NEWSLETTER

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JUNE is *BUSTING OUT* at the MJC!

Nosh & Drash - Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, June 7th at 10:30 a.m.- Berger Room

Shavuot: From ancient times to today. What's it all about?

No charge.

Please RSVP 516-593-6364 or mjctemple@gmail.com

Shavuot Services

Erev Shavuot	**Saturday evening, June 11th**	-	**6:00 p.m.**
	Dairy meal followed by study session and Maariv		
First Day	**Sunday morning, June 12th**	-	**9:30 a.m.**
	Services led by Rabbis Elkodsi & Yechiel with Cantor Jacob Merlis at Valley Stream J.C.		
Second day	**Monday morning, June 13th**	-	**9:30 a.m.**
	at the MJC. Yizkor will be recited		

Installation of Trustees

Shabbat, June 25th, 2016

Incoming Trustees (2 year term)

Mildred Castleman	**Rose Eisner**	**Murray Greenspan**
Barbara Heitner	**Lynn Myron**	**Pat Sachs**
	Lottie Tartell	

Annual UJA Brunch

Sunday, June 26th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Honoring Gloria Berger

UJA Federation of New York

More June programs inside!

From the Rabbi

The upcoming festival of Shavuot is designated in the Torah as *Chag haBikurim,* "The Festival of the First Fruits," and *Chag haKatzir,* "The Harvest Festival." It's one of the *shlosh regalim,* the three "walking" or pilgrimage festivals (Passover and Sukkot are the others) when Jews from all over would come to the Temple in Jerusalem to present their offerings. Shavuot is interesting, because the Torah understood that it wasn't always possible for people to make this trip, so a provision was made to enjoy the fruits in the place where they lived.

Once the Temple was destroyed and these offerings could no longer be brought, Shavuot was connected to Passover and the period of the *omer*, and based on a variety of numeric calculations, Shavuot became *z'man mtan toratanu,* "The Time of the Giving of the Torah" on Mt. Sinai (Babylonian Talmud *Pesachim* 68b).

It's customary to read the Book of Ruth on Shavuot for two reasons. One, because it takes place during the harvest, and second, because Ruth is often seen as the first person to convert to Judaism when she insists on following her mother-in-law, Naomi, back to Bethlehem. Despite Naomi's attempts to dissuade her, Ruth chose to embrace the Jewish people's covenant with God and accept the Torah's commandments… and–spoiler alert–she becomes the grand grandmother of King David.

People who convert to Judaism are often referred to as "Jews by Choice," but in reality, we are all Jews by choice. This has nothing to do with who are parents are; it has to do with how we identify ourselves, how we live our lives, what we choose to tell the world, and how we embrace and practice Judaism at home and outside. There's no question that I'd love to see more people at Shabbat and holiday services, attending our programs and being active in the synagogue, but I know that not everyone expresses their Judaism that way. What does being Jewish mean to you? How do you "do Jewish?" I want to know!

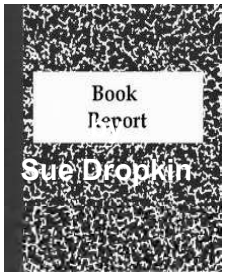
It's practically old news and definitely public knowledge that MJC will be looking for a new physical home in the next few years. I think this is an exciting opportunity for us, and I'm looking forward to the possibilities that will open up. To do this we need everyone on board in a variety of ways; one is by quashing any rumors suggesting that this move signals our demise – it doesn't. Second is by reaching out to those in your various social circles to let friends, family and acquaintances know about all of the great things going on inside and outside of our walls. Third, get involved! If there's something you're interested in, let me know.

Ruth set the stage for the future when she embraced the Jewish community, a community that is going strong more than 2,000 years later. Now it's our turn to keep it going.

Shalom u'vracha,
Rabbi Susan Elkodsi

MJC Book Club

SAVE THE DATE!



The next MJC book club discussion is scheduled for Monday, June 20, 2016. Come for minyan at 7:30 and stay for the discussion. The selection is *The Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman. The book is available for Kindle users and through the Nassau County Library System. It is a popular book, so get your requests in early. The Library also has a large print edition. Everyone is welcome and please bring a friend.

If there is a book you think might be of interest for our group, please let me know.

Hope to see you there.

Sue Dropkin

SERVICES

Rabbi Susan Elkodsi — *David Feldman, President*

Shabbat mornings: Torah Study 9:00 a.m. / Services 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Evening Minyan - Monday at 7:30 p.m.

SHABBAT & SHAVUOT CANDLELIGHTING

June 3rd	-	8:04 p.m.
June 10th	-	8:08 p.m.
June 11th	-	9:18 p.m. Shavuot
June 12th	-	9:19 p.m. Shavuot
June 17th	-	8:11 p.m.
June 24th	-	8:13 p.m.

Torah Textplorations

Ancient Stories/ Contemporary Wisdom

How ancient stories can bring meaning to our modern lives

Saturday mornings 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Add some spirituality and new meaning to your life!

Come have a cup of coffee, a nosh, and study the weekly Torah portion with us!

(Knowledge of Hebrew not required)

Nosh & Drash

Join us for Coffee and Conversation as we explore The festival of

Shavuot

From Ancient Times to Today What's it all about?

Tuesday, June 7 10:30am

Malverne Jewish Center

1 Norwood Ave • Enter on Hempstead Avenue

No charge , but please RSVP

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(Need a ride? Call the office!)

Celebrate Shavuot with MJC!

Saturday, June 11 • 6pm

Dairy Meal followed by a Tikun L'eil (traditional Shavuot study session about the Book of Ruth

Sunday, June 12 • 9:30am

Services at Valley Stream Jewish Center co-led by Rabbis Yechiel & Elkodsi with Cantor Jacob Merlis.

