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Just for today I am going to recognize the light instead of the dark, the love instead of the hate.

Just for today I'm going to see the opportunity instead of the obstacle. Just for today I am going to recognize the kindness instead of the apathy, the light instead of the dark, the love instead of the hate, the beauty instead of the chaos, the blessing instead of the lack.

Just for today, I want to say thank You. For the rising sun and the autumn leaves. For the shelter, the water and the food. For my arms, my legs, my eyes, my heart and for every breath You grant me. For the gift of my children. For the Torah and all the myriad blessings it brings into my life.

For all this and for so much more. From Aish.com

November 2024 Tishri – Cheshvan 5785 candle lighting times come from the Chabad website and are calculated for Baldwin Check with office to confirm mid-week events

Sun	Mon	Tue	med .	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 30 Tishri Rosh Chodesh Simchat Shabbat Services 8:00 pm Candle lighting 5:32 pm	2 1 Cheshvan Services 9:30 am Parshat Noach Shabbat ends 6:31pm
3 2 Cheshvan Daylight Savings time ends	4 3 Cheshvan Nat's Group 2 pm Board Meeting	5 4 Cheshvan Election Day Mahiong 6:00 pm	6 5 Cheshvan Folk Dancing 10:30 am Canasta 1:00 pm	7 6 Cheshvan Rabbi's class 7:45 library and zoom	8 7 Cheshvan Shabbat services 8 pm Candle lighting 4:24 pm	9 8 Cheshvan Services 9:30 am Parshat Lech Lecha Shabbat ends 5:24 pm
10 9 Cheshvan	11 10 Cheshvan Veterans' Day	12 11 Cheshvan Mahjong 6:00 pm	13 12 Cheshvan Folk Dancing 10:30 am Canasta 1:00 pm	14 13 Cheshvan Rabbi's class 7:45 library and zoom	15 14 Cheshvan Shabbat services 8:00 pm Candle lighting 4:18 pm	16 15 Cheshvan Services 9:30 am Parshat Vayeira Shabbat ends 5:19 pm
17 16 Cheshvan	18 17 Cheshvan Nat's Group 2 pm	19 18 Cheshvan Mahjong 6:00 pm	20 19 Cheshvan Folk Dancing 10:30 am Canasta 1:00 pm	21 20 Cheshvan Rabbi's class 7:45 library and zoom	22 21 Cheshvan Shabbat services 8:00 pm Candle lighting 4:13 pm	23 22 Cheshvan Services 9:30 am Parshat Chaye Sarah Shabbat ends 5:15 pm
24 23 Cheshvan	25 24 Cheshvan Nat's group 2:00 pm	26 25 Cheshvan Mahjong 6:00 pm	27 26 Cheshvan Folk Dancing 10:30 am Canasta 1:00 pm	28 27 Cheshvan Thanksgiving Day	29 28 Cheshvan Shabbat services 8:00 pm Candle lighting 4:10 pm	30 29 Cheshvan Services 9:30 am Parshat Toldot Birkat Hachodesh Shabbat ends 5:13 pm

December 2024 Cheshvan-Kislev 5785 candle lighting times come from the Chabad website and are calculated for Baldwin Check with office to confirm mid-week events

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1 30 Cheshvan	2 1 Kislev	3 2 Kislev	4 3 Kislev	5 4 Kislev	6 5 Kislev	7 6 Kislev
Rosh Chodesh	Rosh Chodesh Nat's Group 2 pm Board Meeting	Mahjong 6 pm	Folk Dancing 10:30 am Canasta 1 pm	Rabbi's class 7:45 pm library and zoom	Simchat Shabbat Services 8:00 pm Candle lighting 4:09 pm	Services 9:30 am Parshat Vayetze Shabbat ends 5:12 pm
8 7 Kislev	9 &Kislev Nat's Group 2 pm	10 9 Kislev Mahjong 6 pm	11 10 Kislev Folk Dancing 10:30 am Canasta 1 pm	12 11 Kislev Rabbi's class 7:45 pm library and zoom	13 12 Kislev Shabbat services 8 pm Candle lighting 4:10 pm	14 13 Kislev Services 9:30 am Parshat Vayishlasch Shabbat ends 5:13 pm
15 14 Kislev	16 15 Kislev Nat's Group 2 pm	17 16 Kislev Mahjong 6 pm	18 17 Kislev Folk Dancing 10:30 am Canasta 1 pm	19 18 Kislev Rabbi's class 7:45 pm Library and zoom	20 19 Kislev Shabbat services 8 pm Candle lighting 4:12 pm	21 20 Kislev Services 9:30 am Parshat Vayeshev Shabbat ends 5:16 pm
22 21 Kislev	23 22 Kislev Nat's Group 2 pm	24 23 Kislev Mahjong 6 pm	25 24 Kislev Erev Chanukah Light first candle	26 25 Kislev Rabbi's class 7:45 pm Library and zoom Chanukah Light second candle	27 26 Kislev Chanukah—third Candle Shabbat services 8 pm Candle lighting 4:16 pm	28 27 Kislev Services 9:30 am Parshat Miketz Shabbat ends 5:20 pm Birkat Rosh Chodesh Chanukah—fourth candle
29 28 Kislev Chanukah - light fifth candle	30 29 Kislev Nat's Group 2 pm Chanukah—light sixth candle	31 30 Kislev Rosh Chodesh Chanukah—light seventh candle			5	

