

**Jewish Community Center
of
Long Beach Island
E-Letter**

**July 3, 2015
16 Tammuz 5775**



**SUMMER CALENDAR OF EVENTS:
2015 SUMMER CALENDAR**

**THE 2015 PROGRAM BROCHURE IS
NOW AT THE JCC**



FEATURED ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

CHAIRS OF INCLUSION

EXHIBIT

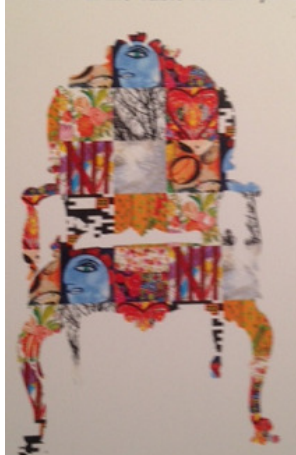
July 12 - 29

at Wildflowers TOO! Gallery

500 Broadway

Barnegat Light, NJ

A Seat at the Table for Everyone



**JCC THIS WEEK
7/3 - 7/10**

Fri. 7/3

**Shape, Strengthen & Stretch
9:00 AM**

**Study with Rabbi Jay
9:00 AM**

Sat. 7/4

**Drop in Havdallah
9:00 PM**

Mon. 7/6

Zumba

The JCC of LBI is proud to support this exhibit as part of our Outreach Program.

In honor of the 10th anniversary of Jewish Service for the Developmentally Disabled's Wae (Wellness, Arts and Enrichment) Center in West Orange, NJ, ten life sized chairs have been commissioned from professional artists, each of whom has worked with the Center's member artists to create a chair as an art/sculpture object. The chairs represent a commitment/belief that every person is entitled to a "seat at the table"- in our community and our family lives. The goal of the project is to shift perceptions about people with developmental disabilities and broaden the public's awareness of policies about inclusion.

JCC of LBI members are invited to attend a **Private Reception of the exhibit on Thursday evening July 9 from 5 - 7 pm.** Please respond to this email for an invitation.

Our second "Ask the Rabbi" will be held at Wildflowers Too! Gallery on Sunday morning, July 19 at 10:30 AM. Rabbi Jay will give a background talk about the significance of chairs in Jewish history and customs. Pastries and coffee will be provided and folks can visit the exhibit. Please join us there and bring your neighbors and friends to meet the rabbi. This event is being hosted by Hal & Jeri Kimowitz.

10 Artists 62 Collaborators 1 Idea A Seat at the Table for Everyone



9:00 PM

Wed. 7/8
July Bazaar
8 AM - 3 PM

NO MAH JONGG

Thurs. 7/9

Zumba

9:00 AM

Let's Do Lunch I

11:30 AM at various homes

Fri. 7/10

Shape, Strengthen & Stretch

9:00 AM

Study with Rabbi Jay

9:00 AM

Shabbat Dinner

6:30 PM

Scholar Near the Beach

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SHABBAT SHALOM



Candle Lighting Time

Friday
July 3, 2015

8:12 PM

(So. Ocean County NJ)

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
SERVICES

Friday evening
July 3, 2015
8:00 PM

ONEG SHABBAT
sponsored by

HEIDI & JOEL SISENWINE
In honor of their parents
Phyllis & Sam Sisenwine

MARNIE & BARRY DRATCH
In honor of their parents
Phyllis & Sam Sisenwine

BUNNY KAUFMAN AND
LITTLE HERMAN
In memory of grandfather
and husband Herman
Kaufman

A TORAH MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI



PARSHA BALAK

The last time an animal spoke in the Torah was all the way back in the Book Genesis when the snake convinced Eve that eating a certain piece of fruit would be a good thing. It wasn't.

In this week's Torah portion, Balak, the animal kingdom becomes verbal again when a

she-donkey provides a slightly different message.

The story is simple. The prophet Balaam has been hired by King Balak to curse the Israelites and he is traveling to perform the evil task. On the way, his donkey sees a sword-bearing angel blocking their path. Interestingly, though Balaam is a prophet, he does not see the angel.

When the donkey stops and refuses to be coaxed forward, Balaam becomes enraged and hits her. It is at this point that the donkey feels compelled (or is compelled by God) to speak up. She inquires of him, why he would strike her 3 times if she has always been a faithful servant.

Rather than marvel at the fact that the animal is talking to him, Balaam angrily responds that he was furious because he felt she was "mocking" him. She replies with a question of her own. "In all the years that you have ridden me, have I ever done such a thing?" He answers, "No", and it is at this point that he actually sees the angel. The angel first asks Balaam why he would hit his donkey and then proceeds to tell him that the angel is there to object to Balaam's project to curse the Israelites.