Monday, June 13 9:30am

Services at Malverne Jewish Center with Yizkor at approx. 11am

Please register for all programs so we can know how many people to expect.
If you need help getting to the MJC, please let Rabbi Elkodsi or Jaci know.
Call the office at 516-593-6364 or email: mjctemple@gmail.com

Hanukkah in June?

Join us for Shabbat evening services followed by dinner and a discussion of

The Gifts We Bring

at the

Malverne Jewish Center

Friday, June 17 • 6pm

$18 per person • Please RSVP by June 14

Seudah Shlishit – Shabbat Afternoon Meal

at the Malverne Jewish Center

Saturday, June 25 • 5:30pm

Join us for a traditional Shabbat Mincha Service followed by food, storytelling, singing and schmoozing. The Valley Stream Jewish Center will be joining us.

No Charge, but please RSVP by June 22

In the Family

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Connor Domershick, grandson of **Terri & Jerry Domershick,** on his graduation from Syracuse University's Whitman School of Business with a B.S. in Business specializing in Commercial Real Estate.

Hillary Feldman, daughter of **Emilee & Dave Feldman**, on her MBA in International Management Marketing of Cosmetics and Fragrances from F.I.T. Hillary will be working on cosmetic brand management for Estee Lauder.

Matthew Linzer, grandson of **Rita Linzer**, on his graduation from MacArthur H.S. Matt will be studying at NYIT in Old Westbury in the fall.

Joshua Inger, grandson of **Jaci & Mel Bernstein,** on his induction into National Honor Society, Junior Division for Middle Schoolers.

Ruth Hyman on her 75th birthday and the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Maya.

We mark the passing of our charter member,

Bernice Gotlieb

Condolences may be sent to her children, Peter, James and Judy, at 16 Lawn Street, Norwalk CT 06853

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED: If you are not well, are in the hospital, or know of another congregant in a similar situation, please help by notifying her via phone: 203-332-4428; email:susanelkodsi@gmail.com; or by leaving a message at the office 516-593-6364.

Donations

GENERAL FUND:

Gloria Berger – in memory of Mrs. Harari.

Eli Greenbaum – in memory of Eugene Goldberg.

Murray Greenspan – in memory of Bernice Gotlieb.

Arlene & Hank Lynn – in memory of Joseph M. Garofola.

Cis Vinik – in memory of Bernice Gotlieb.

In celebration of the birth of Murray Greenspan's great-granddaughter, Eden:

Gloria Berger **Mildred Castleman** **Emilee & Dave Feldman** **Lottie Tartell**
Cis Vinik **Ethel & Stanley Wallach**

RABBI'S FUND:

Rabbi Susan & David Elkodsi – Mazel-tov to Murray Greenspan on the birth of his great-granddaughter, Eden.

Barbara Heitner – in loving memory of son, Stuart Heitner.

HERMAN & MURIEL LEVINE JEWISH EDUCATION FUND:

Linda & Herb Brodsky – Mazel tov to Murray Greenspan on the birth of his great-granddaughter, Eden. Mazel-tov to Ruth Hyman on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Maya. Happy birthday wishes to Ruth Hyman. Congratulations to Connor Domershick, Hillary Feldman, Matthew Linzer and Andrew Mege on their graduations.

IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT YOUR DONATIONS:

If you are designating your donation for the Rabbi's Fund or the Levine Jewish Education Fund, your check must be made out to the fund e.g. "Rabbi's Fund, Malverne Jewish Center" or "Levine Fund, Malverne Jewish Center."

Checks are usually deposited once a week. If your check arrives late in the week, it may not be deposited until the following week.

YAHRZEIT

JUNE

2 Isaac Angel
Shepard Freedman
Anna Tessman
4 Jack Lazear
6 Molly Heitner
7 Albert Gotlieb
9 Millicent Freedman
10 Irwin Fund
11 Lawrence Karlin

May their souls be bound up in life.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

14 Ethel Brodsky
15 Sam Feldman
17 Gussie Stopfer
23 Samuel Saal
26 Ida Tartell
28 Muriel Levine
Fay Lazarus
30 Richard Mack

YAHRZEIT FUND

Dvora Bernstein
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Eli Greenbaum
Fleurette Levine
Judith Poretz
Seth Radwell
Lottie Tartell

LUNCH & LEARN at the MJC

Wednesday, June 29th, 2016

11:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Luncheon served at noon

The Incredible Judy Garland

presented by:

Mel Haber

Open to the community!
Join us and bring your friends!

Limited seating

Please pre-register by calling the MJC office 516-593-6364 before June 27th

$6.00 donation for lunch at the door

MJC's Ongoing Mitzvah Project

The Malverne Jewish Center continues in its 11th year of commitment to the needy of our community by donating to the Rina Shkolnik Food Pantry in Woodmere.

All non-perishable, kosher foodstuffs are appreciated. Foods that are good in cold weather such as hot cereals and drinks are particularly needed along with:

√ Dry cereal (large and small boxes) and hot cereal (instant, singles and regular)
√ Puddings √ Macaroni & Cheese √ Canned or packaged soup √ Canned tuna and salmon
√ Juices (in plastic or cardboard containers)
√ Coffee, tea & hot cocoa mix (including individual packets or wrapped tea bags packets)
√ Shelf-stable milk √ Nutrition supplements, such as Ensure
√ Microwave popcorn, nuts and other snack items
√ Mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard and other condiments including oils and vinegar
√ Paper goods, health care products, detergents, soap, diapers and baby wipes

When you purchase items to donate, please buy as you would for yourself. Please leave your donations in the collection box located in the Bernard Berger Room. Let's continue making 5776 the year of giving!

Dave Feldman, Chairperson

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