FROM THE RABBI'S DESK Rabbi Jacob Rosner

Dear Friends,

Sometimes it seems that conflicting ideas struggle to rent room inside my head.



I love America. I consider myself a patriot. I have always believed that America has been a haven for our people. American Jews have accomplished so much. Our people's contributions range from the worlds of science and academia to the worlds of Hollywood and music, and so many other areas of life.

And we have a story of success to share. Many of our ancestors arrived on Ellis Island with nothing more than a suitcase filled with clothing. They began their lives in the squalor of the lower east side of Manhattan and dedicated themselves to educating their children and climbing out of poverty.

Nevertheless, for the first time in my life, I feel threatened as a Jew. The rise of white nationalism and nativism reminds us that even here, even in our beloved America, we must be vigilant.

Let us be clear. Jew hatred has always been here as in everywhere else. But ever since the Holocaust, it has always been relegated to the fringes of society. Today it is coming too close to the mainstream to be comfortable.

We all remember the horror of the murders at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City and Jewish Retirement Community Village Shalom in April 2014, the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, in August 2017, the Pittsburgh Tree of Life Synagogue murders in October 2018, and the attack at a Chabad in Poway, California in April 2019. No one needs convincing that anti-Semitism in this country and indeed around the world, is on the rise. We remember the marchers holding torches shouting "Jews will not replace us" and the comment "there were good people on both sides." We cringe at the sight of a former president dining with known anti-Semites.

We have allies. We aren't the only victims of this group of neo-fascists; Latino, African Americans, Muslims, the LBGTQ community are all being threatened!

But we must remember, as well, the reaction of so many groups to these acts of hatred. So often church and civic groups have risen to the occasion and shown support when we have been attacked. That too, is America. And we can reciprocate and combat anti-Semitism by involving ourselves in civic activities by volunteering in the greater community and participating in an interfaith activity.

We see Jew hatred in the Ivy League students who shout out their virulent anti-Israel slogans and chant their support for the murderers of Hamas. We see at the United Nations their continuing resolutions condemning Israel.

I believe we must anti-Sentiment, not by hiding who we are but by being proud Jews. We were chosen to be anti-anti-Semites, but to be a kingdom of priests. We were chosen to spread our word of loving your neighbor as yourself. We were chosen to admonish the world with the commandment "You shall not hate your neighbor in your heart." We were chosen to teach the world to do justice, to love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

Louis Brandeis made our people so proud when he was appointed Supreme Court Justice. While a student at Harvard, he was the subject of hatred by one Professor Peters. The professor asked him the following question: "Mr. Brandeis, if you walking down the street and found a package, a bag of wisdom and another bag with a lot of money, which one would you take?" Peters, smiling sarcastically said, "Just like a Jew. Unlike you I would have taken the wisdom." Brandeis shrugged indifferently and responded, "Each one takes what he doesn't have."

Professor Peters hate for the Jewish student showed itself when he scribbled on this student's final exam the word "idiot" and handed it back to him. A few minutes later, Louis Brandeis got up, went to the professor and said to him in a dignified but sarcastically polite tone, "Professor Peters, you autographed the exam sheet, but you did not give me a grade..."

Hatred of all types tells us more about haters than it does about their victims. Every time.

