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## Rabbi's Message

Dear Friends,

As I sit to write this end-of-summer message to you, I do so with enormous love and gratitude, because this marks the beginning of my second year as your rabbi. I count myself among the truly lucky for having found myself welcomed into such a loving, warm, and supportive community as the Jewish Center of Northwest Jersey. This is a special congregation and I can't wait to discover all the wonderful things we'll be accomplishing together this year.

On that note, responding to the question, "Why should people participate in Jewish Community?" Rabbi Kerry Olitzky, Executive Director of a fabulous trans-denominational organization called Big Tent Judaism, recently posted the following response:

*Whenever I travel, people tell me that the mission of their Jewish communal institution is to provide community. I often push back, arguing that community can be found in numerous places. What the Jewish community has to offer is community with meaning. But how do we define this meaning? That's the hard part. So I decided to start the dialogue with these nine items. (Feel free to add the tenth—or any others.) These are not the obligations that one feels after entering a voluntary covenant (nor if one feels commanded). Obligation comes later. Rather, they are a list of benefits of community. Let me know what you think.*

## Mark Your Calendar

- **Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Shabbat Service – 7:30pm  
Oneg – Braunstein, Arvesen, Rosen
- **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Family Mitzvah Day
- **Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:00pm
- **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Congregational Meeting – 10:30am
- **Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Book Club – 7:00pm
- **Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Shabbat Service – 7:30pm  
Oneg – R/J Berkowitz, Loomis, Ostenfeld
- **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Sisterhood Meeting – 10:30am

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## Rabbi's Message (cont.)

### *The Jewish community is a place ...*

1. *Where one always feels welcomed, embraced and made to feel like one belongs and is appreciated, and where one's right to be there will always be defended.*
2. *To share life's burdens, especially at times of loss. In their sharing, these burdens can be lessened.*
3. *To celebrate the joys of life—where joy knows no bounds.*
4. *That provides an anchor, direction, and hope, especially when life—and the world around—is chaotic.*
5. *Of shared beliefs.*
6. *To express one's values and act on them with others who also hold those values.*
7. *Where the questions of life and its meaning are asked, probed and answered, then asked again.*
8. *That helps one to act in such a way as to leave the world better than the way one found it.*
9. *That places the individual in the path of Jewish tradition, regardless of background, linking past to future.*

To Rabbi Olitzky's list, I have plenty to add. For instance, I believe that a Jewish community is a place where people gather for collective uplift, enjoy permission to be vulnerable, strive to become better human beings, and grow in humility.

What is **your** definition of Jewish community?

If you have understandings that we should add to Rabbi Olitzky's list, please send them to me at [RabbiDubin@jcnwj.org](mailto:RabbiDubin@jcnwj.org). I would love to know, not only so I can share your ideas with others, but so that I, as your rabbi, will become more able to guide our congregation into becoming the Jewish community you pray we will be.

No doubt we are already a great Jewish community. With by working together with true self-understanding, vision, and passion, we could become even greater. And, given the choice, who wouldn't want to become **even greater**?

*L'Shalom,*

**Rabbi Dubin**

## President's Message

I hope that everyone enjoyed their summer this year. I know I certainly had a memorable summer.

There were 3 weddings in our congregational family that I know about: Renee Orenstein, Bryant Simons and my daughter Allison were all married this summer. It certainly does mark the passing of time as we see our children and the children of our friends growing up. But time is something that we use to measure our lives. I saw a comment the other day which has stuck with me for a while. The statement said that we do not remember days, but we remember moments.

What are the moments that mean the most to you? Did you have moments over the summer that were special to you? For me, the moment occurred during something called "first look", which I had never heard about until recently. This was a time about an hour before Allison's wedding, where I was finally allowed to see her in her wedding dress. I was confident that I would not cry and be emotional when I saw her. I was so wrong. It took me about 1 second to start weeping. Of course the photographer was there to capture the "moment". This is my moment from this summer.

I hope that there are many more memorable moments to occur this year, for me as well as for you, my temple family. You are there for me when I need support and I hope that I am there for you when you need my support. I have spent the last 22 years making this congregation my second family and I want each and every one of you to know that I consider you special and that I love you.

As we start our second year with Rabbi Dubin, please take a few minutes to reflect on the first year, and to remember how lucky we have been to find such a rabbi and such a man to lead us into the future. If you haven't gotten to speak with the Rabbi, he is usually in his office Fridays before services, so please reach out to him and get to know him as I have. We are also fortunate to have Cantor Labow join us for a second year as well. Cantor Labow will be joining us for all of our Friday night services this year as well as for the High Holidays.

Love,  
*Howie Hirsch*

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.

### A Reminder from the Sunshine Committee

**Please let us know when someone has passed away, is ill or otherwise in need of a little sunshine so that the Jewish Center may be there to support and assist as best we can. Please contact Ruth Schutzbank at (908) 329-6036 or [Howie.ruth@hotmail.com](mailto:Howie.ruth@hotmail.com).**

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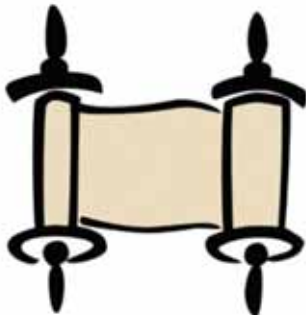
The Sisterhood is looking forward to another great year. Please join us for a joint event with the Religious School on September 11, 2016. Mitzvah Day will start at the temple with a brunch at 10:30, followed by a trip to Grow-A-Row (either in Pittstown or Milford). Please respond to Alison Shelofsky [shelofsky@comcast.net](mailto:shelofsky@comcast.net) to confirm that you will attend the brunch. Bring gardening gloves, a hat and be ready to pick crops.

