a donation of chairs, but lack other basic necessities to create a solid learning environment. The School Administration is currently in the process of evaluating and prioritizing our need for fixtures, teaching materials, books and supplies. We are asking for your help. Please consider making a donation to the Religious School Fund for supplies that will be needed to furnish our classrooms. With your help we are confident that we can create the perfect vessel in which we can ignite the fire of Judaism within our children. So please consider making a donation to our Religious School Fund and just as we will continue to kindle the Sabbath Candles, we will be able continue to kindle the minds of our young children.

Michelle Goldman,
Principal

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL MUSINGS

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND RAISER

The JCC of LBI Religious School is now participating in Labels for Education. Go to www.eLabelsAddUp.com and register. You can enter your Supercard numbers for Shop-Rite, Genardi's and Acme. Then select zip code 08008 and choose JCC of LBI Religious School for 100% of your points and we can earn money for our religious school when you purchase participating products. You can also clip Labels for Education and Box Tops and save them to turn in to the JCC Office for additional monies for our school.
It is customary to make a donation to the synagogue in memory of a loved one.

* Listed on the JCC of LBI Yahrzeit Memorial Board.
YAHRTZIE FE ACCVANCE

Read at Services June 15, 2012

26 Anne Copeland
26 Edward Weiss
26 Ben Reiff
27 Rose Rudnick
28 George Wolpert
28 Charlotte Rosenberg
30 Betty Sampson
30 *Malcolm S. Zlotkin

TAMMUZ

1 *Albert Alexander
1 *Dr. H. Robert Freed
1 *Benjamin Einhorn
2 George Cofsky

Read at Services June 22, 2012

3 William Ginsburg
3 David Scheer
3 Mary Levin
4 *Isadore Shrensel
4 Solkin C. Copeland
4 Joseph DiCicco
4 *Albert Jaffe
5 Rebecca Weiner
5 *Jacob Plon
6 Paul Schwartz
7 Harry Feldgus
7 Minne Abromowitz
8 Melvin Mauskopf
8 *Max Strassman
9 *Judith Ann Kessler
9 Harry Miller
9 Meyer Chazin
9 Irving Robinson

Read at Services June 29, 2012

10 Harry Gottlin
11 *George Starr
11 Florrie Levinson
11 Zolman Okner
13 Mary Cohen
14 Spencer Levin
14 Mark Richard Becker
16 Albert Luterman

Read at Services July 6, 2012

17 *Sandford Cohen
17 Herman Kaufman
17 Jon Elayne Churgin
17 David Resnek
17 *Lillian Zalkind
18 Isaac Cohen
18 *Reuben Gerber
18 Dorothy Gordon
20 *Henry Zlotkin
20 Gertrude Gondelman
20 David Srager
20 Jacob Weiner
20 *Harry Jacobson
21 Esther London
22 Max Silverman
22 Theodore Freedland
22 Milton M. Weinstein
22 Tillie Balbresky
22 Simon Greenberg
22 Dorothy Petchenik

“May the souls of the dearly departed be bound up in the bonds of eternal life.”

RABBI JACK’S SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

This year’s summer lecture series led by Rabbi Jack will be a study of the Christian Bible from a Rabbi’s view. There will be nine sessions, each to be held on Thursday evening at 7:00 pm in the JCC. It is suggested that those taking the class acquire a copy of The Holy Scriptures (Hebrew and Christian Bibles). There is no fee for the lecture series. Please contact the JCC office in order to register.

