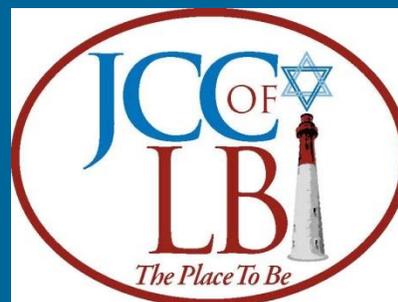


**Jewish Community Center of  
Long Beach Island  
E-Letter**

**March 18, 2016  
8 Adar II 5776**



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**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

**3/18 - 3/25**

**Wednesday**

**Mah jongg at 12:30 PM**

**Purim Pizza & Pasta Party**

**6:00 followed by Megillah  
Reading**

**SHABBAT SHALOM**



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



The book of Exodus ends in epic form with God "moving in" with the Israelites as the Deity descends upon, and into, the Mishkan, the portable Tabernacle. The move to "dwell" among God's people is an attempt to strengthen the relationship.

Compared to the glorious story telling of Exodus, Vayikra (The Book of Leviticus) is downright tedious. Law, after law, after law, does not make for exciting text. However, look where the Book starts. It begins with a laundry list of sacrifices. We are told what the sacrifice is for, what should be sacrificed, how to make the sacrifice, when to bring the sacrifice, and who will administer the sacrifice. (Indeed, each sacrifice represents a micro-story in and of itself, but that is a topic for another post.)

While at first glance the sacrificial text is simply boring, if we connect it to the ending of Exodus, there is a fascinating and important sub-text. In Exodus, God is seeking the Israelites. In Leviticus, through the various sacrifices, the people are

**Candle Lighting Time**

**Friday**

**March 18, 2016**

**6:49 PM**

**(So. Ocean County NJ)**

**JOIN US FOR  
SERVICES**

**SHABBAT ZACHOR**

The readings for Shabbat Zachor, which occurs on the Shabbat before Purim, include a passage commanding us to remember (zachor) the treachery of Amalek and to blot out their memory. The Amalekites were a tribe of people who came upon the Israelites shortly after their flight from Egypt and attacked them from behind, preying upon the weakest of the people. Haman was a descendent of the Amalekite people.

**FRIDAY**

**March 18, 2016**

**7:30 PM**

**Services**

**RABBI'S SERMON TOPIC:**

**"What Our Tradition Says About**

seeking God.

Like any good relationship, there are open and vibrant conversations going back and forth. There is a rich and honest dialogue. There is no hiding behind anonymity. There are no secrets. This openness fosters clear and honest discourse where both God and the Israelites know where each stands and what is expected of each of them.

Indeed, one of the hallmarks of our Torah and our Tradition, is its decision to reveal absolutely everything. The Torah goes to great lengths to expose imperfections. Through the Text we see the flaws of the people, the flaws of the leaders and, to the extent that they exist, even the flaws of God's plans.

The Torah understands that when people can be held directly accountable for the things they do and the positions they take, they tend to act more appropriately, with vision, care, thoughtfulness, and full consideration.

What is God's gift to the Israelites? The Deity demands open communication, open discourse, and open responsibility. The end result may not be perfection, but it will lead to trustworthiness and honesty.

You cannot be a "light to the nations" if you permit yourself to operate in the dark.

*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**

**Our Responsibility**

**To Ourselves,  
Our Loved Ones,  
And Our Children"**

**SATURDAY**

**March 19, 2016**

**9:00 AM**

**Torah Study**

**10:00 AM**

**Services**

**Torah Portion**

**Vayikra**

**Leviticus 1:1 - 5:26**

**Special Maftir for**

**Shabbat Zachor:**

**Deuteronomy 25:17-19**

**Here is the portion**

**PARSHAH**

**MAFTIR**

**Haftorah**

**Samuel 15:2 - 34**

**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:**

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



### MAH JONGG

Wednesdays 12:30 - 4:00 PM

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.