Our first regular meeting will be held on September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Temple at 10:30. A light breakfast will be offered. Please come for some conversation and idea sharing. All are welcome.

Don't forget that we are still collecting for the Food Pantry. Cereal and soup are always needed. The collection box is outside the sanctuary.

“The Sisterhood is full of heart and sprung into action immediately upon hearing of the need.”

~Marci Braunstein



## **Torah Study**

A reminder to the congregation: a group of eight to ten members meets monthly on a Saturday morning to read and discuss verses of Torah. New participants are welcome—no long-term commitment required. At our next meeting, on Sept. 17, we will be reading from Numbers 32.

## CONFIRMATION

The JCNWJ would like to welcome our Confirmation students and their families!

If your child is eligible and would like to join Confirmation, or to learn more about it, please join Rabbi Dubin at the Confirmation Family Meeting on September 11, 2016 at 10:30am in the Oneg room. Please bring your calendar because during brunch we'll select the weekend and the location for our Confirmation Trip.

Confirmation classes for 2016/2017 will be held in the Oneg room from 10:30-noon the following dates unless a different start time is indicated:

Sunday, Sept. 11 - Brunch Meeting, then Mitzvah Day at Grow-A-Row

Sunday, Oct. 16 at 3:30pm - Sukkot (services start at 5:15pm)

Nov. 13, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 5, April 2, May 7

Friday, June 2 at 7:30pm - Graduation of Confirmands

June 4 - Israeli Day Parade

Please feel free to call Rabbi Dubin at 908-689-0762 or email [rabbidubin@jcnwj.org](mailto:rabbidubin@jcnwj.org) if you have any questions.

## LOST AND FOUND

Several articles of clothing have been left behind in the Temple Lobby. Please claim by September 11<sup>th</sup> or remaining items will be donated to The Caring Closet in town.



# High Holy Days Update

## PARKING

Please note the driveway to the left of the Temple building is now one way as you turn in from Youmans Ave. We are asking that no one park on the grass alongside of the building, in order to keep the driveway clear and unobstructed. The parking lot behind the Temple to the left may be used for additional parking.

## BREAK THE FAST

Please join us for a Break-the-Fast Potluck dinner, Wednesday, Oct.12th immediately following afternoon Service. A separate Perfect Potluck invitation and sign up will be sent out shortly. Please join our Temple family as we begin a new year.

## SCHEDULE

Rosh Hashanah

October 2 @ 7:00pm – Erev Rosh Hashanah

October 3 @ 9:30am – Morning Service Day 1

October 4 @ 9:30am – Morning Service Day 2

Yom Kippur

October 11 @ 7:00pm – Kol Nidre

October 12 @ 9:30am – Morning Service

October 12 @ 3:15pm – Torah Study

October 12 @ 4:30pm – Neilah

## SECOND DAY LUNCHEON

Rosh Hashanah second day luncheon will be served immediately following Services. Lunch is provided by the Board; however, we do need a count. If you plan to join us for lunch please e-mail or phone Jeannie Berkowitz, [berkowitz55@yahoo.com](mailto:berkowitz55@yahoo.com) / 484-767-3744.

## FLOWER FUND, GREETINGS, YISKOR LIST, FOOD DRIVE

Please see the last 2 pages of this month's newsletter for information and a form regarding these programs.



JEWISH CENTER OF NORTH WEST JERSEY ("JCNWJ") HOSTS READ HEBREW AMERICA AGAIN!

If you've always wanted to learn to read Hebrew, or want to refresh your Hebrew reading skills, this is the class for you! JCNWJ will be one of hundreds of Jewish institutions across the country to host READ HEBREW AMERICA again this year. Led by Marci Braunstein, the Hebrew Reading Crash Course will focus on teaching the Hebrew alphabet and basic reading skills to Jews with little or no background in Hebrew. Each of the 10 sessions are 1 ½ hours long, and will meet on the following Sundays: September 25, October 2, 9, 23, 30 and November 6, 13, 20 and December 4 at 10:30 AM. The program will concentrate on teaching the Hebrew alphabet and basic reading skills. For more information about Read Hebrew America, or to sign up, please email Marci Braunstein at [marci\\_braunstein@yahoo.com](mailto:marci_braunstein@yahoo.com) or call 908-813-9981.

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## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Our first day of Religious School will be **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.** Parents should plan to stay for opening day, which will include a potluck brunch at 10:30. After brunch we will head over to Grow-A-Row to enjoy our joint volunteer activity with Sisterhood. For any questions about Education, please contact Deb Kalisher: [debkalisher@hotmail.com](mailto:debkalisher@hotmail.com) or [908-616-0418](tel:908-616-0418).

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