

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

**February 12, 2016
1 Adar 5776**



PURIM BALLE



Lynn Berkowitz will be ordering a block of tickets for this extra-ordinary program Sunday, March 6th at Temple B'nai Israel, Toms River. Tickets are \$10/Adult, \$5/Child Ages 5-16 and \$30/Family. Contact Lynn directly to get your tickets. 609-709-3160

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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

2/12 - 2/19

Wed.

12:30 PM

Mah jongg

Sunday 2/21 Mah jongg at
10:00 AM

SHABBAT SHALOM

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A TORAH MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI



Together with other Rabbis and congregational presidents, Lynn Berkowitz and I attended a meeting at the Jewish Federation of Ocean County this week. The purpose of the meeting was to brainstorm about how Federation might provide support and offer opportunities to enhance Jewish life in order to support each other. It was an important meeting and we are fortunate to have been invited.



Candle Lighting Time

Friday

February 12, 2016

5:11 PM

(So. Ocean County NJ)

**JOIN US FOR
SERVICES**

FRIDAY

February 12, 2016

7:30 PM

Services

**RABBI JAY'S SERMON:
HOLY RELATIONSHIPS**

SATURDAY

February 13, 2016

9:00 AM

Torah Study

10:00 AM

As we were sitting around the table we each discussed issues that confronted our communities. One common theme was that each congregation experienced a lack of a large number of volunteers. Luckily, at the JCC we have plenty of very dedicated people who volunteer and participate in the myriad functions we sponsor. The problem that we experience is that it is often the same beautiful people over and over again.

Even if there is a sizable number of joyously hard-working people, the question that still remains to be posed is "how do we get more of our congregants to join the ranks of our volunteers"?

In this week's Torah portion, Terumah, God is speaking with Moses when He tells Moses to have each Israelite bring God gifts in accordance with how his heart moves him. God then instructs them to use the gifts to "make Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them".

The Mishkan, built with voluntary donations made in accordance with how each Israelite could help, became the home of God and the holiness that surrounds the Deity. The Torah's message is that when as many of us as possible work together, as a community, to build something positive, God receives a hand-delivered invitation joins us. We learn that each of those volunteers was intimately connected to bringing holiness into the community.

The message is no less true today. Volunteers bring holiness to a community and the more volunteers there are, the more holiness there is.

The Mishkan resulted from the donations of a nation of volunteers. Those donations were both physical and in time and effort. Every type of donation was an important part of the final product and therefore to the community. What a beautiful notion this is.

Our Rabbinic tradition recognizes that volunteerism is a vital

Services



Kiddish sponsored by

Ina & Ira Morgenthal

on honor of
their 45th Anniversary

Torah Reading

Terumah

Exodus 25:1 - 27:19

Here is the portion

PARSHA

Haftarah

I Kings 5:26 - 6:13

Here is the Haftarah

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

component of Jewish communal life. We often call acts of volunteering "gemilut chasadim" (acts of loving kindness). Helping not only builds and nourishes the community, but it soothes the individual soul as well.

Hillel said, "Do not separate yourself from the community." (Pirkei Avot 2:4). What the great sage is saying is that each of us should be an active part of our communal homes. Torah tells us that there are many ways to do this. The JCC has many, many opportunities for our members to help out.

If you have any questions or suggestions about how you might like to volunteer, feel free to contact me, or call the JCC office.

Each thing that we do is significant and helps to make us, and our community, more holy.

Shabbat Shalom - Rabbi Michael S. Jay



Chat with Rabbi Jay on his most recent blog. Click on this link:



[BLOG](#)

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](#)**

*on Shabbat
and Holidays. No food or
drink is permitted in the
sanctuary.*

YAHRZEITS FOR NEXT WEEK

These names will be read at
services on February 12, 2016

Theodore Brod
Lisa Kaufman*
Eric Moss
Moshe Neustadt*
Steven Fisch
Gussie Gross
Ethel Dalinsky
Irving Newman
Bernard Herman
Sylvia Kaplan
James Ruland Sr.

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



MAH JONGG

Wednesdays 12:30 - 4:00 PM

SUNDAY MAH JONGG - February 21st at 10:00 AM

Please contact the office if you are planning on coming to the JCC on Wednesday to play mah jongg so we can let people know there will be a table.