### MEGILLAH READING

Wednesday, March 23 6:00 PM  
There will be light dinner prior to the service.



### PASSOVER COMMUNITY SEDER

Saturday, April 23 at 6:00 PM. See flyer for details:  
SEDER



## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

LIGHTHOUSE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL  
SCREENING of "ALL IN TIME"

*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.*

### Yahrzeits for Next Week

These names will be read at services on March 18, 2016

- Gerson Brasch\*
- Florence Marmon
- Dave Oxfeld
- Morris Uniglicht
- Sheldon Kanis
- Barney Linderman
- Samuel Weinberg
- Bertha Bitton
- Mae Lazar
- Hannah Dudkin
- Phyllis Fisch
- Harry Kolsby\*
- Ida Plotkin
- Herman Reif
- Stella Reif

Saturday, March 19th  
8:00 pm  
Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts and Sciences  
120 Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies, NJ

All in Time, a music-fueled comedy/drama, follows Manhattan investment banker, Charlie (Sean Modica), as he flies the corporate coop and returns to his Pennsylvania hometown to manage his favorite band. With terrific music from two outstanding Pennsylvania-based musical talents (The Badlees and Laura Shay), the film rocks. The cast includes Vanessa Ray ("Blue Bloods"), Jean-Luc Bilodeau ("Baby Daddy"), Lynn Cohen ("The Hunger Games: Catching Fire"), and Pete Palladino (The Bradlees). Director Chis Fetchko will be on hand following the screening for a Q and A. Admission: \$5 (LIFS members free).

## **SISTERHOOD STUFF**

Anna Robin\*  
Bessie Swaff\*  
Adele Linderman  
Hannah Beck\*  
Herbert Buchalter  
David Friedenber  
Solomon Meyerson\*  
Sidney Schlanger

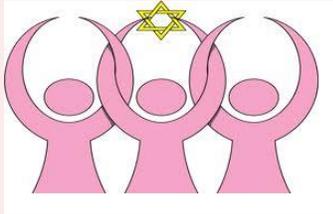
\* Yahrzeit Plaque - These names are lovely enshrined on our synagogue memorial boards.

## **PURIM**



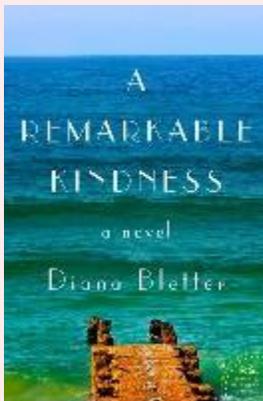
## **CELEBRATING PURIM**

Sunday, March 20th  
Religious School families and guests will be making Hamantashen



## BOOK CLUB & REVIEW

Get a head start this winter by reading the first book of the summer season. "A Remarkable Kindness" by Diana Bletter will be reviewed at our kick-off club get-together on June 14th at 10:30 AM.



Set in Israel, four women forge a friendship that sustains them as they come to terms with love and loss, and the outbreak of war. Their intimate bond is strengthened by their participation in a traditional ritual that closes the circle of life. As their lives are slowly transformed, each finds unexpected strength and resilience.

Helen Benjamin is chairing this project.

## 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."

## SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

Wednesday, March 23

6:00- 6:30 PM

### Pizza & Pasta Party

Please call the office to let us know you are coming for this lite supper before the Megillah Reading 609-492-4090

6:30 PM

### Megillah Reading

Come in costume and shake your grogger

## CANNOLI HAMANTASHEN

*A different twist on Hamantashen*



*By Sheri Silver*

### INGREDIENTS

#### Cannoli Filling:

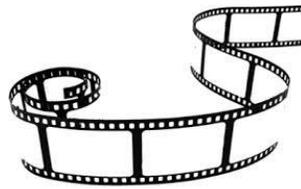
¼ cup ricotta cheese

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

## **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.

### **YAHARZEIT PLAQUES**

Space is available for memorial plaques on the yahrzeit boards in the Sanctuary. Here is the order form:

4 ounces cream cheese, softened  
1/4 cup confectioners' sugar  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 cup mini chocolate chips

#### Hamantaschen Dough:

1 stick (4 ounces or 1/2 cup) unsalted butter or margarine, room temperature

3 ounces cream cheese, softened

1/2 cup sugar

1/2 cup milk

1 teaspoon vanilla

3 cups flour

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 egg white beaten with 1 tablespoon water, for sealing the hamantaschen

1/2 cup chocolate chips, for drizzling

confectioners' sugar, for dusting

#### **DIRECTIONS**

Make the cannoli filling: In the bowl of a mixer, beat all ingredients except the chocolate chips till light and fluffy. Fold in the chocolate chips and refrigerate, covered, till needed.

Then, make the dough: Beat the butter, cream cheese and sugar till light and fluffy; scrape down the sides. Add the milk and vanilla and beat till incorporated. Scrape down the sides. Add the flour and salt and beat again. Divide the dough into two pieces and place each between two sheets of parchment paper or plastic

## **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)

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

Here is the Paver Form:

## **PAVER**

## **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.

wrap. Roll each to a ¼" thickness, stack the doughs on a baking sheet and refrigerate for at least one hour (or up to three days).

Pre-heat oven to 375.

Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Working with one dough at a time, place on your prepared baking sheet and cut out circles using a drinking glass or cookie cutter (I used a 2 1/2" cutter). Gather trimmings, re-roll and cut.

Brush the edges of the circles with a bit of the beaten egg white and place ½ teaspoon of cannoli filling in the center. Fold the dough into a triangle shape and pinch the corners and edges firmly together. Brush the dough with some more of the egg white.

Bake hamantaschen till golden brown, about 15 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. When cooled, place on two baking sheets lined with parchment paper.

Last, melt the ½ cup of chocolate chips in the top half of a double boiler set over barely simmering water. Cool slightly and transfer to a disposable pastry or ziploc bag. Snip a small opening in the corner and drizzle the chocolate over the hamantaschen. Refrigerate till set. Dust with confectioners' sugar just before serving.

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.

## ACME & SHOPRITE SCRIP

Scrip is available from Acme as well as ShopRite. You can help the JCC of LBI earn free money by using these \$25 gift cards when you shop at these stores.



Scrip is now available at the JCC office, in Barnegat with Jeri Riffle (609-290-9135), and on the northern part of the island with Rona Stein at (609-494-7399).

## 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.

## NAME BADGES

If you did not order a name tag, we will be putting in another

Makes 3 - 4 dozen

## 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



Lynn & Stanley Berman  
on the birth of their 20th great grandchild, Kayla,  
daughter of their grandchildren

Yael Sima & Mordechai  
Zakutinsky



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

## SHARE YOUR NEWS

CONTACT: [rvalen1963@aol.com](mailto:rvalen1963@aol.com)

## JCC INFORMATION

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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



## 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

## CONNECTION CORNER

*We would love to share photos of your "winter connection" with other congregation members. Snap a picture and mail it to [rvalen1963@aol.com](mailto:rvalen1963@aol.com) and with your permission we will publish*

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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Marcie Deutsch



Leslie, Marcie and Jeri

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Don Pripstein, JCC President  
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Reminder. Please include some  
copy to as well.*

**DOCUMENTS AND  
LINKS**

JUST CLICK AND YOU'RE  
THERE!!!

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[JCC WEB SITE](#)

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[MEMBERSHIP](#)

PAVERS:  
[PAVERS](#)

TREE OF LIFE  
[TREE](#)

SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP  
CATALOG  
[GIFT](#)

JEWISH JOURNAL:  
[JOURNAL](#)

Yahrzeit Plaque Form:  
[PLAQUE](#)

KOL HAKAVOD DONATION  
FORM  
[KOL HAKAVOD](#)

SISTERHOOD DUES FORM  
[SISTERHOOD DUES](#)

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