"Who is wise? One who learns from every man... Who is strong? One who overpowers his inclinations... Who is rich? One who is satisfied with his lot... Who is honorable? One who honors his fellows." –

Ben Zoma, Ethics of the Fathers, 4:1



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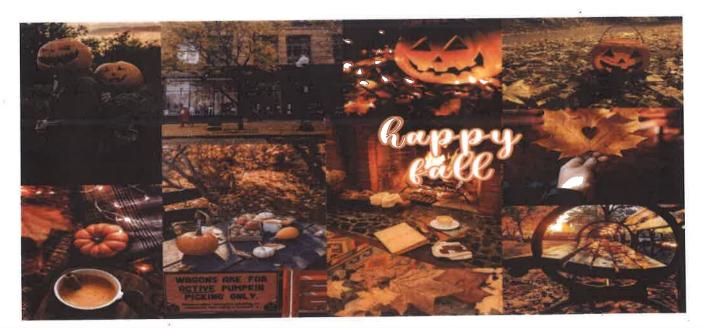
Co-Presidents Message

November is here and so after a brief stint of warm weather, the Fall chill has arrived. We thank everyone, that helped make all of the High Holiday services memorable, decorated the Sukkah, and just came to services. Rabbi Rosner and Cantor Jerremy did a wonderful job. We also would like to thank those that have committed to attend Friday evening services every week. We have had an in person minyon, almost every week and we also have been supplemented by others on "Zoom Shul" as Rabbi refers to it. To say things are not tough, that funds are sufficient to sustain us for many years to come, would be misleading. Yes we do have funds available to continue but we are running at a large deficit. Thank you, to all that responded to our yearly appeal. Thank you, to all that have remained members and have remitted their dues. Thank you, to all that make donations, in honor of simchas, or wishing someone a speedy recovery, or in memory of a departed loved one or friend.

SBJC is just a building without your support and attendance. As the days grow shorter, and the temperatures are dropping, many people do not want to venture out, to attend in person. Please make that effort to attend in person.

November is void of any Jewish holidays and December has the Chanukah celebration. We will again have the annual menorah lighting at the train station. Invitation to our elected officials will be going out soon. As of now, it will be on Wednesday the 25th. Mark your calendars, more details to follow in the December Centerpost.

Stay warn and healthy, Evelyn 4 Jeff





Notes From Sisterhood

Betty Arzt, Sheila Goldsmith

The third Parasha in the Book of Bereshit/Genesis is Parasha Lekh Lekha. This year, this Parasha will be read on Shabbat, November 9.

The parasha begins with The Lord telling Abram: "Go forth from your native land and from your father's house to the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation and I will bless you. I will make your name great and you shall be a blessing."

Abram is commanded to leave his home and begin a journey. We can imagine Abram's concern about traveling to an unknown destination, even though he was assured that he will be blessed.

Every day, each of us is faced with the responsibility of taking a journey, be it literal or figurative. There are times when we are obligated to take the journey. Sometimes we choose the journeys we take. Sometimes the journey may be joyous and smooth sailing. Sometimes the journey may be challenging.

As we face our journeys, we can aspire to be a blessing and to become a blessing to others. We can be in charge of our journeys and have the opportunity to grow as we undertake our travels.

Just as Abram ventured ahead, so we need to go forth. Let's invite and recognize blessings and be a blessing to someone else.

May the future be filled with beautiful journeys.

Sisterhood provides a safe platform to allow women to grow in their Jewish knowledge, skills and commitment. We welcome your participation.

Looking Ahead:

Thank you to all who have responded to our **Membership Invitation**. As always, we appreciate your support. Forgot to respond? Dues are \$40.00, basic dues, or \$54.00, triple chai.

The Book Club has selected the next book to review. We will be reviewing Hadassah by Hadassah Lieberman. We will be meeting on Tuesday, November 19 at 1:00, via Zoom. Please note the change of date. The Zoom link will be sent out when we are closer to the date. As always, we thank Cindy Gunther for her leadership.

The Rosh Hodesh Study Group will be meeting on Sunday morning, December 1, at 10:30, via Zoom. The link will be sent out when we get closer to the event.

Comedy Night: We will be participating in a "joint program" with neighboring synagogues. On Thursday evening, December 12, at 8:30 PM, we will be enjoying a program featuring Allan Fuks. This promises to be an entertaining and delightful evening. This will be an in person event as well as a Zoom event. Please find information elsewhere in this Centerpost. Registration is required. Please note that there is no charge for members of Sisterhood. Not a member of Sisterhood? We ask for a \$20.00 donations.