There is a wonderful irony here. By putting words in a donkey's mouth, the Torah appears to be telling us what God thinks of people who try to predict the future. On the other hand, perhaps the Text is saying that anybody can be a prophet, even a donkey.

As I am wont to do, I see humor in the story; however, I think it contains another very important message. Before we strike out at another for something he or she does, perhaps we need to take

MIMI BLOOM
In honor of the JCC
Sisterhood

**JACKIE PRINTZ
& BOB FINKEL**
In honor of early birthday of
Louise Printz
In memory of Nat Printz.
Safe return of Rebecca
Finkel

Saturday morning
July 4, 2015
9:30 AM

Torah Reading
Balak
(Numbers 22:2 - 25:9)
Here is the portion
[PARSHAH](#)

Haftorah:
Micah 5:6 - 6:8
Here is the Haftorah
[HAFTORAH](#)



DROP IN HAVDALLAH
9:00 PM

*Please help us create a
special atmosphere by not
using electronic devices
(phones, cameras, games
etc) in or around the
synagogue on Shabbat and
Holidays.*

the time to try to understand what that person is doing and why he is doing it. The donkey's actions are infuriating to Balaam until he "opens his eyes" and realizes that she actually has a very good reason for her quirky behavior. In fact, the donkey is protecting him. Balaam's failure to fully consider to her actions, leads him to react inappropriately.

Torah wants us to be understanding and compassionate toward those with whom we come in contact even if the things they do annoy us. Before we rebuke, chastise, or attack, we must, even when we are distracted by the task at hand, carefully consider the reasons for the behavior of those around us. Being thoughtful, considerate, empathic, and loving, is a pathway to holiness but it is also a way to make this world a better place.

Shabbat Shalom - Rabbi Michael S. Jay

KOL HAKAVOD CAMPAIGN

Please consider being a part of this campaign to supplement the clergy needs of our congregation. This is a separate, voluntary commitment and is additional to our low annual dues obligation. [HERE IS THE LINK TO BRING UP THE DONATION FORM KOL HAKAVOD](#)

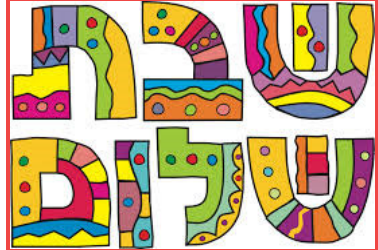
THE WEEK THAT WAS...



Two families participated in the **PJ PARTY AT THE SHORE** (Jewish Bedtime Stories & Songs) last Thursday. Thank you to the Ocean County Federation for providing this special program for our children.



ONEG SHABBATS and KIDDISHES



**Sponsor an Oneg
Shabbat & Share the
Joy of Shabbat**

If you would like to sponsor
an Oneg Shabbat please fill
out this form

ONEG SPONSOR

and return it to

JCC of LBI

2411 Long Beach Blvd.

Spray Beach , NJ

08008

ATT: Phyllis Sisenwine

Sponsor a Kiddish

If you would like to sponsor
a Kiddish on Saturdat

morning

contact Vivian Fitts for
details 609-492-9412

Our 2015 Welcome Back Brunch was just fabulous. 116 members enjoyed a wonderful brunch prepared by the JCC of LBI Sisterhood - their gift to the congregation. Our excellent speaker, Bob Cicione, set the tone for the season, answering questions from the audience about surviving the summer at the beach.

Thank you to those who helped prepare, serve and clean up:

Mickey Sherry
Elsa Dreyfus
Rose Valentine
Marcia Nelson
Ellen Weinberg
Andy Bartholomeo
Paula Hait
Hedda Chairnoff
Elaine Salant
Millie Wolpert
Arnie Galer
Ina Galer
Diane Hoffman



Bonnie Farin
Rosemary Ruoff
Lori Shomer
Don Pripstein
Renee Goldman
Barry Goldman
Mimi Bloom
Judy Abend
Jeri Riffle
Joan Ely



And of course kudos to Sisterhood leaders Vivian Fitts and Lori Sherry for organizing this wonderful event. A special thank you to Sherry Fruchterman for securing our speaker.