JCC LADIES FLORIDA REUNION LUNCHEON

(See change of address)

Tuesday, February 23rd
12:30 PM
Duffy's
1750 So. Federal Hwy
Delray Beach
(Corner of Linton Blvd. &
Federal Highway)



Call Marcia Nelson to make a reservation: 561-998-3726



PURIM BALLE

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

OUR CONDOLENCES TO

HANALIE TREIBER
AND FAMILY

on the passing of
JCC of LBI
Past President
ELLIOT TREIBER
of Marco Island
formerly of LBI



The Ariel Rivka Dance Company will be performing an original ballet entitled, "Book of Esther: The Journey of Queen Vashti and Queen Esther" on Sunday, March 6, 2016 at noon. The event community- wide event will be hosted by Temple B'nai Israel, 1488 Freehold Road, Toms River.

Proceeds from the event will provide scholarships to children from the Ocean County Community to attend a Jewish Summer Camp Program during the summer of 2016.

For more details open up this Flyer: [PURIM BALLE](#)

PS The Religious School is planning on attending this event.

CONNECTION CORNER



"May God remember forever our dear ones who have gone to their eternal rest. May they be at one with the One who is life eternal. May the beauty of their lives shine for evermore, and may our lives always bring honor to their memory."

See the Kaddish sung to the tune of Adele's Hello



SHARE YOUR NEWS

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Eileen & Mark Rosen visited Jackie & Paul Avondoglio in Florida. Here they are at the Kennedy Space Center "covering their ears for the launch"

We would love to share photos of your "winter connection" with other congregation members. Snap a picture and mail it to rvalen1963@aol.com and with your permission we will publish it in the Shabbat Reminder. Please include some copy to as well.

AROUND THE TOWN...



LIGHTHOUSE
INTERNATIONAL
FILM FESTIVAL

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FESTIVAL
UPDATE: [LIFF](#)



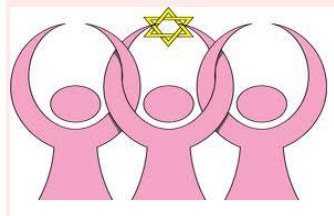
CARING COMMITTEE

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

SISTERHOOD STUFF



2016 SISTERHOOD DUES

We hope all the women of the JCC will send in their Sisterhood dues (\$36.00 per year) by March 1. Your

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

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

support is so important.

YOU CAN DOWNLOAD THE FORM FROM [HERE](#) [SISTERHOOD DUES](#)

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."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Interfaith Health & Support Services of Southern

Ocean County is looking for volunteers to provide services to members in communities from Lacey Twp. to Little Egg Harbor (north / south) and Long Beach Island to Warren Grove (east / west). The JCC of LBI

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)

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

Here is the Paver Form:

[**PAVER**](#)

MEMBERSHIP DUES

We are **OVER 300 FAMILIES STRONG** thanks the continued support of our members with their annual dues contributions.

Members should have received their 2016 Membership renewal notices in December. Our 2016 expenses have already begun so we would appreciate receiving your dues payments as quickly as possible. Your personal membership date sheet included in the mailing, should be sent, with any corrections, along with your check. If you haven't done so yet, please contribute to our annual High Holiday Appeal.

In order to keep our records correct, please indicate the amount of money being sent for dues, name tags, High Holiday Appeal and/or Membership Directory ads.

Current renewal forms are available on our web site: [**MEMBERSHIP FORMS**](#)

GIFT SHOP

is a member of this coalition of local houses of worship and service organizations.

Volunteer Orientation & Training is taking place on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 - 10:00 AM to Noon at St. Mary of the Pines Parish Center, 100 Bishop Lane, Stafford Twp., NJ

To Register: Call Interfaith's office @ (609) 978-3839

Deadline: February 16, 2016

FOR MORE DETAILS, SEE THAT ATTACHED FLYER: [**INTERFAITH**](#)

TD AFFINITY PROGRAM



Easy money!

Do you have an account with TD Bank?

You can contribute to the JCC without it costing you a

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

web site: www.jccoflbi.org

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

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.

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) 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

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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Jeri Riffle

Marcie Deutsch



Leslie, Marcie and Jeri

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[djrip@gmail.com](mailto:djprip@gmail.com)

shared and will only be used for JCC purposes.

JCC CAPS FOR SALE

Caps are available in the office.

\$15 each



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](#)

DOCUMENTS AND LINKS

JUST CLICK AND YOU'RE THERE!!!

FEB - APRIL BULLETIN: [BULLETIN](#)

WEB SITE: [JCC WEB SITE](#)

MEMBERSHIP FORMS [MEMBERSHIP](#)

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