Join us for **Canasta** on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 and for **Mah Jongg** on Tuesday evenings at 6:30, in the synagogue.

Torah Fund Cards are available for all occasions.

Hanukkah is coming! Please visit the **gift shop** for your personal and gift giving needs. Carol Burker, Susan Lifshitz, and Rachel Rudich, our gift shop managers, will be happy to help you.

Wishing you a joyous Thanksgiving with family and friends.



MEN'S CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Arnie Gewirtz



My Second Segment For The New Year follows:

May our congregation enjoy a year free of hurricanes, earthquakes, fires and pandemics.

And may we be spared drought and political speeches, which produce the most wind of all!

May we have a spouse, child, grandchild or a friend who loves us, even though they really know us.

And may we learn that giving love away freely is the surest way of receiving it in return.

May your Insurance pay whatever your doctor charges, without any investigation; and may it also be accepted by the IRS!

Please continue with Segment 3 next month. Boruch Hashem. Arnie Gewirtz, President SBJC Men's Club

Would you like to sponsor a kiddush or an oneg on Shabbat?

If you would like to acknowledge a special occasion or observe a yahrzeit, you may want to consider sponsoring a kiddush on Saturday afternoon or an oneg on Friday evening.

We invite a few families to join together to help defray the cost.

Benefits of Membership

We are a community. We care about each other. Being part of a community is a benefit of membership.

There are many opportunities for learning and spiritual experiences at SBJC. Every day we have the opportunity to come together to study and share thoughts. We continually apprise you of happenings in our shul. Women's League and the JTS have offerings daily. The Rabbinical Assembly has listed offerings. This is a benefit of membership.

Please be reminded that Rabbi Rosner facilitates a weekly study session on Thursday evenings at 7:45. These meetings are thought provoking and interactive.

Our congregant, Nat Greenfeld, hosts a study session each Monday afternoon. Participants are invited to engage in conversation about contemporary issues.

*S*isterhood invites you to our monthly Rosh Hodesh study sessions. We study Torah and reflect on its relevance to our lives. Our book club discussions are always meaningful.

Shabbat services are spiritual and educational. There are opportunities for learning throughout the service. Rabbi Rosner, creatively, sprinkles teaching moments at appropriate times.

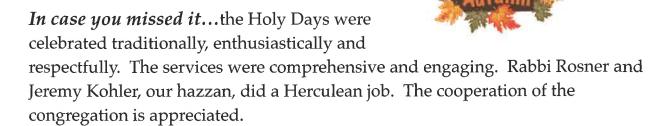
We are a smart, creative congregation. Let's continue to be innovative and supportive of each other.

We've been reaching out by phone and email to our membership. You're encouraged to be in touch with neighbors. This is a benefit of membership.

Thank you for your participation. Your participation will help us grow. Participation is a benefit of membership.



In case you missed it...



In case you missed it...our sukkah was enjoyed by all in attendance. We were delighted to be able to have dinner and kiddish in the sukkah. Thank you to Juan for setting up the sukkah. Thank you to Margie Miller, Rachel Rudich, and Rowena Weinstein for decorating the sukkah so beautifully. Do you know that Margie has made almost all of the decorations? Thank you to Margie Miller for making the arrangements for the Sukkot dinner. The Sukkot dinner is always a highlight of the season. Indeed, being in our beautiful sukkah is an uplifting experience.

In case you missed it...on Simchat Torah, Nat Greenfeld was honored as the Hatan Ha Torah. Mike Eisman was honored as the Hatan Bereshit. These are "special" honors that are given on Simchat Torah. As we remember, on this Holy Day we read the last section of Deuteronomy/Devarim and immediately follow with the first section of Geneses/Bereshit. The Hatan Ha Torah chants the Aliyah for the reading of last section and the Hatan Bereshit chants the Aliyah for the reading of the beginning of Bereshit.

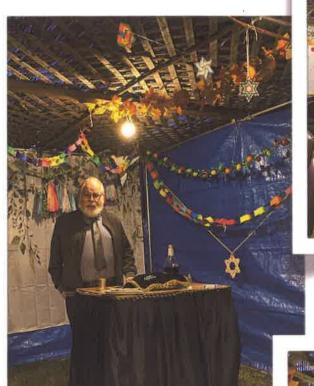
It is our hope and prayer that we will all join together regularly to enjoy services, conversation, and a cup of coffee. We look forward to good health for all.