The **COFFEE & CONVERSATION** program on suicide was a very important one and we are glad the JCC and Library were able to facilitate the dialog last Monday night. Linda Feaster, LBI Library Branch Manager reported "

YAHARZEITS FOR NEXT WEEK

These names will be read at services on July 3, 2015

Jon Elayne Churgin
Sanford Cohen*
Herman Kaufman
David Resnek
Lillian Zalkind*
Isaac Cohen
Reuben Gerber*
Dorothy Gordon
Marlene Kaufman*
Gertrude Gondelman
Harry Jacobson*
David Srager
Jacob Weiner
Henry Zlotkin*
Tracy Gardner
Esther London
Notterman Joseph
Tillie Balbresky
Theodore Freedland
Simon Greenberg
Dorothy Petchenik
Max Silverman
Milton Weinstein*
Charlotte Falkowsky
Dr. Mark Farin*
John Gottlieb*
Sidney Holtzman*
Alan Rubinfeld*

The discussion was very frank, and everyone shared their methods of coping, and were supportive of each other." This program was dedicated to the memory of Stephanie Schwait and Emily Spiegel. Toby Schwait is a founding member of the Coffee & Conversations Program.

JULY ACTIVITIES

MAH JONGG

Wednesdays 12:30 - 4:00 PM
NO MAH JONGG 7/8

MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT - Wednesday, July 22
See this flyer for details MJ TOURNAMENT

There are just a few spots left so if you want to participate, get your reservation in asap.

JULY BAZAAR - Wed. July 8 from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

SCHOLARS NEAR THE BEACH SHABBAT

Fri. July 10 at 6:30 PM. \$25 for dinner. Reservations required by 7/7. Sat. Lunch & Learn following services Rabbi Paula Drill is our visiting scholar.

ROSH CHODESH WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

Av 5775 Led by Sheri Horowitz-Jay

Thursday, July 16, 2015 - 7:00 pm
Host: Judy Cook
12011 Ocean Drive, The Dunes
Please RSVP to sherihorowitzjay@gmail.com or call the synagogue office at 609-492-4090

SHABBAT ON THE BEACH

Fri. July 17 6:00 PM 24th Street Beach

ASK THE RABBI - Sun. July 19 at 10:30 AM at Wildflowers Too

* Yahrzeit Plaque

MINYANIM

Harris Weisel, will be coordinating minyanim for those who are sitting shiva or observing a yahrzeit. Please contact the office if you would be interested in being notified if a minyan is needed and will attend when possible. 609-492-4090 or click on this link for [EMAIL](#)

CONGREGATION NEWS



Happy 80th birthday to
MILLIE WOLPERT



**MARILYN & LARRY
LERNER**
on the marriage of their
grandson
Harry Friedman
son of Carol & Jonathan
Friedman

in Barnegat Light in conjunction with the "Chairs of Inclusion" exhibit created by the Wae Center of the Jewish Service for the Developmentally Disabled.

SIZZLING SUMMER CELEBRATION DINNER & DANCING

Sun. July 19 6:00 - 10:00 PM - Hot Buffet and Dancing. \$45 per person. See flyer [SIZZLE](#)

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Tues. July 21 at 7:00 PM

Book: A German Life: Against All Odds Change is Possible by Bernd Wollschlaeger MD

Summary: A German family torn between faith, family and religion - A highly decorated WW II German tank commander - A Young man seeking the truth and his spiritual orientation - The relationship of father and son entwined in German-Jewish history - Religious conversation, exile and the dissolution of a family

SISTERHOOD STUFF

SISTERHOOD FASHION SHOW

Tues. July 28 at 6:00 PM. Dinner with fashion show by Patchington's. \$40. Please send your check with your reservation to Rosie Starr, 221 W. 14th Street, Ship Bottom, NJ 08008. See flyer for details: [FASHION SHOW](#)

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

Friday August 7th at 8PM

Who's the Angel in Your Life???

To share your story or if you would like a reading or a prayer contact: Bonnie Farin at 908.768.1827 or bonjoyfarin@msn.com.



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Aaron Weisel
grandson of
Harris & Sheila Weisel

Michael Dratch
grandson of
Phyllis & Sam Sisenwine



SHARE YOUR NEWS

CONTACT:
rvalen1963@aol.com



CARING COMMITTEE

This committee acts as a support system for congregation members facing illness and other personal situations that need to be addressed.

There is a dinner at 6 PM with a cost of \$25/pp
Reservations and payment by 8/3/15

SHOE BOX RECYCLING

We are again collecting gently worn, paired men's, women's and kids shoes that are still reusable and re-wearable (no ski boots, ice skates, roller blades, flip flops, crocs or bedroom slippers). Please bring them to the JCC during office hours.

"Let's clean up our closets and the environment by recycling our shoes."

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

FILM FUND - NEW!!!

LET'S BRING THE MOVIES TO THE JCC
OF LBI



We are very excited about the decision of the Board of Directors to pursue the purchase of audio-visual equipment for the JCC of LBI. This will allow us to show films as well as other educational materials in our building and opens many wonderful opportunities for future programming. Board member Fred Schragger is heading this project. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to cover the cost of the appropriate equipment needed for our facility.