TOPICS AND DATES................(Topics are subject to change)
JUNE 28 -- SHOULD JEWS STUDY THE CHRISTIAN BIBLE?
JULY 5 -- DID CHRISTIANITY EXIST BEFORE JESUS?
JULY 12 -- WHO WROTE THE GOSPELS?
JULY 19 -- WILL THE REAL JESUS STAND UP?
JULY 26 -- WHO WAS THE REAL FOUNDER OF CHRISTIANITY?
AUGUST 2 -- WAS IT THE SEDER OR THE LAST SUPPER?
AUGUST 9 -- WHO CRUCIFIED JESUS?
AUGUST 16 -- DID JESUS APPEAR AFTER HIS DEATH?
AUGUST 30 -- THE MESSIANIC AGE
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- Tee Gottlieb by Diane Tucker
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- Julius Marmon by Beverly DeAngelo
- Morris Miller by Ilene Miller
- Henry Rosen by Beth Seavey
- Peter Ungar by Rose Starr
- Rebecca Weinstein by Elyse Pepose
- Betty Sitzer by Iris Glassman
- Al Black by Barry Black
- Barnet Bookman by Ellen Tesler
- Isador & Ethel Dalinsky & Fay Schragger by Arlene & Fred Schragger
- Yetta Feldman by Debra and Alan Traster
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- Anna Herman by Bernard Herman
- Richard Kirsh by Miriam Kaplan
- Harvey Light by Dina Ranade
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- Jacob Liebenberg by Joanne Levine
- Morris Herman by Bernard Herman
- Adel Linderman & Barney Linderman by Helen Tarlow
- Lena Hirschman, Sylvia Glasser and Isadore Opatosky by Murry Opatosky
- Hilda Rosenberg by Bernard Rosenberg
- Albert Kessler by Henry Kessler
- Stanley Karp by George Karp, MD
- Morris Uniglicht by Lawrence Uniglicht
- Harold Koyner by Ali Friedman
- Joseph Friedman by Rabbi Jacob Friedman
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- Milton Smith by Judy Smith
- Ed Davis by Michael Davis

May the memory of your dearly departed be a source of comfort and blessing.
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TRIBUTES
- A speedy recovery to Jonathan Riffle and Tor Cohen by Tiger & Millie Wolpert
- Vivian Fitts by Rochelle Spencer & Family
- Bat Mitzvah of Marsha Baker by Karen & Fred Schwing
- The JCC of LBI by Jeffrey Horowitz
- Ed Dreyfus, Tiger Wolpert and Rabbi & Ali Friedman for being part of a very special ceremony by Rose & Rudy Valentine
- Get Well Wishes to Rabbi Friedman and Rudy Valentine by Don & Judith Pripstein
- Congratulations to Rudy Valentine on his conversion by Don & Judith Pripstein and Toby Schwait

PRAYER BOOK
- In honor of Emilie Meadow Krill by Jeri & Ben Riffle
- In memory of Marvin Alexander & J. Gilbert Sholin by Marilyn Alexander

SHOP-RITE SCRIP
Help the JCC earn “free” money by purchasing Shop-Rite Scrip from the JCC Office during normal business hours. For every $1,000 of Shop-Rite Scrip the JCC sells, we earn $50. If you shop at Shop-Rite regularly, be sure to stop by the JCC office first and pick yours up today. This is an extremely easy way for the JCC to raise much needed revenue. If every JCC member purchased just $250 of Scrip over the summer, we could raise over $1,200 for the JCC. Just imagine what we could raise if everyone used Shop-Rite scrip for all of their grocery shopping...

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS

- Irving Bzezensky & Robert Jack Bzezensky by Julius Barron
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS

- Dr. David Adams son of Ruth Adams who has been named one of the top neurologists in the US by US News. Dr. Adams practices in Miami, Florida
- Matthew Moran son of Sue Sheehan who graduated the Air Force Basic Training as a First Class Airman.
- Richard & Pat Morgan on the marriage of their daughter Denia to Aaron Pearlman
- Pat & Richard Morgan who have published their second book of art & poetry
- Marcia & Mort Nelson on the upcoming bat mitzvah of their daughter Mimi Nelson Oliver and opening of the movie "The Hunger Games" in which their grandson Ian Nelson appears
- Bunny Kaufman on the birth of her twin grandchildren Sophia & Michael to her son and daughter-in-law Edward & Svetlana Kaufman
- Mark & Shaun Cohen (Chicken or the Egg-THE CHEGG) NJ Monthly Magazine’s 2012 Jersey Choice: The Best of NJ-Food and Drink for their fabulous wings
- Diane & Barney Hoffman-An adaption of their son Sam’s website OLD JEWS TELLING JOKES is opening Off Broadway on May 20, 2012
- Rudy Valentine who has officially become a member of the Jewish Community
RENTAL AND USE OF JCC FACILITIES

