

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

**December 18, 2015  
6 Tevet 5776**



**CELEBRATING CHANUKAH II**



**Riffle Family Celebration**

**Our Pets Enjoying the Lights**



**Caitlin Deutsch with Maya & Chuey**



**Howard & Dexter Seidler**



**Dobby Shomer**



Danny & Lori Shomer with Buddy, Lori & Mickey Sherry

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**THIS WEEK'S  
EVENTS**

12/18 - 12/25

Wed.

12:30 PM

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**SHABBAT  
SHALOM**

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**Candle Lighting Time**

**Friday**

**December 18, 2015**

**4:16 PM**

**(So. Ocean County NJ)**

## **A TORAH MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI**



What a Hanukkah party the JCC of LBI had last Saturday night. Nearly 40 people had fun eating, singing songs, lighting Menorahs, and picking presents. Many, Many thanks to Sisterhood and Vivian Fitts and Lori Sherry for making everything work so well. The Hanukkah party capped a

Shabbat in which the JCC had services on Friday and Saturday, together with torah study. We are a continually active community!

### **OF MOTHERS AND MENORAHS**

The nine candles flickered tentatively on the eighth day of Hanukkah this year, as I contemplated the shadows created by the yellow glow. I was standing with Sheri, my parents, my brother's family and it was as if those flames were beckoning me on a journey. And as I stood there swaying gently to the sound of the Brachot, I found myself remembering the collective Menorahs of my past.

**FRIDAY**

**December 18, 2015**

**7:30 PM**

**SATURDAY**

**December 19, 2015**

**9:00 AM**

**Torah Study  
with Rabbi Jay**

**10:00 AM**

**Services**

**Torah Reading**

**Vayigash**

**Genesis 44:18 - 47:27**

I was back in my parents' house as a child. There was a smell of latkes in the air together with the crackling of wood burning in the fireplace. Hanukkah music was playing in the background as my brothers and I jostled forcefully for position around the candles. The lights were dimmed, the match was struck and we all began to sing the blessings. I heard my mom's beautiful voice as she sang. She was rubbing my shoulder as we all enjoyed the moment. And I heard her say to look at the candles, and only the candles. And I remember distinctly looking at them and trying to see, hidden in their small fires, a clue to my future.

I can't remember the future I saw but now I can see the past. This year I see my mom the Mitzvah hero of Hanukkahs past and present. Why is she a hero? Because she was in a house with a husband and four sons, and no one with whom to commiserate, I am not sure how she kept her sanity. There were at different times, a 200-pound Saint Bernard, various birds, a 125-gallon fish tank and several 10-gallon fish tanks. At one point we had 3 dogs, (not including the time we bred one of them and there was a litter of 7 or 9 pups). There were hamsters, gerbils and guinea pigs. An endless array of equally treacherous friends ran in and out of slamming doors. And there was a refrigerator that never stayed closed or full for long.

It is only now, as an adult, that I fully appreciate that having four sons was no easy task. We were four disgustingly hormonal, sweaty, forever hungry boys in varying degrees of intense competition. One might think that, with that much testosterone in one place, the house would be a musty locker-room like mess. But it never was. My mom cleaned the house, top to bottom, every day. She daily scrubbed the bathrooms, the bedrooms, the kitchen, the den, the living room, and the dining room. Every day the entire house was vacuumed, cleaned and fumigated.

She made lunches for school, breakfast before school, and complete healthful dinners every evening. I can only now imagine what it must have been like to feed four teenage boys and their father, three meals a day plus innumerable snacks. Was it Idyllic? No. We certainly were not the Cleavers, or the Bradys, or even the Beverly Hillbillies. And yet, even with

Here is the portion

PARSHAH

Haftorah:

Ezekiel 37:15 - 37:28

Here is the Haftorah

HAFTORAH

To help us to provide a minyan on Saturday morning in the fall, winter and spring months, please sign up on our [SCHEDULING LINK HERE: SCHEDULE.](#)

*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. No food or drink is permitted in the sanctuary.*

## **MISHABERAH LIST**

As of January 1, 2016 all names will be removed from the current Mishaberah list read on Friday nights.

Please call the Office at 609-492-4090 to put the

the swinging fists, and course language, it was a home and we were a family. And my mom was the one who held it together.

From the laundry she did, to the gentle hand on my forehead when I was not feeling well. To helping me edit school papers and staying up with me to do projects. From making birthday parties to being angry with me but always letting me see in her eyes how much she loved me. She drove me to cub scouts, and Hebrew school. She picked me up from after-school activities. When I was sad she made me smile. When I was bad she was there with a firm rebuke. If I was upset she calmed me down. She laughed at every ridiculous joke.

So as I looked at those nine candles flickering on that last night of Hanukkah I could not help but smile. The Menorah did its job. It helped me to remember the miracle of our holiday, but it also enabled me to get a glimpse of my life. There is magic in our traditions. The Menorah stays the same, but the candles change. My mom is like that Menorah, she has always been there to hold the candles and let them shine bright. How lucky and blessed I am to have the mom I do. Mom, you are my Mitzvah Hero.