Be an angel, a backer, a producer by donating to our JCC of LBI Film Fund.

ANGEL CONTRIBUTION: \$1,000
BACKER CONTRIBUTION: \$500
PRODUCER CONTRIBUTION \$250

Your gift large or small is much appreciated. Please send your contribution to the JCC office: 2411 Long Beach Blvd., Spray Beach, NJ 08008 and mark it Film Fund.

Please contact Chairperson,
Joy Kern, if you are in need
of assistance or if you know
of a JCC member that needs
our help.
609- 978-3669

CLASSES

ZUMBA

Mondays & Thursdays, 9:00-
10:00 AM
\$15 PER SESSION

SHAPE, STRENGTHEN & STRETCH

Fridays, 9:00-10:00 AM
\$15 PER SESSION

ZUMBA GOLD

Wednesdays, 9:00-9:45 AM
\$15 PER SESSION

STUDY WITH RABBI JAY

"Ecclesiastes: There is a
Season for Everything"
Friday mornings 9:00-10:00
AM

SHOPRITE & ACME GIFT CARDS

Shoprite & Acme Gift Cards
are available at the JCC
Office and at Rona Stein's
home in Harvey Cedars (609-
290-9135)

Shoprite gift cards are also

Yahrzeit Plaques

Space is available for memorial plaques on the yahrzeit boards in the Sanctuary. Here is the order form: [PLAQUES](#)

Tree of Life (located in the Social Hall)

You can purchase a leaf in honor of an occasion or in memory of a loved one.

Here is the Tree of Life Form: [TREE](#)

PAVERS (in front of the Front Entrance)

Here is the Paver Form: [PAVERS](#)

Contact the JCC office if you have any questions about your donation. 609-492-4090

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

LABYRINTH WALK at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, 4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach

Monday, July 20 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Tuesday, July 21 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM

"The Labyrinth is a path of prayer, walking meditation that can become a mirror of the soul." All are invited to participate.

ST. FRANCIS PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

July 16 from 1 - 6 PM. See this flyer for details [BLOOD DRIVE](#)

available for pick up from Jeri Riffle in Barnegat 609-290-9135

Use them to buy your groceries and the JCC of LBI will receive a portion the purchase.

CELEBRATE A MILESTONE AT THE JCC OF LBI



Celebrate a special occasion at the JCC of LBI. A wedding, baby naming, renewal of vows can have special meaning our beautiful sanctuary. Your reception, special birthday or anniversary party can be accommodated in our large social hall.

See forms and information: [JCC RENTAL](#)

For further information, please contact: Director of Events Chairperson Sherry Fruchterman: 908-377-7314

JCC CAPS &

**LBI FOUNDATION
OF THE ARTS AND SCIENCES**

Art Exhibits July - August 2015

See this flyer for details [EXHIBITS](#)



NAME BADGES

If you did not order a name tag, we will be putting in another order. Here is the link for the form to order your name tag: [BADGES](#)

JCC INFORMATION

THE OFFICE IS LOCATED AT

2411 Long Beach Boulevard (24th Street)

Spray Beach, NJ 08008

ENTER THE BUILDING DURING OFFICE HOURS

THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR.

Mailing Address:

2411 Long Beach Blvd.

Spray Beach, NJ 08008

Telephone: 609-492-4090

**POLO SHIRTS
FOR SALE**



Caps are available in the office.

\$15 each



Shirts can be ordered in the office for delivery at the end of July. Sample sizes are available. \$25 each

**TEXT BLAST
SIGN UP**



If you would like to receive JCC of LBI reminders

and alerts via text message on your cell phone, please

FAX: 609-492-7550

email: jccoflbi@gmail.com

web site: www.jccoflbi.org

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

TUESDAY 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

THURSDAY 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

FRIDAY - 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Office Staff:

Leslie Dinkfelt

Jeri Riffle

Marcie Deutsch



Leslie, Marcie & Jeri

contact the office by email (jccoflbi@gmail.com) or phone (609-492-4090) with your cell phone and provider.

This information will not be shared and will only be used for JCC purposes.

GIFT SHOP

Come visit the JCC gift shop or go to [GIFT SHOP](#) and then call the JCC office 609-492-4090 for help in placing your order.

DOCUMENTS AND LINKS

[JUST CLICK AND YOU'RE THERE!!!](#)

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[WEB SITE: JCC WEB SITE](#)

[PAVERS PAVERS](#)

[TREE OF LIFE TREE](#)

[SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP CATALOG GIFT](#)

[JEWISH JOURNAL: JOURNAL](#)

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Plaque**

**KOL HAKAVOD DONATION
FORM
KOL HAKAVOD**

**SISTERHOOD DUES
DUES**

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