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In case you missed it... we continue to connect and care about each other.

Don't separate yourself from the community!

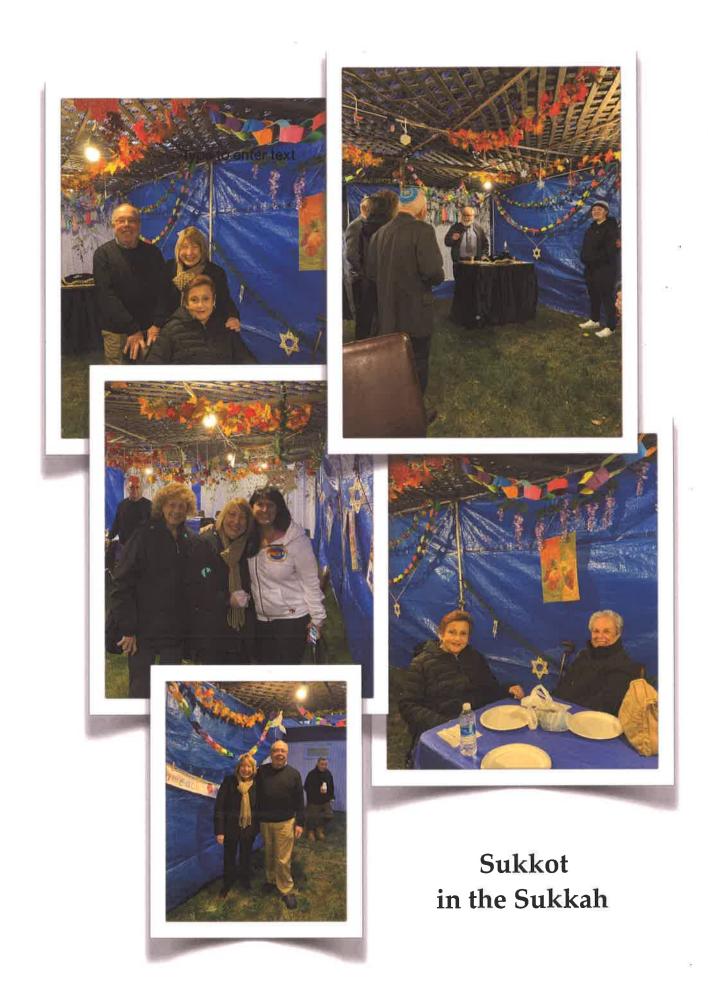
Whoever welcomes a friend with a smile, it's as though he gave his friend the finest gift in the world.











We are thankful for...

For the laughter of children, For my own life breath, For the abundance of food on this table, For the ones who prepared this sumptuous feast, For the roof over our heads, The clothes on our backs. For our health. And our wealth of blessings, For this opportunity to celebrate with family and friends, For the freedom to pray these words Without fear, In any language, In any faith, In this great country, Whose landscape is as vast and beautiful as her inhabitants. Thank you, G-d, for giving us all these. Amen.

Rabbi Naomi Levy





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Questions? Contact Marilyn Cohen at Marilynr1127@gmail.com
The Zoom link will be emailed after you register.

Please tell Marilyn if you will attend in-person or on Zoom.

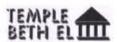












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Evelyn Estrine Mazel Tov Eisman's on the Wedding of their daughter

Evelyn Estrine Happy Birthday Marc Cheron

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NOVEMBER & DECOMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jerome Schwartz, Birthday November 1 Susan Barkan, Birthday November 5

Joan Sider, Birthday November 7

Stephen & Merrill Kahn, Anniversary November 11

Harvey Mitnick, Birthday November 13

Joel Boikess, Birthday, November 14

June Mitnick, Birthday November 16

Marc Cohen, Birthday November 19

Pam & Mark Guttman, Anniversary November 19

Mark Guttman, Birthday, November 24

Marilyn Cohen, Birthday, November 27

Michael & Phyllis Eisman, Anniversary 30



Eugene Hecht, Birthday, December 2
Nat Greenfeld, Birthday, December 11
Gloria Okin, Birthday, December 12
Sherry & Barry Ascher, Anniversary, December 14
Jeff Barkan, Birthday, December 17
Joan & Marty Sider, Anniversary, December 17
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