The Board of Trustees has approved a program and guidelines for the rental and use of our new facilities by members or non-members. Among its provisions are:

- Only Kosher food and certified kosher caterers can be used.
- No photography will be allowed at any time during Shabbat or other Jewish Religious Holidays.
- During these days and only during that portion of the reception that is a private party, live or canned music, only of a Jewish spiritual content, will be allowed.

Carole Nunberg has volunteered to be the JCC contact person to arrange for the use and rental of our facilities, and to enter into such contracts on behalf of our congregation. She can be reached by e-mail at carolebn1@aol.com or at (856) 985-9969, or cell@ (609) 410-7649.

SERVICES

The starting time for Friday eve services will remain at 7:30 pm until Friday, June 29th when it will change to 8:00 pm for the remainder of the summer. Saturday morning services will begin on May 26th at 9:30 am. To celebrate Shavuot, we will also have services Sunday and Monday mornings, May 27 and 28 at 9:30. Yizkor will be recited on Monday, May 28th. For all services, you are requested to enter the building either thru the South East entrance on 24th Street (the one closest to the Condo) or the Handicap entrance in back of the building at the Handicap Ramp.

LEGACY

If you are planning to initiate or change your will or estate plan, please remember and include The Jewish Community Center of Long Beach Island (JCC of LBI) as part of your legacy. The monies can be used for a specific purpose as designated by you, or added to an endowment fund already set up to assure the ability to continue providing a full-service congregation to serve the Jewish people of the area.

This legacy can be accomplished by a simple bequest in your will, by one of the allowable charitable trusts where you get an immediate tax advantage, or through life insurance.

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- **Mah-jongg** continues Wednesday afternoons 12:30—4 PM at the JCC
- Friday, May 11, 2012  7:30 PM—Annual Interfaith Service; Island Singers will perform
- Tuesday, May 22, 2012 — Lakewood Blueclaws Jewish Heritage Night—Call Michelle Goldman to reserve tickets
- Saturday, May 26, 2012  9:30 AM—1st Saturday morning Shabbat service
- Sunday, May 27, 2012  9:30 AM—Shavuot services—1st day;
- Sunday, May 27, 2012  6 PM—Confirmation Service
- Monday, May 28, 2012  9:30 AM—Shavuot services—2nd day; Yiskor will be recited
- Tuesday, June 5, 2012   11 AM Mah-jongg Tournament co-sponsored by St. Francis & JCC. Must register
- **Gala Dedication Weekend and Celebration**
  - Friday, June 22, 2012  Shabbat Dinner followed by services; Reservation Required
  - Saturday, June 23, 2012  Shabbat morning services followed by Kiddush
  - Saturday, June 23, 2012  Study session with guest speaker Rabbi Gershon
  - Sunday, June 24, 2012  Dinner dance; Cocktails begin at 5:30 PM; Reservations Required
  - Sunday, June 24, 2012  Wimpel and Torah Cover auction; Gift basket auction at Gala;
  - Friday, June 29, 2012  Shabbat services will begin at 8 PM for the remainder of the summer

Things to do:

- Complete payment of 2012 and any past dues still owed
- Call the Office, (609) 492-4090, to let us know when to change to your summer mailing address
- To assure a place, mail your reservations (with payment) for Friday eve and Sunday night dinners at our Gala Dedication and Celebration weekend—June 22—June 24, 2012
- Keep current on happenings at the JCC of LBI by reading the Shabbat Reminder each week
- Make a resolution to attend at least one service each month—hopefully more