*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.....**

name/names of those who need our healing prayers on the new list.

### **YAHREITS FOR NEXT WEEK**

These names will be read at services on December 18, 2015

Mary Berkowitz  
Marilyn Morgenthal\*  
Samuel Rosenberg  
Lena Scheer  
Esther Ruta Mirrer\*  
Vernon Rosenberg\*  
Rose Kleinfeld  
Sarah Mizrahi  
Robert Ian Stevens\*  
Susan Blumenfield  
Anne Galer  
William Gordon  
Samuel Horowitz\*  
Ann Kamler  
Helene Lowenthal  
Herman Marcus  
Becky Reiff\*  
Alex Birnbaum\*  
John M. Furman  
Eva Kaplan



THE CHANUKAH PARTY was just great! Deli, community candle lighting, grab bag fun and just a wonderful time to celebrate the holiday at the JCC. Thank you to Lori Sherry, Vivian Fitts and Marcie Deutsch for putting it all together.



Gertrude Rifkin  
Larry Zwillman  
Benjamin Goodman\*  
Joseph Martin\*  
Howard Paitchel  
Bernice Schechtman  
Bertha Goldstein  
Richard Kirsh  
Hillary Levine  
Mildred Tittelbaum

\* Yahrzeit Plaque - These names are lovely enshrined on our synagogue memorial boards.

## **MINYANIM**

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**



### **MAH JONGG**

Wednesdays 12:30 - 4:00 PM

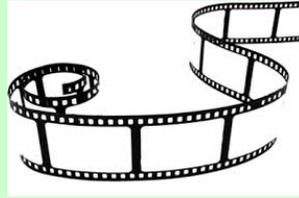
Harris Weisel, will be coordinating minyanim for those who are sitting shiva or observing a yahrzeit. Please contact the office if you would be interested in being notified if a minyan is needed and will attend when possible. 609-492-4090 or click on this link for [EMAIL](#)

## **GIVING OPPORTUNITIES**

## **CONGREGATION**

## FILM FUND

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.

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.

## 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

## NEWS



JAY UNGER  
father of Marcie Deutsch

ROCHELLE SPENCER

SHARE YOUR NEWS

CONTACT:  
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CARING COMMITTEE

This committee acts as a support system for congregation members facing illness and other

of a loved one.

Here is the Tree of Life Form: **TREE**

### **PAVERS** (in front of the Front Entrance)

Only 4 x 8 and 12 x 12 size pavers are available

Here is the Paver Form:

### **PAVER**

personal situations that need to be addressed.

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

## **TD AFFINITY PROGRAM**



Easy money!

Do you have an account with TD Bank?

You can contribute to the JCC without it costing you a cent. TD Bank will pay us on the number of accounts in our TD Affinity Club. There is no minimum number of members. We automatically receive \$10 for every checking account and .01% of the balance on Savings Accounts. In addition we receive \$50 for any new accounts. This is strictly confidential and the JCC does not know the amount in any of the accounts.

We just received a check for \$456.00 from TD Bank. So think about joining this program and helping the JCC to reap the benefits.

## **GIFT SHOP**

## **TEXT BLAST SIGN UP**



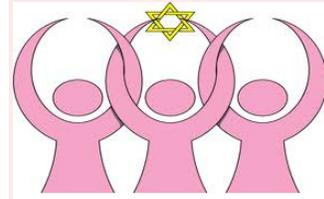
If you would like to receive JCC of LBI reminders

and alerts via text message on your cell phone, please contact the office by email ([jccoflbi@gmail.com](mailto:jccoflbi@gmail.com)) or phone (609-492-4090) We would be alerting you for example that "Services are cancelled" or "Last opportunity to sign up for Community Seder".

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

## **SISTERHOOD STUFF**

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.



## 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.

PRESS THE ENTRY BUTTON ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE  
ENTRANCE FOR ADMITTANCE.

Mailing Address:

2411 Long Beach Blvd.  
Spray Beach, NJ 08008

Telephone: 609-492-4090

FAX: 609-492-7550

email: [jccoflbi@gmail.com](mailto:jccoflbi@gmail.com)

web site: [www.jccoflbi.org](http://www.jccoflbi.org)

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

## 2016 SISTERHOOD DUES

You should have received a mailing about Sisterhood dues (\$36.00 per year), opportunities to volunteer and sponsorship of Onegs and Kiddishes this summer. Please respond. Your support is so important.

## 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."

## NAME BADGES

If you did not order a name tag, we will be putting in another order. Here is the

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

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link for the form to order  
your name tag: [BADGES](#)

**JCC CAPS FOR  
SALE**

Caps are  
available in  
the office.

\$15 each



**DOCUMENTS  
AND LINKS**

**JUST CLICK AND YOU'RE  
THERE!!!**

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**TREE OF LIFE  
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**SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP  
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